



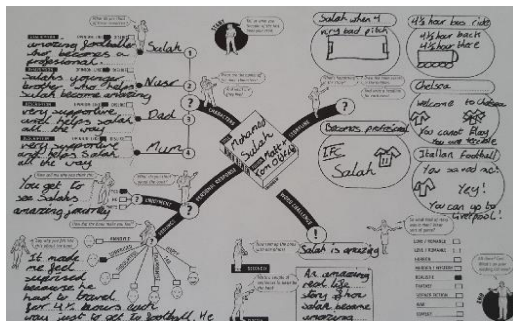
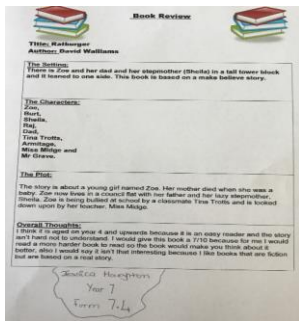
Student and Parent Newsletter

Hello everyone,

Welcome to our first student and parent newsletter. Despite the adversity we are currently facing, there have been some fantastic lessons and learning taking place which we would love to share with you. Well done to all of our fantastic students who feature in this newsletter, please keep sending us your work.

Year 7 English

Lots of fantastic work has been completed by year 7 English pupils. As well as producing some persuasive writing based upon a theme park they designed, Miss Hall's class were also writing book reviews.



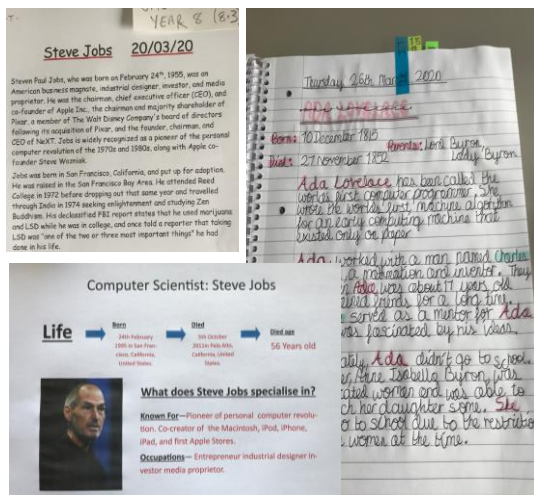
Work submitted by Jessica H, Callum O and Abby J. Well Done!

Year 10 French

Last week Miss Elsey's year 10 French class were invited to participate in a live Quizlet event. Well done to the 22 students who signed up and participated. The winners were Felicity B, Mia S, Ellen S and Jack T but a big well done to all 22 who joined in. Winners have received awards points on Synergy and will get a French ruler (these are highly sought after!!)

Year 8 Information Technology

Year 8 have been researching 'Hero's of Computing' including Steve Jobs, Ada Lovelace and Tim Berners Lee. Well done to Jack A, Jessica H and Grace W for your in-depth research into the founder of Apple.



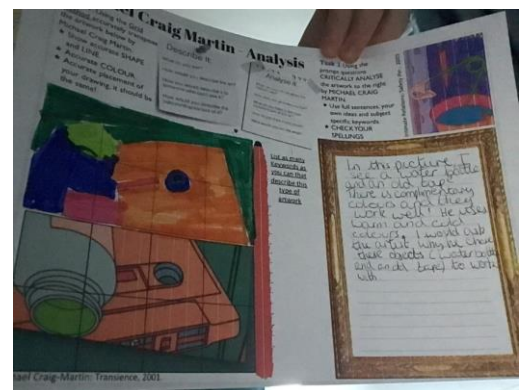
Maths

Mrs Reid and Mr. Thistlethwaite have been using 'Loom' to narrate some of their lessons this week. This has allowed them to model methods effectively and give detailed explanations of answers. Mr. Thistlethwaite would like to commend Jessica H Y7, Joe P Y8, Liam P Y9 and Martha C Y10 for their fantastic work.

Creative Arts and DT

The current situation has allowed lots of people to see the benefit of the arts- lots of people are learning instruments, joining online choirs and participating in online drama activities. Below are some links to things we like but there are lots more out there!

