

## PARENT BULLETIN

**Week Ending: Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

### **Note from the Headteacher, Ms A Sharma:**

It was lovely to meet with the new School Council Representatives on Wednesday and I look forward to hearing the students' views on how we can improve our school even further.

Please note that it is mandatory for your child to bring a facial covering to school every day and if they don't, then they will have to buy one from the school office and parents will be charged £0.50 on Parent Pay.

If you or your child or any other family member who lives with you has tested positive for COVID19 please email the result to [cgleeson@villiers.ealing.sch.uk](mailto:cgleeson@villiers.ealing.sch.uk) as soon as possible and provide the best number for you to be contacted on.

If you receive a letter from school that your child needs to self-isolate because they may have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive in their bubble, then please make sure your child continues with their learning online for the isolation period and that they do not go out. The rest of the household does not need to isolate in this situation.

Also, please remember to follow the lockdown guidance especially over this period of festivities and not put yourself or your loved ones at risk by mixing with others who are not in your household bubble. It is importance to maintain 2m social distancing at all times, wear a facial covering when travelling and visiting shops etc and wash your hands regularly for at least 20 seconds.

Happy Diwali to those colleagues and families who will be celebrating this weekend. Be safe and have a great weekend.

Please note for your diaries that Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December will be a staff inset day and students will **not** be at school on this day. Term will finish on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 12:30pm.

### **School Council Meeting / Creative Ideas Workshop:**



Elected representatives of all year groups were congratulated by Ms Sharma at their first meeting of this academic year. She outlined the importance of their role and is looking forward to working with them. Listening to our students' voice is key in order to continuously improve our school. The meeting was followed by a Creative Ideas workshop.

### **Year 10 Virtual Careers Talk:**

Year 10 students took part in a Virtual Careers talk, in their PSHE lesson this week, with

Elliott Murphy, Skills, Employment and Education Manager of the national railway development programme, HS2. Students learned about different careers involved in the industry, tips on their studies and how to access the sector. Virtual workshops and talks will continue to take place throughout the year as part of our ongoing students' Careers programme.

### **Year 7 artwork inspired by Kandinsky and Miro:**



This week, Year 7 Art students completed a project based on

rhythm, emotions, organic and geometric shapes, forms as well as Music. 7H/A and 7V/A worked really hard and their results are fantastic. Students worked on processes of recording textures and transforming real life forms into abstract forms. All work is original from processes and techniques developed by the students with watercolour paint, during the last 9 weeks.



### **Bookmark Winners:**

Winners of our recent bookmark competition celebrating Black History Month were presented with their prizes on Tuesday this week.

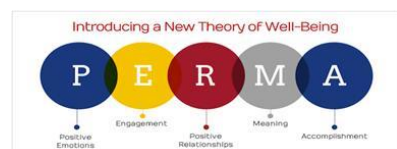
Congratulations to all our winners and entrants. The winners were: Hifsa (3rd), Zebina (2nd) & Shajevan (1st)

### **Poetry Competition:**

Miss Woolfe in the English department recently ran a poetry competition for Year 7 to 10 students who submitted entries based on COVID – 19 and Lockdown. Over the coming weeks we will be publishing a selection of these poems in the bulletin, which are a celebration of our students' creativity and highlight their talent.

### **Victory – Inaya (8L)**

Do your homework, do your chores  
Tidy up and sweep the floors.  
Stay home, stay safe and stay in your place.  
We must beat coronavirus at the race.  
Stuck at home, looking out the windows.  
When will this pandemic end nobody knows,  
But for now we must follow the rules,  
And wait until this virus cools.  
Covid-19 is driving everyone crazy  
Wear a mask and don't be lazy.  
There's still no cure,  
It remains a mystery.  
Sooner or later this will all be history.  
But for now, we must emerge in victory.



### **PERMA:**

All students were introduced to P.E.R.M.A this week, through activities during Monday form time. PERMA is a Mental Health Programme. P.E.R.M.A stands

for **P for Positive Emotions; E for Engagement; R for Positive Relationships; M for Meaning and A for Accomplishment / Achievement.** Every Monday students will be given an activity to do that focuses on one of these five core themes, designed to make them happier and mentally healthier. We politely encourage you to ask your child about how they are getting on with this new programme and continue to support us, in supporting them, with their Mental Health.

### **Library Reopening:**

The Library has now reopened to all year groups as follows:

*Monday:* Year 7  
*Tuesday:* Year 8  
*Wednesday:* Year 9  
*Thursday:* Year 10  
*Friday:* Year 11

Please encourage your child to read as much as possible and to visit the library to see our vast array of different reading materials.

### **Parental Concerns:**

If you have any concerns or issues regarding your child, please contact your Head of Year / Deputy Head of Year in the first instance to raise these concerns. They are:

HoY 11	Mr Singh
DHoY11	Miss Farah
HoY10	Miss Lallian
DHoY10	Mr Jones
HoY9	Miss Panesar
DHoY9	Mr Wilson
HoY8	Mr Williams
DHoY8	Ms Toor
HoY7	Mr Nandi
DHoY7	Ms Forsey
HoY 12	Mr Cunningham
HoY13	Mr Sekhon

### **Reporting Absences:**

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**