

FAMILY MATTERS

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NEWSLETTER

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6 School Final

One group is chosen to represent each class at your school's First Give Final. A panel of judges rate each class based on their social action and presentations. The winning class wins a First Give grant of £1,000 for their charity.

**WINNERS ANNOUNCED
INSIDE!**



**Good luck to the England
football team on Sunday**

Quotation of the week

"One isn't necessarily born with courage, but one is born with potential. Without courage, we cannot practice any other virtue with consistency. We can't be kind, true, merciful, generous or honest" Maya Angelou

Is it coming home?

I wasn't born when the England football team was last in the final of a major tournament so I'm as excited as the next person that we have made it to the final of Euro 2020. It's been great to follow the progress of the team and to see the camaraderie and friendship among the squad of players. I've been delighted to see Calvin Phillips do so well as I am a Leeds United fan and I've seen him play so brilliantly many times before. Good luck to the team on Sunday evening!

Transition Evening for new Yr 7

It was lovely to welcome parents of our new Yr 7 students to Holy Family on Tuesday evening for a face to face meeting with myself and key staff who work with Yr 7. It is a great shame that we have not been able to hold the transition day from primary school to secondary school this year because of the covid restrictions. However, I know that many Yr 6 students will be attending our summer school at the end of July. We will also be holding face to face meetings with parents in the autumn term (covid regulations permitting) in most year groups as we have really missed being able to have face to face contact with you. These start of year meetings will be in addition to parents evenings which we feel have gone well as virtual online events and have received positive feedback from parents as a more convenient way to meet with teachers to discuss your child's progress.

Sixth Form activities week

It's been a busy week for Yr 12 students. They have spent time this week

- working on their career and university application personal statements
- visiting the University of Brighton
- enjoying a careers day with industry professionals
- Taking part in a retreat day at Aylesford Friary

They completed their mock exams recently and sixth form staff will be advising them about how they can best prepare for the second year of their sixth form studies.

Covid update

We have had to send a small number of students home to self-isolate following positive covid tests among a handful of students in school. This is very frustrating for those affected and I am sorry that we have to do this. The government will end the requirement for students to be in bubbles soon which means that in September we will not be restricted in this way. We are, however, being asked to test students twice using lateral flow tests on their return to school in September. We will provide more details nearer the time once we have had further guidance from the government.

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. You can also email me directly at anytime on a.stone@hollyfamily.waltham.sch.uk

Please continue to remember us in your prayers.

With best wishes,

Dr Stone
Headteacher



NOTICE FROM THE LRC

RETURN YOUR BOOKS BEFORE THE END OF TERM

**FAILURE TO DO SO MAY RESULT IN YOU
BEING REQUESTED TO PAY FOR A
REPLACEMENT BOOK.**



**IF YOU ARE UNSURE ABOUT ANY OUTSTANDING BOOKS
PLEASE SPEAK TO A LIBRARIAN**

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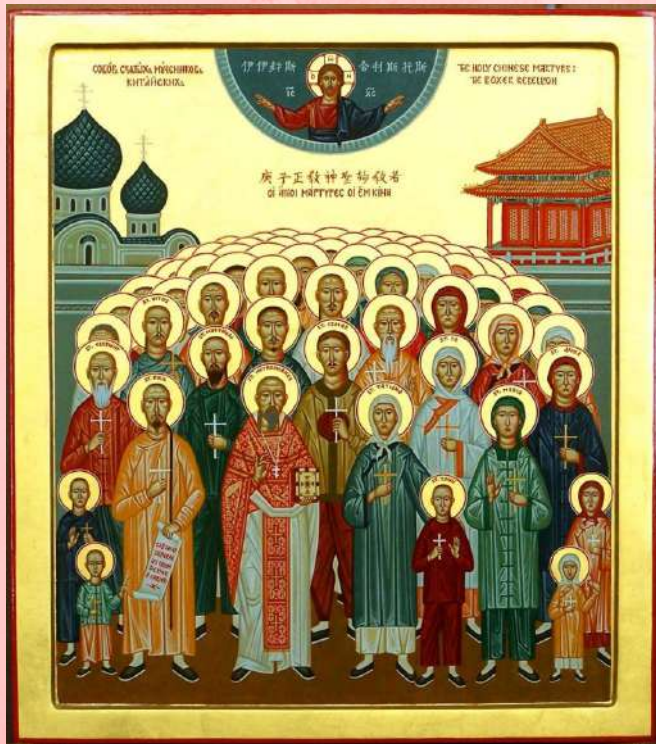
Chaplaincy Corner

St Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest and companions, Martyrs, whose Feast Day is celebrated on 9 July, has a different history from usual in that the 120 martyrs in this group died between 1648 and 1930.

87 of the martyrs were born in China and were children, parents, catechists or labourers, ranging in age from nine years to 72, including four Chinese diocesan priests. The 33 foreign-born martyrs were mostly priests or women religious.

The one named Saint, Augustine Zhao Rong, was a Chinese soldier who accompanied a Bishop of the Paris Foreign Mission Society to his martyrdom in Beijing. The priest's holy example made such a deep impression on Augustine that he decided to convert to Catholicism. Not long after his baptism, Augustine was ordained a diocesan priest. He was martyred in 1815.

Christianity arrived in China by way of Syria in the 600s. Depending on China's relations with the outside world, Christianity over the centuries was free to grow or was forced to operate secretly.



***All-powerful, ever-living God,
turn our weakness into strength.
As you gave Augustine Zhao Rong and
the martyrs of China
the courage to suffer death for Christ,
give us the courage to live in faithful
witness to you.
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and
the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen***

Many of you will remember Fr Maurice Gordon, previously at Our Lady & St George. Fr Maurice has been made a Canon for the Brentwood Diocesan Chapter of Canons. The Mass for Fr Maurice's induction will take place in Brentwood Cathedral on Monday 13 September at 7pm. Congratulations!

Stay safe, Mrs Grierson, Chaplain

TIPS FOR

WELLBEING

This week the NHS tells us:

It can be easy to rush through life without stopping to notice much.

Paying more attention to the present moment - to your own thoughts and feelings, and to the world around you - can improve your mental wellbeing.

Some people call this awareness "mindfulness".

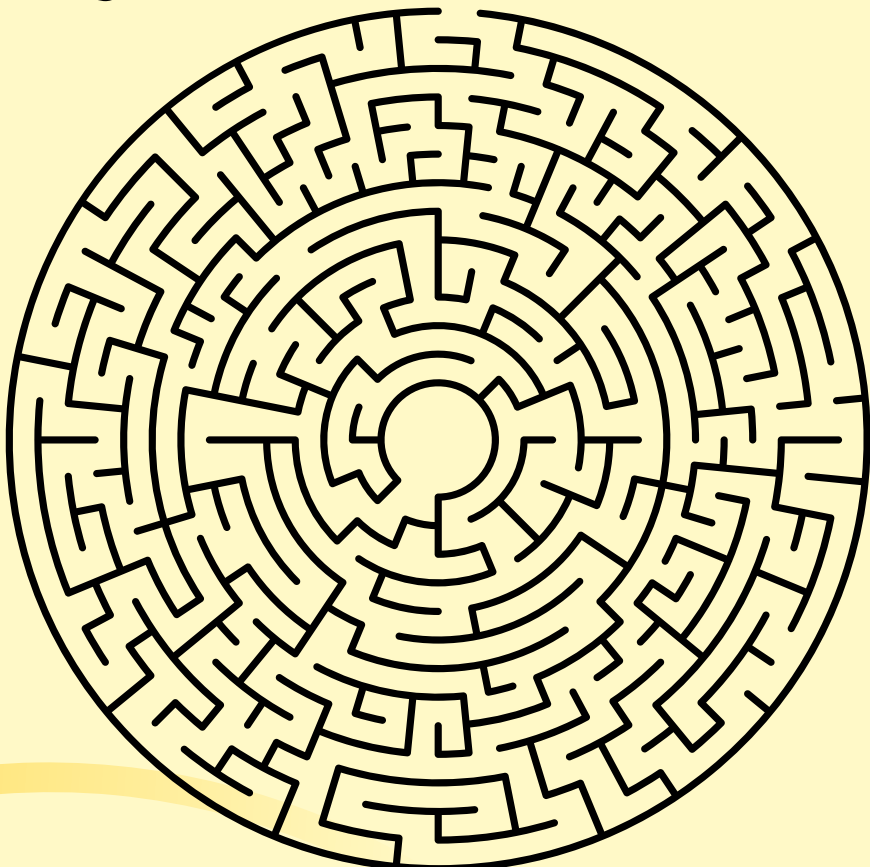
Mindfulness can help us enjoy life more and understand ourselves better. You can take steps to develop it in your own life.

