



## Sandprint- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

We have reached the end of another week of lock-down, with just one more to go before the summer holidays and a return to school in September.

This week has been Fit for Life week and I would like to begin by thanking Mr and Mrs Cracknell and all the PE staff for organising all of the activities. It was an amazing logistical exercise which will have benefitted everyone. Sports Day went really well, and congratulations to Newton House for winning this. The Charity Run has also just finished and this has been another wonderful collective event. With over 500 participants this year, all running independently, I would like to say well done to everyone and thank you for taking part. Don't forget to contribute to the fund raising through the just-giving web site below. Finally, congratulations to Newton House on also winning the Charity Run.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/sandcharityrun>

We have now finalised arrangements for the start of September and details of these will come out in my end of year letter to you all next week, and additional information from Mr. Nicholls on risk management. The advice and guidance is changing daily, so whilst we have planned and prepared on the current guidance, we may need to be flexible and adjust plans during the holiday. If this is the case, we will communicate with you in advance of our return so that you are aware of any last minute changes.

For now, enjoy the rest of the newsletter and also the weekend.

With best wishes

Alan Gray

### **MESSAGE FROM MS PITSILLIS RE REPORTS**

Final summer reports for students in years 7 to 10 will be released on the VLE next **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July**. Reports will also be available via My Child at School from 3pm on the same day. Should you have any queries regarding your report please direct these, in the first instance, to your Performance Director.



## **LAST WEEK OF TERM: MESSAGE FROM DR CREABY**



We are really looking forward to welcoming students back into school next week for their end of year tutor group assemblies. Please see the attachment for a reminder of the time, locations and information for students. These assemblies will be a great opportunity for students to see their tutor and Performance Director, as well as members of their tutor group. Tutor group assemblies will include a scaled-back prize giving. Although this will be different in nature to the usual end of year prize giving, with just certificates being handed out, we are looking forward to celebrating students' achievements. As a reminder, lessons will continue as normal during this week so, apart from when they are attending their tutor assembly, students should be logging on to Google Classroom as normal and completing their school work. We are all looking forward to seeing you all!

## **FIT FOR LIFE WEEK: WELL DONE TO EVERYONE FOR TAKING PART**



It has been a brilliant Fit For Life week with a whole array of inspiring talks, energetic activities, competitions and much more. Individual Awards have been announced and a full list of the winners will be sent with Tuesday's Newsletter. Well done to all of our amazing students. Congratulations also to Newton House won the charity cup for Sports Day. The Charity Run was also a great event with over 500 people taking part. You can still donate to our chosen mental health charity, Mind, using the JustGiving Page below. Last year we raised over £5000 so anything that you can donate would be greatly appreciated. A huge thank you to Mr Cracknell and all of the PE Faculty for organising such a brilliant week- all about encouraging skills for life-long fitness and having some fun as well. You can go to @SandringhamPE for more videos and donate here. <https://justgiving.com/fundraising/sandcharityrun>

If you can spare the time to give feedback on the week here, that would also be appreciated. [Fit For Life Feedback](#)

## MESSAGE FROM MR NICHOLLS RE WORLD CLASS SCHOOLS



WCSQM is a UK charity working to accredit the best non-selective state schools across the UK with our quality mark accreditation and Sandringham is delighted to work with the organisation as one of its lead schools. Earlier this week, World Class primary and secondary school leaders, staff and students came together from across the UK and internationally for WCSQM's first virtual

Symposium which was hosted by Sandringham (thanks to Mr Turton and Mr Downs for their work on this). This year's Symposium offered a range of interactive sessions designed to share valuable learning experiences gained during lockdown and celebrated the achievements and resilience of World Class students.

Part of the event was the launch of this year's WCSQM annual essay writing competition by world-renowned neuroscientist Professor Sarah-Jayne Blakemore (more details below.) We have also been supporting the charity in their efforts to launch an online application to identify and develop World Class students. Thanks to Miss Constable and the following students who have been involved in this work: Jessica Rolph, Joseph Farrugia, Abigail Veitch, Beatrice Kite, Margot Koppe, Christy Shaw, Dorka Molnar, Isabella Pratt, Ralph Whitworth, Sophia Hakim, Tahlia Hylton, Jacob Head, Jessica Simmons, Lucy Ruddy, and Sophie Angel. We are looking to develop work in this area in the coming year and we look forward to sharing further information in future newsletters.

