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Weekly Information Bulletin



Mission Statement

'To educate each and every unique child in our care to hear and respond to what God calls them to be'

Prayer

WISDOM

Galatians 3:28

"There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, there is neither male nor female: for you are all one in Christ Jesus"

Dear Lord, Give us the strength to remember and celebrate our neighbours near and far so that we can support and walk along side those who are struggling for whatever reason during these times when we cannot be together as a community. Amen

WALK OF LIFE

In unity there is strength, we can move mountains when we are united.

Bill Bailey

WELLBEING

Tip: Think about how you can encourage unity within your friendship group, family and wider community safely from home.

Support

If you need any more support, please remember the Chapel is open every day. Alternatively, please email wellbeing@sjw.bham.sch.uk to talk to a member of the wellbeing team.

Year 8 Pathway Choices

Most Year 8 pupils have now received an email confirming their option choices for September 2020. Please check your emails, if you have not already done so, to let me know of any queries.

By Ms Hanson

SJW Values

Eloquent & Truthful

Head of Year Message

Year 10

A big welcome back to our Year 10 pupils. We know there has been a lengthy time of uncertainty and now we are pleased to be able to offer all of you some face to face teaching with your subject teachers.

I was really amazed with the maturity Week A Year 10 pupils have shown returning to school and maintaining social distancing and getting used to this new type of learning. All pupils followed the conditions around school to make sure your learning was done in a safe manner. It is important whilst you are in school to have respect for individual space and continue to do this everyday you are in school.

I also wanted to say a big thank you to our Year 10 parents who have been tirelessly working with their children to make sure work is being completed and supporting your child with their learning whether it was online or work posted out by school. Please continue to do this and remember any queries/concerns your child is still able to email their teachers or parents can still ring school.

Some pupils might continue to work from home until their transition in Year 11 after the summer break and could I please ask that any work being set by your teachers still needs to be completed as if you were in school. I know staff have worked really hard to keep the lessons going for you all at home so it is important that this is completed. Please understand that this is still monitored so it is vitally important that it is completed.

If you know you may be struggling with this way of learning or are having any concerns for further support please email wellbeing@sjw.bham.sch.uk. Remember we are here to support not only teaching but also your wellbeing.

I look forward to week B Year 10 pupils attending from Monday 22 June; talk to other pupils from the week A group about their experiences this week; if you are still feeling uncertain about attending they will be able to give you a better idea about this week's learning. As always take care and stay safe.

By Mrs Chand

Remember: Wash your hands regularly with soap and water for at least 20 seconds

Year 10 and 11 Pupils – Post 16 Virtual Open Week

Dear year 10 and year 11, Hope you're all well!

We have gained access to a really useful resource for a virtual open week between 22nd and 26th June. As you have had little to no school contact this will support you in thinking ahead to post 16 where we are currently unable to advise you or arrange meetings with the careers adviser.

The series of college open days and events delivered across the week of 22nd - 26th June will combine live sessions with college staff, overviews of courses plus links to websites and other sources of information. All 21 colleges across the region have been invited to take part creating a mass opportunity for school leavers to explore the college option.

What do you need to do?

Step 1: All Year 10 and Year 11 pupils to visit Launchyourcareer.com to get started. The pupils will take part in a quiz to learn about their preferences and their personality animal and, combined with their interests, this leads them to explore their options and choose their perfect career. These choices will be saved and used to connect students to the colleges and courses that most interest them.

Step two: Launchyourcareer.com will create a personalised itinerary of events that each pupil is invited to attend. This information (available from 15 June) can also be accessed by Miss Lally and Mrs Chand via the school's dashboard and give an overview of which pupils are planning to attend which sessions. Once pupils attend a session this information will be captured and can be used to follow-up, to explore these options further as part of the careers support we offer you when we go back to school and help all young people consider their options.

The benefits

Young people get the opportunity to virtually meet a large number of colleges and a wide range of subject specialists to explore their options despite being at home - and to do this in a concentrated and targeted way.

Pupils will be able to focus on their interests and preferences and receive a personalised itinerary of college sessions they can 'attend'. They will be able to access a range of high-quality information and live sessions at one time and in one place.

It is really important that all pupils in Year 10 and 11 sign up to this fantastic opportunity at launchyourcareer.com and complete the quiz so that resources are tailored for your needs to take part in the virtual open week events between 22nd and 26th June. This can be done on your phones so there's no excuse!

By Miss Lally



Head of Year Message

Year 9

Hello Year 9! This has indeed been a strange time. Hopefully this has also been a time where you have enjoyed spending time with your family, explored new hobbies and tried new things!

Thank you to all of you who have shared the fun things you have been up to. I hope you have felt supported with the phone calls you have had from form tutors and emails from your teachers.

On a practical note, September brings a new academic year. You will be in Year 10 and the pressure is on! Being prepared is the only way to enter the new year in a positive way. So, what can you do now?

