

Dear Parents/carers,

CV19 daily update (Issue 10 – Wednesday 25th March 2020 – 12.00pm)



This morning we have a beautiful campus, flooded by sunlight from a clear blue sky, but no students to bring it to life. Collective activity is occurring, just not in one location. Today, for example, there will be around 260 lessons being delivered remotely to years 7 – 12.

As usual, here are some items of interest for you.

Virtual lessons

A reminder that not all lessons will be ‘live’ or totally interactive. Teachers will use their professional experience to plan appropriate learning activities and some of these may well be more passive in nature.

We also feel that there is value in providing some ‘space’ during certain lessons for consolidation of learning and organisation of notes. So, typically, where a subject is being delivered four times a week (such as mathematics), some lessons may have some less-structured time to allow for consolidation of material. This will be normal practice, just as though students were in school.

Important guidance for our Virtual Learning Curriculum (VLC)

Mr. Allday has built a Power Point presentation for parents on Google Classroom which should explain everything to you and avoid the need for messaging individual staff with technical questions. The link is below:

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1hSS8iVH9acNSpNZ3OXv0Sah1NGPoZ5Hp7_rQOen9qQk/present?slide=id.p

Mr. Moane has built a special section of the school web site that contains all of our key guidance on the VLC. The link is below, together with the individual links if you wish to use these. *The most important one for students is the VLC code of conduct.* Please take time to familiarise yourself with these documents if you have not done so already.

<https://www.sandringham.herts.sch.uk/student-experience/blended-learning-byod/virtual-learning-curriculum/>

Parents

- [Parents' Guide to Google Classroom](#)
- [Top 10 tips for remote learning \(parents\)](#)

Students

- [Virtual Learning Curriculum code of conduct](#)
- [Student Guide to virtual learning](#)
- [Student Guide to Google Meet](#)
- [Top tips for remote learning \(students\)](#)

- If you find that you have run out of things to do:
 - [Seneca Learning](#)
 - [The Super Curriculum](#)
 - [Britannica](#)

Audio book – Whole School Read

Now that you are at home, you might find yourself with some spare time to enjoy reading for pleasure. If you haven't already done so, now would be a great time to listen to our Sandringham audio book ***The Armistice Runner***. You can access all of the chapters on a dedicated Google Classroom – the class code is: **oxa4il5**. Listen carefully and you might hear some of your favourite teachers reading a chapter!

PodCast on coping techniques (for students, parents and staff)

Mrs. Holian has pointed us to the following PodCast that might be of use.

Mo Gawdat, who was the Chief Business Officer at Google X and also the creator of an algorithm for happiness. His ideas are all based on years of scientific research and this particular podcast is aimed at remaining calm in light to what is going on right now. He provides some good coping techniques which may be useful to students, parents and staff. It is also an hour long so does fill a time slot in the day.

<https://podcasts.apple.com/gb/podcast/how-to-fail-with-elizabeth-day/id1407451189?i=1000469228528>

Year 11 students entering Sixth Form

With the cancellation of summer GCSEs and the questions that raises, we thought it would be helpful to outline our plans for Year 11 students applying to join our sixth form in September 2020.

Although Ofqual have already issued some guidance on how grades might be awarded for GCSE qualifications this year it is still far from clear exactly how this will be implemented. Our priority is to make sure that all students are on the right study programme and as a consortium of schools we will be waiting until we receive further clarification on this before finalising courses for September.

Subject leaders will be providing a learning pack to go on to the consortium website from the 4 May 2020 for all A level and BTEC/CTEC subjects. The work will have 12 hours of work and will prepare them for their courses. Students can do more than the three selected subjects in case they change a course in September or have a reserve choice allocated.

Year 13 students – something of interest?

The following link will take you to a large number of free online courses released by Universities.

<https://www.classcentral.com/report/new-courses-october-2018/>

News from the music faculty

We had our first virtual choir session at lunchtime today via google meet, which we held at our usual lunchtime rehearsal time for Junior Choir.

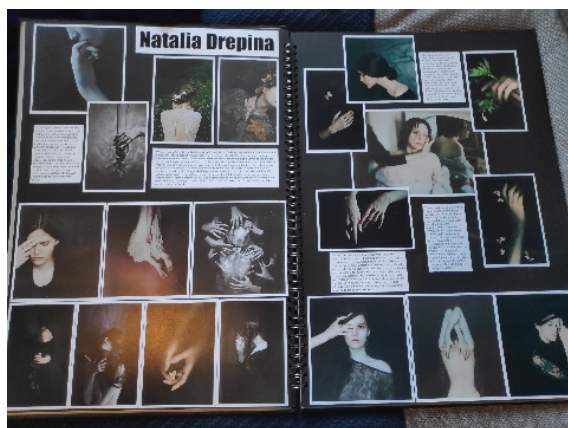
The music faculty held their first virtual choir yesterday lunchtime via Google Meet. This is when the Junior Choir usually rehearse.

