



## **Sandprint- Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020**

Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

I would like to begin by mentioning Ayaan Hussain. We have all been deeply shocked at the news of his death last week, following a short illness. Ayaan was a wonderful student who gave so much to the school in his time with us and will be remembered fondly by everyone. His tutor group, 8J are coming in to school later today to spend time together reflecting on Ayaan, and there will be a Google Meet assembly on Thursday morning for year 8 students at 8.30 a.m. We will have a book of condolences in school later in the week and if you would like to write a message, please put it on a small (post-card sized) piece of paper so that we can add to the book. Our deepest sympathy goes to his family and we will support them as best we can in the coming months.

### **Return to school plans -September 2020**

We await an announcement from the Government at some point later this week on the guidelines for secondary schools opening in September. Two weeks ago, it was announced that all students will return to school in September, however we are still unclear on exactly how they can return. Hopefully the messages later this week will add this level of detail so that we can plan properly for September.

Our current plan is shown below: *(this is subject to change, should the guidelines be more stringent than is currently thought)*

<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020</b>	<b>Whole staff training (no students in school)</b>
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020 only</b>	<b>Induction day for Year 7 and 12 students only</b>
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2020</b>	<b>Whole school begins: Years 7 – 13 all in</b>

We have discussed at length how best to start the year. As you know, both year 7 and 12 will have missed their on-site induction days and we feel it is appropriate to hold these on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. For year 7, it will be their chance to learn where everything is and find their way around the campus. For year 12, it will be the first time we will have met them all together, including the students joining from other schools, so it will be important to develop relationships, finalise timetables and settle them all in.

I realise this means that year 8, 9, 10,11 and 13 students will have a further day to wait before returning to school on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September, but there will be material sent home for them to work on during Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> as a virtual induction. Friday morning sessions 1 and 2 will be tutor time prior to lessons starting after break.

### **Arrangements for the last week of term.**

Dr. Creaby has finalised arrangements for the last week of term and there are more details further in this Newsletter detailing all of the Tutor Group meetings for years 7-10.

On Friday morning, the last day of term, there will be a **whole-school Google Meet assembly for everyone**. You will receive notification on how to log on in the last week and the assembly will begin at 9.00 a.m. This assembly will give you a final update on what will happen in September as well as to reflect on the year, complete the House Competition and say farewell to staff who are leaving the school. We will also hear from our new head boy and head girl. I look forward to seeing you all then.

### **GCSE and A-level results days**

Our lovely year 11 and 13 students will receive their GCSE and A-level results in August on two separate results days, as is usual. We are still unclear on the social distancing measures likely to be in place at this time, however the current plan is for students to come in to school on their results day to collect their results. The Main School Hall will be used as the venue this year. It has been an incredibly challenging time for year 11 and 13 who were left 'high and dry' in March with no examinations to sit so we will use this as an opportunity to celebrate properly with them. Mrs. Oakes (assistant headteacher) will coordinate this activity and inform students directly with the detail of dates and times.

### **Year 7 induction evening**

Yesterday evening our new year 7 students and their families logged in to a live introduction to the virtual induction programme, put together by Mr. Kemp. Almost all students joined me at 5.30 p.m. for the start of their induction and they then worked through the other activities designed to help them make the best possible start in September. This information is all available on our web site should you be interested in watching it.

### **Secondary Transfer for September 2021**

We have cancelled our Open Evening that would have taken place next Monday, and this is being replaced by a suite of virtual material that will be uploaded to the web site before and after the holiday. There are two key dates for uploads to the web site:

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July** : uploads of our new school film (currently in production) and the new school prospectus.

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September** : uploads of the new virtual tour of the school, the Headteachers speech and presentation (including input from students) and a key information pack with latest examination results.

The school will also hold a number of Open Mornings (subject to Covid-19 restrictions) to provide more opportunity to learn about Sandringham prior to making decisions on secondary transfer.

There is plenty more to read in the newsletter today. Enjoy!

Best wishes

Mr. Gray

## ARTS WEEK: MANY MORE EXCITING WORKSHOPS

It has been a fantastic start to Arts Week 2020 with many students engaging in Dance, Drama or Art activities. There have been Q+A sessions with six ex-dance students at University, a Workshop with English National Ballet dancer Matthew Astley and a West End Dance Workshop for Years 7-9 with Emily Goodenough. There are still so many more exciting activities on for the rest of the week including Q&A sessions with composer Stuart Hancock, a 'Beyonce' workshop, Theatre Workshops, a Live Virtual Choir, Live Sandwich Series, Our World Dance show, Our World Challenges showcase for Art and much, much more.



Please do share with us your photos, videos and creations to the googledrive folder on the assembly powerpoint and see the timetable attached for the next few days. On Tuesday and Friday, the Sandpits Theatre are opening up their archives and sharing the past productions (see below) so why not invite friends over, get the popcorn ready or create an outdoor cinema to watch one of these fabulous performances.

## FIT FOR LIFE WEEK MON 6<sup>TH</sup> JULY- FRI 10<sup>TH</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup>:** Usual school days on our VLC with all physical activity and wellbeing sessions for the whole school community at **15:00** each day.
- **Wednesday 8th :** Virtual Sports Day and all students will be off timetable.
  - The instructions for the day are available here [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 9<sup>th</sup>:** [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 the 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](#)

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

As mentioned in the last Sandprint, we are looking forward to hosting tutor assemblies in the final week of term. I am pleased to share the time of each tutor assembly which you can find in the document attached. This information will also be shared with students in their year group Google Classrooms.



