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Message from the Headteacher

It feels like a very long time since my last message, and during that time the landscape both at school and nationally has changed a great deal. It has been great to see the students return to school over the last two weeks, first of all for testing and then to faceto-face learning in the classroom. To get to this point has been very much the result of a phenomenal team effort by all elements of the school community. I wanted to take this moment as an opportunity to take stock of what has been achieved:

- The incredibly efficient and professional testing centre staffed entirely by volunteer staff (having undertaken additional training and giving time to support the reopening of the school) by processing close to 3,000 tests in the week beginning 8 March on top of their normal day jobs and other tasks
- Staff self-testing kits have been distributed and self-test routine set up from Monday 8 March
- Our assessment approach for Year 11 and 13 students has been clarified by leaders and HODs in order that teachers, parents and students can begin preparations to support the students achieving the grades they deserve despite the disruption to their school year.



- We welcomed back the students in their entirety to the school on Wednesday 10 March having all undertaken 2 tests for Covid 19 and re-established routines, reassured students and provided a positive return to school life for the students (despite some additional challenges provided by the weather!)
- We carried out a successful online Parents Evening for Year 9 in support of their ongoing progress and informing their options decision making process – Thank you to those parents who contacted me to tell me how optimistic, positive and supportive the teachers were in support of their children.
- We distributed student self-test kits to all students to enable all students to test themselves twice this week before coming into school.

It is worth noting that we have picked up asymptomatic cases for self-isolation both through the in-school testing programme and the self-testing which is reassuring in providing additional means of controlling the virus within our school community. Nonetheless, we have not been complacent about maintaining all our existing controls that have been in place since the start of the school year.





Message from the Headteacher (continued)

I am hugely grateful for the incredible adaptability and dedication of staff undertaking testing roles alongside their normal roles in order to support reopening and welcoming the students back for face-to-face teaching.

The experiences have really epitomised the quote below from Helen Keller.

"Alone, we can do so little; together we can do so much."

- Helen Keller

These last few weeks have really illustrated in abundance what an inspirational and exceptional school community we have here at Warlingham. The students have responded brilliantly to testing in the same way as they have all of the challenges and new routines thrown at them during the pandemic and it is exciting to see the school buildings coming back to life with their welcome return. During lockdown, our students have demonstrated excellent qualities and self-discipline to sustain remote learning and this is something we are enjoying building upon as they return to face-to-face learning. They will undoubtedly draw on the character and resilience that these experiences have developed in their ongoing academic studies and life beyond school. I would like to express my thanks to parents and carers who have supported the students through remote learning, testing in school and at home as well as the return to school life. While we are far from a restoration of normality, the return to routine has clearly been of benefit to the students. Please could I ask that students continue to walk or cycle to school where possible and not to arrive significantly before their staggered start time. This really helps to minimise the mixing of students and help control the spread of the virus in our school community alongside the other measures in place.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the school as we maintain the controls that will hopefully enable us to continue to take steps back towards more normal school life.

Paul Foster Headteacher



Warlingham School & Sixth Form College



The Warlingham Learner







Covid Testing at School—Our Experiences

Staff and Students adapting to the new testing routine. You can read Mr Foster's contribution to a Surrey Mirror article on testing and the return to schools by <u>clicking here</u>



The Student Experience

Overall, I found the testing experience rather simple and easy when at school. I was able to arrive not long after our allocated time had begun, and therefore was able to get through the queues and register quickly. From there, the people in the testing booths were very keen to make sure I was okay and really helped make the test easy to complete. **Emily 10N**





Covid Testing at School—Our Experiences

Staff Experience

Months ago when we all thought 'yes I'd like to play my part and give a few hours to testing', we could not have imagined the weeks ahead. We've carried out thousands of tests, reassured hundreds of our students, guided, encouraged and identified and halted the spread of positive cases.

It's been tough, tiring, monotonous, a complete departure from anything we've done before, we've steamed up, cleaned down (a lot!) but it's been a unique and vital experience that none of us will forget! Working as part of this team really has been great. We should all be so proud of how we've pulled together and supported each other so seamlessly. We've risen to a huge challenge and delivered above and beyond what was asked of us, with impressively few tears and tantrums! A 'well-oiled machine' has been bandied about many times but we absolutely have been.

The best part has been re-discovering how great our colleagues really are, and I have so enjoyed getting to know and working with really great people who I've been crossing paths with for years but only having time to share a quick "morning" in a busy corridor.



