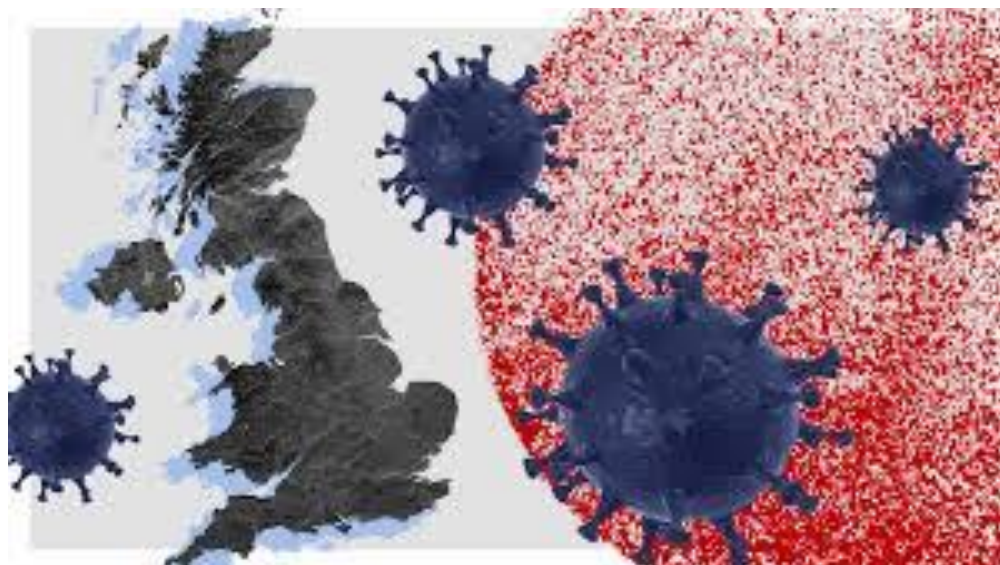


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This is the final issue of the Eagle for this academic year, full of articles that reflect what has been going on during that past few months.

There are the usual features, as well as articles from students that continued coming to school during the crisis.

It's also a special issue as it is the last to feature articles by our lovely Y11s that have now left.

Please enjoy this issue, and if you are interested in writing for the newspaper then please contact Mr. Were.

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By Lily Robson

For this exclusive issue, we will be lighting the mood by counting down the 'Top 10 Teachers You Didn't Know Were Famous'. They may be in the classroom now, but back in their day they were celebs in their own right. Making the list is:

1. Mr Bonken- The Teletubbies were a classic children's show we all watched; however, you may not have known that our very own Mr Bonken actually stared as the baby on the sun in the series.
2. Mr Bennett- Now he may be teaching history today, but Mr Bennett certainly does have a past. He made his television debut in Series 22 of Watchdog, where he was involved in an illegal DVD pirating scam. The charges were later dropped.
3. Mrs Axton- She may be the assistant head now, however, back in the 80's she was regular show girl on The Price Is Right.
4. Mr Potts- Before the recent release of the biopic "My Friend Dahmer" inspired by the early life of serial killer Jeffery Dahmer, our very own Mr Potts was actually set to play this famous character, but due to scheduling clashing with his PE classes, he had to sadly exit the production early before filming started.
5. Mr Graham- he may be the leader of our school now, but did you know he was actually the member of Wham that no one remembers?
6. Miss Chapman- Before inflicting pain upon her students, back in the day she was reigning Yorkshire Pudding Eating champion, managing to scoff an amazing 23 in 2 minutes. She was only 6 at the time.
7. Mr Candy- before he was blowing stuff up (in a controlled and safe way of course) he was actually gracing our screens as the baby from the Fairy Liquid adverts. However due to budget cuts (and age) he was sadly let go, so decided to pursue a career in science so he can develop a better dish soap to take revenge on the company, while using his students as his lab rats.

