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Week 'A'

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Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents Carers and Students,

This has been a challenging week for all of us as we come to terms with the reality of another lockdown. It has also been a strange first week for me as a Headteacher, leading a school with very few staff and students in the physical building. I have enjoyed meeting the girls in our Key Worker and Vulnerable provision and I am looking forward to speaking to some of the girls in Teams meetings over the coming weeks. I have been made very welcome by staff, students and governors I have met, remotely or in person.

Remote Learning

Our staff are delivering remote lessons and students have been accessing learning via Teams. We are working hard to make sure that the learning experience is as engaging as possible and staff have been using a range of tools such as Nearpod and Kahoot. We are also using remote assemblies and tutor time to ensure that we provide the best levels of pastoral care possible.

It is really important that the girls can still engage with their teachers; we know how much students benefit from this regular contact so that they still feel part of the school community. Where you are experiencing issues, please do not hesitate to get in touch with your child's SPL.

Ms Pratt has already written to you to outline our procedures for monitoring attendance in remote lessons. Please remember that registration is at 8.45am and that all students are expected to attend every lesson in the remote school day, except for break which is from 11.10 - 11.30am and lunchtime which is from 12.30 - 1.15pm. Where students do not attend, you will receive an email about this. We understand that there may be circumstances in the home which mean that logging on or accessing devices may be difficult at certain times. We know that some of you have been frustrated where your child's attendance in a lesson has not been picked up and you have been notified about this. Please remember that we are constantly reviewing our systems to ensure that we 'get it right'. We really do appreciate your co-operation and ask you to work with us. The most important thing is that the girls continue with their education and maintain important relationships with staff through our pastoral systems.

Devices and Laptops

As you may be aware, there was a delay in the delivery of year 7 iPad before the Christmas break. These have now arrived and we are working as quickly as possible to process and issue them. Where parents have requested laptops for daughters who do not have access to a device at home, staff have worked hard to expedite the process. Distribution of year 7 iPad purchased by parents will begin on 25th January.

Data Allowances

Yesterday the DfE announced that schools can now request help to increase mobile data allowances for children and young people who:

- do not have fixed broadband at home
- cannot afford additional data for their devices
- are experiencing disruption to their face-to-face education.

If you do not have fixed broadband and cannot afford additional data to enable your daughter to engage in remote learning, please contact the school on the info@ address. Alternatively, you could also request a 4G wireless router. We will add your name to a list and as soon as we have further information from the DfE about when the cards with additional data and routers will be available, we will let you know.

Examinations: Year 11

You will be aware that the Secretary of State made some key announcements regarding examinations this week. The first was to give schools the choice whether or not to go ahead with the BTEC examinations, even though some were due to be held the following day, and this put schools in a very difficult position. We decided not to go ahead with the iMedia and Travel and Tourism exams. We carefully considered that many girls would be disappointed not to take the exam, but this was balanced out by safety concerns, considerations of equity with GCSE examinations, as well as the effect of missed preparation and lesson time due to lockdown and self-isolation before Christmas. Thank you for your support on hearing of this decision.

The Secretary of State has also confirmed that students will not be asked to sit GCSE exams this summer. We realise that this will cause anxiety for students as they are faced with a great deal of uncertainty about exactly how they will be assessed this year. As soon as we are aware of how the system of awarding grades will take place, we will let you know.

With the cancellation of mock examinations and the uncertainty of how GCSEs will be assessed, we are making sure that we have robust data on your daughter's achievements in each of their subjects. Teachers will be setting weekly assessments, or setting elements of assignments and coursework, so that they are fully-prepared to provide an assessed grade later in the year. It is really important that your daughter takes these assessments seriously and understands that they could be used as evidence for the final grade. We also feel that in providing a wide range of opportunities, the girls will be less anxious and will have more opportunities to demonstrate their knowledge and skills.

Ms Kennedy and I will be talking to them about our plans this morning.