[Click here to learn more:](#)



Mindfulness

Awareness of ourselves and the world around us - sometimes called mindfulness - can improve our mental wellbeing.



YEAR 10

STUDENT OF THE WEEK:

YINGMAN

FOR SHOWING GREAT CONFIDENCE AND SPORTSMANSHIP ON SPORTS DAY.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE STUDENTS WHO RECEIVED STARS LAST WEEK THERE WERE LOTS! PLEASE CHECK THE WEEKLY BULLETIN TO SEE THE FULL LIST.

YOUR FORM TUTORS HAVE ALL PICKED ONE AMAZING STUDENT FROM EACH FORM HERE IS WHAT EACH FORM TUTOR HAS SAID ABOUT EACH OUTSTANDING STUDENT:

10A ANNETTE FOR SHOWING KINDNESS AND ALWAYS WILLING TO HELP MEMBERS OF HER FORM.

10AN KING DAVID OUTSTANDING LEADER WHO ALWAYS TAKES CHARGE

10P GISELA FOR SHOWING GREAT CONFIDENCE ON SPORTS DAY AND TAKING CHARGE IN THE TEAM SPORTS

10PH TACYANA ALWAYS STEPS UP AND HAS SHOWN HERSELF TO BE A GREAT LEADER

10E LAURA IN HER ROLE AS PREFECT SHE IS ON THE BALL, DOES WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE AND IS VERY ORGANISED.

10I SOLANGE VERY KIND, ALWAYS VOLUNTEERS TO HELP AND IS SO LOVELY.

10R JOHN ON SPORTS DAY, HE STEPPED UP AND TOOK CHARGE AND WAS A GREAT SPORTSMAN.

10S SHARON FOR BEING INSTRUMENTAL FOR ORGANISING SPORTS DAY.