Although we are all 'done' with it all, tired and tired of saying the same thing again and again! we've been part of an amazing team and have played an important part in a period of time of great historical significance.

Mrs V Stokes - Student Support Manager







Parental Messages of Support

"The main thing I wanted to say was how all the staff were just so positive and enthusiastic and there was absolutely no sense of negativity over "lost learning", "catch up" and it really came through with a genuine sense of optimism with every single teacher's comments.

Thank you and all your team for promoting such a positive culture of reward, praise and encouragement and giving such a warm welcome back to students and parents

Have a great week and thank you for the difference you are making!"

"In October my daughter was offered a place at Warlingham school. I was quite concerned at the time about her moving school I was quickly reassured that she would be in good hands at Warlingham. Obviously since then she was in school from October - December and she has attended since January as a Key worker child. I really feel it important to send this email as my husband and I are both secondary teachers and therefore feel we have a realistic take on UK schools in 2021.

Can I stress that at all stages and with all dealings of staff at Warlingham we have been met with nothing but positive action and highly professional responses. We have raised concerns about our daughter on a few occasions and these have been met with rapid solutions and support at every stage. "Our family would like to thank everyone for the outstanding way the school has dealt with the issues covid has brought to education. When I hear of other schools and education centres we are very grateful our children are at Warlingham. You have kept us all fully updated and supported and the education system as a whole has had 2 very difficult years and I feel that you all at the school have gone above and beyond to keep everyone aware of what the procedures are and in supporting the students and families and I am very grateful. Particularly with arranging the testing of so many students with very little notice. Please pass on our thanks to all concerned "

"I just wanted to applaud Warlingham School for the amazing remote learning that we have received I work in a school personally and appreciate how hard these weeks have been but we cannot fault anything, from the amount of work to the live lessons and also responding at all hours and for that we truly are grateful "

Thank you to our parents and carers for your messages of support and encouragement, they really make all the difference during these challenging times!



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World Book Day

read a book and enjoy some relaxation. The theme for World Book Day this year was 'Share a literature being enjoyed by the students and we hope these reading habits continue throughout the books our school community have been reading, including this one of Ifeoluwa Efunnuga in





Congratulations!

Congratulations to our Careers Week & World Book day competition winners, Scarlett Freyone in 10G and Anastasia Smitth in 9A.

Also A big well done to Alex Frith 7A and Joel Gladwin 7A our runners up who both wrote brilliant stories about NHS workers.

Scarlett's story imagines a day in the life of a hard-working retail worker and Anastasia's is a celebration of teachers' work during the pandemic.

Scarlett's Story:

It was that time again. The dreaded beeping sound alarming me its morning, I let it beep for a while whilst I laid there in the warm hug of my duvet. Eventually I stopped my alarm and headed downstairs so I could hear the soothing whistling sound of my kettle to give me my energy for the day. Monday to Friday is all the same - I hon-estly could not tell you what day it is - It could be Tuesday; it might be Thursday. Who knows? I done the same as usual, I showered, got dressed, brushed my teeth, brushed my hair, and before I left, I checked if I had my phone, keys and most importantly my mask about 3 times.

To my left was my neighbour Eddie, I see him every morning, and he says the same thing every time, "what a beautiful day it is, don't you think?" In his breathy, adenoidal voice. Even if it were pouring with rain, he would still appreciate it but today it actually was a nice day. The sun showing off its new rays, the grass gleaming towards the sky. But I cannot get distracted by it otherwise ill be late for work, and I know, "we are in a pandemic, why are you working?", well I am a retail worker (I am a cashier to be more specific). So, I must work still.

I have finally reached my destination; I was lucky today though and did not have the job of opening up. I sanitised my hands, put my mask on and in I went. It was now mid-day, and these two people had a bottle of gin and a ton of snacks, I cannot tell if they are friends or a couple. You can meet up in a group of 6 people so I am guessing that is what they were doing, I am feeling a bit jealous, although you can meet people my family/ friends and I have not seen each other since I work, and I do not want to risk their health. As I scanned the bottle of gin, I realised how much I missed the fluorescent flashing lights that filled the floor, blaring music that consumed my thoughts. People dancing, happily intoxicated focusing on the moment rather than their surroundings. I handed them their change and they were off, creating memories that will stick forever.

