

FAMILY MATTERS

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER



CULTURAL NATIVITY CELEBRATION



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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - JOY

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Quotation of the week

"In the bleak mid-winter
Frosty wind made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron,
Water like a stone;"

I often think of the homeless when I hear the first words of the carol '*In the bleak midwinter*' and how difficult it must be to be without a home and having to sleep out on the streets on these cold December nights."

Covid update

The number of covid cases among staff and students in the school has continued to fall this week which has been good news. As of today, very few students or staff are having to self-isolate. We have been able to complete the Yr 11 mock exams which were disrupted earlier in the term and normal lessons have been taking place. I have to say the students have been excellent in recent weeks coping with what has been a challenging situation where their regular teachers have not always been able to be in school and managing this with maturity and good sense.

As I have previously indicated we are about to go into our Christmas holiday at the end of next week. We start back on **Tuesday 5th January** except for Yr 12 students whose mock exams begin the day before. We hope that cases will continue to be low in the school but we are also aware that there is a high incidence of covid infection in the borough and we have to continue to take the necessary steps to reduce the risk of infection. Thank you, as ever, for your support with this.

Christmas Hamper Donations

Thank you too for the tremendous response to our appeal for tinned goods to give to those in need at Christmas. There is an amazingly large number of items in the collection boxes and thank you so much for taking the time and trouble to make these donations.

Next week we have Christmas lunches for all students on Tuesday (lower site) and Wednesday (upper site). I work on Tuesdays on lower site and Wednesdays on upper site so I will get the chance to have Christmas lunch twice next week!

End of term

The last day of this term is Friday December 18th. It will be a half-day with students dismissed at 12noon.

Parents' surgery

Parents' surgery is currently a remote service. If you would like to speak to me please contact the office on either site and they will let me know that you would like me to call you on Thursday afternoon between 4pm and 5pm.

Please continue to remember us in your prayers and have a good weekend.

With best wishes
Dr Stone, Headteacher





HEADTEACHER'S

COMMENDATIONS



**This week I have some commendations for my Yr 13
Politics class including:**

Venessa Longton Greene,

Marie-Gabrielle Gbondo,

Alvin Amofah,

Kylie Coffie,

Royce-Enna El-Msury,

Pauline Ssemugumbe

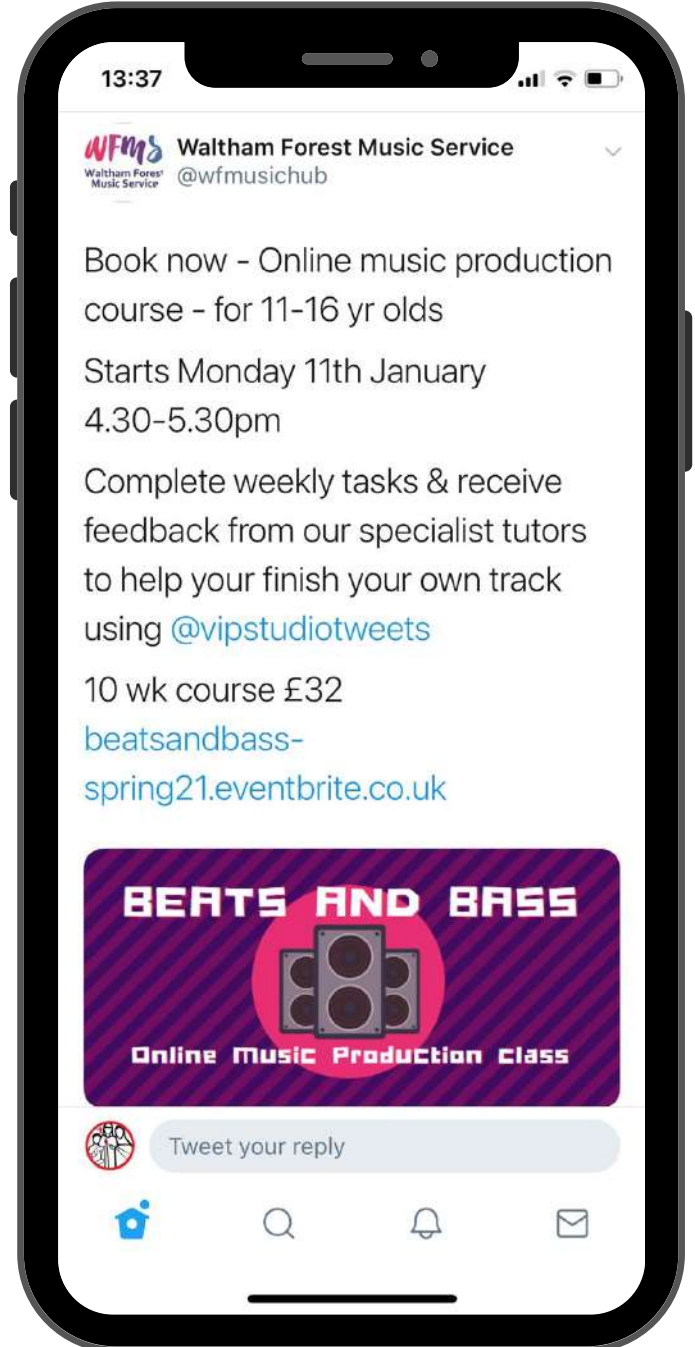
for making good progress over the past term.

