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Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers

I trust that you and your families are keeping well.

This week sees our GCSE and A level students able to access live face-to-face subject sessions via MS Teams as part of the ongoing development of our remote learning. We also welcome some of our Year 10 and Year 12 students back into school for some sessions in their GCSE and A level practical subjects, including Art and Design Technology. Sadly it is unlikely that Years 7, 8 and 9 will return to school before September so they need to continue to use FROG.

Parents should have received a letter from Mrs German outlining how we are using MS Teams to facilitate form tutors being in more regular contact with their form groups. This will now be in place of the tutor phone calls home and means we are able to provide greater support and regular check ins.

A number of parents have started to enquire as to our plans for September. Crucial to any planning is the timely publication of the government's expectations and guidance for September as well as a clear indication from Ofqual as to what is happening with next year's GCSE and A levels examinations — both of which we are still awaiting. That said, please be reassured that we have started to think about different scenarios with regards to the levels of infection and what our provision might be in each case. For the moment we are doing all we can to ensure that we are very well prepared for September and we will make sure that parents are kept fully informed.

So I hope that you enjoy this week's edition of the Lockdown Wallington Week which again includes a number of different things that our students have been getting up to alongside their school work.

Stay safe.

Richard Booth Headteacher

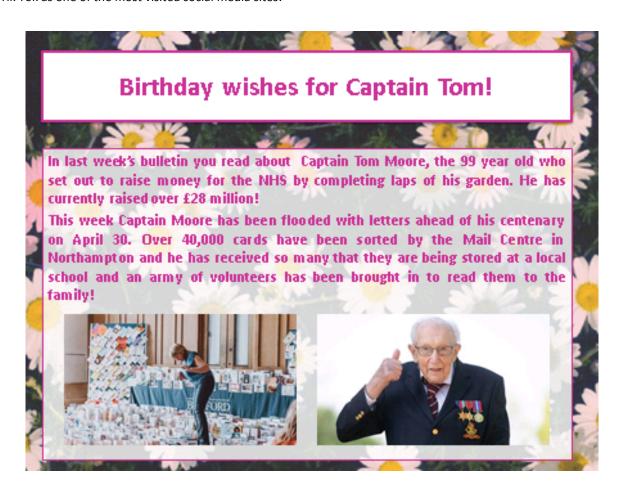
Student Bulletins

All students now receive two weekly student bulletins.

We would like to remind parents and carers that since the start of lockdown each Form Tutor sends out a Student bulletin each Monday morning - created by your child's Head of Year.

Students are asked to read the attached Powerpoint sent as it often contains important information regarding local organisations offering support during lockdown, information relating to national events, specific information relating to each year group as well as fun ideas such as recipes to try and updates on Teddy the Wellbeing dog!

The weekly PHSCE task is also within this document and we ask that parents suggest that this is completed as it addresses important topics for reflection such as considering how much individuals in society are responsible for their posts on social media and the role social media platforms play within this or reflecting on how we value dance – linking with the emergence of Tik Tok as one of the most visited social media sites.



Whilst our students are developing ways in which to continuously motivate themselves during lockdown – we hope that the Student Bulletin will continue to provide students with the support they might need during this time.

Mrs M German Assistant Headteacher

Resources for Students

Virtual Talks - Speakers for Schools

Have a look at the schedule on the next slide – there are lots of interesting people talking about their particular interests – well worth a listen! There are calendar links to help you save the dates. Enjoy!

HOW TO JOIN THE VTALKS

Join 10 minutes before the VTALK to be ready
You can join without needing an account – Watch how here

