

NEWSLETTER – WEDNESDAY 10TH FEBRUARY

MESSAGE FROM THE SIXTH FORM TEAM

You have just about it made it through the most remarkable half-term, although the weekend brought some welcome joy for us supporters of Scottish rugby! We know how challenging it has been for you all at times but please allow us to acknowledge the amazing work of your subject teachers and group tutors who have worked tirelessly over the past few weeks to consistently deliver lessons in a way that we weren't ever trained for. We won't send out a newsletter next week in order to try and have a switch-off so please keep smiling and remember to look after yourselves and your families over the half term holiday. Stay safe everyone.

Valentine's Day is just around the corner so let's get in the mood on Friday by wearing something **red** to Zoom lessons!

Year 13 Student Finance - You can now apply for loans for university at www.gov.uk/student-finance Deadline for applications is May 22nd.

SPECIAL MENTIONS

Mr Wilson is preparing to announce the winners of this half term's rewards. He will be sending out a video of the draw later this week! We know already that there are lots of contenders for 100% attendance. There will be subject specific recognitions and also group tutor nominations. We'll publish the winners in the next newsletter but we just want to say congratulations to everyone who was in it to win it!

Dr Lukaziewicz's tutor group (**12.1**) remain top in Year 12 for Zoom attendance – for last week and for the full half term, although followed closely behind by **12.7** (Mrs Lyon's tutor group). Well done everyone!

Ms Begum's and Ms Whittaker's tutor group (**13.7**) are finishing off in style with 100% attendance (so far) this week and have scooped the overall half term award for attendance – we're sending an imaginary box of celebrations your way! Runners up are **13.3** (Miss Eccles tutor group).

This week we had more delicious looking baking and cooking to drool over.... Check out this week's winning treats made by **Humera** in Yr13. They look amazing!



Social Scientists of the week go to **Nathan T** and **Maryam P** in Yr12 for excellent participation, work ethic, punctuality and contributions to the Social Science Club – certificates are in the post! Session 3 of Social Science Club is now on the Google Classroom and will focus on Moral Panics.

Check out this vibrant digital self portrait from **Erin** and beautiful piece from **Fatima** both in Yr12. You are both so talented.



CHALLENGES

Keep sending in your screenshots, pictures and ideas for #FitForFeb.

Miss Bailey has been putting us all to shame by completing the 100,000 steps challenge – did anyone else get close?! We think that **Harrison** and **Spencer** in Yr12 weren't too far behind you! Check out the updates over on twitter @tsc_sixthform.

Get involved in the @tsc_pedance trickshot challenges. Mr Gavin wants to see how creative you can be (we know how much you like 'basketballing' your bottles into the recycling bin from the other side of the common room!) Send him your most innovative attempts.

OPPORTUNITIES

We are sending out lots of opportunities every week. Although not everything will be directly relevant to you, there might be one golden nugget which could develop you further or provide you with an interesting experience. Here are a few more, sign-up quick..... some of them are today!