Well done to all!

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Help us raise funds for our House Celebration Days!

We are delighted to announce we are working with Easyfundraising to help us raise funds for our House Celebration Days.

Our House system exists to instill a sense of belonging, team spirit and healthy competition in all who study and work at Holy Family. We are devoted in our mission which is to embrace our clear Christian values of respect, service and justice. We are asking for your help in raising funds so that each House can have a House Celebration Day - a day when each member will be rewarded in recognition of their charitable works, good deeds and collective successes.

If you're shopping online this Christmas, please remember to use easyfundraising! Over 4,300 shops and sites will donate to Holy Family Catholic School - Walthamstow for FREE when you use easyfundraising to shop with them. This means you can raise donations for us no matter what you're buying - whether that's gadgets, electricals, games consoles, toys, clothes, gifts or anything else!

These donations make a BIC difference to us and don't cost you anything extra, so please keep us in mind while you're grabbing a bargain.

For great deals and offers click the image above!

Chaplaincy Corner

On the third Sunday of Advent we light the candle of Joy. This Sunday is also called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is a Latin word that means “rejoice”. We will light the pink candle on the Advent wreath as a reminder that Advent is a season of joy because our salvation is already at hand.

eat
or
heat



Christian
Kitchen

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who has donated to our “Spread Joy” hamper appeal. We are humbled by your generosity. If you are still able to donate tins to our appeal, please ensure they are with us by Wednesday 16 December, to give the charities time to organise their Christmas distributions.



Dear Jesus,

Help us focus on you during this busy season.

May we stay aware of the joy you bring into our lives.

We want to find you in the everyday moments and come with hearts of gratitude to your manger on Christmas.

Amen

May you all have a blessed Advent season. Stay safe - Mrs. Grierson, Chaplain



DATES FOR

Advent



Tinned items for our Christmas food collection continues throughout Advent

Thank you to all who have already sent in donations for The Christian Kitchen and Eat or Heat food bank. We will continue to collect tins of tomatoes, vegetables, pulses and fruit until the end of term. They can be left safely in collection boxes in each school hall. Please ensure all tins are well within their "use by" date.

Tuesday 15 December – Walthamstow site Christmas Lunch

Tuesday 15 December – Christmas Jumper Day for staff and students

Wednesday 16 December – Wiseman site Christmas Lunch

Friday 18 December – Last day of term

Sunday 20 December – 4th Sunday of Advent LOVE

Friday 25 December – Christmas Day

Saturday 26 December – St Stephen's Feast Day

Thursday 31 December – Feast Day of the Holy Family

Holy Family's Hamper Collection!

Our annual tradition is a little different
this year

Please donate the following items only:



Tinned tomatoes
Tinned vegetables/pulses
Tinned fruit



All items can be left in donation collection
points in the hall on both sites until the
end of term when they will be delivered to
Christian Kitchen & Eat Or Heat

Please make sure all food is
well within its use by date





Christmas jumper day

**Tuesday 15th
December**



PRIZES FOR
BEST JUMPERS
ANNOUNCED ON
FRIDAY 18TH
DECEMBER

Win a GIANT Christmas cracker



Filled with over £20 worth of sweets and chocolate



Tickets cost:
50p each
3 for £1

on sale in the canteen at break and lunch

On sale until
Tuesday 15th!