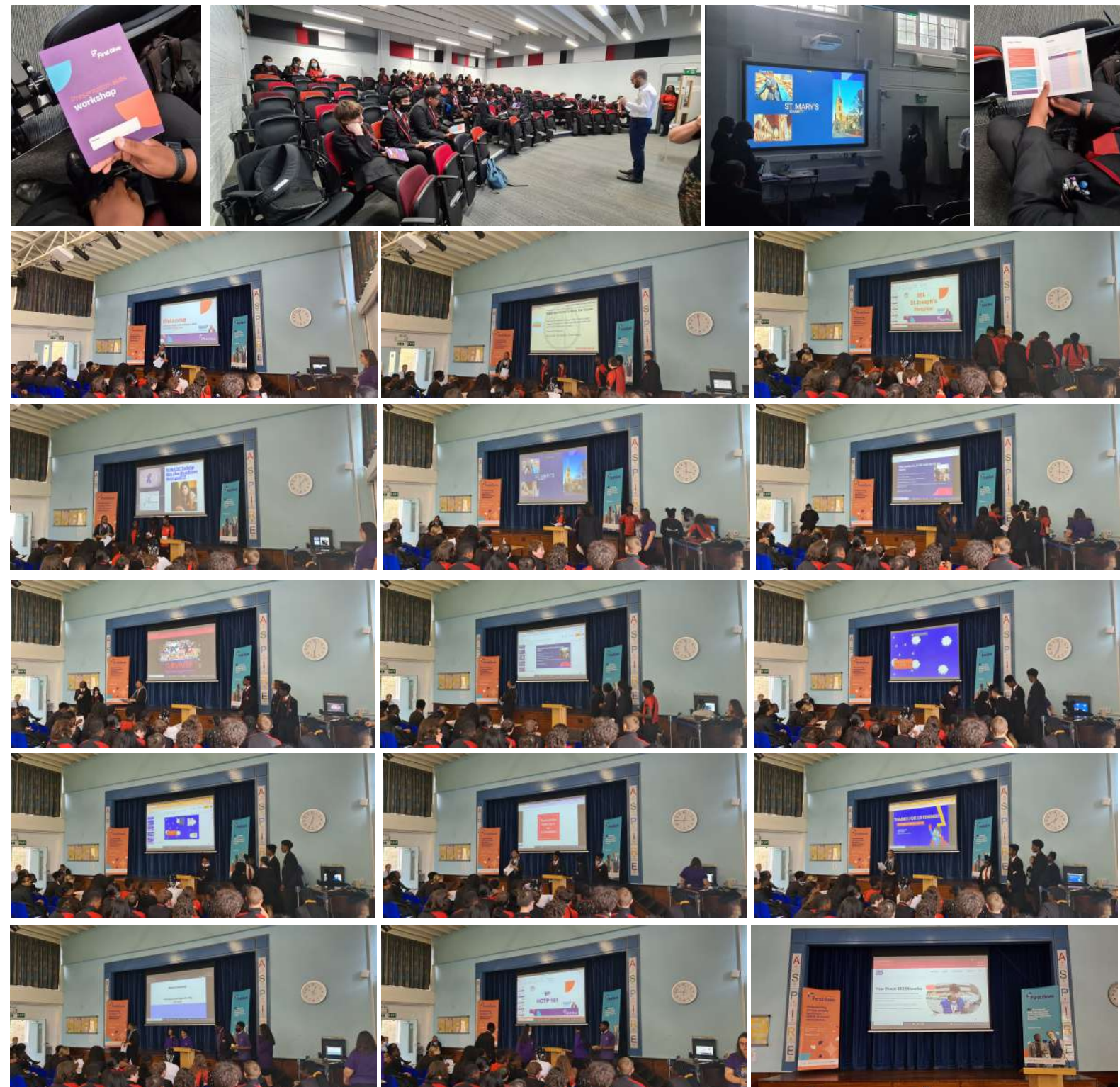
CAREERS DAY 13TH JULY

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU SIGN UP TO THE TALK YOU WANT TO HEAR ON CAREERS DAY. THIS IS REALLY IMPORTANT AS YOU COULD FIND A CAREERS YOU DIDN'T KNOW EXISTED. THE NEXT FEW YEARS ARE REALLY IMPORTANT FOR YOU YEAR 10 AND HAVING A CAREER FOCUS CAN REALLY HELP TO MOTIVATE YOU AND FOCUS YOUR LIFE GOALS. SIGNUP SHEET IS BELOW:

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FIRST GIVE

First Give programme formed a part of year 9 PSHE lessons this year. Students compete to win £1,000 for a small people based charity. This year, after much deliberation 9A we're announced as the winners with St Mary's Night Shelter as their chosen charity.



