

## Year 10 Newsletter 19<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

It is hard to believe we have been back in school for just over a week and my word it has been nice to be back! It has been wonderful to see all of Year 10's lovely faces and seeing them back in lessons, learning and working hard. We know that lots and lots of the year group have been really pleased to be back and seeing their friends and teachers in person instead of on a screen. Our return to school has gone incredibly smoothly, with in-school testing nearly at an end; we would like to congratulate all of the Year 10s who have been doing in-school testing for their sensible and mature approach.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend ahead,

**Miss Marshall, Mrs Johnson and the Year 10 team.**

### **Dates for your diary:**

Thursday 25th March 2021- PSHE day: Rights, Responsibilities and British Values

### **Home testing kits:**

In-school testing has been a colossal undertaking these past 2 weeks. Over 4200 tests have been carried out! Year 10 students have been described by the team of testers as "brave, resilient, sensible and amazing". We had a number of extremely anxious students who overcame their fears to carry out their tests. The testing in school came to a close on Thursday and next we start the process of distributing the home testing kits.

Students will receive 2 boxes on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March. We will provide enough tests to last up until we return on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April and into that week. Parents/carers are asked to carry on with home testing throughout the Easter holidays and report the results. The home testing programme begins on **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March**. Students will test twice per week (Sunday & Wednesday) and upload results to TestRegister. Detailed information on this has already been sent out.

Parents must have opted in to be eligible for receipt of a testing kit and don't worry if your daughter is absent when the tests are given out, she can receive one on her return to school. The tests cannot be posted home as they must be signed for by the student.

### **Contact with school:**

Just a reminder of the best people to contact if you have a concern/query about school or anything to do with your child:

**Attendance:** call the attendance line via the school office in the morning to report an absence or upcoming appointment.

**Subject concern/query:** please contact your child's subject teacher directly. All staff email addresses are available on the school website.

**Pastoral/wellbeing:** please contact your child's form tutor in the first instance. You can either leave a message for them with the school office or you can email them directly. All staff emails are available on the school website.

**Uniform:**

The students have looked incredibly smart since returning to school and we are so grateful for your support in making this happen. The following is a reminder of what is deemed as acceptable.

## CHSG School Shoe Policy Guide

Please see images below of shoes we would deem as acceptable to be worn to school. These shoes are made of leather, flat heeled, below the ankle and are plain black.



Please see images below of shoes we would deem as unacceptable to be worn to school. These shoes either; are boots, have a heel, are made of canvas or are Vans/Converse.



## CHSG School Bag Guide

From September 2020 all students must have a plain, black rucksack. These four bags would be acceptable for students to use this academic year coming (2020-21) as they are the right colour, type and have no visible logos on them.



These four bags **would not be** acceptable for students to use from 2020. Although they are black and all rucksacks, they are not plain as the logos on them are visible.



### Embroidered School Bag

For students who are in Year 7 in September 2020 the school bag available from Trutex (logo will be embroidered) is **compulsory**.

For students who are in Year 8 and 9 in September 2020 the school bag available from Trutex (logo will be embroidered) is **compulsory from September 2021**. For 2020-2021 students in these year group can either use a plain, black rucksack (as shown in the top line of images) or purchase the embroidered school bag from Trutex.

Students who are in Year 10 and 11 in September 2020 will not need to purchase the embroidered school bag from Trutex at all. However, they must have a plain, black rucksack (as shown in the top line of images).



### Golden Ticket winners:

Huge congratulations to the following students for winning the most Golden Tickets from the 1<sup>st</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> March!

Deepika P 10RD1	2
Kayleigh E 10PK2	2
Katelynn A P 10RD2	2
Jada A 10RD1	2
Kaylia R-G 10RD1	2



Congratulations to the following students with the most Golden tickets from the 8<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> March

Kasey E 10RW2	2
Katie K 10PK1	2
Belindah K 10PK1	2

Well done also to all our students who have won a Golden Ticket in their online lessons. Keep up the great work!

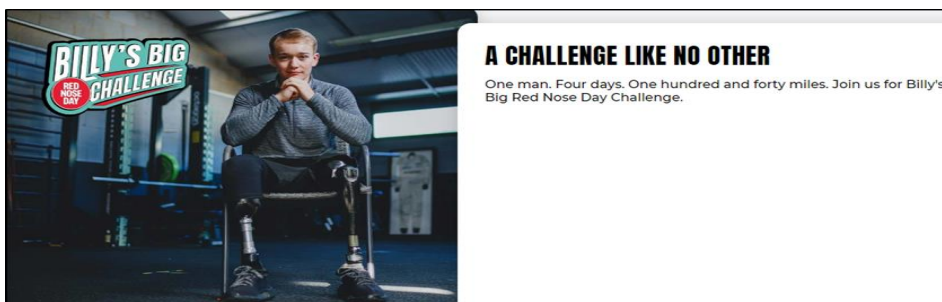
### House activities to celebrate Comic Relief:

#### SHARE A SMILE HELP GET CHSG SMILING

Help to kick-start a wave of smiles from your tutor room to the next, and onwards all around the school. Complete the poster, add your favourite joke and put up in your tutor room to share with the school.

