

PARKLANDS BULLETIN 1 Feb - 5 Feb 2021: Week 1



Headteacher's Message

Dear parents, carers and students,

I hope you are all well, keeping safe, and managing as well as you can during this lockdown. I hope the lockdown audit reports, published this week and available to view in the Documents section of Edulink, are useful for you to have a discussion with your child about their level of engagement with work. The final pages of this bulletin are a fantastic indication of the brilliant levels of effort many of our students are putting in.

As expected, our return to school has been delayed until 8th March at the earliest, according to the Prime Minister, but as we all know, this could change. We have two more weeks until half-term and then you will all have a well-earned week off from homeschooling. We know that juggling work and homeschooling is difficult, so please remember that all we ask is for students to try their best.

My senior team and I shall be attending Google Meets with year 11s on Tuesday to discuss the current situation regarding exams next summer and to answer any questions students may have. We expect 100% attendance - it is essential that the students are fully aware of the plans the government have which will directly affect their futures. Last week I included two pages of information regarding exams in the bulletin - please ensure your child has read this in advance of the Meet. The bulletin is available on our website here.

Reminder: Attendance of children of critical workers (click here for government guidance) We have been overwhelmed with the number of requests for places in school for the children of critical workers, so much so that we have had to decline many of the requests. Pupils in school are supervised by teaching staff; the more staff we have in school, the greater the number of teaching groups which are not able to benefit from Google Meet lessons. The children of key workers currently able to attend school will not automatically be able to attend after the half-term break. As per government guidelines, children with at least one parent or carer who is a critical worker can go to school or college if required, but parents and carers should keep their children at home if they can. Furthermore, the more pupils we have in school, the greater the risk of them catching the virus and passing it on to others. If you are a critical worker and you believe that you absolutely must send your child to school, please email admin@parklandsacademy.co.uk. We will need evidence of your critical worker status (eg ID badge) and an explanation as to why your child cannot work from home. As we have to put a limit on numbers in school, there is no guarantee of a place in school, so please wait for confirmation that you can send your child into school after the half-term break.

Kind regards, Mr Mitchell

Year 7 Messages

We would have been holding the Year 7 Parents' Evening next week but are unable to do so, due to the current Covid-19 restrictions. We hope that the regular communication being provided during the school closure is keeping you fully informed about how your child is engaging and progressing. We published the Lockdown Audit Reports last week and you will receive another at the end of this half-term. Should the closure extend, we will continue to follow the pattern of sending audit reports half-way and end of each half-term point. These, along with regular parent/carer updates on engagement with school work from teachers and weekly catch-ups with form tutors and HALs, should keep you well informed. If you require further information or have any particular questions or concerns please contact your child's HAL.

Africa House - Mr Swift aswift@parklandsacademy.co.uk

Asia House - Mr Snell csnell@parklandsacademy.co.uk

Australasia House - Mrs Dewhurst kdewhurst@parklandsacademy.co.uk

Europe House - Mrs Fox gfox@parklandsacademy.co.uk

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Year 8 Messages

Options: this is a reminder that pupils will not be making their option choices this year. Options will now be made in year 9.

Year 9 Messages

None this week

Year 10 Messages

None this week

Year 11 Messages

There are just a few students who appear not to have applied to college yet (and a few who have only applied to one college). My advice is always to apply to at least TWO colleges. Deadlines for colleges are rapidly approaching and they are putting interview schedules together now. Do not miss out! This applies to those considering apprenticeships as well - you need a full time course in place as a back-up. If you have any issues with applying or need any advice, please let me know and I can set up a Google Meet to talk you through any problems. (pberry@parklandsacademy.co.uk)

Wigan & Leigh College: Monday (1st February) is the next Virtual Open Evening so if anyone has still to apply for a college, get yourself registered for this! Registration for the event and information on the presentation and talks can be found here: https://wiganleigh.onlineopendays.com/ 4.30pm - 8.30pm This is especially important for anyone considering apprenticeships - as you will need to apply for a full time course in the relevant subject as well.

One to one careers interviews are currently taking place on Google Meet. These will mainly be in alphabetical order but if your surname is right at the end of the alphabet and you would really like a careers chat, please let me know! (pberry@parklandsacademy.co.uk)

Careers

https://www.becomingx.com/films/sabrina-cohen-hatton

The link above is to a really inspirational video of a young woman who had a terrible start in life, but has battled to get where she is today: a Chief Fire Officer. Well worth a watch.

This is a final reminder that the **NHS Virtual Work Experience Programme** is starting on the 7th February. Students will be receiving their work experience links next week.