THE FOLLOWING DESIGNS WERE
SELECTED FOR THIS YEAR'S CHRISTMAS
CARD COMPETITION!

WE HAD OVER 60 ENTRIES AND FOUND IT
EXTREMELY HARD TO CHOOSE! PLEASE
CONGRATULATE THE STUDENTS FROM
YEAR 7 TO 13 WHO HAVE BEEN
SELECTED.

IF YOU BOUGHT CARDS, THEY SHOULD BE
READY! YOU WILL RECEIVE A RANDOM
SELECTION OF THESE BEAUTIFUL
DESIGNS. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR
SUPPORTING THE DEPARTMENT AND OUR
STUDENTS!



HARRY EAD-MITCHENSON

SINEAD MENEKSE

MARIANNE HERNANDEZ

JADEN RUIZ

JESSICA AGYEI

CHELSEA CABIGTING

ROSHINI DE VESAR

THOMAS EAD-MITCHENSON

NATALIA SOLARSKA

MARC VILLARICO

ELISJANA DOMENICA

ANN-MARIE IBIABUO

VALENTINA GUTIERREZ

ZUZANNA WOLF

PAVARAM YOGARAJAH

FEBYLIN JAGUNAP

TIFFANY MURTINHAL

BIANCA GONZALES

ANNA ZIANI

KIA SPEARY

PASCAL MARIMOOTOO

FEILE AU

GERMAINE CANLAS

MIA THOMAS

TYREES AGHA

CHRISTIAN PHILLIPS



JACK PETCHY WINNER

SHANEL BHATTI

FOR YOUR PERSISTENT
DESIRE TO CONTRIBUTE TO
THE HOLY FAMILY WAY.
YOUR THOUGHTFULNESS
AND GENEROSITY ARE GIFTS
WE WILL ALWAYS
TREASURE!

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL STUDENTS WHO WERE
NOMINATED:

JAKE BOWDEN- SHANEL BHATTI - KAMIL NAGORNY-
IGOR MAJCHROWSKI- ETHAN NG YU TIN-
JANET ADEWOLE- FILIPA ANDRE- ULYSSA RILLERA-
CADEN COOGAN- JERICHO GONZALES SABARIAS



YEAR 10

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

LEMARNIE WHITE

WAS NOMINATED BY MRS WOOLNOUGH FOR CONSISTENTLY WORKING HARD IN ENGLISH AND ALWAYS GIVING 100% CONGRATULATIONS!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS ON STARS RECEIVED LAST WEEK:

ASHLEE MIE YAP & ASHLYN AMBER BLESS

WERE GIVEN STARS BY MS LLOYD FOR ALL THEIR HARD WORK DECORATING THE LRC FOR CHRISTMAS.

KYLE CAMPBELL

WAS AWARDED A STAR IN ENGLISH FROM MR FREEMAN FOR CONSISTENTLY WORKING TO HIS FULL POTENTIAL AND OFFERING AMAZING IDEAS IN DISCUSSIONS

