

RYE COLLEGE

Start of Term 2 Newsletter



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CULTURE AND COMMUNITY

by Mr Downes, Head of College

It seems odd now to be writing without needing to refer to COVID19 but we are more than ever returning to the usual routines of school life here at Rye College.

We have had assemblies covering topics such as anti-slavery, veganism, and Remembrance. We have been arranging trips both locally, nationally and abroad. We have been preparing the Y10s for their work experience week and the Y11s for the forth-coming examinations. Meanwhile, our students' work has been exhibited in Rye shops. The Rye College student leaders, Lily and Oli, joined Rye Community Primary School student leaders, Kelly Martin (Head of School) and I for Remembrance Sunday at St. Mary's Church to remember the fallen. These are the events and activities that build the culture of our community and are moments when we can be very proud of our young people and their work.

This is Anti-bullying week and our focus will be on the impact of kind words. We will be encouraging all of our students and staff to give praise and acknowledgement. With this in mind, Mr. Blakelock and I will be meeting a group of students for tea on Tuesday to recognise their positive achievements over the previous term. I am delighted that we are now able again to meet with students face-to-face to celebrate their achievements.

Here's to another busy and eventful term.





KEY DATES THIS TERM

With another busy term ahead here are some key dates and events for your diaries

Date	Activity
17 th November	Year 10 Progress Evening
19 th November	Children in Need – Rye College Dance Dash Event and Student Leadership Sponsored Fun Run Event
24 th November	Year 11 Virtual Progress Evening
6 th – 10 th December	Year 11 Pre-Public (mock) Examinations
8 th December	Year 9 Progress Evening
17 th December	Last day of Term 2
20 th December – 4 th January	Christmas Holidays Back to school Wednesday 5 th January

STAY IN TOUCH

Please ensure you maintain correct contact details - a valid email is crucial for us to keep you across all school communications along with your child's progress reports. Our website is kept up to date with school information, please also follow our active social media channels - Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. Please complete our online photo consent form if you haven't already done so.



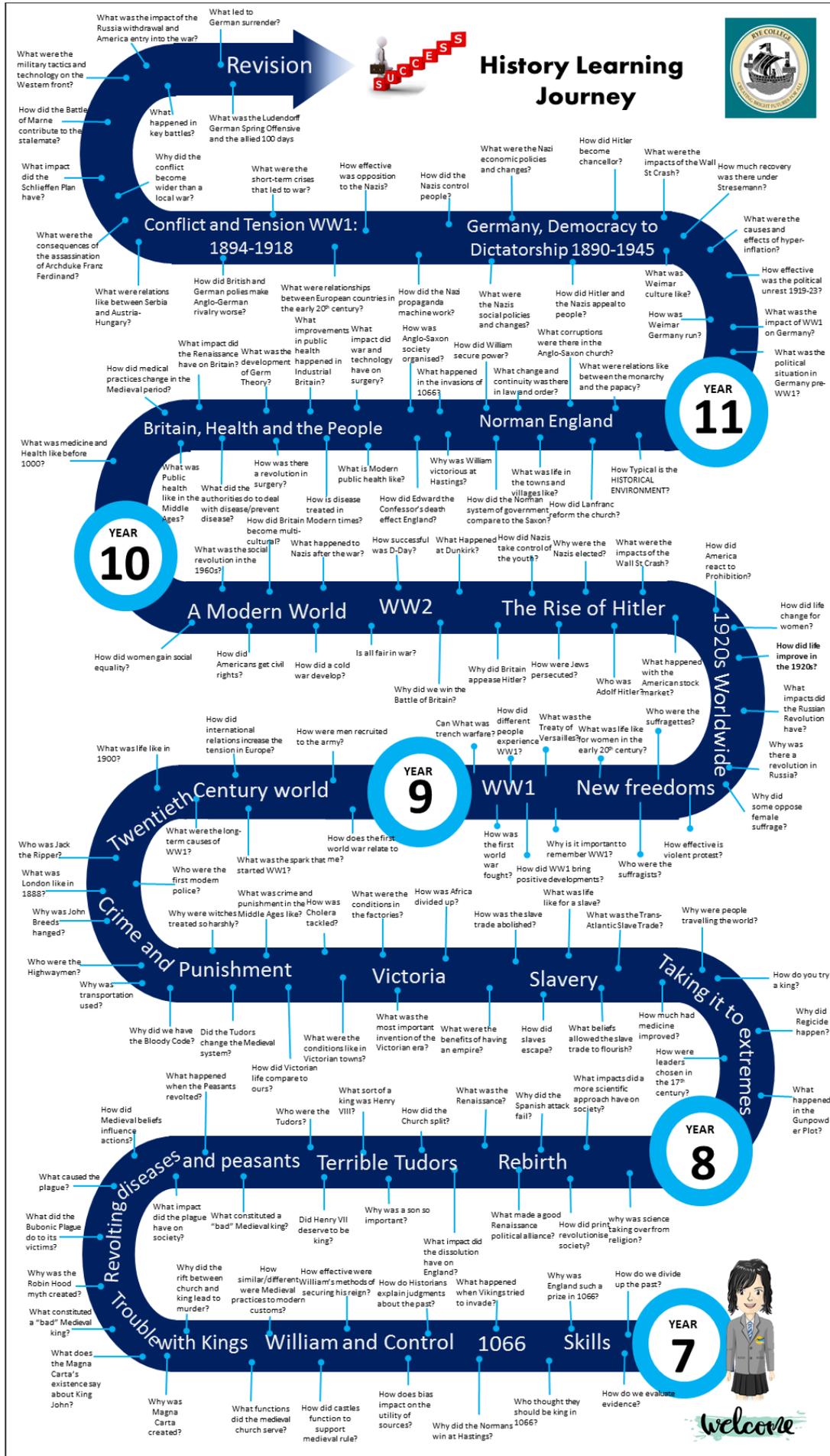
EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS TERM 2

