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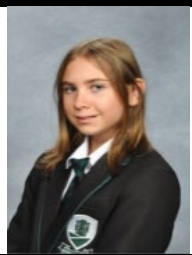


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Dear Parents, Carers and Wider Community,

Happy Friday! I really hope everyone has had an excellent week. This is a very special newsletter this week as it has been written by 3 of our brilliant student leaders. I'd like to introduce you to these ambitious students first:

Year 7	Karina Bradean	
Year 9	Isabelle Allsop	
Year 10	Peace Olawuyi	

As I highlighted last week, our full School Council team of student leaders met for the first-time last week. The team wanted to share with you the main topics of discussion and their thoughts about those areas. So, over to them....

Adjusted way of working for 2020!

I am sure that many of the students would concur that the beginning of the year has been an exciting but also a disturbing period. It has been enjoyable for the Y7s to make new friends, learn thrilling subjects and meeting amazing teachers. Some of the students could probably feel frustrated about Covid 19 but I think that this is something passing through and we need to stay positive, optimistic and united to overcome this challenge in our lives. I am proud of our school for organising the school regarding bubbles, meeting points, masks and the online study so well. Everything has been properly organised by the school to keep us safe whilst also offering us a comfortable, ambitious and relaxing environment to further develop our skills.

Karina Bradean, Y7

Make your mask sustainable!

The student council is passionate about ensuring that the need for us all to wear face coverings doesn't create an unnecessary harm to our planet! We've been following the government guidelines throughout the Covid19 pandemic and it is now mandatory for students and teachers to wear masks in corridors, roll-call and indoor social areas (except when eating). Disposable masks can be worn but these are not recyclable and are having an environmental impact, especially when discarded carelessly. Washable fabric masks are better for the environment so we encourage everyone to take this option. The NHS has guidance on how to make a simple 2-layer fabric mask which can be found [online](#) as well as guidance on how to wear masks properly. The school council feel that it is important to wear suitable and sustainable masks to help the environment so nature is not harmed by our actions and were so pleased to hear that sustainable fabric face masks are currently on order to the school so students can purchase directly from Blaise if needed.

Isabelle Allsop, Y9

What's great, and not so great, about online homework!

Hegarty allows for in-depth learning, and helps to improve maths skills in detail through full question practice. However, it has been said that the interface for Hegarty is slightly complicated, and sometimes we find it hard to see how we can get help with the most difficult questions. Best thing to do is to attend the lunchtime sessions because there is always a Maths teacher there and they can help you! Unlike Hegarty, I think Tassomai has a simple interface, and is easy to use and understand. The homework set for students is 4 daily tasks every week, which is quite easy to do and students can easily see if it has been done or not either on their website or on their app. It does mean you have to be organised though, because you have to space your tasks on 4 separate days....no cramming it all in the day before it's due! Bedrock, like Tassomai, has a simple interface, and is easy to use and understand. The homework set for students is 2 quizzes a week, which is really manageable to get done. Bedrock's quizzes allow for the easy understanding of the words given, and allows students to expand their vocabulary, even if the student already has a wide set of vocabulary. The algorithm is super smart and knows exactly what each student needs to extend their vocabulary so everyone is always working on something new and unique to them. 3 great platforms to ensure we have a better chance of success!

Peace Olawuyi, Y10

I hope you enjoyed hearing the words of the students themselves. Giving our students a voice is really key to our Character Programme and something I hope to do regularly in my weekly newsletter.

I wish you all a fantastic weekend.

Yours faithfully,



Katherine Brown
Headteacher