



# WEEKLY BULLETIN

Week Ending: 30 April 2021

## KEY MESSAGES

- The new Children’s Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, has launched ‘The Big Ask’ – the largest ever consultation with children aged 4 to 17 in England. It aims to find out children’s concerns and aspirations about the future, so that we can put children at the heart of our country’s recovery from the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. Please read below how to get involved.

### YEAR 7

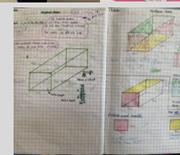
Year 7 have made a positive start back after the Easter break. Class teachers have commented on student engagement in lessons and it has been fantastic visiting lessons and seeing the excellent work which is being produced. Students have also enjoyed spending time reading at the beginning of each lesson as part of our Reading Week.

Class teachers also enjoyed providing feedback on students’ progress at our first online Parents’ Evening for T and S Bands on Wednesday 28 April. We hope parents/carers enjoyed the evening. We are looking forward to our second Parents’ Evening on Thursday 6 May for H Band. If you have any questions regarding Parents’ Evening, please contact your child’s Form Tutor.

Finally, we are very pleased that we have been able to offer two enrichment opportunities for Year 7. We have STEM club on Thursday lunch time and Athletics Club on Tuesday after school. We encourage students to speak to their tutors if they would like to attend either club.

Well done Year 7, keep up the fantastic work!

Head of Year 7: Miss I Sheldon Achievement Coordinator: Mr A Surridge



### YEAR 8

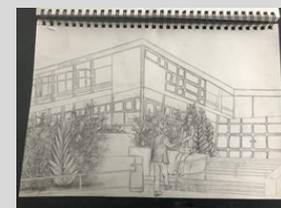
It has been a delight welcoming back our Year 8 students to school after the Easter break. The Year 8 Team are so proud of the focus, determination, and resilience every student is demonstrating to reconnect with their learning. It is so pleasing to visit lessons and observe students engaging with the ‘Animal Farm’ book in English, being inspired by the artist Dain and climate change in Art, and developing their kitchen craft in Food Technology.

Thank you for your support throughout March, with your children selecting their Creative and Technology subject choices for Year 9. We are hopeful that most students will be able to access their first-choice subject(s).

To the right, is an outstanding freehand drawing from one of our Year 8 artists, Jeannie (8.9). She was inspired to draw this in recognition of the current Year 11 students leaving us later this term; a very talented and thoughtful young lady.

Active tutoring next week: VE Day assembly, Sun Awareness Week, Gigi Hadid and Islam, and National Thank a Teacher Day.

Head of Year 8: Mr R Wickens Pastoral Lead: Mr M Leslie



### YEAR 9

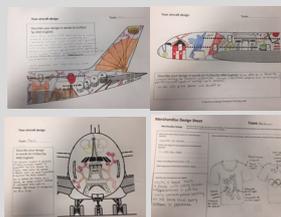
Welcome back to Half Term 5, it’s great to see Year 9 settling back into school life so well.

This week, Year 9 have had chance to reflect upon the Stephen Lawrence case and how people have reacted to racism in the last 30 years.

Year 9 have also had chance to visit the school library in preparation for Reading Week.

We have also seen Year 9s excel at the Business Language Champions event—the team won the 'People's Choice Award' - well done!!

Head of Year 9: Miss L Hughes Achievement Coordinator: Mr K Roebuck



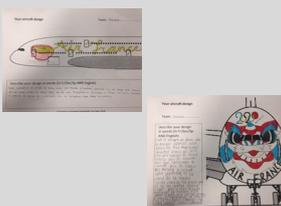
### YEAR 10

This week, several Modern Foreign Languages students took part in a Business Language Champions event and they won first prize.

Their efforts and maturity were commendable, and they showed themselves to be a real credit to the school.

The event was held online and therefore gave students the opportunity to work with students from different schools, an opportunity that they all really enjoyed. As you can see from the pictures, the work produced during the afternoon was amazing, and all students rose to the challenge with confidence and enthusiasm. An excellent example of Year 10 students participating in an extra-curricular event even when faced with the current restrictions.

Head of Year 10: Miss N Ward Achievement Coordinator: Miss B Marshall



### YEAR 11

Year 11 have had a fantastic first two weeks back since Easter. Evidence gathering began in week 2 and the year team could not be prouder of how students conducted themselves. With the next round of evidence gathering beginning Monday 17 May it is so important that students use the next few weeks to fully prepare. Arriving to lessons on time and putting 100% into each and every lesson will put everyone in a strong position to show their knowledge in the assessments.

We are launching the Class of 2021 Leavers Hoodies this week and it would be such a nice keepsake for students. If they would like to purchase one you can do so via the website provider.

Head of Year 11: Mr D Mordue Achievement Coordinator: Miss P Gordon



#### The Big Ask

All children are encouraged to complete the survey which can be accessed here: <https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigask/>  
Oak National Academy is hosting an online assembly which you may wish to watch with your child prior to completing the survey. This can be accessed here: [https://classroom.thenational.academy/assemblies/the-big-ask?utm\\_campaign=BigAsk-Apr2021&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=Intercom&utm\\_content=TheBigAsk-Assembly-Email--Apr-2021](https://classroom.thenational.academy/assemblies/the-big-ask?utm_campaign=BigAsk-Apr2021&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Intercom&utm_content=TheBigAsk-Assembly-Email--Apr-2021)  
Parents, care leavers and those working with children are also invited to complete the survey share their views about the future for children and young people today, and what they think is holding young people back. This can be accessed here: <https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigask/adults/>  
The results from this survey will help the Children’s Commissioner identify the barriers preventing children from reaching their potential, put forward solutions and set ambitious goals for the country to achieve.