First Give



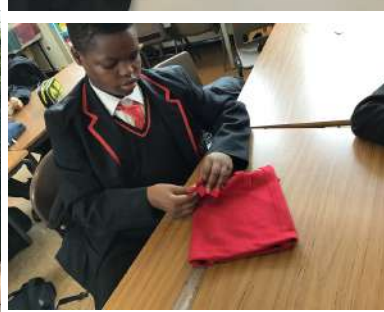
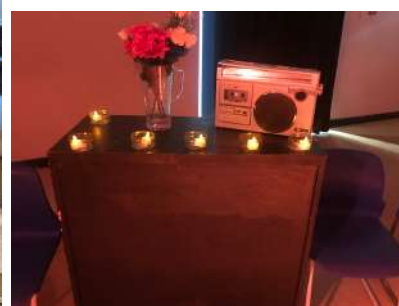
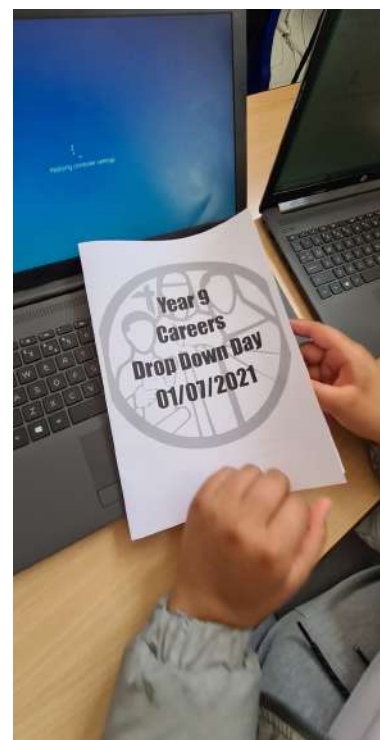
**Jack Petchey
Foundation**
Inspire • Motivate • Achieve

DROP DOWN DAY

Activities included: spiritual retreat ran by BYCS, meditation, careers, sports day prep & participation, giving back to the school community, drama workshops, talks, board games, building fellowship, PSHE, wellbeing, mindfulness and much more!



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D&T ASSEMBLED

Years 7 & 9 have been busy getting their products catwalk ready!



POETRY CLUB

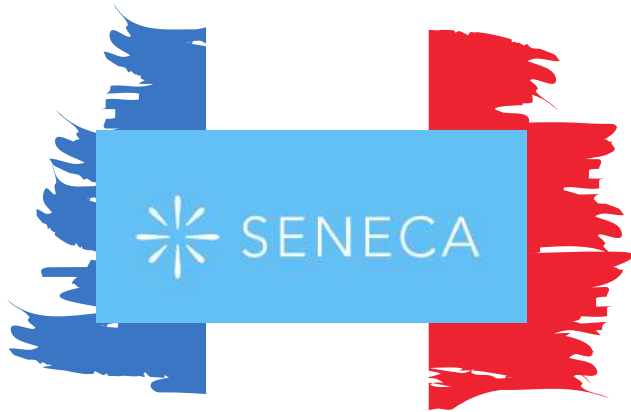


Music By Ernest Torneros

Listening to music
Sitting on my bed
The melody reminds me of a rainy day,
the noise and the sound of the rain exploding against the
window pane.
Reminds me of a time long ago when I danced in my room
with no one around, carefree and exhilarated.



MFL



**Eri A.,
Mariya L.,
Nevin R.,
Benita S.,
Rachel C.**



**Kaylen R.,
Kojo-Djan O.**



**Paulina M.,
Maja M.,
Fi O.,
Anabel C.,
Mariya L.,
Benita S.,
Arjun T.**



**Jeylan H.,
Aniera I.,
Natalia M.,
Naya J.,
Sarah S.,
Crystal M.**

Simon Singh's Parallel Maths Project

Well done to the following students who
have completed all challenges for the
Parallel Maths Project this year.

Year 7

Feile Au
Tianna Cover
Kaylen Rufus

Year 8

Abishan Athiraiyan
Dequane Campbell
Milanne Fernando
Ryan Hanley-Greenway
Aaliyah Hill
Naomi Holness
Julia Matejek
Vanessa Pallan
Chelsy Shotikare
Williams Boateng
Luke Pemberton
Genoa Sanchez
Richu Roychan
Miracle Sossouvi
Shea Dunston



To join in with weekly challenges, sign
up at Parallel.org.uk, code: qzl15u

CAREERS CORNER

There are many more virtual experience opportunities on the [Speakers for Schools website](#) or contact Mr Fidegnon for more info.