Students now have access to their own specific work experience programme that will be highly relevant to the following healthcare careers:

Nursing Midwifery

Paramedics

Physiotherapists

Occupational Therapists

Radiographers

Art, drama and music therapists

Dietitians

Operating Department Practitioners

Radiographers

Podiatrists

Osteopaths

Orthoptists

Prosthetists and orthotics

Speech and language therapists

You can learn more and students can register for the programme here:

https://alliedhealthmentor.org/nhs-healthcare-careers-virtual-work-experience/

Students will receive certificates upon completion, but places are limited and therefore they will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis to keep this fair. If you are interested you can register through the website link above. Places are just £10 a day to cover administrative costs, although there are free places available depending on household income.

You can also download the flyer at this link:

https://alliedhealthmentor.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/NHSHealthcareCareersLiveVirtualWorkExperience.pdf

Despite the year we have just had, there are still plenty of job vacancies on offer in Lancashire – 9,748 live job ads currently being advertised.

Of these vacancies 2,176 are in the city of Preston; 769 are in Burnley; 648 are in Chorley; 609 are in Blackpool; 594 are in Blackburn; and 521 are in Lancaster.

The sectors with the most advertised vacancies in Lancashire are:

Healthcare and Nursing (1,336); Social Work including Social Care (1,196); Teaching (1,009); IT (832); and Trades and Construction (740)

The companies advertising the most vacancies in Lancashire are Lancaster University (51), BAE Systems (48), Barchester Healthcare (40), Avon (38) and Circle Studio (36)

(Source: National Careers Service LMI and Apprenticeship Bulletin February 2021)

Please remember to have a look at **Indigo** - there are hundreds of careers to explore, as well as a whole section on Universities. You can filter by location, or subject (which can help with choosing post 16 options at college). https://www.indigo.trotman.co.uk/default/loging

It's accessible on computer, tablet or mobile, at school or at home. Check it out!

Apprenticeship Notifications

Don't forget that the deadline for apprenticeship applications for **BAE Systems** is 28th February. If you haven't started your application yet, please do so as soon as possible.

https://www.baesystems.com/en/careers/careers-in-the-uk/apprenticeships/schemes/advanced-apprenticeships

Reminder about the fantastic opportunities at **Leyland Trucks**. Vacancies for Sept 2021 Apprentice Intake are now live.

All information and application form can be found at www.gov.uk and on our own website https://www.leylandtrucksltd.co.uk/en-qb/working-at-leyland-trucks/apperentice-ship

This year we are recruiting for:

- 10 x Assembly Operators
- 4 x Automotive Engineers
- 1 x Fabrication & Welder
- 2 x Design Engineers

Preston's College is holding a **Virtual Apprenticeship Open Event** on Monday 8th February, from 4-7pm. Register now on https://www.preston.ac.uk/virtual-apprenticeship-event-february-2021/

Whole School Messages



Do you or your child need some tips for organising the day using Google Classroom? If so, please click <u>here</u> to watch a 5 minute tips video, or click <u>here</u> to access a slideshow.

Information from Lancashire County Council

Family support: Community hubs

Community hubs have been created in each district across Lancashire to coordinate support and help which is available for those in need. You can find details of local community hubs on the council website. You can also look out in the COVID-19 bulletin for updated lists of the support they provide. Welfare Rights Service

During the coronavirus pandemic, any resident in the Lancashire County Council area with significant financial difficulties who has been unable to sort out their benefit problems, can email wrscovid@lancashire.gov.uk with their query. Please note this is a temporary service offer which could be restricted or extended at any time, subject to demand.

There is also a <u>financial support guide on the council website</u> with information about help families may be able to get during the current crisis.

Free school meals

M&S announced it will offer additional support to families receiving free school meals vouchers by adding £5 to every weekly £15 voucher.

Children's Mental Health Week

Children's Mental Health Week is taking place on 1-7 February. This year's theme is Express Yourself.

Free <u>resources</u> are available and can be adapted for use in school, for home-schooling, online lessons or independent learning.

Officer Awareness

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#48 Hour Challenge

#48 Hour Challenge is a social media 'challenge' where children, some allegedly as young as 14, are urged to run away from home and sever all contact for two days before suddenly re-emerging.

Participants get a higher score for each time they are mentioned on social media, and some have stayed missing for longer to increase their 'points'.

This trend first came to notice in 2017 and then again in 2019, but has recently come to light again in the US.

For officer awareness if called to deal with a missing young person.

Whole School Messages

Head Student Update



PARKLANDS HEAD PUPILS WEEKLY CHECK IN

WK COMMENCING: 25/01/21





Hi Everyone,

Lockdown for everyone Im sure has been really boring and hard but in order to get back to normality it's necessary. One of the best things I've found to keep myself busy is to safely meet up with one friend to catch up and exercise whether that be running,cycling or football. I also try to get all my work done that I have more that one day to complete that day so I never end up with a buildup of work by the end of the week.

