

Parental Update 1/5/2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

The rhythm and structure of home learning/working has for many of us now become the new normal. This does not mean it isn't without its problems however establishing simple regular patterns of behaviour and routine is really beneficial and allows bumps in the road, as people become frustrated, angry or upset, to be handled sensitively and recognised as a natural consequence of this unnatural situation.

Like many of you I have two teenagers at home. We have our ups and downs as the week progresses and at times have to work hard so that we reach Friday night still talking to each other. I would like to thank you again for your ongoing support of the home learning we have put in place. We know one size cannot fit all and you have our support in managing what works best in your household. We just ask that communication remains open and constructive so we can help in any way we can.

We pride ourselves on being responsive to feedback, good or bad, whilst at the same time recognising that there is no need to tinker with what is working well. Therefore we have tried in this update to focus on the successes we have seen from students as they demonstrate a fantastic independent commitment to their studies. We have a range of platforms across which we are celebrating with them so the content in this update is but a partial snap shot and I know there is plenty more excellent work out there. Well done on the creativity, grit and positivity so many of you are showing.

I hope you and your families remain well and look forward to the time in the coming weeks when we can start sharing plans for reopening with you.

Best wishes and stay safe

Mr Whitehead

School News:

Bank Holiday - Next Friday 8 May is the early May Bank Holiday which marks the 75th anniversary of VE Day, the end of World War II in Europe. Students will not have lessons on this day, however we will continue to offer support to our key worker families.

Best of Bohunt: As we approach Week 7, our continued communication with students through our lessons, tutor interactions and the pastoral team has made one thing very clear; both students and staff are missing the daily interactions with each other. It has been touching to have so many students get in contact with their teachers expressing how much they miss their school. One way we are looking to ensure students, staff and members of our Bohunt community stay connected with us and help us celebrate all the amazing things we are missing, is through the launch of 'Best of Bohunt' next week. This will be a central place for students, staff and parents to share daily photos, achievements, messages or stories, shared with the wider Bohunt community.

Virtual assembly and tutor time: Monday saw our first virtual assembly given by Mr Cordwell. Going forward we plan to have an assembly every week as a way to keep our community linked and also remind people that there are other things than coronavirus going on in the world at this time. We also hope to increase opportunities for students to link to their tutor and tutor groups in activities before the day

starts. This is something that came through strongly in our student survey and more details can be found in the wellbeing section of this update.

Year 11: This Monday we successfully launched our Post 16 Curriculum offer for Year 11 students. This package includes subject specific work, local college offers, university courses such as EtonX and other variants including Barclay Life Skills and John Muir Award. We sent home an update to our Year 11 students and parents on Monday, with a personal video message. Mr Whitehead's video can be seen here: https://www.loom.com/share/68b68a50945f44ffa9de18c3c64a6ba7?utm_medium=gif

Virtual Games: On Monday, the PE Department launched Sussex Virtual Games. The Virtual School Games is a County wide school competition where students and adults have the opportunity to compete against other schools. Each week (Monday mornings) a new sport is revealed with a series of 4 challenges. All you need to do is sign up, give these challenges a go and submit your scores online each week by Friday midday. More information can be found at <http://www.sussexschoolgames.co.uk/> or feel free to watch Mr Weedon's person video to students and parents on our youtube page <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCaK22uFrldlr5HSafAthyKmg>
This is a great opportunity for the whole family to take part in some local competition whilst we are all social distancing.

Year 6 transition: The summer term marks a really important time for Year 6 students, as I am sure many of you will remember. Whilst transition will inevitably look different this year getting it right is even more important. Over the past couple of weeks we have written to our new Y7 students and produced video presentations for them and parents to watch. These can be seen on the school website under admissions.

Computers for the less advantaged: Many of you will have heard that the government is offering to support schools by providing IT equipment to some students and families who might have difficulty with provision at home. We are very fortunate with the iPad scheme that largely we have been able to self-sort issues as they arose. However the Bohunt Education Trust did launch an appeal for old equipment before the government scheme was announced and has received over 100 pieces of equipment for distribution a small number of which have gone to our students in Worthing. <https://www.bohunttrust.co.uk/news/bet-calls-for-old-ipads-chromebooks-and-laptops-to-support-online-access-for-children/>
We will of course use any resources we are entitled to from the government, as its scheme rolls out, to benefit students most in need.

