



Dinnington High School Newsletter

Head's Lines

Another week in lock down. I hope you are all surviving and finding some sort of new normal with new routines.

We have really loved receiving photos of students working to share on our social media. Teachers are missing having their students in front of them so at least seeing them hard at work is some comfort. We have also had our first evidence of a student learning beyond the curriculum with Bailey R doing the ironing. Go Bailey!

So we can make sure we are tracking how well students are engaging with their work, staff are logging for each two week period, which students they have seen evidence that they are working—it might be from emails sent to them, activity on Show My Homework, GCSE Pod, Hegarty Maths, Seneca or Memrise.

If no teachers can see evidence of work, and if we know the student has IT access, form tutors will do a ring round after the Easter hols to check in.

If you are still struggling, remember you can email ITSsupport@dinningtonhigh.co.uk or for Show My Homework, Mr Cooper on m.cooper@dinningtonhigh.co.uk.

Mr Cooper has got lots of students and parents sorted with their access to those two websites. Thank you, Mr Cooper. We have to do an even bigger shout out to **Mrs Quigley**; most of the time she is hidden from view ensuring tech at school is working and supporting staff. She has become our **School Hero** over the last two weeks; she has been to extraordinary lengths trying to help staff, students and parents to get connected. Thank you, Mrs Q.

As the strangest Easter we have experienced approaches, stay safe & well.

Ms Staples

Achieving Excellence



Year 7 Form Time Writing

Mrs Gallagher, set her Y7 form the challenge to write a 100 word story inspired by this picture. Here is Elle's:

'The clock of secrets is not just any ordinary clock; it's a clock that holds the biggest secret behind it. Pull on the book, 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' and reveal the secret room. It really is a miracle. When you step foot inside the mystical library, you hear the ticking, ticking as if it was counting down until your death. As you creep further and further into the mysterious world, it feels as if there is no end. Crossing every passage on every angle of the room, there is a dead end with a starving lion. There's no way out...'

Wow—great work, Elle!



Bailey helped Mr G pick rhubarb in the school garden this week. Rhubarb crumble for tea, Mrs R!

DHS Donates PPE to local GPs

When Dr Eversden at the Dinnington Group Practice contacted us to see if we had any Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) we could give them to help keep all our local health workers safe, we were only too happy to help.

Mrs Clarke, our site manager, took them 83 pairs of science goggles, two face fit masks, 10 disposable suits and 20 disposable masks.

What they did not need has been shared with other local GPs.



#ProudToHelp #ClappingfortheNHS #StrongerTogether

Jokes from Alfie (Y12)

I've decided to sell my Hoover.
It was just collecting dust.

I was reading a book, The History of Glue. I just couldn't put it down.

How to access SMHW

If you have still not got on SMHW:

Download the App

Then search for our school.

Click: Sign in with Office 365

Enter your username. This is your school email address.

Then use the same password as you use on your school log in.

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Rewards Update

Mr Grenham



The virtual Golden Tickets were sent in even more this week. Students are doing an cracking job of amazing their teachers with their hard work and determination.

Extra Rewards

Mr Grenham has been persuaded by his colleagues to give out even more rewards.

We now have a weekly **Memrise** student that Mrs Oliver picks for us.

Show My Homework has two randomly drawn winners per week from Mr Cooper.

Hegarty Maths has two top users every week checked by Mr Sinclair

Mr Cooper also spots the two **GCSE Pod** users of the week.

And Mr Grenham picks four random winners from all the Golden Tickets staff send him, as well as the top two sixth form students for engaging with learning.

This week's winners.

Memrise	Luca D
SMHW	Crystal L
SMHW	Rose P
GCSE POD	John O
GCSE POD	Ryan C
Heggarty	Fearne A
Heggarty	Grace S
Seneca	Matthew H
CBA—Y12	Evie M
CBA—Y12	Josh T
Golden Ticket	Isabella M
Golden Ticket	Finlay D
Golden Ticket	Logan D
Golden Ticket	Brandon K

Keep learning. Next week it could be you.



Some of our boys impressing us with their home learning.



Reading to Nan by videophone!



