



## Monday 1 February

Dear all,

I am reading "The Order of Time" by Carlo Rovelli in which he beautifully deconstructs the concept of time before rebuilding it for us in a mind boggling but enlightening way. It is not my first foray into this world, and I am enjoying it more than being terrified by it. However, in combination with my daughter and I binge watching all the Dr Who series, it has got me thinking about 'our time'.

On Sunday morning we were forecast snow, but snow around here is a fickle beast. Will it really snow? What sort of snow? I bet it doesn't settle. It will never be enough to do anything with. Then, for us, bang on 10:30 it was like the sky had flicked a switch. I had left to go to the dump at 10:00 but given instructions that we should be ready. So, be dressed, warm, waterproof and up for going out! We set out right at the start of the snowfall without knowing how much there would be, or if it would settle. Because, we had decided with so little else to do, the very least we could have is the memory of a walk together in the falling snow.

But thick and fast it came, and more and more and more. So, as we walked away from the house it was like the beginning of The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe. After about 45 minutes or so walking we were out on the common with a few other families. Some were making snowmen the way they do in the movies. Actually rolling the snow into balls that would grow and grow, placing them on each other and then dressing it for photos. I don't think I've ever done that, and in that moment, I was able to make the memory with my family. We didn't know that it would happen, but we were optimistic that it might, and ready when it did.

On Monday evening this week I had to venture from the house for 'essentials' and in the fruit and veg section I spotted the distinctive little faux 'crates' of horrid looking oranges... January... Seville... ah it is time. Marmalade is the most recalcitrant of jams or preserves. To do it justice is a two-day job, with mindless slicing, squeezing, stinging skin and endless boiling. But Seville oranges are only in season in January. If you do not make it now, you do not make it for a year. So, I succumbed to their wrinkly charm and bought them, along with sugar and all the other 'essentials'.

Despite the fact that at the moment arriving home from school is more of a controlled crash landing, than the return of 'our glorious leader', and I fall asleep mid-chapter of the bedtime story. I sallied myself to enjoy the alchemy of marmalade. The first evening is the peeling, squeezing and slicing. It is not for the faint of heart, nor for the person with cuts on their fingers. Add water to the juice and sliced peel then gather up the pith and leftovers in muslin, tie and bury in the steeping juices. Ready for the next day.

Another exhausting day, and last night I wasn't really 'feeling it' but the pan was sat there and, "If not now, then when?". So, dictated to by time, the hob goes red, the pan is placed, and the evening is set. This is what I will be doing, and I can watch, marvel, measure and enjoy, or make it a chore...



At the start the juice is pale, watery and disgusting to taste. (You know this, but you still check... a number of times). As the boil starts you watch the pith (the white bit) of the slices of orange as it gently fades to a gentle translucency. At that point out comes the muslin, and because you are lost under its spell, you pretend you have the heat proof hands that only mothers possess and squeeze the last drops from the scalding bag. The first change has come. But the cauldron is still pale, sickly and sour. In goes the sugar to be swallowed up in an instant. Over the next hour that anaemic, sickly, sour sauce captures you, utterly and entirely in the moment. The now.

For it must remained watched as the boil turns from hard to rolling as you are looking for, to use the words of Nigel Slater, the bubbles to stop their boring monotony and begin to dance around the surface. During this time the gift you are given is a house that smells of pure orangey joy. The pale orange matures into a deep and complex burning orange. You gently skin the surface of the impure 'scum' in the later stages caressing your potion with the edge of kitchen towel to get the very last impurity without disturbing this amber liquid deity. Then endless chilled vessels are removed from freezers or fridges to check the 'set'. Finally, it wrinkles, and you pour this metamorphosised creature into your awaiting jars. I went to bed too late unable to get rid of the tang in my mouth from too many samples. But the process was complete. I had once again obeyed the time and used it.

Whilst the moments seem few and far between there are opportunities for us all to step away from the screen and the malaise of confinement. But to take those opportunities I encourage you to stay positive about what you are achieving right now. See purpose in 'the now'. Either by getting lost in the process of an activity or by thinking about how much something will help you to be ready for adventure at a moment's notice. It is not easy, and I am all too aware of the difficulties some of you and your families face. But with action and positivity will flow endless opportunities.

When all is said and done, I will concur the words of the tenth Doctor when faced with regeneration. "I don't want to go."

But, before that, I will live by the regenerating words of the twelfth. "Laugh hard. Run fast. Be kind."

Look after yourselves.

Mr Phillips

## General Notices

Any day you are not well enough to attend online classes your parents should call the sixth form absence line or email Mrs Cooley.