Educational Research: As a trust we are always keen to be at the forefront of educational practise so that we can provide the very best for our students. We were already this year taking part in a number of research projects covering the 1-2-1 scheme, student wellbeing, memorisation techniques and the impact of outdoor education. We have agreed to be involved in some national research at this time on the impact of home learning on students. This will involve for most students a request that they periodically fill in a questionnaire to create some quantitative data for research and analysis that will provide useful outcomes to inform future practise. This will not be a complex task and is voluntary however we hope most will take part to create a worthwhile data set. Some students, should they wish, will have the opportunity to produce more reflective qualitative information. We will share full details with you when we launch the research.

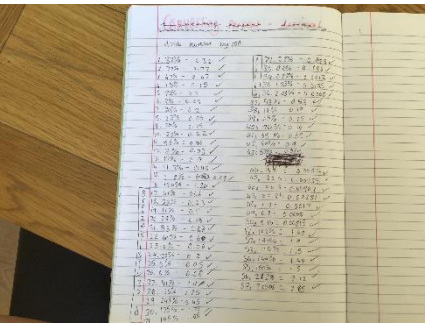
Home learning Years 7-10:

Home learning continued to be a success this week, with students producing some fantastic work. We are thankful for the continued support of parents to ensure remote learning continues to be a success. There are no immediate plans to change the format of our remote delivery, and staff continue to receive training to provide a range of activities for our students. We would like to take this opportunity to share some examples of fantastic student work with you and again thank you and your children for their passion and commitment to their learning.

Attainment

In Maths, Imogen Godden has achieved 100% in 52 Hegarty tasks across Fractions Decimals and Percentages - even doing un-set extension work on Sunday to keep herself going.

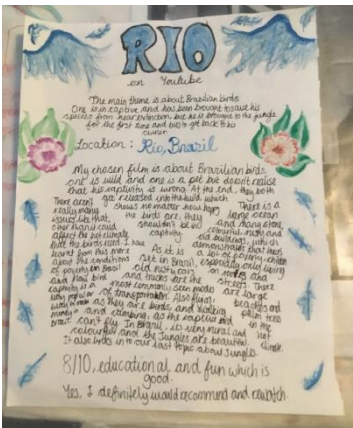
Millie Carter has been working extremely hard, when given a range of questions labelled Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum and she answered all of them.



Achievement

Students producing some good quality work in Mandarin. Xièxiè students

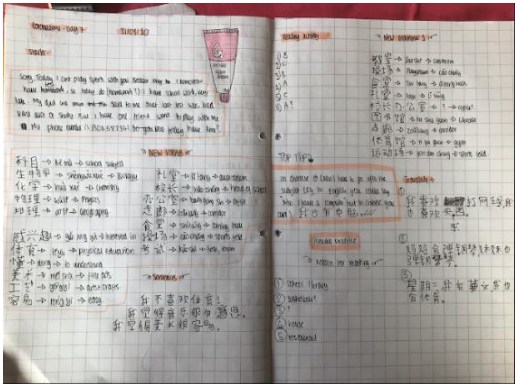
In Geography, students have been set a Geogglebox task to review chosen documentaries. This has produced some of their best remote learning pieces of submitted work. Engaging and



enjoyable.

Attitude to learning

Students in Miss Fu's Mandarin class showing a great attitude to their work and their low stakes tests!



泰山	28	100% Accuracy	35090 Score
felix	28	100% Accuracy	34670 Score
Lola	28	100% Accuracy	34520 Score
Maisie	28	100% Accuracy	34510 Score
Henry	28	100% Accuracy	34400 Score
Emily	28	100% Accuracy	33990 Score
Isaac	28	100% Accuracy	33600 Score
Benjamin	28	100% Accuracy	33440 Score
daisy martin	28	100% Accuracy	33380 Score

Joy of learning



The Drama and Dance departments have been promoting a live screening of Andrew Bovell's 'Things I know to be True' to KS4 students. Things I know to be True is a recommended play for GCSE Drama students to study. It is a moving and visceral piece of contemporary theatre, featuring Frantic assembly's celebrated physicality.

Thank you to Mr Weedon and the PE team for launching the virtual Sussex School Games. Gary got the ball rolling

with the first week's sporting activity.... Hockey. Lets hope our students can get us placed on the leaderboard. See his videos here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OZq-lvoTGbl>



Celebrating ERAs awarded over the last 4 school weeks!

