

Headteacher's Update

14th May 2021

Message from Mr O'Sullivan



After today, Year 11 have 10 days of schooling left. This week alone: the timetable is being planned for next year incorporating Year 10 and 12 options; Year 6 had their meet the teacher event; the government released updated guidance on mask wearing, meaning it will no longer be mandatory as of Monday; we have surpassed 5000 negative lateral flow tests; plans are afoot to reintroduce extracurricular activities and maybe even trips; and our permanent site now has several windows!

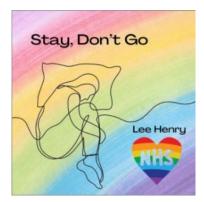
As you can see, a week in a school is most definitely fast moving and eventful. It is incredibly exciting to see the permanent site making such progress. With a planned completion date during the Spring term of 2022, we have already begun the process of allocating classrooms and deciding on the colour schemes for each floor.

I am also proud to inform you that one of our parents has recently written and recorded a song to raise money for the NHS staff and MIND charity, and is in the process of trying to make as many people aware of its release as possible.

The song is called 'Stay, Don't Go', and it is being released on Friday 21st May, after he sings it live to the NHS staff for the first time. It has been heard by the NHS England board of directors, Sir Simon Stevens. Featured on the song are the choir that sang at Prince Harry and Meghan's wedding.

The song has been mastered at Abbey Road and the artwork for the cover was co-designed and made into an amazing image by an up-and-coming artist.

Having listened to the track I can highly recommend its



download. So, the school would like to offer a huge well done to Lee. We are very proud to be associated with you and this wonderful cause. We'll update you with the various links on release day!

Dates for your Diary Y10 & 12 exams — 8th June — 18th June.

Year 10 BTEC Sport After School Sessions

A reminder to year 10 BTEC Sport students that intervention sessions are running every Monday 3pm – 4pm.

This is for those who are still working through their unit two work. If this involves you then your attendance is expected.

Help us Win!



Please could you help the English department by nominating our school to win £5000 library funding? You just need to fill in this quick

form on the link below.

You could also get your friends and family to do it too, and be in the chance of winning £100 book tokens for yourself!

https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools

Congratulations!



Huge congratulations to Luke and Toby in Year 10 for competing in the regional

final for the Jack Petchey Speak Out Competition.

Both students created sophisticated speeches that were well delivered, and they both should be really proud of themselves.

Their topics were: 'Why Music is Important for Mental Health' and 'Abolishing Homework'. Well done, Toby and Luke!

Cycle the month update



Miss Dippie decided to cycle 200 miles this month to raise money for prostate

cancer research. As of yesterday, she had cycled through the recommended "100 miles a month" distance!

However, she had already set herself the target of 200 as 100 didn't seem much of a challenge. If she reaches the 200-mile mark by the 20th of this month, she will up the game and attempt to do 300.

You can still sponsor her on:

https://cyclethemonth.prostatecanceruk.org/fundraising/cycle-the-month-challenge-200-miles-upping-th

Poetry from Year 8 students inspired by Carol Anne Duffy's collection of 'The World's Wife' poems

Mrs Johnson

Every couple of months you get ready for the press, It's set for 5 o'clock, then 6, it's a mess, Half the country likes you, the others not so much, Yet you seem to be in control, all the people in your clutch

You love your country, but what about me, The wife you once cared for who now just makes you tea,

We've drifted apart: you've no time for life, But I understand for I am only you wife.

By Meg

Anne Boleyn

I love him but I know I shouldn't All he does is complain, yet I love him still Beheads and kills like there's no tomorrow, yet I love him still

Hates the daughter I birthed, yet I love him still Wants to leave me for that Jane, yet I love him still

I love him but I know I shouldn't
I care for him like a nurse, yet it's always that Jane
I let him be a lazy idiot, yet it's always that Jane
I love his children like my own, yet it's always that Jane
I will devote my life to him, yet it's always that Jane

I love him but I know shouldn't
He is going to kill me soon, yet I know my worth
He turned my kingdom against me, yet I know my worth
He made me believe I am a cheater, yet I know my worth

He made them believe I am a witch, yet I know my worth

I don't love him anymore but it's too late now

By Darcy

Sporting Fact of the Week

Did you know.....?

The five highest-paid athletes in the world are Roger Federer, Cristiano Ronaldo, Lionel Messi, Neymar, and LeBron James.

Sporting Headline of the Week

Anthony Joshua and Tyson Fury's world heavyweight title fight will take place in Saudi Arabia, says Eddie Hearn.

A specific venue and date are yet to be confirmed for the all-British bout, which will see the winner become the undisputed heavyweight champion. Hearn, Joshua's promoter, suggested it could take place on either 7 August or 14 August.

School Days & Just Dancing

From 1st June, we will again be operating an appointment systems during the summer months.

Book your slot early to avoid disappointment at

WWW.SCHOOLDAYSLLP.CO.UK/INDEX.PHP/BOOKING-FORM/



Kingston University Saturday Clubs for Year 10s

In-person clubs for Science & Engineering and Art & design, for Year 10s interested in learning alongside other Year 10s from a <u>limited</u> number of <u>local</u> schools.

Full covid-secure practices in place following government guidelines

10 Saturdays - 22nd May to 24th July

10.30am - 1 Art & Design club

2-4pm Science & Engineering Club

o Student application https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/KUS aturdayClub

o Parent/carer application https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/KUS aturdayClubSupport

Deadline for applications is Sunday 16th May.

Spanish Ninja Camp

