

7 May 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

I write to you with an update of activities our school is currently involved in and discussing.

Today we held our first virtual assemblies for all year groups. Can I apologise that not everybody who wanted to join was able to. I will correct this for next time. It was lovely to see so many of you and receive positive feedback from both parents and pupils about this type of activity. We will of course learn lessons from our use of this technology for next time.

I will be recording a new video message on Monday 11 May that we will upload to our website later that day.

A letter aimed at all Year 11 students is also published today. It can be found under the "Information" tab, "Letters Home" section of our website. I have slightly delayed the publication of our Year 8 letter (and detailed curriculum information booklet) to Tuesday 12 May.

We know that this can be a challenging time for both young people and parents so can I remind you of some mental health resources on our website. They can be accessed under 'Information' and then 'Mental Wellbeing'. In that section we have links to 'Young Minds', 'Shout', 'Childline' and 'Kooth'. In addition to this, parents and pupil can also seek advice from Bedford Open Door at the following website <http://www.bedfordopendoor.org.uk/>. If parents/pupils are particularly worried about mental health during lockdown they should seek further support from their GP, or A&E in an emergency.

As you probably know I'm a big believer in learning through watching television. A few programmes over the next few days on terrestrial television that maybe of interest are listed below.



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Date	Time	Channel	Name	Subject Link
Friday 8 th May	8.00pm	BBC One	VE Day 75@ The People's Celebration	History
Saturday 9 th May	7.00pm	Channel 4	VE Day in Colour	History
Monday 11 th May	9.15am	CBBC	Newsround	
Monday 11 th May	9.25	CBBC	Horrible Histories	Music
Monday 11 th May	3.00pm	BBC Two	The Importance of Being Earnest	Drama / English
Monday 11 th May	7.00pm	BBC Two	Dig WW2 with Dan Snow	History
Monday 11 th May	8.00pm	Channel 4	Grayson's Art Club	Art
Monday 11 th May	8.00pm	BBC Four	Andrew Marr's History of Modern Britain	History
Tuesday 12 th May	9.15am	CBBC	Newsround	
Tuesday 12 th May	9.25	CBBC	Horrible Histories	Geography / History
Tuesday 12 th May	7.00pm	BBC Two	Dig WW2 with Dan Snow	History
Wednesday 13 th May	9.15am	CCBC	Newsround	
Wednesday 13 th May	7.00pm	BBC Two	Dig WW2 with Dan Smith	History
Thursday 14 th May	8.00pm	ITV	The Martin Lewis Money Show	Finance
Sunday 17 th May	9.00am	BBC One	The Andrew Marr Show	Politics
Tuesday 19 th May	8.00pm	BBC Four	Chemistry: A Volatile History	Science

I hope you enjoy the Bank holiday and I will be in touch next week. Please stay safe and enjoy the Victory in Europe Bank holiday.

Yours sincerely



Francis Galbraith
Principal