### **FREE 5 DAY ART PROGRAMME: Mon 27<sup>th</sup> JULY to FRIDAY 31<sup>st</sup> JULY 10am-3pm**

BEEE Creative are looking for 12 young people aged between 11 - 16 years old to create their own artwork - this could be a choreographed dance, a piece of music, visual art, photography, film, animation - to present in the brand new BEEE Creative online exhibition. They are launching a five day programme filled with activities that will help you create your own art work for a new virtual museum exhibitions. Workshops will include creative tasks in arts, heritage and technology. It takes place **Mon 27<sup>th</sup> July- Fri 31<sup>st</sup> 10am-3pm** online via Google Classrooms or activities can be sent out to you. Places are FREE as funded by The National Lottery Heritage Fund but limited (12 people) and available on a first come first served basis and must be booked in advance. To book, please complete the following form: <https://forms.gle/1coBXSxWUbv2wA2RA>



## VISUAL ARTS NEWS FROM MRS KELLY: OUR WORLD EXHIBITION LINK



We hope you enjoy this virtual exhibition film that has been curated by our wonderful Visual Arts technician Mrs Leto (link below.) The exhibition is a summary of some of the artistic highlights that have been produced by our students whilst following our virtual learning curriculum and also during Arts Week. The Our World theme of Arts Week, proved a perfect

opportunity for students to gain some additional time to work on special projects organised and led by our Visual Arts staff and all of the pieces come together to reflect how our artists have perceived the world around them during this unique moment in time.

The first segment of the exhibition features a range of simply stunning entries for the Our Quilt 2020 project which has been organised and led by Mrs Button and Mrs Owens. All of the community have come together to respond to this special community project. There is still time to enter if you haven't done so already and further updates will come in September when the Quilt is completed and exhibited in school.



The second part features some of the many entries to the LockDown Art exhibition that has been organised and led by Mrs Barnett. Mrs Barnett has been truly inspired by the outstanding efforts from the students who have contributed to this project and will be releasing a further exhibition video to showcase more of these entries and to share the thoughtful work of our students at this time. Famous Paintings forms the third section of the exhibition. Mrs Owens organised and led this challenge as part of

Arts Week and we have been so incredibly impressed with the quality of entries for this challenge. We hope you enjoy spotting our students within the paintings and guessing the artist! In the final section of the exhibition, you will see some of the entries so far for the Maltings Art Prize 2020. Once again, Mrs Owens has led this for our students and the quality of entries has been stunning so far. I would like to thank all of the Visual Arts team for their tremendous efforts to inspire our students at this time by providing these wonderful opportunities and being so creative in their approach. Finally, I would like to thank all of our artists who have worked so hard during this period of time. It is clear that you have all spent such a significant amount of time on all of your art work and it has been so inspiring to see all of the work you have submitted. We cannot wait to see you in September!!

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1JK\\_tPzxFhohKrpyJOYfiTcd34Pz8z0FX/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1JK_tPzxFhohKrpyJOYfiTcd34Pz8z0FX/view?usp=sharing)

## ENGLISH NEWS: WORLD CLASS SCHOOLS WRITING COMPETITION



The English faculty are excited to announce the title for the World Class Schools, annual essay writing competition. This year's question, set by Sarah-Jayne Blakemore, Professor of Psychology, University of Cambridge is highly topical:

*'School classrooms look the same across history and across countries. But is the classroom the best way to educate future generations in the 21<sup>st</sup> century?*

**What would the ideal education system look like?**

We invite all **students currently in year 8 or 9** to write an essay of no more than 2500 words in response to the question. They will have the opportunity to learn more about the process and share ideas in their English lessons before the end of the school term. We are encouraging students to research the topic and organise their ideas during the summer holiday. If they are feeling confident they can also write their response during this time, although there will be the opportunity to share research, planning and drafting with English teachers at the start of the new school year. The Sandringham deadline for submissions will be Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September. A panel of teachers will judge entries, and prizes will be awarded. Following our internal competition, a number of our strongest submissions will be entered into the national competition where those shortlisted will be judged by Professor Blakemore. Successful students will be invited to attend an awards ceremony in London which will take place in December. This is a wonderful opportunity and we hope that many students in years 8 and 9 will choose to enter the competition. We look forward to reading your essays next term! Please speak to Mrs Nicholls for further information.

## FREE ARTS WORKSHOPS AND FESTIVALS AVAILABLE



If you are missing Arts Week already then why not join a variety of online workshops, festivals and events FREE to attend over the summer. Here are just a few dates for your diary:

**Voice Mag Arts** Award are running free online arts workshops over the next few months. All workshops are FREE to attend. To

reserve your place click on the below link and sign up. [Voice Mag Arts](#)

