

Year 9 Weekly Bulletin

Spring term – 29/01/21

Hi Year 9

I wanted to share some exciting news with you all – Mrs Allsopp gave birth to a baby girl on 22nd December, so we had a lovely family Christmas with a new born. Her big brother adores her already! I do hope that you and all of your family had a fantastic Christmas and New Year – though I have been on paternity leave, Mrs Hillier and the rest of the senior team have kept me in the loop of how well you are all adapting to your online learning.

Whether it be you penning your own monologue from drama or you developing your photography skills with the free course that was in last week's newsletter, I hope you are finding time away from your live lessons to engage in some of the many extracurricular activities that are taking place.

Mr Porter has forwarded me some amazing work that you have completed, please continue to work hard – it will really help you upon your return to SUA.

It's the time of year to begin to think about what subject you would like to study in key stage 4, lots more information will be shared over the coming months but a good place to start would be with a chat with your family or by doing research on your aspirations and future careers to see what subjects could help you realise your dream job.

The corridors and classrooms are too quiet without you all here, we are really looking forward to welcoming you all back to SUA as soon as we are able to.

Mr Allsopp



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Thought of the week

‘The difference between average people and achieving people is their perception of and response to failure’.

John Maxwell; American author, speaker and pastor, wrote this quote as part of his award-winning book ‘Failing Forward’. John Maxwell set up the ‘John Maxwell Company’ based on his belief that how we respond to a failing situation dictates how we are able to progress and ‘fail forward’ to success. As a result of this belief, John Maxwell has trained more than 5 million leaders in 180 countries through his non-profit organisation.

Maxwell’s quote and belief structure can be seen throughout our character lessons. As students, teachers and a community we can challenge our fixed mind-set, and through the words of John Maxwell we can ignite our growth mind-set. This will enable us to better deal with failure and enable our failures to promote and advance our successes.

Key information this week

Congratulations for completing another brilliant week of remote learning. It has been encouraging to see so many students actively participating in lessons and submitting work online. Each week, staff will nominate students as a remote learning champion, praise postcards will be sent home and reward points added to class charts.

Over the next few weeks your subjects will start to set quizzes on a variety of platforms for you to complete. It is very important that you complete all quizzes as this is how we will monitor your progress whilst remote learning. Please make sure that you have tried to log on to any of these platforms prior to the quiz lesson and contacted your subject teacher with any queries you might have.

Educake – www.educake.co.uk

Username full school email address

Password: full school email address – you will be prompted to change this when first logging on.

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Teams – Access your Microsoft teams lesson.
Select the assignments tab
Complete the assessment/ quiz set.

My Maths – www.mymaths.co.uk

Log-in:suacademy
Password: multiple

Celebrations

In every bulletin there will be an exciting opportunity for you to share successes with your peers; these maybe examples of work you are particularly proud of, or even some extra curricular activities you have been enjoying during lockdown, such as baking, playing an instrument, learning a new sporting skill etc.

I would love to share your successes with the rest of the year so please email them to me at rporter@suacademy.co.uk.

As always, whether we are all in school or learning from home you will still receive Class Charts points towards your achievement milestones - so keep up the fabulous work!