Tutor group assemblies will last for approximately 30 minutes and include updates from tutors and a scaled back prize giving. It will provide a great opportunity for students to see one another and their tutor face to face before the summer break. 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 as normal and completing their school work. We are all looking forward to seeing you all.

### **A MESSAGE FROM THE THEATRE: SANDPIT THEATRE STREAMS!**



Here at the SandPit Theatre, we have missed everyone and thought what better way to celebrate Arts Week than diving into our vault of productions? We have chosen some brilliant productions for you that we hope you will enjoy!

Kicking off today is a production celebrating 15 years of The SandPit Theatre, filmed in 2016, called **Vaudeville**. This production was written by the Arts team here at Sandringham and with Sandringham Jazz Band playing it is a treat to share it with you! Featuring a collection of brilliant songs from different musicals and a story showcasing the range of productions Sandringham has performed, see the theatre like you have never seen it before!

You can access the stream here <https://vimeo.com/sandpiththeatre/streams> and the password is **vaudeville**. Please note this is only available for 48 hours and will disappear Friday morning ready for our second trip into the Vault! If you want 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!

## **STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: RHIA (7E) FOR HER AMAZING BAKING**



A huge well done to Rhia in 7E for her amazing contribution during E Week. Rhia spent 4 hours baking her flip-flop cake titled "Strolling along the beach" getting each individual aspect perfect, and another hour cleaning up! We are sure you will agree that the final result is absolutely stunning and we bet it tasted delicious too. Well done Rhia! A Great British Bake off contender in the making!

## **HERTS JAZZ HIVE AT HOME: THURS 2<sup>nd</sup> JULY @ 4.45pm**

Specialist tutors from Herts Jazz Hive are running a series of webinars and weekly challenges and guidance on playing music through their website. You can explore improvisation techniques or learn at your own pace, with new resources and videos with tips and guidance added each week. The sessions are available to everyone-no prior jazz experience needed so just click on the link below to find out more and join in. <http://www.hertsmusicservice.org.uk/jazz>



## **OLLIE FOUNDATION WORKSHOP: TUES 7<sup>TH</sup> JULY @ 6PM**



The OLLIE foundation are running a Parenting Webinar with Dr. John Coleman on Tuesday 7th July 6pm - 7.05pm. This is for parents for advice on how to:

- Be informed about the impact of the pandemic on teenagers
- Have some ideas about how to approach any problems that have arisen
- Consider how to improve communication with their children

The discussion will run for 45 mins followed by a 20 mins Q & A. To book your place on the webinar, please go to: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/111526063458>

## MISS POTTER'S TALKING POINT: CONVERSATION FILLERS



This week, uh, I'd like you to have a conversation, like, about, erm, fillers, yeah.

Not the nicest of sentences to read, but if you heard it in conversation, you might not even notice some of the extra words. Expressions such as "erm, um, uh, right, y'know, like, as I said" are called fillers, or discourse markers.

These words often get a bad rep, people like banning them and associate them with stupidity. But how wrong they are! Fillers are an important part of speech because they signal to the listener in the conversation that the speaker needs to pause to think but hasn't yet finished talking.

They can also be used to help us appear more polite. Imagine if you asked someone to the cinema and they just said "No", you'd probably think they were very rude. If they had said "Erm, well, um, sorry", you would probably be much more understanding.

Over dinner this week, why not listen out for "um, uh, like, y'know", see which family member is using them most, and perhaps ask – politely! – whether they realised they were doing it! I bet you notice the younger members of the family using "like" most often, particularly when telling a story.

And you might be wondering if there is ever a time to avoid fillers? Yes, job interviews, formal settings and if you're ever asked why your shirt is untucked and your homework's late!



## #GOPLASTICFREE IN JULY CHALLENGE

More than 8 million tonnes of plastic are dumped in our oceans every year. Half of it comes from disposable plastics which are only used once before being thrown away. With this in mind, the Marine Conservation Society are encouraging people to get involved with the #GoPlasticFree Challenge in July and try to reduce their usage. Their website has lots of tips such as reusing plastic bags as bin liners, buying loose rather than pre-packaged fruit and using bamboo cutlery/toothbrushes instead of plastic ones. For more information visit <https://www.mcsuk.org/campaigns/plastic-challenge-faq>



## **NATIONAL THEATRE FREE SHOWING OF A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM**



Theatre and the Arts are a positive force for our community in turbulent times and with the coronavirus pandemic causing the closure of all Theatres, the National Theatre Live is currently showing various productions online. One of these is a brilliant production of A Midsummer Night's Dream (a text often covered in the English Curriculum) and this is a great opportunity to watch a funny, modern production with stunning sets and acrobatics, from the comfort of your own home. Please click on the link below to watch. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Punzs5sHto>

### **DATES FOR THE DIARY**

Tues 30<sup>th</sup>-Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> July: ARTS WEEK CONTINUES (see attached)  
Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> July 9-11am CLICK AND COLLECT LIBRARY  
6<sup>th</sup> July-10<sup>th</sup> July: FIT FOR LIFE WEEK  
13<sup>th</sup>- 17<sup>th</sup> July: TUTOR ASSEMBLIES (see attached)

