

## Year 10 Newsletter 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

It's hard to believe we are already at the end of the Spring term and two thirds of the way through this academic year. It has certainly been a challenging return to school with another set of year 10 students having to be sent home to self-isolate. We are so proud of the way the students have handled this disruption and settled back into home learning once more. It was nice to see all the students return on the last day of term!



This week we have recognised and celebrated lots and lots of our fabulous students in the end of term assembly and I'd like to share some of their names and achievements with you also below.

Thank you for all your support this term; the Year 10 team is really grateful for everything you've done to support your daughter's home learning and their return to school also. We would like to wish each and every one of you a wonderful Easter break and hope that you and your daughter will be able to rest, relax and enjoy spending some more time with friends and loved ones as lockdown restrictions begin to ease.

Best wishes,

Miss Marshall, Mrs Johnson and the Year 10 team.

### School day

From the 19<sup>th</sup> April Yr10 tutor time will move to the morning, therefore students will be expected to be on site by 8:25 (the Colston Avenue gate will be open from 8:10am). The reason for this change is due to adjustments made for students to enter and exit the school site in a staggered approach. We will also be using the morning registration to carry out important preparation work for Yr11.

The morning line-up checks will commence at 8:25am. After the line-up, students will go with their tutors to their tutor base.

Students will be dismissed after their period 5 lesson at 2:15 pm and will exit the school site via the Colston Avenue gate. Students who are in after-school centralised detention will leave 30 minutes after the dismissal time. These students can leave or be collected via the Front Gate.

### Golden Ticket winners:

In the last 4 weeks of face to face school we had 96 different Golden Ticket winners in Year 10!

Congratulations to all our Golden Ticket winners- but an especially big congratulations to the following students for being awarded the most Golden Tickets since March 8<sup>th</sup>:

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

Every term we select one Golden Ticket winner's name at random to receive from Mr Devenney. The voucher winner for this term is:

Congratulations **Louisa K 10HL1**- we hope you enjoy spending your voucher.



a gift voucher

**A huge congratulations to Evie B, (RW2) for winning the KS4/5 House Chess competition!**

The students with the most achievement points this term are:

Louisa K 10HL1

Bethan P 10HL1

Isabelle F 10HL1

Kaynat Z 10HL1

Chloe W 10HL1

Maryam K 10HL1

Lexi S 10HL1

Jessica G 10HL2

Katelynn 10RD2

Congratulations to all of you and please continue your hard work and excellent attitudes next term!

**Subject Stars this term**

**Drama**

Sofya V.- For her imaginative and thoughtful-devising work

Sophie B.- For her excellent subject knowledge and creativity demonstrated across different topics



**History**

Max Q.- For demonstrating outstanding knowledge and understanding and striving to achieve excellence at all times

Marnie D.- For her excellent participation in History this term, asking good questions and demonstrating high levels of subject knowledge

**Maths**

Maryam K- For never being afraid to ask why... Her quest for improving her knowledge in Maths is highly commendable

Lucy D- For her full engagement in lessons, including during lockdown. A great improvement in her Maths and in her confidence!

## **French**

Isla R- Fantastic attitude to learning French, always tries her best and determined to get her work totally perfect. A joy to have in the classroom!

## **German**

Amy A- Excellent attitude and engagement in online learning during lockdown, proactive and conscientious; great work continued then in class demonstrated in Amy's improved quality of work and fantastic progress.

## **Spanish**

Nawal M- Great attitude to learning Spanish from home as well as at school and always being diligent to help others.

## **Music**

Joanna S- For her brilliant dedication and resilience in music.

Max Q- For consistently developing musical ability and working hard in music this half term

Lucy D- For fantastic consistency, going above and beyond and development of herself in music this half term.

Lucy R- For always pushing and developing her musical ability and fantastic responses in music this half term.

## **Geography**

Keira S- For speaking like a geographer with increasing knowledge and confidence in all her verbal answers

Bethan P- For continued application and effort to all her lessons and homework tasks

## **D.T.**

Jada A- For consistently good work and positive attitude towards Design and Technology

Millie B- For a positive attitude in Design and Technology since returning to school after Lockdown 3.

## **Chemistry**

Nawal M- For her great attitude in lessons, both remotely and in school

Gabriella S-B- For always being focussed and giving every lesson both online and in class 100%.

## **Physics**

Laiba I- For working hard in lessons

## **Combined Science**

Faith A- For working hard to improve her understanding

Lola B -For working hard in lessons and at home, doing revision for topics covered in previous years

## **Media Studies**

Jessica M- For always being completely engaged in Media lessons and making excellent and insightful contributions to class discussions.

Nawal M- For being fully engaged in lessons and producing work of extremely high quality.

Olivia C- For her consistent, positive and high levels of engagement in Media.

## **English**

Evie B & Bella F- For utterly smashing it on their first attempt at a proper GCSE exam paper!

### **Child Development**

Mia W-W & Sophie B- For their sheer resilience and hard work!