Your teachers have compiled new development homework booklets that will put you in the right place for September. These are being posted home to all pupils and the new development homework is also on the school website. I'm expecting you to communicate with teachers if you need help. This is an opportunity for you to gain confidence working at your own pace at home, but you also need to be pro-active to ensure you understand it.

You can do it! You have demonstrated to us how resilient you can be over this period at home. We all believe in you. Keep an eye out for emails from myself and Mrs Crooks with activities that you can participate in. Keep going for walks and getting fresh air daily.

I'll leave you with this scripture:

Psalm 46:1-3 God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in times of trouble

Please use the mental health resources that have been sent out and communicate with me if you feel as though you are struggling to cope. See you soon, stay safe

Special Congratulations to...

Temí Luxmoore-Babalola for being accepted into a modelling, acting and dancing agency!

Jacqueline Loufilou for being accepted into BOA Performing Arts School!

Aleksy Chmura for achieving 3rd place in the English Poetry Competition!

Aryan Mann for completing his reading of the entire Harry Potter series!

Ricky Sangar for creating superb art!



Remember: To stay 2 metres away from other people

Shiv Patel for developing his phenomenal talents in art!



By Miss Moyo

Head of Year Message

Year 8

I hope you are all safe and well at home continuing to work on all of the exciting work your teachers have been working so hard to set for you. Over the next week you should receive a booklet of work in the post, this contains work for the rest of the school term. It would be great to work your way through the booklet as it will help with your transition into Year 9 and the start of your GCSEs and BTECs.

Your form tutors should be contacting your parents by phone over the next few weeks just to check on how you are doing, if you are having any issues then let your form tutors know so we can try and support you. Additionally, please make sure you are replying to emails sent by your form teachers as well as your class teachers so that we know how you are getting on and if there is anything we can do. Stay safe!

By Miss Reynolds

Head of Year Message

Year 7

Hello Year 7, It has been great to hear from so many of you during your form tutor phone calls. Something that has cropped up a lot is about the struggle to get your school work completed. Please remember that you should complete work from ALL subjects, not just your favourites! You may feel that your GCSE exams are a long way off but they will come sooner than you think. Let's keep up the momentum and push forward to complete work from all your subject staff. Should you have difficulties with a piece of work then email your teacher with your concerns. Use your current timetable to help you organise your day. Complete the work that you would normally do on that school day which will help to break it up and keep you engaged.

Work booklets for the next four weeks will be posted out shortly. The work is also available online and can be found on our website in the development homework section. All pupils will receive a paper copy too.

I am available via email should you need to contact me. Keep safe!

By Mrs Ellis

How you can protect yourself from Coronavirus-related scams:

There are some simple steps you can take that will protect you from the most common Coronavirus-related scams. Here's what need to do:

1 - Watch out for scam messages

Your bank, or other official organisations, won't ask you to share personal information over email or text. If you receive an email you're not quite sure about, forward it to the Suspicious Email Reporting Service (SERS): report@phishing.gov.uk

2 - Shopping online

If you're making a purchase from a company or person you don't know and trust, carry out some research first, for example, by checking to see if others have used the site and what their experience was. If you decide to go ahead with the purchase, use a credit card if you have one, other payment providers may not provide the same protection.

3 - Unsolicited calls and browser pop-ups offering tech support

Never install any software, or grant remote access to your computer, as a result of a cold call. Remember, legitimate organisations would never contact you out of the blue to ask for financial details such as your PIN or full banking password.

NHS Test and Trace scams:

The NHS Test and Trace service plays an important role in the fight against coronavirus and it's vital the public have confidence and trust in the service. However, we understand the concerns people have about the opportunity for criminals to commit scams.

What you need to know:

Contact tracers will **only call you from the number 0300 013 5000**. Anyone who does not wish to talk over the phone can request the NHS Test and Trace service to send an email or text instead, inviting them to log into the web-based service.

All text or emails sent by NHS Test and Trace will ask people to sign into the contact tracing website and will provide you with a unique reference number. We would advise people to **type the web address <https://contact-tracing.phe.gov.uk> directly into their browser**, followed by the unique reference number given to you, rather than clicking on any link provided in the message.

The NHS Test and Trace service will never:

- ask you to dial a premium rate number to speak to them (for example, those starting 09 or 087)
- ask you to make any form of payment or purchase a product or any kind
- ask for any details about your bank account
- ask for your social media identities or login details, or those of your contacts
- ask you for any passwords or PINs, or ask you to set up any passwords or PINs over the phone
- ask you to download any software to your PC or ask you to hand over control of your PC, smartphone or tablet to anyone else
- ask you to access any website that does not belong to the government or NHS

If you think you have been a victim of fraud, please report it to Action Fraud at <https://www.actionfraud.police.uk> or by calling 0300 123 2040. If you live in Scotland, please report directly to Police Scotland by calling 101.

By Mrs Crooks