

PARENT BULLETIN

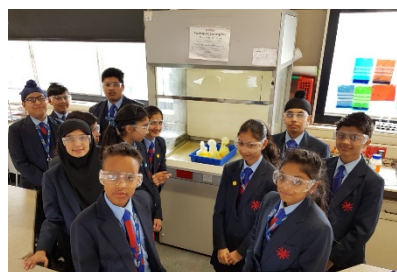
Week Ending: Friday 20th March 2020

Note from the Headteacher, Ms A Sharma:

This week our students and staff displayed a remarkably positive and calm attitude during some unprecedented circumstances. We also said farewells to our Year 11 and 13 students who had shown a tremendously focused approach towards their preparation for the final exams which have now been cancelled. It is disappointing for both students and staff that they will not be able to get a chance to show their potential under exam conditions but we have every confidence that our staff already know what our students are capable of and will be able to accurately predict the outcomes. We hope to see most of Year 11 when the school opens in our Sixth Form and wish all the best to our Year 13 pupils for their futures.

Please note that school will be open on Monday to our key workers' children and our vulnerable students. Those students who normally get a free school meal will be receiving a message about how that provision is going to continue whilst the school is closed. Please phone the school if you have not received the message.

Science Club – Elephants' toothpaste:



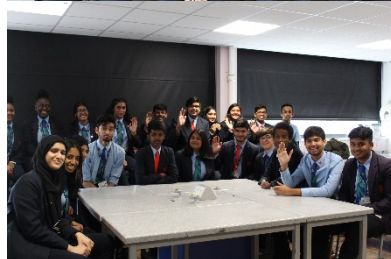
Our KS3 scientists made elephants' toothpaste within the science laboratory. They learnt about elephants. Prince William is the patron of 'Tusk Trust' and has supported education about elephants. Did you know that elephants have 26 teeth? Their incisors form tusks which are useful tools for ripping bark, digging up roots and moving things that are in the way. They can grow as long as 6.5 feet (2 metres). Elephants are polyphyodonts – animals that replace their chewing teeth six times in a lifetime.

Ealing Connexions:

Ealing Connexions service that runs in Ealing and Villiers High School will continue to support students, families and carers if they need Information, Advice, during school closure. Please

feel free to email pbedi@villiers.ealing.sch.uk.

Farewell to Year 11 students:



(Message from Mr Williams, HOY11): It is with a very heavy heart that we say goodbye to Year 11 students this week. After 5 years of working hard and contributing so positively to the school community, it is a shame that they are leaving us under these unprecedented circumstances. However, it should not distract us from all the positive experiences they have had over their journey at Villiers. These include meeting everyone and each other on Transition Day where they

participated in some lessons and took part in a mini sports day, their first days at Villiers in Year 7, meeting and making new friends, their first school trips, rewards assemblies, the end of year trips to Thorpe Park and Brighton, various Sports Days they have been involved in, representing the school in various sports teams, Parents Evenings and Options Evenings. They have also been able to experience work experience mock interviews, 'Career Day' workshops, 'Duke of Edinburgh' expeditions, 'Debate Mate', being Form and School reps, taking part in 'Be Her Lead', being part of the team at Christmas and summer concerts, English trips to the Theatre, Art and Photography trips to the Wallace Collection and the V&A, DT trips, Science trips to various universities, History trips to the Tower of London, Geography field trips to Windsor, Multi-Cultural an end of year trip to Chessington World of Adventures and Construction Challenge Workshop with Berkeley Homes at Southall Waterside. We have had guest speakers from the world of industry, the NCS, medicine and charities talking about their experiences and

how they work as teams and communities.

Everything they have experienced during their time at Villiers has helped to shape our students into the amazing, caring and compassionate people they are today. It has been a pleasure and an immense honour to have been their Head of Year since the beginning of their Villiers journey and I will miss each and every single one of them. They all have the capacity to go on and do great things in their lives and I know that they will all be a success in whatever they choose to do. Good luck everyone and hopefully we will see the majority of you back in September for the Sixth form.

Farewell to Year 13 students:



We also say goodbye to our Year 13 students this week. We wish them all the very best of luck for the future lives and careers. It has been a huge pleasure having them as members of the Villiers community.