



### Head's Message

Theme for next week: Being Thankful

Dear Parents,

This week, we have included our monthly online safety Newsletter. Please take the time to read this as our children are spending more time on their laptops and devices, due to the requirements of remote learning. Children are engaging with websites and applications that are not age-appropriate. I urge you to check on your children's online activity and devices as often as possible. We all like to trust that our children make sensible choices and follow guidance, but a lot can go on behind closed doors. Please be vigilant.

I would also like to remind parents of our Year 5 and 7 pupils to make contact with, or check the websites of the different secondary schools regarding their exam dates and processes for 11+ and 13+ entry. Two schools have contacted me to inform us of adjustments to their admission requirements.

For pupils applying for a place at Brentwood, the admissions process will remain unchanged. All external candidates will continue to be assessed using the January Entrance Examinations.

St Edmund's College will be changing their entrance test for applicants starting in September 2021. They will continue to hold the tests in the January of the year the student intends to join the College, but the test will now be computer-based using CEM's Select Entrance Assessment. CEM tests measure verbal, non-verbal and mathematical skills that form the foundations of further learning. The assessments are designed to enable children to demonstrate their academic potential and ability without the need for coaching and excessive preparation. The assessment measures developed abilities in reading and maths that rely on genuine understanding rather than learning through repetition. Each candidate completes the assessment independently, working at a computer and guided by on-screen instructions.

Due to the nature of the test, there are not many practice materials available. As parents register their child with the School, they will then be sent some familiarisation information. This is designed to prevent undue anxiety for children sitting the assessments.

CEM testing is already established throughout the College, which is the key reason for the change. This will now allow them to track and monitor the student's "flight path" for the duration of their time at the College, as they can now benefit from using directly comparable data sets. It will also aid the initial setting when the student joins in Elements (Year 7).

Going forward, we are making every effort to devise a plan to bring back the year groups that have not had the opportunity to return to school this term. In order to achieve this, the final day in school for Years 1, 5 and 6 will be on 10 July. Remote learning will continue to the end of term. As parents, I am sure you are sympathetic to this as you will have seen the benefits of having your child back in school. They have had the opportunity to spend time with their friends and teachers which is important for their wellbeing, as well as to bring closure to their year. We want to make sure our pupils in Years 2, 3, 4, 7 and 8 have the same opportunity and plan for them to return on 13 July for the last 3 days of the term. Further details will follow as we complete the necessary planning and arrangements.

For obvious reasons, it is not possible to have the Year 6 and 8 Leavers' Dinner this year. To compensate for this, we are looking at the practicalities of organising a Leavers' function in September. Year 6 and 8 will be contacted with further details as soon as we have set a date and made some firm arrangements.

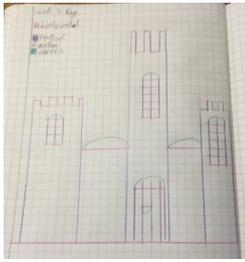
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Kind regards,

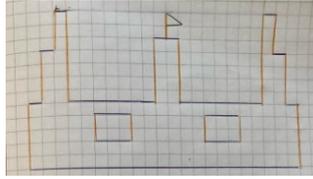
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Never take anything for granted.

*Benjamin Disraeli*



In maths, Year 3 have been learning about different types of lines, including horizontal, vertical, parallel and perpendicular. For this task, they were asked to create a key and then design their own building, identifying



the horizontal and vertical lines. The results were impressive!

Many congratulations to George in 6MG who was awarded a Jack Petchey award for being an outstanding achiever at his cricket club. Well done, George!



Nursery and Reception children have been taking full advantage of the glorious



weather this week by enjoying their snack time outside on the grass.



Green Bubble in Year 6 had a passionate discussion about crime in their English lesson this week. As a group, they had to categorise which

crimes were worst out of a list including stealing sweets and neglecting a cat. Everyone was determined to get their opinion across! After much debate, they decided to agree to disagree.



Year 1 love their music lessons! This week, the children enjoyed dancing like skeletons to 'Fossils', from Carnival of the Animals. They look like they are having lots of fun!



Naaz and Vihan in Reception impressed their bubble this week when reading out what they did with their family for Father's Day.



This week, pupils in Nursery have been learning about sea creatures. They have created fish pictures using 2D shapes, played a fish action game outside and have practised some 'under the sea' yoga.



Congratulations to these children who were awarded Headmaster's Commendations this week.

Year 4 were asked to create their final Pop Art piece using all the techniques they had studied in previous weeks as well as incorporating their first draft. It was great to



see so many pupils including important criteria such as repetition and vibrant colours as well as taking inspiration from famous Pop Artists.



Hiba in 2HL has received a highly coveted Blue Peter badge for her fabulous artwork! Many congratulations to her. What a talented young lady!

In PE this week, Year 5 have been taking practising obstacle course challenges, speed bumps and timed runs. At the end of the lesson there was a much-deserved cool down session.



Forest Casuals have advised us that they re-opened on Monday, 15 June for a click and collect and returns service. This will be the way forward for the foreseeable future, as they are unable to manage social distancing in the store. In line with government guidelines, all changing rooms are closed and any returns have to be quarantined for 72 hours before they can process them. They have updated their website with sizing guides, FAQs and a Covid-19 update page and have a customer service team ready to answer any questions and give assistance to parents.