

STUDENT BRIEFING

Week commencing 8 June 2020

CREATION

"Creation is a gift, it is a wonderful gift that God has given us, so that we care for it and we use it for the benefit of all, always with great respect and gratitude." (Pope Francis)

Important Dates

Forward Notice

As we learn of further useful/important dates for you whilst we are not working in school, we will put them here for you.

Careers Notes

- Year 10 Work Experience – w/c 8 June 2020.** First of all, thank you to you all for signing up for your virtual work experience. You should have received your e-mails by now indicating where you can find your instructions for enrolment. If you have missed this, please go to: Moodle – Student Resources – Careers – Career Resources – Topic 17 – Registration instructions for Year 10 virtual work experience. You will find a link to an A4 sheet of instructions for the option you have chosen. At the end of this week, you will have to complete a report. The pro forma for this can be found on Moodle, as well. As we have said before, you are all pioneers for this type of work experience. It is the best we can do during lockdown, so embrace this as the best opportunity you can get the moment. Good luck and enjoy yourselves! If you have any questions during the week, contact Mrs Sanders on: ksanders@stjosephscollege.net
- Cirencester College – message for Year 11.** There is a **Virtual Open Evening on 25 June 2020 from 5.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m.** This is seen as the perfect opportunity for students starting at Cirencester in September 2020, or those who are just interested in the college, to learn about what Cirencester can offer you. Go to the College website for enrolment information. The evening will include:
 - **subject presentations** from our specialist lecturers
 - **live chat** – ask a subject lecturer your questions
 - an opportunity to speak with the **Pastoral Team** and **Academic Support Team**, who can advise on courses and support at Cirencester College
 - Ask a Student Ambassador – find out about Cirencester college from the students
 - the **Transport Team** who can answer any questions about our huge bus network
 - bursary help, find out if you are eligible for a **student bursary**
 - **presentations** on Enrichment, Higher Achievers' Academy, T-levels, Apprenticeships and 'Why you should join Cirencester College'
 - **A virtual tour of the college**

3. **Cirencester College – message for Year 10. Virtual Choices at 16** is a virtual event that is **available from Monday 22 June**. This is an ideal opportunity for Year 10s who are thinking about their future after Year 11. The Virtual Choices at 16 event will let students explore some of their favourite subjects in more detail. There will also be presentations available explaining our vast Enrichment programme, the High Achievers' Academy, T-levels, Apprenticeships and 'Why you should join Cirencester College' alongside a virtual tour of the College. Go to the College website for enrolment information.

The next briefing will be Friday, 12 June 2020.

Please look on the next page for a blog entry from one of our students.

Life in Lockdown



Honestly, I can't believe I've been out of school for ten weeks now.

Fortunately, my routine is structured and all that good stuff... there's plenty of time for new hobbies too; whilst I spend longer focusing on recipes and cooking, there is a STILL a pasta shaped hole in my heart which can only be filled with the St Joseph's Canteen break time pasta... Seriously. Shame you don't do Deliveroo.

Like a lot of people, I've taken advantage of being out of school by dying my hair (black) and having the luxury of wearing pyjama trousers more than usual. Even having Zoom quizzes/meetings allows total comfort!

When I'm not keeping up with well-presented and clear lesson formats (thanks guys), I am using lockdown to rekindle my French vocabulary via Duolingo as obviously, I couldn't pick more than three GCSE options. Who knows, maybe I'll have forgotten the entirety of the English language by the time we get back to school. But let's be real, I'm still struggling to pronounce l'écureuil (squirrel): I've got nothing on GCSE French students!

Even weirder, I have always been the type of person in PE who can only be described as "enthusiastic", especially when it comes to skilled sports involving bats, rackets or sticks. However, with the motivation of the PE department emails I've found a new relationship with living room aerobics.

(Personally, I think we should start a petition to get the teachers to collate videos of them doing Joe Wicks PE in fancy dress like I've seen online a lot lately!)

I do miss the St Joseph's library terribly – as a frequent visitor, this new book withdrawal led to me retrieving childhood favourites from the attic such as Diary of A Wimpy Kid, Jacqueline Wilson's novels and David Walliams to name a few. Unfortunately, E-books aren't quite as good for someone as short sighted as I am to be reading in bed at night, not to mention the disturbing light of a laptop screen.

There is SO much I could ramble on about, but that's probably better saved for the countless diaries I am bound to fill during lockdown. I hope you're all well and staying in contact (Hooray for FaceTime!),

Maybe I'll see you soon, who knows?

Lucia Beggan (Year 10)

More Life in Lockdown Action

Our students have been highly creative and ingenious during lockdown. We are proud to publish some work that one of our year 8 students, Hannah Marques, has sent in to us. You can see some photographs of a Young Enterprise Money Challenge project that Hannah completed for Mr Mitchell, as part of a competition. Hannah has designed clothing from scraps of material and has presented a business plan. Not all the photographs are published here, but the level of craftsmanship and design for Hannah's business plan and product is astonishing.

This is exactly what St. Joseph's is all about: independent thinking, creativity, entrepreneurial drive. More than one member of staff said that they would most definitely buy and wear this tee-shirt if it was on the market.

Thank you for sharing your work with us, Hannah. You are definitely a fashion star to watch for the future. Chanel and Galliano: move over! Hannah is the future face of haute couture.



Don't forget: you, too, can write for this blog. To do so, please contact Mr Matyla on: AMatyla@stjosephscollege.net .