



Sandprint- Tuesday 14th July 2020

Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our last but one Covid-19 newsletter. There will be one more before we break up for the summer holiday.

Return to School in September – End of year letter

A separate end of year letter will shortly be sent to all of our families. This is an important document which contains information on how the school will operate on our return. There is more detail to come, and this will be sent directly to students later this week so that they can prepare for September start.

Fit for Life Week

I would like to thank the PE staff again for organising Fit for Life Week. We had over 6000 individual activities completed by staff, students and the community together with 632 finishes in charity run and £2500 raised so far. Whilst it is not quite the same as being in school, it is still really impressive engagement. Well done to all of you for taking part and congratulations to Newton House again, who won both cups this year.

Prize giving assemblies

It has been wonderful to see all our students this week and great to award a number of prizes. Congratulations to all of the prize winners this year. Here are some photos of the assemblies in action.

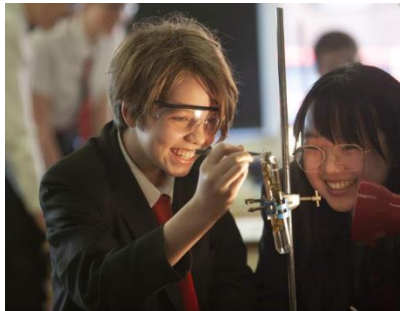




With best wishes,

Mr Gray

REAL SCHOOLS GUIDE 2020: SANDRINGHAM RANKED #4 IN HERTFORDSHIRE



Sandringham has been ranked the 4th best state-funded secondary school in Herts according to a comprehensive new guide. In its eight year, The Real Schools Guide (compiled by Reach's data unit) aims to give a comprehensive picture of schools in the area. It takes into account 51 different data points - including not just GCSE results and Attainment 8 scores but also factors like Progress 8, pupil-teacher ratios and absence rates. You can read the full article here [Herts School Survey Link](#) but another excellent result for Sandringham School where students and staff all work exceptionally hard to make it a successful and nurturing school to be at.

MESSAGE FROM MS PITSILLIS RE REPORTS

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



PE NEWS: INDIVIDUAL AWARDS AND STAFF CHARITY RUN RESULTS



A huge well done to all of the winners of the Individual Sports Awards this year. We know that it has not been quite the end to the season everyone hoped for, but it has been great to see you staying active and home and the PE Faculty are very proud of all your hard work. Attached is a full list of all the Individual Winners with special mention going to the following:

Team of the Year:

Mike Cooke Cup for Sporting Performance of the Year:

Most Improved Performer of the Year:

Josh Faraway Shield for Sporting Endeavour:

Sports Performers of the Year:

Year 10 Girls Football

Chris Smith

Max Emmett

Alice Paul

Marelie Raath and Peter Awuku



A huge thank you as well to everyone who took part in Friday's annual Charity Run (whether you were running, walking, cheering your tutor team on!) and the PE Faculty for all their hard work. We have raised a total of £2485 (99% of our target - £15 more to reach £2500!) which is a fantastic achievement and we loved seeing all of your videos and pictures of you completing the even. You can still watch all of the footage from Fit for Life week @SandringhamPE and there is still time to give [Fit For Life Week Feedback](#) and donate to our chose charity, Mind, on <https://justgiving.com/fundraising/sandcharityrun>.

Thank you also to all of the staff who took part as well. The results are in and Gold went to Mrs Holian/Miss Wills and Mr Cracknell, Silver to Mr Bailey and Bronze to Mrs Bartlett and Mr Clarke.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: LARA R (9H)



Congratulations to Lara R in 9H who won the Let's Dance Senior trophy. Usually the award is given to the best performer in the annual show but, with the event cancelled, the teachers instead voted for the student who has most improved. She was awarded for attitude and aptitude before and during lockdown. Well done Lara, a great achievement!

