



Still Missing You!

May 2020

Hi Year 11!



I hope that you are keeping safe and well and that you are managing to keep yourselves busy.

I am missing talking to you in school but I have been lucky enough to speak to some of you on the phone when I have been checking in with you. I have heard how some of you are keeping yourselves active and occupied and every time I have spoken to you or received an e-mail from you, it has always brought a smile to my face! Some of you are busy painting fences, working with family, taking part in quizzes over Zoom, completing pre-study for sixth form, college or apprenticeships I even got a surprise when one of you turned up to clean my windows!! However, talking to lots of you and your families, I have a message... get out of bed!! 😊

Use this time you have, as a way of connecting with your family and friends in different ways, whether it's by Zoom, talking over the phone or getting involved with something at home you wouldn't normally do. Try not to dwell on what you can't do but find things you can do!

Definitely use this time to plan your next steps. I know there is lots of uncertainty about this with some of you, but we will find a way back to normal and it is best to be prepared. There is information for you here in this newsletter and lots on Google classroom too. If you are finding applications or decisions difficult, please contact Louise Brazier, Mrs Compton or me ASAP and we can help.

Work and my two girls are keeping me busy. Trying to find time for it all can be tricky but everyone is feeling the same and we make the most of it. Hopefully you have seen my embarrassing video message to you all on the school Facebook page, but I have found my creative side whilst being in lockdown. Painting, papier mâché, and chalking rainbows on the drive with my girls have been some of my highlights. It may not be great art work but it's fun!

Take care of yourselves and we will speak soon.

Mrs Wells



11FCO

Hi 11FCO (The Best Mentor Group!)

I am writing this on day 52 of Lockdown - 52 days since we closed school. I hope you are all at home staying safe and healthy and looking forward to the next stage of your life, wherever that may be.



Life is different at the moment, but I have adapted my day to day routine ... homeschooling in the morning and marking in the afternoon. We had a new addition to the Compton household on 8th May so she is keeping us all busy! She is a black lab and was 8 weeks old when this photo was taken.

I have been posting careers related information on the Year 11 Classroom and on socials, please check them out and remember if you are still struggling with plans for September, contact Louise Brazier on lbrazier@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk

Take advantage of all this extra time you have to be productive, set yourself small goals and targets for yourself each day. Here if you need anything, just ping an email over, always here for you.

Take care all of you, miss you loads

Mrs C



11SCK

Hi Year 11,

I hope you are all coping and staying safe and well in what can only be classed as strange and weird times. I know most of you will have now been hearing from Sixth forms, colleges and apprenticeship placements; try to use this time to start researching how study is going to be different, a new way of learning!

Apart from planning and setting work across the year groups, I am still locked up with my husband, one of my sons and my daughter who has come home from university for this 'stay indoors' scenario we are facing.

Since I last wrote, I have had a quarantine birthday, with a very small BBQ, however, it was great fun! I have completely redecorated the kitchen, downstairs toilet and bathroom and have taken up a new hobby– diamond painting.

Stay safe all and I hope to see you all soon.

Love

Mrs Cooke



11SHA

Hi 11SHA,

I really hope you are all keeping safe, and well during this time. I really can't believe how we are still in lockdown and having to change our whole lifestyle!

Since the last newsletter, we have had a new edition to the Hayward household, we now have another fish tank.... not my idea! The place is going to start to look like a tropical aquarium store soon! We have a new little puffer fish called 'P-Diddy' who will apparently grow to the size of a rugby ball!!! When he's bigger, he'll be called 'Puff-Daddy'! He seems to be settling in well.

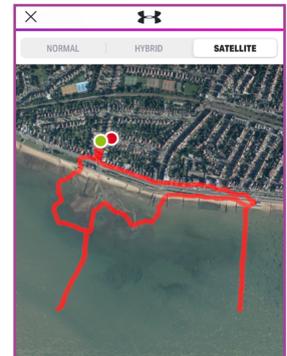


Bella is still going on lots of walks, the other day we took her to the beach, and the tide was out so we walked as far as the eye could see, all three of us came back caked in mud and Bella turned from a white dog, into a brown dog. Needless to say, she had a bath as soon as we got home!! Apart from that, I've just been working from home like the rest of us. I almost followed the TikTok trend and gave myself a new haircut, but thought better of it and chickened out.

