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John Spendluffe Newsletter

Upper School - Issue 11

To the Class of 2020

Well it has reached that time of year when you would have officially left and be on to your next journey in life.

It has been a very strange end to the year, and as a Pastoral Team we are sorry that we could not celebrate with you as you reached the end of your time at JSTC.

We will hopefully see you on results day, but until then we say goodbye and good luck. It has been a pleasure to have got to know each and every one of you.

You will be missed but not forgotten.

Mrs Sharp, Mrs McLennan and Mr Baxter.



The Spendluffe Weekly Challenge

The Next Picasso?

This week's challenge is set to test your artistic skills by painting, colouring or drawing a picture.

As ever, it isn't quite that easy. Your challenge, if you wish to accept it, is to complete your masterpiece while blindfolded.



The topic of your art is completely your choice, the only rule is that you cannot

see while creating it. You might want to draw your favourite fruit, a random object in your home, or if you're feeling confident maybe a celebrity/family member.



We can't wait to see your work!

Send your submissions to pschee@jstc.org.uk or on the official JSTC Facebook page.

Keep Calm and Carry on Learning

The levels of contribution being observed in virtual lessons shows the commitment to continued learning and progress towards your GCSEs. Your optional subjects are also enjoying interacting with students and seeing the potential in using Teams to support your education during this strange times.

If you have not already done so, there is an important survey on Class Charts that you must fill out. Remember there is also work that still needs to be completed and submitted on Class Charts.

Attendance for the virtual lessons has been excellent. If there is a reason you cannot attend a lesson, you do need to email the pastoral team or the office - the same principle as if we were in school.

Student Coaching 2020



Answer honestly quiz!

- Do you prepare effectively for tests and assessments?
- Do you meet all your deadlines?
- Are you effective at planning and using your time?
- Are you able to motivate yourself to work when you'd rather be doing something else?

Did you answer 'No' to any (or all) of these questions? The JSTC Student Coaching Programme will help you to reach your ultimate academic goal(s) during Year 11 by working with a trained adult coach. Your coach might be someone who works in an office, around the site, or in a classroom as support or a teacher. You can choose your coach, or we will make the match for you.

A coach will help you to keep track of your own progress. You will gain confidence in your ability to reach your target grade. You will find that you become better at talking to your teachers about your progress and with working independently.

The role of a coach is to be a support, and help you to make your own decisions. They will not judge you, criticize you or talk to others about you. A coach will believe in you; however, the success of coaching very much depends on you, as an individual: on what you do in between sessions and your attitude towards your goal.

If you wish to have more information or wish to have a coach, please email Miss Elias or Mrs Powell.

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Tutor Message

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Hello everyone, I just thought I'd drop you a few lines of encouragement while we embark on this new era of learning.

I know that home learning/online schooling is difficult and most of you are trying your best, I'm really pleased that you are. For those of you who are not, my size 8 shoe is ready for you!

Being at home is difficult, some days you may not want to get out of bed, get dressed, or you just want to eat your weight in snacks! However, get up, get dressed and move away from the snack cupboard. Turn on your device and get studying!

School work is important, as is keeping in touch with your friends, playing your X box, PlayStation etc, and HELPING OUT at home. You are all old enough to do that, and if you feel you can't then start learning. It is not going to kill you to put your pots in the dishwasher/wash them up, put your dirty laundry in the wash basket or even put them in the washing machine and learn how to work it, use the vacuum cleaner in your pig sty or around the house, maybe even opening the curtains to your cave and let some fresh air in! These are all things that will help stop the 'ear ache'.



I do miss your faces in a morning, each and everyone of you, even if they were miserable! I look forward to being able to see you, listen to your moaning and share in the gossip. Be good, be kind and take care of yourselves.

Mrs Garrard xx