Some of my tips to getting through lockdown would be: When completing work try and find a quiet place as it makes it a lot easier and if your bored and have nothing to do in my opinion exercising is the best thing for your mental and physical well being.

Stay Safe, Jack



The English Department will be running a **Instagram Book Review** competition until the end of term. This is open to **all years** and you need to be following @parklandsenglish on Instagram. More information about the competition is available here. There will be £100 worth of Book Vouchers available in prizes at the end of term for the best reviewers! Good luck!

Parklands has a partnership with Speakers for Schools - below is a link to the latest online talk. Penguin Talks in Partnership with Speakers for Schools: How to motivate yourself, with Adrienne Herbert and Alice Liveing: Leading wellness professional, podcast host and author of The Power Hour, Adrienne Herbert joins personal trainer, blogger and best-selling author, Alice Liveing to discuss how students can motivate themselves and maintain their wellbeing during lockdown Thursday 4th February, 2-3pm LINK TO JOIN

Weekly Learning Support Board

Whole School Messages

One for parents/carers from Future Learn - free online courses for everyone

How're you feeling today? Great, we hope. Of course, with the highs, it's normal to experience lows - particularly in times like these.

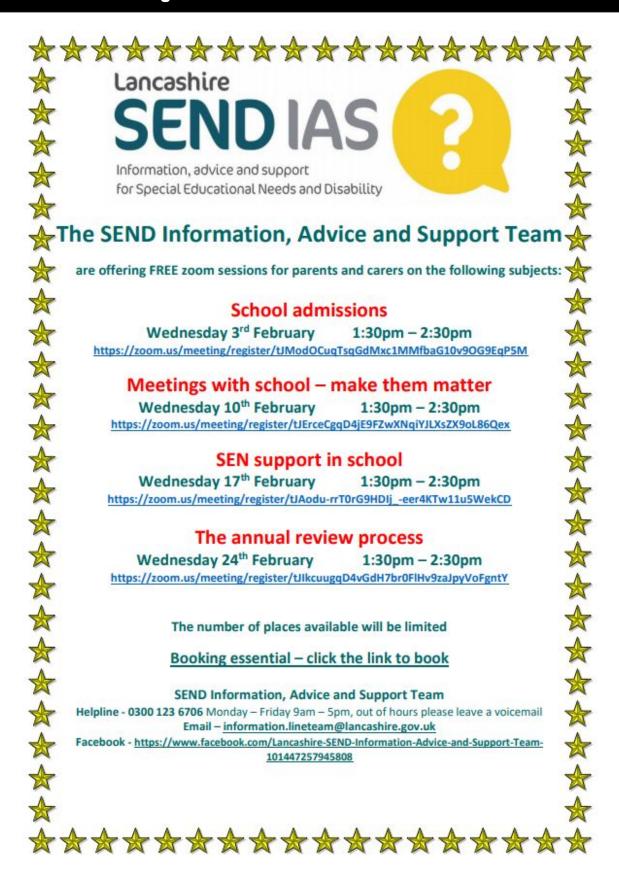
We've put together a handy guide, filled with tips for when you're next feeling low. Read **this post** for practical ways to boost positivity in everyday situations, after sad news, or when you're going through a generally tricky time.

Plus, the courses featured cover everything from how exercise can help mental health to mindfulness for wellbeing and peak performance. Whilst we can't always control what life throws at us, we can improve how we respond. These courses will help you to understand and deal with negative feelings.

PE House Competition

Over the last fortnight pupils and staff have been competing in their houses to stay active! As you can see from the pictures here, we have had lots of pupils taking part in different ways, online workouts, walks, dance and gymnastics! It has been fantastic to see! Follow the link to see who won...

Next week's PE lessons will again have a focus where we would like pupils to submit their entry. Please ensure your child is being active during their PE lesson in the timetabled slot. But also please encourage them to be active every day!



Africa House

A huge shout out to everyone who is working as hard as they can everyday.

The following YR11 pupils have worked really well resulting in a good tracker so far, keep going!

Molly, Madison, Lottie, Alycia, Elliot, Ethan, Thomas O, Zoe, Thomas JC, Isabelle, Eleanor, Will, Caitlin, Lene, Eamonn, Emma, James, Alex, Charlie, Adam, Beth, Jake, Mia, Anna, Kiera, Anna and Katy.