### **Business Studies**

Lola B- For her excellent behaviour for learning and showing initiative

Kaynat Z- For her excellent dedication and genuine interest in the subject

Aneeqa A. & Jocelyn K- For excellent quality of work and engagement

Julia D. & Victoria M- For their consistent focus, engagement and progress.

### **Computer Science**

Shahrin K & Komal S- For consistently achieving outstanding results from the start of the course

### **GCSE PE**

Victoria - for her kindness to others and excellent work ethos.

Leila T- Excellent contribution across all aspects of GCSE PE. Always puts a 100% effort in and acts on feedback provided in order to improve, keep up the great work!

Tamara S- Provides great answers and always contributes to discussions within theory lessons. Always puts a 100% effort in, showing a high level of practical skills across a number of sports.

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Dear parent/carer,

We are your school uniform stockist and look forward to seeing you over the next few months to help you purchase your daughters uniform

Due to the Coronavirus situation, and following government guidelines our store is remaining closed. We are planning to open our store on **MONDAY 12<sup>th</sup> APRIL** depending on no government changes before this date.

OPENING TIMES- MONDAY-TUESDAY-FRIDAY-SATURDAY 9.30-5.30 CLOSED 1.30-2pm

FACE MASKS TO BE WORN BY ALL VISITORS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING WILL STILL BE ADHERED TO

ONLY ONE ADULT ONE CHILD WILL BE ADMITTED PER VISIT

A QUEUEING SYSTEM WILL BE IN OPERATION TILL THE 16<sup>th</sup> OF JULY

FROM THE 17<sup>TH</sup> JULY WE WILL BE REVERTING BACK TO APPOINTMENTS ONLY BOOKING MADE ONLY VIA OUR WEBSITE. THIS WILL ENABLE US TO CONTROL THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN OUR STORE

Regarding purchasing your uniform NOW we are still operating an ON LINE service FREE MAIL ORDER & CLICK AND COLLECT and over the next few weeks we will update options for you on the website and also via the school .

**One new option we are introducing is an  
EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT FROM 1ST MAY – 30TH JUNE  
FREE DELIVERY TO YOUR HOME (normal price £10)  
ORDERS OVER £100 WILL RECEIVE A\* £20 VOUCHER**

**\*TO SPEND INSTORE FROM 1ST OCTOBER - 28TH FEBRUARY (SPEND OVER £50)**

CHECK OUT OUR PACKAGE DEAL

**BUY ITEMS 1-12 AND THE BLOUSES ARE FREE**

1. <u>NAVY EMBROIDERED BLAZER</u>	£35-£45
2. <u>JUMPER V. NECK NAVY LOGO</u>	£24-£32
3. <u>BLOUSE BLUE CHECK TWIN PACK</u> <b>FREE</b> IN PACKAGE DEAL	£35-£40
4. <u>PINS X 3</u> HOUSE COLOUR	£6
*5. <u>BOX PLEAT SKIRT/ OR TROUSERS NAVY</u>	£15-28
*6. <u>TIGHTS BLACK/OR</u> <b>SHORT SOCKS</b> BLACK	£8
7. <u>COMPULSORY EMBROIDERED SCHOOL BAG</u> DANCE/PE KIT	£25
8. <u>AKOA POLO TOP NAVY/ CYCLONE BLUE WITH HOUSE COLOUR LOGO</u>	£18-£24
9. <u>AKOA SHORTS NAVY/CYCLONE BLUE</u>	£16-£19
10. <u>NAVY-CYCLONE HOODED TOP WITH LOGO</u>	£26-£30
11. <u>NAVY TROUSERS WITH LOGO OPTIONAL</u>	£25
*12. <u>NAVY LONG SOCKS</u>	£6.50

**\* THESE ITEMS AVAILABLE IN OTHER OUTLETS**

## PE and Dance Kit Expectations

### PE

- School PE polo top
- School PE shorts
- Long navy socks
- Trainers

### Dance

- School PE polo top
- School PE shorts or plain black leggings

### Optional

- School tracksuit bottoms/plain black or navy joggers.
- School PE hoodie **only**.
- Plain black or navy under layer (skin).

### Students are not allowed to wear the following:

- Any non-school hoodie (For example, a Nike hoodie).
- Only blazers and school jumpers can be worn over PE kit to and from school.
- No school jumpers are to be worn during PE lesson.

**Students wearing any incorrect uniform will be receive a 30 minute centralised detention on that day.**

**PE and Dance kit is only to be worn on days they have these timetabled lessons.**

### **School council Meeting**

Being a school we are part of a community and have a student council. Here are Jessica's thoughts about being in the student council:

On Tuesday the 23th of March, all student council members from all different years met for a social distanced meeting in the school canteen. As a member of this council we have the opportunity to discuss ways to improve the atmosphere inside and outside of school. Seeing everyone once again after the lockdown was nice as our last student council meeting was online. This made it easier to understand and discuss ideas in further detail and plan for our next agenda. Numerous topics such as the Canteen, Safety in and out of school and COVID protocol was all touched upon during the meeting and will now be feedback to the rest of year 10.

## Student Corner-

Thank you to everyone who contributed.