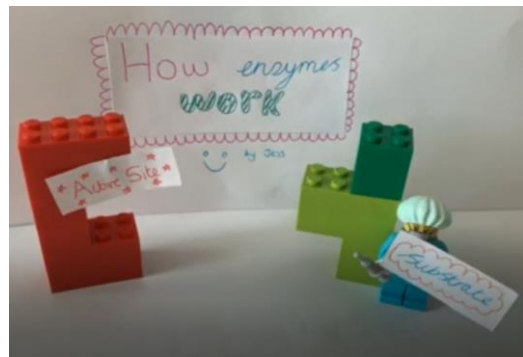
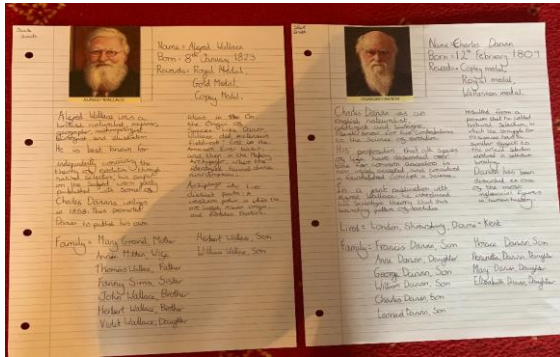
- Digital Theatre and Royal Shakespeare company are screening performances for free: https://hubs.ly/H0nx_pFO
- The RSC are showing six of their past productions on BBC Four and BBC Iplayer <https://bit.ly/33NB9pD>
- Gareth Malone is also running an online choir where you can sing warm ups and learn parts for a song which has arranged. The link is <https://youtu.be/rFgYqP2wUQU>
- If you fancy dancing, Oti Mabuse from Strictly Come Dancing is doing online dance classes for young people: <https://youtu.be/Btxws8qvYAA>



Olivia W Y7 produced some lovely artist research work. Abbey J Y7, baked a fantastic cake!

Science

Last week our science students were very busy. Whilst year 9 and 10 were revising Biology Topic 1, year 8 were learning about evolution. They studied Darwin's observations of Galapagos finches and evidence of human evolution. Well done to Callum S and Jack S for submitting some excellent work. Science student of the week has to go to Jessica M in Year 9. Students were set an 'extra challenge' task to design a model or animation to explain how enzymes work. Jess produced a stunning animation to explain lock and key theory. Please check our twitter account or the school website to view this excellent video.



Y10 SENECA science work

Lots of year 10 combined and triple students logged into SENECA to complete a 'cells and microscopes' assignment. All students with high scores have received awards points. A big well done to Ryan K, Anna S, Will G, Ellen S, Zara M, Lauren S, Lucy P, Rob A and Sam S from the combined classes. Also well done to Sam C, Maria V, Lucy B, Archie H, Maisie L, Harry M, Jasmin C, Jamie H, Ellie S, Ester Hi Carmen C and Amelia S from the triple science classes. Well done to everyone who completed this important task.

R-E

Now is a very good time to look at what is happening in the world and see how people care for others and show their love for one another. The message of the Easter story is about love and hope. Here are some useful links:

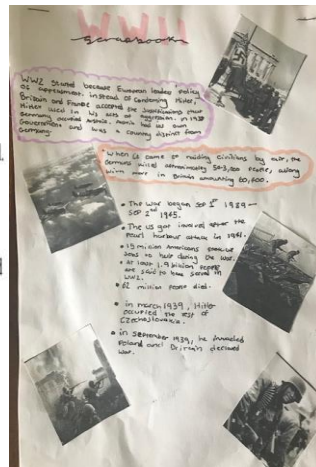
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/genres/religionandethics/all>
www.truetube.com

History

Last week year 8 were set a task to describe and explain Hitler's advances and the origins of the Dunkirk evacuation. They were given maps, keywords and a 'find the fiction activity' to help them. Callum S, Libby T and Jack S produced these excellent and pieces of work.

Early war, Blitzkrieg and Dunkirk

By the summer of 1940 the nazis had taken over most of Europe. Denmark resisted the nazi for 1 day, then surrendered. The British tried to send help to Norway, but the Nazis swept them aside. Then, on 10th may 1940, the Nazis invaded Holland and Belgium. The allied forces were helpless to stop their 'Blitzkrieg' (lightening war) tactics. Holland surrendered on 14th may, the same day as the Nazi Army invaded France. By 22nd may, the British had decided that the battle was lost, and they began to withdraw their troops to the sea port of Dunkirk. The Belgians surrendered on 28th may. 'Operation Dynamo' had been evacuating troops from Dunkirk to America.



Enquiry Question: Was the First World War a Total War?

Task: Complete the definitions of the keywords below. You may use a dictionary or the internet for those keywords that you do not know.

