



Brinsworth Academy Newsletter

Head's Lines

Welcome to the latest version of our newsletter.

Once again, it has been brilliant to see the wide variety of activities that our students are excelling at during this time.

This week we have been delighted to welcome back some of our Y10 and Y12 students for some time in the academy. It has been brilliant for both students and staff to gain some sort of 'normality' albeit in a very reduced and controlled way.

I am sure that many of you are wondering when you will be able to return to school and maybe asking what September will look like. The honest answer, is that currently we don't know. Schools are awaiting further guidance from the government as to what our next steps are able to be. The government have set out an aspiration for all students to return to school in September, but we currently don't have any details surrounding that and any limitations which may be placed on that.

We will, of course, keep you informed as we learn more and will strive to ensure that we are able to provide the best possible education for all students, whatever the provision may look like.

Last week we talked about our Diversity Week, which is focused around 'Free to Be' and there is more information about that in this week's issue. As I said in my video update last week, I am incredibly proud of our diverse school community and I would love to see as many of you as possible engaging with some of the activities on offer.

Take care and stay safe.

From Mr Raynor

Achieving Excellence



A huge thank you to all the staff team who helped to prepare the academy for our wider opening this week. Here Mr Sudbury is displaying some of his handiwork on our laser cutter, to create templates for our floor and corridor markings.

Changes to Home Learning

As we are now delivering to a wider range of students in the academy there have been changes in some departments as to how home learning is being set for other students.

For example Science has seen some changes, as Mr Sturdey and Mr Naylor outlined—"We have been really encouraged by the way many students have responded to our new packages of online learning this week.

For the majority of students in Y7-10 this has meant that the work set on SMHW has come from a different teacher, which allows us to focus on specific areas of the curriculum and provide more bespoke feedback. We have also ensured that recorded content is included with each package and that there are recall quizzes for students to test knowledge.

We would really appreciate it if you were able to speak to your child about the new Science we have shared with them this week and get them to show you their quiz scores!



Golfing superstar

Jack Aldridge, our resident Tiger Woods, managed to win the Phoenix Cup last weekend against 200 other golfers.

Clearly all his lockdown garden challenges and putting in his living room have paid dividends!

What a fantastic effort Jack, we can't wait to see your next success!

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Hegarty Heroes

A slightly different approach to our Hegarty column this week. Students have been working brilliantly on Hegarty for a number of weeks and we have been so impressed with all the high quality Maths that has taken place.

We know that as well as that we need to address any common misconceptions and ensure that students continue their link with our own Maths team as well.

Therefore we will now run Hegarty on a three weekly cycle for students, which will mean that the third week will be a consolidation or revision week from all the previous work that has been done on Hegarty.

This will mean that there will be some recorded content from our Maths team and that they will address any misconceptions or gaps in learning that have become apparent from students' work on Hegarty.

Miss Robinson said 'As we continue to adapt our approach to online learning, we feel that this will help to address any issues that students may have with topics and enable all students to make progress, so that students are in the best position possible for when they do return to school in some format.'



Fabulous Photography

Our Y8 students have now made a start on their 'bridging work' for their new GCSEs that they will start properly in Y9.

Hoorain Hussain produced a brilliant range of photographs, one of which is this beautiful rose covered in raindrops.

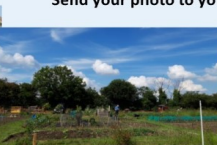
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'Finding Physical Geography' Photo Competition

Take a photo of something that is physical geography that you have seen in your garden or your local area. Try to spot something that is unusual and perhaps people wouldn't notice or think is physical geography.

You need to say where your photo was taken and write up to 250 words to explain what hidden physical geography your photo shows.

Send your photo to your Geography teacher by 30th June 2020.



Prizes — Five finalists will receive a squidy stress globe and a printed copy of their winning photograph.

Anything else to remember? - Remember to follow social distancing guidelines and remain safe when you are out and about.

