

NENEGATE NEWS

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Return to School

I think most people are now aware of the government announcement that schools are to return on Monday 8th March. Parents will be receiving a letter on Monday about this, clarifying the arrangements for their own child, but the broad headlines for our school are:

Hub students will begin a three week phased return from Monday 8th March.

Key Stage 3 and 4 students currently attending school will continue to come into school – the times for individual groups will be confirmed. These students will be offered three lateral flow tests in school, along with the students returning.

Key Stage 3 and 4 students currently engaged in full time remote learning will be invited in for a lateral flow test on Monday 8th March. Once they have had their test they will return straight home. School will provide transport. These students will then begin a phased return from Tuesday 9th March, with the aim being to have all of Key Stages 3 and 4 back to the pre-lockdown timetable by Monday 22nd March. These students will also have a further two lateral flow tests in school. If parents wish to accompany their child for the first test to support them then please let the tutor know.

Once you have received the letter from school next Monday, tutors will be following up with a phone call to go through any queries you have. We do understand that some students may find the return to school very difficult, and we will be as flexible as we can.

Attendance in school from Monday 8th March is compulsory and the flexibility parents have had during lockdown to choose not to send their child into school will end on this date.

Testing

All students of secondary age are being expected to carry out twice weekly COVID tests at home after their initial three tests in school. We will contact you with further information once we have gone through all the guidance and considered how best to support with this. All our staff are being offered twice weekly tests in school and the uptake on these is high. Hopefully this should provide you with some reassurance.

Face Masks

For a limited period the government is advising that students of secondary age and their teachers should wear masks in lessons as well as in corridors and other communal spaces. **We will be adopting this guidance until the end of term and expect all students to wear a mask on school transport and then bring a second mask for use in school.** If students are medically exempt from wearing masks please contact us in advance. Face coverings should be plain and appropriate for use in school. Hub students do not need to wear masks and nor do their teachers.



World Book Day: Thursday 4th March 2021

We will be marking World Book Day next week by inviting everyone to dress up, whether at home or at school. The theme is 'Heroes and Villains' and we will be showcasing our looks in the classroom and online and awarding prizes in each key stage for the best costumes. In addition students in Key Stages 2 and 3 who are in school will be engaged in a range of activities linked to favourite books and there will also be activities for students who are learning remotely.

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National Literacy Trust

We have received some free boxes from the National Literacy Trust, containing books and activities which we have been issuing to students. Below, Mrs Martin writes about one example of the positive responses we have received.

"This morning I had the pleasure of delivering a 'Peterborough Reads' box from the National Literacy Trust to Bradley. When he opened the box he screamed and shouted "OMG it's Zach King, my favourite book of all time!" He was so happy that I also gave him a craft pack and he shared his joy online with staff. If I had a camera and voice recorder I would have captured the moment - it was truly magical."

Mrs Martin

Staff Hero of the Week

My hero for this week is **Mrs Studholme-Dooley**. She has been working really hard to support our Year 11s in school and online and has proved to be an amazing quiz master. I am always struck by how much she cares for the Year 11s and wants them to succeed. Thank you for your enthusiasm and vintage style!



Head Teacher's Star of the Week



This week **Maccy** is my Star of the Week. Maccy has been attending school regularly since

Christmas and also cycles home to access remote learning in the afternoon. He is working really hard to continue with his coursework to provide evidence for his GCSE grades and it is always a pleasure to chat to him in school. Well done Maccy.

CATHERINE WILSON



Key Stage 2

It has been a busy first week back in the Hub. We have all missed Ms Parnell and are delighted she is back. We are starting our new topic this half term which is Pirates and are looking forward to doing lots more fun and creative things. We continue to work hard and enjoy being sociable with our friends. We also had a great outing to Crown Lakes on Thursday.

Students of the week:

Jordan

Key Stage 3 News

Falcons

The Falcons have had a standard Nenegate start to the week, and worked well in class. They have all been on their absolute best behaviour because on Wednesday they went to Ferry Meadows for some outdoor learning this, which they were all really looking forward to and really enjoyed! They also loved their mountain biking on Thursday.

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Ferrari

During outdoor learning we cycled to Stanground Skate Park and went through the Cathedral and took lots of pictures.

We went to do a research task in Home Bargains – we were given a list of items to find and the price.

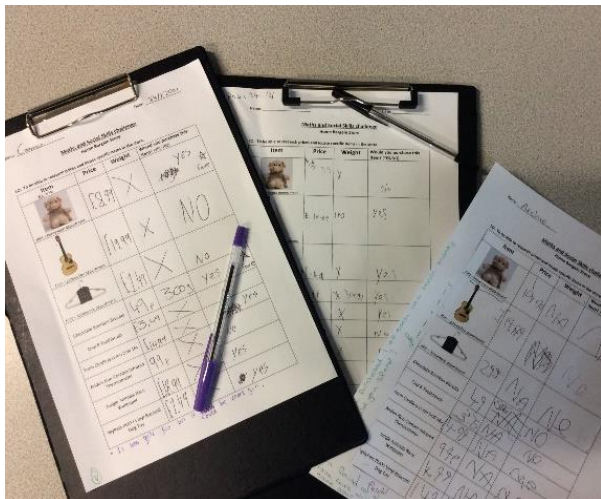
“It was quite fun because I love shopping.”

Cameron

The Ferrari Tutor group also bought some of their favourite biscuits for snack time.

“Today was amazing because I managed to stop Miss Bashir from buying lots of things – I kept my eye on her.”

Paul



Ferrari fieldwork

The staff did make us complete work though, as we looked at angles in triangles and quadrilaterals, along with a piece of writing about what the future could look like. The year 11s have started to complete their college applications and think about their ambitions for future careers.



Students of the Week

In school: **Archie and Lewis**

Remote learning: **Cameron, Paul, McKenzie**

Key Stage 4 News

This week KS4 have enjoyed cooking, we made some lovely cupcakes with Mrs Scutt. We had a long ride to the BMX track, with everyone managing to make it around without falling off.

Students of the week:

Maccy

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