



Parent Bulletin – week ending Friday 27th March 2020

Dates for Diary:

DATE	TIME	EVENT
23/03/2020	POSTPONED	Spring Concert
24/03/2020	POSTPONED	Year 8 Geography Trip Greenwich Ca,Ch & Pr (Surname Ba – Dud)
25/03/2020	POSTPONED	Year 8 Geography Trip Greenwich Ph,Po & Pr (Surname Dun – Za)
26/03/2020	POSTPONED	Year 9 Parents' Evening
27/03/2020	POSTPONED	Year 12 UCAS HE Fair Detling
02 – 15 April Easter Holiday		
22/04/2020	POSTPONED	KS5 Geography Trip Margate
23/04/2020	CANCELLED	Year 7 Parents' Evening
27/04-01/05 2020	CANCELLED	Year 10 Internal Examinations
04-15/05/2020	CANCELLED	Year 09 Internal Examinations

Art Department – Miss Ried

As school has closed, please check your class' team site on Teams, e.g. 8J art, 7L art etc...

Year 12 & 13 have each got one combined Team for both of us (Mr Gratus & Miss Ried). I will set a similar amount of work than we would undertake under normal circumstances in class. The easiest way to access Teams is via the mobile app. Many thanks

History Department – Mr Smith

-Year 12 and 13 - A webinar on source skills for paper 2 (Cold War) is on Wednesday 8th April (6.30pm). Register here to access for FREE from home during the Easter

holidays. <https://t.co/yHZB16cU9a?amp=1>

-Year 11- All resources for the 4 exams are on your class team. Please access and use them to follow your bespoke revision timetables during any possible school closure, self-isolation, and Easter holiday.

-Year 9 and 10 - All resources for your summer exam are on your class team. Use them from now on to prepare for the internal exams in May.

reading cloud

Ms Farley is pleased to announce that the library system “Reading Cloud” is now available to students.

Students are able to login online at home or school and check the library catalogue for resources. This includes exciting fiction for all ages and useful non-fiction for aiding study and homework.



Students must login to the system using the first part of their school email address, e.g. **nfarley19**, and use the password **DGSB** (all capitals).

Students must then immediately change their password.

The site not only allows students to search the library catalogue for resources, but also allows them to create their own profile and to write reviews about books they have read.

By using the system and checking out books, Reading Cloud suggests new texts to expand their reading interests.



Students can also track which books they have read and which books might be overdue with Reading Cloud.

Reading Cloud is a brilliant opportunity to develop literacy and reading within the school. Please encourage students to login and make use of it!

Ms Farley, School Librarian

Key Stage 3 Charity Update - Tiny Toes

As you may be aware Key Stage 3 (yrs 7+8) have been raising money for East Kent Hospital Trust in particular Tiny Toes Charitable Trust.

40 students took on the challenge of an Ironman at Betteshanger Park on Wednesday 11th March 2020. All the students were absolutely brilliant and did themselves and the school proud.

Our current total is £2,525.30

Thank you to all of those that have donated and received sponsorship for their efforts. Please do keep bringing in any sponsorship forms and monies. With school closures, I know this will be difficult. If you would like - I am happy for you to use the link below to donate and once the schools re-open send in the form.

If you are planning to use the link below, please ensure you put the child's name with DGSB Ironman as the title.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/jamie-platts5-7-2019>

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact.

Kind regards

Jamie Platts

Music notice:

Keep playing your instruments musicians! Keep singing too! Music heals the soul. Stay safe everyone and I look forward making music with you again in the near future. Mrs Simes.

School Library Updates

Librarian: Ms Farley — efarley@dgsb.co.uk

Ms Farley is keen to make the library an inclusive, safe, and happy space for students to read and study.

The library is currently being shared with the History department but students are able to access the library before and after school everyday as well as every break and lunch time.

**The winner of the design a bookmark competition is...
Richie in year 7! Bookmarks are available to collect from
Ms Farley's desk in the library**

To encourage independent reading and to promote the use of the library, Ms Farley is excited to introduce a new competition:



Library Competition: Get Caught Reading

Last term's winner: Luca in year 7!

1. Students get caught reading a book of their choice in the library
2. Students explain what they like about the book and what is happening so far
3. Students receive a raffle ticket as a reward for independent reading*
4. At the end of each term, a raffle ticket will be picked at random and the student will win a book token

* Students can win one ticket per week