We hope you can try some of these ideas over the rest of the month. We would love to see some photos of you trying some of the ideas.



ACTIVE COPING CALENDAR: APRIL 2020



SUNDAY

"Everything can be taken from us but one thing: the freedom to choose our attitude in any given set of circumstances" ~ Viktor Frankl

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

5 Get active. Even if you're stuck indoors, move & stretch

6 Contact a neighbour or friend and offer to help them

7 Share what you are feeling and be willing to ask for help

8 Take five minutes to sit still and breathe. Repeat regularly

9 Call a loved one to catch up and really listen to them

10 Get good sleep. No screens before bed or when waking up

11 Notice five things that are beautiful in the world around you

12 Immerse yourself in a new book, TV show or podcast

13 Respond positively to everyone you interact with

14 Play a game that you enjoyed when you were younger

15 Make some progress on a project that matters to you

16 Rediscover your favourite music that really lifts your spirits

17 Learn something new or do something creative

18 Find a fun way to do an extra 15 minutes of physical activity

19 Do three acts of kindness to help others, however small

20 Make time for self-care. Do something kind for yourself

21 Send a letter or message to someone you can't be with

22 Find positive stories in the news and share these with others

23 Have a tech-free day. Stop scrolling and turn off the news

24 Put your worries into perspective and try to let them go

25 Look for the good in others and notice their strengths

26 Take a small step towards an important goal

27 Thank three people you're grateful to and tell them why

28 Make a plan to meet up with others again later in the year

29 Connect with nature. Breathe and notice life continuing

30 Remember that all feelings and situations pass in time



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Show My Homework,

Mr Cooper



Over every three days, we are seeing an average of 500 students checking in on Show My Homework. This is good news.

By year group, log ons are varying. Y12 has the highest percentage of student log ons since the start of school closure.

61% Y7 students
58% Y8 students
61% Y9 students
62% Y10 Students
55% Y11 Students
78% of Y12 students

Can we raise the percentage of each year group logging in even further? Well done Y12, let's see if we can get all year groups over the 70% mark next week.

Science on Seneca

Dr Graves is devising a way of doing a league table in Seneca—we suspect she will be asking Mr Grenham to dig deeper into his safe for more weekly winners!

The Seneca student highlights this week were:

Thomas R in Y12

Samir R, Maddie B, Alby W & Joe K in Y11 all doing A'Level preparation

Mathew H & Claire G in Y10

Sophie B & Roman B in Y9

Great effort folks. Particularly impressed with Y11s starting their A'Level preparation work.

Message from our Trustees

The LEAP Board of Trustees wants to thank the staff team across our three schools for their tremendous support for students at this time. The work to maintain positive contact with the wider school community is much appreciated and shows the marvellous levels of dedication of colleagues.

Excellence achieved!

Real Acts of Kindness

In last week's assembly, Ms Staples set the challenge of getting students to do Real Acts of Kindness for family and friends while staying safe at home.

Here are just some of the examples she has been sent.

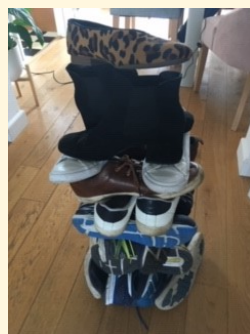
Well done to Bailey for helping mum with the ironing. A great skill for life.



Dominic has been helping his parents to clear up after their 3 year old twins have gone to bed (can't begin to imagine the mayhem!) & has tried to cheer up his neighbours with a rainbow and teddy.



Y10 Shoe Tower Challenge



Dr Campos set Y10s the challenge of building the highest shoe tower. Mr Rodley set his form off with a meagre 90 cm...we're guessing lots of you smashed that attempt!

Struggling with a PrePayment Meter?

Follow the link to Citizen's Advice:

www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer/energy/energy-supply/get-help-paying-your-bills/you-cant-afford-to-top-up-your-prepayment-meter

Hegarty Maths with Mr Sinclair

Last week, Mr Sinclair challenged Years 7-10 to do even better with Hegarty this week. They accepted his challenge. We can safely say that Mr Sinclair is right chuffed with your efforts.

