

NEWSLETTER – WEDNESDAY 3RD MARCH

MESSAGE FROM THE SIXTH FORM TEAM

We're really looking forward to seeing you all back in the building on **Thursday 11th March**. It's been quiet without you all! Please make sure that you have read the information that has been shared with you with regards to your appointment time for your test and the accompanying guidance and information that has been issued. If you have any questions then please ask your group tutor or email Miss Reid, Mr Gleeson or Mrs Ogden. You will need to make sure that you dig out your **ID badge and lanyard** and that you have a **face mask** too. Also, during the testing period on Thursday there will be some waiting time so please bring a **book** to read or some **work** to be getting on with.

More information will be shared with **Year 13** next week in a webinar with regards to our **assessment plan** leading up to the awarding of grades, keep checking your emails for this time/date and a link to the meeting.

A final thought for just now..... The future is bright with you in it, never give up, you can do extraordinary things. Please [watch this short video clip](#).

SPECIAL MENTIONS

We are so proud of **Jonathan in Yr12** who was nominated for the **High Sheriff of Greater Manchester Young Citizen of the Year 2020 award**..... AND WON!! This award recognises and acknowledges people who make a significant, positive impact upon individuals, local communities or the wider society. Jonathan's efforts to contribute to society are extremely impressive as he has been making a difference the people around him in his community. Jonathan received a trophy, certificate and cheque as a reward for his amazing achievements – well done Jonathan!



12.1 continued to be top tutor group for attendance in year 12 last week but they were followed closely behind by **12.2**.

13.7 are still leading the way in Year 13 and have barely missed a lesson so far this week. Well done everyone – great team work!

Well done to Miss Begum's Seneca Learning champ... **Sumayyah P!** Chocolate awaits you!

Social Scientists of the Week - **Bilal A, Iqra S** and **Liam S**. A huge well done - your certificates are in the post!

Miss Bailey has discovered [this brilliant website](#) which will be useful for everyone but especially for all the **Social Scientists** – check it out and drop Miss Bailey an email to let her know.

A notice for Student Committee Members - Comic Relief Day is coming up - please could you start thinking about fundraising events and upload your ideas onto the Google Classroom.



CHALLENGES



A huge thank-you and well done to everyone who has participated in the cooking and baking challenges throughout lockdown. This week we're going **Mexican-themed!** Chicken fajitas and homemade churros or anything Mexican (see Miss Ferraro's email for recipes). Get your entries in before Monday to be in with a chance of winning a prize!

It is also **British Pie week** so a slightly different cuisine to attempt if you didn't fancy Mexican food! Plus, on Sunday it is also **National Cereal day** – [try this breakfast cereals quiz!](#) What's everyone's favourite brekkie cereal? Do you slurp the chocolate milk out of your Coco Pops bowl or do you prefer the fibre from a bowl of Branflakes?!



OPPORTUNITIES

As always, there are lots of exciting opportunities. It is **National Careers Week** (NCW) so please take the time to explore some of these suggested links.

- As you all know, **Unifrog** is the tool that we have asked you all to use for developing your profile and to allow you to make carefully considered choices for your future. They are hosting several webinars until the 11th of March about studying in different areas of the UK. See the list by clicking [HERE](#). The **North West webinar** is on Thursday 4th March at 6pm.

- Nat West is proud to be a sponsor of the NCW 2021. They have a brilliant **Career Kickstart** platform that is filled with resources that you can use to help you start looking at career opportunities and plan for the future. There are loads of downloadable tools and worksheets to help with CV writing, interview tips, resilience and mindset and much more. [CLICK HERE](#) for more info.
- **Thames Water** - As part of a **virtual insight day**, you will have the chance to meet the people in Thames Water who help to look after the environment and learn about how they are helping increase areas for local wildlife to thrive. Deadline for applications is March 7th.
- **Anglian Water** - What are new and better ways to look after our water? Anglian Water are offering you the chance to explore this and many other topics for **Green Skills Week**. Deadline for applications is March 8th.
- **Johnson Matthey** - Johnson Matthey is offering a unique work experience opportunity this April. Students applying can take part in **virtual talks** from leading industry experts on themes including reaching net zero, clean air for all, and efficient use of the world's natural resources. Deadline for applications is March 12th.
- **Kajal Odedra, UK Director, Change.org** – Wednesday 3rd March 10-11am. Kajal Odedra is a writer and activist, with over 13 years experience in the campaigns sector. As Executive Director for Change.org UK, the **largest petition platform**, she has grown the platform to over 19 million users in the UK. [CLICK HERE](#) to join live (or this will be available on-demand afterwards on Speakers for Schools.)
- **Jimmy Worrall, Founder and CEO, Leaders in Sport** – Wednesday 3rd March 5-6pm. Join us for a live Broadcast with James Worrall, Founder and CEO of Leaders in Sport, a London based internationally focused conference, training and intelligence service for industry leaders in sport. Prior to starting Leaders James held various senior roles in sport with ENIC (owners of Vicenza, Basel, AEK Athens, Slavia Prague), Bristol City FC and the Football Association. [CLICK HERE](#) to join live (or this will be available on-demand afterwards on Speakers for Schools.)
- **Nalan Dodgson, Director of Talent Acquisition, Burberry** – Thursday 4th March 4-5pm. Before working at **Burberry**, Nalan was the Resourcing Manager at **Harrods**. Nalan will be sharing insights into her career and will be providing advice on how to stand out during the recruitment process. [CLICK HERE](#) to join live (or this will be available on-demand afterwards on Speakers for Schools.)
- **Online Hospice work experience day** taking place on Saturday 6th March – cost is £14.95 and all proceeds in aid of the North London Hospice. For details [CLICK HERE](#)

