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Message from our Headteacher

Thank you so much for your responses to our recent survey on parents' views of remote learning. It was helpful to read the comments from the almost 300 responses. The comments were overwhelmingly positive about the quality of lessons being delivered. I have passed all of your kind messages on to our teaching staff.

Where there were concerns over connectivity or IT issues, we have worked hard to resolve them. However, our allocation of laptops from the Department for Education has now been used up. If you are still struggling to access a device, please let us know and we will do all that we can to support.

As you will be aware, the Prime Minister announced that it is unlikely that we will see students back in school before Monday 8 March. We are all counting down the days until we can see our students back in school again. However, in the meantime I wanted to express our deep admiration and thanks for all that you are doing at home. This is a very difficult time for so many families and I know that many of our young people are finding the enforced isolation tough. The compassion and care that you are employing at home is exemplary. It will be of great benefit to all of our school community when we are allowed to return.

On behalf of all of the teachers and staff at Bishop Ullathorne, I would like to say well done and thank you. If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. God bless.

Chris Billings

Loving Lord

We pray for your love and compassion to abound as we walk through this challenging season.

We ask for wisdom for those who bear the load of making decisions with widespread consequences.

We pray for those who are suffering with sickness and all who are caring for them.

We ask for protection for the elderly and vulnerable to not succumb to the risks of the virus.

We pray for misinformation to be curbed that fear may take no hold in hearts and minds.









As we exercise the good sense that you in your mercy provide, may we also approach each day in faith and peace, trusting in the truth of your goodness towards us.

Amen

Prayer Mothers Union

Star students

Last month's subject super stars are as follows:

Subject	Superstar	Yr
Art	Bailey-Rai Blackstock	7
Art	Caitlin Quayle	8
Art	Sophie Smith	9
Art 	Luke Smith 	10
Art	Conrad Hunt	11
Art	Alex Quinn	12
Art	Shea Donnely	13
Business	Nieel Parmar	10
Business	Lianna Taylor	10
Business	Mollie Radford	11
Business	Bethany Quayle 	12
Business	Daniel Morgan	13
Computer Science	Roksana Swielik	7
Computer Science	Joseph Ambercrombie	8
Computer Science	Reev Kennan	9
Computer Science	Anima Rahman	10
Computer Science	Joseph Duffy	11
Design & Technology	Amber Cooper 	8
Design & Technology	Jenny Jaison	9
Design & Technology	Katie Geddes	11
Drama	Austin Bipin	7
Drama	Mya Tucker	8
Drama	Henry Davenport	9
Drama	Lola Roberts	9
Drama	Megan Honey	10
Drama 	Benjamin Cooper 	11
English	Harry Davies	11
English	Benjamin Cooper	11
English	Bartosz Zygowski	11
Geography	Godwin Kaninda 	8
Geography	Darcie Hitchcox	9
Geography	Oliver Peters	10
Health & Social Care	Grace Keane	10
Health & Social Care	Jennifer Attridge	11
History	Darias Kanyerere	7
History	Aila Doogue-Johnson	9
History 	Mark Kintu	9
History	Samuel Ndung'U	9
History	Reece Neill	9

History	Aniela Kesler	10
Mathematics	Logan Beckett	7
Mathematics	Lacie May Fisk	7
Mathematics	Nissi Muhwati	7
Mathematics ★	Gracie May Bunn	8
Mathematics	Reeve Keenan	9
Mathematics	Michaela Chidzvondo	10
Mathematics	Katie Geddes	11
Mathematics	David Odame	11
Mathematics	Ebbie Agyemang	11
Media Studies	Karen Oliver	12
Music	Phoebe Bolton	7
Music	Agata Zygowska	8
Music	Abby Middleton	9
Music ★	Martha O'Shea	10
Music	Michelle Ncube	11
PE	Kelsey Devlin	8
PE	Emmanuel Folami	10
PE	Ozzy Osaigbovo	10
PE	Paddy Turley	11
Psychology	Annie Sharman	12
Psychology	Niamh Cosgrove	12
RE	Siobhan Foley	7
RE	Rianna Punshon	7
RE	Kate Bradford	8
RE	Elena Almeida	9
RE	Esther Asamoah	9
RE	David Odame	11
RE	Georgina Day	11
RE	Mercy Kintu	12
Science ★	Sophia Campanella	7
Science	Tony Luong	7
Science	Megan Anderson	9
Science	Connie Graham	9
Science	Eleanor Gordon	10
Science	Niamh Walsh	10
Science	Katie Geddes	11
Science	Leah Christie	11
Science	Ebbie Agyamang	11
Sociology ★	Mercy Kintu	12
Sociology	Caitlyn Groom	13
Spanish	Ruth Ndung'U	7
Spanish	Niamh Walsh	10
SEND	Harry Bromwich	9