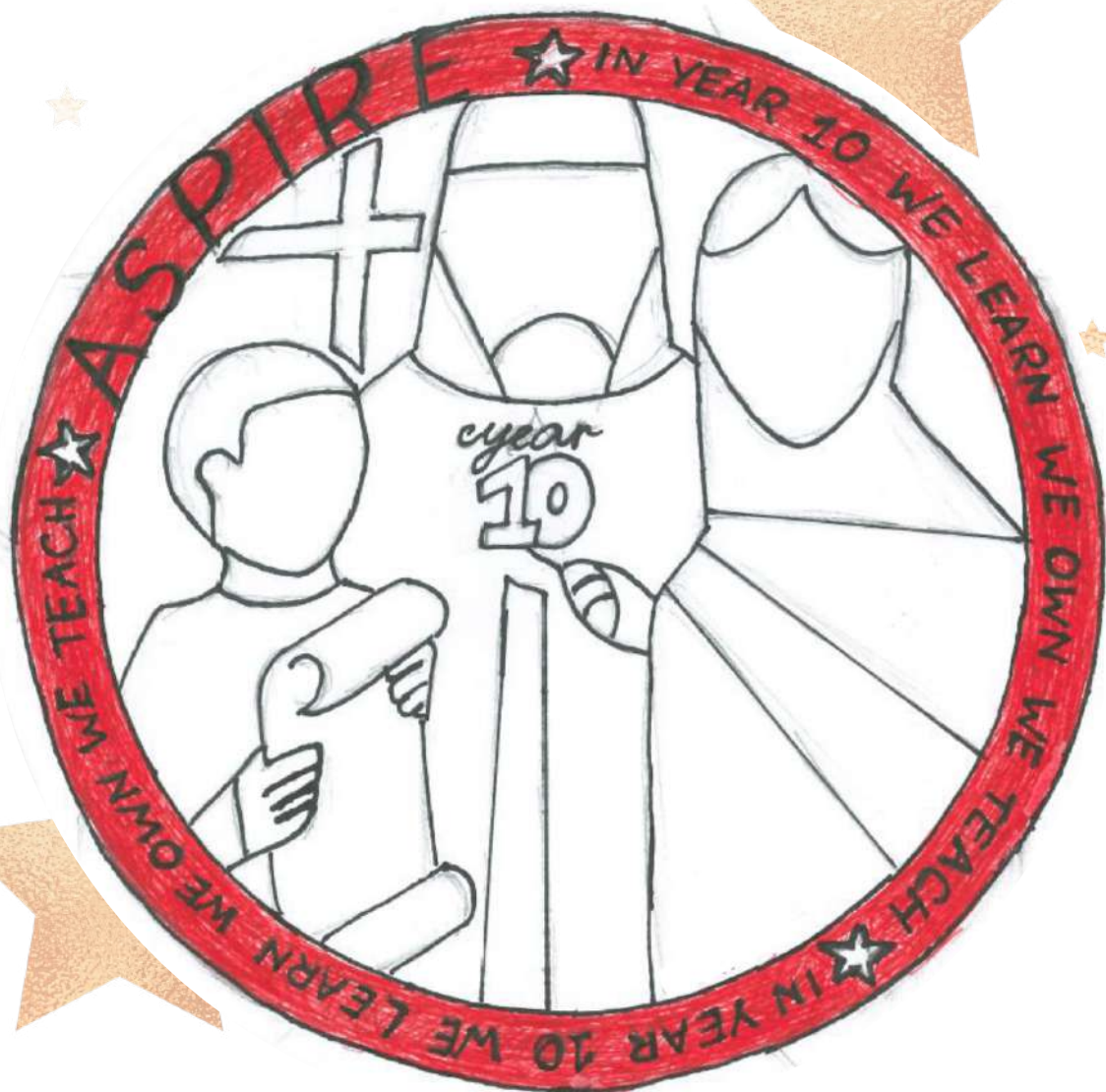
JOSHUA ONUNKWO & EMMANUEL OPPONG KYERE

WERE NOMINATED BY MR THRASIVOULOU FOR THEIR EXCELLENT EXPLANATION OF HOW A VACCINE WORKS IN SCIENCE.

YEAR 10

IN YEAR 10 WE STRIVE TO TAKE OWNERSHIP
OF EVERYTHING WE LEARN AND TEACH
OTHERS TO FOLLOW.

WE EMBODY THE THE HOLY FAMILY WAY AND
CALLUM'S CUSTOMISED DESIGN OF OUR SCHOOL
LOGO REFLECTS OUR YEAR GROUP'S JOURNEY
AND COMMITMENT TO BE THE BEST WE CAN BE
IN ALL AREAS OF OUR LIVES.



