

Friday 25 June 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

### **National RSE Day**

On Thursday all of year 9 and 10 spent an extended guidance time, along with most of the country, celebrating RSE (Relationships and Sex Education) Day.

Pupils had the opportunity to:

- review how to check themselves for any strange lumps and bumps
- write a short text or thankyou letter to someone they were grateful to for supporting them
- be reminded on the laws surrounding the issues of online media and sexting
- reflect on what makes a positive relationship.

All students and tutors engaged well with the sessions and the photographs of the resulting display of texts and letters will be sent to join the National RSE Day gallery.



#### **Bastille Day - 14 July**

The event will take place during Break Time for Y9 from 10.55 to 11.15 and Lunchtime for Y10 from 13.15 to 13.35 in the playground. Students will be required to order their food in French and will be charged a nominal price of £0.50 for each pre-ordered item.

If you would like your child to participate in this event, we would appreciate that you pay by Wisepay no later than Friday 9<sup>th</sup> of July to avoid the handling of cash.

### **Wootton Learners – *Aspiration, Belief in Ourselves***

We are currently updating our **Wootton Learners** display. We are under no illusion that this year has been a challenge for all our pupils, and we are so proud of the efforts that they make. Year 10 approached their formal exam series last week with maturity. This week Year 9 have also taken assessments, many at home while isolating. Assessments support your child practice how to take an exam, as well as revise the knowledge and skills linked to the subject.

Below is a list of the thirty pupils with the top Attitude to Learning grades in Year 9 and 10. Grades of 4 or 5 are given for focus, effort, resilience (not giving up when work gets challenging), contributions in lessons and working with others. A huge congratulation to those below – their photographs will be added to our display. A huge well done for all learners who have achieved ATL 4s and 5s.

**Year 9**

Clara	Della Ripa
Sofia	Anesi
Lewis	Curryer
Zac	Johnson
Grace	Ford
Faith	Ottley
Cayden	Greer-Roe
Arhum	Syed
Keeley	Botha
Harrison	Milford
Adam	Williams
Callum	Simpson-Leach
Layla	Redpath
Chloe	Young
Evelyn	Jimmy
Keira	McConnell
Grace	Brown
Vikram	Singh
Oliwia	Wdowczyk
Mitchell	White
JJ	Woolgar
Benjamin	Smith
Bethany	Wilton
Elliott	Cave
Ben	Houghton
Safaa	Ibrahim
Luke	Green
Luke	Hicks
Erin	Wright
Shenali	Liyanage

**Year 10**

Hannah	Bushby
Paige	Sims
Annalise	Zaremba
Lana	Leach
Kiranjit	Kaur
Russo	Robertson
Grace	Rickwood
Hannah	Tomkins
Harry	Bennington
Khayleigh	Mehmi
Sophie	Ranger
Matthew	Nason
Freya	Nulty
Issy	Castleman
Charlie	Loisel
Samuel	Curtis
Zak	Newell
Hannah	Bell
Joe	Horton
Eleanor	Chidley
Kevin	Khanbanihayeh-Ghazvin
Hollie	Payne
Thomas	Anderton
Kai	Fisher
Chloe	Lowe
Luke	Platts
Darcey	Smith
Harry	Wilson
Ben	Wright
Ryan	Barnes

## Year 9 and 10 – high aspirations

*We are looking for those pupils who have a drive in a particular subject or subjects. You will be thinking about how to achieve the highest grade(s) and using them to plan for attending a renowned university.*

If this sound like you we would like you to complete this task:

Explain an area of a subject, or the curriculum, that really interests you. This could be research you have done, it could be about the work of an author or leader in the field, it could be an aim to find out more about something you have studied in school.

You should submit this as: a piece of written/typed work, or a short film clip. Please do not submit powerpoints, or copy/paste.

Deadline: Sunday 4 July.

Email to: [jterrey@wootton.beds.sch.uk](mailto:jterrey@wootton.beds.sch.uk)

Title: YOUR NAME - ASPIRE

Mrs McMorn (Head of School) and Mr Detheridge (Head of College) will then meet with those that made submissions regarding this project.

### **George Brabner – 10LHA. An example of a great submission.**

So, as of last October-ish, I started writing blog posts for an eSports organisation called the SimGrid. Long story short, in my spare time, I race virtually on a simulator I have at home, which is how this all came about. Basically, SimGrid is a virtual racing community started by a real-life professional racing driver called David Perel. He started this community about a year ago, which has since become the biggest organisation for racing on this specific game.

One day, there was a message out about their desire to start a blog, which would cover their events in the form of race reports/rundowns, interviews with drivers, announcements and would be paid. I had always wanted to do something in journalism/writing, specifically in motorsport, but wasn't sure where to start, as it would take a lot of time to start my own website and grow it with the resources you would need. So, I decided to take a shot at the position, which I am pleased to say was a success!

Since I joined, I've been writing one or two 1000 word pieces per week to cover all sorts of their events. I started there as the only writer on the team, but as of now, their sister blog, which covers the technical sides of the game, is at about 2500 readers per day. Although I'm not quite sure exactly how much the SimGrid one has, that should be a decent guide as to its size! Essentially, since late last year, I've been writing full-blown race reports like you would get for things like Formula 1 and so on. I've also done other bits and pieces I mentioned earlier for them, which has been hugely useful to my work in usual lessons, and I'm sure will be for my future too.

Not sure why it's taken me so long to mention this, but it's just something I think is really cool that I've been up to recently! If you'd like to have a read of any of my work, here's a link to what I've personally written: <https://pits.thesimgrid.com/author/georgebrabner/>



## Science stars of the week

Clara Della Ripa Year 9

Logan Brocket Year 10

**Congratulations!**

A message from our uniform suppliers:

### **Important news on School Uniform Shopping**

As term draws to a close, we're already looking ahead to September. Our uniform provider SWI is working hard to make sure that despite the challenges posed by international shipping, Covid and Brexit, our parents will be able to find everything they need.

This is a reminder that the best way to ensure your child has all the uniform they need in good time for the start of the school year is to shop early, if this is possible for you.

Please visit the website of our uniform supplier SWI now, and [register an account](#) so that you can complete your shopping in good time and receive reminders, news on stock and special offers.

We know not all parents are able to shop early, but the challenges posed when large numbers of families shop in the last two weeks of August is something we are all keen to avoid. After what has been an interesting school year, please help us to help you to ensure we all return in September raring to go!

Wishing you and your family an enjoyable weekend.

Kind regards

Mrs McMorn

Head of School