Lateral Flow Tests

As I write, transmission rates in London are high and 1 in 30 people have the COVID19 virus. Even though we have few staff and students in school, we are preparing to deliver lateral flow tests, with the assistance of Waltham Forest. During lockdown, this will take place with Key Worker and Vulnerable students and any staff who are working in school. This will allow us to identify anyone who is positive and asymptomatic which will help to provide a safer working environment.

I want to wish you and your daughters a safe and happy weekend.

With all good wishes



Ms H Marriott
Headteacher



Contact Information



Dear Parents and Carers,

Please ensure that we hold your most up-to-date contact information in case of an emergency. Details can be updated via the SIMS Parent App. Please contact the front office if you require any help accessing the app.

If you need to contact a staff member, please contact our main switchboard number on **0208 509 9446**, which is open between **8am** and **4.15pm**. Emails can also be sent to info@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk and the message will be passed onto the relevant staff member.

Please do not enter the school site unless you have been asked to, as we are currently limiting external visitors on the site.

Thank you.

The Front Office
Walthamstow School for Girls

Free Food Services for Local Families

With the announcement of a new lockdown and schools being directed to close, we want to let you know that we continue to run the following food schemes listed below in the Hilltop/Village/The Drive area. Our provision has been running since early May and we will continue to provide food for the local community for the foreseeable future.

Unlike the food banks, you do not need to prove need: all are welcome, no questions asked.

FOOD STALL

Every Thursday 12 noon till 2pm – free surplus food stall, including fresh fruit and veg, tinned and packaged goods, bread etc. We also sometimes have books, toys and clothes. The stall is located outside Gaitskell House by the red post box, half-way down The Drive.

We also deliver bags of food to people who are unable to collect from our food stall.

CHILLED MEALS

Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday in the early evening, cooked meals are delivered by volunteers to houses.

The meals on Mondays and Wednesdays are vegetarian and are cooked in Leytonstone by volunteers who hold a food safety qualification.

The meals on Friday meals are meat/fish or vegetarian and are cooked by the Worshipful Companies of Drapers and Fishmongers.

We currently deliver around 40 meals each day.

Contact by phone or email: 07566 767950 or hoestreetmutualaid@gmail.com

Martin Spafford (on behalf of Hoe Street Ward Mutual Aid).

Faculty News



Congratulations to the following students who started their new year by taking an Accelerated Reader Book Quiz before the start of the new term.

8F *Husna & Sahar*

8S *Tabitha*

7H *Anna & Alessandra*

7F *Greta*

For those students who would like to get ideas about what their next book could be, try searching online for book review videos.

Here is one for you to start with :

[MY TOP 10 YA RECOMMENDATIONS! | Ashley's Lens - Bing video](#)

I look forward to seeing which books you decide to read and take quizzes on. Please contact me via the Front Office if you are having problems accessing the Accelerated Reader website.

Mrs Kelly, LRC

Mathematics



Puzzle of the Week begins on Monday 11th January 2021

Here is the link: <http://www.puzzleoftheweek.com/>

We were in fourth place at the end of last term, let us see if we can move up the leader board this year.

Good luck!

