

WEEKLY 'HEAD'-LINES

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have again been delighted with the fantastic work produced by students studying from home and in school this week.

Please keep communicating with your teachers. To access your online work from mrrscience.com, which is regularly updated.

'Ask the Expert' seems to be working very well for any students/parents that need advice from your child's teacher, again please see our website for all the information that you require to access this.

I would like to urge all students to respond to the e-mails that they have been sent by their teachers so that we can help them continue to make progress with their studies.

If for any reason your child cannot access their school e-mail account, instructions are available on the school website under the Home Learning section and also on mrrscience.com.

I know that families will be watching closely for communication following the Prime Minister announcement earlier this week. We are working extremely hard as a Trust and will be prioritising the safety of students, staff and families. As soon as we are in a position to communicate plans for any staged return to school, we will do so.

Mr Jon Arnold
Headteacher



Best wishes and stay safe.

NOTICES

Ask the expert

We have uploaded information on how you can contact subject teachers to help support you whilst our students are learning from home. Please click [here](#) for more information.

Mental Health Awareness Week (18th – 24th May)



Pastoral

Just to remind pupils that the pastoral team can still be contacted through the pastoral email address sapastoral@sa.sat.com

We are available to support pupils during this time with any questions or queries and look forward to hearing from them.

Congratulations

Sandie Perkins became a Grandma to baby Thomas recently.

Half Term

Please be advised that the school will be closed for all pupils over the May half term. This includes emergency childcare for children of key workers.

Student Work

Congratulations to the following students for exceptional work:

Art:

Year 7 Maria Szantyka, Andrew Till
Year 8 Chloe Talbot, Zac Baker
Year 9 Sian Robson, Erin Swancott
Picasso - Andrew Till
Aboriginal Art - Maria Szantyka
Zebra - Zac Baker
Structures Mind Map - Sian Robson

Technology:

Year 7 Jack Evason
Year 8 Harvey Bahra, Jake Cotton
Year 9 Cassie Southall

Science:

Year 7 Ellie Barnes
Year 8 Louis Sanders
Year 9 Millie Williams, Josh Moore
Year 10 Josh Davies, Josh Mansfield

Trust Update

The Government have issued guidance that schools can return from 1st June 2020. Whilst we never closed any of our schools and have been providing extremely extensive home learning, we are now in a position to work with our communities initially to bring back those children in **Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6** across our Primary Schools. We recognise as a Trust that this is a difficult time for staff, parents and children. We are committed to ensuring that we continue to work with our communities, maintaining the positivity. We will continue to provide information to you as it becomes available.

Star Struck

Well...can you actually believe that we secured Hannah Cockroft to send you a very special message...we are still in shock and honoured that she's taken the time to say hi – we can't wait to see her racing again. Click [here](#) to watch our video.

Daily Blog - 11th May 2020

This morning we all arrived at school and spent the first hour and a half on the computers, completing our online work on the mrrscience.com website and our work set through our emails from our teachers. We then had our break where most of us played football. We then went back into the computer room for another 45 minutes of online work. As Miss Miller was in (one of the art teachers) we were given a challenge to create a piece of art work using one continuous line inspired by the artist Mr Doodle who creates huge pieces of art using this technique on walls with a graffiti style. We did this up until lunch time however everyone was so interested we carried on after lunch. Next, was judging time and Laura came third, I came second and Anya came first and won a prize. Finally, to end the day we headed out onto the field for a game of rounder's, to start with it was looking very promising for my team but not long after my team were beaten by the opponents. All together today was a very good day. I would like to thank all of the staff that have given up there time, to come into school and continue to support us.

Charlotte Upton

Competitions & Challenges

Drama opportunity: The National Theatre are providing an online free streaming of four live productions which you would normally pay around £10 per ticket for. They are streaming every Thursday in April from 7pm. It is a chance for pupils, parents and staff to watch some prestigious theatre from home. Visit [here](#) to view the offering.

D&T competition: Rolls-Royce are running a fantastic competition, encouraging aspiring designers up to the age of 16 to design their dream Rolls-Royce of the future. Entries close at 12.00 on Monday 18th May 2020. Click the link [here](#), to find out more.

PE challenge: Gold medallist and British and European sprint record holder Mickey Bushell MBE will be setting pupils within The Marches Academy Trust a press-up challenge! Follow our Facebook page to find out more, take part and have an opportunity to win a medal.

History competition: The Historical Association are running a 'Write Your Own Historical Fiction Competition 2020'. Winning students will each receive a cash prize, engraved paperweight and a year's free subscription to the Historical Association for their school. Entries close Friday 26th June 2020, click [here](#) for more details.

Parent/Carer Survey

We really value your feedback and feel we have been working well with our pupils so hoping you can spare 5 minutes to complete the attached survey. Please click [here to take part](#). Thank you in advance for your support.

KEEPING CALM

Feeling a certain amount of concern or worry is natural when we encounter difficult or unsettling times. [Click here](#) to view a video demonstrating an introduction to mindfulness. It explains how mindfulness can help rewire the brain to work in calmer and more positive ways. You can also listen to this guided [audio clip](#) alongside it, and take a look at this mindfulness [PDF](#) as supplementary resources.



WEBSITE QUICK LINKS

Please click on the following useful links to find out more.

- [News](#)
- [Home Learning](#)
- [Term Dates](#)



USEFUL CONTACTS

Shropshire Public Health Nursing Service	0333 358 3654
Compass	0345 678 9021
Early Help	https://shropshire.gov.uk/early-help/
Parenting Team	01743 250950
SEND Local Offer	https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/the-send-local-offer/

FACEBOOK

Please follow us on Facebook [@ShrewsburyAcademy](#) for supplementary home learning ideas, news and feel good stories. We also encourage you to share your ideas and interact with our posts!

For news from across the Trust, why not also follow [@MarchesAcademyTrust](#).

