



Sandprint- Friday 3rd July 2020

Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

Ayaan Hussain (8J)

Yesterday, we held an assembly for year 8 to remember Ayaan and pay tribute to his contribution to life at Sandringham.

A number of students have written about Ayaan and some of these were read out during the assembly. We have a book of condolences and this will be added to over the next few weeks. If any of you would like to contribute, then simply write something and send it in. We will add it to the book for you.

Ayaan's family have decided to raise funds to build a community water well in a needed part of the World. They have established a gofundme collection and if you would like to contribute to this the page can be found here. I know this will make a huge difference to people and will be a lasting legacy to remember Ayaan by.

https://www.gofundme.com/f/sadaqah-in-young-ayaan-hussain039s-name?utm_source=whatsApp&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=m_pd+share-sheet

Coming back to school in September

Yesterday, the government released its guidance to schools on opening for September.

The headline message is that all schools will be open to all students. So, I am delighted to say that, at long last, we will be able to see you all again. The first time since March 20th. I hope you are as pleased as I am with this!

There are some things that will be different for at least the Autumn Term, and we will have to get used to working in a slightly different way when on site. The full guidance can be found following this link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools>

Some of the key things that you most likely will need to do:

- Wash your hand (or use a hand sanitiser) as soon as you arrive at school.
- Avoid being in large groups.
- Wash your hands (or use a hand sanitiser) frequently throughout the day, especially before eating.
- Whilst you are all a very sociable bunch, you will need to keep your distance from each other.
- Stay within your own year group.
- Follow the one-way signs around the campus.

- Avoid touching surfaces and door handles.
- Be outside more at break and lunchtime, in specific areas of the school for your year group.
- Walk or cycle more and avoid public transport.
- On days when you have PE or dance, you should come in already dressed in your kit to save changing during the day.
- Wear normal uniform at all other times
- Have spare pens and other equipment, so that you do not need to borrow anything
- We will have to stagger lunch times, so that we can keep you separated from other year groups.
- We may have to get you to come in earlier or later, and leave earlier or later.
- You will probably be doing less group work than normal and facing the front of the class more.
- You DO NOT need a face mask

Over the next week, we will be preparing our detailed plans for next academic year. Once these are finalised, we will communicate these with you all.

It will be much better to have you all back and learning in the classroom despite the different ways that we can go about the school. However, this will not last forever and it will be an experience that we will learn much from. Self-discipline is not a bad thing in life.

New year 7 students

On Monday evening we held our Induction for new year 7 students. I would like to thank Mr. Kemp and the team of year 7 tutors for preparing the virtual material. We look forward to meeting all the new year 7 students in September.

Arts Week

This has been a really busy week for the arts team and I would like to thank them all for planning and delivering a wide-range of activities for you to experience and enjoy. I hope you have found them fun and worthwhile. Watch out for all the reports.

Fit for Life week

I look forward to following your participation in FFLW next week. The highlights will be Sports Day on Wednesday and Charity Run on Friday. All activities will gain house points and contribute to the House Competition.

I hope you enjoy the rest of the newsletter and the weekend when it comes.

Best wishes

Alan Gray

ARTS WEEK: THANKS FOR ALL YOUR EFFORTS

Students have had such a variety of live workshops taking place this week. Highlights include a Hamilton musical workshop and Q+A with choreographer Carrie-Anne Ingrouille, West End workshops from the shows Kiss Me Kate, Guys and Dolls and Chicago, Zumba, contemporary and Beyonce dance workshops and much, much more. We hope the students have enjoyed themselves as much as we have.



OUR WORLD Dance show is also out today. We can't wait for you to see the work of the amazing students from clubs, companies and exam pieces during this lockdown period. We hope you enjoy the show.

FIT FOR LIFE WEEK MON 6TH JULY- FRI 10TH JULY: MESSAGE FROM MR CRACKNELL



Aim - To highlight and encourage the importance of physical activity and wellbeing in all of our lives for now, whilst also creating habits for a lifetime. An introductory video to the week can be found [here](#)

This year we are raising money for Mind to support the understanding and services for Mental health in the UK. Please feel free to use the [Justgiving link](#) to donate.

