

SENIOR & SIXTH FORM HCS AT HOME

05 JUNE 2020



I hope that you all enjoyed the sunshine over half term. We welcomed back Year 11 and 13 students from their extended half term this week, as the Year 11s start a four-week induction course on their chosen A-Level subjects. I should like to welcome all those new pupils joining our Year 12 in September, who are also involved in our A-Level induction programme. We are pleased to be able to offer our Year 13 pupils (and those in other year groups) the opportunity of partaking in our new online Enrichment Programme, which we hope will provide some useful insight into skills that they will need in later life. I hope parents have seen the marvellous programme on offer, and do encourage your children to access the Enrichment Programme when they are not being taught – there is something for everybody.

Meanwhile, pupils in certain year groups from our Junior School have returned, and although it is under rather odd circumstances they do seem to be enjoying being back. The Senior School Leadership Team are looking at how we can meet the Government's requirement to allow 'face-to-face' contact with Year 10 and Year 12 pupils from 15 June. More about that next week. Otherwise, our remote teaching programme continues, and I trust that all the additional activities on offer are encouraging pupils to remain engaged in our virtual school.

Earlier in the year we were planning to celebrate a number of our students being confirmed in the Cathedral on Sunday 7 June. This event has been postponed until the next academic year, but any students who are interested in being confirmed are encouraged to visit the Christian Union pages on Firefly and attend informal Christian Union meetings on Monday afternoons.

Mr Paul Smith, Headmaster

NEW! ONLINE ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME

This week saw the launch of our new Remote Learning Enrichment Programme. Aimed primarily at students in Years 11, 12 and 13, the sessions look to provide students with the opportunity to remotely extend and develop their skills beyond their studies. A highlight are the 'Midday Meet-Ups' where pupils have the opportunity to 'meet' industry professionals online. These sessions are open to all pupils over lunchtime and we hope everyone will gain a great deal from the insights our key speakers provide, whether that's from the specifics of their career path or their broader life experience.

This week we welcomed Lieutenant General David Leakey CMG CVO CBE (Black Rod 2011-2017), who spoke about the fascinating goings-on behind the scenes at Westminster, and Paul Thorburn (former RFU and international rugby player). Over the coming weeks, key speakers will include Natalie Tena (Harry Potter and Game of Thrones actress), Will Finn (former President of Johnson & Johnson) and Hugo Cohn (lead engineer at McLaren), amongst others.

The rest of the programme is split across three key areas, Enhancing Knowledge, Learning Life Skills and Taking the Next Step, all of which should stand our pupils in good stead for the future. See the full programme [here](#).



Key speakers this week: Paul Thorburn and Lieutenant General David Leakey CMG CVO CBE

THOUGHT OF THE DAY...

"The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing."

In a week when the news has been dominated by the story of George Floyd, Mr Blyth shared this quote from Irish political philosopher Edmund Burke, which is dated 1770 yet is still pertinent today.



by Charlie R



by George P



by Zara B



by Millie Y



by Lilia W

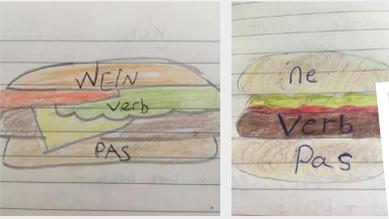
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CLASS OF THE WEEK!

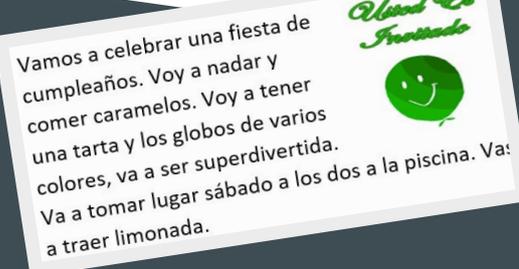
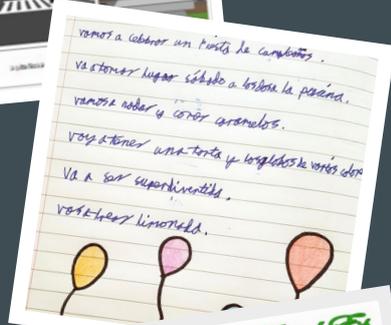
Mrs Clinton would like to recognise 11B and 11C History for their commitment, enthusiasm and resilience when they were supposed to have been completing five hours of GCSE History examinations. They had almost 100% attendance over the last half term and have demonstrated their good nature and sense of humour during remote learning.