ASIA HOUSE ACHIEVEMENT SHOUT OUT

YEAR 7

Lucy M Matthew O Amelia S Finley S Danny B Harvey G Martin O Caitlyn M Charlie O Lee P George W Alfie B Victoria C Matilda F Ben B Chloe H Maddison M

YEAR 8

Lewis C Calum B Thomas H **Bradley C** Olivia T Ruby-GB Isabella G Ben H Charlie C Ruby C Harry C Darcie D Sophie G Felix W Grace C Freya M Scarlett P Rihana R Graces S Alexander S Elizabeth V

YEAR 9

Johnny H Henry M Laura C
Oliver W Chloe T Emily H
Skyla B Abbie B Niamh L
Elizabeth C Tom D
Lewis E Charlotte K
Aimee M Harvey P
Harrison S

YEAR 10

Jamil A-H Leah A Sam G Finn H Aimee T Paige C Eddie C Sophie H Christian B Gabrielle M Kiera B Eve P **Timothy B-C** Ruby B Emmie C Georgia H Sarah-Beth L Phillip M-S Milly S John S

YEAR 11

Ethan F	Bradley H
Leejon B	Jodie C
Andrew E	Hannah S
Josh C	Faye C
Eve M	Emily W
Gemma E	Madelaine W
Katy G	Isaac S
Jason L	
Milly P	
	Leejon B Andrew E Josh C Eve M Gemma E Katy G Jason L

* Australasia House Shout Out *

Year 11

- Alvsha
- Maisie
- Keeleigh
- Isabelle
- * Tobias
- Suzanna *
- * Cara
- * Rhys
- * Liam
- * Dylan
- * Jasmine
- * Charlee
- * Jack
- Kate
- * Edward
- * Megan
- Isobel
- David

- Year 10
- Aimee
- Michael
- Eessa
- Harry
- Hannah
- Scarlett
- Shannon
- Lucy
- * Natasha
- * Archie
- * Jack
- Ashleigh-Paige
- **Thomas**
- Lucas
- Dylan
- Olivia
- Floyd
- Ellie
- **Imani**
- Megan

Year 9

- Alex
- Abbie *
- Jacob
- Jemma
- Janna
- Jack
- **Thomas**
- Kara
- Charlie
- Charlotte
- Evie
- Verity
- Anna Libby

- May
- Year 8 Violet *
- * Emma
- Rhys
- Lily-Mae
- **Emily**
- Grace
- Leon
- Hubert
- Megan
- Alfie
- Robyn
- **Thomas**
- Harry

Year 7

- Josh M
- Freya
- Liam
- Monica
- Jacob St
- Amy
- Keira
- Kaitlyn
- Evie
- Mia
- Lia

Massive Well Done, you make me so proud! Keep going, Mrs Dewhurst:)

Year 11

- Mohamed
- Lewis
- Minnie
- Rebecca
- Gypsy
- Ruby
- Hannah Ethan
- Eleanor
- Isabelle Isobel
- Niamh
- Hana
- Frankie
- Maddy
- Anna
- Josie Jack Y

Keep up the good work everyone. From Mrs Fox

Europe House Shout Out

- Year 10 Emily
- Ewan
- Iker
- Molly
- Jack
- * Fadie
- *
- Cole Mariam
- * Poppy
- * Ruby
- * Hollyan
- ne * Megan
- * Chester
- Stas'
- * Sammy
- * Oliver
- * Ella

Ibrahim

Year 9

- Fraser
- Amber Eve
- Ethan
- Scott
- Jessica Charles
- Claudia
- Isaac R
- Aliyah
- Jasmine
- Jasmine Charlie
- Lucas D
- Mia Bethany
- Ruby
- Joshua B Bradley

Ellie

Joshua B Amelia Kacy

- Year 8
- Ella
- * Megan
- Summer
- Kate
- * Matylda
- Abigayle Lucas
- * Nicola
- * Ebony-Grace
- * George
- * Olivia
- * George **Thomas**
- Finley
- Isaac Josh
- Ewan Hannah

- Year 7
- Charlotte
- Martha
- Mohamed
- Cameron
- Thomas Elizabeth



Year 11

- Izzy
- Hayden

- Madison
- Isabel
- * Liv
- Robyn
- Libby
- * **Emily L**
- **Kirsty**
- Malika
- * Grace
- Zeyad
- Issac
- Jacob
- Ellis Charlie
- **Poppy**
- Ella

- - Year 10
- **Aaron**
- Ashden **Emily C** Aimee L
 - * Willow
 - * Susannah
 - * **Finlay**
 - * Max
 - Rebecca

Keep up the good work everyone. From Miss Burrill

Year 9

South America House Shout Out

- Will F
- Hollie
- Will H *
- * Catherine MT
- Ella *
- * Lola
- **Amber** *
- Alex *
- Lily

Year 8

- Rufus
- Isobel
- James
- Molly *
- Max *
- Taegan *
- * Zeyan
- Layla *
- Freya
- Candice