8. Mr Wilkinson- As you may know our deputy head is very well versed in the martial arts world, achieving his black belt at the early age 18 months, however, what you may not know is that his talent was actually used as inspiration in the making of the cinematic masterpiece which is Kung Fu Panda.
10. Fiona- she may be our strong spiritual leader today, but before becoming our Chaplin, Fiona was a leading stunt double for many famous faces, including Angelina Jolie. She was also offered the chance to be one of infamous Bond Girls, but decided to decline and accept a job here at St. Edmunds.

The Indirect Benefits of Lockdown

By Philip Collins White

Although being under lockdown is a negative experience for many people, there are many positive things that can be taken from this, and while a lot of this is speculation, activists can use evidence from this pandemic to help prove why certain changes, such as reducing travel and improving our healthcare, can help humanity.

Environment:

Due to the fact most places are in lockdown, our carbon emissions have fallen dramatically. Daily commutes to work, flights to other countries and non-essential factories have temporarily been stopped, leading to a drastic fall in the amount of greenhouse gases being released. Comparing the month of March in 2019 and 2020, pollution levels in New York have nearly halved because of safety measures. In addition, with a rise in delivery services being used for grocery shopping, pollution caused by trips to the shops has been lessened, as delivery drivers making a trip from the shop to multiple houses is more efficient than multiple trips by multiple vehicles.

Moreover, as we venture outside less and less, wildlife can be seen slowly returning to our cities. More and more, local wildlife that was previously scared off by copious amounts of traffic and humans has been returning. While this way of living that encourages lowered carbon emissions is by no way sustainable for a long measure of time, it is nevertheless a good boost for the environment.



Prioritising Healthcare:

If anything, this situation has helped highlight the importance of a good healthcare system run by admirable employees and volunteers. Countries with a better healthcare system such as Sweden have had an easier time combatting the virus. Hopefully, this will encourage our government to make helping the NHS and the people who help it more of a priority. Previously, there have been problems with the privatisation of the NHS, and the fact that Britain's new immigration rules, established before this pandemic, required that many healthcare professionals such as qualified nurses also had to have a relevant PhD.

Working Conditions:

Now that companies have been forced to help their employees work from home, workers who may feel more comfortable occasionally working from home now have the option to do so. This also encourages a greater diversity in the workplace, as it means jobs can be offered to people who may not live locally but can still complete their work through digital means.

Furthermore, because examinations such as GCSEs and A-Levels have been cancelled this year, the government may see that such major pressure does not need to be placed on these exams. Instead, independent teacher evaluations and coursework can be used to help give students qualifications and create a more pleasant and less stressful experience for teachers and students alike.

Getting Britain Up and Running By Marinela Pervataj

- The current global pandemic has stolen the lives of thousands, made streets a desolate place and sent the economy plummeting. Even so, the first phase of the pathogen may be ending, with Boris Johnson set to 'tweak' current restrictions on Sunday, as the UK braces itself for phase 2.
- Boris Johnson placed the UK into police-enforced lockdown in March, in the hope of fighting the corona virus with as little fatalities as possible – however, there is light at the end of the tunnel.
- Political leaders, globally, have set out plans, on how they will ease restrictions, with the first minister of Scotland, laying out an exit plan on the 23rd of April. This has left many questioning and speculating on England's emerging from lockdown, so what will phase two look like in England?
- The Prime Minister has confirmed in a previous news conference, that United Kingdom is past the peak of the pandemic and the rate of infections are slowly depreciating.



- At long last, garden centres are set to reopen, in fear that businesses will fold before the agricultural season is over. This comes after a surge in demand for gardening supplies in Britain. Major DIY retailer have also opened their doors once again, with strict social distancing measures in place for the wellbeing of their staff and customers.
- Stage 2 of emerging from lockdown also includes ensuring that all children of keyworkers return to school, this is in a bid to ease the reopening of schools. Primary schools are set to be the first to open with year six students being prioritised in order to aid their transition from primary school to secondary.

