



**Sandprint- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2020**

Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

I hope you all enjoyed the weekend.

I would like to start by thanking Ms Meeking and all the arts staff for staging Arts Week last week. The variety of activities and engagement from you all was wonderful to see and I hope you all enjoyed the experience. On the Friday we were treated to a live music concert and then the summer dance show and links to both of these are further on in the Newsletter. Amazing talent from all of the performers and what a great way to finish Arts Week.

No doubt you have all been busy keeping fit with Fit for Life Week. Tomorrow is Virtual Sports day which kicks off with an introduction from the PE staff. Throughout the day there will be live updates on progress culminating in presenting the house sports day award to the winning house. And then on Friday, we have the annual Charity Run. This is now in its 15<sup>th</sup> year and I have participated in every one so far. So, I look forward to seeing you all in action during the day, including plenty of fancy-dress outfits!

### **Examination results – Summer 2020**

Mrs. Oakes is finalising details of the two results days this summer, A-level and GCSE. We plan to use the main Sports Hall for both days, to provide a large venue for the safe distribution of results. For A-level, we will provide you with the opportunity to get support for your next steps – whether they be University or other. The team of specialist sixth form staff will be available to help you. With GCSE, the sixth form staff will also be on hand on results day itself, and the following day to support you with sixth form enrolment. This will be an exciting but nervous time for everyone; however we are here to help.

### **Start of Term – Autumn 2020**

We will be sending out details of the start of term in the Friday edition of the newsletter, and they will be repeated in the end of year letter to go out next week. We will also publish these on the web site to make sure that everyone knows what is happening. Of course, our plans might have to change if the National picture is different, but for now we will assume things can operate as planned.

Enjoy the rest of the newsletter

With best wishes

Alan Gray

## **FIT FOR LIFE WEEK: LOTS OF ACTIVITIES TO JOIN IN WITH**



Fit for Life Week got off to a fantastic start yesterday with Pilates, Body Conditioning, and HIIT Training Sessions and Talks on How to fix a bike puncture, Working in international sports events, Being a Bounce fitness instructor and Eating well. Today there is more HIIT training, Ballet, Running Drills, and Talks with a Wasps Netball Coach, Double Decathlon Champions, and on the topics of Wellbeing, Football Scouting, and Obesity. A HUGE thank you to the PE Faculty for organising such a fun-packed, energetic week and to other staff members who have given up their time to provide talks. The full [Timetable](#) for the week is available here.

This year, the School is 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

- **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 8<sup>th</sup> :** Virtual Sports Day with all students off timetable.
  - Instructions here for [Virtual Sports Day](#) including demonstration videos.
  - Live Results throughout the day via live Google meet stream at 3 key intervals
  - [Certificates](#) (Emailed) for winning Sandringham students. HPs for participation.
- **Friday 9<sup>th</sup>:** [Virtual Charity Run](#) with all students off timetable again.
  - Run/ walk 5km (3.1miles) remotely (9:00-14:00)
  - Mass participation encouraged, including fancy dress and sharing of activity via social channels
  - Please track run/ walk with exercise apps such as Strava.
  - Live results at 14:45 via Google meet stream
  - All participants can download/print their [virtual medal](#)

### **INDIVIDUAL SPORTS AWARD WINNERS: FOLLOW @SandringhamPE FOR RESULTS.**



Throughout this week the PE Faculty will also be announcing their Individual Sports Award Winners for the season. Yesterday was the turn of Football and today is Basketball. We know it has not been quite the end to the season that everyone hoped for, but congratulations to everyone who has taken part in Sandringham sporting fixtures this year, and especially to all the winners announced this week, for their hard work. Follow [@SandringhamPE](#) for more details.

## **VISUAL ARTS NEWS: OUR QUILT 2020 PROJECT EXTENDED UNTIL SEPTEMBER**



The Visual Arts Faculty have been so impressed with the beautiful contributions that you have all made so far for the quilt project. You have been really busy! Please do take a look at their Instagram page to view some of the lovely squares that have come in so far. @our\_quilt\_2020

They are aware that many of you are still working away on your piece. With this in mind, they have decided that we will collect in all the squares in the first full week back in September. That will give everyone chance to complete their work and maybe even make another square!

Please make sure that you put your piece somewhere safe until September ready to bring into school.