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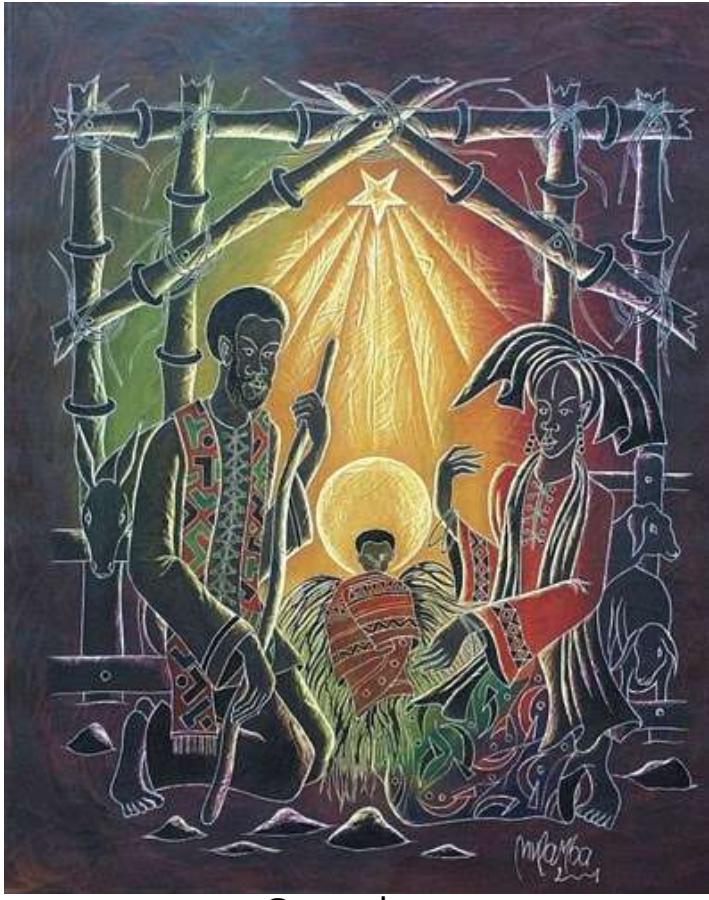
A small selection of the Nativity homeworks from year groups 7 - 10: To find images of Nativities and Holy Families that reflected their home culture. This helps us to celebrate the diversity of the Holy Family and show how we are all made in the image of God.



Chinese & Irish



A Filipino Church Scene



Congolese



Lebanese



Jamaican



Sri Lankan

Christmas in Sierra Leone

The nativity

The picture on the left is a depiction of the nativity, which is made of hand-carved wood. In this picture, it shows Joseph, Mary and the two shepherds praying with two livestock animals next to them.



Spanish Nativity

This is like one of the most popular like pictures or scenes that happens when Jesus was born



Hindu



Romanian



Italian



Ghanaian



Ukrainian & Polish



Polish

In Jamaica, on Christmas Eve, the "Grand Market" happens. It is a really exciting time for the children. In every town and city, there is a cross between a festival and a market. During the day, people go shopping for Christmas foods, sweets, and toys, etc.

Junkanoo originated in the Bahamas around the 17th century as a masquerade ball. Slaves with their faces hidden under a flour paste celebrated on Boxing Day, and the Day after Christmas. Today as a cultural expression, Junkanoo is highly reserved.



Dinner is usually served in the late afternoon and this may include turkey, chicken, curry goat, stewed oxtail, and very importantly rice and peas. Jamaican red wine and rum fruitcake is traditional and is eaten in most homes. The fruits in the cake are soaked in red wine and white rum for months before Christmas.



Jamaicans celebrate by going to church, exchanging gifts with their families, and gathering for a large meal. Dinner on Christmas Day, the biggest feast for Jamaicans, includes chicken, oxtail, curry goat, roast ham, and rice and gungo peas. (Gungo peas, a Christmas specialty for Jamaica, usually ripen in December.