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- Many parents feel anxious in allowing their children to return to school with a recent survey, stating that 4/10 parents would be reluctant to send their children in at the moment.
- In phase 2 of restrictions, people are no longer limited to the amount of exercise they can do daily and are permitted to sunbathe and sit in public areas, as long as they continue to comply with existing social distancing measures.
- Home secretary Dominic Raab stated that "breaking lockdown too fast could trigger a second peak, which would be catastrophic the economy;" later he added that, "we will closely control the r rate of infection."



- Many scientists globally are referring to R , when describing the rate of infection, but what does it mean?
- In order for Coronavirus to come to subside and eventually cease, the number of people a person infects must be below 1. In term, when the R rate is at 0.6, as it was at the time of writing, for every group of 100 whom have contracted the virus, they will only infect 60 and that number will carry on depreciating until the virus has come to a standstill. Scientists are monitoring the r rate of infection, in order to track the growth and stealth of the virus and where it is most concentrated.

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- In the coming days, the rate of infection will play a critical role in how the country will emerge from lockdown and at what pace.
- Though officials from our four nations are working cohesively to ensure the best for its citizens, it is clear that it will not be plain sailing. With deserted high streets and shutters down on businesses, the UK has suffered a major downfall on the economy. This has not only meant that major retailers are on the brink of administration, it has rippled through society with many workers becoming redundant.
- The Chancellor of Exchequer, Rishi Sunak has, deposited large sums of money into the British economy, in a hope to prevent permanent damage to the economy.
- Political leaders and medical officials, have joined forces to decipher the best route of tackling the virus, for our wellbeing, for the overall economy and for those working vigorously on the front line. Ministers across the nation are working unitedly to put an end to the virus but it was decided, in the best interest of all 4 nations, that lockdown would be eased at different paces through Britain.

Countries globally have had a major downfall to their economy, but we are positive and motivated to build it up once again, stronger and more durable. Innocent people, doctors, friends, brothers and sisters have had their lives stolen by the deadly pathogen , however scientists are diligently digging for a vaccination to provide immunity to the deadly disease. Day to day life as we know it has been replaced with restrictions and desolation; behind closed doors, many are taking on the role of teacher, chef and entertainer.

Covid-19 has broken down our view of rationality, and we have constructed it once more, but tailored it to be more resilient, determined and given us perspective to be thankful of small things that we often take for granted.

Let us look forward to the future and carry these new virtues with pride.

Star Wars: May the 4th Be With You

By Mia Laver, Y9

May 4 is often known as "Star Wars Day". It is jokingly said: "May the 4th be with you", in reference to the popular phrase in Star Wars: "May the Force be with you."

The phrase dates back to at least 1979, on the day Margaret Thatcher was elected Britain's first woman prime minister. Her party took out a newspaper ad in the London Evening News that said "May the Fourth be with you, Maggie. Congratulations."

For many star wars lovers this time might be hard to celebrate but there are many things you can still do: You could dress up in your favourite character and make star wars inspired foods. Watch all the Star Wars movies with your family.

Do you have any Star Wars toys that you don't need any more? Donate them and make May the 4th really memorable for children in need. Play a bunch of star wars games. Spend all your money on star wars figures. Immerse yourself in music from a galaxy far, far away. So stay happy and enjoy yourself even if you can't go out and celebrate.



Meet the Teacher: Mrs James

By Caitlin Jones, Y11

1) What is your favourite thing to watch on TV/Netflix at the moment?

Primates, Grayson Perry's Art Club and Sewing B. Watch everything with nature in it and anything arty or crafty.

2) What is something that you would always have wanted to do?

My biggest wish as a child was to stroke a tiger (that wouldn't have gone well!) I was obsessed with them and now would be to go on a naturalist expedition with David Attenborough or Chris Packham. The more likely would be to meet my hero David Attenborough.

