

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a strange end to the academic year. We have not had a Year 11 Leavers BBQ, Sports Day or Assembly, all things that we look forward to sharing with you. School has been very quiet over the last few weeks however, the students that have been in school have been amazing.

They have followed instructions brilliantly to keep themselves and others safe. Thank you for your support and understanding since lockdown in March. Tutor teams will contact you to discuss September and our plans for a phased return to school over the first half term.

I would like to thank all staff who have worked tirelessly to ensure that everyone has remained safe and well and that learning has been able to continue.

We will continue to update the website over the holiday and contact you if there are any significant updates.

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## Hub Bubble

Since the loosening of lockdown and being able to welcome back the students back into the Hub, both staff and students alike have enjoyed being back in school.

Everyone has made really good progress in athletics with personal best results being set and broken every week! Lots of reading and interactive games have taken place along with some very competitive matches on the Nintendo Wii.

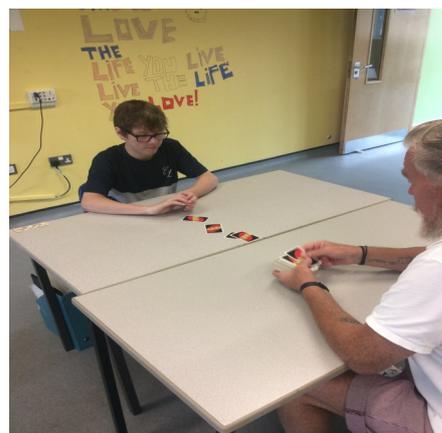


## Bubble 2

Bubble 2 have been in school for six weeks, and have followed the recovery curriculum advice focussing on re-building staff/student relationships.

We have focussed on both indoor and outdoor activities which include the following:

- Mountain Biking
- Planting of runner beans and nurturing them, potting them on in larger pots and taking home in their own designed/painted terracotta pots
- NHS rainbows and shields
- Cooking competitions
- Junk modelling challenges
- Creative foil drawing
- Knitting
- Card games/Jenga
- Online learning
- Completing work packs sent home from School.



## Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award

Unlike so many other activities, DofE was able to continue during lockdown, albeit remotely and with some changed rules. Our 3 students: Kyle, Caitlin and Ben had finished the Physical section but not quite completed Skills and Volunteering criteria.

With the rules relaxed, all were able to help family with housework and gardening for a couple of hours to finish the Volunteering section at home.

Staff visited Kyle for a session to complete his map reading skills and Caitlin had 4 or 5 visits and completed hers. Ben was sent work via email, which he completed at home. All 3 have now earned the 'special 2020 certificate'.

On return to normality they will commence the Silver award, but also complete Bronze fully by undertaking an expedition. Well done to all 3 students.!

Proud Kyle with his Bronze Award



## Bubble 3

Bubble 3 have settled back well and enjoyed their fun lessons. We have played social games, cooking, mountain biking, Bingo, PE and Wii.

Everyone said it was nice to be back in school. It has been lovely to spend time with the pupils and we are all looking forward to September.



Having come back into school in June after lockdown, staff put together a range of activities following the 'Recovery Curriculum'.

Students engaged in trips to the park to feed the squirrels, art projects creating paper mache balloons and bike rides to the skate park and Ferry Meadows.

We made the most of the great outdoors whilst the weather has been kind, reconnecting and seeing smiley happy faces.



## Cooking Challenges.

During Lockdown pupils took part in cooking challenges remotely at home here are a few examples.

