

PARENT BULLETIN

Week Ending: Friday 26th March 2021

Note from the Headteacher, Ms A Sharma: We were pleased with all the efforts and generous donations towards charitable causes on 'Red Nose Day'. Well done to all who contributed or helped. We are keen to develop a wider set of skills and attributes in our students through collaborative activities designed to help and support others in need and this was a fine example.

Our Year 11 and 13 students are busy preparing for their key assessments after Easter. We wish them all the best and thank you for all your help in supporting them with these preparations. Have a good weekend. A reminder that the Easter break will start on **Thursday 1st April at 12:30pm** and school will reopen on **Monday 19th April** for all students.

Old Vic Schools Club workshop:



Last week saw the return of our 'Old Vic Schools Club' workshop. The students were involved in a design workshop based around a production of 'Three Kings' that they watched the previous week. There was some great costume designs and model boxes being created. We are so grateful to 'The Old Vic' for enabling these workshops to continue remotely during current restrictions.

LGBT+ History Month:



During lockdown we celebrated LGBT+ History Month during February. As part of our celebrations, students competed in a poster design competition celebrating the stories of prominent LGBT+

individuals from the past. Now we have had the opportunity to properly congratulate the top 10 entries at our prizegiving ceremony. The winning entries were:

1st - Anvi; 2nd – Manal; 3rd – Mehakpreet;

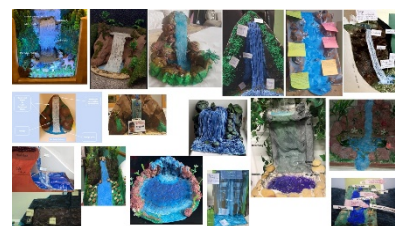
'Red Nose' Day – Comic Relief:



In celebrating this year's 'Red Nose' day students and staff generously donated money to Comic Relief charity and we raised £417.32. Year 13 student, Jakub with the help of other students organised a hot chocolate sale for sixth-form students. The theme for the day was to wear something red. There was also a poetry competition for all year groups and the lucky winner will have their poem framed and displayed in the school reception. Please follow this link to the Comic Relief website for more information on the incredible work that they do.

<https://www.comicrelief.com/>

Geography Waterfall Project:



Year 7 Geography students spent time during lockdown creating waterfall models from recycled resources. The results were amazing. Well done to everyone who made a model.

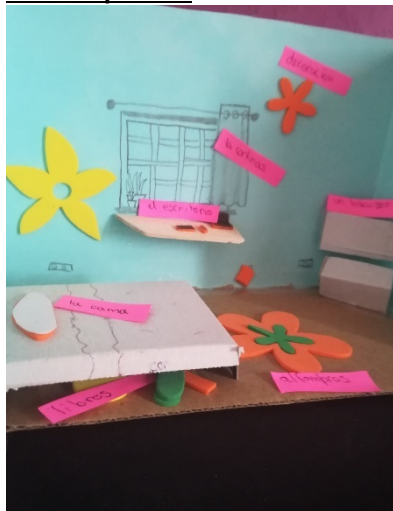
Design and Technology

Competition winners:

The D&T department were delighted with the very positive response and the quality of entries they received from Design students in their recent competitions. Well done to everyone who entered and a huge congratulations to the following winners:

'Saving Energy' competition 2020 winner: Farjin Y8; runner up: Zebina Flora Y7; 'Festival of Hope' 2021 winner: Rida R Y7; runner up: Warisha Y7; 'Designer Chess Piece' 2021 Winner: Waleed Y9; Runner up: Mishca Y8
Bafta Gaming 2021: Archy & Sean Y8

Year 8 Spanish:



By Sara S (8G)

This term, Year 8 Spanish students were exploring the topic of "Where I live". They used their lockdown time to recreate a miniature Spanish version of their house or bedroom. Here is a snapshot of one of the entries. Well done ('bien hecho') to everyone who submitted a piece of work.

Lateral Flow testing: Home testing:

- Students have now been issued with their home testing lateral flow kits.
- They should do their tests twice a week on a **Monday** and **Thursday evening**
- Report the result to the NHS via [gov.uk/enter-lateral-flow-test](https://www.gov.uk/enter-lateral-flow-test)
- Should the test be **positive** then please let the school know as soon as possible by emailing info@villiers.ealing.sch.uk
- Confirm the positive result through booking a PCR test
- Self-isolate for 10 days along with close contacts at home.
- If a student gets a void result, they need to do another test

- Students will give their tutor their results each Wednesday in PHSE

Reading your results

Leave your test for the full development time to get an accurate result. Do not read your results until **30 minutes**. If the test device is left to develop longer you may receive a false positive result and you will need to repeat the test.

C T	C T	Positive result Two lines – even faint lines – indicate the test is positive
C T	C T	Negative result This indicates the test is negative.
C T	C T	Invalid result The test has failed and should be retaken.

Edible Drugs:

A number of Ealing schools have reported that students are being supplied with edible drugs disguised as sweets e.g. Haribo's, Nerds and gummies. Examples of how the packaging appears is in the attached letter to parents.

Displayed side effects include:

- nausea
- hyperactivity
- elevated heart rates and
- hallucinations

If you notice that your child is displaying these symptoms, please phone 101 for non-emergency and 999 for emergencies. Please take the time to read the attached information with your child from Ealing Safer Schools Team.

Revision Materials Year 11 & Year 13 students:

Pupils should check with their teachers that they have access to revision materials, be it revision guides or online resources. These were distributed in December but please do check that they have not misplaced anything, forgotten access passwords etc. Please ask them to speak with their teachers if they think they are missing anything.

Revision Techniques Y11:

The Year 11 pastoral team have been running a programme of

tutor sessions of revision techniques and wellbeing to manage stress. Pupils should continue to engage with this programme. Year 11 should have completed a revision timetable for Easter by next week. This will help them to balance their revision with relaxing. Teachers will also share subject-specific revision tips and exam preparation activities with pupils in lessons next week.

School Counsellor:

Consultations with our counsellor are now available for those needing therapeutic intervention. The times available are:

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:10 am – 3:40pm.

If you would like to see the counsellor please email гноel@villiers.ealing.sch.uk a time will be arranged.



Ealing Safer Schools Team

www.met.police.uk

phone 101 in non emergency

999 for emergencies.

18th March 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian,

As a Schools Team we are aware of the concerns raised recently re Edible Drugs and this being promoted on some social media platforms such as Snapchat and Instagram.

As you may be aware, cannabis can be mixed into cakes (hash brownies), tea, yoghurt or sweets (gummies/lollipops). The amount of cannabis in these products can vary greatly and sometimes other harmful drugs are added too.

The effects of consuming edibles are unpredictable and it can be very easy to accidentally take a larger dose.

Edibles take between 1-3 hours to have an effect because food is absorbed into the bloodstream through the liver. Because it takes longer, the user may end up consuming larger amounts of the drug while thinking the drug isn't working. Overdosing with Edibles can be a greater risk because of this!

We ask that you monitor food packaging/ wrappers at home looking for wording such as CBD or THC suggesting the items are cannabis oil infused. Please be mindful of the medical needs should your child present with such symptoms, or if it becomes apparent they have consumed a drug laced substance.

If you are made aware of any social media accounts advertising these items, we ask you report this information to the Police, School or Crime Stoppers so work can be done around these accounts due to the dangers Edibles present.

We have attached some examples of what some of the sweet packages look like and also have attached the link to Frank which gives more information and laws surrounding Edibles.

www.talktofrank.com/drug/cannabis

Kind Regards

Ealing Safer Schools Team

Edibles Packaging Examples

