



## A FEW WORDS FROM MRS PALEY...

"I am not afraid of storms, for I am learning how to sail my ship." Louisa May Alcott.



#StaySafe

# WEEKLY BULLETIN

Week Ending: 24 April 2020

## YEAR 7

We hope you all had a lovely Easter break and did not eat too much chocolate!

We are really pleased with how Year 7 have settled back into their learning online and have been so impressed with the quality of work being produced at home. Please make sure you are reading instructions carefully before emailing your teachers with any questions; it should be really clear how and where to complete your work.

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

## YEAR 8

Welcome back to our first half of the summer term. Although it is virtual we are so pleased to see how well you have been doing. The Year 8 team have sent all of Year 8 a PowerPoint to keep in touch, and we will continue to do so each week. We are so proud of how all of you have worked and looked after each other. We are also so pleased with how you have all supported the wider community and the NHS, including the cadet's challenge of salute for the NHS - please see the photo of Lennon alongside.

Please note: on Amazon the CGP KS3 spelling punctuation and grammar book is currently free to download to the kindle app Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar for KS3 - Study Guide (CGP KS3 English) b... [https://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/B00VE2N1J1/ref=cm\\_sw\\_r\\_tw\\_dp\\_U\\_x\\_Wey0Eb7J599TZ](https://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/B00VE2N1J1/ref=cm_sw_r_tw_dp_U_x_Wey0Eb7J599TZ)

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

## YEAR 9

We do hope you all had a lovely Easter relaxing in your garden enjoying the warm weather. Now we are back on TEAMS, please continue to 'Work Hard, Be Kind'. Well done to Ellen Dumont who has created a great Science area within her house to enjoy learning at home. We are also very proud of Maddie Wall who is running five miles daily for 28 days to raise money for the NHS heroes! Please continue to let us know what amazing things you are doing whilst you are not in school. Take care and stay safe.

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

## YEAR 10

We hope you all had a lovely break. Year 10s continue to be inspirational: Grace in 10.12 has converted her 'Bake a Smile' community project into a card making project for those people celebrating birthdays during this unusual time. I'm sure she is helping to put smiles on a lot of faces!

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

## YEAR 11

The Year 11 team have been so impressed to hear about how well the Year 11s have transitioned to their new courses on TEAMS. The students have been enjoying learning about new topics, for example in English the students are learning about the context of the novella 'Of Mice and Men' and have been very inquisitive about The Great Depression and The Dust Bowl. We are also looking forward to hearing about the students' next steps in September. If you have not already done so, please can you email Miss Hall with the name of the college and the subjects that your child will be studying. This will ensure that we can put your child on the correct TEAMS pages to set them in good stead for next year. We hope that your families are well, take care.

**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 (<https://apps.toothillschool.co.uk/index.php?a=3&id=0>). Many thanks. Mr Wickens

### Learning Lounge

We are still recording our podcast remotely. Please see the link below. There are some great reviews of the books we have been reading and next week we will be chatting to Mr Wickens! Keep safe and keep reading.

Ms Marris

<https://www.podomatic.com/podcasts/loungingwithbooks>

### A message from: Bingham Helping Hands

"You may well have received a leaflet through your door from Bingham Helping Hands. It has been set up to support people who are self-isolating or finding it difficult to access essential items. We (Bingham Helping Hands) currently collect shopping and prescriptions for those unable to leave their homes, offer social support via phone or text and can signpost to other services. At certain times, we can now also offer a limited amount of gifted ready-made meals and other essential food items, donated to us for those who would benefit from a helping hand during the COVID-19 Pandemic. If you are a family who is now on a limited income, furloughed, self-isolating or just struggling to access food due to the current circumstances please let us know and we will do our best to support you in any way we can. You can: Find us on Facebook - Bingham Helping Hands; Email us on [Binghamhelpinghands@gmail.com](mailto:Binghamhelpinghands@gmail.com); Phone or text our dedicated number 07712 332 759. Please feel free to use whatever way you are more comfortable. We are registered with the National Network of COVID-19 Support Groups."

