

The Courtyard aims to offer an outstanding educational and social provision that will equip our students with the skills and experiences needed to discover and live out their potential



St Mary Magdalene Academy  
**The Courtyard**

## The Courtyard Weekly Newsletter—Friday 6 November 2020

### Head Teacher—Deborah Shepherd

It was great to **welcome back** our pupils to school after what I hope was a restful Half Term.

#### **Free School Meals**

There has been a lot in the press recently about Free School Meals during the holidays. I am pleased to inform you that all Courtyard families who are entitled to Free School Meal support will be receiving a £15 voucher to go some way to cover the costs of feeding your child during the half term break. I hope that the vouchers will be issued next week. I will update you when I know more.

If you think you may be eligible for Free School Meals but have not registered, please contact Belinda in the School Office on 02038596350 and she will support you to complete an FSM form.



### Deputy for Behaviour and Safety Notice—Louise Norman

#### Celebrations this week

##### Star of the week - Acts of kindness

- Chloe for her helpful nature in the classroom
- James for asking politely for help in Maths and ICT.
- Jess for supporting a fellow student in ICT.
- Jono for his enthusiasm and helping others settle during Lunchtime Film Club
- Liz for helping students feel welcome at the school.
- Nathan M for working well with his peers during maths
- Hamza for helping Miss Sigola put up the ICT display board



##### Star of the week

- Nevan for always completing his PE work with a smile on his face. :)
- Chloe for coming to maths this week with a positive attitude and setting a good example for her peers.
- Lula for creating a brilliant line in our independence short film about safety in the community.
- Nathan N for his consistent positive attitude to ICT lessons.
- Kion for his fantastic engagement and contributions in RSE lessons
- Keira for her positive contribution during world studies

##### Student/s with the most merits this week:

Well done to: Kion, Aymene, Max, Enkel, Dillon, Nathan M, Hamza, Xaundre

**This week's Votes For Schools topic:** To mark [Parliament Week 2020](#), students will this week be thinking about all things Government, and considering the ins and outs of life as a politician with the question: "**Would you want to be a politician right now?**"

## Independent Learning Task

This week's ILT was WORLD STUDIES



Next week's ILT is PSD/WorkSkills

Students in Workskills will be creating a Code of Conduct for the workplace to demonstrate their understanding of what is and isn't appropriate workplace behaviour.



workskills

### Courtyard Parent Workshops: 2020-21

The next Parent Workshop will be on **Wednesday 18th November from 4-5pm.**

It will be held by the **Philippa Russell** from **Healthwatch Islington** who will be sharing information about **accessing GPs, dentists and hospital care with regard to changes in Government guidance.**

As usual, the workshop will be conducted via Google Meet. Mrs Healy will be sharing the invitation to join on Monday 16th November. The session will be recorded and emailed to parents who are unable to attend. I would encourage you to attend if you can so that you can ask questions to our host and get immediate responses to any specific inquiries.



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### This week's Votes For Schools Topic:



#### Vote Results:

Before half term, you looked more closely at how and why the environment has been in the news this year, and what this suggests about how much attention we've been paying it. Here's what you thought...

**Have we forgotten about the environment this year?**

"I believe that **people are doing their bit to combat climate change**, and although there have been **bigger issues this year**, David Attenborough and the Royal Family are **helping**."



"People are just **concentrating on COVID-19 and not the environment** because people don't want the virus, nor the virus spreading."



#### This week's VoteTopic:

To mark Parliament Week 2020 (1<sup>st</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> November), you are going to be exploring why our Government and politicians have been in the news lately, and the challenges they have to contend with. You will decide:

**Would you want to be a politician right now?**



#### Discussion points:

- ☒ If you were a politician at the moment, which areas would you be the most focused on and why?
- ☒ How has being a politician changed in the last year? How about in the last 5 or 10 years?
- ☒ If you could get rid of one negative aspect of being a politician, what would it be and why? Would this change convince you to do the job?

#### Student research points:

- ☒ What is the average day like for a politician?
- ☒ How does a politician work from home?
- ☒ Who is your MP and what are their areas of expertise?
- ☒ How did your MP vote on the Free School Meals motion?

