

### **Dinnington High School Newsletter**

#### Head's Lines

I hope you all had a good half term break in the sun.

It has been a bit of a confusing week with all the various announcements coming from the government. We hope you are clear on lockdown expectations. Importantly, remember lockdown has not ended; it is eased but we all need to stay safe and be careful.

We are continuing to work on our plans for Y12 & Y10 phased returns but 15th June & 22nd June (respectively) remain as unconfirmed dates at the moment.

In the meantime, please enjoy this issue. We have the usual rewards information as students keep impressing us and a special shout out for our maths department (see p. 5)

More amazing art work, fantastic student achievements, and thought-provoking photography.

We have also now got transition pages on Facebook and Twitter for Y6 families so if you know someone coming to join us in September, give them a point in the right direction. A few highlights are included in here.

As ever, we love getting your emails about the #unschool activities you are getting up to safely in lockdown. Keep sending them in on homeworking@dinningtonhigh.co.uk.

Stay safe and try to stay mainly at home.

Ms Staples

Achieving Excellence



This is the moment when Tobias crossed the finish line after 70 days of walking a marathon in lockdown, 750 metres per day. Some students will recognise his mum Ruth Garbutt who worked at Dinnington for 18 months before moving onto our sister school Eckington. She still pops back when she can to see how we are doing.

Nine year old Tobias has cerebral palsy and autism. At the start of lockdown. He struggled to walk 50 metres per day with his walker. Through hard work, grit and determination, he has pushed himself to 750 metres, and quite a lot of those are uphill. It is still very hard for him but he is stronger and more confident. His aim was to raise £500 for Sheffield Children's Hospital and Paces (his specialist school). His school needs a new building desperately, and he wants every child going into hospital to have jelly! As we went to press, he was just over £90,000. By the time you read this, it will be even higher.

This monster marathon attempt was nicknamed his #ginormouschallenge and thanks to the inspiration from Captain Tom, he is now known as Captain Tobias. If you want to see his original campaign video. Follow this link: <a href="https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/ruth-garbutt-3">https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/ruth-garbutt-3</a>
We are proud to have Tobias in our extended Dinnington family.



One of our joint winners of the Lockdown Flat Lay photography competition, Madison F, has used her photography talent to prompt us to think about what has been happening in the States and the current protests around the world to ensure we all understand the message Black Lives Matter.





The Dinnington Way: Kindness, Respect, Excellence

You know #TeamDinno...we never like to miss out on a sporting challenge. Keep your eyes peeled for more details of the Team Dinno Games.



These two photos are part of Madison's photo project exploring lockdown. #proud



## **#Unschool** & school activities we loved

#### A snapshot of things you have been up to at home



Well done to Jasmine E for helping at the Manor Top food bank with her grandparents. She spent her half term making almost 600 labels the foodbank needed. Great to see students contributing through volunteering, #Proud Jess A, Y11, has made an impressive start to her bridging work for studying psychology in sixth form. Great extended learning. Well done, Jess.



Certificate of Achievement

#### Jessica A

has completed the following course:

INTRODUCTION TO PSYCHOLOGY: THE HISTORY AND SCIENCE OF PSYCHOLOGY
MONASH UNIVERSITY

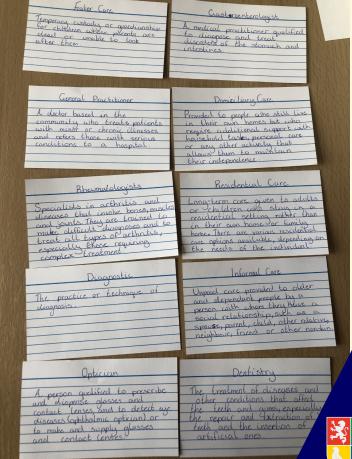
This online course investigated the history and science of modern psychology and introduced the basic principles of the scientific method.



Well done to Dom G. Remember the iPhone locker he made that we showed in a previous issue? Well he sent the photos off to Blue Peter. And guess what?? He got a badge. Almost as good as a Golden Ticket.

He also found time to bake a rainbow cake too.

Summer N in Y9 has been working hard on her health & social care research, making flash cards to help her prepare for her coursework.

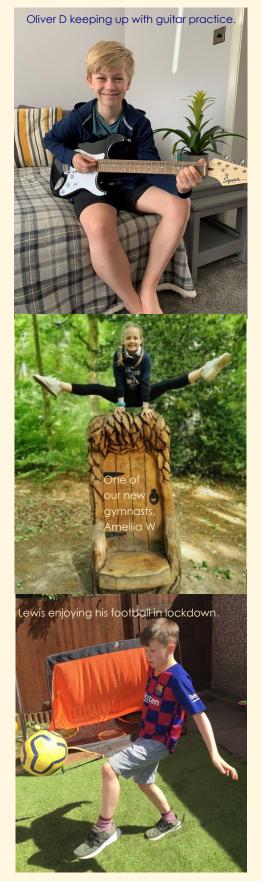


#Proud

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We have loved receiving Y<sub>6</sub> photos as part of their first challenge. They had to take photos of something that makes them happy. They are clearly going to be a truly happy year group who love to be active. There are lots more pictures on our Transition Facebook page.















