

NEWSLETTER – Wednesday 23rd September

Message from the Sixth Form Team

A thought for the day inspired by Mr Cox. Today we want you to think about kindness. One act of kindness might not change the whole world, but it might change the world for one person. Watch this 3 minute [video](#) showing 20 random acts of kindness. Imagine if everyone did this on their birthday?

Stay safe, stay well, stay home!

Accessing work

Last week you were all sent some guidance about the expectations when using Zoom. Feedback from teachers has been really positive about the way you have been engaging with these lessons however I have outlined the expectations again below as a reminder to the very small number of students who have not been treating the Zoom classroom in the same way as their regular classroom. All your Zoom lessons will be recorded by the class teacher. If you cannot adhere to these expectations, then you will be removed from the Zoom lesson and will not be allowed to join again until a parent has been contacted by a member of the Sixth Form team.

- Attend every lesson on time.
- Be prepared with equipment.
- Be muted, unless asked by your teacher to unmute.
- Ensure you use your correct name.
- Use a room that has a plain and appropriate background where possible.
- Respect all participants.
- Not eat or drink during the lesson.
- Only use the chat feature with the teacher to ask/answer questions
- Use 'raise you hand' feature to ask a question verbally.
- Dress appropriately (no pyjamas or anything revealing)
- Use the hyperlink shared by your teacher on Google classroom to join the lesson.

Here are a couple of helpful videos from Mr Atkinson if you are still struggling to access Google Classroom or Zoom:

- Google Classroom – [CLICK HERE](#)
- Zoom – [CLICK HERE](#)

Celebrating Success

Well done to the following tutor groups who have no negative conduct points on SIMS since the start of the academic year: 12.7, 13.4, 13.5, 13.7!!

Don't be the one who lets the rest of the team down! Make sure all classwork is completed and homework is fully completed by the deadlines given.

UCAS information for Year 12 and 13

Live on Friday 16th October there is an opportunity to join UCAS and 103 experts from the comfort of your sofa. This is specifically for biological and physical sciences. They've brought together everyone you should meet before making your final choices and adding them to your application. To make sure you only get the support relevant to you, they've dedicated an exhibition to everything science!

It's your opportunity to:

- get your questions answered
- meet unis and colleges to find out about courses
- chat to students already studying
- find out what life on campus is really like
- hear from experts in live webcasts
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Register for the event [here](#)

Opportunity

You all have access to a free subscription of the Financial Times. It's really important to keep up with current affairs so reading quality newspapers such as the Financial Times can really broaden your general knowledge. Mr Alvarez often discusses articles with his tutor group and it would be great to hear that more of you have signed up to this. The link to sign up is [here](#).

INSET day

Another reminder that Friday this week (25th September) is an INSET day so there are no lessons happening.