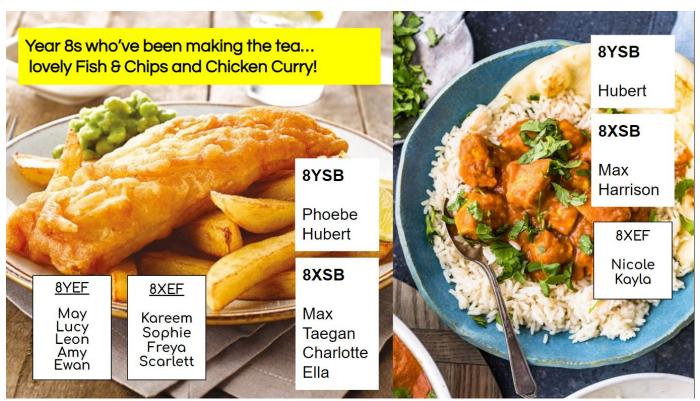
Year 7

- Doug
- Laila
- Izzy
- Freya
- **Alexia** *
- Frazer
- Lauren

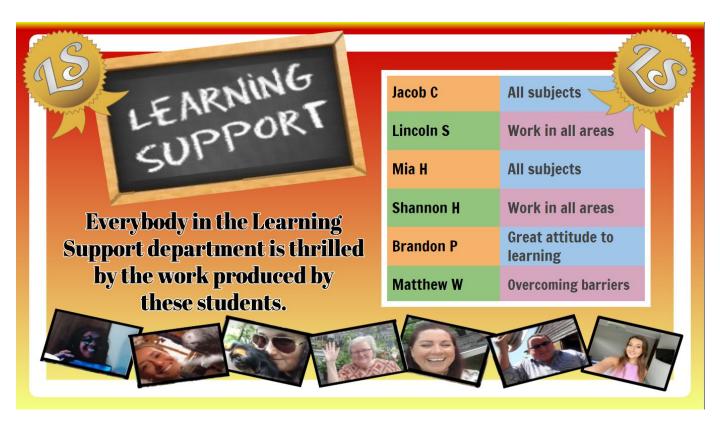


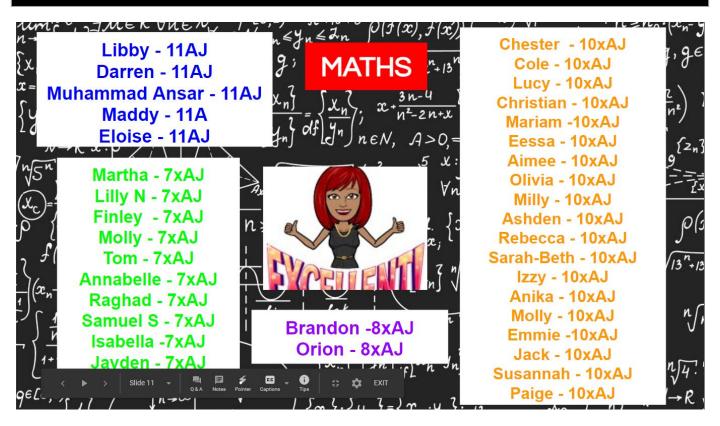


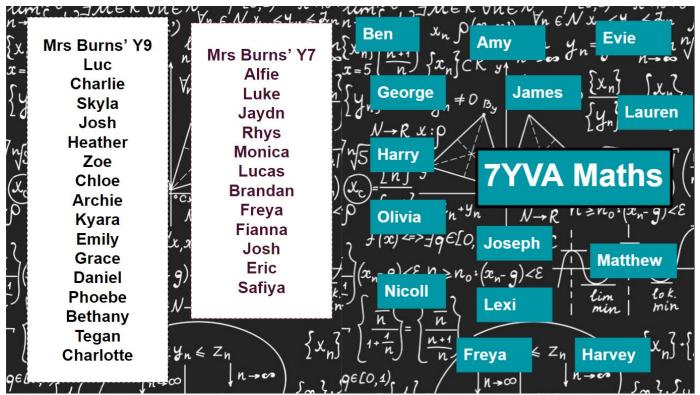


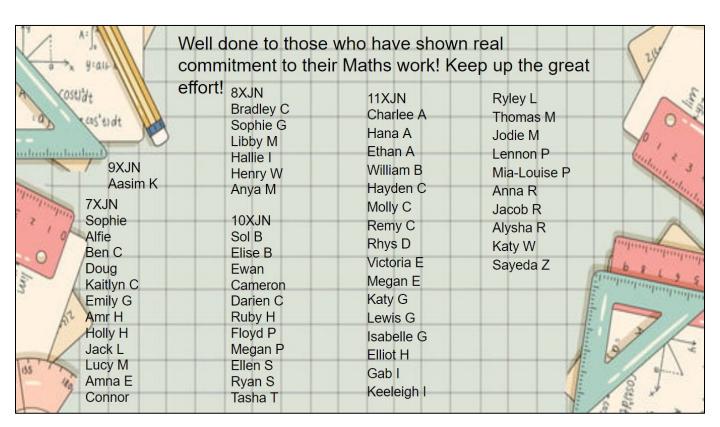


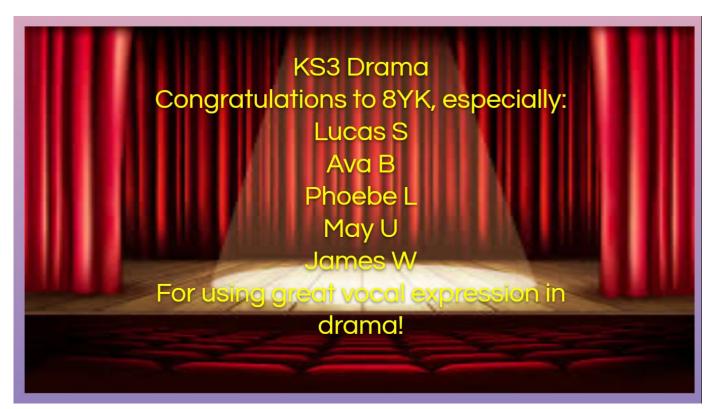












Miss Hummerston's Science shoutouts

8XB Science

Well done to Molly, Max, Calum,Bradley,Darcie, Jake, Freya, Taegan, Ahmed, Ayesha Mahmood, Zeyan,Cameron Mead, Freya M, Kara, Layla, Grace S, Violet, Lincoln, Hannah and Felix for consistently submitting a high standard of work.

9XO Science

Well done to Jasmine T, Brandon, Oliver Matthew W and Izzy B

9YK Chemistry

Well done to Scott, Will, Mason, Catherine, Charles, Verity, Aliyah and Lily for consist high effort in Chemistry.

10XB Chemistry

Well done to Paige Caton, Molly, Lucy, Mariam, Ruby, Cody, Sarah, Izzy, Aimee, Milly S, Anika, Tasha, Rebecca and Trinity for consistently submitting fantastic Science work.

11XF Science

Well done to Mia, Portia and Eamonn for their outstanding consistency and effort with home learning.

11XB Chemistry

Well done to Hayden, Hana, Will, Molly, Remy, Tori, Becca, Mia, Anna R, Anna T, Alysha, Isaac S, Leejon and Isaac O for their consistent effort and engagement with home learning.

Miss Law's English Shoutouts

Year 7

Well done to **Deacon M** for being top of the Accelerated Reader Lead Board this week! Well done to Charlotte, Fred, Riley, Joshua, Deacon and Rachael for 10/10 in spellings

Year 8

Well done to **Nicola S** for some absolutely beautiful and thoughtful work on 'siblings'.
Well done to **Summer D** for always handing in work so quickly and in so much detail. Your work on 'siblings' was fantastic.

Year 9

Well done to **Kris S** for being top of the Accelerated Reader Lead Board this week!
Well done to **Suzie M** for excellent efforts with her spellings!

11XLL

Well done to **Eamonn D**for some excellent and
mature analysis of
Dickens' language!

10XLL

Well done to:

