

# The Birley Academy Year 10

## Weekly Student Bulletin



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Hello Y10 students, Parents and Carers,

Hope you have all had a good week. On Friday we celebrated VE day (Victory in Europe Day). On May 8<sup>th</sup> we celebrated 75 years since Germany's surrender and it was the end of the world war. My partner and I went and sat on the street with our garden chairs enjoying the company of our neighbours to celebrate, socially distancing of course! We had music, we talked, we laughed and it really brightened our spirits during this awful time. I hope you all managed to celebrate in your own ways, feel free to email in what you got up to. This week's newsletter is filed with more teacher messages! Stay in touch and most importantly stay safe. Miss Heaton, Email Address: [rebeccaheaton@birleysecondaryacademy.co.uk](mailto:rebeccaheaton@birleysecondaryacademy.co.uk)

Hello Year 10,

I hope you're all safe, well and keeping busy in these strange times we find ourselves in. As Head of Department for 4 practical subjects it's been great to see all the work that has been sent in from students cooking and baking for the family, researching designers, developing Photoshop skills and completing DIY at home, with parents permission.

We have put plenty of work on the home school section of the website but if you would like something specific to do then try the following:

**Food Students**- Research and cook something from another culture/country.

**DT Graphics and RM** - Design a product that would help a group in society during the lock down.

**Engineering**- Watch some of the "How it's made" documentaries on TV or YouTube.

Really looking forward to seeing you all. Especially my Engineering class, I know you're missing my jokes!

Stay safe

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Hello,

All parents of Y10 students have been emailed information by the students form tutor. The email explains how students can access Eton School's on-line learning platform. Called EtonX, students in Y10 are able to register and take an on-line course in Creative Problem Solving. By the end of it students will be able to:

- Develop curiosity for creative problem-solving
- Generate lots of ideas
- Be playful with your ideas
- Refine and develop your ideas
- Take risks and learn from mistakes
- Persist with creative ideas
- Develop your visual and verbal creativity
- Be brave enough to share your creative ideas

The cost is free to students. Normally it should cost £60.

Thanks, any further questions please email me, Mr Casey [diarmaidcasey@birleysecondaryacademy.co.uk](mailto:diarmaidcasey@birleysecondaryacademy.co.uk)

Hi Y10,

Just to say we are missing teaching you all and we really hope that you are managing to stay happy, healthy and learning where you can. Please take time to update your CVs, practice interview questions and look at career options. When we start Y11 with you we will be straight into applying for post 16 destinations and preparing you for real interviews. I know it's such a shame you were not able to access work experience so it is crucial you start to think about work skills you have or could gain over the next year. This could be working with a family member, volunteering, caring for a family member on a regular basis.

It's also really important that you are sharing any anxieties you have, making sure you do something that makes you happy and relaxed every day.

Take care and see you soon.

Miss Bannister and the rest of PSHE team

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GCSE – Art,

Hi year 10, Miss Clark and myself have loved seeing some of the art work that you have been doing at home. Remember you are using BBC bitesize to improve your knowledge and understanding and practice art skills! You are also continuing to build on your portfolio of work on natural forms. If you have any problems, need guidance or feedback on work then please contact me or Miss Clark. We love sending out certificates for amazing effort and outstanding work! Remember we are here to help! Looking forward to seeing you all.

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