I just wanted to finish off by saying, I really hope you are all doing ok, and not getting too stressed about the future in these uncertain times. You have all worked so hard over the last 5 years, and whatever is meant to happen, will happen. If you ever need anything, I am only an email away!

Take care of yourselves,

Miss Hayward



11KLE

Hello 11KLE!

Just a quick note to say "Hi" from Shoeburyness.

I have missed you all and missed teaching over the past few weeks, but have been keeping myself busy by attempting to learn a new language and working on my boat "Nicos", it is nearly finished and ready to be put in the water now restrictions have been relaxed a little.

I hope you are all well and using this time to learn something new too. You tube is a great resource and now is the perfect time to try

a new skill such as guitar, painting, or even to get better at exercise by trying Joe Wicks' PE sessions. I tried it this morning while working in the school; it was hilarious!

I have been into school a few days, and have definitely missed interacting with you guys. Please all keep safe, and try to use this time to learn new skills and make yourself a more rounded, better person. Remember: "A person who never made a mistake never tried anything new" - Albert Einstein.

Mr Lehane.





11TFR

Hi Everyone

I know this sounds cheesy but I really am missing you all loads. I hope you are all doing ok and working towards whatever goals you have set for yourself for the future (whether that be starting all the A level work that has been provided by the school or learning what you can for a college place/apprenticeship).

I have been using the time to learn everything I can about Google so that I can support staff and students with this great new way of working. My hope is that we will continue to use it after lockdown. I'm now known amongst the staff as the 'Google Guru'! I have also been helping with the school website creation and creating all the PDFs that have gone on the website and been printed for collection at school. In addition to that I have been creating all of the year 7-8 English work and still setting/marking work for all my other students. It's safe to say that I've been keeping myself pretty busy.

I tried to get fit and even ran 5k but then picked up a calf injury and have struggled to get back into it since.

Here's a picture of me in a hoodie, pretending to be either a "Gangsta" or fitness freak - neither of which is currently true!



Until now, my wife has never used a pair of clippers or cut any hair in her life so I think she did a pretty decent job on my barnet.

And, just to help you get over that horrific image without having nightmares, here's a picture of my dog, Boo, begging for scraps:



These are strange times but try to stay positive, make the most out of every opportunity that comes your way and I'll see you all when it is over.

Cheers.

Mr Frelander

11ABK

Hi 11ABK

Nothing much has changed for me:

still at school every day. Still setting classwork and still planning for next year.

This pandemic should not change the way you live every day. It is important to have a routine! Do some studying, some pre-reading for A Levels or Apprenticeships. Get ahead whilst you can. Do some exercise to relieve stress; I exercise every day (I also eat a lot!). Plan what you will do when this is over and how you will do things differently.



The reason we fall is so we learn how to stand. Keep strong, keep focused and enjoy life.

Take care,

Mr Baker



11KRU

Hello all,

I hope you are doing well, as always. I know that some of you are thinking very much about future careers as I have filled in quite a few reference requests. It's also really nice to see so many of you appear in our Sixth form induction classrooms!



Year 11 have not been far from my mind since lock down, I am working with the team who are getting together all your results so that you can have them all on time, on results day. In the meantime, I am sure you will have lots of questions. When we know for sure what is going to happen, especially with coursework courses we will let you know straight away.

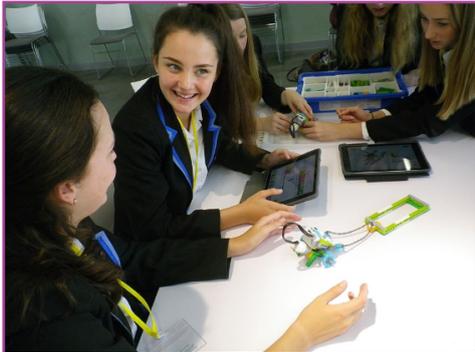


I have also been out on my bike, racking up 375 miles since lockdown and seeing quite a few of you on my way round the roads of the Dengie.