Eddie Eessa

Susannah

Olivia

Joseph

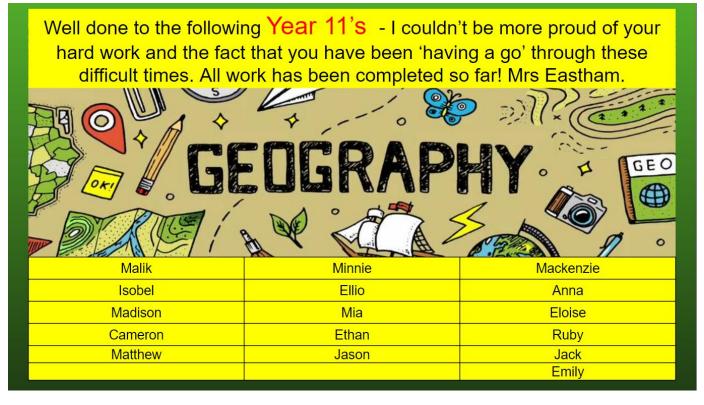
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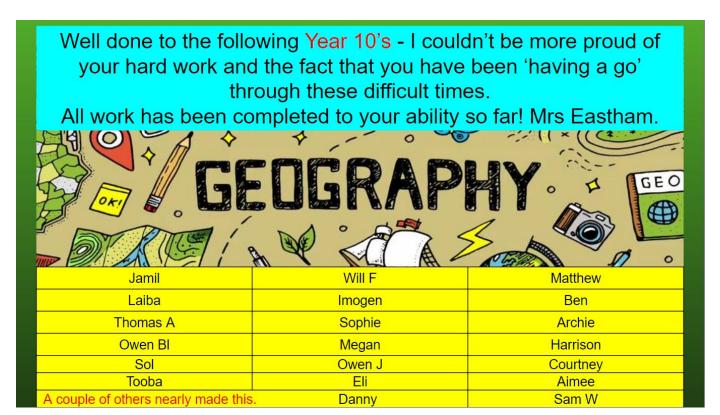
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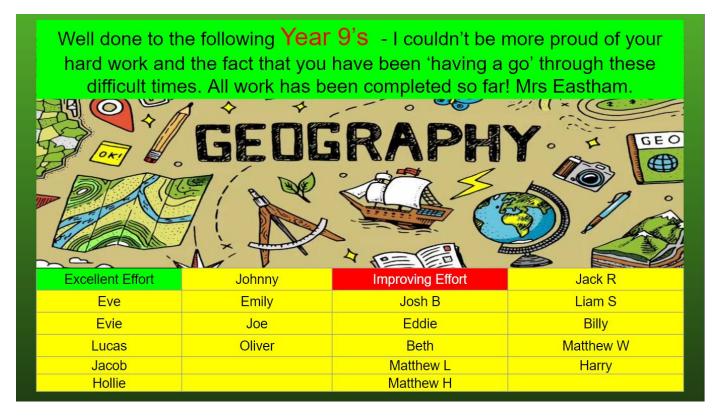
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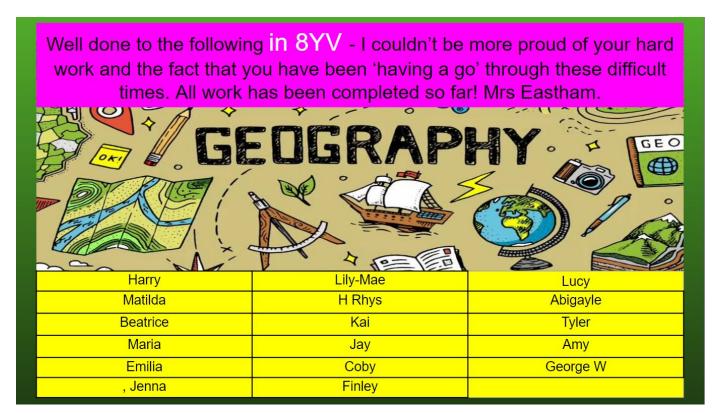
improvements with your 'how does the writer' responses