Closed: Behind the scenes in the Energy sector

Cadent Gas

Virtual Work Experience -

Cadent are the largest gas distribution network in the country however the government has set a target for the UK to be net zero by 2050. That means reducing harmful CO2 emissions by 100%. Those emissions come from burning fossil fuels like coal, diesel and fossil gas – to power our industries, ru...

Featured Online 21/07/2021 Favourite

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Game Academy Summer Bootcamp

Game Academy

Virtual Work Experience -

Places on this opportunity are for students attending schools and colleges in Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield area only.

You love gaming. But did you know that some games call upon certain skills? And that many of those skills are in great demand by employers?

The Bootcam...

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'The Great Stink', incredible engineering and a celebration of our heritage

Thames Water

Virtual Work Experience -

Thames Water has long history of providing drinking water and sanitation in London and the Thames Valley. This means we look after many fascinating historical heritage buildings and steam pumping engines, some of which are still in use today.

Join us to explore the innovative development of...

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National Teen Book Club: Become an Author!

Book Clubs in Schools (BCiS)

Virtual Work Experience -

Passionate about reading? Do you see being a writer in your future? This is a five week unique and interactive opportunity for you to connect with thousands of other teen readers across the UK to share in the first virtual book club. Between 3.30pm and 4.30pm every Wednesday for five weeks, you w...

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bp - Work Insights virtual work experience

BP

Virtual Work Experience - Sunbury-on-Thames

Our virtual insight week for 2021 will have a special focus on green skills

bp's purpose is: "to re-imagine energy for people and our planet".

We are looking for motivated students to take part in this experience and learn about our global energy business.

Attendees will benefit from...

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FRC Work Experience (hybrid)

Financial Reporting Council

Virtual Work Experience - Online

Want to learn how audit firms are regulated and by who?

Interested in how companies report on climate change?

The Financial Reporting Council (FRC) is offering an exciting work experience for Year 12 students across the UK. This hybrid work experience, virtual and in the office, w...

Online 18/10/2021 Favourite

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WHY TRY VIRTUAL WORK EXPERIENCE?



ACCESS

VWEX'ing opens the doors of opportunity to young people right across the country and allows employers to grow their talent pipeline and make a difference to those who really need it.



IMPACT

VWEX'ing allows for greater impact, as "seats" are not required, opening up the chance for more young people to access great opportunities wherever they are.



FREE

As a charity, we are focused on ensuring educators and young people have great experiences and free access to our services to ensure a level playing field and meaningful outcomes.



SUPPORTED

We recognise that you will have many questions. This is why we will work closely with you to ensure you're supported every step of the way under a structured and impactful programme.

LETTER FROM MARCUS RASHFORD MBE

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We hope you are well and that your child/ren is enjoying the summer term and the warm weather!

Ahead of the summer holidays, we wanted to let you know about the brilliant new Holiday Activities and Food programme which is operating in your local area. We are helping to launch a new film to promote the programme so parents know that their children can get involved in a local holiday club when the school term ends this July.

We know that the holidays can be a really difficult time for families who are struggling to make ends meet or who are juggling work and childcare. The holidays should be a time for every child to enjoy themselves rather than worrying about having enough to eat or how they can spend their free time.

That's why we're really excited about the summer holiday programmes that are being funded by the Government and will take place across the whole of England. This was recommended by the National Food Strategy when it was published last year. A petition supporting the recommendation was signed by over 1 million people.

Places on the holiday schemes are available for free to children who receive free school meals, but children and young people of all ages and backgrounds are welcome to attend. Each local programme will provide delicious, healthy meals, allow kids to get active, help them learn new things, make friends and have fun. And that is what the holidays are all about!

You can find out more by watching this new film that we've made: <https://youtu.be/KDgm8KpXAXE>

The holiday programmes are open to children of any age and are free for children eligible for free school meals. They will:

- Provide a safe and supportive environment for children
- Be led by experienced local coordinators teaming up with a range of different partners in their communities
- Serve children tasty and nutritious food and opportunities to learn about food and nutrition
- Organise lots of activities so every child can find something they enjoy - from Kung Fu and cooking to bushcraft.
- Keep children and young people happy, healthy and active
- Offer a flexible childcare option for busy parents

You can find out exactly what's available in your local area either by visiting your council's website or by searching online for HAF (that stands for Holiday Activity and Food).

