



Monday 11 January

Dear all,

Given everything that has happened since I said “Merry Christmas” it almost makes the whole of last term unbelievable... did it really happen, is it true that we managed three months with you almost all here in classrooms? Just in case you feel the same, we did, and you were amazing!

Then this week has felt like a lifetime, and my brain is refusing to accept the date on the calendar.

Despite all that is going on in our immediate vicinity the stories coming out from the United States are both shocking and enthralling to follow

You continue to demonstrate the mature and resilient young adults you are, with the three days of remote lessons incredibly well attended, and with excellent engagement. I know that my high points this week have been seeing my classes again, even if it must be through a screen. There have been some funny moments in all this. Seeing the confusion on parents faces as I turn up on the doorstep, masked with steamed up glasses, delivering something or other. In fact, in one case holding a piano keyboard with my daughter in tow. You couldn't make it up.

I won't labour a deep meaningful message this week, especially given that lack of any new information around education and expectations for all of you, and in particular Year 13. I truly believe that right now the best thing is for you is to maintain routines through your lessons and keep in touch about how you are feeling so that where we can offer greater support, we will.

I have attached the Year 12 Remote assessment timetable and I hope that you are all aware of what the expectations are for that week. Please make sure that your parents still contact Mrs Cooley if you are unwell and unable to attend lessons. Also stay in touch if any technological issues arise over the coming weeks and we'll see what we can do to help.

Perhaps it may even be time to dust off the video camera, boot up the Youtube channel and post an update on the chickens... who knows I may even write a song to go with it 😊 Take care everyone, and when I sign off with #kindnesswins I mean it.

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.

The UCAS deadline means that there is still the opportunity to submit your application in the first wave so if there is anyone we have not contacted or whom has changed their mind about applying let me know asap.

Year 12 will be completing a remote assessment week starting on 18 January. There will be no online lessons that week.

Year 12 EPQ and Student Futures lessons will go ahead remotely. Mr Phillips will be in touch with how resources will be made available and what students can do to kick start their next steps planning.

Careers and HE Resources from Mrs Keaveney

Year 12 Nuffield Research Placements

The Nuffield Research Placement Scheme offers Year 12 students virtual two-week STEM placements in industry and local organisations. Spend your summer developing your research and quantitative skills on a short project that will enhance your university application and future employment opportunities. Students make an online application and a reference will be required from a teacher.

For full details and to apply visit <https://www.stem.org.uk/nuffield-research-placements>

Demand for these placements are high so do apply as soon as possible. The deadline for applications is 31 March 2021.

GetMyFirstJob

GetMyFirstJob gives you the opportunity to explore a wide range of diverse opportunities for young people as they leave secondary education and make decisions about their future career paths.

They have launched a careers quiz to help you discover not only some of the many different career options but also to Labour Market Information and some excellent resources to help support you with a job, university application or creating your personal brand.

For more information please visit the links below:

<https://www.getmyfirstjob.co.uk/>

<https://www.getmyfirstjob.co.uk/Develop/CareersQuiz.aspx>

<https://www.getmyfirstjob.co.uk/Develop/YoungPeople.aspx>

Virtual National Apprenticeship Show

The Virtual National Apprenticeship Show is taking place during National Apprenticeship Week on 10 February 2021 between 11.00am – 6.00pm.

There will be over 40 organisations exhibiting offering thousands of Apprenticeships and the event offers students the chance to speak via voice/text chat with employers/providers as well as view online video and written content that can be downloaded for future reference. They also have a series of employer led workshops that will take place throughout the event (these are pre-recorded sessions with live Q&A following each session).

You can register to take part at www.nas.vfairs.com and to participate in the event, each student will need access to a computer/tablet or mobile telephone and they also recommend the use of headphones.

Economist Degree Apprenticeship

The Government Economic Service Degree Apprenticeship Programme (GESDAP) is the UK's first economics degree apprenticeship. This degree apprenticeship offers you the opportunity to work in a central government department or agency tackling some of the most important social, environmental and economic issues our country faces – all while earning a wage (Minimum of £22,450 in London and minimum of £21,000 Nationally) and studying for a degree in economics with the University of Kent, without the usually associated student debt.

This will be delivered via blended learning, a mixture of distance and face-to-face learning, so there is no need to travel to university regularly. Once complete, you will have an apprenticeship, an economics degree, and the experience of four years working in the Civil Service – putting you in a brilliant position to progress your career from there.

- Application deadline: 18 January 2021
- Programme duration: 4 years
- Delivery: Blended
- Fees: No fees
- Award: BSc Economics (Degree)
- Awarding body: University of Kent

For more information and to apply visit:

https://www.civilservicejobs.service.gov.uk/csr/jobs.cgi?jcode=1699913&_ga=2.32172985.64432319.1609840972-501793685.1605088694

Marks and Spencer Apprenticeships

M&S is offering a Level 4 apprenticeship opportunity in Clothing, Home Buying and Merchandising in London. The deadline for applications is 17 February 2021. For more information and to apply visit the link below.

<https://jobs.marksandspencer.com/job/london/clothing-and-home-buying-and-merchandising-apprenticeship-level-4/8944/17398323>

RateMyApprenticeship

RateMyApprenticeship are also running a virtual event and a chance to meet employers and find out more about apprenticeships. There will be live presentations from employers throughout the event, as well as the opportunity to chat to them in a virtual meeting booth. This is taking place from 1.00pm - 5.00pm on the 3 and 4 February 2021.

For more information and to register visit <https://events.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk/>

RateMyApprenticeship with Access Accountancy are still running their competition for students interested in a career in accountancy if you haven't yet already entered. The competition is designed to inspire students to consider this profession, to develop their problem-solving skills, and win work experience with an accountancy firm.

How to Enter?

Solve the problem below and discover how it relates to a career in accountancy. Fill in the form so that they can contact you if you're a winner. There'll be a new problem, and TWO new winners each month. Once winners have been selected, vouchers will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis.

The 'A Career for Everyone' competition closes on 19 February 2021. Entrants must be aged 16 to 18, and only one entry per email address will be accepted.

<https://www.careerforeveryone.co.uk/>

Can you solve puzzles like this?



If so, you could make waves in accountancy (and win £200 worth of vouchers).

Enter similar puzzles with **A Career For Everyone** and you could win...

- A £200 Curry's voucher or a £50 ASOS/M&S/Moss/Trainline voucher
- AND work experience with an accountancy firm

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