Good news

Writing Competition

The winner of December's writing competition was... **Sreoshi Ahmed!**
When we return to school, she will receive a prize and 10 Ace Points!



If any students would like to get involved with the Creative Writing Competitions throughout lockdown, please do.

<https://padlet.com/mhenry109/hsp1bdizf3ifawg>

Duke of Edinburgh Award

Before Christmas, over 70 of our Year 10 students enrolled for the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award. Ten Year 12 students enrolled for Silver, many having completed Bronze with us while they were in Year 10.

The groups have had a Teams meeting about how to log in to their eDofE accounts and are now busy deciding on their activities for the Volunteering, Physical and Skills sections. Over the next six months, students will upload evidence of what they have completed each week. Some activities need to be adapted to suit government guidelines but there is still plenty to choose from. Our activities so far include:

Volunteering	Physical	Skills
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tutoring younger siblings with their remote learning• Helping vulnerable and elderly people affected by loneliness and shielding by providing meal parcels or phone calls• Social media volunteering• Running sessions for Beavers or Brownies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Walking or jogging around their local area• Cycling• Keeping fit in workouts at home• Dancing such as Indian Classical dance, Ballroom, Latin and Freestyle• Roller skating• Taking part in team sports including football and basketball	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Learning new languages such as Japanese and Sign Language• Playing instruments• Baking and cooking dishes for their family• Enjoying creative arts such as graphic design, nail art, crochet, film and video making, model construction

Good news

Languages

A new game on Quizlet called Quizlet Live for Spanish is now being used. It has been trialled with some classes in all key stages and go live with all classes over the next couple of weeks. How it works...

Students get a code from their teacher and then they join Quizlet.com which automatically puts them into groups. They can then compete against each other and the teacher can track it on their screen and students can see. It is a great way to consolidate vocabulary and encourage independent learning! The Year 13 and Year 11 students got very competitive in a very fun way.

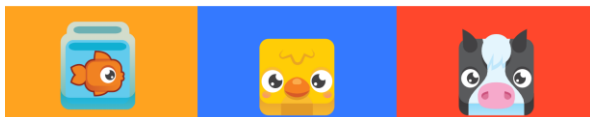
Similarly, Blooket in French is being used to offer a variety of teaching games to engage students.

Our MfL department is delighted by the dedication shown by all year groups.



Learning Reimagined

Welcome to the World of Blooket; a new take on trivia and review games! The way it works is that a teacher/host picks a question set and a unique game mode. Then, we generate a code that players can use to join the game on their own devices. After the game starts, players will answer questions to help them win. That's where the fun starts, because we offer a variety of games to keep students engaged and excited!



Build Soft Skills...



Work Together

Students work together to find the term that matches the definition - since none of them has all of the answers.



Enhance Communication

Students come together, stay focused and communicate to win. Everyone on the team must contribute.



...and Hard Skills

Reinforce Vocabulary

Students work in small teams to learn a Quizlet study set and race against the rest of their class.

Accuracy Over Speed

Quizlet Live encourages accuracy over speed. If a team chooses an incorrect answer, they must start over from the beginning.

Use Quizlet Live in your classroom free.

