



## Sandprint- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June

Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

I hope that this week has gone well. We are now at 80 days of lock down restrictions and in need of a slight change in learning activities, hence e-week.

Mr. Nicholls and the staff have put together a comprehensive e-week programme of activities and I am sure everyone will enjoy and be challenged by these. It seems strange not to be getting up at 3.00 a.m. on Monday morning, ready to travel to Brittany with year 8 for the week. I have accompanied students on this trip for 15 years and it is a special activity for Sandringham – but we will make next week equally special.

I also look forward to seeing our year 10 and 12 students as they come in for their one-to-one interviews. The campus has been adjusted for these meetings with signage, wash stations, cleaning routine and protocols for behaviour to ensure the safety of everyone. A very big thank you Mr. Nicholls, Mr Chandler, Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. Earley, Mr. Tofte and the other staff for getting the school ready to accept back larger groups of students.

I am equally keen to track how the one-to-one virtual interviews go with our lovely year 7, 8 and 9 students. I am sure they will all appreciate being able to spend some time individually talking through the last 9 school weeks with their tutor.

There are plenty of articles in the remainder of the newsletter, including some advice for those students attending school next week, so we hope you find it useful and interesting.

Best wishes,

Alan Gray

### **E- WEEK INFORMATION & NOTICES ON W/C 22<sup>ND</sup> JUNE FROM MR NICHOLLS**



Arrangements are now in place and we are very much looking forward to the week.

KS3 students each have a time for an allocated online catch up with their tutors. One final reminder that students should wear school uniform, have their camera on for the google meet and parents are welcome to 'sit in' on the meeting although reminded that it is a tutor student discussion.

For the rest of the week, students are expected to work on activities of their choosing. Staff have constructed a booklet that has been shared with all students outlining ideas to engage with and we would encourage you to look at this with your child both ahead of and during the week.

Year 10 and 12 students have their catch ups on site. A full risk assessment has also been completed for the process with the following applying through the week:

- The cleaning schedule across the site has been modified in line with government advice with any communal area being cleaned throughout the day.
- Signage to ensure students are guided to the correct building (year 10 are in K block and year 12 in S block).
- Wash stations have been installed outside K and I blocks for use before students enter the building.
- Each tutor as an allocated classroom for interview to allow social distancing to be observed inside buildings.
- A perspex screen, lidded bin, hand sanitiser and antiseptic wipes are available in each room.
- Catch ups have been scheduled throughout the week to limit the number of students coming on site at any one time.

A reminder that any student who has coronavirus symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, must not attend. These students, and those who are clinically extremely vulnerable (or are living with someone in this category) will not be expected to attend their interview in person and will be seen online. We are not expecting parents to attend these meetings. We would ask that students attend in school uniform (Year 10) or follow the sixth form dress code (Year 12).

### **Students on site from Monday 22 June (MNI)**

As Mr Gray outlined in the last edition of the newsletter, lesson delivery for all students will be through the Virtual Learning Curriculum for the rest of the academic year. In addition to continuing the provision being offered to the children of key workers, there are a small number of subjects who will be inviting a small number of Year 10 and 12 students in for a teaching session. In the main these are practical subjects and contact will be made directly with the families of the students involved over the next week. As with the plans for Eweek, a full risk assessment will be completed ahead of each of these activities with sessions scheduled to ensure that only one session is happening in any building at any one time.

### **SCHOOL RESOURCES COLLECTION- NOW EVERY DAY 9-11am**

As school closures continue, we are aware that students are needing to obtain new exercise books. We remain committed to ensuring that there are no barriers to students accessing learning throughout their period of closure. From Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June, we are adjusting our collection times so that families will be able to collect resources required from school on **any weekday** from **9am to 11am**. Exercise books will be available to collect from **Student Services** where a member of staff will be present.



We would kindly ask that just one family member comes onto the school site. There will be social distancing measures in place and we ask that these are respected at all times. Should you have difficulties getting to the school to collect, please email Louise Turner ([louise.turner@sandringham.herts.sch.uk](mailto:louise.turner@sandringham.herts.sch.uk)) who will be able to offer assistance.