I was drained but it was finally the end of my shift, back to the solace of my home. I washed my hands as soon as I got in and relaxed for the rest of the night, I prepared my meal for one as I watched some tele. I do not stay up late very often as the day wears me out so I was up in bed by 22:00 and fell into a slumber by 22:30. I dreamt of the day I could see my family and friends again but then it was that time again.







Mrs Midmore

Congratulations!

Anastashia's story:

Day in the Life of a Key Worker: Teachers

During the lockdowns, the amount of effort and hard work teachers have been putting in has been underappreciated! So here I am today to present to you how much work they put in, in just one day...

Five hundred and forty eight thousand alarm clocks ring out in every ear, every weekday morning, just to give an education to this 'isolation generation'. The five lessons we receive daily don't just appear out of nowhere; come on, someone, somewhere prepares them for us. Now those are the superheroes we like to call our teachers!

Throughout the 6 hour long school days, the superheroes of our education swoop in on their Microsoft and Outlook Mobiles and save the day! Imagine all the extra hours of planning and preparation it took to make this possible. These superheroes don't only educate, they empower, encourage, uplift, and inspire often bringing smiles to their pupils' faces. Even though their smiles are masked, it doesn't blur the vision they have for our future.

Some of the best teachers, I mean superheroes, even fly the extra mile by consistently attending school to assist the children of other key workers just like themselves! Their consideration proves exemplary and their bravery, extraordinary.

Dedicated to their craft, they find the time to reply at lightning speed to any queries or stresses we may have to ensure that we are well. Philanthropic, they make every lesson with us in mind and within our best interest. Just another superhero quality I suppose!

Whereas our school day comes to a halt, their evening just begins. The passionate leaders of our education mark and grade our day's work to determine that we not only get the credit we deserve but

also challenge us to reach our highest potential ,whilst caring for their own children and families.

Some may say 'well it's their job' but come on! It's so much more than that. The risks are there, the risks are real. I've seen it first-hand. It's a selfless job, it's a sacrifice often causing them to miss the quality moments in their own children's' education.

And that was only Monday! But not just any Monday. That was a Monday, in the life of a teacher/key worker/superhero.





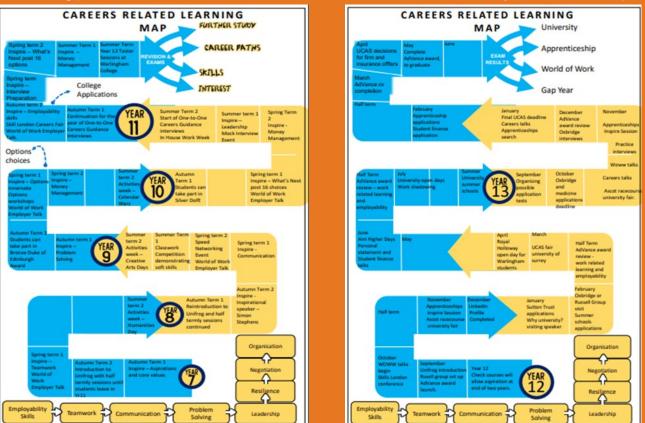
Careers Learning & Education Mapping

I would like to introduce you to the new Careers and Learning Education Careers Journey Plan documents. These are now posted on the school website and detail the main events and opportunities that students will be offered during their time at Warlingham School and Sixth form from year 7 all the way to 13.

We have other exciting plans building for the Summer term that I will be sharing with you in due course but in the meantime feel free to have a look at the journey plan under the Info tab, the Careers Information, Advice and Guidance section.

On the website you will also find many resources, links and information with regards to Unifrog access for students. Please take some time to have a look through as it is relevant for students of all ages.

On a final note, we are still running the Step into the NHS competition for students in all year groups, if you are interested in entering please see me for more details. (An email was sent out on 28th January, deadline is 16th April.)



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Mrs Langley

Departments in Focus—English Poetry Competition

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Warlingham School Key Stage 3 Poetry Competition on the theme of 'Joy in Lockdown'. We had an incredible number of quality submissions, and I thoroughly enjoyed reading the many entries we received! As a result of receiving so many, particularly a fantastic number from Year 9, we struggled to narrow it down to even a top 3, so here



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1st Place: Rowan Clark 7N 'The Moon is like a Candle'

The moon is like a condle	I.
It flickers in the night	5/ -
But when the sun and morning come	1
the sky consumes its light	
As I look up at the moon	
from the windowsill 1 sit	
I feel it watching over me	
But it dosp't move one bit	
I can imagine the moon as a person	
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Runner up Abigail Colllis gW 'Joy in Lockdown'

