



Dear Parents/carers,

### CV19 daily update (Issue 24– 1<sup>st</sup> May 2020)

We are now on day 39 of lock down procedures and at the end of the fourth school week using the VLC to deliver lessons. I know that this is very challenging for young people in particular, who simply want to be out and about with their friends as well as learning (of course!).

A number of you work for the NHS and we are really grateful for the work that you are doing. Each Thursday evening we clap you at 8.00pm. As a variation on a theme, Jack Pentland from year 9 played his Saxophone at 8 o'clock from his window this week. Thank you, Jack.



We will be continuing with our current model of delivery of the VLC next week. As a reminder, this follows normal timetable lessons throughout the week however, some lessons at KS3 may be slightly different if teachers consider it is better to set a two-week project, for example. This may apply in some of the creative subjects.

ALL work is being set via Google Classroom. I know some parents have been looking at Show My Homework but please simply check with your son/daughter on Google Classroom for each subject. They can show you and you will then be able to oversee their learning if you have concerns that it is not all being done. There is plenty of work being set at our end!



Last Friday, the DfE announced that Sandringham, along with 19 other schools across the country have been awarded EdTech Demonstrator status. EdTech Demonstrator schools are those who have sophisticated and well-embedded use of technology and are able to support other schools in adjusting to the use of technology for teaching. This will be an initial year-long programme and we have re-purposed key staff so that they can carry out this important work. It shows that what we are delivering through our VLC is towards the high-end of delivery which will have a massive benefit to children attending Sandringham.

For next week, there will be a newsletter on Tuesday and Thursday due to the bank holiday on Friday. The rest of the newsletter has some great articles that I am sure you will enjoy.

Have a lovely weekend, everyone.

Alan Gray

## LETTERS OF KINDNESS



The school has launched a Letter of Kindness initiative to encourage students to reach out to those who are suffering and/or thank NHS workers engaged in the fight against the virus at this time. You can email your typed letter to Miss Quinn via [quinns@mysandstorm.org](mailto:quinns@mysandstorm.org) or if any family would like to nominate an Individual to receive a letter, please contact Miss Quinn/Mr Nicholls at the school. Full details are attached and have been posted on the 'Google Classroom' for each year group

## ONLINE WEBINARS WITH OAKLANDS COLLEGE: TUES 5<sup>th</sup> TO THURS 7<sup>th</sup> MAY

If you are looking for more information on Post 16 courses available for students, Oaklands College will be running Open Event Webinars next week. From Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May to Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May, you can discover more about their courses and ask questions with their Heads of Department. Each subject area will be hosting their own webinar session including:

- \* Welcome from the Principal
- \* Live Q&A Sessions
- \* Course information
- \* Student life at Oaklands College
- \* Considering which course is right for you
- \* How to apply

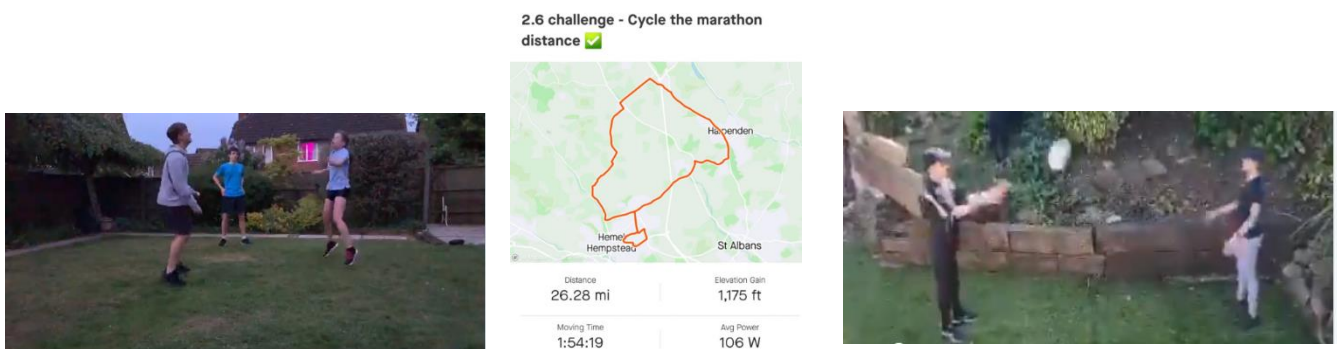
Please visit their website to view the schedule and find information on how to register:

<https://www.oaklands.ac.uk/openmay20>



## 2.6 CHALLENGE

Over 260 miles have been run or walked, 260+ miles cycled, 2600+ kick ups complete, 260+ press ups done, 26 free throws thrown, 26 lay ups done, almost 260+ minutes of HIIT workouts sweated, 78 (26x3 cartwheels) endured and a t shirt folded in 2.6 seconds! A huge thanks to everyone who has got involved. Over £7million was raised on the day. We were proud to be a part. <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/sandringham-s-2-6-challenge>

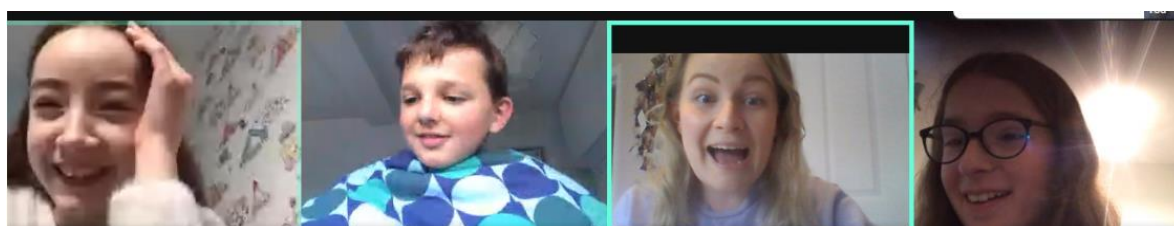


## YOUNG ENTERPRISE SUCCESS

Congratulations to Sandringham Young Enterprise Companies Liberte and Charmed for completing the Company Programme. Both groups did exceptionally well throughout, earning themselves awards from a number of trade fairs. Last week we learnt that Liberte had been awarded the Sustainability Award at the St Albans & Harpenden Digital Area Showcase. The judges were extremely impressed by the company and how they had recycled fabrics to make a very useful and popular product. Both groups have performed exceptionally well throughout with the support of their business advisors and Miss Clark. Well done and congratulations to them both for a fantastic performance!



## DRAMA CLUB: COME AND JOIN THE FUN!



Every Tuesday at 1:30 Virtual Drama Club takes place. You can use the class code below to access Google Meet and find the Drama Faculty doing different activities each week. This week they played Grandmother's Footsteps, The Chocolate Bar Game and Guess Who! Virtual Drama Club is open to all year groups- the more, the merrier! There's also a new challenge posted every Tuesday for you to complete at home. This week's challenge is to record yourself completing an everyday activity, but half way through the recording, you must go into super-slow mo. They would love to see you there, keeping those Drama skills going whilst you're at home. Class code: w5v2y7b

## OUR QUILT 2020: A CHANCE TO GET CREATIVE



The Art Faculty would love to see your designs for their quilt via their Instagram page @our\_quilt\_2020. They've already received some exciting examples and can't wait to see more. Below are links to 3 more tutorials available to help you, plus a couple more will be added over the weekend to inspire and motivate. Happy creating!!!

[https://www.instagram.com/tv/B\\_XyJlknFKJ/?igshid=i4lmyi9o3w73](https://www.instagram.com/tv/B_XyJlknFKJ/?igshid=i4lmyi9o3w73)

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## **DANCE NEWS: EARTH DAY AND INTERNATIONAL DAY- KEEP DANCING!**

It has been fantastic to see so many students taking part in the Dance Faculty's Dance At Home google classroom challenges, activities, performances and live dance lessons. If you would like to join the classroom head to the student noticeboard where the joining code is displayed. Miss Meeking and Miss Davies miss everyone and would love to see students, parents and staff getting involved. You can see the full video of students celebrating Earth Day's 50th Anniversary on @sandringamdanc Twitter page or the Dance At Home google classroom.



