

Hi Year 8 Students, Parents and Carers

This is the start of a weekly newsletter you will receive to enable us to keep in touch with each other through this unprecedented time.

It will contain information, inspirational quotes and messages to keep you all informed.

I would like to hear all about what you have been getting up to, if you could include any photos that would be great.

I have personally learnt a lot about football this week and how painful it can be to be a goalkeeper, albeit a rubbish one!!

It has been a very strange week for us all, adapting to a new way of schooling and going about our daily routine in a slightly different way to what we are used to. I hope you have all been managing to access the Home Learning that your teachers have kindly set for you and are enjoying the new experience of 'schooling from home'. I am sure a lot of your parents are also having to 'work from home' too. If you are experiencing any problems accessing the work or have any other queries or questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or Mr Robertshaw on the email addresses detailed below.

The weather has been really kind to us all with the sun coming out and the temperatures rising throughout the week. Knowing summer is around the corner is a nice thought to improve our moods and give us something to look forward to.

For all those parents that are classed as key workers and are still going out each day to work may we say a big thank you from all of us.

Stay safe everyone and I look forward to finding out what you have been up to.

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Robertshaw's Ramblings...

Well Happy Easter everyone! Hope you are all managing to stay sane, do a bit of work, get some exercise and look after those around you. So, one week into isolation, and what have I been up to? I was lucky enough to be able to go into school on Wednesday to work with the small number of students in school. As well as doing some PE, and some Independent study (based on the materials on the school website) we also started work on trying to create a school vegetable garden.

I've also been able to get out into the garden to do some Biology. In other words, I've found some frog spawn in my pond! Keeping fit and healthy is important for both body and mind, so my PE activity was a bike ride on my own from home.

Finally, I've enjoyed having the time to catch up on marking the fantastic work you have been doing in school over the last few weeks.

Take Care everyone

Mr Robertshaw

EVENTS THAT HAPPENED IN MARCH

March 27, 1977 - The worst accident in the history of civil aviation occurred as two Boeing 747 jets collided on the ground in the Canary Islands, resulting in 570 deaths.

Handy Tips for Home schooling

1. Set up a dedicated space and time for learning
2. Divide up the work
3. Take breaks
4. Be attentive
5. Encourage reading everyday
6. Don't overdo it
7. Make use of outdoor space
8. Praise efforts and behaviour
9. Prioritise your child's wellbeing