## **DANCE NEWS: SUMMER DANCE SHOW LINK**

Miss Davies and Miss Meeking are extremely proud of what the students have been getting up to over this difficult time, especially for dancers who love to be in the studio with their 'dance family' and closely interacting with one another. The link below will take you to the summer dance show, which we are sure you will agree is amazing. A montage of the past 15 weeks from lessons, events and clubs starts at 1.01.50 and it really showcases how amazing our students are. We hope it makes everyone smile and that you enjoy watching it.

<https://vimeo.com/sandpittheatre/summerdance> Password = ourworld



## **DRAMA NEWS: FINAL DRAMA CLUB ON THURSDAY 9<sup>th</sup> JULY**



The Drama Faculty have been so impressed with all of the effort that students are putting into their work and clubs. Just a reminder that it is the final Drama club of the year on Thursday and everyone is welcome! They will be playing lots of games and practising Drama skills so join in the fun.

## **MATHEMATICS NEWS: VIRTUAL SUMMER SHOW THURSDAY 9<sup>th</sup> JULY 1.30pm- 3pm**



The Mathematics Faculty have registered for places at the first Virtual Summer Show, on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July between 1.30pm and 3pm. It is a joint venture between 'Maths Inspiration' and 'The Advanced Mathematics Support Programme' and will be broadcast live on YouTube. The link to the show will be shared with all students in years 9, 10 and 11 on Thursday. Students in other year groups are welcome to watch-please ask your Mathematics teacher for the link. It will be recorded and available for one week after the live broadcast. The show promises to reveal mathematical curiosities from the world of music, sport, games, and lotteries. There will be puzzles and quizzes, a chance to ask questions, and an opportunity to win a fantastic prize for yourself and for your school. We hope you are inspired by the show.

## **MUSIC NEWS: LIVE SANDWICH SERIES CONCERT**

For anyone that missed the LIVE Sandwich Series Concert last Friday, a recording was made and you can view it by clicking [here](#). A huge thank you to all the performers and to Mrs Beaton for putting together such a wonderful Series of Concerts.



## **STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: LILLIE-JOAN C (7F)**



A huge well done to Lillie-Joan C from 7F who won the Earth day competition for a piece of school work she completed recently, and to her little sister Evie who also won with her blossom tree. As a family, they have been joining in with the St Albans Rainbow trails, displaying their artwork in windows and on two occasions Lillie has made it into the local paper Herts Advertiser. What a great achievement Lillie and a lovely way to spend time as a family and spread some joy to others in difficult times. If you'd like to feature in the Student Spotlight section of another edition please email [Melissa.holian@sandringham.hert.sc.uk](mailto:Melissa.holian@sandringham.hert.sc.uk)

## **YC HERTS SUPPORT: CAREERS, EMPLOYMENT AND EMOTIONAL WELLBEING**



YC Herts are providing support on:

- Options after Year 11,
- Careers guidance
- Advice on finding employment/training
- Emotional wellbeing
- Support around any other aspects of life.

If you would like to speak to them please text the word CAREERS or SUPPORT followed by your name, age and school to **07860 065195** or email [yc.stalbans@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:yc.stalbans@hertfordshire.gov.uk) or Call **01442 454060**

## **PARENT VOLUNTEER NEEDED IN SEPT FOR BTEC ENTERPRISE COURSE**

Next Year's year 10 BTEC Enterprise students will need to investigate contrasting small businesses, and as such, the Business Faculty are looking for a local entrepreneur in to talk to them in September. Ideally, they need someone from a local business who might come in and talk to 20 (socially distanced!) year 10s about their business. This could be a hairdresser, pub or restaurant owner, shop owner, estate agent – any small business which could be explained to our level 2 BTEC Enterprise students. If coming in was not possible, a webchat could also work. The students need to find out about things like:

- Size, location and purpose of the business,
- Skills and motivations of the owner
- How the business is marketed
- Ways in which they behave ethically
- Customer service/ Dealing with Competition etc.

If you know of anybody who may be available please contact [admin@sandringham.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@sandringham.herts.sch.uk)



## **MESSAGE FROM FOSS: UNIFORM DONATIONS & VIRTUAL QUIZ THURS 16<sup>th</sup> JULY AT 7pm**



To celebrate the end of term, FOSS are hosting a free family quiz for all students and families. It will be held virtually over Zoom and take place on Thursday 16th June 7pm till 8.30pm. There will be a fun mix of rounds for all the family so make sure you have a mix of ages! To join in please email your Team Name to the new email address: [FOSSpta@email.com](mailto:FOSSpta@email.com) and they will send the meeting details and picture quiz rounds to the teams next week. Entry is free but any donation is gratefully received: Foss Acc no 60441589, sort code 20 74 09.