Keep safe.

Mr. Rumary

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18 MORE WAYS TO MAKE EMPLOYERS NOTICE YOU!

STILL WONDERING HOW YOU WILL IMPRESS FUTURE EMPLOYERS? HERE ARE A FEW MORE THOUGHTS:

- 1 FIND A MENTOR:** SOMEONE YOU TRUST WITH MORE KNOWLEDGE & EXPERIENCE OF LIFE OR A CHOSEN AREA OF EMPLOYMENT WILL EXPAND YOUR NETWORK & HELP PLAN YOUR PATH.
- 2 INSPIRING ALUMNAE & ALUMNI:** INVEST TIME IN EXPLORING YOUR SCHOOL'S AMAZING NETWORK OF FORMER PUPILS. CONNECT WITH YOUR FRIENDS & WIDER COMMUNITY TOO.
- 3 HAVE A GO! DON'T BE SHY! HAVE NO REGRETS!** TAKE MEASURED RISKS AS YOU ONLY LIVE ONCE. DON'T FEAR FAILURE! LEARN FROM IT - LIKE INSPIRING ROLE MODELS DO.
- 4 ADOPT A GROWTH MINDSET:** BELIEVE YOU REALLY CAN CONTROL YOUR FUTURE. WORK HARD & LEARN, ALLOWING CONSTRUCTIVE ADVICE TO MAKE YOU STRONGER.
- 5 BE YOURSELF! WHAT DO YOU ENJOY? WHAT IS YOUR WHY? WHO ARE YOU?** RECOGNISE WHAT EXCITES YOU & ASK FRIENDS TO DESCRIBE YOUR UNIQUE SELLING POINTS.
- 6 YOU CAN DO IT! BELIEVE IN YOURSELF!** DON'T LET ANYONE ERODE YOUR CONFIDENCE. NEITHER RACE, RELIGION, GENDER IDENTITY, DISABILITY, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, CLASS, AGE NOR ACCENT ARE A BARRIER TO OPPORTUNITY IN ANY PROFESSION. NOR SHOULD DISCRIMINATION, HARASSMENT, POWER GAMES & BULLYING EVER HOLD YOU BACK.
- 7 QUESTION! CHALLENGE! BREAK THE RULES! BE A DISRUPTOR!** EMPLOYERS WANT SPIRIT, INNOVATION, CURIOSITY & POSITIVE CHANGE. POLITELY ASK WHY! DON'T TAKE EVERY WORK 'NO' AS FINAL. NOR RELY ON THE SCHOOL CULTURE TO GIVE EVERY CORRECT ANSWER.
- 8 BE DIFFERENT!** STAND OUT PROFESSIONALLY FROM THE CROWD. REACH OUT EARLY TO COMPANIES BEFORE OTHERS - BE AUTHENTIC, CURIOUS & NATURAL. RECOGNISE THE HIDDEN JOB MARKET CLEARLY EXISTS & USE IT TO YOUR ADVANTAGE. EMPLOYERS WANT & NEED YOU!
- 9 GO ONE STAGE FURTHER! MOVE ROOMS & STAY AHEAD!** IF YOU ARE TOP OF YOUR CLASS IN ANY WAY, LEAVE THAT COMFORT ZONE, DISCOVER THE NEXT LEVELS & MASTER THOSE TOO. THRIVE ON DISCOVERING WHERE YOUR REAL COMPETITION IS.
- 10 WHAT VALUE WILL YOU ADD?** REASSURE EMPLOYERS YOU ARE THE SOLUTION. SHOW THIS ON YOUR CV. ASK THE RIGHT QUESTIONS AT INTERVIEW. EVERY SUCCESSFUL SOLUTION YOU OFFER MAKES: A) MORE PROFIT FOR AN EMPLOYER & B) YOU MORE EMPLOYABLE.
- 11 FUTURE-PROOF YOUR SKILLS:** THE JOBS OF THE FUTURE DON'T EXIST YET, SO HONE YOUR SKILLS. BE GLOBAL, SOCIAL, INTER-DISCIPLINARY, DIGITAL SAVVY, OPEN & AHEAD.
- 12 YOUR (DIGITAL) NETWORK DEFINES YOU:** YOUR TOP 5 DIGITAL CONTACTS SPEAK VOLUMES, SO REALLY POWER UP YOUR PROFESSIONAL ONLINE PORTFOLIO.
- 13 THIS IS YOUR TIME! SHOWCASE YOURSELF!** YOUR GENERATION HAS KEY SKILLS EMPLOYERS REALLY VALUE. DON'T UNDERESTIMATE JUST WHAT GENERATION Z OFFERS!
- 14 ACADEMIC GRADES ARE NO GUARANTEE:** GRADES OPEN SOME DOORS, BUT A PIECE OF PAPER ALONE WILL NEVER SEAL A JOB OFFER. ALWAYS PROMOTE YOUR STRENGTHS!
- 15 TALENT IS OVERRATED!** DON'T QUESTION YOUR ABILITY TO DO A JOB. EVERYONE CAN ACE SOFT SKILLS: E.G. DYNAMIC WORK ETHIC, RELIABILITY, TRUST, PUNCTUALITY, EAGERNESS, PERSONALITY, CURIOSITY, CREATIVITY, RESILIENCE, POSITIVITY, INITIATIVE, FLEXIBILITY, WARMTH, PROFESSIONALISM, TEAM SPIRIT, COMMUNICATION, CALMNESS & SELF-MOTIVATION. DEMONSTRATE THESE & EMPLOYERS WILL KNOW THEY CAN ADD SECTOR SKILLS.
- 16 FIND YOUR TRIBE!** WHO SHARES YOUR VALUES? WHAT ENVIRONMENT REALLY SUITS YOU? WHAT VIBE GIVES YOU ENERGY? IT'S VITAL TO REMEMBER YOU SHOULD BE CHOOSING YOUR EMPLOYER JUST AS MUCH AS THEY ARE CHOOSING YOU.
- 17 YOU DON'T NEED TO FIND A JOB FOR LIFE NOW!** DOES YOUR JOB EVEN EXIST YET? LEARNING IS LIFELONG & DIFFERENT OPPORTUNITIES WILL PRESENT THEMSELVES ACROSS YOUR WORKING LIFE. WHAT AN EXCITING THOUGHT! JUST BE READY TO LEAP!
- 18 JUST DO IT!** YOU REALLY COULD BE THE PERSON TO CHANGE HISTORY FOR THE BETTER. EVERY YEAR GROUP CONTAINS SOMEONE WHO WILL DO. WHY NOT YOU?!

