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SEPTEMBER RETURN!



We are delighted to hear from the government that all students will be returning to full time education in September and are looking forward to seeing everyone in the safe and secure environment of our new buildings. Further details will follow soon. In the meantime, Year 10 will continue their lessons in school next week alongside one to one meetings for Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9 students. All the best to our Year 12 students who are now starting their final assessments after a tumultuous year! We are excited to report that a record number of students will be joining us from Year 6 and their online induction event with Mrs White (Transition Coordinator), Mr Cooper (Head of Learning) and tutors will take place next week. Also, just in case you thought we wouldn't have a Sports Day, our fantastic PE team led by Ms Tinsley and Mr Blackwell have an announcement to make...

Peter Gillett, Headteacher



13th July
TO **17th July**

CHALLENGES

Speed Bounce | Sofa Dips | One Mile Run
Dance Challenge | Ten Top Challenge

PARTICIPATE
AT **Home**

On 13th July, for the first time in Hertswood Academy history, our annual inter-house sports day is going digital and we want **all** of you to be a part of it.

We would like our students and families to have a go at the challenges we have set and record their scores across the week. By **Friday 17th July at 12pm** we would like you to have let us know how you got on by submitting your scores to our **Virtual Sports Day** Google Form, to earn those all important House Points.

On Monday 13th July you will learn the details, as Hertswood PE staff introduce the challenges on your year group's Google Classroom. We will be encouraging both students and their families to compete, so get ready!



With fundraising a challenge now more than ever, the Academy is now registered with **EasyFundraising**, so you can raise FREE donations for us when you do your everyday online shopping. All you have to do is find the retailer you want to shop with on the **EasyFundraising** website or app, shop as usual, and the retailer will donate to us when you make a purchase – at no extra cost to you!

Sign up for free at www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/hertswoodacademy.



Haikus For Our Time

One of the many activities students were involved in this weeks was a Literacy Challenge, to write their own haiku relating to their experiences and the wider situation this year, or the time of year itself. More than eighty students took the time to create and submit an entry. Here is a small sample of their creations.

**People are changing,
We don't know if it is good,
Make it a good change.**

Rose (Year 8)

**Lockdown can be tough,
It pushes your mental state,
But the sun still shines.**

Johnny (Year 9)

**The sun is shining,
A subtle breeze fills the air,
It makes me feel good.**

Gracie (Year 7)

**These dark times will end,
After storms come the rainbows,
We just have to wait.**

Marta (Year 9)

**Look out for yourself,
You don't know what is to come,
Keep safe and bring hope.**

Sakshi (Year 10)

**On Thursday night we,
Clap for braver souls that ours,
We look up to them.**

Christopher (Year 9)

Staying Safe Online

With students spending so much of their time remote learning, we would like to offer parents and carers guidance on how to keep their children safe online. The links below are valuable resources suggested by the Government during the lockdown.

- [Thinkuknow](#) by National Crime Agency - CEOP (Child Exploitation and Online Protection) provides resources for parents and carers and children of all ages to help keep children safe online
- [Childnet](#) has developed [guidance for parents and carers](#) to begin a conversation about online safety
- [Parent Info](#) is a collaboration between Parent Zone and NCA-CEOP, providing support and guidance for parents and carers related to the digital world from leading experts and organisations
- [NSPCC](#) has [guidance for parents and carers](#) to help keep children safe online
- [UK Safer Internet Centre](#) provides tips and advice for parents and carers to keep children safe online - you can also [report any harmful content found online through the UK Safer Internet Centre](#)

First News Access Online

Don't forget to take a look at this week's First News, a news source designed specifically for young people. The articles are a great mix of Coronavirus information, as well as a lot of other interesting things still happening across the world.

Among other things, this week's edition covers the safe reopening of various attractions after lockdown, pride month and the problem of plastic pollution.

You can access it at https://schools.firstnews.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/resources/FIRSTNEWS_732-1.pdf.