A huge well done to many of you who have still been working hard at home and achieving ERA rewards each week. Well over half of the school have achieved at least 12 ERAs in the four weeks, an average of 3 a week each. There have been over 11500 ERA points awarded across the whole school. Listed below are the students who have managed to get 30 ERAs or more in that time, which is a fantastic achievement.

Aaron Mansfield 7DPH Alex Akaliyski 7VLE Alice Nash 10FTI Bailey Smith 10FTI Callum Noyce 10MMC Charlie Coden 10FPO Ella Haughton 10JST Elodie Hallett 7TBA Eric Rogulski 7TBA Favour Benemor 9GWE Faye Carrington 11RSH Finlay Macdonald 10JST	Finn Seymour 9SWI Frey Allen 9NJI George Hayden 7VLE Gracie Harvey-Rich 7TBA Hannah Callahan 10JST Haydn Le Manquais 9KFR Imogen Godden 8TFU Isaac Sefton 10FTI Jack Davis 7DHU James Apsey 9EDU Jessie Popkiewicz-Smith 9EDU Joshua Grumble 9SWI	Lila Roberts 7AME Lottie Williams 7AME Lydia Rand 10MWI Maisie Chandler 9GWE Maria Mihai 10MMC Megan Poole 7AME Millie Sneddon 7TBA Nikola Osinska 9NJI Tilly Wilson 10JST Tobin Hamilton 10FTI William Dootson 10FPO
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Special mention goes to our top three on the list, Aaron Mansfield (49 ERAs), Finlay MacDonald (40 ERAs) and Charlie Coden (40 ERAs) who are all hitting an average of 10 or more ERAs a week!!

As far as tutor groups go, again we have those high numbers of ERAs spread across the groups. The top 2 in year groups 7-10, with ERA points, are as follows-

7VLE 567	9GWE 510
7DPH 535	9SWI 505
8TFU 444	10JST 448
8ZWO 366	10RFA 430

Overall the year 7 groups are leading the way, closely followed by year 9 so keep those ERA points coming! If any students achieve Bronze, Silver, Gold or Platinum Awards over the current period of time, we will obviously be looking to award these on our return to normal school operations. Well done everyone, keep up the hard work!

Lexia PowerUp: In September 2019, we launched an online literacy learning programme Lexia PowerUp, with all year 7 students across the Trust, following a successful trial in one of our schools. With Lexia's support, we now have expanded this programme to other year groups until the end of the academic year. The programme is highly engaging and supports students in developing literacy across three areas: word study, comprehension and grammar. PowerUp targets gaps in students' understanding up to, and within, 'expected' levels for GCSE. At the highest levels it is very challenging indeed!

Year 8 students were given login information on the day we closed and are being instructed to complete a set number of minutes by their teachers. Year 9 and 10 received their login information via email last week, and need to complete the auto-placement test to determine their level of literacy and suitability of the program for their literacy needs. We will then be in touch with individual students to recommend how much of the program they should complete per week.

Pastoral Support and Student Wellbeing:

This week saw students watch their first 'virtual' assembly, you can follow the link below to watch for yourself. Students will be presented with a new 'virtual' assembly every Monday, the assemblies will be on a range of themes looking to celebrate events that may lack the profile they deserve due to the current situation. Upcoming themes include VE day, Earth day and the Olympics.

<https://www.loom.com/share/dde6c79e3b854ae2b06eab00644f5070>

As we continue to look at different ways to create a level of 'connect' between the students and the school, tutors will be hosting a tutor quiz every Tuesday leading up to half term starting next week (May 5th). In an effort to get students engaging in big issue discussions, we are also publishing VotesForSchools resources each week via tutor Google Classrooms. We encourage them to discuss these with you at home as well, and then vote on whether they agree with the issue or not.

Students have been participating in a series of challenges since we have been closed, ranging from trying new skills, to showing us their home working environments. Last week we invited students on the first Monday to share with us their NHS Art, in honour of the new Nightingale Hospital. We uploaded 54 contributions of the 300 we received at thebohunttimes.com and have also attached a few of the best below. Students can find all the challenges in their tutor Google Classrooms, and parents can get involved too!