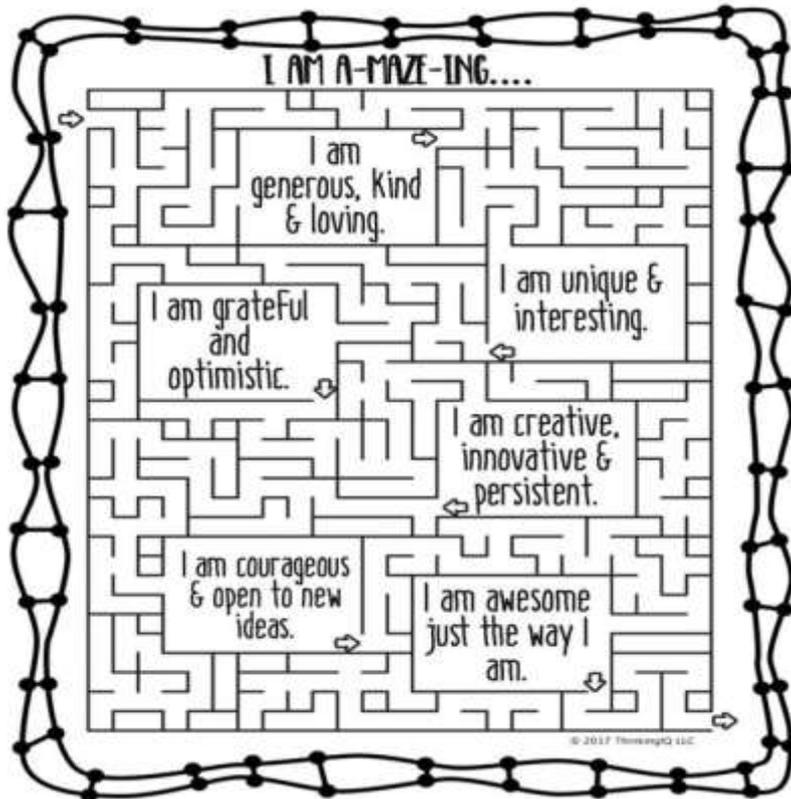
Mindfulness Maze

Use this finger maze to practice putting all of your attention into one activity. Place your pointer finger of your non-writing hand at the entrance of the maze. Take a deep breath. Breathe slowly in and out as you trace your finger around the maze. Once you reach the centre, take another deep breath, noticing your feelings in the moment. Remember, if you notice your mind drifting, simply bring your attention back to the maze without judging yourself

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A spot of colouring.

Colouring is a simple and relaxing way of taking time for yourself. It can be a helpful practice if you find it hard to switch off as it allows the mind to slow down and become absorbed without strain.

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Try it for yourself with the pattern below. Take your time selecting the colours you want to use. Then spend a minute or two looking at the intricacies in the pattern before you start. When you are ready, begin to colour.



Quiz

In each Bulletin there will be a quiz for you to take part in with your families. Please email your answers to your Head of Year. Class Chart points will be awarded for all correct entries and the highest scores.

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This week the topic is Sport.

- 1) What are the five colours of the Olympic rings?
- 2) In football, which team has won the Champions League (formerly the European Cup) the most?
- 3) How many players are there in a rugby league team?
- 4) Which horse is the only three-time winner of the Grand National?
- 5) Since 1977, where has snooker's World Championship taken place?
- 6) In tennis, what piece of fruit is found at the top of the men's Wimbledon trophy?
- 7) Who won the FIFA Women's World Cup in 2019?
- 8) In bowling, what is the term given for three consecutive strikes?
- 9) How many world titles has Phil Taylor won in darts?
- 10) In golf, where does the Masters take place?

1) **Last week's answers**

- 1) What did the Romans call Scotland? **Caledonia**
- 2) Who was made Lord Mayor of London in 1397, 1398, 1406 and 1419? **Richard (Dick) Whittington**
- 3) Who was Henry VIII's last wife? **Catherine Parr**
- 4) Who was the youngest British Prime Minister? **William Pitt (the Younger)**
- 5) In which year was Joan of Arc burned at the stake? **1431**
- 6) Which nationality was the polar explorer Roald Amundsen? **Norwegian**
- 7) Who was the first female Prime Minister of Australia? **Julia Gillard (2010-2013)**
- 8) Which English explorer was executed in 1618, fifteen years after being found guilty of conspiracy against King James I of England and VI of Scotland? **Sir Walter Raleigh**
- 9) Which English city was once known as Duroliponte? **Cambridge**

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10) The first successful vaccine was introduced by Edward Jenner in 1796. Which disease did it guard against? **Smallpox**

Well done to Dylan Hall who was first to get the correct answers back to me! 20 Positive points awarded!

Competition - Three peaks virtual challenge (in your local area)

Aim

Can you take on the iconic three peaks challenge in your local area? You can challenge yourself to complete this individually or with members of your family who you live with. The aim of this challenge is to keep all family members as active as possible during lockdown. You can walk, jog or cycle (as long as these activities are allowed according to the most up to date Covid guidance).

How to take part

During your daily walks, log how far you travel around your local area (you can use an app, smart watch or Google Earth to measure distances covered), then take a screen shot of your app to show how far you have travelled on your walk. Repeat this until all 26 miles have been completed or the deadline has been reached. Once you have finished the challenge, take a photo of your record sheet and email it back to trowell@suacademy.co.uk. Mr Rowell will then send you an 'I completed the Virtual Staffordshire Three Peaks Challenge' certificate. Even if you don't complete the whole challenge, please send your record sheet back to your teacher so they can see the effort you have put into attempting the challenge.

You complete the challenge form as an individual but we would encourage other family members (who live with you) to walk with you and complete the challenge for themselves. Email trowell@suacaemy.co.uk the details below and a screen shot of the app you record your distance when you have completed the challenge.

Name:

Class/Form:

Did any of your family members take part with you?

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If so how many?

Deadline for entries – Friday 12th February 2021.

Extra-Curricular Competitions

Have a look at the many brilliant extra-curricular opportunities you can get involved in. Please send us examples of the work you are doing outside lessons in the coming weeks.

A reminder:

Maths- a weekly challenge booklet set by Miss Pedley.

Music- Lockdown project Carpool Karaoke.

DT create your own super hero challenge

Dance – create your own Tik-Tok dance and send in to Miss Jukes.

History- Make a model of an historical figure or event.