Joy in Lockdown. Nature walks through the woods, away from home , in Fresh air . Beautiful plants and comparting colours. the wind bous in my hair . Family chats over zoon, catching up on all the news. Doing quizzes, playing games, getting out of lockolows blues. New books offer an escape, different people and different times Obl books like old friends, the pile climbs and climbs! All these bring joy, all these bring hope. They help you survive, they help you cope. Abiapiil Collis 9 W





Departments in Focus—English Poetry Competition

Runner Up Daniel Dawson 7L 'The Spirit'

Deep from the darkness of my sleep, And the comfort of the sheets, Like a sword unsheathed, I never want to leave. Until the birds shudder its beaks, And the bright daylight seeps, Or the crystal rain leaks, Leaves me to wonder, What lies upon the thick clouds and thunder...

Then suddenly emerged a dazzling white shine, And a humanoid figure, sparkling under the lime light, With feathered horns and a stunning sight, Bright blue eyes that shone so kind, Like tiny rays of diamond sunlight, burning me alive, Blinking as if giving me a sign, I question how I am not yet blind, Leaves me to wonder, What is happening amongst my slumber?

However it all of a sudden disappeared, The dazzling avatar straight to thin air, A now vanished heavenly guard, Now the piercing darkness reigns, unignored, Please let the blackness be over the chandelier, My eyes still searching for the shadow overseer, I managed to put myself at ease, Leaves me to wonder, What wonderous things lurk amongst the night, and of what number?

Runner Up Freddie Ketcher 8L 'My Lockdown Friend'

At that moment in time that I set eyes on him I knew he was the one, I feel vulnerable without him,

I'm like a soft comfortable cloud and he lights my day up like the sun, His eyes shimmer like miniscule marbles,

I can see his beautiful, kind and caring soul within his eyes,

Different colours, different feelings. Our bond is unbreakable like a rainbow, We don't need words to communicate We know how each other feels.

Lockdown lonely, no calls, no texts, no nothing... Dead silence, but wait someone's here for me, Gentle rustling reminds me I'm not alone.

Life without him will be horrifying Because he understands me, My soul mate.





Departments in Focus—Maths

Careers in Maths

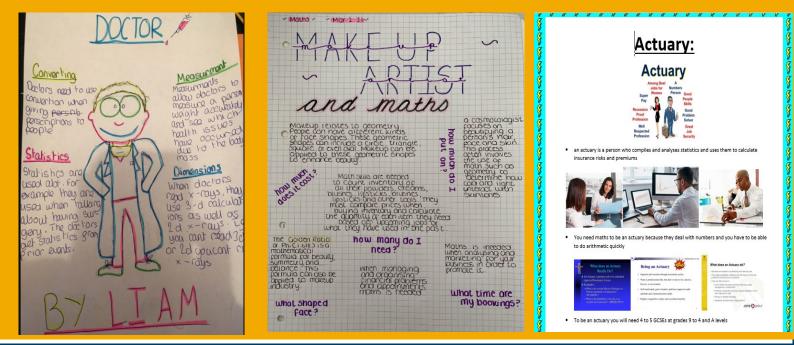
As part of National Careers Week, Maths launched a departmental competition to celebrate potential careers in maths. Students quickly realised that almost all careers use elements of Mathematics in some capacity. Students researched and produced some magnificent posters or video presentations around careers of their choice, underpinned by excellent links in across the world of Mathematics.

Below is a selection of posters produced by some of our talented students.

Well done to the winning students listed below for their outstanding entries around the careers in maths competition. Thank you also for all those who entered our competition this year.

Videos-Erin Kinght, Mie Rose Pearcey

Posters—Liam Cudjoe, Madison Godfrey, Will Gray, Isabelle Haynes, Amelie Rowland









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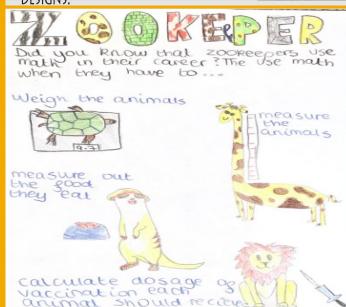
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Departments in Focus—Maths

ARCHITECT

How does an architect use <u>MATHS?</u>

- TO CALCULATE THE VOLUME, AREA AND PERIMETER OF A BUILDING OR OBJECT.
- WHEN BUILDING TO ORDER THE RIGHT AMOUNT OF MATERIALS. • WHEN SKETCHING DESIGNS
- TO CALCULATE THE DIMENSIONS OF A SHAPE
- PEOPLE NEED TO ANALYSE THERE DESIGNS.











