

PARENT BULLETIN

Week Ending: Friday 27th November 2020

Note from the Headteacher, Ms A Sharma:

I am really delighted that our student attendance is at 94.8% despite the challenging circumstances posed by COVID19. Thank you for all your support in ensuring that your child attends school every day and on time. As it is getting much darker and colder when children are arriving to and leaving school, it is really important that they wear a warm, waterproof jacket. Please note that this can't be a hoody or a fleece. If your child brings a packed lunch to school, then please remember that we are trying to teach children to develop healthy eating habits and therefore, they should not bring such items as crisps, chocolates, fizzy drinks etc. to school.

Have a great weekend and just to remind you that Monday 30th is a normal school day and **not** an inset day. All students should attend school as normal.

School will finish for students on Thursday 17th Dec. at 12:30pm and 18th Dec. is an Inset day for staff.



Year 11 Mock Interview Day:

On Wednesday 2nd December all Y11 students will be participating in 'Mock Interview Day'. Each student in Year 11 has been invited for an interview for a specific job and will be interviewed by employers who have volunteered and given up their time for our students. The students have been asked to come to school in smart business clothes, so that the experience is as real as possible. The students have been prepared for this activity during their PSHE time by Priya Bedi, our Careers PA from Connexions.



Year 8 Virtual Workshop:

On Wednesday 25th November Year 8 students took part in a virtual PSHE lesson on 'Money Management' led by an external speaker, Athar Rana. Students had a chance to understand the importance of money management, how deductions work and what their future payslip will look like. They were also shown how to work out a monthly budget to ensure responsibilities are looked after, why they should plan to save before they plan to spend, as well as work out short term and long-term priorities and how they can work towards them. Students found the session very beneficial, with many shocked about how much the average person has to pay out every month on bills and living expenses.



Félicitations! Congratulations

Well done to Jasmine (10S) who correctly translated 13

sentences into French in 3 tenses in one minute. She is one of only 6 students in the South of England region to go through to the Virtual Routes in to Languages National Foreign Language Spelling Bee final 2019-2020. She now needs to prepare and practise for stage 4 of the competition which takes place at the end of this term. Bonne chance! Good luck!

Year 11 and Year 13 Focus Groups:

These are now up and running for pupils in order for them to have extra support to catch up / complement learning in the lessons. Please continue to encourage your child to attend the scheduled focus groups. The attendance so far has been very good, so do encourage your child to keep up their efforts.

Saturday Year 13 and Year 11 revision classes:

The school has organised special smaller group support for many Y13 and Y11 pupils during weekends this half term. These sessions will run **from Saturday 21st November to Saturday 12th December 2020**. If your child has been selected to attend by their teacher, please do support

by ensuring they attend on time. Letters have been posted and handed out with a bespoke schedule on containing details of timings. Please do refer to these with your child weekly.

Poetry Competition:

Miss Woolfe in the English department recently ran a poetry competition for Year 7 to 10 students who submitted entries based on COVID – 19 and Lockdown. Over the coming weeks we will be publishing a selection of these poems in the bulletin, which are a celebration of our students' creativity and highlight their talent.

The Earth Turned Upside Down

The earth turned upside down
The sun rised for a day
But the planes, the trains
They chose to stay away
The roads became calmer
The streets were quieter still
Because of this virus this
World was becoming so ill
The days for us were different
Nothing was the same
No more meaning, no more rush
A virus was to blame

The most important thing here
isn't me myself or you
It's all the people
All the people
All of us.

Vansh (Year 10)

Parking safely:

Please can any parents /carers collecting their child at the end of the day, refrain from parking close to the school gates as it causes congestion and at times, becomes unsafe. Also, please refrain from parking on the double yellow lines.

Reporting Absences:

If your child will be absent from school, please let us know either

by phoning the school number or sending an email. If you know that the absence will be for more than one day, please let us know the expected length of

absence when you contact us. If the absence is only known on a day to day basis, please contact us at the start of each day of absence. Please call the attendance officer on 020 8867 9077 and you will be able to leave a voicemail message to let us know that your child will be absent from school.

Alternatively, you can send an email to Studentabsence@villiers.ealing.sch.uk. Please include your child's name, their year group and, if possible, their tutor group. **Please ensure this is done by 8am each day**