## Top performers & rewards of the week

#### More vouchers excavated from Mr Grenham's safe

The half term ended with Mr Grenham inundated with even more requests for prizes and golden tickets.

Memrise: Millie M & Lydia S Hegarty: Tristan H & Rebecca D

GCSE Pod: Matilda F SMHW: Liam F Seneca: Samir R AR PAC-Man: Alex A

AR top quizzers: Lexi J, Lydia S, Jake C

5500th GCSE Pod: Josh B Y12 CBA: Natasha W & Ellie R

And this week's lucky winners of the **Golden Ticket draw:** 

Lily B, Kacey C, Sam W & Louis B

#### Message from Mr Grenham:

"Keep going with the hard work, we understand it can be difficult, but you are doing an amazing job. Well done! #TeamDinno #TheDinningtonWay"

#### **Hegarty Hard Work**

Mr Sinclair was a happy man at the end of last half term. We have ended in the top 10% of all Hegarty schools nationally — again.

Looking at the whole half term, you did a whopping 112,817 questions, watched 270 hours of videos, and completed 2134 hours of maths work on Hegarty.

We are also so proud to report that our amazing maths teachers gave so much feedback to students that we are the 18th school in the entire country for giving feedback. That puts our maths team in the top 1% nationally. Thanks Team Maths!

We are proud to be a Reading School. We all know that #ReadingMatters but did you know that there is firm evidence that students who read regularly do better in all exams not just in English. So do yourselves a favour and take part in the Summer Reading Challenge.

The Hegarty star performers from the last week of the last half term:

Y7: Logan S, Oliver A, Liam F, Jake S, Madeleine C, Tristan H, Dom G

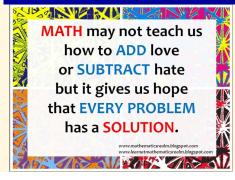
Y8: Ava G, Noah E, Mia S-J, Alfie A, Rebecca D, Reece G, Elizabeth D

Y9: Gabriel C, Kiera W, Isabelle M, Autumn H, Fearne A, Evie R, Alex O, Andreea N

Y10: Thomas E, Ruby M, Bryce E, Mollie G, Ella S, Deysha P, Ellie-Mae F

Great work #TeamDinno. Keep up the hard work. And if you slipped off the Hegarty wagon last half term; time to climb back on board and get calculating.

Mr Sinclair





# DHS Summer Reading Challenge



This year's DHS Reading Challenge is in the form of a bingo grid! How many boxes can you complete?

Write a short review of each book that you read (can be handwritten or typed) and you will be awarded an Excellence Point for each text you read in the bingo categories. Each review will also act as a 'ticket' into the September book-themed prize draw; the more books you read and review, the more times your name is popped into the hat, the more chances you have of winning something! Remember to include your name/form/titles of books read and the category they are in, along with your opinion on each text. Each book will only be counted once, even if it fits in to more than one category.

A book that includes an adventure.	A book that you find challenging to read.	A non-fiction book.	A book set in a magical land.
A book that has been made into a film.	A book that includes a mystery.	A book that your parent/carer read when they were a child.	A short story.
A graphic novel or a comic book.	A book over 100 pages long.	A book that makes you smile or laugh.	A book by an author you haven't heard of before.

Our Summer Reading Bingo Challenge starts from Monday 1st June 2020, and you need to have sent in your reviews via email to Miss Dickinson (h.dickinson@dinningtonhigh.co.uk) or to your Form Tutor, before 3pm on Friday 11th September 2020 to be entered into the prize draw. Remember, you can currently access lots of free stories digitally through sites such as Rotherham Online Library, as well as reading free e-books or listening to audiobooks, if you prefer. Happy reading ©

Students have been sent this calendar as part of their Life lessons this half term. We're sending a copy to you to print off for all the family to join in.

# The power of kindness calendar

Use your calendar to record your daily kindness acts.