For a concreter there are some seriously complex area and volume formulas that go into each and every iob

Builders: Builders are basically mathematicians that make stuff – yep, that's how much adding, subtracting, dividing and multiplying happens in an average day. "How much steel is needed for this office build? From calculating quantities and determining floorspace ratios to ordering materials and converting measurements, most tradespeople rely on an advanced knowledge of numbers – something that sticking with high school maths can seriously help solidify.

Tradesman

Tilers: Maths meets art and construction in a process that is literally all about being accurate, correct and symmetrical.

Home Extensions Autor Conversion Autor Convers

Zoo Veterinarian

Medication

Weight gain or loss:

Vets use math from the moment their patients enter weighed. It's important for a vet to track an animal's weight, as atypical weight gain or loss between examinations can indicate illness. Vets use weight to help track growth and development, as well as to determine body mass index. Changes in weight can also determent body mass index. Changes in weight can also signal concern to general health such as monitor indection or weight loss due to dehvdration.

Surgery:

When an animal must be put under an assisterial for surgery, one of the surgery of the surgery op blood work and to determine the appropriate amount of anaesthesia required to keep the animal sedated. Math may also be take in treating diffuorises to take in treating diffuorises to take in the surgery and the escample, if a vet is repairing a torn ligament in a dog's leg, he meeds to assess the dog's of various surgical materials so that he can determine the best approach to follow.

Appropriate medication dosing equires a keen attention to mathematical formulas. For example, the amount of pain medication or antibiotic given to a horse would be much greater han the dosage given to a kitten pr a small dog. Ensuring that all of



Billing: Many vets play an active role in running the business practice. This can include using math for duties such as internal accounting, paying vendors, handling paying vendors, handling payeral, office bookkeeping accounts payable and receivable – and even tax preparation. As such, a

knowledge of and understanding basic math can be an asset to ensuring smooth, accurate business operations

Measurements:

In addition to tracking weight, wets also use math to track measurements related to animal care. For example, an increased heart size of a certain of a certain increased heart size of a certain of heart disease and tracking the measurement of a tumour's growth can help determine how quickly a cancer is progressing. Vets also measure waste and fooditions. Using mathematical formulas, vets can accurately assess a wide range of healthrelated issues

Statistics

Many people consider pets to be members of their family, and as such, they want to ensure their pets are happy, healthy, cared for and pain free. Vets may use math to help pet owners make the sometimes-difficult decisions about medical care. This might involve explaining specific percentages, so that pet owners can make informed decisions about treatment options



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Departments in Focus—Music

One of the most worthwhile, stimulating and enjoyable activities in Music is learning a musical instrument or having singing lessons and then performing in an ensemble. Your child has recently expressed an interest in learning an instrument or having their voice trained.

Warlingham School is able to offer tuition on a wide range of instruments and ensembles delivered by Surrey Arts that employ experienced tutors here at school and through our own Warlingham School Peripatetic Music staff. All tutors are experienced and passionate teachers, fully DBS checked and experienced on their specialist instrument and in teaching. Lessons will take place during the school day and after school on a rota basis. They are freelance workers.

Pupils are encouraged to not only work up to graded examinations on their instrument, but also gain a good knowledge of the theory behind music. Tutors will also encourage creative aspects in the lessons, including composition and improvisation work.

The Warlingham School Peripatetic Music staff offer a wide range of instrumental lessons. Please contact them directly to arrange tuition.

Singing lessons from Louise Parsons — please contact her at <u>louiseparsonsvocalcoach@outlook.com</u> Piano lessons from Rodgers Music School — please contact them at <u>rodgersmusicschool@outlook.com</u>

Flute lessons from Cathy Heath — please contact her at cathryn.heath@googlemail.com Violin lessons from Denise Todd — please contact her at denisetodd909@gmail.com Drum Kit lessons from Paul Barretta — please contact him at paulbarrettadrums@yahoo.co.uk Trumpet lessons from Rodgers Music School — please contact them at rodgersmusicschool@outlook.com

Warlingham School also offers lessons through Surrey Arts Music Hub for other instruments not listed above. Further details, full terms and conditions are on <u>www.surreymusichub.com/students/learn</u> and click on 'Find out more about the music lessons we offer' Please also use the same website to apply for lessons or telephone 01483 519290.