- The [Timetable](#) for the week is available to look at activities and sessions available.
- **Monday 6th, Tuesday 7th, Thursday 9th** will be usual school days on our VLC with all physical activity and wellbeing sessions available to the whole school community at **15:00** each day. All signposted on the timetable.
- **Wednesday 8th** will be the Virtual Sports Day and all students will be off timetable.
 - The instructions for the day are available [Virtual Sports Day](#) including demonstration videos of all the activities.
 - Live Results throughout the day via live Google meet stream at 3 key intervals
 - [Certificates](#) (Emailed) for winning Sandringham students and House points for participation.
- **Friday 9th** will be [Virtual Charity Run](#) with all students off timetable again.
 - There is a window of opportunity to run/ walk 5km (3.1miles) remotely (9:00-14:00) for whole school community
 - We are encouraging mass participation from school community, including fancy dress and sharing of activity via social channels
 - We are encouraging students to track their run/ walk with exercise apps, such as Strava.
 - Live results at 14:45 via Google meet stream
 - All participants can download/print wear their [virtual medal](#)

MUSIC NEWS: LIVE SANDWICH SERIES CONCERT AT 2PM



Today, to end our celebration of Arts Week, we would like to invite you to join us in watching a live Sandwich Series concert which will begin at 2pm. The concert features brothers Brendan and Ryan D, singer-songwriter Leona Mae, and brothers Zac, Fin and Josh from the band Princes to Kings. You will need to join the google meet at 2pm with this code to watch. Please join with cameras and microphones turned off. meet.google.com/xbw-iwgu-kdo

There have been some wonderful workshops and live events this week as part of Arts Week. Highlights have included a live Q&A with musician Charlie Thornton and composer Stuart Hancock, a video message from West End singer and actress Gina Murray, a chair drumming workshop and a fantastic virtual choir session during which we collaborated to write a song together based on our thoughts and feelings on our experiences of being in lockdown. We thought you would like to read our lyrics:

We were scared and confused, the future was unclear
All our friends and our family had disappeared
The world was all in shock and fear
We all stood waiting for the dark clouds to clear

There is darkness but light will shine
Come, put your hand in mine
We will rise up above them all
And we shall never fall

We'll rise above
Rise above
We'll live on
Live on!



Students have also been busy this week capturing sounds in their environment which have been put together into a 'Soundscape' of our world. Students recorded sounds of nature, poetry, singing, chanting, synthesisers, and much more. Click [here](#) to listen to the finished track and thanks to Mr Turton for editing this!

SUMMER DANCE SHOW "OUR WORLD" #ArtsWeek2020



Sandringham Dance Faculty and The SandPit Theatre are proud to present the virtual summer dance show, Our World. Over the past 12 weeks students, dance clubs and external companies have been rehearsing at home and recorded their dance pieces ready for this summer spectacular and students have also included their exam choreographies that they worked especially hard on and wanted to show their work that was missed out on due to lockdown, we hope you enjoy this performance! This show is available for a week to stream and will disappear next Friday!

You can access here: <https://vimeo.com/sandpittheatre/summerdance> Password: **ourworld**

SANDPIT THEATRE STREAMS: VELOCITY PRESENTS NARNIA!



We hope you enjoyed our first dip into the Vault with Vaudeville. Today we are excited to bring you a very special Velocity dance show, **Velocity presents Narnia!** This was filmed in 2018 as we transformed the theatre back into war-time Britain and it involved the story of 4 children as they escape their evacuation into the fantastical world of Narnia! **Fun fact:** we used 10KG of snow (fake of course) throughout the run & we still find snow in the theatre to this day!

You can access the stream <https://vimeo.com/sandpitheatre/streams2> with the password **Narnia**. Please note this is only available for 48 hours. If you would like to do a watch-a-long or tweet us then please do, tag us @SandPitTheatre and use #ArtsWeek2020 on twitter and show us how you are watching!

AUTHOR VISIT FROM PENNY JOELSON: BOOKS TO BUY

We had a wonderful talk online yesterday for the whole of Year 8 from Penny Joelson, who writes exciting thrillers and mysteries suitable for a wide age range and both boys and girls. Penny showed a trailer for her new book "Things the Eye Can't See" which comes out next week, but we already have copies to buy/ borrow. She also gave two readings, talked about how she writes and how books are printed and answered some great questions from Year 8. If anyone wishes to buy any of her books, they are available at a discounted price of £7.00 each. Please email kirbyj@mysandstorm.org to find out more details or to order.



