



Jerounds Journal

Dear Parent/Carers,

After such a scorching hot, 'sizzling' week, jam-packed full of exploration, exciting debates and of course the mandatory maths and English expectations, staff and pupils are all feeling a little frazzled this week! Nevertheless, there was a genuine 'buzz' around school today as staff busily prepared their work areas for the final three weeks ahead. Next week will finally showcase the re phasing of all our children back into school - and the excitement is palpable. For the past three months or so, we have been divided physically across Harlow. Whilst remote learning has proven to be a valuable tool and indeed a means of connecting home-schooled children, with school and teachers, there really is no substitute for the pleasure of building a school community in person! Subsequently, teaching staff eagerly await the arrival of their classes at various points throughout the week.

A couple of polite reminders: school dinners will be mandatory for the final three weeks, to help reduce the possibly spread of the virus. Fortunately, we have the best catering team in Harlow - Ashlyns - partially organic farmers, who produce food of the highest standard. Moreover, our food is cooked on the premises and is not reheated or served as pre-packaged meals. Quite the contrary in fact, our delicious food is served to a high nutritional standard and the level of hygiene attributed to our catering team has *always* been outstanding - as verified by external assessors. Furthermore, in order to reassure any anxieties, Ashlyns have devised the 'ultimate' child-friendly meal to tempt even the fussiest of eaters: roast dinner, pasta, hot dogs, fish and chips, pizza - all super, healthy child favourites! Equally, we will ensure that all children are encouraged to sample and eat foods with the bonus of receiving either a dojo or sticker as a reward. So please do take some time out over the weekend to discuss these changes 'excitedly' with your child.

Similarly, please ensure that the children arrive to school daily, covered in sun lotion, with a water bottle and a cap. Children should adhere to the uniform expectations wherever possible, although we recognise that this may prove challenging daily, with high levels of hygiene expectations and washing. However, please be mindful that children should only wear appropriate clothing for school - no flip flops, high shorts, 'strappy' tops, crop tops etc. Sensible clothing and shoes/trainers at all times please.

Notably, as the children begin their return to school, I wanted to publically thank our 'invaluable' support staff (learning support assistants, midday assistants, office staff, cleaners) and our Site Manager, Mr Layzell, who have all been instrumental in keeping our school open throughout this challenging time. Moreover, behind the scenes many have also significantly up-skilled - through technology, online safeguarding, SEND training etc. Well done to each and every one of our 'unsung' heroes for supporting our vulnerable and key worker children throughout lockdown.

Onto other news now, school reports will be sent home on Friday 10th July. Please note that all reports will be up to and including the end of the Spring term. Whilst many examples of home-learning have illustrated further progress, the professional advice to date, is, that wherever school reports have been issued, teachers should only comment and reflect upon where a child was, academically, up to Friday 20th March, 2020.

Subsequently, teachers have used both the spring PIRA (reading test) and PUMA (maths test) scores, coupled with teacher assessments to judge attainment and progress.

Additionally, since not all of our children will be on site, on Friday 10th July, Mrs Lidbury, our newly appointed Office Manager (many congratulations!), will be on hand to issue school reports via a collection process from the Key Stage 2 hall - entrance through the Key Stage 2 gates. She will be issuing a year group schedule for collections, via parentmail next week, to prevent social distancing rules being compromised.

Our EYFS, which is undergoing a creative overhaul will be inviting our new EYFS intake for 2020/21 next week. We have arranged 1:1 sessions for all of our newbies and cannot wait to welcome them 'officially' into our warm and caring community.