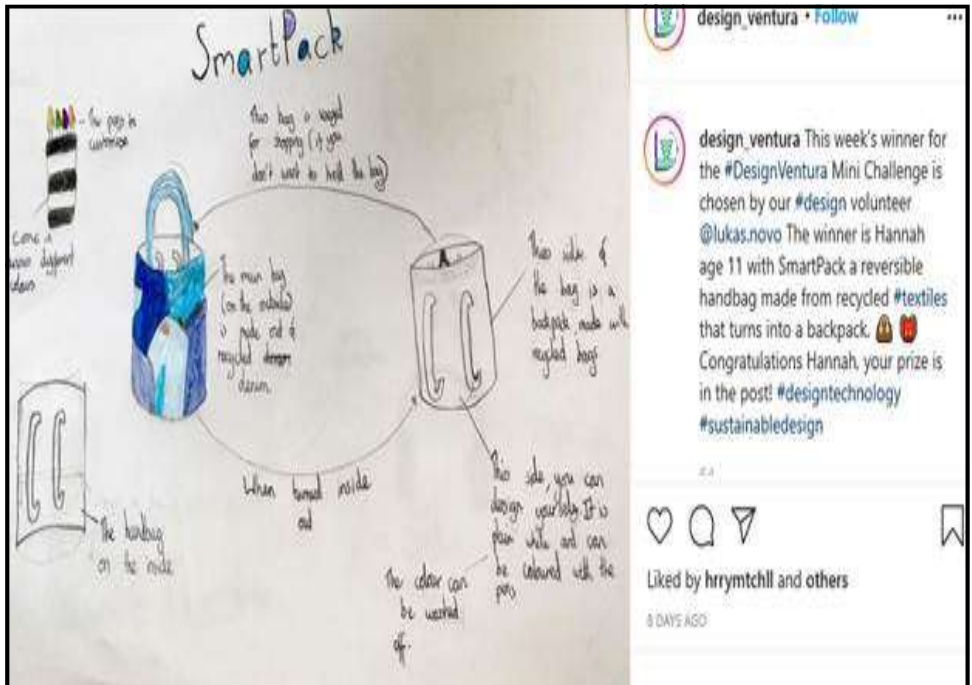
Maths Faculty

STEM Design Ventura Mini Challenge



At the end of last term another one of our KS3 students won the Design Ventura Mini Challenge.

Congratulations to Hannah 7F for her fantastic design of a SmartPack reversible handbag. Here is her competition winning design:



Ms Healy
STEM Coordinator

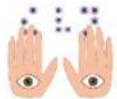
Diversity Calendar for January



Three Kings Day - January 06
Happydays-365.com

JANUARY
2021

World Braille Day



Cervical Health Awareness Month | Celebration of Life Month | Alcohol Concern Month
(Dry January) | Thyroid Awareness Month

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	1	2	3	4	5	6

KEY: Diversity (Red), Health (Orange), Faith (Yellow), Environment (Green), International (Blue), Bank Holiday (Purple)

SPECIAL DAYS

- 01 ■ Feast of Saint Basil (Orthodox Christian)
- 01 ■ Ganesh Na (Shinto)
- 01 ■ Mary, Mother of God Feast (Catholic)
- 01 ■ New Year's Day-Protestant
- 01 ■ New Year Bank Holiday (UK)
- 02 ■ New Year Bank Holiday (Scotland)
- 03 ■ Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus (Orthodox Christian)
- 04 ■ World Braille Day
- 05 ■ New Year's Eve (Christian)
- 06 ■ Día de los Reyes (Spain)
- 06 ■ Epiphany (Christian)
- 06 ■ Nativity of Christ (Armenian Orthodox)
- 06 ■ Theophany (Orthodox Christian)
- 07 ■ Feast of the Nativity (Orthodox Christian)
- 08 ■ Buddha Day (Buddhist)
- 10 ■ Baptism of the Lord Jesus (Catholic)
- 13 ■ Magh (Gaelic)
- 14 ■ Orthodox New Year (Orthodox Christian)
- 19 ■ World Religion Day (Bahá'í)
- 20 ■ Tinkat (Ethiopian Christian)
- 20 ■ Birthday of Guru Gobind Singh Jayanti (Sikh)
- 24 ■ International Day of Education (UN)
- 25 ■ Burns Night
- 26 ■ Commemoration of St Paul (Christian)
- 26 ■ Birthday of Guru Nanak (Sikh)
- 27 ■ Tu B'Shvat (Judaism)
- 28 ■ International Holocaust Memorial Day
- 28 ■ Feast of Saint Thomas Aquinas (Christian)
- 28 ■ Mahanava New Year begins (Buddhist)



SUPPORT YOUR CHILD ON THE PATH TO SUCCESS

Your child's school has invested in the award winning resource, GCSEPod, to help your child reach their goals! Join the thousands of parents encouraging their children to use GCSEPod to support learning, homework and revision.

"I found GCSEPod especially useful to compliment my knowledge and I'm certain it helped me secure the grades that I have been so happy to receive."







Student quote, 2016

"My daughter used GCSEPod for her GCSEs and was very successful with her results, she absolutely loved your Pods and this style of revising."