For full speaker descriptions visit the VTALK Schedule here

VTALK LIBRARY & MORE

Watch pre-recorded VTalks from our library here

Please see our **Schools Guide here.**

DATE	SPEAKER	INFO
Mon 15 th June 10am Add to calendar	Baroness Lola Young, Independent Life Peer & Consultant	Baroness Lola Young is joining SFS to share her life lessons and advice with a KS3/S1-3 audience and to discuss the importance of the arts in society.
Mon 15 th June 2pm Add to calendar	Julian Baggini, Editor-in-Chief, The Philosophers' Magazine	Join Julian Baggini, Editor-in-Chief, The Philosophers' Magazine to explore the philosophy of personal identity – what makes us who we are. This VTalk would suit KS5/S5-6 students and students who are interested in Philosophy.
Tues 16 th June 10am Add to calendar	Dan Snow, Historian and Broadcaster	Why History matters? Join us as historian, author and broadcaster Dan Snow discusses the importance of studying history and the lessons you can learn.
Wed 17 th June 2pm Add to calendar	Dean Beswick, Film and animation company founder, Gorilla Gorilla!	Film and animation company founder Dean Beswick is joining us for this virtual talk to discuss his career as a producer and commercial filmmaker, sharing his top 3 life lessons to help you prepare for your future.
Thurs 18 th June 2pm Add to calendar	In collaboration with Penguin Talks: Mohsin Zaidi, Criminal Barrister and Lawyer & Jessica Kellgren-Fozard, YouTuber and disability & LGBTQ activist	Criminal barrister and author of A Dutiful Boy: A Memoir of a Gay Muslim's Journey to Acceptance, Mohsin Zaidi, joins Youtuber and disability & LGBTQ activist, Jessica Kellgren-Fozard, to discuss their intersectionality and how we can embrace our identity.
Fri 19 th June 10am Add to calendar	Charlotte Stacey, Head of UK Apprenticeships Programme, BP	Interested in learning about apprenticeships? Join us as Charlotte Stacey, Head of UK Apprenticeships Programme with BP discusses the practicalities of apprenticeships, how they're structured, the benefits of completing an apprenticeship and the opportunities that exist at BP.

Resources / Opportunities for Students

Modern Languages: Studying Abroad With Undergraduate Language Students From UEA & Bristol

June 19 @ 13:00 - 14:00





This interactive online session will connect potential MFL students to undergraduate single and joint honours language students who are, or have been, working and studying abroad. We will be joined by speakers from University of East Anglia and University of Bristol. Each will have 20 minutes to present with 20 minutes at the end for Q&A/discussion. This will be a great way for students to find out more about undergraduate study of modern languages and to hear the experiences of students that are currently abroad as part of their studies. The session is designed to help students consider what a modern languages degree entails and whether it might be for them.

Suitable for: Year 11/12 students with a possible interest in studying Modern Languages at university.

Preparation or Pre-Reading: We recommend that students consider in advance some questions relevant to the further study of Languages at university.

The IT Setup: The event will be run on <u>Bluejeans</u> and participants will be able to join using laptops, tablets, and mobile devices. You will be able to interact with the university via microphones and/or typed comments and questions. Full details will be sent to those who have registered (see below) prior to the event.

Booking a Place: This is free for schools and colleges. If you would like to take part in this event, please register your interest using the link to the registration form below

https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/F5PDYHN?

100+ Universities 1 Virtual Fair. 1 Week to Go - Wednesday 17 - Year 11 & 12

We've brought together over 100 universities and colleges from across the UK for our ground-breaking **Virtual Fair on Wednesday 17 June from 12:00 - 18:00**, to allow you to easily explore all your choices in one place. Exhibitors include Cambridge, Edinburgh, Cardiff, Manchester Met, Loughborough and many more.

You can chat to ambassadors, ask questions, and take part in 10 live webinars. It's completely free of charge and open to students in Year 13, Year 12 and Year 11 (including parents + teachers).

https://ukuniversitysearch.vfairs.com/



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National Writing Day

To celebrate National Writing Day, why not take part in this activity?

More information and resources to help can be found at https://firststory.org.uk/writeday/



As we emerge from lockdown, the power of words to give voice and agency to our stories couldn't be more pertinent.

This National Writing Day we're launching the simple writing call to action: the #247challenge. The challenge is intended as a moment of unity, of freedom and – most importantly – of fun where students, teachers – and anyone who wants to be involved – can enjoy writing together and take a moment to express themselves.

- Write a 24-word story on a piece of paper (or record on video) starting with 'One day...'
- 2. Take a **photo** of your story or take a photo of yourself with your writing
- 3. **Share** your original pieces of writing via Twitter, Instagram or Facebook, using

#247challenge

4. Tag three friends!



Celebrating our Students' Work in Lockdown

Zara—12 AST

I completed a Google MOOC on the fundamentals of digital marketing. This included 40 hours of work, and was tough, but overall an eye-opening experience to the world of business and a great use of free time.

The course is free right now, and I highly recommend it!

What a fantastic commitment and such a great use of time in lockdown!



Dishes from Different Cultures

Year 9 have started a new project focusing on foods from different cultures. Here are some of the wonderful Asian dishes pupils have made at home over the past week!

Mrs Beales and Miss Stooke



MUSIC NEWS

Our 2nd lockdown video is here! This is 'Empowerment' which is a medley of songs by some famous female artists. Make sure you listen to the end. Huge thanks to Isabella Thomas in year 13 for the fab job on the videography.

https://youtu.be/bpoNwiWN6uU



Noteworthy 'Empowerment'

'Noteworthy' are an a cappella group made up of students from Wallington High School for Girls and directed by Head of Music, Jennifer Yard. They were declar...

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