Today year 10 spent their period 2 learning about Autism to celebrate National Autism week. It was an informative and engaging topic and many students enjoyed learning about Autism.

“I never really knew much about Autism so this workshop was really helpful for me and I learnt things which I didn’t know about. This was incredibly useful to know how to help people with Autism especially when they are feeling overwhelmed and I am grateful for the lesson”

Rhea M, 10RW1

## Online learning experiences!

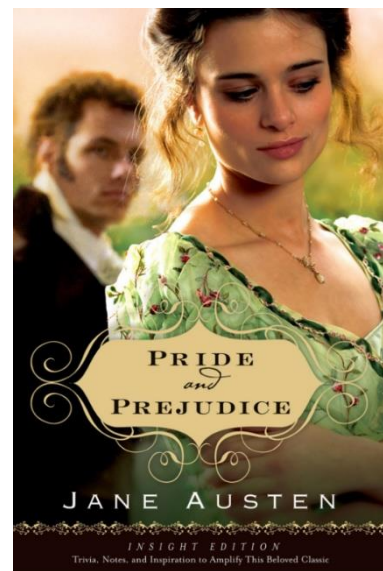
We have all had to experience a great deal of online learning during these times. It’s been a huge challenge, and with groups of students isolating at different times, it seems we will have to persevere a little longer. Many students will have struggled to motivate themselves to complete work, and others will have been counting down the days to end online school. However, its taught us all some valuable lessons. For example, with less contact with teachers, we have learned to become more independent and responsible. We have also learned to adapt quickly to changing circumstances, with people coming in and out of school. In my case, like in many others, I’ve had to isolate at home multiple times. Today has been my first day back after my most recent period of isolation. It was quite overwhelming, with very little notice due to the length of time it takes for the PCR tests results to come in. However, it’s got me used to getting things done in a quick, organised way and has reduced my stress about preparing for school. It’s forced me to look at my situation in a more rational mindset and allowed me to organise myself quickly under pressure. I think this is an extremely valuable lesson to take with me not only through school but into my career too.

We have now reached the easter holidays! Everyone should be so proud of themselves for what they have achieved through lockdown and in school, especially if you had to push through barriers to get where you are now. I hope everyone gets a well-deserved rest and has a lovely easter!

Lily C, 10RD2

## Reading-10RW1:

Being a tutee in 10RW1 we are reading the classic book “Pride and Prejudice” written by Jane Austen. This witty story is set in the early eighteenth-century and is surrounded by the values and attitudes of the We see the different behaviours of characters such as the free-spirited (Elizabeth) who is the daughter of the Bennet family who have five daughters which (considering the era) is seen as unlucky, this is why her family is trying to get her married but Lizzie only wants to marry for love not reputation. This book has been thrilling to read with my form and I have enjoyed the connection reading brings with others. So far this book has not failed to amuse me and has expanded my knowledge with some old English terms as well as new words. I recommend to whoever is reading this that pick up a copy and get reading too.



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## Spring:

Although we have been in tough times, my favourite time of year has finally come - spring! The days are getting longer, and the trees are getting greener as we start to approach summer and spring to me represents time of growth and change into a new season - physically and mentally. This winter has been a bit of a weird one for all of us to be honest, with many of us not being able to spend time with loved ones, however things have begun to get better, making me a lot more optimistic about the days to come as we can finally do activities that seem like luxuries to us which we once had seen as normal. This spring I'm looking forward to spending more time outdoors, whether that be a walk or having a picnic with friends and family.

Jocelyn 10RW1



## **Here is an Easter inspired recipe by Jessica. A:**

- Easter Rocky Road
- 175g/6oz dark [chocolate](#), broken into pieces
- 125g/4½oz [milk chocolate](#), broken into pieces
- 2 tbsp [golden syrup](#)
- 75g/2¾oz unsalted [butter](#), diced
- 160g/5¾oz sugar-coated mini [chocolate](#) eggs
- 200g/7oz digestives or rich tea [biscuits](#), broken into pieces
- 75g/2¾oz mini [marshmallows](#)
- 50g/1¾oz [hazelnuts](#), roughly chopped
- 75g/2¾oz [raisins](#)

## **Method**

Line a 20x30cm/8x12in baking tin with baking paper

Place the dark and milk chocolate pieces in a large heatproof bowl and add the golden syrup and butter. Set the bowl over a pan of barely simmering water but do not allow the bottom of the bowl to touch the water. Stir from time to time until the butter and chocolate are melted and the mixture is smooth. Remove from the heat and leave to cool for 5 minutes – if this is too hot the marshmallows will melt.

Cut the chocolate mini eggs in half (leaving a few whole) and set aside one third of the eggs, including the whole ones for decorating. Gently fold in the chocolate eggs, biscuits, marshmallows, nuts and raisins into the chocolate mixture and mix to combine. Spoon into the prepared tin and spread level using the back of the spoon. Scatter with the reserved whole and halved mini eggs.

Refrigerating for at least 1 hour, or until completely firm. Cut into bars to serve.