MATHEMATICS NEWS: ONLINE UKMT JUNIOR CHALLENGE

A huge congratulations to some of our Year 7 and 8's following their fantastic results in the recent online UKMT Junior Mathematical Challenge. After an hour of rigorous problem-solving mathematics, a huge hoard of 4 gold, 12 silver and 33 bronze award certificates were achieved. Special congratulations in particular go to Harry P for achieving the Best in School award and Alice S for achieving the Best in Year award. We are extremely proud of all our participants, well done everybody.



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Mathematics Trust

MUSIC NEWS: FREE TALKING SHAKESPEARE SESSIONS



From this week, you can watch Dame Judi Dench, David Tennant and other major stars in @TheRSC's new online series, Talking Shakespeare. The sessions are free of charge and will discuss the artists experience of performing Shakespeare at the RSC and beyond. They will be running weekly on a Monday between 5-6pm. To find out more please go to.

<https://officiallondontheatre.com/news/dame-judi-dench-david-tennant-to-feature-in-new-rsc-online-series/>

SCIENCE NEWS: SUMMER SCIENCE SPECTACULAR WITH ROYAL SOCIETY

All this week, the Royal Society in London is hosting the Summer Science Exhibition online. You can go on an Expedition to Antarctica, ask experts questions about space, participate with online experiments, learn about what animals think and join in the Big Summer Science quiz with all the family. There is something for everyone. Please go to the link below for more details.

<https://royalsociety.org/science-events-and-lectures/2020/summer-science-online/>



DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD UPDATE FROM MRS CUNEEN

The PDF attached outlines guidance from the Award with hyperlinks to the DofE website with suggestions for activities and FAQs.



Bronze enrolment

We will be launching DofE with Year 10 (current year 9) in September. Details to follow at the beginning of next term. We usually launch the Award in April but this has been delayed this year. It is possible to backdate activities if your son/daughter regularly complete an activity which could count towards their volunteering/physical/skill. Email me on dofe@sandringham.herts.sch.uk for further information.

Current Bronze/Silver

Many of our Bronze and Silver participants are in a good position with their Awards and have been able to continue to work towards their completing their activities. If you are struggling to complete your sections because you are no longer able to attend the activities due to COVID 19 then please look at the guidance on Google Classroom for further guidance. The attached PDF should help guide you. If in doubt, please email for advice. At the moment we are unable to confirm when the expeditions will take place as overnight trips are not permitted by Department of Education at this time. We will update you as soon as we have any further information.

Gold

Miss Borman has been in regular contact with Gold participants and the attached PDF may be of some use in helping you complete your activities.

DRIVE IN MOVIES, FITNESS & WELLNESS AT HATFIELD HOUSE

From now until the 2nd August, The Screen Space, are bringing a brand-new outdoor experience to Hatfield House with a great line-up of outdoor activities ranging from fitness and wellness to picnic and drive-in movie entertainment on a giant LED screen. Award-winning movies range from Incredibles 2, The Lion King to A Star is Born all being shown during the afternoon and into the evening and you can bring along your own picnic or buy refreshments onsite (popcorn for children and cocktails for adults.) There will also be a range of fitness instructors bringing exercise and wellness classes so something for everyone. You can read more about what is on offer here [Haftield House Schedule](#) or buy tickets here. [Tickets from The Screen Space](#)



MISS POTTER'S TALKING POINT: WHAT'S IN A WORD?



Today, I'd like you to think about words and their histories. No doubt, you've Googled your name before, wondering what it means, where it comes from, if the meaning suits your personality...

Etymology, as you will know, is the study of the history of words. Etymologists study languages with a long, written history gathering knowledge about words' origins, how usage has changed and when they entered that language. Take 'coronavirus', as an example. This word is relatively new to us, but its roots go back to Latin. 'Corona' comes from the Latin 'crown, garland', and relates to the spikes that protrude from the virus' membrane. The 'virus' part of the word comes from the Latin for 'poison', which is consistent throughout the 14th -20th century, until an additional meaning is formed in 1972, this meaning telling you that your computer is going to break!