Your timetable is running at full capacity and **includes tutor time**, so please make sure you are present to be registered.

**Whilst we are fully aware of the strains and difficulties of learning in lockdown, please can we encourage all students to be as engaged as possible during lessons. From having your cameras on, unmuting to speak, using the raise hand feature, the chat and indeed ensuring that work is completed to the best of your ability and handed in. None of these is compulsory but a combination of them will help you to continue learning to your fullest potential. It also aides' teachers in knowing how to pace lessons and how to develop you as learners.**

### Year 12

#### Year 12 PSHCE Activities

You may have noticed that I have posted some resources on your form group Google classroom for PSHCE. These sessions are designed to prepare you for life beyond Rosebery. It will cover issues and ideas which are relevant to you as young adults and we have thought carefully about what skills and knowledge you need to have in order to 'be a grown up'!

So.... I will be posting a session each week. Please could you look through the power point and think about the activities. Once you have done this there will be a short Google quiz which you must complete to check you understand the key points.

This week's topic is Alcohol. Please ensure you complete the quiz by Friday 5 February. Any questions please ask Miss Allison

## Lockdown competitions!

Our photography theme this week garnered more entries so thanks to all of you. I have a personal favourite (not my ones!!) but what do you think? Well done Miranda, Basmah, Scarlett and Mr Payne 😊



Put your thinking caps on for this week's two challenges and send us in your photos if you get the chance. This week's categories are attached to the email.

The Great Cook-Off Challenge – week 3 – Peri Peri Chicken/Chocolate Brownies

Don't fancy cooking?

Photography competition – week 3 - Learning

## Careers and HE Resources from Mrs Keaveney

### **PwC's Virtual Summer Programme**

Applications for PwC's Virtual Summer Programme for Year 12 students will be opening at the beginning of February 2021.

Take part in this webinar to learn all about their work experience opportunities, routes into the firm and how you can apply/pass their selection process.

Immediately after the webinar you will be sent a unique application link so you can apply and be one of the first to get your application in.

Application Link:

<https://www.research.net/r/PwC-Work-Experience>

### **UCAS Discover Apprenticeships**

National Apprenticeship Week runs from 8 February to 14 February 2021 and UCAS are running events each day that week for you to discover what's on offer and what's involved in studying while working.

- Hear from current apprentices about their experiences.
- Meet and speak to employers' apprenticeship providers about what opportunities await you.
- Get expert advice on choosing between your options after school.
- Join them live to find out how you can land your dream apprenticeship.

For more information and to book your place visit:

<https://www.ucas.com/understanding-apprenticeships/discover-apprenticeships>

### **Chartered Accountancy Apprenticeship at the National Audit Office**

The ACA professional apprenticeship training scheme is now live.

Their apprenticeship scheme will give you the opportunity to make a real difference not just to their huge range of clients but also to the nation. They help our economy and society work better – supporting and enabling improvements in financial management and the way vital public services are delivered across the public sector to millions of people every day.

Their crucial role in holding government to account is mirrored by the fact that their leader is appointed by Her Majesty the Queen. For more information and to apply visit:

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<https://www.nao.org.uk/careers/>

[https://nao-careers.force.com/xcdrecruit\\_Site\\_ExternalPositionDetails?id=aJm4I000000Caes](https://nao-careers.force.com/xcdrecruit_Site_ExternalPositionDetails?id=aJm4I000000Caes)



## **Pearson Business School Degree Apprenticeship Discovery Day**

A Degree Apprenticeship could give you a head start, allowing you to combine studying for a degree with practical skills gained in the workplace and the security of a regular income.

Degree Apprenticeships are becoming increasingly competitive and this is your chance to get ready to make your application stand out.

Join them online on Thursday 18 February from 2.00pm – 3.30pm to discover Degree Apprenticeships at Pearson Business School.

On the day there will be:

- An introduction to Degree Apprenticeships, including a typical week as a Degree Apprentice
- Opportunities on offer at Pearson Business School, including their full-time degrees
- Top tips on how to create a strong application
- One of their Industry Partners, L'Oréal will share what being a Degree Apprentice with them would involve and what they look for when hiring.
- Hear from successful Degree Apprentices, their line managers, alumni and expert tutors.

For more information and to apply visit:

<https://www.pearsoncollegelondon.ac.uk/pearson-business-school/visit-us/events/2021/february/degree-apprenticeship-discovery-day-18-february.html>

### **Useful Websites**

Search for university open/taster days

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

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

Search for apprenticeships

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>

<https://careerfinder.ucas.com/jobs/apprenticeship/>