



# Brinsworth Academy Newsletter

## Head's Lines

Welcome to our first newsletter to celebrate our virtual learning that is currently taking place.

We will attempt to keep you informed about key information as we move forward with students working from home.

Thank you to the army of parents, siblings and extended family that are helping our students to achieve. Thank you to those of you that have already suggested tweaks and changes as we learn to do things differently.

A huge thank you to our dedicated staff who are working hard to ensure appropriate work is set and responded to. Also a big thanks to our ICT support team who have dealt with a wide range of issues—mainly from me!

Biggest thanks of all goes to our amazing students. We have been so impressed with your work and your desire to keep learning. Please remember to do what you can and to not worry if you feel you can't complete everything.

As we approach what would be our Easter break, try to enjoy some relaxation time and attempt some of the well-being challenges we will share through social media.

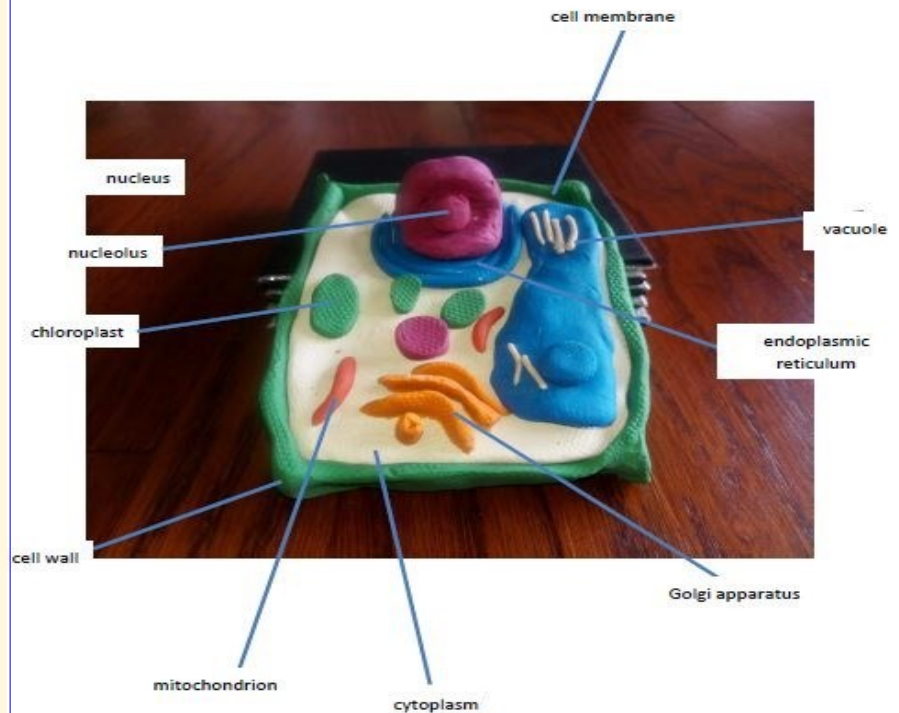
Whilst we may not be together at the moment, we are still part of our school community. Keep up to date with the latest from the school through our Facebook page and following our Twitter feed. Most importantly at this time, take care, look after each other and stay safe!

From Mr Raynor

Achieving Excellence

**Making a model cell**  
I chose to make a plant cell out of modelling clay.

**The Plant Cell labelled**



An incredible plant cell made from modelling clay by Isaac in Y7

## Show My Homework Success

Over 1300 of our students have accessed Show My Homework since school closed, with over 1100 accessing this week. This is a fantastic effort! Please remember that this will be the key platform we will use for sharing work with you.

I am working with Heads of Department to ensure that the work after Easter is clear and you know what is being set when by each department.

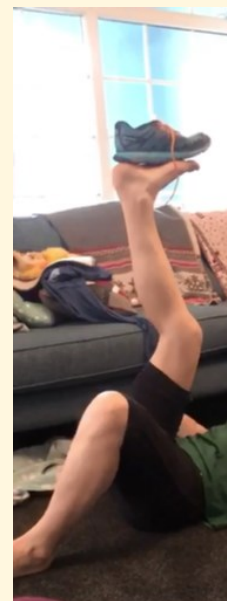
## Rewards

We are monitoring successes on Show My Homework and a number of students have already had positive contact home for their efforts. We will continue to look to reward students who are making a fantastic effort!

## The Shoe Challenge

The PE dept have set the flexibility shoe challenge going—see our social media for a clip of Ms Booth successfully completing the challenge! Can you beat her?

Share your efforts on social media!



#StayAtHomeChallenge

#IMInside

#StaySafe

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## Hegarty Maths

Whilst there were some initial issues with Hegarty due to lots of students nationally using the platform, it is now working normally.

Brinsworth Academy was 102nd out of over 1600 schools nationally since 22nd March for the numbers of questions answered. This is brilliant—see if we can break into that Top 100!

Some of our top performers last week were—

Year 7—Mason S, Hibba N, Riley M

Year 8—Finlay F, Alishaba M, Mouctar J, Matilda B

All these students had over 4 hours of learning on Hegarty.

Year 9

Abigail F, Victoria C, Amy W, Mikey D, Katie C, Alfie L, Theekshana PM, Cora F, Libby R, Ruby F

These students all had more than 10 hours of learning on Hegarty - wow!

Year 10

Kiera H, Harley R, Sana L, Maryam A, Daniel S, Gojithan N, Hudhayfah K, Joshua R

All these students had more than 6 hours learning time on Hegarty.

Collectively students have watched over 230 hours of videos. They have answered 49,385 questions, while doing 1247 hours of learning.

**"Unbelievable performance" said Ms Robinson**



## Music Maestro!

Reece, who is a self taught musician, produced a great version of Journey's 'Don't Stop Believing'. See his efforts on our Facebook page. Can anyone else share their musical talents?



Tamara in Y11 couldn't go to her normal training and so used a live stream to continue to develop her karate skills—top work! How many of you have used Joe Wicks at 9am to stay fit? #healthybodyhealthymind

## Help for the NHS

We have donated much of our Personal Protection Equipment from Science, such as goggles and gloves, to Brinsworth Medical Centre. The centre were really pleased to receive our help and will share with other key NHS centres throughout Rotherham.



Our sister school Dinnington have set up a way of donating money to buy handcreams for NHS workers and now Brinsworth staff are getting on board as well. Already LEAP has sent nearly 300 handcreams to the NHS and we hope to raise that further.

We all want to do our bit to help those who are doing so much for society at this challenging time, including a wide range of people in our school community who are key workers.

## Supporting the isolated.

Students have been working with Mrs Mellon and the B:Friend website to write letters to those in society that are having to isolate at this time. This has enabled people, for example in care homes, to have some contact from the outside world.

This is a great way of supporting others and as always our students have responded brilliantly to this task.



As we head into what would be our Easter break, we know this won't be any normal Easter! Whilst we won't set lots of curriculum work on Show My Homework, we want to give you lots of activities to keep you busy whilst we are stuck in the house.

Look out for our wellbeing challenge activities that will have all sorts of different exciting activities for you to try over the next couple of weeks. As always, share your successes with us on our social media platforms.

Take care and stay safe!