



Issue 6 (wk 27/4/2020)

Welcome to the sixth issue of the weekly newsletter that aims to keep our communication lines open between home and college.

You should have received a link to a Survey monkey questionnaire regarding the work being set and how we can improve. This feedback cycle is essential to identify areas for improvement to ultimately benefit you as a parent and the students.

I hope you are keeping well and safe.

James Stroud

Message from Phil Ruse

Dear parents and carers of Y10,

I hope you and your families are keeping well during this difficult time. We have taken the decision to formally cancel Y10 work experience which was scheduled to begin on Monday 6th July. I know this will be disappointing to students, particularly those who were proactive and in some cases had arranged their placement months ago.

However given the current advice from Public Health England and government directives around social distancing and lockdown we feel it is not realistic or helpful to anyone to carry on planning for this event. If schools happen to be reopened by that time then a return to timetabled curriculum lessons would be a priority. Similarly, we have to consider the challenges and difficulties that businesses and industry are facing in these unprecedented times.

Could I please encourage you to ask your son or daughter to send a courtesy email or phonecall to the employer that this placement will no longer take place.

Secondly could you ask your son or daughter to sign up to a new Google classroom I have created that is focused on Careers Education for Y10. They have received an invite to this via their college email. I will use this 'classroom' as a way of sharing some excellent websites, resources and online courses that they could look at and work on during this time. This will be of real help to them as they begin to consider the next stages of their education once they begin year 11.

If you have any queries regarding their careers education please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards

Phil Ruse

Assistant Principal



Tavistock Lions Peace Poster Competition 2020

If you are older, you may know all about the Lions' Peace Poster Competition. You may have already done a poster in the past. Maybe you won a prize!

If you don't know about it, the Competition has been running for 30+ years. Lions' Clubs from all over the world take part.

However, with the Covid19 virus changing the way we live at the moment right across the world, we are going to run a very different competition in Tavistock this year.

What you need to do!

First of all have a look at these web pages. First there are the posters from our local schools over the last few years. Then there are the amazing international winners from last year and since the competition started.

<http://www.tavistocklions.org.uk/our-events/peace-poster-competition>

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/start-our-approach/youth/peace-poster/cuA.jpeg> is best, although we can just about cope withent-winners

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/start-our-approach/youth/peace-poster/grand-prize-winners>

Now have a think about your poster. This year's title is Peace through Service. What does that mean to you?

In Lions we would say service is about helping people, doing things in our community so that people come together and have fun - like the Carnival or Fireworks display - or raising money for Charity or good causes - giving our time for others. There are many people who are giving wonderful service at this moment.

Look 'service' up in a dictionary. Now, how are you going to get across your idea of what Peace through Service might look like?

Rules

Here's the good news! There aren't any! You can draw, you can paint, you can use the computer, you can make a model - any way you like of getting your idea across. You can use any size of paper. You can enter as many times as you like!

We would prefer you to let the picture or image tell us the story without using any words but no one will be disqualified for doing it!

The competition will run from Monday 27th April until Friday 29th May.

How do I enter?

This is all online. So you take a photo of your poster/model on your phone or camera, or scan it and email it to [your school](#).

JPEG is best but we can just about cope with a PDF.

Get your parents or carers to approve it. Please tell them that the entries will be forwarded to us without email addresses.

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Winners

We shall have a few small prizes for the best posters and the overall winners.

As we receive them from you we shall choose some to put on our Facebook page and Website. We should like to put your name, age and school with it. Please tell us if you don't want those details to be published in that way.

So there you are! We have had over 400 entries each year in the past, so please enter!

Photography Competition

We have launched a Devon wide photography competition asking students to explore the current situation. We have got sponsorship to have the winning photos printed up A2 with one copy for the student and the other to go on display in the NHS Torbay Trust. There are also some prizes which have been donated from Morrisons and the Rotary club.

It'd be great to get as many entries as possible and raise money for the NHS in the process.

We have a Just Giving page and an Instagram page.

