



Brinsworth Academy Newsletter

Head's Lines

Welcome to the latest version of our newsletter.

I would like to start this edition by wishing Eid Mubarak or Happy Eid to all our Muslim families. As we approach the end of Ramadan, I am sure that this has been a very different experience this year due to our current situation, but I hope that you find a way of celebrating with your loved ones this weekend, whilst still staying safe.

As always, the newsletter is full of fantastic work from our students. We have been so impressed with the way you have adapted to this situation and we want to keep adapting to improve the provision you have for home learning.

Next week is half term and so we will set 'wellbeing challenges' rather than school work on Show My Homework, so please do those if you feel like you need something to do next week, but also have a break from schoolwork.

When we do return to home learning you should start to see more recorded content from your teachers, which we hope will help you and also extension tasks available for those students who are able to complete them. As we have said before, it is about doing what you can do in your own circumstances, but we want to ensure that you all have enough to keep you engaged.

As we reach the end of a half term can I take this opportunity to thank all our students, parents and staff for your hard work at this difficult time. I hope that you all have the opportunity to have a restful half term, but please make sure you stay safe! Take care!

From Mr Raynor

Achieving Excellence



Erin Thomas has been working hard during the last few weeks. Take a look at the serene image she completed over the weekend.

Another example of great creativity from one of our students.



I am sure you will have seen recently the government's desire for Y10 and Y12 students to receive some 'face to face support' from school prior to the summer break, though we still await clear guidance from the government around this.

You will receive a letter via e-mail today that provides a brief update around our plans for a partial re-opening for Y10 and Y12 students and also for how we will continue to provide home learning for other year groups. Please ensure you read those carefully and for Y10 and Y12 students, complete the accompanying survey.



Helping Others

Callum Pickering is showing us all how to help others by helping out in his grandparents' garden at a suitable social distance. Well done Callum, I am sure your grandparents really appreciate the help.

#StayAtHomeChallenge

#Helpingothers

#StaySafe

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Hegarty Heroes

Students continue to impress with some great use of Hegarty Maths last week.

In Y7 Olivia B, Mia G, Phoebe R, Max T, Alex H, Nicole W and Reece A all had over 3 hours of learning time last week. Whilst Alex H, Sam M, Shance C and Ma-son S all answered over 175 questions.

In Y8 William H, Kieran F, Deniz G and Muntaha K all spent over 2 hours working away, whilst William H, Keagan KG, Natalie M, Tyler S, Deniz G and Jacob H have all answered over 100 questions on the platform.

In Y9 Victoria C, Ibrahim K, Theekshana PM, Abigail F, Edie P and Keira B all had over 6 hours on Hegarty. Whilst Cora F, Ruby F, Arouser K, Ruby Grace R, Evie G and Alife F have all answered over 150 questions.

In Y10 Lauren H, Mia C, Megan L, Owen T and Rowan W all spent more than 4 hours on the platform and Rowan W, Flynn K, Megan L, Harley R, Munibah M and Mia C have all answered over 200 questions.

Collectively students have watched over 80 hours of videos. They have answered 24654 questions, while doing 527 hours of learning.

"I am sure you need a half term after all that Maths!" said Miss Robinson.



Lexia Legends!

Well done to the following students who have been working really hard on their Lexia reading programme this week. Layan Shaker, Rihanna Smith, Bethany Kellock, Harris Zakria and Tyler Peat.

We know that regular practice and repetition of key skills helps students to embed their development and the Lexia course provides that.

Great work everyone—we know how important it is to keep working on those reading skills.



Mental Health Awareness Week

As part of their community project, students in school have started to create postcards and gifts for Brinsworth Senior Support group, as well as bird feeders for the school and wider community.

A future businessman!



Excellent Historians

Well done to the following students who showed they were Excellent Historians this week with their Crusade Work. These students used their history skills and demonstrated it by creating either: news reports, poems, presentations and raps.

Nicole Waweru

Matthew Carr

Phoebe Raynes

Max Tyler

Isaac Dent

Musa Altaf

Connor Hewitt

Daniel Atkinson

Felicity Fitzgerald

Hibba Norr

Zac Roper

Humariaa Shakeel

Joshua Baxter

Mason Simpkin

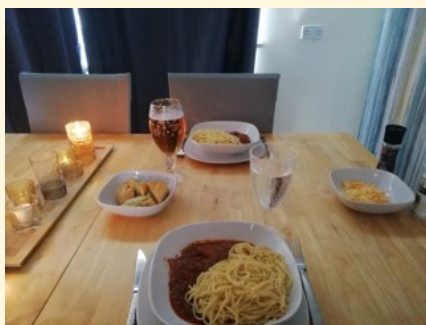


Being Kind

Katy Laycock has been up-cycling her neighbour's old decking and using old pallets of wood to create personalised signs/plaques for children's bedrooms, planters and garden features as a gift for her neighbours and family. Think there might be a future business idea here!

Here's an email we received from **Alfie Lumb**:

'I saw this email this morning and it got the cogs turning around in my head so me and my sister partnered up to spread some kindness to our parents. We spent this afternoon cooking a meal for them to have their first date night in 8 years! Cooking with an 8 year old isn't really the easiest task but we got there eventually.'



Take look at their meal (including desert) and setup. What a brilliant thing to do to spread some kindness—Well Done!

