



PARENT BULLETIN

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Message from the **Principal**

As things continue to be challenging and with lockdown continuing, I hope you are all managing to cope. Please get in touch if we can do anything to help at all.

I would like to introduce two new teachers joining us at Easter, although who knows when you will get to meet them. Mr Morris (Maths) and Mrs Blaskett (DoL English). Welcome to the Marsh!

Most importantly, as things get more difficult for many people, we must try to stay as positive as we can for those around us and focus on the things that are really important. I remember the Shelley line: *"If Winter comes, can Spring be far behind?"*

Speakers for Schools

Speakers for Schools have announced the launch of their Virtual Talks programme. They are offering free livestreamed talks from some of the UK's top leading figures. You can hear masterclasses and interviews from speakers from across: business, arts, academia, media and more. Speakers will be sharing their own stories and expertise on a variety of subjects.

<https://www.speakersforschools.org/inspiration/vtalks/upcoming-vtalks/>



E-Safety at home

ThinkUKnow are, each fortnight, releasing new home activity packs with simple 15 minute activities you can do with your child to support their online safety at a time when they will be spending more time online at home.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Support-tools/home-activity-worksheets/>

Exam Results

Year 11 and 13 have had a number of communications about the new arrangements for their results, but it has now been confirmed that results will be given out as normal in August on the original days planned. This is different to what the government previously indicated they may be earlier and by the end of July.

Year 11 Leavers' Hoodies

We have extended the deadline for ordering Y11 Leavers' Hoodies to 10th May. The cost is £25 to be paid through ParentPay. Hoodies can be purchased in a range of colours and sizes and once you have made your order Ms Cooper will be in touch with further details of these. Original delivery times were quoted as between May and June however, please understand that given the current climate there could be a delay in this.



We do appreciate how important these traditions are to our Year 11 and we have a team still creating a Year 11 Yearbook and we continue to look at how and when we can reschedule Prom – of course that doesn't look to be very soon, but we remain optimistic.

Mr Simmons' Jigsaw Puzzle Attempt

As a break from brainteasers, I attempted to complete a 500-piece jigsaw puzzle last week, with the (limited) help of my 8 year old twins. After a number of hours, my sense of achievement as I placed the last piece was swiftly lost as I realised there was a problem!! (spot the issue below)



Perhaps there is a message here about being proud of the things that are in your power to achieve and letting go of those you cannot control.



Celebration of **Students**

The Premier League was not the only football league to be halted this season, sadly our Post 16 **Football Academy** were unable to complete the top of the table, winner takes all, final match of the season, and so were unable to win the league, but finished the season unbeaten, which is a remarkable achievement – well done all!



Celebrating the children in school

Children in school, mostly primary aged continue to be proud of what they are doing. Well done!



Staff helping the **Community**

I would like share how some of our staff, aside from supporting our children, have been going above and beyond what we could expect. Staff volunteering for the NHS, volunteering for the local community support groups and for Help the Aged. Also, in their own time making and even 3D printing PPE equipment. Thank you all!