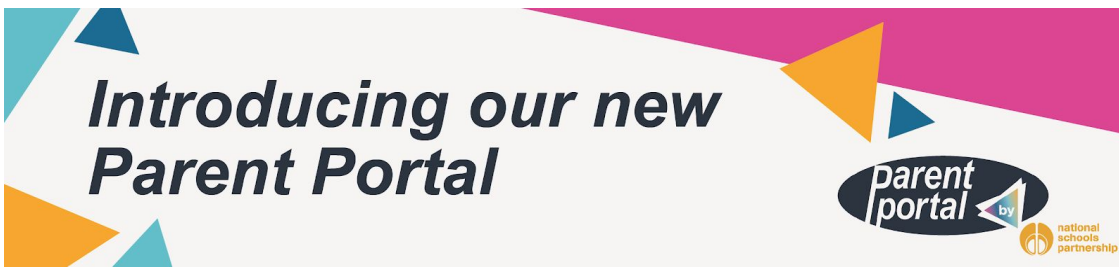
<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/nick-rangecroft>

<https://www.instagram.com/photos4nhs/?hl=en>

Good luck!



New Parent Portal



As a member of the National Schools Partnership community, you are among the first to be told about our brand-new **Parent Portal**, full of home-learning resources for your class:

- The portal contains a wealth of activities, lessons and competitions that parents and carers can easily use at home to educate and entertain their children
- These resources were previously only available to teachers, but with school closures we have made them accessible to parents as well
- The resources have been specially adapted for use outside of school and can be led by parents, pupils or teachers
- Click on the link below

https://nationalschoolspartnership.com/parents/?utm_source=NSP&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=NSP&utm_content=ParentPortal2&dm_i=4C7I_TOZW_26LIY6_3LH58_1

NHS campaign to encourage the public to seek care where needed

The NHS are asking for schools support in raising awareness of the NHS 'Open for business' campaign. We have had some heart-breaking deaths locally and it is vital we do all we can to ensure families (especially those with young or unborn children) seek the support available.

Therefore please could I ask that if you are sending newsletters/other coms home to parents you do whatever you can to help promote this. You can download their briefing document from the link below which includes more detail on the campaign, including key messages, resources and how you can help.

[NHS 'Open for business' campaign strategy](#). Campaign materials are available on the [campaign resource Centre](#) ready for use.



Can I particularly draw your attention to the below key messages:

- If you are pregnant it is important that you still attend your antenatal appointments and continue to seek advice from your midwife or maternity team.
- If you are worried about your health or the health of your unborn baby, please contact your midwife or maternity team.
- If you are worried about the health of your baby or child, please call 111.
- If it's a serious or life-threatening emergency, call 999.

Home Learning resources

There are lots of excellent online resources, but these two in my opinion are excellent.

Resources from Oak National Academy- <https://www.thenational.academy/online-classroom> (a sector led initiative to support teachers educating their pupils remotely during the summer term)

Resources and online lessons from BBC Bitesize - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/dailylessons>

Free School Meals

A child may be eligible for free school meals if their family receives:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you applied on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

[Families can apply online](#), and need to supply their child or children's name, date of birth and current school as well as their own name, date of birth and National Insurance number.

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/school-meals>

[Families can check whether their child's school qualifies](#)

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Year in review - Royal Marines

Royal Marines, Look at Life course October 2019



An invitation from the Royal Marines for our students to visit their Commando Training Centre at Lympstone provided a great opportunity for our 6th form students to look at life in the Royal Marines. A series of practical activities delivered throughout the week, by Royal Marine instructors, allowed the students to take part in many aspects of the Potential Royal Marines Course (PRMC).

Activities included: endurance course, assault course, running/fitness testing, swimming and water based activities, camouflage/concealment and fieldcraft exercises during this very tough but successful week.

Training in the Royal Marine environment meant a very physically demanding week for the students and four meals per day were provided to give them the 4000+ calories that new recruits to the service need in order to maintain the energy levels!



Supporting the physical aspects of the week were some excellent lessons in communication, teamwork and many of the necessary skills to be successful in the services environment.

With the Royal Marines now open to female applicants, our mixed gender cohort meant that some of our students would be among the very first females to access parts of the PRMC.

Our links with Armed Forces Careers (Plymouth) continue to develop and thanks to this opportunity from the Royal Marines, our students have again accessed careers information and guidance of the highest quality. *Mr Hosking.*