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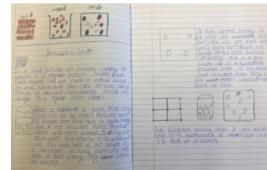
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The Courtyard Weekly Newsletter—Friday 24 January 2020

Dates for the Diary

- 29.1.20—Parent Workshop—Family Action—how best to support your child at home
- 10.2.20—iCOS Education Awards
- 12.2.20—Parent Workshop—Deborah Shepherd—Courtyard Residential
- 17.2.20—Half Term begins
- 3-6.3.20—Courtyard Careers Week
- 5.3.20—World Book Day

This week in pictures:



In Science, the pupils have been looking into the relationship between solids, liquids, and gases.

A super celebration!

This week, a group of 6th form pupils visited a Hospitality Visit the IBIS hotel.

During the visit, a pupil, Hannah Boston, attended an interview and has successfully obtained a paid employment opportunity.

Hannah believes that her future in full-time employment as opposed to college or training.

Ms Vidal worked tirelessly to prepare Hannah for the interview, via work experience placements and Workskills lessons.

This is the reality of what the Courtyard 6th form provision achieves. Well done Hannah!



Many of you would be aware that Australia is facing the most dangerous and catastrophic bushfires they have ever seen.

More than 10 million hectares have been burnt. That's the equivalent of 40% of the entire UK. An estimated 1.25 billion animals have been affected, including 30% of the entire koala population in mid-north coast of New South Wales.

As you may know, we have recently welcomed several new members of staff all from Australia and we would like to do something to help. Miss Tripp, Miss Lucas, Mr Saunders and Mr Scoullar will be baking traditional Australian treats to sell on Monday 27th January in an effort to raise money to become a Koala Protector, an initiative by WWF Australia to help provide care for injured koalas.

We would greatly appreciate any contribution you can make and we look forward to introducing you to some of our favourite Aussie treats.



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Learning taking place next week

Listed below are the areas which will be taught in different subjects next week. Please take the opportunity to discuss with your child throughout the week.

- **iGCSE English**— explain why and how literary devices are used in various texts
- **FS Level 1 English**— learning about Karl Marx and Communism
- **Entry Level English**— **meaning of silent letters and identify words that contain silent letters**
- **GCSE Maths**— Data Analysis—line and pie charts
- **GCSE Statistics**— Outliers and Describing Correlation by Inspection
- **AS—Level Maths**—Manipulating and solving algebraic fractions
- **FS Level 1 Maths**— Ratio and proportion
- **Entry Level Maths**— recognising equivalent fractions
- **EDCL L3 ICT**— preparation for upcoming exams—screenshot tool and its benefits
- **FS L2 ICT**— Applying IT skills to a real-life business scenario—responding to feedback—responding to feedbackk
- **FS L1 ICT**— Applying IT skills to a real-life business scenario
- **Infomatics**— Presentation Software
- **Science**— investigating changes of state: solid, liquid, gas; nuclear fission and fusion
- **Social Express L1**— Definition and examples of hazards and risks
- **Social Express L2**—Scenario discussions. Managing conflict at home
- **Workskills**— Self-management Skills—considering the types of pressure we face and how we manage this pressure
- **Home Cooking**— Healthy Eating—Eatwell plate and recommended portion sizes
- **Hospitality**— looking in depth at different food groups
- **Creative Expression**—improvising in their devised characters and implementing strategies studied in previous weeks
- **Art**—communication through typography
- **Literacy** - IDLS programme—Words ending in 'tion' and 'sion'
- **RSE**— building better relationships; gender stereotyping
- **World Studies**—compare and debate the differences between our lifestyles habits and heath and the situation in Awra Amba
- **PE**— introduction of 10 minute ab workouts; Outside— positions in netball
- **Independence**— Developing an understanding of different social skills when shopping for ingredients. This will take place through role play and analysis.

Independent Learning Task—due in on Friday 31 January

Science— Completing a paper based task focusing on the current areas of learning: **Solids, Liquids and Gases**. The homework has been uploaded onto **Google Classroom** for the pupils to access.