3) What is your all time favourite film?

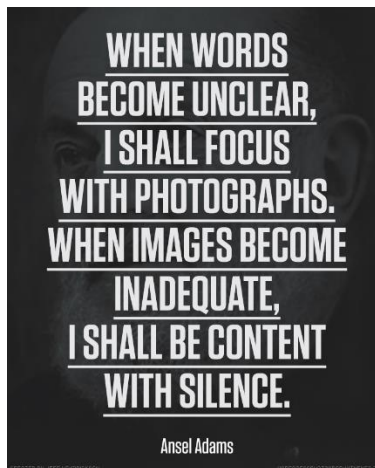
Hard one as i love films and their music too. Apologies I would have to have a top 3, as it depends on what mood i was in, Wizard of Oz (childhood memories) Star Wars (Geek in me) and Gladiator (Russel Crowe & the music) I would also add any Disney film as that is a great escape for me, just the intro music sets me up for a chilled enjoyable time.

4) What is your one piece of advice for everyone at the moment?

Appreciate what you have.

5) What is your favourite hobby and why?

Photographing and drawing Nature, its where I feel at home and at ease with no expectations, just enjoying the moment in peace.



6) What is the one art activity that you would recommend for art enthusiasts to do at the moment?

Keeping an art Journal, it is brilliant therapy and helps focus and ease the mind including photos, doodles, keeping a log of your day and how you are feeling. That's why I have posted on home learning art therapy sessions as normally I would be drawing or painting with this amount of free time, but I can't seem to focus on one piece now, but my Art/Photography journal I do each day.

7) What is your all time favourite thing to bake?

Definitely cake, my favourite is a giant wagon wheel so worth the effort, bottom layer of shortbread then raspberry jam with big pillows of marshmallow then a top layer of shortbread with melted chocolate poured all over, yummy.

Meet the Teacher: Mrs James

By Caitlin Jones, Y11

8) What is your highlight of your day today?

Managing to get a photograph of one of our three blackbird chicks in the garden.

9) What is your favourite quote and why?

Ansel Adams was one of the first photographers I studied, he gave me my first love of photography, the quote is totally me, as I am not good with words or talking, I feel I communicate and feel safe with and through a camera or a pencil and if I can't do either I return to nature and silence usually with my dog, Tetley. Actually more often without Tetley as he tends to chase or frighten any wildlife away!

10) What is a secret talent that nobody knows about you?

I'm a Film music buff, I could name most films scores within a few notes.

St. Edmund's: Inside Report

As you know, St.Ed's has been open for students that are the children of key workers. Here is an insight into what has been happening in school during lockdown and how both staff and students have been getting on.

Today, the morale was a bit low, so I scoured St Edmunds for inspirational messages to the readers of the Eagle, and the teachers who were interviewed have delivered.

Due to time shortages, I was only able to interview three teachers, but their messages to our readers are very inspirational. MS Sutcliffe commented a very simple but inspirational quote: "Keep calm and carry on." I hope our readers stay calm during this epidemic and stay doing what they can.

Mrs Tuffnell told me: "Do a little bit each day." If you try something you can, you won't be bored and you will stay happy.

Miss wood commented: "Every day may not be good, but there is good in every day." This tells us that we should still find something enjoyable in every day, even if the rest of the day is bitter.

I hope our readers find this inspirational.

Report by Robert Strain in 7Romero

St. Edmund's: Inside Report

Some students have written a diary style entry about their days in St.Ed's and what they got up to! Others have written about different ideas of activities or things to watch / play whilst you're in isolation!

Dear diary,

At school during isolation we do all sorts of different activities like PE, IT, and history. It's like normal school but with fun activities and swimming twice a week.

In swimming we can play water polo and swim around but still have to social distance with no contact in the water. If you're in the swimming groups sharks or dolphins you are allowed in the deep end and are allowed to dive into the deep end. But if you are in ducks you cannot go in the deep end or dive in the deep end.