SUSTAINABILITY: LEARNING FROM LOCKDOWN



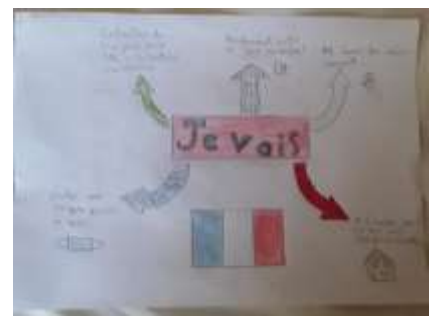
Many of our students are very concerned about climate change, with some attending the school climate strikes last year. As a school, we are concerned about sustainability and are keen to do more to look at different actions so that we can limit our actions on climate change and the natural environment. We have been provided with a poster (attached) and key web links from the charity 'Sustainable St Albans' which is promoting a pledge for individuals and families to commit to less car use in our everyday journeys. As lockdown eases significantly tomorrow, there is a great opportunity for all of us to reassess our impact on the local and global environment. This is our chance to continue with habits formed over the last three months, to incorporate more cycling and walking into our everyday journeys. It would be great if you could take a look at some of the suggestions and we will look into promoting this more, alongside other aspects of sustainability, from September. There is also an excellent opportunity to include some of these suggestions into Fit for Life activities next week.

<https://www.stalbans.gov.uk/walking-and-cycling>

<https://www.widenmypath.com/stalbans/#14/51.7550/-0.3360>

YEAR 8 FRENCH LANGUAGE POSTERS

We know that this has been a devastating week for Year 8 with the loss of one of their kind, popular and hard-working peers, Ayaan. As a year group they have been hugely supportive of each other and we know that they will continue to do so over the coming weeks and months. Ms Muheim also wanted to acknowledge the hard work that her class, 8A-FR2, have been putting into lessons. The class recently put together some French posters highlighting how they are going to help others during lockdown, using vocabulary about volunteering, the near future tense and reasons. Well done for all your hard work Year 8. It shows what a compassionate year group you are and we know that you will continue to be.



NHS CADETS PROGRAMME FOR PEOPLE AGED 14-16



This September, NHS England along with NHS Innovation, St John Ambulance and local providers, will launch their new national programme: The NHS Cadets. This programme aims to support young people aged 14-16 to access meaningful volunteer experiences within a healthcare environment while enjoying relevant training and development opportunities. YC Hertfordshire are incredibly proud to be delivering the Cadet Programme in Hertfordshire and are providing young people the option to join a pre-launch summer programme (running throughout July and August), ahead of the national programme starting in September.

This summer, young people will be able to join in with a range of online training, talks, events and host their own social action event whether it's an individual or socially distanced community event. The Cadet and Summer Cadet Programme are fully funded and open to all young people aged 14-16 but they are particularly keen to hear from students who may be feeling quite lost in terms of academic options and those who you may consider vulnerable or at risk. The flyer attached provides more details of how to sign up or you can contact **Debi** on 01442 454226 or email: debi.roberts@hertfordshire.gov.uk

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 FoSS. Thank you for your support



YOUTH CONNECTIONS SURVEY ON MENTAL HEALTH



Since the start of lockdown, YC Hertfordshire has provided a range of support, projects and programmes for young people delivered by phone and online. They are now conducting a survey in July to ask all people in Herts about how Covid-19 has affected their wellbeing and what their biggest concerns are. The results will help shape the support they give going forward. Please

click on the link below to let them know how the COVID-19 lockdown has affected you:
<https://www.ychertfordshire.org/about-yc-hertfordshire/news/young-people-s-survey-tell-us-how-the-covid-19-lockdown-has-affected-you/>

CELEBRATING THE BIRTHDAY OF THE NHS: "BIGGEST CLAP" AT 5pm ON SUN 5th JULY



It will be the 72nd birthday of the NHS on Monday 6th July and there are lots of ways you can get involved to celebrate. There will be a minute silence on Saturday 4th July and the lighting of candles to remember the tens of thousands of people who have died from coronavirus. There will also be the “biggest thank you” clap in Britain’s history on Sunday 5th July. People are then encouraged to get in touch with someone

who is lonely or shielding to let them know they are supported. Bedfordshire Hospitals Trust are also suggesting wearing rainbow colours on Monday 6th July and posting your photo's online with the hashtags: #ldhfundraising #nhsbirthday.

DATES FOR THE DIARY



Sun 5 th July	5pm Clap for NHS 72 nd Birthday
6 th July-10 th July:	FIT FOR LIFE WEEK
Mon 6 th July	9-11am CLICK AND COLLECT LIBRARY
Weds 8 th July:	Virtual Sports Day
Thurs 8 th July	9-11am CLICK AND COLLECT LIBRARY
Fri 9 th July:	Charity Run. Presentation 2pm
13 th - 17 th July:	TUTOR ASSEMBLIES