

Sixth Form Bulletin 05.02.21

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Welcome

This week in our assemblies, it felt apt to talk about Captain Sir Tom Moore who died at the age of 100 on Tuesday. At the age of 19, he signed up to join the army and a few years later fought in World War II. Although our students aren't fighting in a physical



war, there is an inner battle of wills and we are calling on a real test of students' mental strength. This lockdown is tough, much tougher than the previous one, but, on this Children's Mental Health Awareness week, we urge the students to find the "grit and resilience" that encapsulated Captain Tom, to get through the next few weeks and months. This COVID war will soon be over, and in the words of Sir Tom, "tomorrow will be a good day". Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Tutorial contact

Thank you to all students who have been responding to tutors and the sixth form team, mostly via email, to let us know how they are getting on, anything we can help with, or share tips. We really appreciate this contact and would like to hear from every student before half term, especially if they have found ways to help their well-being, organisation or workload, which we can share with others in their year group.

Well-being

All students, from years 7-13 were asked to fill in a well-being survey, to enable us to gather details of the experience for each year group, to help us plan going forward.

Screen-free time tutorial activity

Yr 12 & 13 have been looking at ways of reducing their screen time outside lessons over the past week and sharing their ideas on a year group Jamboard document. There is still time to contribute as there are prizes at stake for the best boards!

Wellbeing Noticeboard

Please see attached this week's Wellbeing noticeboard.

[Vyners Sixth Form Wellbeing noticeboard](#)

Yr 13 Progress Reports and Parents' Evening

Progress reports will be issued on Friday 5th February and a virtual parents' evening via video call will be held on Thursday 11th February. Details of how to sign up for parents evening was emailed to parents/carers on Wednesday and included a "how - to" video for the evening.

Y13 Assembly - Exams information and UCAS Next Steps

On Wednesday Mrs Coyle held a live assembly on Wednesday with details about UCAS, using UCAS track, applying through clearing and information on student finance. The slides have been included in tutorial classrooms and have helpful videos embedded on the slides. We urge students to regularly check the UCAS website for any updates on applications and regularly check their own track for individual dates when applying to offers.

Year 12 post-18 choices and applying to university preparation.

Activities are being posted in each tutorial google classroom via the Monday bulletin for students to complete during the week.

There have been 3 finance quizzes and Unifrog activities to complete. It is vital that all students are engaging in these activities to help them with their future steps.

Finance industry talk

Thank you to Mr McDonough who delivered a google meet presentation after school on Thursday, which any student could sign up to attend. He delivered a fascinating insight into his own experience working in investment banking and talking about financial products such as shares, swaps, bonds etc. with the opportunity for students to ask questions.

UCAS Webinars for parents

Please see this [link](#) to the UCAS website, which gives you access to various webinars. There is information for both students and parents about what to do next if you have already applied to UCAS, as well as useful information for those about to embark on the process.

Spring Term Curriculum

Please find the link to the year 12 Spring curriculum [here](#) and the Year 13 Spring Term curriculum [link](#). These can also be found on our website.

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