In history we made our own country up and have a queen and a prime minister. Our country was called Jomalt using the first letters of our names.

In IT we did pixel art and used excel to make the pictures. Mr Hughes told us how to do it and then we could create our own pixel art

By Mikayla Leib

Today the morale appeared a bit low, so I scoured the school looking for positivity. Occasionally, I would find someone who felt positive about lockdown, but usually most students said: "No comment."

When asked if they had any positive thoughts about lockdown, Oscar Burns in 7Kolbe commented: "It's more fun really, 'cause I haven't been doing much cooking, and I haven't done Food Tech yet, but we get to do cooking." Mikayla Leib in 7Romero also said to me: "normally we scare away the environment, but we've been seeing more of the environment, and animals," while her brother simply said: "No comment!"

Mikayla was proven correct when there were sightings of Great Spotted Woodpeckers, Squirrels, and even a Robin Redbreast!

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I am writing to you to say about what things you can do during this isolation/lockdown. Firstly, an idea is probably making up a brand-new game. What I like to do, well I have a little brother or sister, I usually do draw or painting with them. Sometimes they want to make slime. You could make slime to but it is messy.

Another idea is that if you have a garden, you can do sport and exercise outside like: football, (you could get a blow-up goal and use it as a goal to shoot). If you don't have a garden or balcony (like me) then you can still do exercise there is this man who puts up videos called Joe Wicks. He does exercise so if you can't go outside then try him out. For older kids they will probably want to go on electronics and listening to music but they can't go on it all the time, they have to do something else. They could instead maybe watch a movie and talk to their friend instead of watching a movie with family but now you can't do that you have to spend more time with your family. It's kind of like family time now but unless you're a single kid and you have no brother or sisters then you can probably do what you want.

Your sincerely

Amber Kryemadhi Year8

Run 3

Game Review

Run 3, a PC game on coolmathsgames, takes place in space and has ten playable characters each on with different abilities. They have different parts to each level such as: crumbling tiles, ramps and darkness. There are 309 levels.

The characters are the main character in different costumes such as the winter costume, the Halloween costume, the bunny costume, the gentleman, the Pastafarian, the Child, the Lizard, the student, the angel and the skater.

Personally, I enjoyed the different levels because I get to try out different features. I would recommend this game for people who are competitive and love to try out new things all the time!

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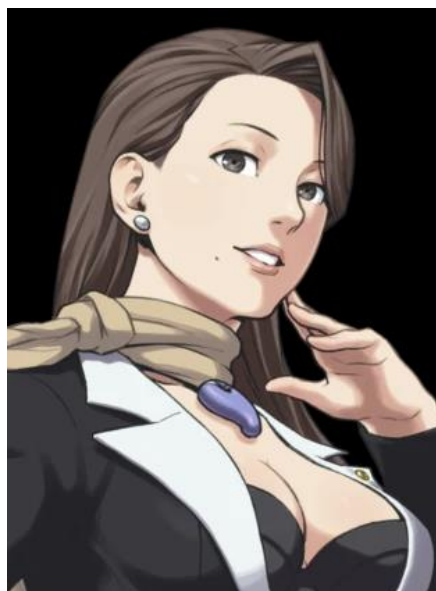
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Ace Attorney/ Gyakuten Saiban Anime Review

By Jamie O'Farrell

I know what you're thinking: This looks terrible. Well, you're wrong! And I'm going prove it!