Staffing news: Miss Dodd leaves Jerounds at the end of the academic year to relocate to the south-west of England, for a new challenge - we wish her well and thank her for her support over the past two years. Meanwhile, we welcome two new teachers to Jerounds, Miss Olivia Miles and Miss Amy Whitfield. Mrs Kerry Andrews, whom many of you will know as a parent will be joining our exemplary team of midday assistants, under the supervision of Mrs Hack and Mrs Gardener. Welcome to you all! Other customary key teaching and support staff structure for next year will be once again attached to every school report for your perusal. Minor points to note, include the mixing-up of Year 3 and 4 classes. Mrs Wallsworth, Mr Smith, Mr Watson and Miss Dodd, have all worked incredibly hard over recent weeks to ensure a more 'balanced' presentation of our pupil profile across these crucial groups; especially given the quantity of extra pupils that Jerounds has secured over recent months. The staff felt passionately that there was a need to readdress friendship groups, SEND needs and gender. I have seen the finished class lists and am thus satisfied with equilibrium that has now been achieved across this phase as they move into Years 4 and 5 for the next academic year. Naturally, we will be contacting these particular year groups individually to share each child's new class.

My final point is perhaps my most exciting!!! As many of you will be aware, as a working mother myself, I have been passionate about securing Jerounds an 'After School -Wrap Around' facility. Well... I am delighted to say that from September, 2020, this will now be possible! This facility will provide a first class experience for professional, working parents that need outstanding child-care for their children up to 6 o'clock daily. Perhaps the most pleasing part of this whole project is that this facility will be organised and managed by Mrs Bull and her new team. Mrs Bull has therefore, decided to step down from her PE role, having spent many hours coaching and training our teaching staff, to take on this much needed service for our community. We propose that this service will offer a place for children to relax, do their homework, ride a bike, ride a scooter, read, play games, do puzzles - the list is endless. With this in mind, I now need YOUR help. Back in February, I canvassed our families during parents' consultations, to indicate whether or not a 'Wrap Around' Club would indeed be helpful - the response was overwhelmingly 'yes'. As a result, over the coming weeks, I will be sending out a further communication ascertaining which families would DEFINITELY be interested in this service from September. The communication will also provide further details of the offer, for you to consider, namely the snack (food), cost per session and how to reserve a place for September. Please do keep a watchful eye out for this communication, so that we may populate an accurate set of data for September. This will indeed demonstrate our ethos - 'you said, we did'.

Wishing you all a sun-filled weekend, full of family joy.
With best wishes,

Mrs Laura Çiftçi BA (Hons) MEd
Head of School



ParentMail—Important

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Please note—it is parents responsibility to keep all contact information up to date on ParentMail.

If you change your email address or telephone number please make sure you amend these details on ParentMail too.

You will, however, need to advise the office of this as well to ensure we have all your current details up to date.

Summer Reading Challenge

The national Summer Reading Challenge is moving online!

Go to <http://www.sillysquad.org.uk/> and sign up.

The sign up process will require parental consent and parents can find more details here: <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/parents-carers>

What you need to do:

- Set your own reading goals over the summer and start reading - Harlow library will be reopening soon and also you have the option of online lending in the meantime.
- Each time you finish a book, add it to your profile and write a review.
- You will then be rewarded with activities, badges and videos.
- At the end of the reading challenge you will receive a certificate.