- Aspiring medical students – there is a webinar happening on Wednesday 10th February however it is available on demand [HERE](#) the following day. Medical Projects will be talking about different medical schools and how to choose the right one. They will be covering different teaching styles, costs and a lot more.
- If you are interested in Maths, then watch this recent video of Milo Beckman, a maths prodigy from New York, to hear his thoughts on a famous question in abstract maths: Is there anything bigger than infinity? [CLICK HERE](#).
- Virtual work experience with Price Waterhouse Cooper (PwC). If you're in Year 12 and you're keen to understand how you can progress your career in the world of business, accounting or technology, the PwC Virtual Insight Week offers you a fantastic opportunity to do just this. The programme runs over 5 days, Monday 26 July - Friday 30 July 2021 but applications are open now. [CLICK HERE](#). Business, Economics, Computer Science and Maths students take note!
- An insight from fellow Sixth Form students about how important it is to respond to feedback in order to improve: [CLICK HERE](#)
- Applications for the 2021 In2scienceUK Programme for all year 12 students has opened. It is a completely free programme that places students from a wide variety of interests and backgrounds across all STEM disciplines with leading universities and companies. The entire programme will run over the summer of 2021 between Year 12 and Year 13 starting on 26th July and running through to 21st August. You can apply [HERE](#) and the deadline is 9th April.
- On Thursday February 11 at 2pm, professional boxing coach Joe Gallagher is talking to the LLS students about how he turned his passion for boxing into a career which has seen him work with World Champions and travel the world. You have also been invited to attend providing you don't have lessons at that time. If you are interested in catching up another time then I'm sure it will be recorded. Here is the Zoom link: [CLICK HERE](#)
- Meet the Russel Group: Virtual Fair - The event is on this Wednesday and brings together all 24 Russell Group universities and will allow Year 12 students to explore and compare high achieving universities. For further information and to register for the event, please visit the Russell Group website [HERE](#).
- Leeds University is running a series of webinars for students interested in a range of health care fields. The webinars run from end of Feb to end of March. They cover areas such as medicine, dentistry, nursing, social work, psychology and midwifery. You need to register [HERE](#) by Feb 17th.

APPRENTICESHIPS

As mentioned in last weeks newsletter and also on Monday's tutor time sessions, this week is National Apprenticeship Week. This is particularly relevant to Year 12 students as you begin to explore some post-18 options. Don't rule an Apprenticeship out. Here are a few pointers:

1. Watch some of these short case study videos and meet real apprentices in their work place [CLICK HERE](#).
2. There are thousands of employers that offer apprenticeships. Start by looking at some of the more recognisable names on this website: [CLICK HERE](#). There are thousands more available on this website [CLICK HERE](#)
3. If you've considered an apprenticeship already but not sure where to start then think about the subjects that you study that you like most. There are some subject posters [HERE](#).

BIRTHDAYS

A very happy birthday to the following students who will be celebrating their birthdays over the next two weeks. We hope you manage to do something fun!

Tom D, Will A-P, Daniel G, Stephanie L, Humera A, Heather B, Joanna D & Klaudia D in Year 13.

Also Talha A, Michael M, Sam M & Tamzin B in Year 12

EMOTIONAL AND WELLBEING ADVICE

Kooth is a free, safe and anonymous online support for young people. Kooth provides young people with instant access to emotional and wellbeing advice incorporating self-help articles and online tools such as a mood tracker, as well as professional online therapy and pre-moderated peer-to-peer forums. On Kooth, young people can learn effective coping strategies to be able to manage day to day life. Staffed by fully trained and qualified counsellors who are available until 10pm each night, 365 days per year. Find their website at www.kooth.com

OTHER STUFF!

Mr Cox directed us towards this App called OPO (available on Apple Store and Google Play). OPO is an immersive sensory experience that pairs guided meditation with carefully curated soundscapes and real life views, to help you find a deeper connection to yourself and the world around you. There is a sample [HERE](#) which draws you in.....



Ms Begum and Mrs Lyon have been busy in the kitchen themselves this week – we'll have to start some bake sales in the common room when it is safe for you all to be back in. In the meantime, here is some lasagne, gingerbread men and baby spag bol from Mrs Lyon and some amazing meat dishes cooked by Ms Begum.

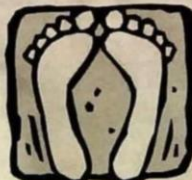
And lastly.....

Try This...
Submitted by Myrna Bianco, a Faithful Our Town Reader

How smart is your right foot?

This is hysterical. You have to try this.

It is absolutely true. I guess there are some things that the brain cannot handle.



1. While sitting in a chair, lift your right foot off the floor and make clockwise circles.
- 2 Now, while doing this, draw the number '6' in the air with your right hand. Your foot will change direction.

I told you so! And there is absolutely nothing you can do about it! You and I both know how stupid it is, but before the day is done you are going to try it again, if you've not already done so.