We have lots of extra curricular clubs running before school, during and after school. Please note we are running subject area revision sessions after school for our Year 11 students which we actively encourage them to participate in to get exam ready. There is also a new homework club running on Tuesday and Thursday during break and lunchtime along with an after school session on a Tuesday.

Day	Activity	Time	Location
Daily	Breakfast Club - All Years, free hot drinks, toast, crumpets and cereal Lunch Club – All Years, time with friends, play games, help with homework	8am – 9am 2 nd Break	Canteen Room 8
Monday	Netball Club – All Years Football Club - Year 7 – 9 Boys Dance Company Science Revision Club – Year 11 Geography Revision Club – Year 11	3.30 – 4.30pm 3.30 – 4.30pm 3.20 – 4.30pm 3.20 – 4.20pm 3.20 – 4.20pm (Week 2)	Sports Hall MUGA Dance Studio Room 23 Room 4
Tuesday	Homework Club Table Tennis Club Drama Club – All Years Fine Art Revision Club – Year 11 Photography Revision Club – Year 11 Homework Club	Break and Lunch Time 3.30 – 4.30pm 3.30 – 4.30pm 3.20 – 4.20pm (Week 1) 3.20 – 4.20pm (Week 2) 3.20 – 4pm	Room 33 Gym Drama Studio Rooms 36/27 Rooms 36/37 Room 33
Wednesday	Eco Club - All Years with Environmental interest are welcome Cricket Club with Rye Cricket Club – Year 7 -9 Football Club – Year 10 & 11 Maths Revision Club – Year 11	2 nd Break 3.30 – 5pm 3.30 – 4.30pm 3.20 – 4.20pm	Room 103 Sports Hall MUGA Room 19
Thursday	Homework Club Geography Club – Year 7 – 9 Junior Dance Company Engineering Revision Club – Year 11 French Revision Club – Year 11	Break and Lunch Time 3.20 – 4.20pm 3.20 – 4.30pm 3.20 – 4.20pm (Week 1) 3.20 – 4.20pm (Week 1)	Room 33 Room 4 Dance Studio Room 31/32 Room 102
Friday	Book Club – All Years History Revision Club – Year 10 & 11 Sports Science Revision Club – Year 11	1 st Break Time 3.20 – 4.30pm (Week 1) 3.20 – 4.20pm (Week 2)	Library Room 2 Room 31

CURRICULUM FOCUS

With a spotlight this term on our History department



Sharing what our students are learning is really important for us to develop at home learning support which we know provides our students with better academic outcomes.

This road map shows you our History curriculum in a nutshell from Year 7 through to Year 11 so you can understand what is being taught at every step and how you might be able to help at home.

Please zoom into the page to read all the details. We can also email any families a copy of this document separately. Please email the School Office - office@ryecollege.co.uk.

SUPPORT SERVICES

Sharing some further information about an external provider we work closely with. Dragonflies offers free support to children aged 0-18 years old and their families who are experiencing pre or post bereavement.

How Dragonflies can help our Students

Peer Support Groups

Dragonflies provides creative therapeutic activities and group discussions delivered by trained staff and volunteers. They have three support groups available:

- 0-5 years old - Children and parent/carers group one off group and telephone/individual support.
- 5-15 years old – A drop off group for the children and young people offering eight weekly one hour sessions.
- Parent/Carers Support group – Bereavement awareness for parents and carers, these are eight weekly one hour sessions and run alongside the 5-15 year old groups.

One-to-one Counselling Therapy Sessions

- These sessions are offered by volunteer counsellors for 15-18 years old with one to one 50 minute sessions for twelve weeks.

Families who have connected with Dragonflies, have found their child has grown in confidence and better understands their feelings towards bereavement.

If you think you or your child would benefit from talking to Dragonflies, please get in touch with The Student Hub.



Supporting children,
young people and families



5 MINUTES WITH.....

*Getting to know our Rye College team. This term;
Mrs Vanessa Gall - Student Support Manager*

Tell us about your role at Rye College?

I am the Student Support Manager. My role focuses on Safeguarding and heading up The Student Hub which is a 'one-stop shop' for students and their families. It is situated in the heart of the College so students can access pastoral support, services and advice before, during and after College.

What's the best part of your job?

Working closely with and getting to know our students.

What key advice would you give to students?

No matter what your worry or concern is; big or small please come and see us for a chat in The Student Hub.

What was your favourite school subject?

History.

Describe yourself in 3 words?

Passionate, enthusiastic, annoying!

What's your favourite ever song?

Masterplan by Oasis