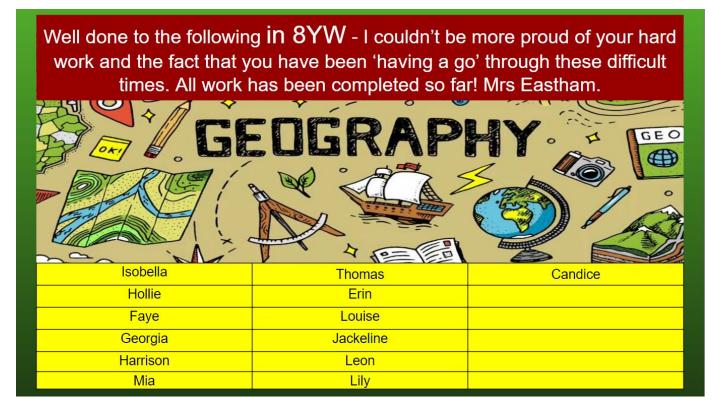


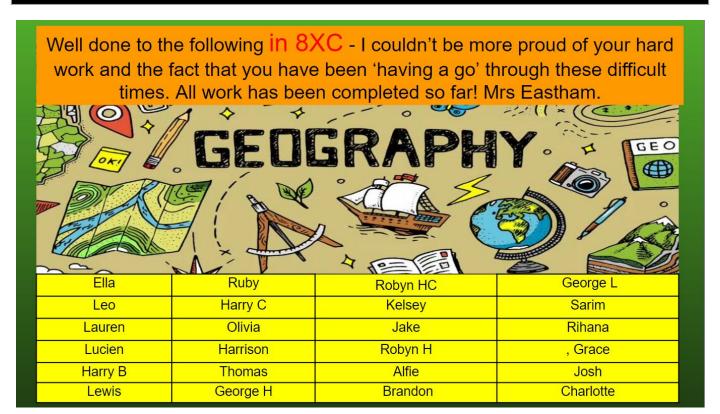


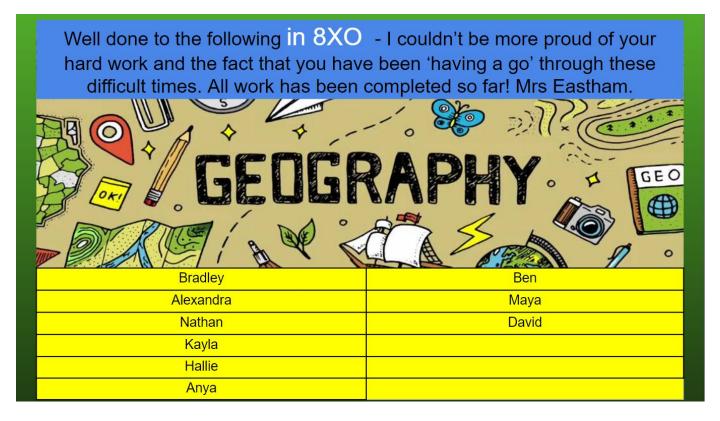


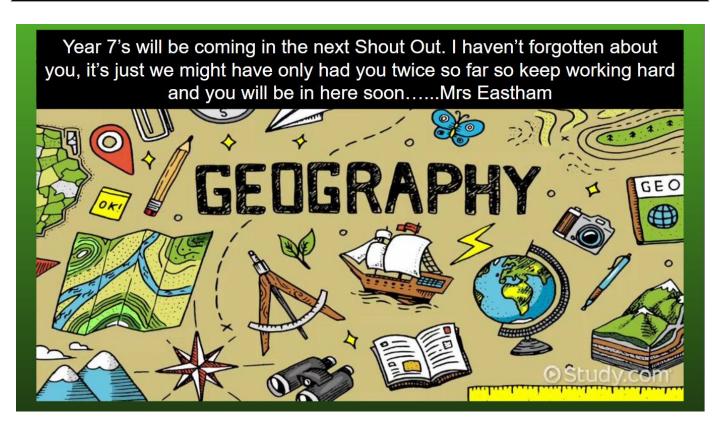












Well done to the following pupils for gaining high scores on key knowledge checks:

11xLL Cameron E

10xVB
Ashden B
Phoebe B
Cloe L
Megan P
Jada M
Ella-Rose R

Izzy S-T Ellen S Ellis S-B Chester S Chris S 9xC & 9yV

Isobel A
Katie B
Luc B
Laura C
Lucas D
Jess M
Jemma M
Lola P

Harvey P

Alex T



Well done also to the following students in **7yV** and **7yW** for showing a great commitment to their work:



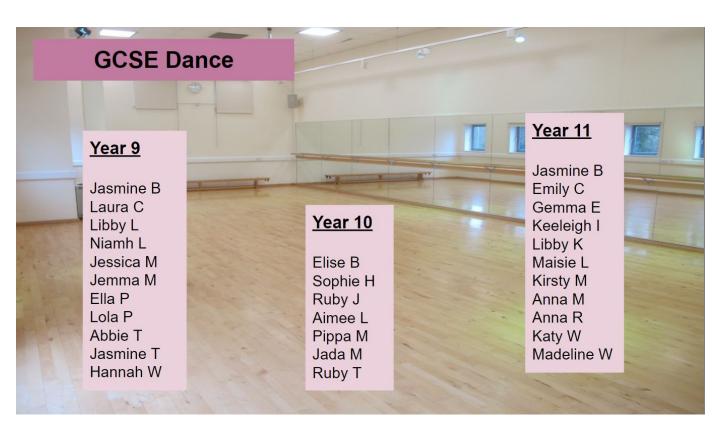
Lia B
James C
Luke C
Grace Cb
Frazer C
Grace Cl
Rhys C
Monica D
William D
Brandon E
Laila F
Tommy-Lee F
Mia F
Freya H

Alfie A

Mohammed H
Aimee H
Lauren H
Cameron H
Harlan K
Jess L
Madison M
Jess M
Fianna M
Tom N
Regan R
Eric S
Amelia S
Ajay W

Safiya Z

Religious Studies: Miss Partington







BIG WELL DONE!

You've done some fantastic KS4 work!



9BMM/DT
Josh
Jamie
Jack
Luke
Kris
Tom
Billy
Joe

10BMM/DT
Jack
Eassa
Jamil
Bradley
Ben
Sam W
Bradley

	11BMM/DT & 11CMM/DT
-	Portia
	Isaac
1	Molly
,	Alex
-	Adam
	Eamonn