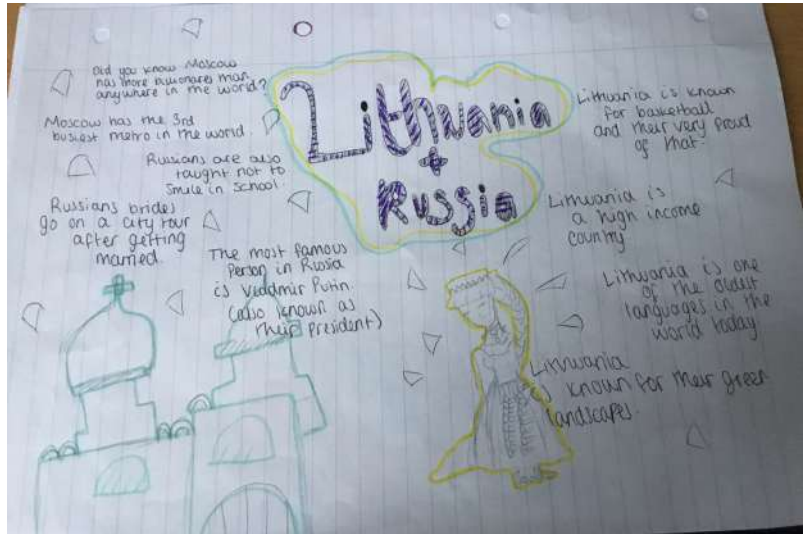
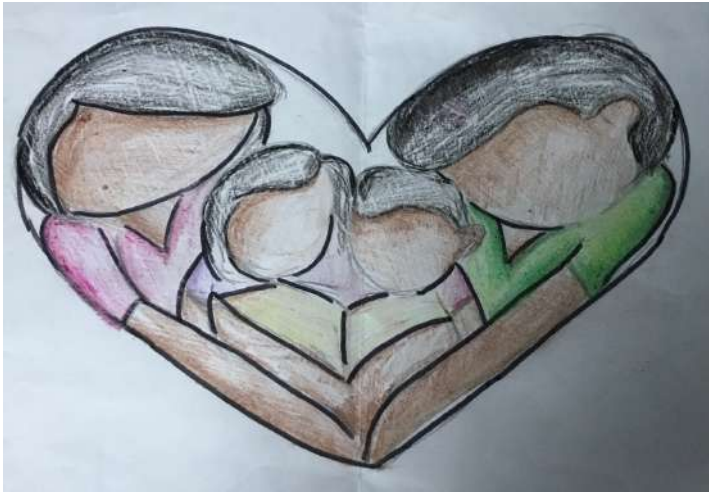


Christmas is a time for celebration especially with family and friends, however, many people around the world celebrate it differently from culture.



RE

Students have so enjoyed sharing their different cultural nativities and Christmas traditions that they have continued to do so in RE lessons this week.