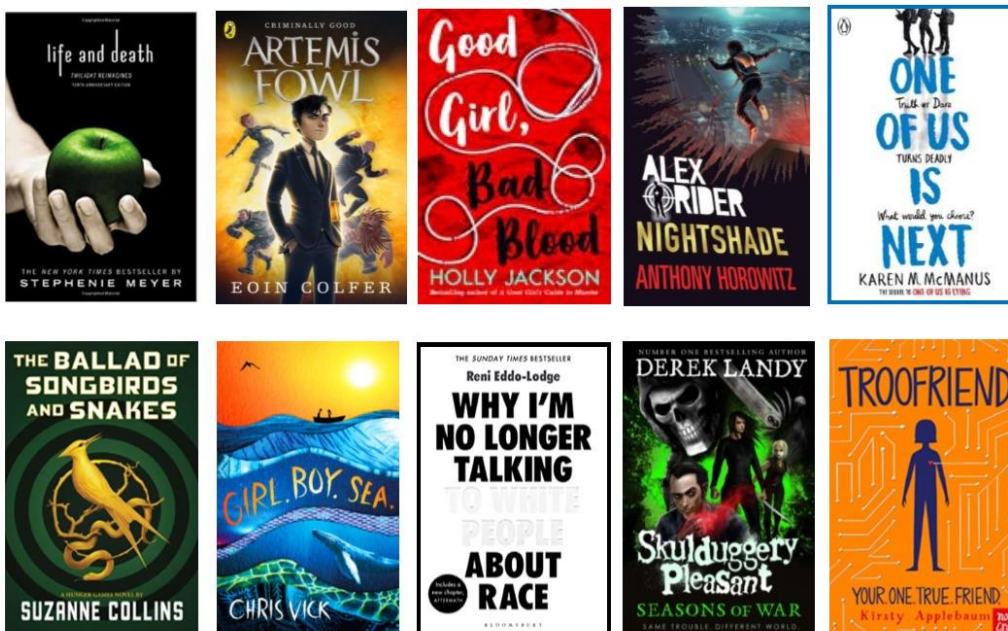
**The Kent Musical Festival** is also running from July 25<sup>th</sup> – August 8<sup>th</sup> 2020, a jam-packed fortnight of free, engaging, educational and, of course, entertaining content for learners young and old, featuring performances, interviews, masterclasses, instrumental and vocal tutorials and more. [Kent Music](#)



**The Show Must Go On:** Sign up to Andrew Lloyd Webber's YouTube channel to watch the show clips released every Friday over the summer, follow the link. [Andrew Lloyd Webber](#). Or Sign up to the **Royal Opera House** YouTube channel to watch a variety of ballet's and opera. <https://www.youtube.com/royaloperahouse>

## LEARNING RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS: SUMMER READING

These books are trending—Click and Collect to reserve your copy!



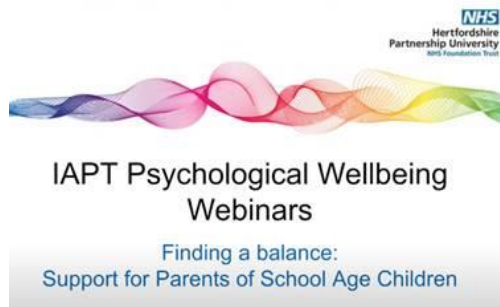
It is the last chance for students to order any library books/ DVDs that they want to read over summer. They have lots of new titles - check on MySandstorm > Accessit Learning Resource Centre (use your MySandstorm username and password to log-in -top right SSO log in) or if you know the author & title just email [kirbyj@mysandstorm.org](mailto:kirbyj@mysandstorm.org). Don't forget they also have eBooks and E-Audiobooks that you can access over summer. PLEASE RETURN any books/ DVDs that you have finished reading to Student Services .

## MESSAGE FROM FoSs RE SECOND HAND UNIFORM

If you have good quality outgrown school uniform, this can be delivered to Amanda Lavallin at 15 Skyswood Road, St Albans to be used for a Second Hand Uniform sale. If no one is in please leave in her bike shed for a sale to be held in July (details to follow.) \*Please note they **don't need any shirts trousers or ties** \* All money raised goes to FoS\$. Thank you for your support



## **FREE MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT FROM NHS IAPT**



In response to the COVID-19 pandemic NHS IAPT services across Hertfordshire and North Essex have developed a series of webinars to support residents with common mental health issues. A webinar specially aimed at supporting parents of school age children is available for free on their dedicated YouTube channel.

‘Finding a balance: Support for Parents of School Age Children’ webinar provides parents with some top tips to look after their own wellbeing. The webinar has been developed by our trained therapists and is available to local residents for free. In addition to this they also have a range of innovative digital, video and telephone based talking therapies which can be accessed remotely. Those seeking additional support after accessing our webinars can self-refer online. Finding a balance: Support for Parents of School Age Children - [Parent Support](#)

## **DATES FOR THE DIARY**



13<sup>th</sup>- 17<sup>th</sup> July:  
Fri 17<sup>th</sup> July:

TUTOR ASSEMBLIES  
LAST DAY OF TERM