



Malton School

A Specialist Science School

SUPPORT INSPIRE THRIVE

15th June 2020

Dear Parent / Carer,

Coronavirus Response Update

As more of our shops re-open today, school is putting the finishing touches to our own preparations for a wider re-opening. A very thorough (25 page) risk assessment covering all aspects of the mitigations we have put in place to address potential coronavirus hazards has been developed and agreed to ensure that as more of our young people come back to school they can do so as safely as possible.

This process starts on Wednesday with Year 12 students who take a subject in Option Block A coming in for an immersive catch up day in that particular subject. The Year 12s will continue to attend each Wednesday and will gain one full day for each subject that they are taking. The Year 10 students start their return next Monday. They will gain two full days before the end of term focused on the core subjects of English, Maths and Science. Both the Year 10 and Year 12 students will receive pastoral and careers guidance and input. The remote learning package will continue for students in all year groups.

Many of you have asked us whether we can include an element of “live teaching and learning” within our remote learning package. We have been working through a set of safeguarding protocols with the Local Authority to ensure that any step into live learning is managed as safely as possible for students and staff. These have now been established and as part of our preparations to further enhance remote learning **we have brought forward our Staff Training Day from Friday 3rd July, as previously calendared, to this Friday, 19th June.** This makes good sense in terms of staff colleagues having the training and time to prepare up front. I hope, under these unusual circumstances, that this does not cause inconvenience to anyone. It means that school will be closed on Friday and that there will be no remote learning lessons set.

We had a setback last week with our plans to provide transition visits for Year 6 students who are coming up to join us in September, when we were told by the Local Authority that we could not proceed as recent guidance provided by the Department for Education to the primary schools stated that such visits should not happen. I have written directly to all the Year 6 parents affected and to their Primary Headteachers. We retain our ambition to make the best possible provision for these young people as we know, from the overwhelmingly positive (nearly 100%) response and parental take up of the offer showed that this was a balance of risk most people thought was well worth taking. We will be investigating alternative options this week and will be writing back out to all concerned with a new offer.

I have focused the rest of this letter on catching up on the last two inspire challenges. As always, I have enjoyed being impressed and uplifted by the inspirational work produced by the young people. This is why it is such a privilege to work in education. I hope you can take the time to look at the Navy Blazer site yourself and look at the winning entries from these first 7 challenges. I think it will put a smile on your face, to help to counter some of the negative world news that we get on a daily basis, and a warm glow of hope in your heart for the future with all that these young people have to offer.

Week 6: Inspire Challenge Winners – Best “Found” Poem

The idea here was to find something that had inspired you recently, perhaps from the news or from social media or any other source, and having “found” that item or story to be able to turn it into a poem of your own.

From 20 or so entries I once again had a hard time narrowing it down to a final few. On this occasion there were 4 poems that struck a chord with me and which reflected different aspects of the current situation, and also different styles of response: one that opens in a rap style, one that likens the situation to a war, one that reflects on the uniqueness of the situation (and which was also performed as a song), and one that focuses on a powerful message of hope. I liked all four for different reasons and didn’t want to knock one of them off the podium so this week I have awarded a joint first place and a joint second place and no bronze medal.

The successful entries this time were,

Joint 1st Place:

Shannon Williamson - Yr13 - with “Covid-19”

Aimee Bosomworth - Yr9 - with “Life in Lockdown”

Joint 2nd Place:

Daisy Browne - Yr9 - with “This has Never Happened Before”

Samuel Milson - Yr11 - with “The Front-line War”

These winning entries will be available to view on the Navy Blazer - www.thenavyblazer.maltonschool.org

But I would like to share Aimee’s poem with you here because of its shorter length and message of hope:

Life in Lockdown

Life in lockdown has kept us apart,

But you are still in my heart.

With the sun shining and the birds singing,

It’s the little things that keep us grinning.

*The news can get us down,
There is no need to frown
Coronavirus won't defeat the world
We shall hope.*

*So keep strong for it will not be long,
Before we can once again embrace
Each other without the pain.*

Week 7: Inspire Challenge Winners – Best Artistic Response

I also received a tremendous crop of artistic responses ranging from photography to painting and from digital drawing to physical 3D representations. All captured an element of the current strange times that we have been living through, and it was interesting to see the focus from a young person's point of view. This really came through in the entries as a whole.

Again very well done to all who entered, there was a good range of high quality responses. So much so, that I have decided to award double prizes again as I did with Week 5. Please bear in mind that I am not an artist, so I have gone with what struck me personally. Your art teacher may have chosen differently, but these are my choices:

Joint 1st Place:

Belle Graham - Yr7 - "Earth in Lockdown"

Hannah Copley - Yr9 - "Lockdown"

Joint 2nd Place:

Sofia Kaye-McNeill - Yr10 - "Frida Kahlo in Mask"

Matilda Gledhill - Yr9 - "A Changed World"

Joint 3rd Place:

Gracie Pilmoor - Yr7 - "Superheroes"

Verity French - Yr9 - "Coronavirus"

Once again these winning entries will be available to view on the Navy Blazer. I have though included the winning entries from Belle and Hannah at the end of this letter as they struck me and I wanted to share them with you directly.

Future Inspire Challenges

Submission Date	Title	Task
15/06	Most Inspirational Sports Personality	To celebrate the gradual return of some sporting activity, albeit behind closed doors, explain who is your most inspirational sporting personality and why are they so inspirational to you.
22/06	Beat the Head of Maths challenge!	Devise a Mathematical question or puzzle. I will send them all to Mr Muir. See if you can beat him! Or if not, he will award the winners based on who set the hardest puzzle that took him the longest to resolve.
29/06	Best recorded dramatic monologue	Choose a famous monologue, or write one of your own, practice it and then record your delivery of it (video recording) on your iPad. Costumes not required but dramatic poise is! (3 minute maximum)
06/07	Best design concept for a home improvement	We all think from time to time about practical improvements we could make in our own homes. Try out your design skills in producing a concept sheet to explain your best home improvement idea.
13/07	Most Inspirational Message in French for Bastille Day!	Either script an inspirational message of your own or choose an inspirational message written by somebody else (in English!), and then translate it yourself into French.
08/09 (Summer Challenge!)	Best round local walk	As a summer challenge, and only if safe, devise a circular route for a family walk with points of interest and/or beautiful views. Your finished piece should be no more than 2 sides of A4 with approximate timings and snippets of information at each stage of the route. You should include a map with clear markings.

Remember, submissions have to be made electronically, via email to myself – rjw@maltonschool.org - by 9.00am on the date shown. If your work is on paper please just take a photograph of it and submit it as an attachment to your email (not in the main body of the email). And good luck!

I hope you and your families are staying well and best wishes from all of us at school.

Yours faithfully,



Rob Williams
Headteacher



Belle Graham



Hannah Copley