Warlingham School also has a stock of orchestral instruments that you may hire from us for a nominal termly charge. If you are interested, please contact Mr N Duff, Head of Music via email at <u>n.duff@warlinghamschool.co.uk</u>

We are also happy to arrange the purchase of instruments through the government approved Assisted Instrument

Purchase Scheme which enables pupils of academy schools to purchase musical instruments through their school net of VAT providing the sale to the pupil meets the criteria listed at <u>https://www.gov.uk/hmrc-internal-manuals/vatgovernment-and-public-bodies/vatgpb7825</u>

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Mr Duff

Departments in Focus—Science

Science Week kicked off on International Womens Day with a focus on Women in Science who have made major contributions from Marie Curie to Jane Goodall. The virtual Science Week shone a spotlight on careers in Science that often vary wildly and totally go against the stereotype of the Laboratory based researcher (possibly cackling madly!).

A student quiz, open to all, seeing if they could guess the scientists from just a few basic facts about them started us off with the virtual activities. While we await the student responses, a number of challenges were set.

For Key Stage 3, a national competition open to all schools in the UK, where students have to design a poster titled "Innovating the Future". It can be about technology we would like to see, everyday innovations that have changed peoples lives, maybe shining the spotlight on an innovator and what they have accomplished that impacts the lives of people? (Closes 25th March). It needs to be on A3 or A4 paper so it can be scanned and entered into the competition.

For Key Stage 4 and 5, a school competition to come up with a design idea for "Wearable Technology". What would the students like to see in the future? How would it be incorporated into the things we wear? (Closes 25th March). If it can be worn and it is something new, it counts!

A number of home science demonstration videos that could be done (under adult supervision, of course!) from Hot Ice and Making Ice Cream to the Chemistry of Oranges and Lemons, designed to get students thinking about the things we have at home that show everyday Science in action!

A science quiz for the Tutor groups to attempt in registration to get their grey matter firing and refresh their memory of the elements.



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Warlingham News

National Citizen Service (NCS) Yr 12



Many of you will have heard of National Citizen Service (NCS) on social media, some of you may have even signed up! Due to COVID-19, last year was a little different, but this year we are hoping to offer the same awesome programme we have always offered!

This is your chance to get back out into the world with your mates, get some new skills, make even more friends AND make a difference by getting your communities back on their feet.

We are following all Government guidelines with regards to COVID 19 to ensure that the programme is safe for all.

This years NCS summer will either be a 2 or 3 week summer programme, giving you the chance to gain your independence, get out the house and stay away from home (Only on three week programme). Which, lets face it is much needed!

What are the benefits:

Make brand new friends and increase your independence Learn new skills that can be used for work and education Enhance your CV and UCAS applications Get out into the world Build confidence Get involved in your local community Have fun

It's an exciting opportunity and not one to be missed. You can only do it whilst you are **16 or 17**, so if you're looking for a new challenge or a chance to get out the house and make a difference, visit <u>wearencs.com</u> and register today, places are limited.





National Citizen Service (NCS) Yr 12





BE EPIC

You know that buzz you feel when you nail something you thought was near to impossible? When you feel epic? Imagine that, but for every day you're with us. Throw that in with meeting a new crowd (who might end up as mates for life!), taking on challenges together...and still having some time to recharge and chill. Pretty great, right?

LIVE LIFE

It gets better. You'll also pick up a bunch of skills designed to help you smash the whole 'adulting' thing and live life to the fullest. Want to know how to budget for a food shop? Answer questions with confidence? Present to a room full of people, without freezing up? Leave it to us.

DO GOOD

But wait, there's more! You'll take all that you've learned and work together to turn your passions into action. Want to see a positive change in your community and get your voice heard on an issue you care about? Pave the way. You'll have the tools and team to make a lasting impact.





Pre-loved School Uniform

Our pre-loved uniform has become hugely popular and valued by many. All proceeds from the sales are used to fund additional resources for our highly regarded Bridge facility within school, which supports students in a variety of ways.

We would be very grateful for your donations which will be processed in accordance with COVID protocols.

Donations should be handed in to student services, preferably by the students.

Many thanks for your support.

Medication in School

A reminder that students should not carry medication on them in school and should hand anything they bring into Student Services where it will be stored and administered according to the instructions. Medication should be in its original packaging and labelled with instructions.