#### Please Note:

For anyone working from home, please make sure you still get involved!



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## Flu Event—run by Islington



### Increasing the uptake of the flu vaccination within BME communities

**10**  
Nov 2020



This online event starts at 10.30 am and finishes at 12 midday

Support is available for those new to Zoom

**manorgardens**  
Providing services to the community since 1973  
for health and wellbeing

**healthwatch**  
Islington

The purpose of this event is to increase awareness of the importance of the flu vaccination; provide accurate information related to vaccinations; and to promote the availability and ways of accessing the vaccination across the Borough.

Come ready to talk about issues your clients may have, and to work together to encourage residents to understand the importance of the flu vaccination this year. For more information email [Jennifer Kent](mailto:Jennifer.Kent@healthwatch-islington.org.uk), Volunteer and Projects Manager at Healthwatch Islington, or [click this link to book a ticket](#).

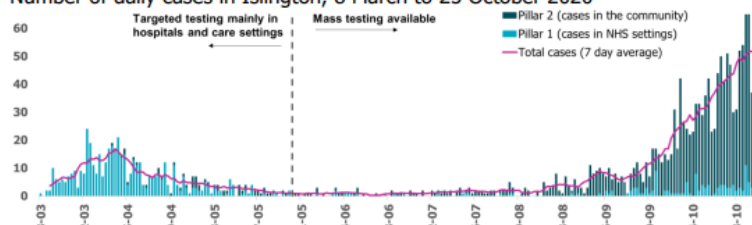
Please share this information with anyone you know who might benefit from attending.

## Covid-19 figures report from Islington

### COVID-19 in Islington Last week (19 October – 25 October)

**Deaths 0**  
**New cases per day average 52**

Number of daily cases in Islington, 8 March to 25 October 2020



It is important to note that as mass testing wasn't available until 28th May, many cases early on will not have been tested. Therefore, current number of cases cannot be compared to the start of the pandemic.

Islington has had a total of **1,988** confirmed cases, **2.2%** of London's total.

**Weekly incidence rate = 148.9 per 100,000**



This is slightly lower than London's rate at 154.9 per 100,000. An incident rate of above 50 per 100,000 is rated red and means that community transmission has increased.

**7.5% of tests are positive**



For every 100 tests taken 8 on average are coming back positive. A weekly percentage of 4-7.5% is rated amber.

These indicators are RAG (red-amber-green) rated to indicate whether they are good or bad.

Green Amber Red

**London's R number = 1.1 to 1.3**



An R number between 1.1 and 1.3 means that on average every 10 people infected will infect between 11 and 13 other people. If the R value is above 1 the pandemic is growing, if it is below 1 the pandemic is shrinking.

This infographic has been created by Camden and Islington's Public Health Intelligence Team, contact [PHASS@Islington.gov.uk](mailto:PHASS@Islington.gov.uk) for more information.

## Subject focus in lessons next week beginning 9th November 2020

<b>Maths Entry Level</b>	Multiply two-digit whole numbers by single- and double-digit
<b>Maths FSL1</b>	Use multiplication facts and make connections with division facts
<b>Maths GCSE</b>	Quadratic Sequence
<b>Maths Statistics</b>	More complicated and Theoretical Probabilities
<b>Maths A/AS</b>	Trigonometry Proofs
<b>English Entry Level</b>	Revision and assessments
<b>English FSL1</b>	Writing an email (revisited task)
<b>English GCSE Lang</b>	Analysing structural techniques
<b>English GCSE Lit</b>	The Victorian Era: the division between the rich and the poor
<b>ICT Informatics</b>	Coding & Computational Thinking: The Artist 1-5
<b>ICT FSL1</b>	Autumn Term Assessments revision
<b>ICT FSL2</b>	Autumn Term Assessments revision
<b>ICT ECDL L3 PPT</b>	Autumn Term Assessments revision
<b>Science BTEC</b>	KS5 - looking at the structure of a leaf.  KS4- To be able to construct a covalent bond
<b>Home Cooking</b>	Types and function of nutrients
<b>Hospitality</b>	Local Hospitality businesses
<b>PSD</b>	Healthy Living: Dental Health
<b>WorkSkills BTEC</b>	<b>Year 1:</b> CV Writing. <b>Year 2:</b> Personal and Social Relationships: Emotions in Relationships
<b>P.E.</b>	Bleep Test
<b>Creative Expression</b>	Learning about Indonesian shadow puppetry - wayang kulit.
<b>World Studies</b>	Our Symbolic World - looking at the earliest artistic objects and cave paintings
<b>Art</b>	A1 size Final piece based on Keith Haring art/ making a Barbara
<b>RSE 6th Form</b>	Students will explore how the way we feel about ourselves can
<b>RSE 6th Form Independence Group</b>	Students will reflect about the products you use to keep your body clean
<b>Independence Group</b>	Filming our short film on 'safety in the community'