Drama- Write a monologue from a characters perspective of being in isolation.

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SUA SCIENCE Bake Off



Deadline extended
– Entries in by
Friday 12th
February.

Get creative and produce a science themed cake or cupcakes.

You could make eyeball cookies, brain cupcakes or anything science related.

Upload photos of your completed creations to your year teams group by Friday 29th January 2021

There will be a winner for each year group.

Email Mrs Wells for more details

jwells@suacademy.co.uk

Please be aware that the bake off deadline has been extended!

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Bake off entries so far!



Hayden Goacher's Skeleton cake



Leah Swann's mitochondria cake

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English – Reading and Writing Challenges

English is offering the chance for all Year 7, 8 and 9 students to earn extra-curricular points and prizes through the Reading and Writing Challenges, based on themes being studied in lessons:

- Year 7 – Science Fiction and Fantasy, looking at extracts from novels such as Dune and His Dark Materials
- Year 8 – Don't Get Me Started, looking at themes such as fitness, films and fashion
- Year 9 – Transactional Writing, giving students a chance to write and perform a speech on something they are passionate about or annoys them

Send your completed challenges (either typed up or photos of handwritten work) to your English teachers so that they can review them and award points.

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Mobile data support

If you are using mobile data to access your remote learning (through a mobile hotspot or dongle) and you are worried about data usage, the government is providing free support to temporarily increase data allowances. If you are with Three, Smarty, Virgin Mobile, EE, Tesco Mobile or Sky Mobile and would like more information on this, please email scottwilliams@suacademy.co.uk

Tutor messages

9 Green.

Well, lots of new challenges this term with online learning taking full swing. I just wanted to say how impressed I was with how adaptive you have all been. There have been issues to overcome but you have all shown loads of resilience and taken it in your stride. I have been honing my inner Joe Wickes during my year 9 practical 'response to exercise' and was delighted that only 90 % of the class was laughing at me.

Loads of positive contributions have been provided by students during my Year 9 science lessons which have kept the pace of the lesson going smoothly. I will be making phone calls this week to discuss any drops in attendance, however, the vast majority are where they need to be and showing great punctuality and engagement. Keep this up! I hope to speak to you all for a catch up over the next week. Mr Boon

9 Blue

Hello Year 9!

I hope you are all keeping well and have familiarised yourself with Teams over the last few weeks. It has been fantastic to see the amount of engagement within lessons and the mature approach many of you have taken when delving into remote learning.

I have seen some brilliant work created in a whole host of subjects, not just drama. However, I will (obviously) focus on the work created and sent to me in drama over the past few weeks. A huge WELL DONE to the students whose work you can see below. You have shown fantastic commitment, understanding and creativity in your stage designs of Scene 2 from Breathing Corpses.

As always, 9 Blue, I hope that you continue to set the standard for the fellow tutor groups to follow. Remember - positive points are still being awarded via Teams! We cannot let our (huge) lead slip! Have a fantastic weekend all.

Mr Lockett

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9 Purple

I've enjoyed being able to catch up with all of you over the last week. Well done on gaining 316 positive points since the end of last week, it shows how hard you are all working and engaging with your online learning.

A massive congratulations to: Emma-Louise Farmer, Fin Donohoe, Amelia Askey and Lewis Brough for each gaining over 20 positives during this time.

If any of you have been making the most of your time with some hobbies, I would love to know how these are going. And don't forget about the science Bake Off competition, I'm hoping to see some of your entries.

Take care and keep safe,

Mrs McGarrie

9 Yellow.

Firstly I would like to say how proud I am of all of you. You have all adapted so well to remote learning and are doing a fantastic job.

From 4th January 2021 – Friday 22nd January collectively as a form we have achieved 396 positive points, with Evie Arrowsmith and Thomas Bagley taking the lead with 50 points each.

Well done to Dylan Hall who has been working on his science skills at home with his plasma ball.



Well done to Jenson Hawkins for learning a new skill: he has been learning to shoot clay pigeons with his dad.

Let me know what your hobbies and interests are, I would love to hear what you like doing.

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Don't forget to get your Bake Off entries in, we have had a few already and they look fabulous.

Mrs Wells

Support

If there are any other questions please don't hesitate to contact your form tutor, myself or Mr. Baker on the following email addresses.

jlockett@suacademy.co.uk - for students in blue form

rboon@suacademy.co.uk - for students in green form

rwakeham@suacademy.co.uk and bmcgarrie@suacademy.co.uk for students in purple form

jwells@suacademy.co.uk - for students in yellow form

dbaker@suacademy.co.uk for IT assistance

rporter@suacademy.co.uk - Head of Year.

Please continue to work hard Year 9! I have been really impressed with how everyone has shown great effort and determination working from home.

Stay safe

Mr Porter

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