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The Courtyard Weekly Newsletter—Friday 28 February 2020

Dates for the Diary

- 2-6.3.20—Courtyard Careers Week
- 3.3.20—Boccia Tournament
- 4.3.20—WE Day celebrations—6th formers
- 4.3.20—Parent Workshop—Personal Budgets—Joanne Chaney from Disabled Children's Support Team
- 5.3.20—World Book Day
- 6.3.20—Chloe's last day before maternity leave



National Careers Week 2020



Hello, my name is Hamza and I'm introducing myself as the Student Council President. I also want to bring you fresh, weekly newsletters so that you can know what's happening around school from a pupil perspective.

I'm currently interested in Journalism and when I leave the Courtyard I want to continue doing that as well as other courses related to it, in college so that I could get a decent start in my life.

Two weeks ago, a small group of students (including myself) went to a climate change protest at Islington Town Hall intending to build awareness to other people about how human's actions are destroying planet Earth, as well as, some ways of making the planet better. Personally, I loved participating in it and I even committed in a last minute opportunity of public speaking. It was my very first time speaking to the public and I hope I can do it again in the future.

And this week the sixth formers had an RSE workshop revolving around contraception. I think that some of the sixth formers (including myself) already knew about contraception but it was refreshing and good learning repeating the information. Thank you to teachers like Ms Vidal for setting up the workshop and I hope these educational workshops can happen again soon.

Thank you for reading this week's newsletter and stay tuned for more updates!

Assemblies and workshops are taking place through the next three weeks, guiding pupils on possible career options in the future and routes to access them.

Careers covered will include finance, science, journalism, acting, music and animal care.

As you will have noticed, our fantastic Admin Officer, Chloe, is commencing her maternity leave on Friday 6th March. I am pleased to inform you that another Chloe(!) will be covering the position. We wish both Chloe's all the best in their new ventures!!

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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**— Persuasive writing skills
- **FS Level 1 English**—Developing writing skills
- **Entry Level English**— audience and purpose—writing emails
- **GCSE Maths**— Fractions as amounts
- **GCSE Statistics**— 4 point moving averages
- **AS—Level Maths**—equation of a circle
- **FS Level 1 Maths**— measure— time, length, weight, capacity
- **Entry Level Maths**— calculating with money using correct notation
- **EDCL L3 ICT**— screenshots annotations of different menu features with examples
- **FS L2 ICT**— using Excel Spreadsheet formulas to find out if certain foods we eat is healthy or unhealthy
- **FS L1 ICT**— using Excel Spreadsheet formulas to find out if certain foods we eat is healthy or unhealthy
- **Infomatics**— developing software fundamental skills
- **Science**— Electricity—simple series and parallel circuits
- **PSD L1**— Tackling homophobia, transphobia and sexism
- **PSD L2**— Managing romantic relationship challenges including break ups
- **Workskills**— use self-management skills to stick to a weekly or monthly plan of work related tasks
- **Home Cooking**— Healthy Eating—Food allergies
- **Hospitality**— completing unit assignments
- **Creative Expression**—performing new skills
- **Art**—design project for World Book Day—Alice in Wonderland
- **Literacy** - IDLS programme— homophones
- **RSE**— changing body, puberty and growth
- **World Studies**—society and decision-making, democracy
- **PE**— creating personalised gym programmes; Outside— netball, basketball, football
- **Independence**— travel planning and safety in the community

Independent Learning Task—due in on Friday 6 March

RSE ILT: My relationships with others: what's good and what could be improved? This task will be available via Google Classroom as well as paper copies being handed to pupils. Please encourage your child to discuss this task with you and your family and complete at home.