### A FEW WORDS FROM MRS PALEY...

"Learning is not a product of schooling but a lifetime attempt to acquire it." Albert Einstein (1879 – 1955)



#StaySafe

# YEAR 7

The Year 7 team would like to express how proud we are of all the efforts being made by our students, not only for the work they are producing from home but also staying healthy and active. We hope you all enjoyed the 'kick up' and 'sitting on the wall' challenges set by Mr Leslie. We also enjoyed seeing your bottle flipping efforts!

Please keep sending us your videos and efforts via your tutors, there will be more challenges set next week with a continuing theme of mindfulness for our active tutoring.

Head of Year 7: Mrs L Munro Pastoral Lead: Mr M Leslie

## YEAR 8

We are really pleased to see how Year 8 have been getting on in what is our second week back to school. Staff have shared examples of some of the excellent work being produced and we showcased some of this on the weekly PowerPoint, along with our reading book and focus for the week.

All of the students in Year 8 have got their daily clip of the book 'Wonder' to listen to and we can't wait to hear what they think about it. We are also really pleased to see the other skills that they have been developing, including planters to grow vegetables in. Well done Jake!

Head of Year 8: Miss L Hughes Achievement Coordinator: Miss I Ridley

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# YEAR 9

Year 9 have continued to be inspirational this week and our very own Maddie Wall has raised an incredible £2280 for running five miles every day starting on 19 April – 19 May. Her initial target was £500 and she has over two weeks to go! We are so proud of the incredible contribution she is making to raise money for our NHS heroes!

Students have also been continuing to impress us with their work on TEAMS. A special mention going to Chloe Derivan 9.11 this week for her fantastic work in Citizenship with Mrs Munro.

Head of Year 9: Miss N Ward Achievement Coordinator: Miss B Marshall

# **YEAR 10**

Hopefully all Year 10 students have now designed a daily routine that works for them and encompasses learning time, frequent breaks and exercise. A good routine will really help productivity and give a sense of accomplishment to each day.

There have been lots of good examples of work sent to us so please keep them coming as it really does give teachers a huge lift knowing that students are engaged and trying their best. It's also important that students keep in touch with their form tutors so we know that everyone is safe, please ensure that this is built into their routine.

Mr Mordue hopes that everyone has had a chance to listen to his new online assembly and this will be released every Monday for the foreseeable future.

Head of Year 10: Mr D Mordue Achievement Coordinator: Miss I Sheldon

### **YEAR 11**

We hope that you and your families are keeping well.

Year 11 have had another great week of learning in the 'virtual world'. We have been so impressed to hear how engaged the Year 11s are and how they are doing extra research on the topics that they are studying on TEAMS. For example, in Sociology, the students are learning about political parties and are enjoying reading around this subject.

Every week, Miss Salt sends the students a PowerPoint of the week so that the students hear a familiar voice and can keep connected with what the students and staff have been doing. In addition, the students are emailed by their tutor every week to keep in touch. Please can you encourage your children to drop a reply to their tutor to let them know how they are getting on.

Head of Year 11: Miss V Salt Achievement Coordinator: Miss A Hall

#### **Planned School Trips**

At present, there are still a number of trips and events on the school calendar, including many of which families have paid a deposit. We would love to be in a position where we can still run such enrichment activities for our students but appreciate that at present this is unlikely. We can confirm that if a trip is cancelled, a full refund will be issued. You will be notified of any cancellations as and when they occur.

#### **Knowledge Organisers**

Each half term, your son/daughter is provided with a Knowledge Organiser to support them with their studies. Your son/daughter's teachers carefully plan the design and content to support lessons, and therefore are a valuable resource supporting them to 'know more, remember more'.

Knowledge Organisers also support and encourage students to be independent when developing knowledge and they provide valuable and accurate information to support home learning. Whilst working from home, this is a fantastic opportunity to utilise the Knowledge Organisers. All current and previous academic years Knowledge Organisers are available on the school website via the 'Online Resources' app (<a href="https://apps.toothillschool.co.uk/index.php?a=3&id=0">https://apps.toothillschool.co.uk/index.php?a=3&id=0</a>. Many thanks. Mr Wickens