Ace Attorney, or "Gyakuten Saiban", is a drama anime based on the original Phoenix Wright: Ace Attorney trilogy of games, released from 2001-2004. Its two seasons document the story of Phoenix Wright, Or Naruhodo Ryuichi, and Maya Fey, or Mayoi Ayasato, as they try to prove the innocence their clients, from Larry Butz to Miles Edgeworth. The show features court-based action scenes and an amazing soundtrack ripped straight from the games. The show also features an all-star cast of characters, including:



Mia Fey

Mia Fey was the mentor to Phoenix Wright, appearing in the first episode to assist Wright in court. Unfortunately, Mia was not around for long, facing death at the hands of Redd White in episode Two, Turnabout Sisters: Trial One. However, her soul lives on as throughout the series, her soul is channelled on multiple occasions by her sisters: Maya and Pearl Fey.

Miles Edgeworth

Miles Edgeworth is the chief prosecutor, and Phoenix Wright's rival. He held a perfect record, doing anything for a guilty verdict. Then he encountered Wright. He makes his first appearance in Episode 2, Turnabout Sisters: Trial One, attempting to prove the defendant, Maya Fey, guilty of the murder of Mia Fey. Unfortunately he is defeated, and goes on to prove Dee Vasquez guilty in the seventh episode, Turnabout Samurai: Last Trial and being accused of murder in the eighth, Turnabout Goodbyes: First Trial. Fortunately, he is cleared and the real killer is arrested.



Detective Dick Gumshoe

Detective Dick Gumshoe is a homicide detective at the local precinct. He's in charge of most of the cases throughout the series. He will usually take to the stand to give information on the crime, after which Wright will cross-examine him. Depending on the circumstances, Gumshoe will often help Wright if necessary.

Best Character: Larry Butz

Larry Butz is Phoenix Wright's childhood friend, and the defendant in the pilot episode, The First Turnabout. He is a recurring character throughout the series, appearing as a defendant, fourth grader and hot dog vendor. He is amazing as a comedic side character. And not to mention his name is brilliant.



Worst Character: Sal Manella

Sal Manella is the director of "Steel Samurai" and "Pink Princess" at Global Studios. He makes his first appearance in the sixth episode, Turnabout Samurai: Second Trial. He's a strange man, this one. In his first appearance, he, for lack of a better word, creeps, on Maya Fey, Phoenix Wright's *SEVENTEEN* year-old assistant. He's 32. He is essentially a slave to Global Studios producer, Dee Vasquez, and comes up with most of the ideas for Global's TV shows and movies. His ideas are not perfect, and if you ask me, he's a huge *SIMP*. Therefore, he takes the cake (get it, he's fat?) as the series worst character.



Best Trial: Bridge To The Turnabout

It resolves both the overarching plot of The second season — Fey family drama, Dahlia sucks and so forth — while providing a beautiful ending to the series. It features all of the characters we've come to love over the course of two seasons, and 47 episodes. Franziska Von Karma, Edgeworth, Gumshoe, Maya and Pearl. The ending is heart-breaking and powerful, too. There is nothing that holds this case back. There is nothing in this series quite like the moment at the very end of this case, when Godot challenges Phoenix to prove he's the murderer without the help of Mia, and Nick rises to that task — with the "Cornered" theme from the first game playing in the background. It's just incredible and it brings things full circle. I am breathless with anticipation every time I watch this arc.



Worst Trial: The Lost Turnabout

The main villain in this case is SO LAME, good lord. Richard Wellington is a big, scarf-wearing, douchey fop. I also hate the Paynes, my god, they are so annoying, haha, which is obviously the point, but still. Also, there is just some shoddy detective work happening here. Even shoddier than usual, and that's saying something.

Maybe it's because Maya isn't there, maybe it's because Nick has amnesia, but I always try to just breeze through this case as quickly as possible because it's far from the most fun. It's not bad, and I think I even chuckled a bit the first time I watched it, but it's not a case that really holds up in comparison to the others. It's easily the worst of the original Phoenix Wright series.



Best Breakdown: Manfred Von Karma

He pounds the desk and bellows "Edgeworth" while the events of the DL-6 Incident flash behind him. He then bangs his head off the courtroom wall, pauses, then resumes much faster than before, all the while cursing Miles Edgeworth and his father's names.