We had almost all of our usual choir members plus some new students, and about 5 members of staff joined in too. A big thumbs up to Mr Lacey who joined in and sang a few solos! We did a range of warm ups and then sang three songs together – Count on me, True Colours and Living on a Prayer. There was good feedback from the students who logged in. If any more students would like to join in, they can email Mrs. Beaton at beatone@mysandstorm.org and she will add them to the choir google classroom.

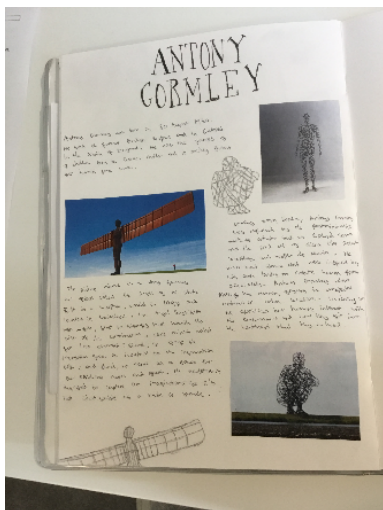
News from the visual arts faculty

It has been wonderful to see all of the work submitted digitally to us this week. We are so proud of all our artists who have clearly been extremely creative this week. Below are just a few examples of the hundreds of pieces of artwork submitted to us via google classroom. In our teaching this week, we have uploaded video tutorials to inspire our students, used google meet to see our classes and review their progress directly and collected art assignments using google classroom. I would like to thank all of our outstanding art teachers who have put so much time and effort into planning inspiring digital lessons for our artists. Most importantly though, I would like to thank all of our students who have clearly been working far harder than our teachers and are very wisely staying in and using the time to create such inspiring and beautiful work. All of our art teachers would like to continue to see our artists uploading their work and we would also encourage them where possible to be watching additional programmes such as The Art Show, Portrait Artist of the Year or listen to additional podcasts featured on The Royal Academy website to further develop their knowledge and understanding. Hockney's recent work 'Do remember they can't cancel spring' produced in response to the COVID- 19 outbreak serves as a reminder to all of our artists of the joys in the simple art of looking and observing from nature so we do hope you continue to take time to draw and observe during this time. We can't wait to see what you produce!

Mrs Kelly Director of Learning (Visual Arts)



Year 10 Photography: Annie Furness



Year 9 Art- Self Identity- Sienna Brierley



Year 7 Art- Landscapes and Natural Forms John Paul Starck

Year 10 examinations

These have been postponed for now. We will let you know how these might be re-scheduled after Easter.

Something to do if you have some spare time

If you have some free time you might like to take a look around some impressive on-line `art galleries by following this link. Students can do this too!

https://www.theguardian.com/travel/2020/mar/23/10-of-the-worlds-best-virtual-museum-and-art-gallery-tours?utm_term=Autofeed&CMP=tw_t_gu&utm_medium&utm_source=Twitter#Echobox=1584989036

NHS volunteering

You may have seen this already, but if any of you think you can support the NHS through volunteering, this link will take you to the site to register interest.

<https://www.goodsamapp.org/NHS>

Scam email being sent to parents asking for bank details if they are Free School Meals

HCC has received reports that a scam email is being sent to parents, asking them for bank details if they have children who qualify for Free School Meals. Please could all schools send out a communication to their parents, warning them about this scam email. In addition, it may be sensible to remind them not to give out private information (such as bank details or passwords), reply to text messages, download attachments or click on any links in emails if you're not sure they're genuine. Please see this government link for further helpful information: <https://www.gov.uk/report-suspicious-emails-websites-phishing>

Finally, a few more of the many comments from you all

I just wanted to say a big thank you to all the teachers who are working hard to produce lessons and work for our children. It is giving them a sense of routine and purpose in their day. I'm sure it isn't easy, and I appreciate the effort that they are putting in. Thank you

Thank you SO much for the excellent support we are receiving and the education you and your staff are continuing to provide for our two children. They are following a daily school routine and are self-motivated and keen to keep calm and carry on.

Which means we can follow their examples (I am a teacher trying to provide support to the KS1sector) and work successfully ourselves.

In these difficult times, we feel extremely lucky to be members of The Sandringham school community. Please pass on our thanks to All Staff .

Stay well

I can hear our daughter dancing in her bedroom and her teacher live giving instructions. So much admiration for your teaching staff. Thank you so much!! Home schooling is working very well in this house. Gives a great routine to the children and when being restricted to your home they need that!

I just wanted to drop you a quick note to say how impressed I have been with the managing of school work at home . My sons in Year 9 and 10 seem to be well organised , have a clear schedule to follow and enough work to keep them occupied through the day without really any intervention by me ! I have not had to nag or encourage them (yet!). I really appreciate the time it must take for the school and teachers to put this into place. I hope you and all staff are well.

With best wishes

Alan Gray