## MUSIC NEWS: SANDWICH SERIES AND MUSIC SERVICE ONLINE



Please click [here](#) to watch the 5<sup>th</sup> concert in our lockdown lunchtime concert series, the 'Sandwich Series'. This week's concert features two Year 10 students – Daisy W and Frieda C, two Year 11 students Nahyan K and Adam A and finally a beautiful original song by Leona Mae also from Year 11. We would love to include more students in these concerts. If you would like to be included, please email your video to

[beatone@mysandstorm.org](mailto:beatone@mysandstorm.org)

### Arts Award

The completion of Bronze and Silver Arts Award has been delayed due to school closure but the Music Faculty will go through the submission and moderation process as soon as everyone is back in school. In the meantime, now would be a brilliant time to make sure that log books are finished off. There are plenty of ideas and advice on the Arts Award Google Classrooms so please do check there for help or contact your arts award link teacher. You can also use the voice magazine online for helpful tips, hints and videos to support completion of your log books <https://www.voicemag.uk/bronze>. There will be further information coming soon regarding handing in completed bronze arts award log books.

## LETTERS OF KINDNESS UPDATE



A huge thank to Ms Quinn who has been co-ordinating the Letter of Kindness initiative. We have had a fantastic number and hope that this will continue as one of the initiatives during E-Week. Here are a few extracts from letters that we have found particularly moving.

*"To our amazing Police Officers, I am writing to let you know how valued you are...by putting yourselves at risk every day, you make us feel safe and give the Community strength"*

*"Dear awesome Key Worker. Thank you for everything you are doing. I do not know what we would do without you in these tough times."*

*"Dear NHS worker, Covid-19 has been a struggle for us all but it has been hardest for you so this is to thank you for all your hard work and positivity. During lockdown I've realised how important family and friends are so thank you for leaving yours to help ours."*

*"Dear Care Home Workers, I know you are probably feeling exhausted and overwhelmed at the moment, but we are so grateful for you and I hope you know that you are our heroes."*

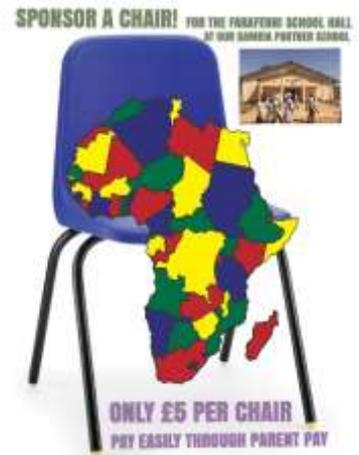
## SPONSOR A CHAIR FOR THE GAMBIA THROUGH PARENT PAY



**Sponsor a chair for the Gambia**

During certain and uncertain times our school always has chairs available for us to use in every room. However in our link school in Farafeni they do not have enough chairs to use their school hall when they want, they have to either move chairs from other parts of the school or hire them in. We want to change this!

For only £5 you can help to change this by sponsoring a chair which will be given to the school in the Gambia. If you are interested in sponsoring a chair, you can donate to this worthy cause via parentpay.



## SUMMER SLEEPOUT FOR HERTS YOUNG HOMELESS: SAT 20<sup>th</sup> JUNE

The current situation has been challenging for us all, especially those dealing with homelessness. In order to help and raise awareness, on Saturday June 20<sup>th</sup>, Herts Young Homeless are holding a 'Summer Sleepout' where anyone can pitch a tent (outside or inside!), make a den, sleep on a sofa, and donate to their cause. It's a good opportunity to talk to each other about what it may feel like to be homeless and have empathy for others in situations different to our own. To find out more information and to donate please go to <https://www.hyh.org.uk/summer-sleepout>



## VIRTUAL OPEN DAY AT CAPEL MANOR COLLEGE: WEDS 17<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2-3:30pm



Capel Manor College is hosting a Virtual Open Day on Wednesday 17th June from 2pm to 3.30pm to allow prospective students to discover courses, meet tutors and ask questions live. They are still accepting applications for courses starting this September and have information on some of the courses available including Animal Management, Horticulture and Garden Design, Leatherwork, Foundation Learning, Apprenticeships and Higher Education. To find out more information and register please click here [Capel Manor College](#)