We hope you and your family have a great summer with the Holiday Activities and Food programme!

Yours sincerely,

Marcus Rashford MBE

Henry Dimbleby MBE (Founder of Leon, Independent Lead of the National Food Strategy)

JOIN OUR MODULO ORCHESTRA

Includes trips to
meet up with
other school
orchestras

Masterclasses
by professional
musicians



Starting—Wednesday 3:10pm
ALL INSTRUMENTS WELCOME
INCLUDING KEYBOARDS AND UKELELES.
SOME INSTRUMENTS CAN BE TAUGHT AS
WE GO SO IF YOU ARE INTERESTED
COME ALONG.



Walthamstow International Film Festival 2021

The Walthamstow International Film Festival announces its 2020-2021 programme of short films to be screened on **Saturday 10th July 2020** from **11.00am to 6pm** at The Truman Social Club (1 Priestley Way, London E17 6AL).

With over 70 films from Walthamstow and from international entrants, the festival returns after the postponement of its 2020 event to a new home in the recently opened Truman Social Club at the heart of the Blackhorse Road creative hub.

This year, the programme of Animation, Documentary, Drama, Experimental and U18 short films of 5 minutes and under show a huge range in the filmmakers and in the way that creatives have risen to the challenge of producing festival standard work under lockdown restrictions; a theme which is expressed through shooting choices (using smartphones or technology to hand) and in the content.

*"We're so impressed with the way that filmmakers have managed to produce outstanding work", says **Paul Fletcher**, Founder/Director of the entry level festival, which has been running since 2010. "We're also thrilled to be in our new screening home at Truman Social Club, where we are able to show festival regulars and new and emerging talent."*

There will be a break at 15.30 to show a feature length documentary by artist Nancy Willis. This will be followed by a Q&A chaired by Walthamstow literary legend, "Other Teresa".

Says **Liza Fletcher**, Co-founder and Director, "We may not be able to invite our international entrants from Iran, North America, Japan, South Africa and Australia this year, but our festival volunteers will ensure that we interview film fans, filmmakers and audience members on our **@e17filmfestival** account on Instagram and other social channels.

1. **FREE** Registration Eventbrite Link: https://wiff2021_truman_100721.eventbrite.co.uk
2. Walthamstow International Film Festival Website: <http://e17films.com/>
3. WIFF 2021 is part of the [E17 Art Trail Programme](#).

Calling All Creative Minds: Writing To Reflect

Enter now for your chance to win a programme place and tablet!



At InvestIN, we want to finish the school year on a high by taking a moment to reflect on what we have gained this year, rather than what we have lost.

To celebrate National Writing Day, we're calling on students aged 12-18 to enter our '*Writing to Reflect*' competition. We're looking for positive, thoughtful submissions detailing a skill or life lesson you have learnt outside the classroom and how you think it will benefit your future.

Shortlisted entries will be judged by a professional writer and the winner will receive an Amazon Fire Tablet and a place on one of our 'Live Online' weekend programmes! For every entry, we'll make a donation to UNICEF, whose life-changing work helps children across the world access education.

The deadline for entries is Friday 6th August and must be no more than 250 words. Enter now for your chance to win!

[Enter Now](#)

Summer Movie Making Courses



“The best holiday course they’ve ever been on.”
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Summer Shoots: Movie Making Summer Camps

Summer Courses for Young Filmmakers



Take part in the Summer Shoots, where you’ll share your creative ideas and collaborate with others as you produce your own unique movie production.

From directing, shooting, working as part of the crew, editing and also acting in front of camera, there is lots to enjoy in each experience and a series of professional movie making skills to learn. At the end, you’ll have a completed movie production to celebrate and share.

Find out more: www.sparksarts.co.uk