Keyword	Definition
Artillery	Large calibre guns used in warfare on land.
Embarkation	A continuous attack with tanks, shells or other missiles.
Conscription	Compulsory enlistment for both sexes, typically into the armed forces.
Defence of the Realm Act	Gave the government to suspend published criticism.
Naval blockade	Imposed naval and air blockade to restrict resources. Land that is unoccupied, a ship or territory.
No Man's Land	Land that is unoccupied, a ship or territory.
The Home Front	During the war, people in the home front were asked to support the war effort. The war used the civilian population. In 1918, the war used the civilian population. In 1918, the war used the civilian population.
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Enrichment Activities

Geography: Watch Australia with Simon Reeve

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b021ncc4/australia-with-simon-reeve-episode-2> or watch this weeks episode of Race Across the World on iplayer

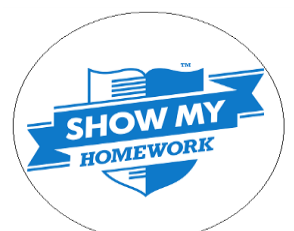
History: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/shows/horrible-histories>

PE: 9am every weekday morning www.thebodycoach.com

Science: Experiments to do at home <https://learning-resources.sciencemuseum.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/Kitchen-science.pdf> OR Take a live virtual tour of Chester Zoo <https://www.chesterzoo.org/>

Easy Access to Show My Homework

If a pupil cannot remember their Show my Homework log in details, simply go the school website and click on the show my homework. This gives you access to the whole school calendar where you can easily filter work by year groups and subject.



Remember that guidance for accessing work and support during a school closure can be found on the school website.

Progress Leader Messages

Progress@garstangcommunityacademy.com

Year 7 - Miss Rainbow

Hello to all of Year 7! I hope you are all safe and well. Some fantastic work in being submitted on SMHW, teachers are sending me examples of good work that I can reward with a Love to Shop voucher - keep it up! If you are on Twitter please follow the school twitter @GarstangAcademy where I will tweet the winners. Keep smiling and working hard.

Year 8 - Miss Hall

Hello Y8! I hope you are all safe and well. Thank you to everyone who is engaging with the work being set by your teachers. I'm being emailed some fantastic examples of work you've submitted on SMH - keep it up! Check out the link on my SMH post last week for boredom busting ideas for your 'downtime.' Look after yourselves!

Year 9 - Mr Passerini

First and foremost I hope that you and your families are all keeping well in these difficult times. I'll bet you didn't realise how much you'd actually miss school! I have to say that it's very pleasing to see how many of you are working hard on the tasks we've been putting on Show my Homework. Miss Davies has just been showing us the results of some Biology work people have been doing on Seneca. Well done guys! (For those of you who haven't taken part - we know who you are!) Keep safe.

Year 10 - Mr Millat

Hope you are all well. Please be aware that there are upcoming assessments in some subjects so make sure you are working hard. I am aware that not every year 10 is on SENECA and lots of tasks are asking you to complete sections so please create an account. Thanks for the massive drop in Behaviour points - I knew we'd get there eventually! 😊



Year 11 Update

At this moment it is unclear exactly how GCSE grades are going to be awarded. So far we have been led to believe that grades may be based on a combination of factors such as KS2 prior attainment, a schools past performance and teacher assessment. Obviously, we will keep you up to date with any more information we get from Ofqual and the DfE. In the mean time, we urge students studying non-GCSE subjects such as Sports Studies, Travel and Tourism, Engineering, Health and Social Care, Food and Nutrition, etc. to ensure all outstanding assignments are completed to a high standard. GCSE PE and Art students must also complete internally assessed coursework, e.g. PEPs, to a high standard. Year 11 teachers are setting students work to ensure that the GCSE courses are completed. This is important as there is likely to be an option for students to sit the GCSE exams in the future. Therefore, keeping up with revision activities on Show My Homework is a good idea. Science and English have also set some post-16 transition work on Show my Homework for those students taking these subjects at A level.

Year 10 Exam Update

Year 10 students and parents are probably aware that year 10 end of year exams were calendared to begin on the 27th April. Although we cannot go ahead as planned, some subjects would still like students to complete assessments at home. These assessments will be set on Show my Homework from 27th April. Subject leaders will be sending out details via PMX for parents and on show my homework for students. Please use the subject email addresses if you have any queries.

How to access support

Please use the following email addresses if you need to access support: Science@garstangcommunityacademy.com, Maths@garstangcommunityacademy.com, English@garstangcommunityacademy.com, MFL@garstangcommunityacademy.com, Humanities@garstangcommunityacademy.com, DT@garstangcommunityacademy.com, HSC@garstangcommunityacademy.com (Health & Social Care) CreativeArts@garstangcommunityacademy.com, PE@garstangcommunityacademy.com, IT@garstangcommunityacademy.com (also for Business), slt@garstangcommunityacademy.com, TA@garstangcommunityacademy.com, inclusion@garstangcommunityacademy.com

Year 6

Hello to any year 6 students who are coming to us in September! We are very much looking forward to meeting you and welcoming you to our fantastic academy. Please remind your parents to complete and return the information packs we have sent them in the post.