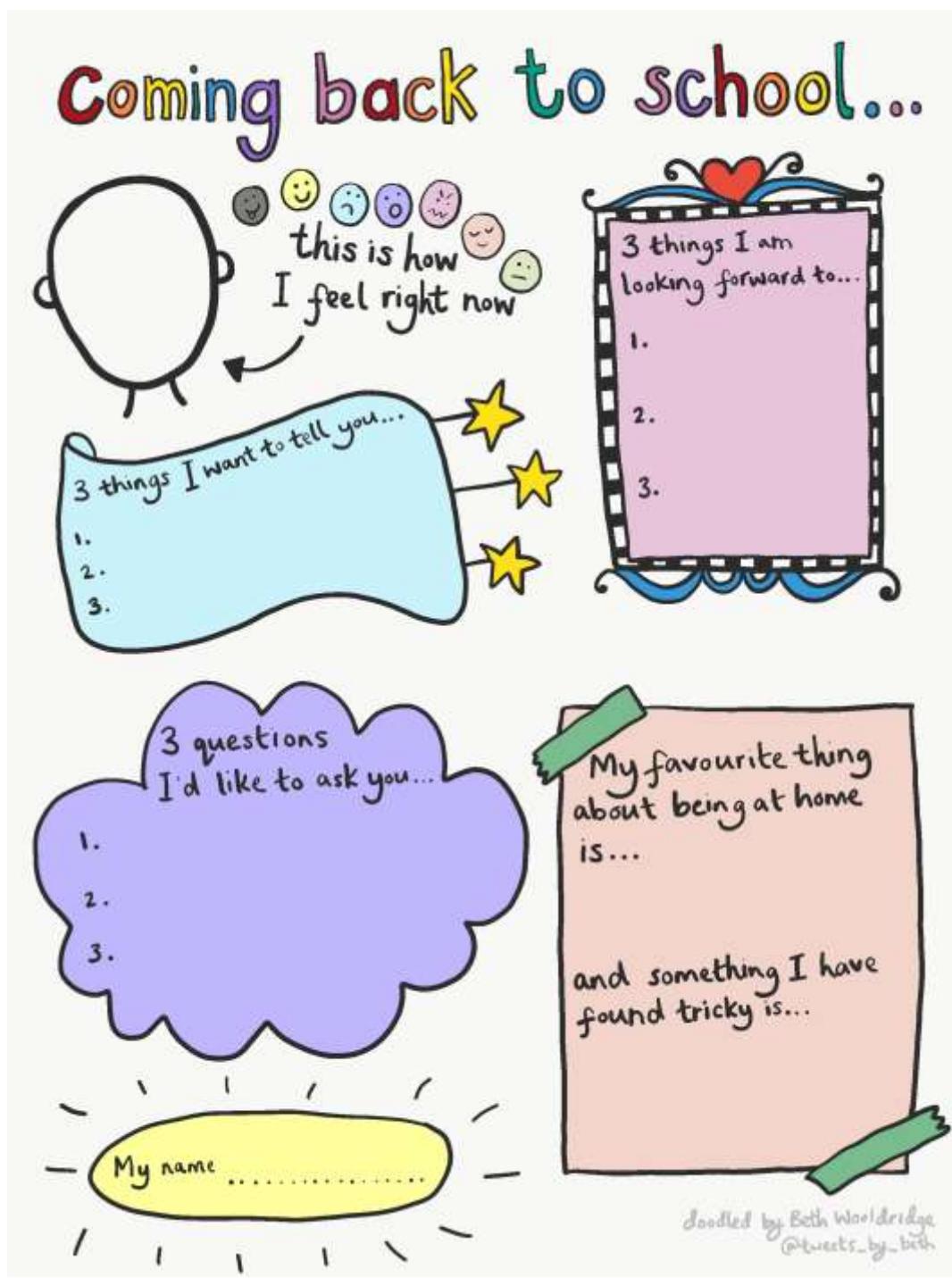
Mind in West Essex

NEW SERVICE

Please be aware there is a new 24 hour Crisis Telephone number available in our area. Those experiencing a mental health crisis, including suicidal thoughts, severe self-harm, psychosis (but not limited to those), can call the NHS line on 111 and then press 2 when it asks if they are calling about a mental health crisis. This service is run by EPUT.

FREE COURSES

Please check out the Mind in West Essex website and see the online courses available <https://mindinwestessex.mindlms.org.uk/>



Weekly updates

EYFS

This week those of you that are learning from home have shown great resilience in completing the new maths, English and topic activities that have been set. This will be continuing, and we hope that during your home learning time everybody can try to complete some of these tasks.

It has been another fantastic week of learning in school this week, the children have enjoyed learning about using our full stops correctly in sentences and we have recapped our subtractions skills.

As the school days will be reduced from next week, we hope to see everybody making use of the activities available on Tapestry. As always, we look forward to receiving your completed tasks. When you are in school please remember to bring in a water bottle, please make sure this does not have juice in. Also we are encouraging all children to have a school dinner from next week.



Year 1

It has been another fantastic week of learning in school this week, the children have enjoyed growing seeds and making observation on what plants need to grow healthily; as well as conducting a super cool experiment and watching their salt crystals grow. For those of you that are learning from home, you have shown great resilience in completing the now daily maths and English activities that have been set. This will be continuing, till the end of term, and we hope that during this period everybody can try to complete the set tasks.