Our top performers from each class are listed below:

Year 7: Connie S (6 hours!), Riley W, Olivia A, Frankie F, Henna M (6 hours!), CJ W, Joshua T, Dominic G

Year 8: Daisy D, Noah E, Zahir R, Alfie A, Kian F, Max F-L

Year 9: Ella H, Morgan T, Keira W, Autumn H, Feame A, Evie R, Summer N (8 hours!), Andrea N

Year 10: Claire G, Tilly D, Bryce E, Cameron W, Joe H, Jake E, Leigharni H

And a special shout out to Adam C in Y11 who has logged on and done 131 hours this week. Brilliant!

Students have almost doubled the number of videos watched. Last week 46, this week 80! They have also almost doubled the number of questions answered. Last week, 17,336, this week 31456. And a whopping 640 hours of learning has taken place (363 hours last week).

Our students are awesome. Through their collective hard work, we are in the top 12% of all schools that use Hegarty Maths.

But you know what Mr S wants now, don't you...yes, top 10%. First week after the Easter holidays, let's see if we can hit that.

Top job #TeamDinno

#AchievingExcellence

Vouchers for Free School Meals

The Government has announced that it will definitely be providing vouchers for students who have Free School Meals. We were ahead of this and sent out the first lot two weeks ago and we have the next lot already ordered ready to send out straight after Easter.

As we go to press, we have just heard the government has finally agreed to provide vouchers over Easter too. We will order them on Monday morning.



Dinnington Art Files

Some of the work the art department and form tutors have received this week! What incredible talent DHS students have.



Madison Watts in 7B has given the art challenge a go. These can be found on the Gateway under Creative. We would love it if parents give also have a go.



Chrissy Mullins Yr 10

Niamh Jones Yr 9



Matilda Fasey, yr 8 showing off her creativity by painting a beautiful Van Gogh landscape on her jeans.



Bethany Reed Yr 9
What a wonderful imaginative Title; this will look great on your Monet prep sheet!

Harley Ravenhall, Yr9 working on his next artist For coursework.

We are looking forward to issue three's installment already.

Photo Challenge: Take a lay flat photo of items around your house cleverly laid out to tell us the story of how you are spending your time in lock down. Here's an example to get you going. Post them on Twitter and tag in @dinningtonhigh or email to homelearning@dinningtonhigh.co.uk. See the Easter Activity Sheet for more details.