Uniform donations and good quality revision guide donations are also still being collected at 15 Skyswood Road. All money raised goes to Fo\$.s.

## **FOOD WRITING COMPETITION: CLOSES WEDS 8<sup>th</sup> JULY.**



If you are a budding writer who is fascinated by food, then why not enter The Week Junior's Young Food Writer of the Year 2020 competition? All you need to do is write a short story around the theme of "Food and Heroes". The hero could be anyone you want – a friend or relative, a sports person, a historical figure, or someone fictional. Whoever it is, write about what role food plays in their life. There are three age categories and winners receive:

an invite to the prestigious Guild of Food Writers Awards ceremony in October, publication in several magazines, £100 book token per category and cookery books. The competition closes on Weds 8<sup>th</sup> July so not long! Please visit <https://theweekjunior.co.uk/foodandheroes> for more details.

## **MISS POTTER'S TALKING POINT: TALKING LIKE A GIRL, TALKING LIKE A BOY**



I popped round to see my mum the other day (at a safe distance) and as we were chatting, my sister came in and said, "You're just talking over each other". I laughed and explained that this was typical of a lot of conversations, especially when both speakers are female. My sister wasn't convinced, but it got me thinking...

The effect of gender on language has been around since 1960s, roughly. The linguists then were trying to explain why females behaved differently in conversations than men. The expectations were that females were more focused on emotions and feelings; talking about home and family; showing they were listening with 'yeah' and 'mmm'; and overlapping their comments as the other speaker finished. Males, however, tended to talk factually; talk about facts and information; interrupt each other so they could talk; and speak for the longest time.

Looking back now, we can be confident saying that it's likely to be a result of social structures and expectations around gender and behaviour. We live in a more equal society now and it's widely accepted that context is what effects of speech most significantly. For example, a manager might start their meeting asking how their colleagues are, before moving onto discussing facts and statistics. This doesn't mean their gender has changed, simply that they must adjust their speech behaviours for the situation. But, it's interesting that some of the myths around the genders continue, how many times have you heard that 'women gossip more than men', that 'men don't talk as much as women', or girl is called 'chatty' but a boy is 'confident'?

Can you identify any of the following speech behaviours in your family's conversations? Do they generally conform to the gender expectations? Which speakers are using a combination of speech behaviours – the younger? Or the more 'powerful'?



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



The OLLIE foundation are running a Parenting Webinar with Dr. John Coleman tonight (Tues 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>

## **FUNDRAISING EVENT BY SANDRINGHAM STUDENT: SUNDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> JULY**

As you may be aware, charities are hugely underfunded at the moment as fundraising events during the time of Covid-19 are much more difficult. With this in mind, Year 12 student James Parkin is planning a 12-hour stream on the 12th July 2020 from 1pm to 1am with a live video broadcast where people can watch and interact via a chat feature. Throughout the 12-hour stream, he is aiming to raise money for Cancer Research UK which can either be donated through the channel or through his fundraiser page on the Cancer Research website. All information about donating will be provided in the stream.



James himself will be the front of the charity stream and throughout it he will be arranging various mini games or challenges against his viewers. As well as this he will be donating money himself if he loses. He will also be doing various things when certain donation goals are reached for example waxing his legs as well as many other things. The link below will take you to the channel <https://www.twitch.tv/jamesimp>. Please take the time to support James in this worthwhile cause if you can.

### **DATES FOR THE DIARY**



6 <sup>th</sup> July-10 <sup>th</sup> July:	FIT FOR LIFE WEEK
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> July	7pm OLLIE FOUNDATION WORKSHOP
Weds 8 <sup>th</sup> July:	Virtual Sports Day
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> July	9-11am CLICK AND COLLECT LIBRARY
	1.30pm-3pm Y9-11 Virtual Maths Show
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> July:	Charity Run. Presentation 2:45pm
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> July	CRUK Live Stream with James Parkin
13 <sup>th</sup> - 17 <sup>th</sup> July:	TUTOR ASSEMBLIES