She is hugely proud of them all.

FRENCH: Year 8 have been learning about negatives and have produced 'negative burgers' to help them remember the structure.



MFL STARS ★



Our MFL Stars of the Week are Iris P, Evie B, Sofia vW, Florence T, Lilah S, Miles M and Georgia M in Year 7 for their excellent comic strips depicting their school day in French. And for Spanish, Leon N, Lydia P and Will S who used the near future in their party invitations.

BOARDING

Over half term, the boarders have been busy completing a jigsaw given to them by the Headmaster, featuring all things British. They also used Teams to introduce the boarding family's new addition - Scamper the pup - to the boarders who have returned home, and competed in (and won!) an online quiz against Mr Higgins (Head of International Students), Mr Carr, Mrs Buck and Mrs Hunter.



ROWING:

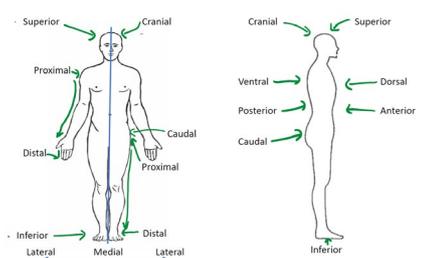
HCS rowers enjoyed a webinar with James Stanhope this week. James is a current full-time athlete at Leander Club. He is three-time winner of the Henley Royal Regatta, has won the World University Championships, and has raced at multiple Home international Regattas for Team Wales. James shared his thoughts on the building blocks for a successful club culture and the beliefs and commitment required to achieve success within rowing.



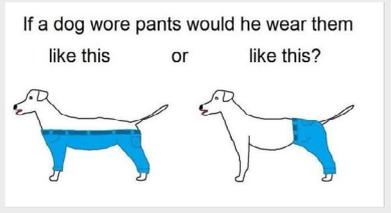
FORM TIME: Mr Jackson's form had great fun this week with 'bring your pet to registration!' Nineteen Year 7s and their five Form Mentors were introduced to pets including a corn snake called Rose, some two-week-old calves, two lambs (Dave and Malcolm), chickens, sheep, dogs, cats, hamsters and guinea pigs.



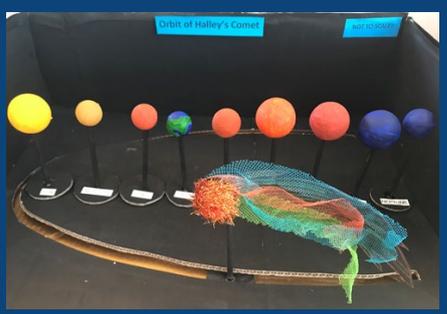
CLUBS & ACTIVITIES:



Mr Ballentyne's Dissection Club have been investigating anatomy locator diagrams to answer the question...



Over 50 pupils and teachers joined this week's remote debate to discuss the motion: 'This House would make online school permanent', with speakers from Years 7 to 13.



WHEN DOES IT OCCUR?

SPAGHETTIFICATION occurs if you get too close to an extremely strong gravitational field such as a black hole.

The edge of a black hole is an imaginary line called an event horizon. If a spacecraft were to get as far as a black hole, it could orbit around the event horizon safely - but only if the spacecraft were to fly almost as fast as the speed of light (a feat well beyond current technology). If the spacecraft fell inside the event horizon the force of gravity would be so strong that the spacecraft wouldn't be able to escape. The front end would be pulled faster than the back end, so the craft would get drawn out - like a strand of spaghetti.



Mind boggling facts!

- The Local Supercluster covers a HUGE 100,000 galaxies stretched out over 160 megaparsecs (520 million light years).
- The neighbouring superclusters to the Laniakea Supercluster are the Shapley Supercluster, Hercules Supercluster, Coma Supercluster and Perseus-Pisces Supercluster.
- They are all part of the composition of the Pisces-Cetus Supercluster Complex which is a galaxy filament.

SCIENCE: YEAR 7 HAVE BEEN STUDYING SPACE AND CREATED PRESENTATIONS ON EVERYTHING FROM HALLEY'S COMET TO SPAGHETTIFICATION