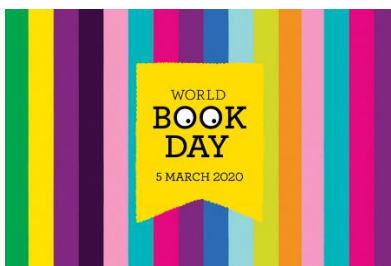
- **What medical work experience is the best for my application?** The differences and types of work experience will be shared – Wednesday 10th March 7pm. [CLICK HERE](#) or catch on-demand on [You Tube](#).

BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday to the following year 12 students: **Erin K, Natasha H, Cameron J & Alisha A**



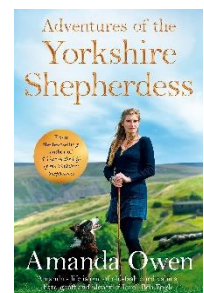
WORLD BOOK DAY



On Thursday it is **World Book Day**. Below, some of your teachers have provided their childhood favourites, current reading and recommendations for you, to hopefully inspire you to pick up a book over the next few days. We will award a prize for anyone that fancies dressing up as a book character for their Zoom lessons – get creative!

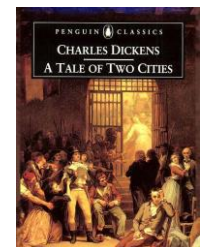
Mrs Ogden

- Favourite book - The Yorkshire Shepherdess
- Cherished childhood book - Charlie and the chocolate factory
- Favourite author - Ruth Hamilton
- Currently reading - How animals saved my life, Being the Supervet



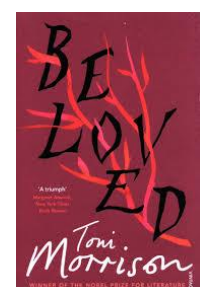
Mr Locke

- Favourite book - Tale of Two cities
- Cherished childhood book - Rogue Male
- Favourite author - Jack Higgins
- Currently reading – Messi



Mrs Page

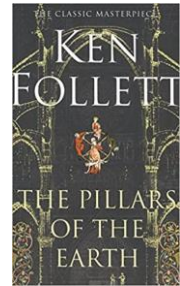
- Favourite book- Beloved, Toni Morrison
- Cherished childhood book - Matilda
- Favourite author - Camilla Läckberg - In 2017 Camilla Läckberg wrote her tenth story in her series of crime novels set in her home town of Fjällbacka on the west coast of Sweden.



- Currently reading - The Bee keeper of Aleppo
- Recommendations - Anne Frank's diary, Noughts and crosses, The handmaids tale

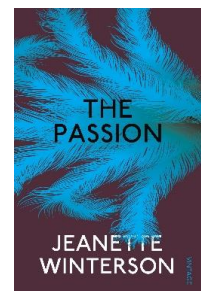
Miss Ferraro

- Favourite books: Pillars of the Earth, Pride and Prejudice, One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest, Life of Pi, A Fine Balance, Birdsong
- Cherished childhood books: The Tiger Who Came To Tea, The Famous Five
- Favourite authors: Jane Austen, Sebastian Faulks, Patricia Cornwell, Ken Follett
- Currently reading: Shame (Salman Rushdie)
- Recommendations: Life of Pi, A Clockwork Orange, The Curious Incident about the Dog in the Night-time, Memoirs of a Geisha, Noughts and Crosses, The Help, The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo



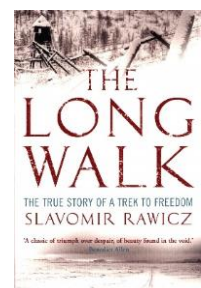
Mrs Darby

- Cherished childhood book - The Magic Faraway Tree, Enid Blyton
- Favourite author- Jeanette Winterson
- Currently reading- Shuggie McBain
- Recommendations - The Passion, Jeanette Winterson or Jazz, Toni Morrison



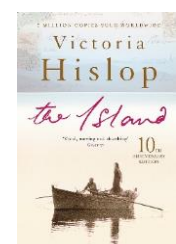
Mrs Whittaker

- I've just read 'The Long Walk' by Slavomir Rawicz which is an amazing true about a young Polish POW who escaped from a Russia Gulag in Siberia & his journey on foot across Tibet, the Himalayas & the Gobi desert.
- My most cherished childhood book is Jonathan Livingston's Seagull by Richard Bach which I remember reading at school when I was in Year 8. It's an inspirational short novel about an extraordinary seagull! But it's central message is that anything is possible if you trust in your own potential & work tirelessly to achieve it.



Miss Reid

- Favourite childhood book – Charlotte's Web, The Twits, The secret diary of Adrian Mole
- Favourite books – The Island by Victoria Hislop, To kill a mockingbird by Harper Lee, Room by Emma Donoghue



"Reading a virtues book will always bring you to the goodness of God, so do not put off till tomorrow the good you can do today" St. John Bosco