More amazing art-work!

Take a look at **Madison Moody's** piece to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of VE Day. She has done this in her own creative way with this combined image of a British soldier and the Union flag. A really clever and thoughtful piece of art—well done **Maddison!**



Product Design

Students in Product Design have been set tasks to analyse, design, make and evaluate a 'Boom Box' acoustic amplifier for a mobile phone by upcycling an empty crisp tube.



Take a look at the efforts of **Isaac Dent, Petar Razmoski and Poppy Frackleton-Grant**. It is brilliant to see the creative efforts of our students during this time, so many different ways of approaching the project. Mr Sudbury was really impressed - The innovators of the future!

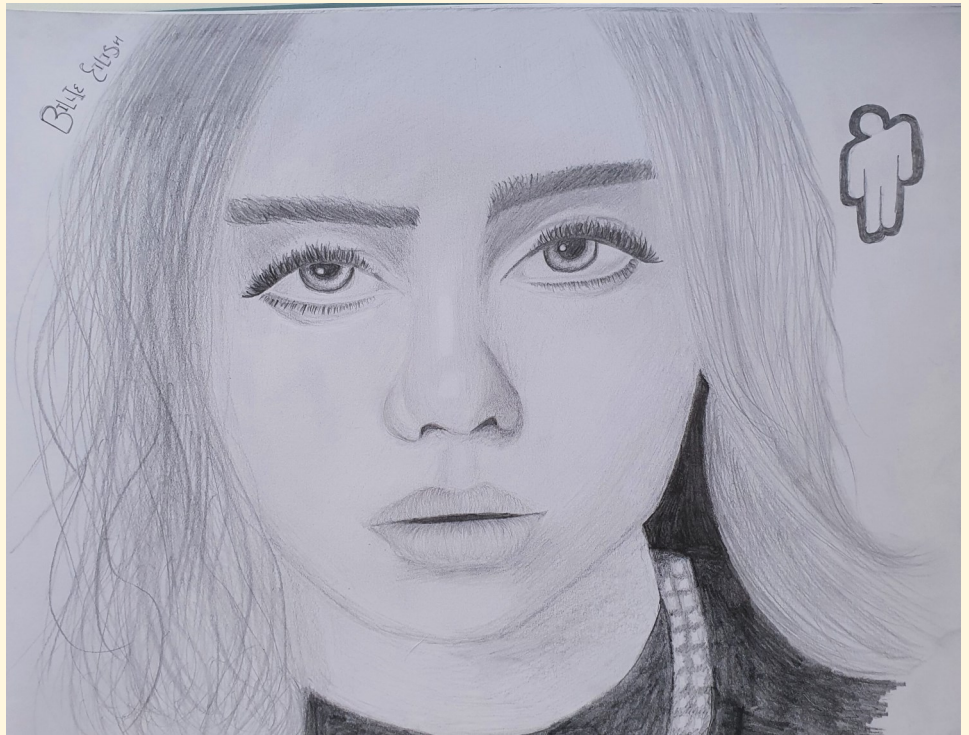


Amazing Artwork

This is another amazing piece of artwork from one of our students. Libby Roberts in Y8 has been working extremely hard during lockdown. Not only has she completed all her home learning tasks, without any issues, but she has also found time to develop her artwork.

This piece, which depicts Libby's interpretation of Billie Eilish is one of two pieces that Libby has worked really hard on.

Well done Libby—keep up the good work!



Wonderful Writing

One of students who has been working in school has produced this excellent piece of writing.

The cell was cold and dark. I had been there for about two weeks without seeing daylight. The last thing I saw was a grey building and a machine that wrapped me up in this horrendous cell. The building was big and there was a lot of noise. Around the machinery there were these creatures wearing all white and weird hats. They didn't seem to be helping the machines kidnap and put us in cells but they orchestrated the whole operation. Suddenly it attacked me and it all went dark.

A while after I had been kidnapped I heard heavy footsteps. They sounded as though they were racing towards me. I panicked but I couldn't move in this huge case that was pinning me down. I tried to move away but couldn't. All of a sudden something grabbed me. They picked me up and walked several steps with me. They then proceeded to peel the case off of me and the sunlight blinded me.



Take a look at these excerpts from poems by some of our Y7 students. They have been inspired by other famous poems and here are some of their lines.

'Lockdown Song' by Joshua Baxter

I didn't set my alarm to go to school
Instead I sat at my table

The computer was out
I did my work as I was able.
I didn't go to the cinema
Or meet my friends at the park
Instead I took my dog
And went on a daily walk.

Khadija Ahmed has taken inspiration from The Highwayman in her poem: Spring. It's a wonderful read and we hope you enjoy it.

Spring

When the frost is replaced with sweet dew,
When the fields are dotted with flowers that grew,
When the claws reaching to the sky become decorated with leaves,
When the animals in long hiding scurry from the trees,
We know that Winter has ended.

Please see our social media channels for other great poems!

Stay safe and have a great half term!



Healthy Body Healthy Mind

Eden Gillott-Moody has been keeping herself active during the current lockdown. A range of exercise helps to keep us healthy both physically and mentally and is a great way to lift our spirits.

Well done Eden - you look far more graceful attempting that than I would! Keep up the good work.

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