## CREATE A VIDEO FOR THE U.DANCE CHOREOGRAPHY CHALLENGE



The U.Dance Choreography Challenge provides an opportunity to get creative, socially dis-dance and have your work showcased on a national (digital) stage. The company are inviting individuals from all over the country to send in videos of their work from home. Create a dance film of up to four minutes' duration, either solo or as part of a group project, in any setting that complies with social distancing guidelines (eg your home, garden, driveway or local park.) Selected entries will be showcased each evening over the U.Dance Digital 2020 weekend (17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> July) and streamed on their social media channels in the leadup to the festival and as part of our *watch parties* of exciting dance content. <https://www.onedanceuk.org/programme/u-dance/>

## FREE ONLINE PARENTING SUPPORT COURSES AUTUMN 2020

With the continuing uncertainty surrounding group meetings and social contact, Supporting Links, along with Herts County Council, have taken the decision to keep their offer to parents **ONLINE for the first half of the Autumn Term**. Starting in September, they are pleased to be able to offer the following 6 week courses (FREE of charge to parents)



- Understanding Behaviour in your child with Additional Needs (2 courses)
- Talking Families (2 courses)
- Talking Teens
- Talking Dads

Further information on course content and suitability, along with details on dates and times can be found on <http://www.supportinglinks.co.uk/whatson.html> Referrals can also be made via email [bookings@supportinglinks.co.uk](mailto:bookings@supportinglinks.co.uk) or by calling 07512 709556.

## YEAR 8 VIRTUAL AUTHOR VISIT- THURS 2<sup>nd</sup> JULY



Penny Joelson will be paying a 'Virtual' Visit to Sandringham on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July to speak to Year 8 students. We are looking forward to hearing about her books, ideas, and also what inspired her to become an author. Penny has written two young adult mystery/thriller novels, the award-winning *I Have No Secrets* and *Girl in the Window*.

If interested, students can borrow her books from the Learning Resource Centre using the the new 'Click & Collect' service or to buy copies please email [kirbyj@mysandstorm.com](mailto:kirbyj@mysandstorm.com). For Library news you can also follow them on Twitter or Instagram: @SandLibrary

ADVICE FOR KEEPING SAFE WHEN ATTENDING SCHOOL

COVID-19

# Dos



Normal dress code applies.



Wash your hands regularly for 20 seconds including:

- on arrival
- after toilet breaks
- after going outside
- before/after eating
- before leaving for the day.



Use sanitiser on a regular basis - these can be found throughout the school.



Adhere to the 2 metre rule with staff and students.



Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue if you sneeze or cough, then dispose of it as soon as possible.



Bring your own sanitiser and face mask to school if you wish to do so.



Bring your own equipment to school.



Bring in snacks and a water bottle.

# Don'ts



Don't come to school if you are unwell.



Don't touch your eyes, nose, and mouth, especially if you haven't washed your hands.



Don't put yourself in danger. Follow the guidelines and if you have been advised to self-isolate **MAKE SURE YOU DO!**



Don't share any equipment with anyone else.



Don't forget to raise any concerns. We want to hear from you if you have any questions at all.



## DATES FOR THE DIARY

**SCHOOL NOW OPEN FROM 9-11am EVERY DAY FOR RESOURCES**



Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> June	E WEEK BEGINS 9-11am CLICK AND COLLECT LIBRARY
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> June:	5-6.30pm - SYCD & Contemp Seniors.
Weds 17 <sup>th</sup> June:	3:15-4pm Striding Out, Junior Dance 3:15-4pm Boys Dance Club
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> June	9-11am CLICK AND COLLECT LIBRARY 1:30pm Virtual Drama Club (every week) 3:15-4:30pm Triple Edge and JuniorDance
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> June:	E WEEK ENDS 1.20-1.55pm Contemporary Dance club