[Get started](#)

CPSHE

Our year groups have been focusing on the following topics this term:

Year 7: The Ullathorne Way focus, precious liberties and my money

Year 8: The Ullathorne Way focus, healthy lifestyles

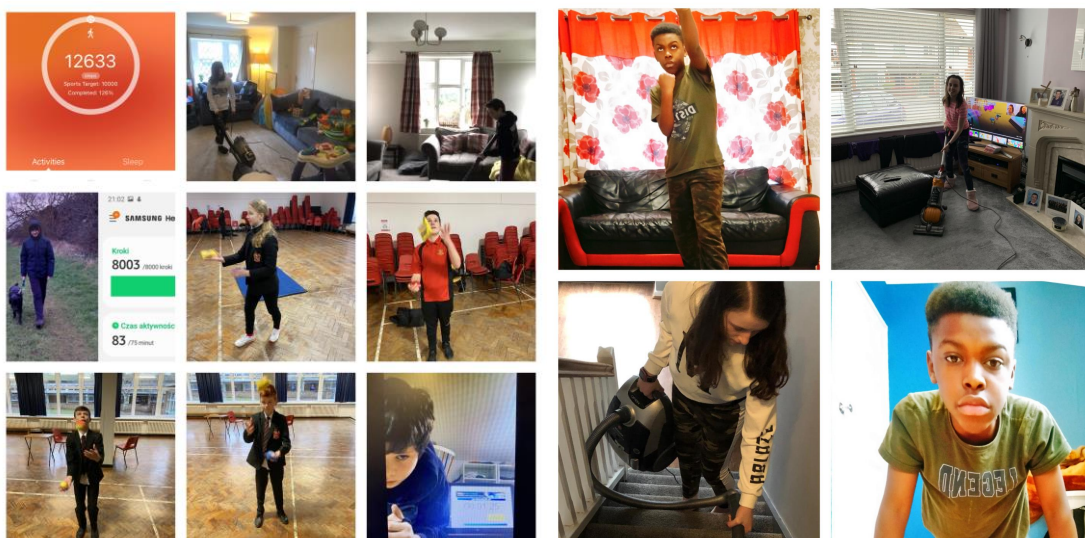
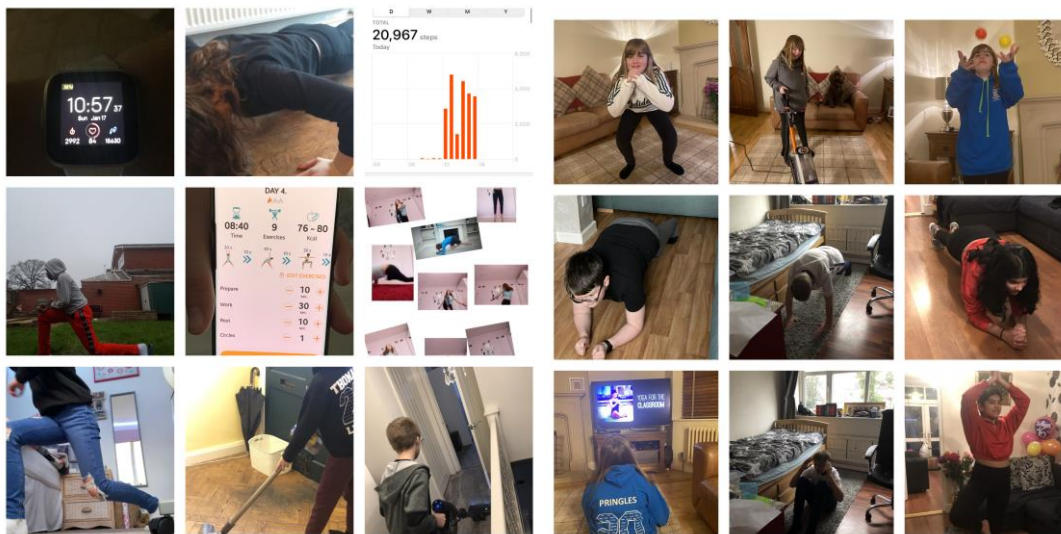
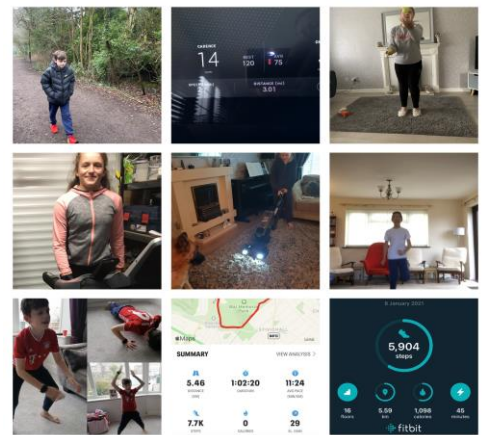
Year 9: The Ullathorne Way focus, CEIAG (Careers Education Information and Guidance)