Another topical example for you (and a personal favourite), the word 'education'. The word 'education' has its roots in Latin, with two different roots - 'educare' meaning 'to train or mold' and 'educere' meaning 'to draw out'. This word root, considering it was first used in the Middle English period (11th-15th century) still perfectly summarises what an education should be: the gradual drawing out of skills and strengths.

As this school year comes to an end, the Latin root of education seems more significant than ever. Each year of school is an opportunity to 'draw out' strengths and develop new skills. Hopefully, you can reflect on your continued development this year and be proud of all that you have achieved whether that's an academic or personal. So, on that note, enjoy a long summer of reading and talking about language!



MESSAGE FROM FoSSs: QUIZ THIS THURS AND SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE 25th JULY

There will be a second-hand uniform sale on Saturday 25th July at midday outside the school gates. If you have good quality outgrown school uniform, this can be delivered to Amanda Lavallin at 15 Skyswood Road, St Albans beforehand. *Please note they **don't need any shirts trousers or ties** * All money raised goes to FoSS.



There is also still time to sign up for the end of term free FoSSs virtual quiz on Thursday 16th July 7pm till 8.30pm. There will be a fun mix of questions for all the family including a TripAdvisor round, Gaming and TV - and of course a music round...with a difference. To join in please email your Team Name to our new email address: fosspta@email.com and they will send the meeting details and picture quiz rounds to the teams shortly. The entry is free but any donation would be gratefully received : Foss Acc no 60441589, sort code 20 74 09. They look forward to seeing you online.

OLLIE FOUNDATION WORKSHOPS: SUPPORT OVER THE SUMMER



The OLLIE Foundation have some great opportunities to support students' and families wellbeing and mental health over the summer holidays. In collaboration with **iheart**, they are offering a **FREE 10 session summer programme for students in Yrs 5 & 6 and Years 10 & 11**. Places are limited to 20 on each session and are booking fast.

The details for the Year 10 and 11 sessions are: **10 x 1hr Sessions at 12:15pm ONLINE** using ZOOM **Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays** in first 3 weeks of August. Followed by a Graduation day on 24th August! **Dates to diarise: August 3rd, 5th, 7th, 10th, 12th, 14th, 17th, 19th, 21st, 24th**. **To book:** <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/112823795008> or feel free to contact me directly at vicky@theolliefoundation.org.

HERTS YOUNG HOMELESS: FUNDRAISING IDEAS

As you may be aware, charities are struggling with fundraising due to social distancing restrictions. Herts Young Homeless estimate that they make a shortfall of around £100,000 which supports their vital services in Herts. As such, they have two easy fundraising ideas that you can take part in from the comfort of your own home.



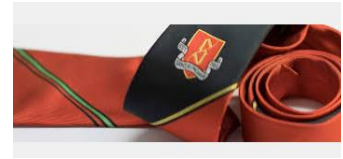
Be a superhero for hyh on Friday 17th July: They are asking people across Herts to dress up as their own superhero at home, work or school and help them in the fight to end homelessness. For a suggested donation of £5, you will receive your very own superhero pack with downloadable masks for you to wear. All info can be found on their website: <https://www.hyh.org.uk/be-a-super-hero-for-the-day>

FUN-draising in the Sun! They have also created a list of ideas to encourage young people to find ways they can get involved during their summer holiday. Some more information about our fundraising ideas can be found on our website: <https://www.hyh.org.uk/virtual-fundraising>



LOST PROPERTY: PLEASE COLLECT BEFORE THE END OF TERM

There is some lost property for collection in Student Services. If you have lost something, please come and check before 1pm each day until Thursday 16th July. Any items not collected before 1pm on this date will unfortunately be destroyed.



DATES FOR THE DIARY



Tues 14 th - Fri 17 th :	TUTOR ASSEMBLIES
Thurs 16 th July:	7pm FoSs VIRTUAL QUIZ
Fri 17 th July:	LAST DAY OF TERM
Sat 25 th July:	Midday- Second Hand Uniform Sale