## This week at The Courtyard

### Democracy at The Courtyard!



**Watching the US election:** Keira—Y11, Angelina—Y11, Fred—Y11, Alexia—Y12, Lula—Y11, Aymene—Y11



**Voting for President of the School Council:** Left to right: Azariah—Y13, Mr Kelly, Chloe—Y10, Norville—Y11

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### Birthday doubles:

Paris—Y10, Miss Barton, Jono—Y13 and Kit play table tennis in celebration of Miss Barton's birthday.



**Creating beats in Creative Expression:** Right to left: John —Y10, Miss Lucas and James—Y9



**Receiving Beats by Dre:** Left to right: James—Y9, John —Y10 and Aaron—Y12

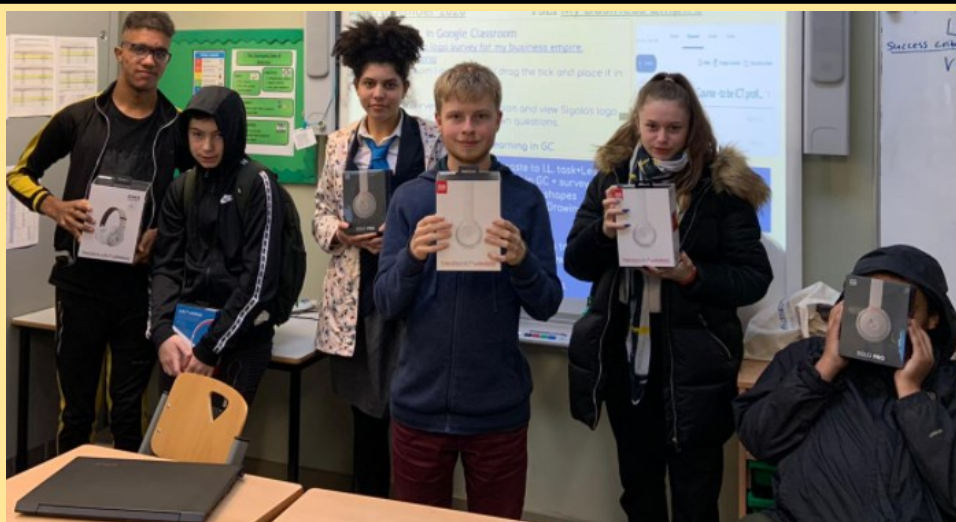


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### Happy Beats! Left to right:

Azariah—Y13, Lula—Y11, William—Y10, Charlie—Y9, ElSharief—Y13, Norville—Y11, Fred—Y11



### Joyful Beats! Left to right:

Tyrese E—Y12, Callum—Y12, Angelina—Y11, Henry—Y13, Ruby—Y10, Blaise—Y12



### Delighted Beats! Left to right:

Dillon—Y9, Tyrese Q-B—Y12, Liz—Y12, Dorian—Y10, Nathan N—Y13, Jack—Y11



## This week at The Courtyard



### Cheerful Beats! Left to right:

Charlotte—Y13, Hamza—Y14, Constantine—Y13, Nathan M—Y14, Nevan—Y9



### Elated Beats! Left to right:

Chloe—Y10, Prom—Y9, Keira—Y11, Xaundre—Y11, Enkel—Y9



### The Joy of Giving! Mrs Shepherd

### The Sadness of Not Receiving! The Courtyard Staff