

Teaching and Learning Parent Newsletter – 13 May 2020

Dear Parents, Carers and Students

I hope that this newsletter finds you all well? As we move in to the next few weeks we will continue to update you on what the different curriculum areas have been up to and show you just some of the work that our students have been producing – something to inspire and to make you smile. This week it is the turn of our English, Citizenship and RE, and Health and Social Care Departments to share what they have been doing. Please don't forget to click on the attachments to be able to see the work. In the words of Henry Ford in these strange times *'You can do anything if you have enthusiasm'*

Stay safe

Mrs Young

English Department

The English department have been so impressed by the incredibly hard work from students over recent weeks. We have been particularly pleased with how Year 7 and 8 pupils, who sometimes have previously needed more support in class, have been producing extremely high quality work completely independently. This is excellent and we would really encourage them to keep working in this way as it will help them so much as they progress through the school.

Students in all years have been doing both skills based work and development of their curriculum knowledge and have been engaging in a range of different resources to enable them to do that. Pupils seem to have really enjoyed some of the quizzes they have been doing, whilst balancing those more 'fun' tasks with working studiously on crafting their longer written responses. I have been really pleased to hear of the students who are continuing to read at home, which we know is absolutely critical in students' long term success, and we would encourage students to be doing this daily (even if for a short amount of time) alongside their set studies.

The whole English team is very proud of the way students have shown outstanding commitment to their English work. We would also offer particular congratulations to those students who have received department postcards this week for their good work, and our poetry competition prize winners.

Mrs H Briggs

Health and Social Care Department

Year 10 HSC working on their unit: Understanding First Aid within a Health, Social Care and Early Years setting.

Prior to school closure all students took part in a 6 hour First Aid course, delivered by St Johns ambulance. This carries 12 marks out of the final 60 marks for this unit. This unit is worth 25% of the final grade.

The students are completing a 4 week project where they need to research, identify and explain possible causes, how to identify the severity and the correct sequence of steps to manage a casualty. The conditions include; asthma attack, burn, scald, bleed, shock, choking, not breathing.

Following the 4 week project students will be set a final piece of work linked to the first aid unit where they will need to reflect on their own performance within the course and evaluate their strengths and areas for development.

Mrs J Hartley

Citizenship and RE Department

Key Stage 3

When our college closed its doors, students were on their PSHE rotation. Year 7 studying Healthy Lifestyles, Year 8 P4C – Philosophy for Children and Year 9 -Careers and Employability. During the first few weeks of remote learning students were tasked with carrying on these topics. Students are now in their RE rotation until the end of the summer term so will be looking at religions and beliefs from all different angles.

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Perhaps the biggest challenge of remote working has been setting GCSE work. Some students in Year 10 have been carrying on with their Muslim Beliefs topic remotely, after only having had one lesson in school before the closure. Students have worked tirelessly to make sure they are completing their work to the very highest standards.

Ms V Geraghty and Mrs J Johnson