

PARENT BULLETIN

Week Ending: Friday 18th September 2020

Note from the Headteacher, Ms A Sharma:

It has been fantastic to have all the year groups in school now over the last two weeks. I am really pleased to see how everyone has settled into their routines. Visitors have commented on the calm atmosphere when they visit the school and the focus that they have seen in the classroom.

Please be aware of COVID-19 symptoms: fever greater than 37.8°C, a new persistent cough, lack or change of taste/smell. If you or your child develop any of these symptoms they should stay at home and book a coronavirus test as soon as possible. You should also contact the school and notify us of your child's absence.

You should then notify us when you receive your test results and email us these to info@villiers.ealing.sch.uk. Finally, I would ask two things of parents: please encourage your children to travel home directly at the end of the day, rather than wait (in what becomes a "large gathering" of different 'bubbles') **and** please do not come to the reception area unless by prior appointment. For example, we have had a significant number of parents bringing in forgotten PE kits, lunch and text books. These visits should not be taking place in the current circumstances.

The Pearson National Teaching Awards: Villiers High School wins Silver Award for 'Making a Difference - Secondary School of the Year':



Silver Award Plaque for 'Making a Difference - Secondary School of the Year 2020'



Ms Sharma (centre) with (from L-R) Governors, Ms Chughtai, Mrs Elmi, Mrs Mee, Mrs Grewal, Mr Rees and Mr Virdee



Members of the school council



Ms Sharma with (from L-R) Miss Panesar, Mr Williams, Mr Nandi, Mr Singh and Miss Lallian

Selected from thousands of nominations across the country, Villiers High School is one of the Silver Award winners. Villiers High School was honoured with a Silver Award in The Award for Making a Difference - Secondary School of the Year for their outstanding commitment to changing the lives of the children they work with every day.

Villiers High School is recognised as a 'school for all' that embraces students from many countries and with many languages at the

heart of its Southall community.

The school has transformed its reputation from failing to a highly subscribed hub for learning valued by students, staff and parents. In May 2019, the school achieved its 'Outstanding' status in every category for the first time in its history and is now high-achieving, well respected, and over-subscribed.

Villiers High School is now in the running for one of just 14 Gold Awards later in the year, in a programme which will be broadcast on the BBC. This is a great opportunity to celebrate the exceptional school staff who have worked wonders during an incredibly challenging time for educators across the country.

The Pearson National Teaching Awards is an annual celebration of exceptional teachers, founded in 1998 by Lord Puttnam to recognise the life-changing impact an inspirational teacher can have on the lives of the young people they work with. This year marks its 22nd year of celebrating, award-winning teachers, teaching assistants, headteachers and lecturers across England, Wales, and Northern Ireland.

Year 7 IT survey

Please could all Year 7 parents and carers complete the attached survey regarding availability and home access to the internet and IT equipment. Please click [here](#) to complete the survey no later than Friday 25th September.

Bee ready!

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, the Year 7 Spelling Bee & Years 8 and 9 Translation Bee were cancelled last year. However, we are happy to announce that both competitions will now go ahead virtually this term. Listed below are the Y7 (now Y8) and Y9 (now Y10) winners from term one. Both competitions will take place at the end of October. These winners will be invited to join a virtual club on Google Classroom. Iqra, GCSE Spanish student in Y11, will be training the Spanish contestants. Aiswariya, GCSE French student, in Y11, will be training the French students.

Sixth form pupils:

Study Rooms: Rooms have been made available for students who need to remain in school during their free lessons. These are for students who have too far to travel home if they go off-site. Please encourage your child to use these rooms if there are spaces available. Once we have a final timetable, a full list of free rooms will be published.

Sixth Form Open Evening: Due to the current restrictions, we are unable to host prospective students and parents in school at our Sixth Form Open Evening on 24th September. However, we will be creating a virtual Open Day that will allow you to access information regarding the sixth form and look at the facilities we have on offer. More details to follow.

Parental Concerns:

If you have any issues or concerns about your child, then please contact their Head of Year in the first instance. If your issue, cannot be resolved and you would like meet with the Headteacher, please email info@villiers.ealing.sch.uk

Uniform:

Please ensure that your son / daughter complies with the School's uniform policy which includes no makeup or nail varnish as well as no 'extreme' haircuts i.e. nothing below Grade 2, no patterned haircuts and no large jewellery.

Timing of the school day:

Please be reminded that the school day starts at 08:25am every day and finishes at 3:10pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Fridays. On Thursday, school finishes at the slightly earlier time of 2:20pm.

ParentPay / Healthy Packed**Lunches:**

Please also remember to top up your child's ParentPay account before they return to school. This is a fully cashless school and we are unable to take payments except through ParentPay. Students can also bring a healthy packed lunch. Please avoid any fizzy drinks, crisps and chocolates and provide healthier snacks such as fruit, yoghurt and a sandwich or a wrap.

Social Media:

Please do not forget to follow our social media accounts on Twitter and Facebook for regular updates throughout the week as well as news, photos and other useful information. Our twitter handle is @VHSchool and search for the Villiers High School page on Facebook.