The Dinnington Way: Kindness, Respect, Excellence

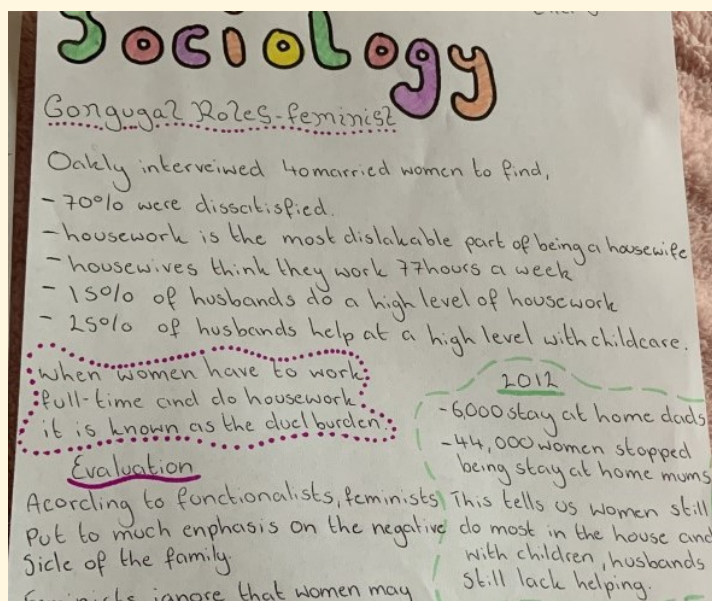
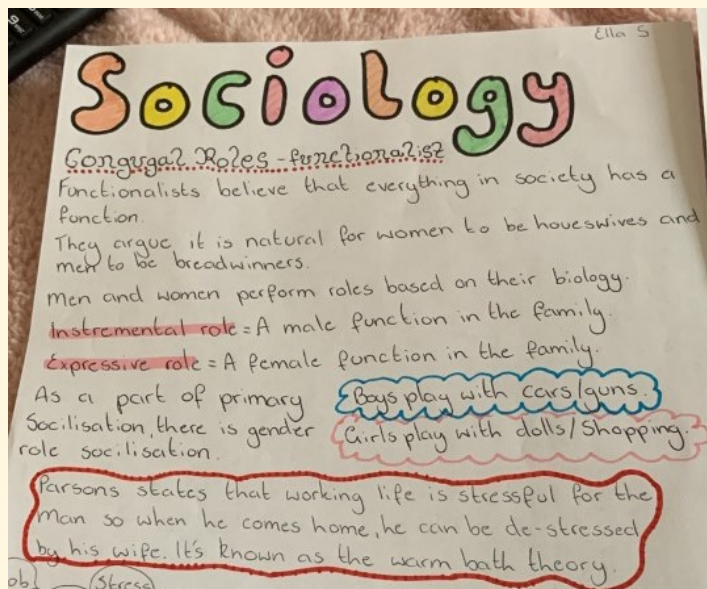
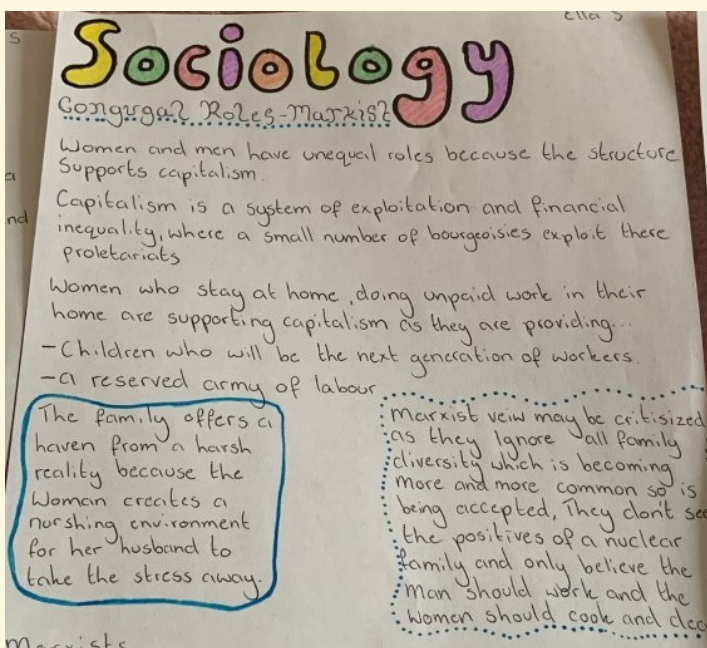


Table Talk



In this new section of our newsletter, we have some extracts from student work that will get your family talking.

Ella S in Y9 is studying sociology and learning about conjugal roles (the roles of men and women in relationships to the rest of us). Here we can see her research into functional, Marxist and feminist viewpoints. Which best fits your family? Students, as parents of the future, what do you hope for when you settle down with a partner? Is it different for same sex couples? Is it different for different generations?



Relaxing art work

After Matilda in Y8 finished her school work, she did some painting. She has shared some of it with us here. These have all been made into cards. Lovely art work, Matilda.



Mrs Senior our Data Manager is doing an amazing job of donating hand cream to the NHS. So far, from her fundraising, she has been able to donate 333 tubes. DHS folk, are responsible for 134 of those. There is still time to donate £3 to send a tube of handcream to those amazing workers putting their lives on the line for us. Email m.senior@dinningtonhigh.co.uk to find out how you can donate.

Y7 writing inspired by a photo

This is the winner of Mrs Weston's class's descriptive writing challenge. Well done Logan D!

'In the hot dry, damp, green tree-filled jungle, where man and beast live side by side, I am a slim, spotty, silky leopard with sharp pointing claws. I crawl through the jungle like a mouse, trying to be unseen and quiet, the man won't even know I am there. My small beady eyes watch all around him. When the time is right, I leap at my prey. I stretch out my legs, stiffen my claws and make my loud roar.'