On International Dance Day, students joined in with a series of live dance lessons, fun activities and Striding Out, our key stage 3 dance club, learning a fabulous routine. Students were also asked 'Why do you love to dance?' Below are some of the responses. If you haven't been trying some of the activities- perhaps the below will inspire you!

*"I love to dance as I can do it with my friends and I love to be part of a community"*

*"I love to dance because I feel like I can express myself in a way I couldn't with words"*

*"I love dance as it is a great way to spend your time with friends who share the same passion as you. It is something I love to do to take my mind of things when I am feeling stressed and anxious"*

*"I love to feel the music and feel free. I also love to perform and entertain others. It's one of the only things I can't get bored of and it's always there to lift me up if I'm down. It's my passion."*

## **SANDwhich SERIES – VIRTUAL LUNCHTIME MUSIC RECITALS**

The Music faculty are missing you and all of your wonderful talent too. If you would like to be part of their weekly lunchtime concerts please send a video of a piece that you are performing for them to share in one of their concerts. They would love Year 11 and 13 to also be involved, especially as we missed the Spring Concert. Please check with your parents/carers that they are happy for your performance to be shared. They look forward to hearing your wonderful music so please send your recordings to any member of the Music Faculty.



## **THE GIFT OF TIME: SANDRINGHAM IN THE COMMUNITY**

One of our students, Jack R, had an extremely traumatic experience aged 2 nearly drowning at a friend's house. He was rushed to the Evelina London's Children's Hospital where his parents were told to prepare for the worst. Thankfully for Jack, under the amazing medical care at ECH, he made a full recovery and walked out two days later without any physical or mental scars. Aged nearly 13 and grateful for their time and care, Jack decided to cycle 26 miles on Sunday with his brother Sam. He completed in in 2hrs 24 minutes and has already raised £1765 for the hospital so close to his heart. AMAZING WORK JACK! What a wonderful thing to do. If you would like to read more and donate please see <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/amanda-rodea>



Medical workers at Wexham Park Hospital and of Senior Partner, Dr. Bruce Covell at Parkbury House Surgery were very grateful to receive some of the 600+ visors made by Sandringham's DT Faculty.



We would love to hear about any other things you have been doing for the Community with your time so if you have any stories, please email [Melissa.holian@sandringham.herts.sch.uk](mailto:Melissa.holian@sandringham.herts.sch.uk).

### **ONLINE RESOURCES IN STEM AND ART:**

Stem Learning have created a resource centre for families and young people to access materials that are linked to each subject that could be used to supplement what is set by teachers at school. There are experiment ideas, careers advice, and free webchats where you can ask questions with experts. It's a fantastic resource with lots of great ideas and resources. <https://www.stem.org.uk/home-learning>



Sandringham are also partners in the UAL (University of the Arts London) Future Creatives project and they have created some online courses suitable for 11 to 17 year olds. They are free and include Painting Art Seascapes and Still Life drawing.

<https://www.arts.ac.uk/study-at-ual/short-courses/future-creatives/online-art-classes-for-kids-and-teenagers>

Gladdens the soul, is also an amazing set of galleries and museums.

<https://artsandculture.google.com/partner>



### LINKS TO SUPPORT MENTAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH

If you are finding it difficult to keep physically and mentally well during this time, below are few links to help support adults and students. We hope you find them useful.

<https://www.healthforteens.co.uk/hertfordshire/services/thrive-young-persons-clinic-in-harpenden-and-st-albans-area/>

<https://youngminds.org.uk/>

The following CBT has also been recommended by a local GP – its free - in manageable bite-size modules.

<https://elearning.10minutecbt.co.uk/courses/10-minute-steps-to-wellbeing-during-covid-19-young-people-and-families>



### RAMADAN READATHON: EXPLORE NEW AUTHORS



While many people around the world currently observing Ramadan, our Library staff have created a collection of fantastic books by Asian writers for you to explore. Titles include “The Bone Sparrow” by Zana Fraillon, “I am Malala” by Malala Yousafazi, and “Where the River Runs Gold” by Sita Brahmachari. The full list can be found here at

<https://uk.accessit.online/snd02/#!resources/searchresult>. Why not explore a text by a writer you’ve never heard of?