

Teaching and Learning Bulletin

15th May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you are staying safe and well.

Show My Homework - Change of Name/Logo.

The company are changing the name of SMHW to Satchel: One, this is a gradual process and you may have noticed the name change and home page colour scheme changes if using it on computers and lap tops. It is now rolling out to the App. If you cannot find the App on your phone/device. Don't panic - it has not been deleted; the name and icon have changed. It now looks like below, we hope this doesn't cause too much confusion for you.



Home learning:

- **There is no expectation for students to complete all work set.**
- It is suggested that students complete 2 – 3 hours of learning set a day if possible, this is only a suggestion, and we know all students are different.
- Teachers are only setting one piece of work each week or a series of challenges for the student to choose from in subjects such as ADT.
- It is advised for KS3 students to try and complete the core subjects English, Maths and Science each week.
- KS4 and KS5 students – do what you can for your chosen subjects.
- Teachers have to set a deadline for the work to upload to SMHW – however, you can turn off notifications and the work should not disappear should your son/daughter wish to do the activity at a later date.
- Unfortunately, we cannot control the time that the work appears on SMHW, teachers are not setting work at strange times – it is simply when the system decides to release the work.
- If you are struggling with anything – contact your teachers via SMHW or email. If you don't have the teachers email address, you can send your query to admin@wigstonacademy.org and we will forward it for you.

Paper Based Learning Resources:

We understand at this time that with parents and carers working from home as well as students, it is not always possible for students to access IT facilities at home. Paper based work for Year 7 to 10 are prepared and ready for collection from reception, following social distancing guidance. If there is an issue accessing these resources please do let us know and we will do what we can to help.

Teachers are already working on the next volume of the work booklets and are making sure the work is following the curriculum, as we would if the students were in school. We will of course let you know when this is ready for collection.

Year 10 – don't forget you only need to complete the work for the subjects you study!



Remember, we are here to help and can be reached at: admin@wigstonacademy.org if you have any queries.

Wigston Academies Trust.

A message for Year 11 and 13 students:

You will have seen from Mr Wilson's letter that A-Level, GCSE, Cambridge National, Cambridge Technical and BTEC courses have now officially ended for our Y11 and Y13 students as they would have done if we were still at school and college. However, we would like to remind these students that, to date, there is still a plan for the awarding bodies to offer a series of rescheduled examinations in the Autumn term of the next academic year.

This will be particularly important for students who want to achieve a different grade from the one they will have been assessed at. On that basis, we recommend that students continue with revision activities in case this is something that they decide they want to do, even if it is just for certain subjects. When we have more information ourselves about how these rescheduled exams will operate we will be in touch with a plan for how we can support students in preparing for them.

Post 16 & Year 11 students:

You can learn job-relevant skills in under 2 hours with step by step instructions or take a course from some of the world's best instructors including auto-graded work, peer reviewed assignments and video lectures as well as community discussion forums. The only costs entailed are if you wish to have a certificate for completing the course.

Visit: www.coursera.org

There are hundreds of courses, for example;

Learning how to learn

Data analysis with Python

The science of well-being

Algorithms Part 1

Financial markets



KS3 students – are you reading for 20 minutes a day? What is the best book you have read during 'lockdown'? Could you write a short book review for Mr Tongue to include in the Virtual Schools Bulletin? Or send a picture of you reading?

bulletin@wigstonmat.org



Thank you to all students and families entering the challenges set on the Teaching and Learning Bulletin, it is great to see what everyone is up to. Don't forget to share your pictures with us by emailing:

bulletin@wigstonmat.org

KS3 Passport Challenges!

Year 7, 8 and 9 remember you can still be completing tasks in your passports and getting parents and carers to sign them off or bring them in when we are back at school for your teachers to sign it off 😊

MFL:

Cultural
Awareness

Research a French or Spanish speaking country or person and create a fact file.

Well-
being

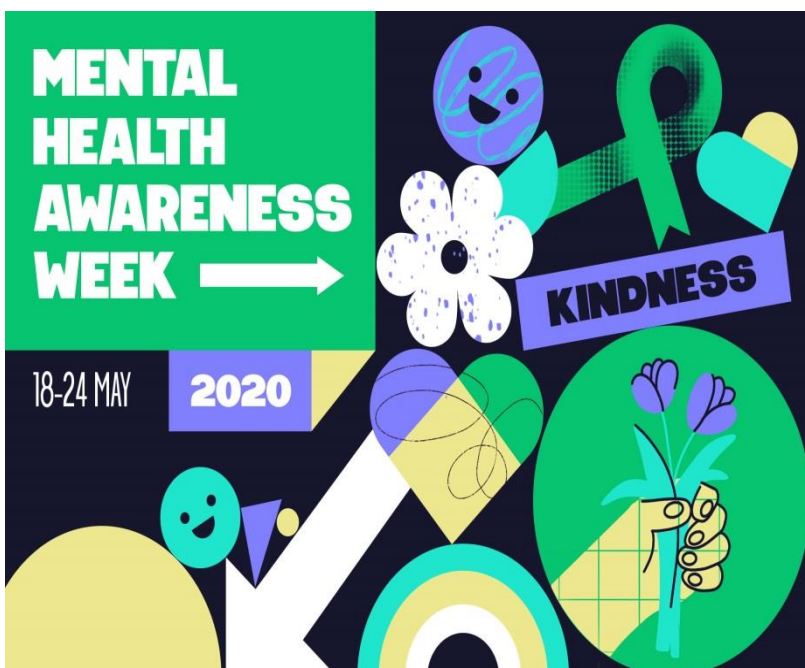
Write a healthy 3 course meal plan in French or Spanish.

