

Pleckgate Weekly Newsletter

A weekly newsletter for pupils and parents during the school closure



### Week Ending: Friday 3rd July 2020

## Message from the Headteacher

Dear parents/carers

Welcome to the latest issue of the newsletter, which provides an opportunity to enjoy just some of the fantastic work and activities that the students have been completing over the last week. Across these recent weeks, I am sure that we have all been impressed by the range of activities showcased in the newsletter. Students are working with incredible creativity to demonstrate their knowledge and interest in the curriculum, their creativity is celebrated in these pages and we will be sharing more such examples in year group achievement assemblies planned for the last week of term. These will be online remote assemblies but it is hoped that all members of each year group will be able to participate.

As usual I hope you have had a good week and that you are all well. In a week of speculation in the media about school's re-opening to all students we are delighted that yesterday the Government announced all children are to return to school in September. Please be patient as we work through the guidance to ensure we can put all the necessary H & S measures in place. We will be in touch as soon as possible with information about the new academic year once we have done this. If you have any concerns at this stage, I am sure we will be able to reassure you and respond to any questions before we return in September.

In the meantime it remains important that you understand that daily engagement with learning is important and students should continue to check their Doddle portal using their IPad every day for work and activities to support their learning. Please, where possible spend some time to check that your child has completed their work to the best of their ability, and crucially that they are submitting work back to their teachers. This can be done either through Doddle, or electronically via email (staff name initialsurname@pleckgate.com for example wpatel@pleckgate.com.)

I would like to thank you for your ongoing support in ensuring that learning continues at home and hope to shortly share further information regarding catch up sessions that may be available in the summer.



Mr Cocker Headteacher

### Winners of the Romeo & Juliet Masquerade Ball Mask Competition

The winners of the Romeo & Juliet masquerade ball mask competition are:

#### Alisha Y

Kind Regards

**Owais** P

#### Adam S Ibrahim M

#### Aleesha P

See some of the wonderful designs below:







### Aspire and Believe, Act and Succeed

## **Pupil Rewards for OUTSTANDING Work**

A number of students will be receiving **AMAZON VOUCHERS** though the post for outstanding work...

# **Student of the Week**

This recognises and rewards students who have been working exceptionally well at home, and teachers have been asked to nominate students for this reward. The reward is a £10 amazon voucher which will be posted to you in the next week or so.

Keep up the good work, many congratulations and well deserved!

## This Weeks WINNERS YEAR 7

**Sundus - 7ECA Ashraf - 7JDA** Both for hard work in their remote learning.

## YEAR 8

**Fatema - ENA Safa - DBL** Both students have worked consistently well producing high quality work. Between them they have been nominated 13 times

# YEAR 9

Aysha - MCR

Has been nominated almost every week for geography. which is absolutely brilliant. Keep up the good work.

## YEAR 10

Mahnoor - 10HSW - For working extremely hard during the Year 10 phased return.

**Hamza - 10AHA** - For working fantastically throughout lockdown and receiving 4 nominations this week.

## **Anne Frank (RE) Competition Winners**

Names of the winners for the Anne Frank (RE) competition.

### Each will be receiving a £10 Amazon voucher

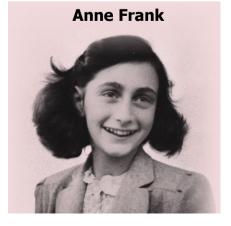
- Madihah 7JDA
- Ibrahim 7APP
- Amani 8JSA
- Fatima 7LDO
- Shaheen 7SHH



Fatema



Aysha





## Year 7 Product Design Challenge

Year 7 Product Design students have been set a challenge to design and create a toy using any rubbish that they have available.

We just loved this model that **Zain** made, so simple but effective and so well finished with the paint.



### Safeguarding

Remember you can find safeguarding information via the website or follow us on twitter for regular updates. The Pleckgate safeguarding email address can still be used by any student to share concerns. This can be done by signing in and sending an email by anyone with a Pleckgate email domain.

Request any help via <u>safeguarding@pleckgate.com</u> This can help to arrange to provide support, information and guidance.

#### Mental Health Wellbeing:

Sources of advice on mental health and wellbeing

- Children and young people can access free confidential support anytime from Government-backed voluntary and community sector organisations by:
  - 1.texting SHOUT to 85258
  - 2. calling Childline on 0800 1111
  - 3. calling the Mix on 0808 808 4994
- Children and young people can also find online information on COVID-19 and mental health on the Young Minds website.
- For support with an eating disorder, children and young people can ring Beat's Youthline on 0808 801 0711.
- The Think Ninja (freely available and adapted for COVID-19) app educates 10-18 year olds about mental health, emotional wellbeing and provide skills young people can use to build resilience and stay well.
- Rise Above (adapted for COVID-19) website aims to build resilience and support good mental health in young people aged 10 to 16.
- The SEND Gateway is a good source of information for professionals, containing resources on responding appropriately to children and young people with SEND with emotional wellbeing needs.

#### **Social Media for Parents and Carers**

This free YouTube film aims to help parents and carers during Coronavirus lock down when social media is a significant part of the lives of children and young people.

The attached link to the video below, is a free 30 minute presentation in relation to keeping children safe, from Karen at CSE Awareness.

# "Social Media for Parents and Carers - Do's and Don'ts to keep your child or young person safe"

More than ever children and young people are increasing their use of social media for school work, social life, fun and entertainment. It is important parents and carers ensure children and young people are using social media safely and not putting themselves at risk of inappropriate actions, online abuse, bullying or exploitation.

Karen is a qualified teacher, youth worker and experienced trainer having worked as a Senior Youth worker and Advanced Practitioner for Lancashire Youth Service before becoming an independent trainer for C.A.T - child sexual exploitation awareness training.

Use the link below: https://youtu.be/-EhDHVuLRtg

## **Useful Tips & Links for Pupils & Parents**

### **CEOP Internet Safety Centre**

Advice about staying safe, managing your identity, dealing with pressure, bullying or manipulative behaviour online.



https://www.ceop.police.uk/Safety-Centre/

### NEST

Support for young people in Lancashire up to 18 years who have been affected by crime or subjected to bullying, threats or harassment.

Use this link: <u>https://t.co/jbzOCKRuBo?amp=1</u> Telephone: 0300 111 0323

### Pleckgate Online Library

July's Author of the Month is Anthony Horowitz. Use the link below to see all his books.

To access the online library go to: https://pleckgate.eplatform.co/

Username – your email address

Password – your email password

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# **Staying Connected**



# info@pleckgate.com

# by Thursday lunchtime

If you have any queries or questions relating to the newsletter please use the email address rather than phoning into school.

# **Quote of the Week**

### Chosen by Mr Gire (Reprographics Department) ....

"Not everybody can be famous but everybody can be GREAT because greatness is determined by service... You only need a heart full of grace and a soul generated by love."

Martin Luther King Jr

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