Worst Breakdown: Yanni Yogi

Falls over while shaking his fist. Later, when finally pinned for the murder of Robert Hammond, he suddenly transforms from his hunched and sleepy "Uncle" persona to his true self; upright and with a serious expression on his face, admitting defeat.

Thus concludes my review of Ace Attorney (or Gyakuten Saiban if ya nasty). Arguably one of the better anime series I've seen in a long time. Great drama, great comedy, great characters, great MUSIC. This series is perfect for any and all anime fans. You can watch the show here:

<https://www.crunchyroll.com/ace-attorney>

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Ready Player One by Ernest Cline – Book Review

Publication Date – 16th of August 2011

Pages – 579

Plot – There is a 16-year-old guy named Wade Watts who plays the world-famous game the OASIS. The creator, James Halliday has died and left a golden Easter Egg in a series of riddles based on the 1980s. Wade, named on Parzival in this VR world, searches to find three keys and three gates to win control over the OASIS and defeat IOI. He meets accounts named Art3mis and Aech who he becomes best friends.



Cheer

Cheer is a documentary about a cheerleading club in Texas. There are about 7 episodes that follow the team on the lead up to Daytona. Daytona is the biggest cheerleading competition in America that all cheerleaders want to win. My favourite person is Jerry. Jerry is a stunter and is very out-going and is always positive. I also really like Morgan, Lexi and La'Darius. Morgan and Lexi are top girls, flyers and tumblers. La'Darius is a tumbler and stunter.

I think the programme is aimed at ages 13-14+ just because of some of the references and language in it. Once you start watching it, you become very invested in some characters and wish the best for them. I haven't finished it yet but I only have one episode. The episode is where they are at Daytona and I hope that their routine goes well because they have worked so hard and they deserve it.

Layla Reynolds 8 Teresa

Community Kindness During Covid

By Caitlin Jones, Y11

Social distancing and self-isolating have affected the lives of all of us. Many feel isolated and alone as a direct result of this and the constant media blasts of negative facts and figures leave many to feel bombarded and trapped. However, amongst this storm, there is kindness and compassion being demonstrated every day. There is a countless number of people acting selflessly to help others in any way possible.

#ViralKindness is a campaign set up by Becky Wass, from Cornwall. It aims to support those who want to help out in their communities. The main way in which their kindness is carried out is by small postcards being delivered to people's doors to help those who may need assistance. Since the template was posted online, these postcards have been distributed by many people and downloaded countless times.

#ClapForKeyworkers has occurred every Thursday at 8pm nationally across the UK. This simple act enables people to show their support and appreciation for all the dedicated staff of the NHS who are working tirelessly at the frontline dealing with the outbreak.

#coronavirusKindness is set up by the Mental Health Foundation and enables people to post acts of kindness amongst this pandemic. On their website, they encourage people to do small acts, either from their list or something completely different. Then, take action and post it on social media with the appropriate tags. This has created an overwhelming online community of people sharing their small acts of kindness.

Multinational brewery and pub chain BrewDog have begun making hand sanitiser at its distillery in Aberdeenshire. This is to assist with shortages and will be delivered to NHS hospitals, charities and shelters.



Karen Betts, the founder of the Nouveau Beauty Group, has donated 100,000 items to support HNS staff and care homes. The items donated include: face masks, gloves and hand sanitisers. These will be sent directly to healthcare workers on the front line

Peace First is an organisation that is providing small grants for young people who show willingness and determination to build a meaningful project that will help during this pandemic. Their aim is to help to build a worldwide online community that connects people across the world. It is for young people from the ages of 13-25 and welcomes any person to take part.

At the moment, simple acts really mean a lot. We are not all in the position to donate thousands of pounds to charities, but that does not matter. Just by simply having a phone call frequently with friends and family can really mean a lot. Any kind act that you do is always positive and will make a difference. No act is too small.