The Geographical Association is also hosting this competition and their deadline is: Wednesday 30 September 2020. Find out more on their website
<https://www.geography.org.uk/2020-physical-geography-photo-competition>

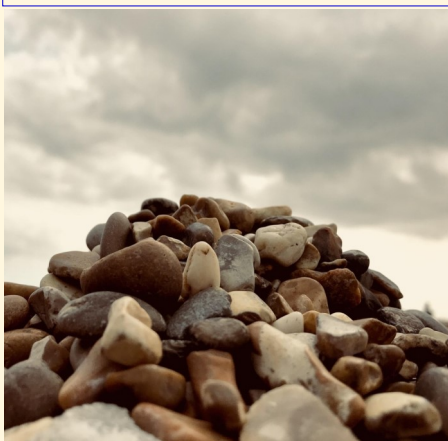


Prize purchased from the RNLI.

Lifeboats

Geography Challenge

We have another Geography competition for our students. Take a look and get snapping pictures of a piece of physical geography that you have seen in your local area... social distancing permitting obviously!



Adam Walker also spent a great deal of time and effort working on his photography skills. This atmospheric shot of pebbles against a stormy sky was my favourite from the range of excellent photos he sent in.



this summer, this excellent piece of work certainly creates the atmosphere of that famous city. Well done Joseph - a fantastic effort!



Lego Learners

Joseph Blundell has created a spectacular scene of Paris to supplement his French work this week. Whilst we might not be able to take a stroll by the Seine or climb up the Eiffel Tower

Over the last few weeks we have seen Eden Gillott Moody landscaping her garden and now she is getting the time to enjoy it (despite the weather!). Eden has created a piece of tropical paradise and has added to it with an array of Lego birds, I am particularly fond of this parrot!

It has been brilliant to see our students being so creative, inventive and maintaining their learning during this difficult time.

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Brinsworth Diversity and Inclusivity Week

22-26 June 2020

'Free to Be'

Diversity week is a national annual event. Here at Brinsworth Academy we are proud of our diverse community and we wanted to build on this to recognise equality in our diversity, **celebrating inclusivity for all**, regardless of gender, age, sexuality, disability, race or religion.

We want everyone who is part of our school community to feel respected and equal, and our 'Free to Be' week is just one of the ways that we can demonstrate our commitment.

This year we are launching a home edition of our 'Free to Be' week. Inclusion promotes belonging, respect and wellbeing. **For this reason everyone from the Brinsworth Academy community is invited to take part—students, staff, families, alumni, Y6 students...**

How can you get involved?

1. Take part in our 'Free to Be' home edition tasks—see our social media channels for more information. How many can you do?
2. Take part in the annual Brinsworth Bake rainbow bake off!
3. Show your support by sending in your pledge photos with any of the following hashtags -

#FreeToBe #InclusionstartswithI #BrinsworthFreeToBe

Who has already signed up?

Lots of people have already made their photo pledges—here are some of our favourites!

As someone who leads on these issues in the academy, Ms Mellon was first in line to pledge her support.

We have also had support from the legendary Roop Singh, who many of our students will have met has also given his pledge of support.

Fresh from promotion to the Championship, Rotherham United winger Chio Ogbene has also given his support to the cause.

The school has already featured in the national Diversity Week update because of the great work planned!



So TeamBrinsworth the challenge has been set! Let's make sure we all engage with this really important week, particularly as we discussed in our recent letter and video message, with the current world situation and the Black Lives Matter protests that we have all seen recently. This is our opportunity to do our bit for our community.



Kindness—wise words

I just wanted to finish with some wise words from Khadija Ahmed in Year 7 about kindness.

Kindness can change the world. Kindness may not be able to change the past, but it can change the present. No matter how many mistakes we have made, we can still change our future and we know it. We can all do something today and that something is to be kind. Kindness is contagious. When you smile at someone, they will smile back.

Let's all follow that message. Take care.