John Spendluffe Newsletter Upper School - Issue 7

The Last Two Weeks

We hope that you all enjoyed your half term and managed to take some time to relax before getting back to your education last week.

There are some exciting changes coming for year 10 with the introduction of virtual lessons. This will kick things up in terms of the learning that can be done from home but still keep both staff and students safe.

In one of the early issues of the Upper School Newsletter, we asked you to write a letter that could be sent to Care Homes to bring some

happiness and joy to the residents and carers. Many of you sent in letters and the dedication of the school to our community has been recognised on BBC Radio Lincolnshire! You can listen to the interview over at the JSTC Facebook page. Or if you would like to participate, you can send your letters to office@jstc.org.uk.



The Spendluffe Weekly Challenge

You Rock!

We thoroughly enjoy seeing you get creative and this weeks challenge should definitely allow you to 'rock your creativity'.

Your challenge, if you wish to accept it, is to paint a rock then hide it somewhere in your village town. It could be for other children to find or just to make someone smile while they are out and about.



You could base your rock on your favourite subject, hobby or just create something bright and positive. The choice is yours!

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

Announcements

Learning through Teams

Over the next couple of weeks Year 10 will be starting on the exciting journey of virtual lessons. Staff and students are looking forward to the prospect of beginning actual lessons, albeit with a twist.

Year 10, you must keep an eye on Class Charts during this time as there will be important announcements regarding your initial online meetings and subsequent lessons.



As ever, if you have any difficulties you can contact the office@jstc.org.uk or the pastoral team.

Class of 2020 Yearbook

This year hasn't gone to plan, and this is especially true for Year 11s, with no exams and arguably the most important events, the last day of school and prom. UNDER QUARANTINE, LIFE DOES NOT STOP!



Your pastoral team are hoping that their plans will soften the disappointment and provide many of you with the closure you need.

The Yearbook is part of that, therefore, please make sure that you complete the survey on Class Charts and submit your page.

Hegarty Maths Stats!

Well done to all the students who have successfully logged in to Hegarty Maths and have been learning how to use the website.

It's great to see so many of you completing tasks set by teachers or just choosing work to do independently.

There is a guide attached with this newsletter which may help you with logging in or using the site, but remember you can contact Mrs Startin (k.startin@jstc.org.uk) if you need anymore help! Well done to Year 7 who have completed the most questions on Hegarty last week!

Year 10: 1031 questions answered

The top maths classes for the last two weeks are 10.4—Mrs Field and Miss Norton—most questions answered (712 questions)

Keep up the good work everyone!



We Need You

Well, your thoughts and ideas

This newsletter is all about you. We are using it to send out important messages, to motivate, to communicate, to help, to support, to let you know that we are still here for you.

But, we want to hear from more of you! What would you want to see in the newsletter? It could be a competition idea, something that you think

we should be telling you about, or maybe just something that we should include every week. For example, a shout-out from your teacher/tutor or a joke/quiz question.

Send your suggestions to pastoral.year10@jstc.org.uk

Challengers, are you ready?

This week we are going for something different. We want to challenge you to try something new. The challenge is to try and learn something new. This new 'skill' would ideally be non-academic or creative.

This could be something that you have wanted to try for a while or something brand new.

There is a short list of ideas for you along with a yummy new hobby from Miss Elias.

We would really like to see your attempts at your new skills/hobbies. Your first try might not be perfect, it might not work at all but the point is to try and then keep trying until you become an 'expert'. You can see

the benefits of having a hobby here ->

LIST OF HOBBIES



- 01. Blogging 02. Graphic Designing 22. Podcasting 03. Painting
- 04. Drawing 05. Learn a Language
- 06. Dog Sitting 07. Bullet Journaling
- 08. Knitting 09. Crochet
- 10. Scrapbooking 11. Sewing
- 12. Calligraphy 13. Sculpting
- 14. Pottery 15. Jigsaw puzzles 16. Photography
 17. Candle Making
- 18. Nail Art 19. Makeup 20. DIY Activities

- 21. Play an instrument
- 23. Creative Writing
- 24. Cooking 25. Gardening
- 26. Geocaching 27. Traveling
- 28. Meditation 29. Volunteering
- 30. Become a mentor





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