We hope you had a safe and restful Easter break and would like to welcome you to (a very strange) Summer Term!

We are very proud of how our students, their families and our staff have adapted to our temporary new way of learning. Many students are doing lots of work - both that set by their teachers and the extras that have been suggested. We know things are strange and sometimes difficult but please make sure you are doing your best to complete the work that is being sent to you whenever you can to make sure that your brains keep ticking over.

Thank you and well done to everyone who entered the Easter Maths Challenge and decorated their Easter egg with symmetrical patterns.

The winner of the Easter egg design competition is: Nathaniel Barnard!

The runners up in no particular order are: Sarah Scott, George Hodgson, Emma Wilkins and Alexia Baxter.

Well done, Miss Blakeborough is coming up with a plan of how to get prizes to you safely. Egg-cellent work!

The Maths department
Home Education Newsletter
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Mrs Wilkinson would like to pass on her thanks to all students who are using the time at home productively and creatively cooking for their families.

“It is so fabulous to hear that you are practicing your cookery skills and providing comfort/help to your parents through this unsettling time. I was so pleased to hear you are using our school recipes and adapting them for your families.”

Tabitha in Year 7 made some delicious Chocolate Cookies.

Keira in Year 7 made these amazing pizzas from scratch for a family meal.

Millie in Year 10 wowed her family with recipes, inspired by her Food Tech lessons, in a Come Dine with Me style competition!

Here are some other examples of great work our teachers have received:

Aidan in Yr 9 produced this poem as voluntary homework!

Emily Bastow in Yr 7 produced this brochure about The Tempest. Mrs Broadbent thought it was fantastic!

Mrs Purkis loved reading Theodore’s (Yr 8) French work about Lille.
Miss Moor loved Harvey in Yr 7’s Star Constellations.

Habiba in Yr 8 produced this beautifully done research page on David Hockney using watercolour pencils.

Dr. Crowder thinks Oliver in Yr 7 has done a great job finding household substances and fruit to make indicators.

Miss Cane has also received some great Constellations work!

Miss Shaw loves Emma’s (in Yr 7) wanted poster on the English Civil.
Mrs Oliver in Music has loved seeing your work saying,
“This week the music lesson was based around a new topic of Programme Music: this is music that is intended to tell a story or paint a picture for the listener. The task was to listen to Holst’s ‘The Planets - Mars’ and draw a picture of Mars the planet solely from what they could hear. The year 7 pupils tried really hard with this task as it is not easy and here are some examples of their work.”

PE at Home
Our PE Department are really making sure we all stay fit and healthy during lock down with regular reminders to join in with PE with Joe every morning as well as the weekly PE challenges - let’s stay active, stay safe and stay well.
Here are the leader boards from the first 2 weeks (top performers per year group):

Week 1 - press ups in a minute (178 took part)
Yr7: Jen M & Cormac O  Yr8: Evie P & Ihsan M  Yr9: Olivia M & Isaac K  Yr10: Maddy J & Mason B
Yr11: Jamaal H  Yr12: Nat S and Isabelle D  Staff: Mr Swann & Miss Frankland

Week 2 - keepie uppies ball and toilet roll (74 participants)
Toilet roll - Yr7: Ellis T & Maya M  Yr8: Theo M & Maddison H  Yr9: Esa A & Cody F
Yr 10: George L & Maddy J  Staff: Mr Brown & Mrs Bleasby
Football - Yr7: Taha A & Harry K  Yr8: Gab P & Theo M  Yr9: Toby L
10: Maddy J & Mason B  Staff: Mrs Bleasby & Miss Seeley

This week the PE Challenge has been all about running – we hope lots of you have taken part. Full information is sent to students each week so look out for Mr Swann’s emails!

An email has been sent out to all parent/carers with an updated guide to home learning attached. The guide can also be found on our Home Education page on the school website. This guidance has been developed to try to streamline the setting of work and to provide information and support to you at home.
Many thanks for everyone’s continued efforts and support during this unprecedented situation and we hope you and your families are well.
Mr Weston - Headteacher