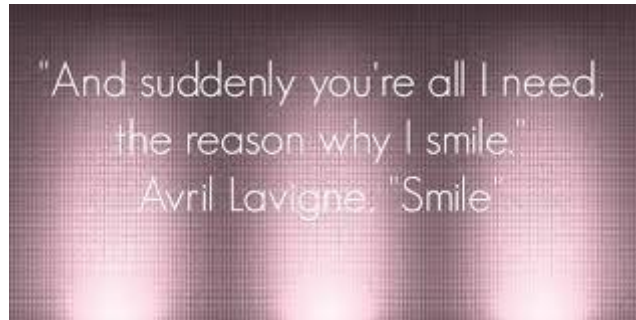


Teaching and Learning Newsletter - 17 June 2020

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,



Today I thought I would start with some song lyrics for a change. With us being 3 months since we moved to remote learning I am always so very proud of the work our students (supported by those at home) continue to produce.

This week the focus is on our History Department and our Psychology Department

Stay Safe

Mrs Young

Psychology

Our Psychology students, in year 10 and 11, have been working very hard at home, completing a variety of tasks from sitting exams, due to be taken in school in the week lockdown started, to making models of our insides!!!!

They also got creative and using whatever materials they could lay their hands on created models of the brain and neurons, using their previous studies into neuropsychology to help them.

Currently we are busy preparing bridging work to help to introduce Year 11s to their post 16 choices, including Psychology, Sociology and Criminology. Tasks will include introductory websites, using newspapers to carry out research, reading recommendations, both fiction and non-fiction, and watching some great films!!! Perfect for this time at home!

Some students have even been taking part in Open University courses to support their Psychology Bridging Work.

Exciting stuff!!!! All the students have impressed us and done themselves proud with their commitment to their studies. We are pleased they are staying safe and well and are looking after their wellbeing. We look forward to seeing them all just as soon as we are able! Miss Lee and Mrs Young

History

At Key Stage 3 students have studied topics including the Tudors, the Civil War, the abolition of the Slave Trade, the growth of the British Empire, and Political Protest (very topical at present!). They have also studied the key events of WW2, and the origins of the Cold war. Students have completed online tasks each week via both Seneca Learning, and Show My Homework. We have also been able to link many of our topics to the BBC Bitesize site, where new resources have been created to aid learning at home.

Our Year 10 have been continuing their GCSE studies, firstly by completing their Unit on the Norman Conquest (interrupted by lockdown), more lately on their History Around Us Unit. This unit focuses on the history of Kenilworth Castle. Year 10 students have carried out research tasks each week, and completed tests on the previous week's work to test their understanding. The History staff are looking forward to seeing our Year 10s before the end of the school year, to give students some help with the exam skills required from this Unit.

Overall, we've been impressed with how our students have adapted to working online. If there's one good thing to come out of this, it will be their improved ability to supplement their studies with independent learning outside of the classroom in the future! Stay Safe Mr Hancock, Mr Jackson and Mrs Young