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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## **Congratulations**

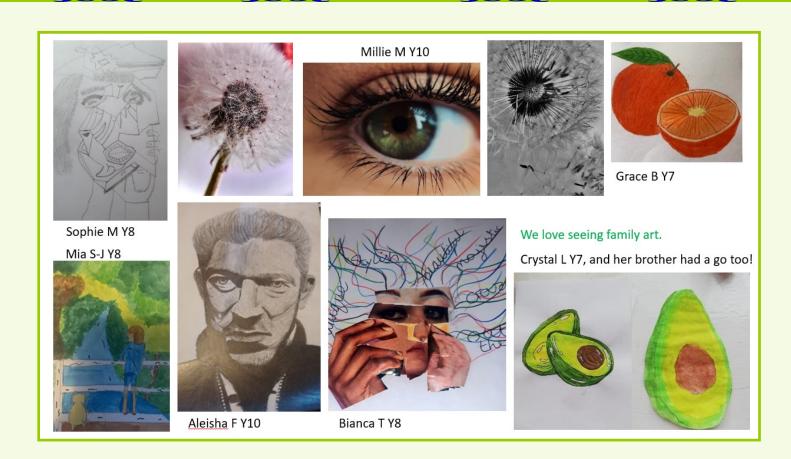
Being kind sends a powerful message about our connections to each other and the world around us.



The power of kindness

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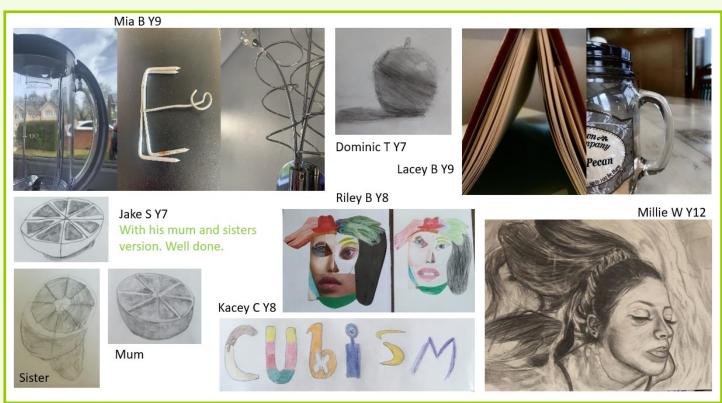
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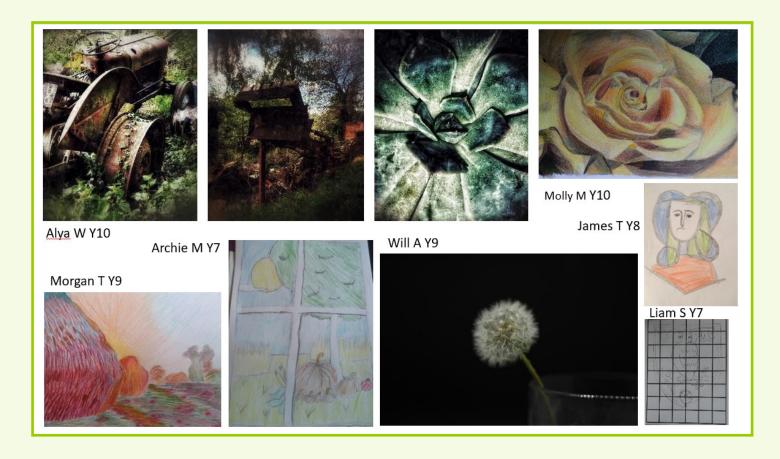




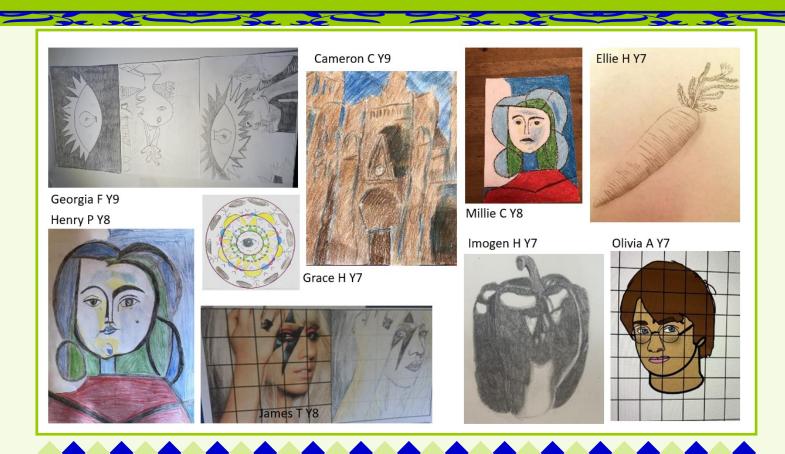
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We're really pleased to see more #AlphabetPhotography...have a go and send it to Mrs Short: k.short@dinningtonhigh.co.uk.





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Natasha W in Y12 has been working hard on her psychology research and notes to help her learn and remember.