Year 10: The Ullathorne Way focus, our world and our community

Good news

PE

Our PE students have been undertaking several challenges, ranging from a 5km walk/run/cycle to hoovering all the rooms in their house. Many pictures have been taken by our students, showing their efforts over the past few weeks. It is great to see so many of them attempting different activities and working hard to achieve them.



Good news

Maths

The following students are Bishop UllathorneHegarty champions, achieving the most study hours in January:

Year 7 - Lacie-May Fisk

Year 8 - Kaisa Mfasoni

Year 9 - Meda Kapinga

Year 10 - Keira McCann

Year 11 - Daniel Sarfo



Lacie-May Fisk



Kaisa Mfasoni



Meda Kapinga



Keira McCann



Daniel Sarfo

Below are links to two videos from the famous Maths teacher Mr Barton of mrbartonmaths.com on how you can support your child at home and the common mistakes they often make:

[Top 5 Maths Mistakes Children in Year 7 Make and How You Can Help Them at Home 📺 - Eedi](#)

[Top 5 Maths Mistakes Children in Year 8 Make and How You Can Help Them at Home 📺 - Eedi](#)

Another video that may be useful:

[Maths Anxiety Webinar 📺 - Eedi](#)

Science

Thirty of our Year 7 students were involved in the Games Dev Club with the Smallpiece Trust which launched in January.

Updates will provided next month.



Year 7 Update

Mrs Maxwell, Head of Year 7

Our Year 7 students have done themselves proud...

I am so proud of our Year 7 students and in awe of how well they have adapted to this latest challenge of remote learning. They have only been part of our Bishop Ullathorne community for a few months. In that time, along with all of the challenges associated with transitioning to secondary school life, they learned how to email and use Teams and at the start of only their second term with us they are using these newly-acquired technical skills every day to get online and take part in their lessons remotely.

We have made phone calls home for all of our Year 7 students this term; this has allowed us to find out how things are going from a home perspective. It has been lovely to hear the positive reactions from parents about their child's experience of secondary school online lessons. I would like to reiterate what we said during those conversations, which is for students or parents to contact us for any help or advice, if they need it.

It was an honour to lead the form-based Reward assemblies at the start of January. Whilst we are as yet unable to distribute the certificates themselves to students, it was lovely to be able to announce the winners at the same time that we would ordinarily. As soon as we are able to return to school, the certificates will be given to students and they can then bring these home to show you.

Following on from 73 students gaining their Bronze Award in the Character Passport at the end of last term, students have just been informed about how they can work towards the Silver Award so we look forward to hearing about their progress towards this.



Year 8 and 9 Update

Mrs Jeremiah, Head of Year 8 and 9

It has been a very busy time for Year 8 and 9 students as we have settled into another term of remote learning. The majority of our students are coping admirably with the new challenges, showing resilience and continuing to follow our Ullathorne Way values. It is lovely to hear and see myself how many students are grateful for the education they continue to receive and that they are indeed enjoying the majority of their lessons.

Form Time and Assemblies continue to operate fully with effective participation from our students. Form Groups are participating in daily Acts of Worship led by Form Tutors and Lauren (our lay chaplain). I look forward to a time when students can again start leading the Assemblies themselves.

