

Message from Mr Bush, Head of School

I hope this first academy weekly newsletter finds you and your family safe and well. I believe communication, guidance and support are key during these unprecedented times. This newsletter, our website and the use of Microsoft Teams are integral to the manner in which the academy wish to communicate to parents and carers, our students and the local community.



Resilience and patience are required as we all learn to adapt to the challenges of home learning. This newsletter and the increased use of Microsoft Teams will allow staff and students to work collaboratively and help parents and carers to monitor and support student learning.

Stay Safe

Home Learning

The Home Learning page on our website is updated regularly — please [click here](#).

Introducing Microsoft Teams

Going forward and for consistency, teachers will be setting work via Teams, in addition to Ed Lounge and GCSE Pod. Please read the [user guide](#) on how to access this work — remember to submit your work as instructed in order to gain feedback from your teachers.

English



Please follow the list of tasks set by your class teachers.

For this week, your **Literature** focus is on A Christmas Carol revision and Scrooge's character at the start of the novel. Follow the task list and complete the tasks in the online booklet and on SENECA. You must get 80% or above on the SENECA tasks.

For **English Language**, follow the list of tasks to complete based on the online SPAG Booklet. You have an exam based writing task to complete in examination conditions. Deadlines have been set by our class teachers and feedback will be given to support you in making progress.

NEW SENECA CLASS CODES: 10.1 cr0w3j30po 10.2 xgprh6dsvo 10.3 mm77zcraks

Mathematics



YEAR 10 Please log on to www.mathswatch.co.uk and complete the lessons detailed below that have been set. You need to complete the lessons weekly. Your teacher will then mark and feedback to you on your learning. It is important that you watch the video first and then complete the questions. Try to get above 75%.

Mathswatch Lessons: Perimeter, Circumference, Area (10.1 only)

Your teacher has also set you lessons to complete on www.senecalearning.com. Please check your emails for the login code.

Superstar activities: www.nrich.maths.org/6710

www.nrich.maths.org/cryptarithms

<https://www.thenational.academy/online-classroom/year-10/maths/#subjects>

YEAR 11 www.mathsgenie.co.uk/GCSE Please continue to access the videos and exam packs for your current predicted grade.

www.onmaths.com Please continue to complete practice papers online from this website.

Science



Students have a log in for GCSE Pod.

Students are being set 4/5 activities a week.

Within each task there are 'Pods' to watch — these are clips with information, which will help them answer the questions set.

Once they have watched the clips, students should then answer the questions set by their teacher.

Geography



Congratulations to the Year 10 class for their uptake of the GCSE Pods in Geography. This has been extremely high.

Please could parents remind students to save answers at the end of the session. This will then get forwarded to their teacher.

Instructions for future student homework will be sent fortnightly through Teams, starting on Monday 27th April 2020.

History



YEAR 10 Complete the Germany section on GCSE Pod and then you can choose the sections you want to complete on Seneca.

YEAR 11 Revise Normans and WW1 in preparation for A Level on GCSE Pod and Seneca. If you need anything else to prepare for A Level please email Mrs Waterson and I will be happy to help you with more work.

French



Instagram : FrenchieFeatherstone2020 (for help)
ONLY USE A TRANSLATOR FOR NOUNS!!!

GCSE Pods

Watch the weekly videos set on this website, make notes and save them by creating your own notebook, folder on a computer etc. — I will send you emails to help if you are struggling with anything.

Deadline: Friday 30 April

The Perfect Tense & Direct Object Pronouns - Friday 30 April

Check your emails: individual email sent to group 10B which has 2 attachments — your marked speaking sheets and a Word document — type up your answers (your corrections) and email me them back.

Art



Visit the [BBC Bitesize](#) website to read the revision guides and take the online tests to maintain your knowledge.

Design Technology



Visit the [BBC Bitesize](#) website to read the revision guides and take the online tests to maintain your knowledge.

Food & Nutrition



Visit the [BBC Bitesize](#) website to read the revision guides and take the online tests to maintain your knowledge.

PE



Visit the [BBC Bitesize](#) website to read the revision guides and take the online tests to maintain your knowledge.

Students are encouraged to maintain their physical activity during this time for their physical AND mental wellbeing.

One way to do this is to join in with 'PE with Joe Wicks'. He is running 30 minute exercise programs, at 9.00am Monday to Friday on his YouTube channel...don't worry if you miss the 9.00am start time, you can easily view them later that day.

Link: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLyCLoPd4VxBuHn84_as427AwkVpahrqti

Resilience



Time to be even more resilient and learn a new skill:

SIGN LANGUAGE

This week: Learning to count

This is the link to the video and I will also send it out via email:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AuwATjehcAo>

Other Useful Links

This week has seen the launch of several online resources with DfE backing. They have published a set of high-quality resources on GOV.UK, and many suppliers are making their own resources, both online and hardcopy, available to schools for free.

The BBC is delivering an education package across TV and online, featuring celebrities and teachers – helping to keep children learning and supporting parents. Access BBC Bitesize here: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

Further details on all types of remote learning can be found on GOV.UK

Keep us updated

PARENTS / CARERS — do we have your correct contact details? It is vital that we are able to contact you during the current closure and when we return to school. If you have:

- moved house
- changed your telephone number(s)
- changed your email address

Please email us at info@featherstone.academy with the change of details and the name of your child(ren).

STUDENTS — Reply to your link teacher each week when prompted — if you don't reply we will call you to check you're ok, this may come from an 'Unknown' or 'Private Number'. Let them know how you're keeping yourself occupied once you've completed your online learning — are you helping siblings with their home learning? learning new skills around the house? discovered a new hobby? We'd love to hear your stories.