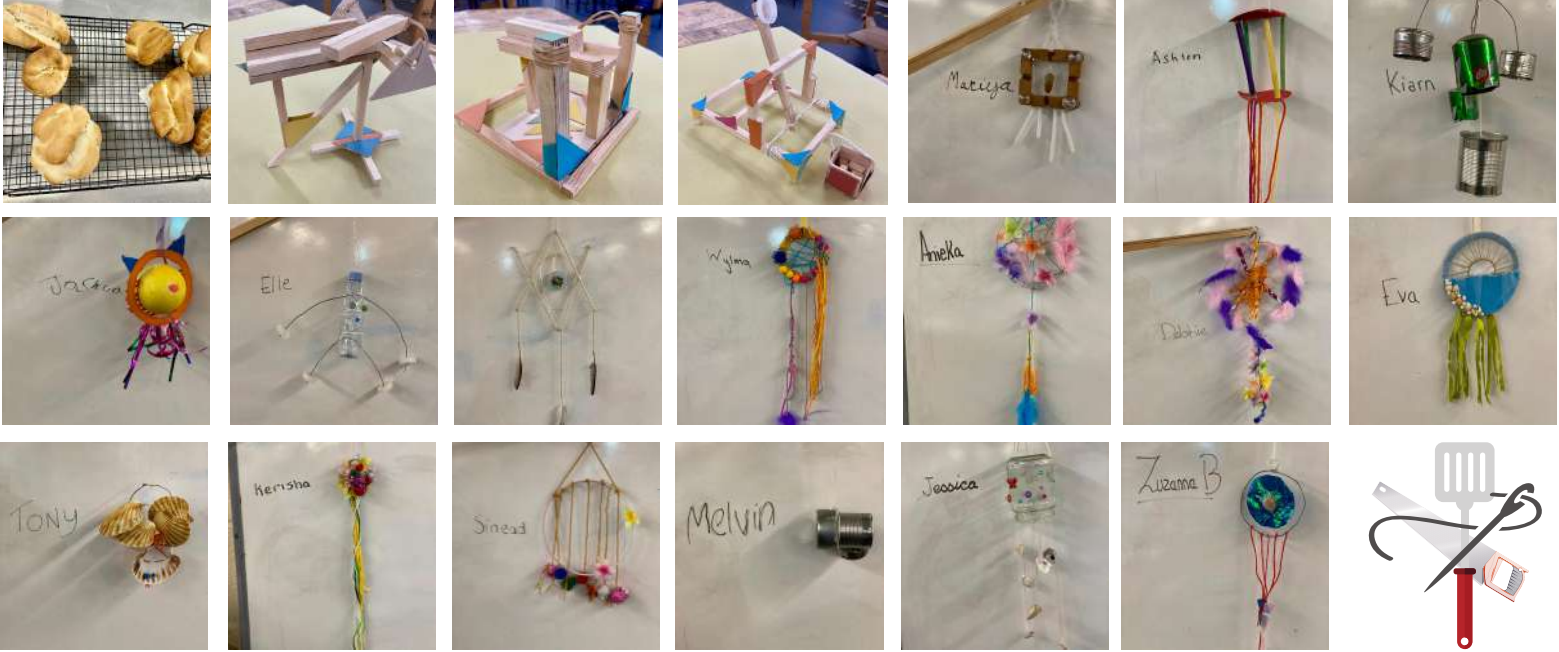


Lithuanian wooden carving of the nativity



D&T ASSEMBLED

Extremely impressive wood work on the lathe by Nana Agyemang & Connor Dalladay year 10. Also this week we've seen great soup, bread and siege engine making as well as fantastic upcycling of materials into hanging ornaments.



D&T ASSEMBLED

Outstanding fashion design using different types of media and some excellent 'how to' guides for sewing thread AND potatoes!



Running Stitch TIPS

A step to step guide on how to

- ★ Thread a needle!
- ★ Tie a Knot
- ★ create a running stitch

tie a knot.

what you will need

- a needle
- thread

1. create a loop with your thread.
2. push your needle through the loop.
3. pull it all the way through.

How to thread a needle

What you will need

- Thread
- Needle

How to sew a running stitch

How to thread a needle

GROWING POTATOES



How to thread a needle

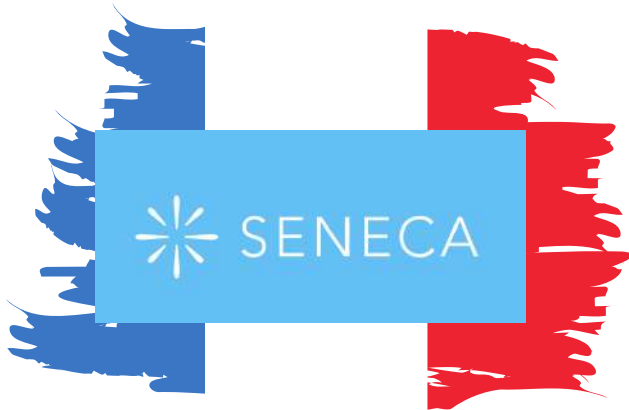
LIFE OF A POTATO

MILANNE 8E



MFL

Well done to the following students who have put in the most hours on Seneca & Active Learn as well as producing excellent work!



**Elizabet P., Brooke P.,
Sinead K., Eto C., Angel K.**



**Javel S., Thomas E-M.,
Tahalia M., Maria P.,
Neriah-Jane O.**



**Isabella C. , Janna S.,
Benita S.**



**Rory O'C., Chantetel Y.,
John V., Maria F. P. ,
Neriah-Jane O., Kamil N.,
Amelia W., Oscar N.**

SIXTH FORM LEAVERS 2020 DESTINATIONS



Chloe Acheampong
London College of Music
Studying: Acting



Daisy Adadevoh
Kingston University
Studying: Creative and Cultural Industries: Design Marketing

Congratulations!

Congratulations!



William Acheampong
University of Brighton
Studying: Business Management with Finance



Nathaniel Afrifah-Adae
Aston University, Birmingham
Studying: Engineering and Applied Science



Jezreel Agu
University of Hertfordshire
Studying: Digital Media Design



Emmanuel Amankwaah
University of Hertfordshire
Studying: Psychology

Congratulations!

Congratulations!