Parent quote

"The correlation between success and failure was made almost 100% clear by the use of GCSEPod."

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-  Proven to increase results
-  19 exam mapped subjects
-  Available online and offline
-  Audio visual content
-  Builds confidence
-  Use on the go, anytime, anywhere



For more information please visit www.gcsepod.com/parent

STUDENT ACTIVATION

Please follow the below instructions if your child has not yet activated their GCSEPod account.

- 1: Go to www.gcsepod.com and click LOGIN.
- 2: Click NEW HERE? GET STARTED!
3. Enter your child's details and confirm the name of the school they attend.
4. Create a username and password.

Why use GCSEPod?



What is it?

- One website, 3 apps and over 5,000 Pods
- Content produced specifically for mobile devices, tablets and PCs
- Designed to squeeze exactly the right knowledge needed for exam success into short 3-5 minute chunks
- Helps with learning, homework and revision

It will help you get organised

You can create personal Pod playlists to listen to in the run-up to an exam, to help with homework or to even listen to on the go to help consolidate learning.

The viewing history feature enables you to return to Pods you found useful. There's also a 'favourite playlist' – which helps to go over topic areas you may be finding difficult.

Pre-set exam playlists, available in the 'My Courses' area are neatly organised meaning you can manage revision quickly and easily whilst prioritising your time.



It's convenient and effective

The Pods are designed especially for mobile devices but can be watched on any device. Even better, they can be downloaded so you can watch them online or offline. Where ever they go, GCSEPod goes with them. It's like you're carrying a whole world of knowledge and revision in your pockets.

An expert reads and explains everything clearly and precisely with all the right facts, quotes, keywords, dates and annotated diagrams on screen.

You won't need to use GCSEPod for long before you feel the impact. Consistent use in just 10 minute chunks is proven to support achievement right up to A*.

It can be as discreet [or loud] as you want

You can listen to GCSEPod anywhere and everywhere and because it looks like you're listening to music, no one needs to know you're actually swotting up.

You may want to show off just how much work you've been doing or even recommend a Pod to a friend, to do this, you can use the social networking links on the site to connect with others.

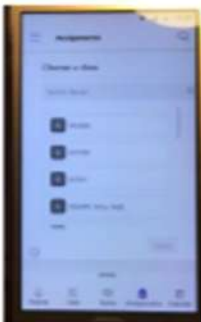


How to Use Teams to upload work from a mobile

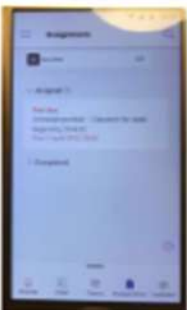
1. Check the "Feed" in the Teams app on your phone to check all assignments set. Click "Assignments" at the bottom of the page:



2. Choose your class/subject to check the details of an assignment:



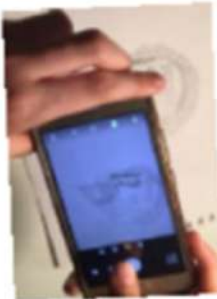
3. Click on the assignment that you want to complete to read the instructions:



4. Read the instructions and complete your work on paper/ in a book:



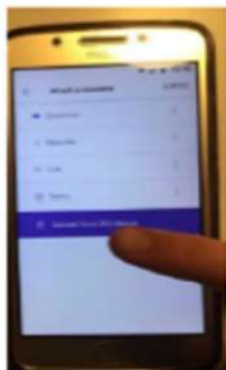
5. Complete your work and then take a picture of it:



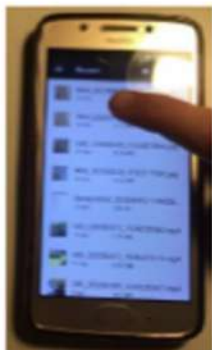
6. Press the "add work" link:



7. The app will take you to this page. Select "upload from this device":



8. You will be taken into "recent" images where your photo of your work is. Click on the image you want to submit:



9. Don't forget to press "hand in" or in this example "hand in late":