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Year 11

How to Boost Your Employability During Lockdown



EMPLOYABILITY COURSES

FREE ONLINE COURSES TO:

- Boost your employability and give you great updates for your CV.
- Help you improve your study skills in time for college.
- Support students applying for an apprenticeship for this September.

PLEASE NOTE:

- All of these are free courses. They all feature ads, so click on 'remove ads' and you'll see the content.
- Only give out the briefest of information e.g. name and email. Never give your telephone number.
- One site asks for a Date of Birth to know which school year you are in, which is fine.
- Some professional Future Learn courses offer the chance to engage with other students on their moderated portal. This is NOT recommended for year 11 students. Please do not use.
- If the specific videos here do not appeal to you, use YouTube/the main links to find ones that do.

- **Touch Typing**
- **Microsoft Office - Word, Excel, Powerpoint**
- **Basic First Aid**
- **Developing Career Resilience**
- **How to write a CV**
- **How to succeed at writing applications**
- **How to succeed at interviews**
- **Communication Skills**
- **Presentation Skills**
- **Digital Technologies - Duke of Edinburgh**
- **Digital Technologies - Minecraft coding, Movie Maker**
- **Plumbing , electrics, auto-service technician and carpentry introductions**
- **Food safety**

COURSES TO BOOST YOUR STUDY SKILLS

Future Learn - click link to register
Open University Online - register for free learning Open University
Fuse Education Gov.au - resources from Victoria, Australia
Alison.com - significant number of varied online courses
Inspiring Digital Enterprise Award - allows printable Record of Achievement for employer to see and badges of learning, Duke of York digital programme