Tommy Akraasi-Bonsu
Nottingham Trent University
Studying: Business Management & Marketing



Angela Marie Amazigo
University of Exeter
Studying: Law with Business (with Industrial Placement)



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Our online application portal will be open from Friday 20th November.


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REMOTE EDUCATION 10 TOP TIPS FOR PARENTS

Remote education ensures continuous learning outside the classroom. For parents and carers, remote education isn't always straightforward and there can be a number of factors they need to consider, especially around ensuring their children feel comfortable and are familiar with the whole concept. That's why we've created this guide to help parents and carers support their child in getting the most out of their remote education experience.

1. TAKE AN ACTIVE INTEREST IN YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING

As a parent or carer, your school may have explained how remote education works already, but children may still need help. Take an active interest in their learning and help support them whenever they need a helping hand.



2. MONITOR YOUR CHILD'S COMMUNICATION AND ONLINE ACTIVITY

It's important to remind your child that despite being at home, the same level of behaviour and conduct exists as if they were at school. Encourage them to remain polite, remember their manners and not to post or send any negative comments just because they are behind a computer.



3. ESTABLISH A DAILY SCHEDULE AND ROUTINE

Working from home and trying to learn in a more casual setting that children might associate more with play and a degree of freedom might take a bit of getting used to. Try to stick to a daily routine and use the timetable/schedule that schools have sent home to help children keep on top of their daily learning.



4. ENCOURAGE SCREEN BREAKS AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AWAY FROM DEVICES

Remote learning will inevitably require more interaction with computers, laptops and tablets. Teachers will invariably advise on screen breaks: however, it doesn't hurt to keep a check on their time online or encourage them to get some fresh air/exercise.



5. ENSURE YOUR LEARNING DEVICE IS IN PUBLIC SPACE IN THE HOME

It's important to consider where your PC or laptop is placed if live video is being used. Try to keep the background neutral, with no personal information visible and move learning devices out of the bedroom as this could be deemed inappropriate.



6. IMPLEMENT SAFETY CONTROLS AND PRIVACY RESTRICTIONS ON APPS AND SOFTWARE

Dependant on how your school implements remote education, your child may be required to download certain software or apps. Whilst these are likely to be relatively safe to use, like any other new app or platform, parents should still implement safety controls as a precaution.



7. ENSURE YOUR CHILD ONLY USES OFFICIAL SCHOOL COMMUNICATION CHANNELS

It's important that all communication with teachers and school staff is directed through approved school channels, whether that be through the school's online portal or the relevant secure messaging site.



8. FAMILIARISE YOURSELF WITH RELEVANT SCHOOL POLICIES

Schools should have a policy on remote education that they can share with parents. Familiarise yourself with this and ensure you know what is expected of teachers and your child during lessons, both online and offline.



9. MAINTAIN FEEDBACK WITH TEACHERS

Engage in communication with teachers where possible, and try to feed back progress and development as well as any helpful suggestions around the learning process. Be transparent but remain professional and only use official channels to communicate.



10. MONITOR YOUR CHILD'S WELLBEING AND MENTAL HEALTH

Remote education will likely mean that your child won't get the same level of social interaction and might not see their friends for a while. Keep a check on their wellbeing and try to encourage them to get out as much as they can. Whilst learning from home might seem fun and exciting to start to with, missing out on seeing their friends every day might take its toll.



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- How to order your mask

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- Complete the [online form](#) and we'll send your mask in the post
- Pick up a mask safely at one of our main libraries below. All you need to do is ask a member of staff. You can check library opening times below:
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 - Leyton Library Plus
 - Leytonstone Library Plus
 - Walthamstow Library Plus
 - Wood Street Library

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Name and contact details of referring agency:		
Clients Name:		
Address:		
Contact details		
Number of a people in the family: Gender and age		
Dietary requirement Does anyone in the family have allergies?? i.e nuts what type of meat does the client eat i.e pork, chicken, halal only		
Does the client have cooking facilities? Does the client have a microwave?		
Please write down a list of food the client will eat, as we are mindful of waste.		
Referrals for items below will only be accepted by professional working with babies, parent/carer (dependant on stock) Milk powder dispenser Manual Breast pump Breast pads Breast care/thermo pads Thermal Tote bag Nappy bag Nappies (please state size)		Office use: please add dates of collection
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