We cannot make the school smile without you.

Other activities to get involved in with the family:







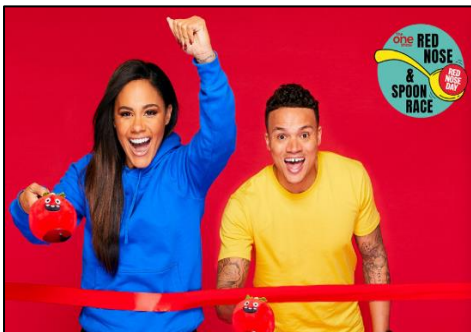
### RADIO 1'S LOL-A-THON IS BACK

Join Scott Mills, Chris Stark and the Radio 1 family for the nation's favourite 24 hour comedy challenge. Prepare to feel the power of the LOL.



### CAN YOUR FAMILY RESCUE THE NATION'S LAUGHTER?

Evil supervillain Doomy McGloomy has stolen the nation's laughter. Can you and your family complete five fiendishly fun missions as a family to rescue it and set it free?



### THE ULTIMATE RED NOSE AND SPOON RACE

The One Show's very own Alex Scott and Jermaine Jenas are pulling on their walking boots, grabbing their spoons and going head to head in the hope of being crowned The Red Nose and Spoon Race champion.

### Student Corner:

Thank you to everyone who contributed.



### Returning to school

Last Wednesday we returned to school and I believe that many would agree with me that it has not been an easy transition, as most of our routines have been disrupted. I take pride in being a very organised person, I like absolutely everything in order. So not being able to plan for what is around the corner has been particularly hard for me especially as things can change in such a short period of time.

Returning to school has been a great help to me as it has allowed us to reunite with our friends and have a teacher nearby who can guide us whenever we need the help. One might argue that we did have the teacher's help while doing virtual learning; yet I still think that it is easier to learn when we are in the classroom for many reasons. The most obvious ones being less distractions from the TV and phone. Finally, I can only encourage my fellow students to gradually get back to their original routines and to try their absolute best to catch up on work that they might not have understood as our GCSE's are approaching and before we know it we will be in Year 11!

**By Andrea B. Q 10PK2**

## **Life after Lockdown...**

I know I am not the only one who must adjust to coming out of lockdown. Being in quarantine has had a huge impact on all of our lives. We have so many memories from being in lockdown from whipped coffee to staying up until 6am watching tik toks. Coming back to school has been a challenge as I worried about things like losing friendships, how far behind I was on schoolwork and if I was going to be able to catch up. But lockdown has taught me many things about myself like how I'm a strong independent young woman who is capable of achieving anything she sets her mind to. Looking back on lockdown I'm grateful for the opportunity this time has given me to work on myself and become a better version of me!

**By Tamara S 10PK2**

Life in lockdown has shown me all the things we used to take for granted and how they cannot be replaced with the limited interactions that online apps provide. What was conventional a year ago now feels like it is somewhat of a blessing: seeing your loved ones, hanging out with your friends and most importantly having the freedom to be able to go anywhere.

Returning to school was a fusion of a sweet yet nervous feelings, stepping into school as I hear the muffled whispers of my classmates. I never imagined I would find myself missing such little things, just to walk in these hallways, rushing to get to my lessons or simply just saying "here" when the teacher does the register. To chat to your friends as you wait to go to your class and just to be physically there. It has been challenging to merely survive the last couple of months; it has been hard for all of us as the definition of "normal" suddenly changed. No one had predicted we would be sitting in front of a screen to attend lessons or being confined to our own house, but we have been through the worst and we must try to focus on the optimistic side of things. Despite all the challenges, we must all work hard to make the best out of what we have, as this invaluable time will slip out of our hands like sand.

**By Mahnoor M 10HL2**

Coming back to school has been a strange, almost nerve-wracking experience, after being at home for so long. However being back in person, face to face, has been such a relief. Being able to maintain a routine once again, participate in practical subjects such as Music and Drama in designated working environments and simply just being able to see friends again. Working from home has really made me realise how underappreciated I was of school and how everyone took it for granted before the pandemic.

**Lara H 10RD1**

In the lead-up to returning back to school, I felt anxious about the change from lockdown life back to our normal routine once more. However, once the school day began all my worries went away and I felt at ease with being back. I enjoyed seeing my friends and being present in the room during lessons, which made it easier to understand the work and ask questions when I needed to. I have also loved getting back into doing practical work in Drama lessons and having class discussions in media. Overall, I was pleased with how my return went and it has brought a sense of normality back into my life, which is definitely, what we all needed.

**Oliva C 10RW2**

Locked in your house

Observing the sky

Cramped in your room

Keeping up to date with school work and the news

Doing online lessons

Organising school uniform and equipment to get ready for school again

Wearing masks to protect myself and others

Never wanting this AGAIN! (Stay safe)

**By Haviyaa S 10HL2**