

PARENT BULLETIN

Week Ending: Friday 9th October 2020

Note from the Headteacher, Ms A Sharma:

We have been very pleased with our arrangements overall to keep different year groups in their own zones and minimize movement around the school. We will be reviewing these arrangements at the end of this half-term and amending as necessary to make the system run even more efficiently. We will notify you of any key changes in the coming weeks. Please ensure your child is wearing appropriate clothing for the damp colder weather. Have a great weekend.

Super Summer Readers:



Congratulations to our top twelve student summer readers. These students were nominated by their English teachers to receive a 'Super Summer Reader' pack, which included a £10 book token, certificate, postcard home and a brand new reading award. Each student has read constantly throughout the lockdown and summer break. Well done to everyone. Please continue to encourage your child to read as many types of book genres as possible.

Year 7: Abheek, Nesh, Awais

Year 8: Kelsi, Abdirahman, Muriel, Surea and Vaishnav

Year 9: Muhammed K, Kayden, Amadou and Johan



Extracurricular Club programme:

The Extracurricular Club programme has now restarted for this year. During this half term, clubs will run online through Google Classroom. Please encourage your child to join a club(s) of their choice by entering the Club Class Code on their Google Classroom. If they have any trouble with this, they can contact the club lead teacher for direction.

Available Clubs are:

- Cultural Book Club (CBC) with Ms K Alladice; Class Code: z2ed6ty
- Lego Learning with Ms Malhi and Mr Fernandes; Class Code: f36cwbb
- Happy Craft Club: Sewing and Crafts with Ms Nayyar; Class code: ndc43je
- Work Skills with Ms Viridi; Class code: sslpogf
- Cooking Club with Ms Agosto; Class code: t5q3ruj
- Science Fun Club with Ms Rathod and Mr Shah; Class code: hwiufjp
- Art Club with Ms Leedham; Class code: me246ak

Make sure your child signs up for more details and updates.

There are opportunities for competitions and awards within each club. Any questions should be addressed to Ms Lapinha or the lead teacher for the club.



University of Oxford: St John's Inspire Programme:

We are excited that we will be working again this year with Oxford University to deliver the St John's Inspire Programme with the same students who are now in Year 10. The programme encourages students with exceptional promise to aim high, to stretch themselves academically and to be confident in making well-founded applications to our top universities like Oxford. Under the current restrictions, arrangements are being made on how the programme will be implemented. More details will follow. Most of the workshops will be virtual.

Year 11 and Year 13 Focus Groups:

These are now up and running for pupils in order for them to have extra support to catch up to complement learning in the lessons. Please continue to

encourage your child to attend the scheduled focus groups. The attendance so far has been very good, so do encourage your child to keep up their efforts. We are in the process of planning further support and will update you about this over the coming weeks. Do contact your child's form tutor in the first instance if you have any concerns about their progress.

Sixth Form Punctuality:

Please ensure your child is leaving home in plenty of time to allow for temperature checks, hand sanitising and registration. They need to be in their rooms at the start of lesson. Punctuality is an important life skill they should be developing and keeping to at all times.

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.

Student Absence:

If your child will be absent from school, please let us know either by phoning the school number or sending an email. If you know that the absence will be for more than one day, please let us know the expected length of absence when you contact us. If the absence is only known on a day-to-day basis, please contact us at the start of each day of absence. Please call the attendance officer on 020 8867

9077 and you will be able to leave a voicemail message to let us know that your child will be absent from school.

Alternatively, you can send an email to

Studentabsence@villiers.ealing.sch.uk. Please include your child's name, their year group and, if possible, their tutor group. **Please ensure this is done by 8am each day.**