

# Court Fields School

## Parent Weekly 'What's Happening' Bulletin



### Message from Mrs Matthews

Absolutely no space for me this week!!!! Thank you for your support, and have a lovely weekend! Mrs Matthews

### Teaching & Learning Update

It has been another fantastic week for learning. Over the last fortnight we have been able to see more students face to face, either in tutorials or in Year 10 maths and English lessons. We have also seen an increase in virtual live lessons. It has become increasingly clear that our students are demonstrating maturity and organisational skills far beyond their years during this uncertain period. We are extremely proud of the way students have responded to Learning@Home and can already see that they have built skills in independence and resilience that will see them through their school careers and beyond. Some highlights this week have been:

- Over 94% attendance for Year 10 English, maths and Tutorial sessions.
- Very high levels of engagement with the KS3 assessments this week. Results in so far show how much work students have been doing, as part of their Learning@Home.
- Some truly inspiring entries in response to our enrichment booklets. We thought Daisy French's artwork (right), entered in response to the Black Lives Matter enrichment booklet, was superb.



And while students have been working hard at home, our teachers have also been working hard on our Learning@Home programme, working in school with Year 10 and our Key Worker students, reviewing their Schemes of Learning for September, and spending their INSET time reading and digesting the latest in educational theory and practise. We cannot wait to have all of our students safely back with us. Miss Martin

### KS3 Assessment Week

Well done to all our students in Year 7-9 who took part in the KS3 assessments this week. We have been incredibly impressed with students' achievements given the current situation and the challenges of learning at home. These assessments will be vital to teachers, so they can continue to plan for this term, and crucially, make sure we plan effectively for students returning to school in September.

The assessments completed last week have focussed on the knowledge gained since the school closures and will now provide teachers with some information to plan the recovery curriculum needed next year. These assessments have also been completed now rather than in September to avoid further anxiety for students on their return to school.

We do appreciate that the Learning@Home programme and assessments have not been easy for some students and families and therefore we will continue to assess students' knowledge and understanding in September through lesson time rather than formal type assessments. If students have not achieved what they feel to be their full potential during these assessments, they should not worry as we appreciate the circumstances under which these have been completed. Over the next two weeks our students will receive their assessment marks from their teachers, and lessons will focus on feedback, addressing any misconceptions and gaps in knowledge from the Learning@Home programme. Work will continue to be set on ClassCharts as per the Learning@Home timetable with students in Key Stage 3 completing three hours of learning per day plus some form of physical activity.

Once again, thank you for your support and understanding as we make the most effective plans to support your child's learning over the coming months. Thanks, Mr Dudley

### Year 6 Transition Update

Virtual Transition is progressing well and all Year 6 students now know their tutor groups and houses, which is a very exciting time! We are continuing to work with primary schools, students and parents to make our new students feel as safe and secure as we can in these very different times.

We have created a uniform catwalk video, which any parent will be able to view next week, via our social media pages and website. This is also a good video for current parent/carers to watch and see our uniform expectations. The Year 11 student leadership team are returning to make a virtual tour and our transition leaders are busy making videos from home to share their experience of Year 7.

This has been a very different transition but we would like to thank the families, primaries, staff and the community for all their support at this time and we look forward to welcoming our new cohort in September.

September 2020



Year 6 Transition

### Future Careers Day

This week all students have had an exciting opportunity to take part in the Somerset Education Business Partnership - Future Careers Challenge Day.

The Challenge Day took place on the 2nd of July, however the materials needed have been available on ClassCharts all week under Personal Development (and are still available). They can be submitted until Monday the 6th of July. Entries will receive a certificate for participation, so well worth taking the time, not to mention the benefits for you from thinking about your preferred future. Please do complete and submit by Monday 6th July.



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### **Department of Education online safety support**

The Department of Education have provided new online safety support to help parents and carers keep children safe from different risks online. This new support link provides information on a range of topics for parents and carers, as well information on where they can go to receive support and advice during the current Coronavirus crisis. The information can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-keeping-children-safe-online/coronavirus-covid-19-support-for-parents-and-carers-to-keep-children-safe-online>



### **Parent Survey—SRE (Sex/Relationship Education) survey**

The short SRE (Sex & Relationships Education) survey is still open for anyone who would like to complete it. The new law means that all schools in the UK will be required to teach Health and Relationships Education, from September 2020. The purpose of the survey is to help us with planning for the new statutory SRE curriculum. As a parent/carer of a student at Court Fields, we greatly value your views. If you have a few minutes, can you please complete the short survey. Thank you.

Survey link: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScp7HU7\\_sA2Ri7ajjboP1agWqgP9Qmujd2LNTK5I6X2qz4Uw/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScp7HU7_sA2Ri7ajjboP1agWqgP9Qmujd2LNTK5I6X2qz4Uw/viewform?usp=sf_link)

Apologies to parents/carers who tried to access the survey last week and found that it was unavailable due to a technical fault. This has now been resolved.



### **Smart Speaker guidance for parents**

These days technology is everywhere and many people have home assistants, also known as smart speakers, in their homes, many companies such as Apple, Amazon, Facebook, and Google sells them and they can be very useful.

Do you have a home assistant such as Alexa or Echo in your home? Are you considering purchasing one? If you are then this article may help you think about what it is possible for you to do with them, what can go wrong and the decisions you need to make about safe use of them in the home.

<https://www.common sense media.org/blog/answers-to-parents-top-questions-about-smart-speakers>

It includes information about how young children can make use of them, hidden costs in using them and privacy settings. There is advice for the best home assistants and settings for all age ranges as well as a list of things that can go wrong, to help your family agree how your home assistant can be enjoyed safely.



### **LRC News. Books of the week**

This week's book of the week is Coram Boy by Jamila Gavin

Recommended websites, with book reviews and activities:

[www.booktrust.org.uk](http://www.booktrust.org.uk) [www.lovereading4kids.co.uk](http://www.lovereading4kids.co.uk) [www.goodreads.com](http://www.goodreads.com)  
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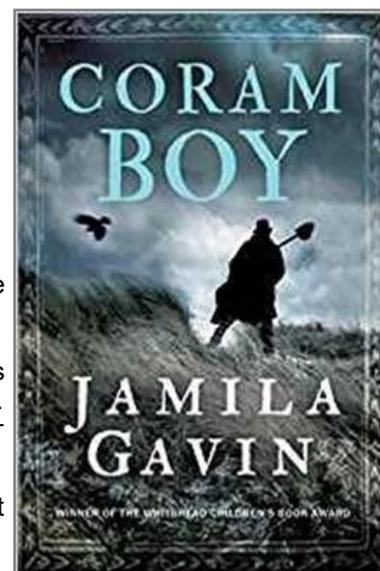
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