As the school days will be reduced from next week, we hope to see ALL children accessing the activities available on Seesaw and Parentmail on the days they are learning from home. As always, we look forward to receiving your completed tasks.

Many of you are continuing to engage with our class stories and we hope you are enjoying these. It would be fantastic to see more of you recording yourself reading a story to post and share with us.

Keep up the brilliant work!

Year 2

We hope you have had a great week enjoying the sunshine and continuing to complete the Maths and English activities that have been set for you on seesaw.

This week our remote learning changed slightly on SeeSaw and it has been great to see so many of you engaging with the daily maths and English tasks and don't forget you can leave a comment if you are unsure or have a question. Remember to try and record yourselves reading and upload it to seesaw and continue to practise your times tables on TTrockstars.

This week in English we have been reading a story called the 'Sea Monster' and the children wrote letters to a sea monster friend, describing their lives and what they had been up to. In maths we have been reading and drawing the time on an analogue clock, focusing on O'Clock and half past. In science we made salt crystals using warm water and mixing in salt. Hopefully within the next week we will see the crystals begin to form!

We hope you have had a great week and we look forward to seeing you all soon.



Year 3

We hope that you are having a lovely week and are enjoying the glorious weather we are having. Well done to those that have uploaded work this week. It has been another week where we have seen some brilliant work being uploaded onto Seesaw. We have changed the way we have uploaded tasks and you will have noticed that you can now listen to us teaching you English and Maths. We hope that you have found this a better way of learning from home. We look forward to welcoming some of you back in school next week and it is going to be great to see you again and getting to spend some time together before you go to Year 4. For those that will carry on remote learning, Seesaw tasks will continue to be uploaded for you each day. Please ensure that you are completing work to your best standard. As well as this, when uploading your work please make sure that your photos are clear so that we can see the fantastic work you are producing.

Year 4

That's another successful week of learning in school and from home completed. We hope you are all enjoying the daily lessons, we are pleased to see so much good quality work from these sessions.

We are so excited to see some of you joining us back in school on a Thursday and Friday in the next few weeks! To keep the links between home and school we will all be working on the same learning, so whether you are at school or working on SeeSaw we are all part of the same community. We will certainly be sharing some fabulous pieces of work uploaded to SeeSaw to the children in school.

Year 5

Miss Howland and I are counting down the hours until we see your faces again!

We are extremely proud that you have been engaging with the work on seesaw. It has been a pleasure to see so many great pieces of work being uploaded! Remember, anything you do from now until the end of term will help you towards your progress into Year 6.

We advise, that if you are not attending school next week, that you carry on with the plans on RH and/or on seesaw. For those who are attending, we also advise that you continue with the Maths and English on the days you are not in school as it will help with the weeks learning when you are in school.

For English, J.K Rowling has posted her new book online for you to read. <https://www.theickabog.com/home/>. If you haven't entered her illustration competition, please enter it now and post it online for us to see!

In school, we have been learning about mental health. During lockdown, some of us have found it harder than others. Please know that you are not alone and have the opportunity to speak up and raise awareness for mental health. Here is a video to help learn more about mental health. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DxIDKZHW3_E

Also, if you feel inspired, write a poem or record your speech to raise awareness and help others feel confident to share their thoughts and feelings. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=irADsjrhljI> You can find ideas here on this video.



Year 6

What a beautiful week it has been! We have been really enjoying spending time outside with those who have been learning in school, we hope that those of you who are at home have been safely enjoying the outdoors too.

Your work has been amazing this week, you have really worked hard to understand ratio and algebra in maths and your writing has been so descriptive, we could really picture the scene with your volcanoes in. Well done!