Numerous activities have been taking place and awards given out over the last few weeks. I would like to take this opportunity to also thank all of our students for their massive contribution to our Christmas hamper appeal for the needy and homeless in our school and wider community. I know that this was a resounding success and reflects the generosity and compassion that our students have. We miss all of them and look forward to the coming months when hopefully we will see everyone back here in our Ullathorne Family.

God Bless





Year 10 and 11 Update

Miss Durkan, Head of Year 10 and 11

When we finished the Autumn term in December, I was full of praise for both year groups; they had worked so hard and with so much commitment. And I can honestly say, the praise is not about to stop. With the challenge of remote learning, both year groups have continued to demonstrate determination and resilience in their learning and I am so proud of them.

Motivation can be very hard to come by, especially on a cold and dark January morning, yet every Monday both year groups are up and online to greet their tutors with a smile. This continues throughout the week. We have all had to develop both our teaching and learning online over the past few weeks and I know that Year 10 and Year 11 have enjoyed and benefitted from the use of breakout rooms, independent learning lessons and being able to upload work into assignments.

For Year 10, it is very important that in the coming weeks they remember that the content that is being covered in all of their lessons is GCSE content, so they need to try their best to arrive to each lesson ready and willing to learn.

In a similar vein, Year 11 students need to ensure that they keep working hard and that the work they are submitting to their teachers is their best work.

On behalf of our tutor team, Mrs Marston and myself, I can say that both year groups continue to impress us. This is reflected in the many personal contacts students and parents will have had from our team and subject staff to congratulate students on their hard work and effort.

Well done Year 10 and Year 11; keep up your hard work.

Sixth Form Update

Mrs Casey, Head of Sixth Form

We are so proud of our Sixth Form students for their resilience and effort in engaging with their online lessons and independent study.

Enrichment log books have been emailed to all of our Year 12 students for them to keep a record of all additional activities. Including: TED Talks, Futurelearn courses, webinars and virtual work experience.

Congratulations to our future medics who have embarked on Queen Elizabeth Hospital's virtual work experience.

Likewise, well done to students who are participating in the HE+ Programme and all those who have applied to the Realising Opportunities Programme and the Sutton Trust Summer Schools.

Many of our Year 12 students have seized the opportunity to register for the opportunities offered by EtonX, which was open to everyone. Eton school will certificate this.

We are very proud of our Year 12 students competing in the English Speaking Union School's Mace debate.

Fantastic UCAS offers have been received by our Year 13 students. Having navigated complex online interviews, their excellent applications initiated offers from across the UK and USA including: Cambridge, Birmingham, Bristol, Manchester, Leeds, Liverpool, Nottingham, Coventry, Warwick and Buffalo, USA.

Their A level choices have led our students to a wide range of degree study in health care, law, finance, engineering, theatre and film, forensics, history, politics, psychology, English and many more.

Our Higher Level Apprenticeship applicants are beginning to receive the latest opportunities via our careers adviser.

Year 12 key dates

Every Morning

Form Time with Form Tutors for a bespoke VESPA A Level Mindset Programme

Every Thursday

Virtual enrichment opportunities emailed to students

Summer Term

Focus on Higher Education research

Year 13 key dates

Every Morning

Form Time with Form Tutors for a bespoke skills and enrichment programme

Every Thursday

Virtual enrichment opportunities emailed to students

UCAS

Firm choice decisions need to be checked for their deadline date

Term dates 2020 – 2021

Spring

Monday 4 January to Friday 12 February 2021

Half Term

Monday 22 February to Thursday 1 April 2021

Summer

Monday 19 April to Friday 28 May 2021

Half Term

Monday 7 June to Wednesday 21 July 2021

Whole School Events

February 12

Teacher Training Day has now been cancelled. All students are expected to attend either our Key Worker School or remote lessons

June 21

Teacher Training Day

Uniform

Blazer and jumper

A plain black blazer with Bishop Ullathorne badge and a jumper with red V neck.

Shirt

White, worn with the school clip-on tie.

Trousers

Tailored black, not skinny or tight fitting.

Skirt

Black knee length. A Trutex black pleated skirt is recommended.

Shoes

Smart, sensible and conventional, plain black outdoor shoes. NO TRAINERS.