GEOGRAPHY:

Citizen
-ship

- Write a report or article about a current world issue that links to what you are studying in geography - what action you feel needs to be taken to resolve the current issue.

You could even send the article to: bulletin@wigstonmat.org



Resources to support mental health and wellbeing.

The websites listed below have really useful information including top tips for mental health, sleep advice and mindfulness activities.

- <https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk>
- <https://www.camhs-resources.co.uk/>
- <https://youngminds.org.uk/>
- <https://www.beateatingdisorders.org.uk/>
- <https://www.minded.org.uk/>
- <https://www.childline.org.uk/>
- <https://www.familylives.org.uk/>
- <https://www.anxietyuk.org.uk/>
- <https://www.kooth.com/>

WIGSTON ACADEMIES TRUST BAKE OFF!

The feedback we have had for the Bake Off challenges has been really positive, so here are some more challenges for the next few weeks if you would like to join in. Please email a picture of your bakes for the appropriate deadline to: apollon@wigstonmat.org

Happy Baking! 😊

| Week beginning | Bake Off Challenge | Deadline date |
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| 18 th May 2020 | Create a sweet or savoury dish that contains egg. Useful links: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/collection/egg• https://www.delicious.com.au/recipes/group/gallery/40-egg-recipes-for-go-to-midweek-meals/z6170oog | Wednesday 27 th May |
| 25 th May 2020 (half term) | This is a holiday week for most of you so your challenge is to create a sweet or savoury dish suitable for a picnic on a walk or in your garden! Useful Links: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• https://www.madeformums.com/school-and-family/best-picnic-recipes/• www.bbcgoodfood.com › recipes › collection › picnic | Wednesday 3 rd June |
| 1 st June 2020 | Signature Bake! What is your signature bake? What do your family and friends ask you to bake for them? In my house it is custard cream biscuits or carrot cake! The dish you make can be sweet or savoury. | Wednesday 10 th June |
| 8 th June 2020 | Dreaming of happy holidays in Cornwall and Dumfriesshire – make a savoury pasty or bridie (Scotland) Useful Links: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/collection/pasty• https://www.goodtoknow.co.uk/recipes/hairy-bikers-the-people-s-cornish-pasty• https://www.christinascucina.com/forfar-bridie-recipe-from-scotland/ | Wednesday 17 th June |

GOOD LUCK & HAPPY BAKING!



All Year Groups Careers Guidance – Careers talks from professionals

Thank you to those who watched the careers talks over the few weeks – I hope you found them interesting and help you to think about your future. If you have missed any of the talks and want to catch up click on this link.

<https://www.speakersforschools.org/inspiration/vtalks/vtalks-video-library/> Career talks are a great way of finding out about employment opportunities that you possibly haven't thought of before. The talks continue this week and will be online – and targeted to different age groups – starting at 10am or 2pm. The talks will last between 30-60 mins and there will be a chance to ask questions at the end of each talk. All the information will be shared via Show My Homework at the start of each week – the link can be accessed through any device (but not through Internet Explorer). More information about each presentation will be included on SMHW (year 12 and 13 have been emailed directly with the information). Students will be able to join the live event anonymously and should aim to be set up 10 minutes *before* the start of the presentation. It's a good idea to have researched the person delivering the talk and the company prior to the event. The talks for the week beginning 18th May are:

| DATE | SPEAKER | INFO |
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| Mon 18 th May 10am Years 10-13 | Aleida Rios, Group Head of Engineering, BP. | Why choose Engineering as a career? John, a graduate who works at BP, interviews BP's Group Head of Engineering, Aleida Rios on how she got into Engineering and how students can build a career they enjoy. |
| Mon 18 th May 2pm Years 10-13 | Penguin VTalk Featuring: Malcolm Gladwell, journalist, author, and public speaker | How to Talk to Strangers Author of five international bestsellers, Malcolm Gladwell, joins academic and author of Don't Touch My Hair, Emma Dabiri, to discuss the consequences of mis-communication, how to interview others and the art of storytelling. |
| Tues 19 th May 10am Years 10-13 | Robert Peston, Political Editor, ITV | Join Robert Peston, Political Editor, ITV and Founder, Speakers for Schools in his very own Virtual Talk! |
| Tues 19 th May 2pm Years 7-13 | Kathrina Mannion, Director of Environmental Policy, BP | Kathrina will discuss her career and current role in Environment and Policy. She will also discuss her motivations and career progressions. Kathrina used to be a Senior Advisor for the government so has a really interesting career story. |
| Wed 20 th May 10am Years 10-13 | Dr. Maria Faraone, Director of the RIBA Studio, Royal Institution of British Architects | What does an Architect do? Dr Maria Faraone will explore with students more about the career, what it might entail and how students can pursue the career. |
| Wed 20 th May 2pm Years 10-13 | David Dein, Former Chairman of Arsenal and the Football Association | David's presentation is aimed at 15-18yr olds and features the phenomenal success of the Premier League since its inception. David will also impart inspirational messages about how to be successful. |
| Thu 21 st May 2pm Years 10-13 | Peter Mather, Group Regional Vice President, Europe & Head of Country, UK, BP | Carbon emissions need to fall fast to meet the Paris climate goals. At the same time, the global population continues to grow – and demand more energy. By 2040, another 2 billion people are expected to be in the world, while energy demand is projected to rise by around a third, equivalent to adding another new China and EU's worth of energy demand on top of what's required today. How can we tackle this dual challenge? |
| Fri 22 nd May 10am Years 7-13 | Tom Dore, Head of Education, British E-Sports Association | Tom's session will talk about the transferable skills that can be gained from playing esports, Tom's session will aim to demystify the esports sector and let students know about the opportunities that exist. |