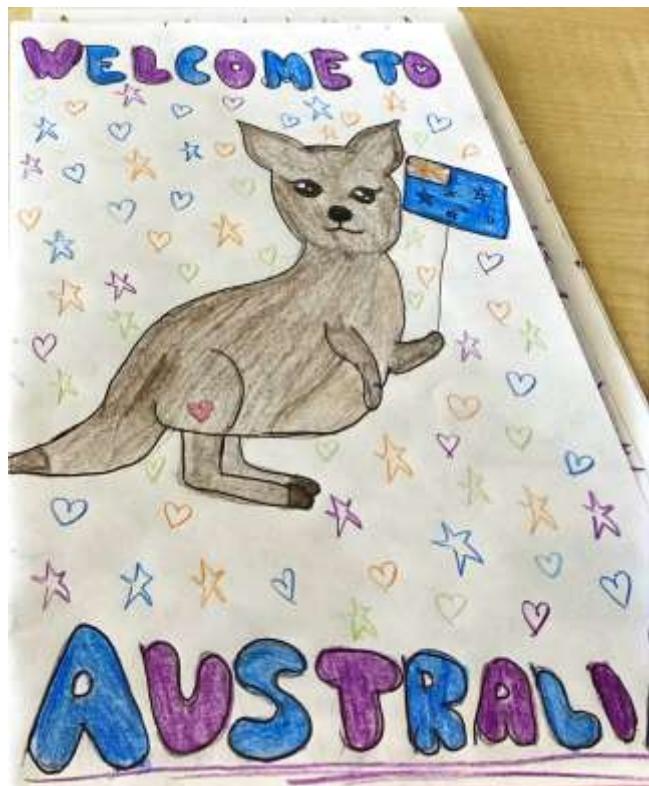
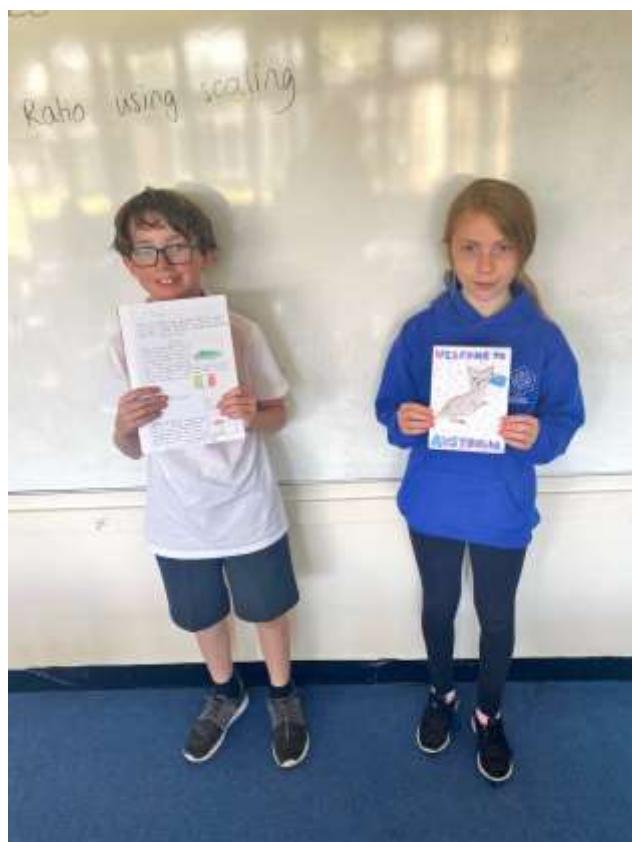
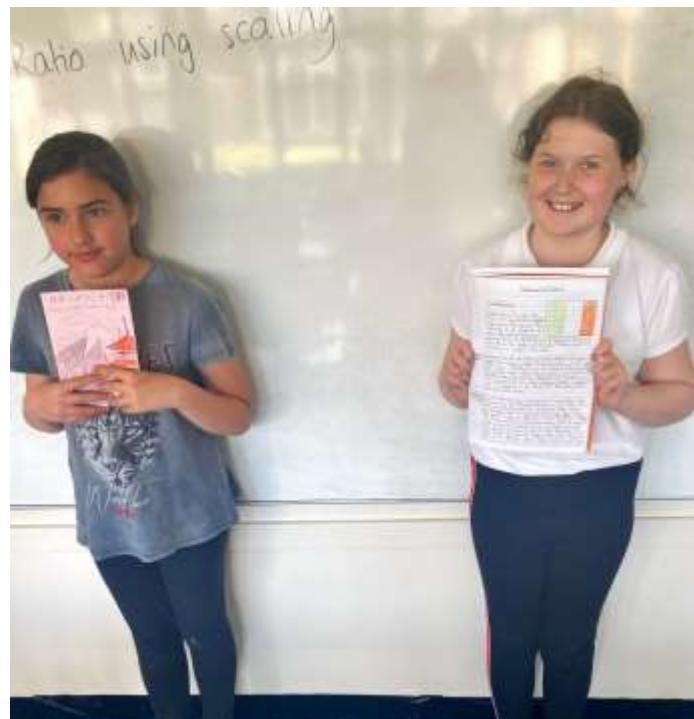
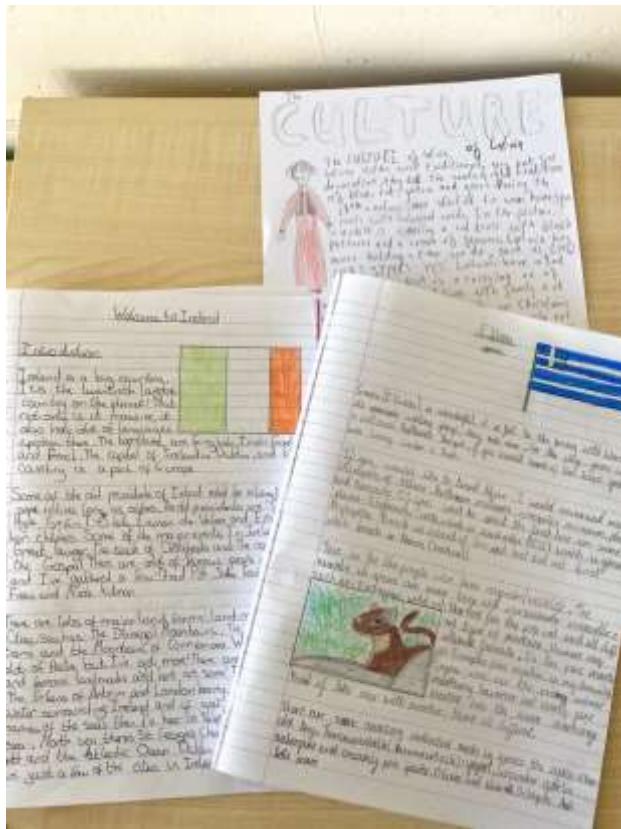
It is now getting close to the end of term; we have sent out details of our leaver's plans. We are so excited to have more of you joining us on the 16th and 17th July for our celebrations. Please can you begin to practise the selection of songs from Matilda in order for Mrs Bell to put together a mini video-production! These are: Revolting Children, Bruce, Naughty, The School Song, The Chokey, When I Grow Up. We will also be starting to practise songs for the last day soon! What an exciting time.

Our week in school









Year 3 Free School Meals

Is your child moving up to year 3 this September? Universal free school meals now stop at the end of year 2, you therefore may be entitled to free school meals. Please read the criteria below and click on the link if you fall into one of the categories.

https://essex-self.achieveservice.com/service/Free_School_Meals_application

Free School Meals

Is your child in Year 2 and starting Year 3 in September 2020?

Do you receive one of the following?

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (not Working Tax Credit), with an annual income below £16,190
- Pension Guarantee Credit
- Employment and Support Allowance, income related
- Support under part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act, 1999
- Working Tax Credit run-on, paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit, with a household income of £7,400 or less (after tax and not including any benefits you get).

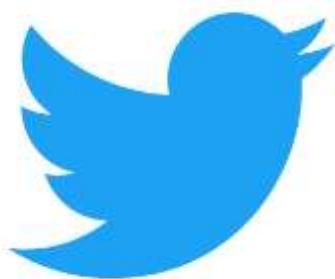
If so, please apply between 25 July and 10 August to ensure that your application can be considered before the start of term

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