



Secondary Newsletter

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Current news

Film competition - [Organised by Childnet](#)

BBC lessons - The BBC has [launched daily lessons](#) with some great names, like David Attenborough (from Blue Planet) and Jodie Whittaker (Dr Who).

Consent video conference - please fill this in if you have not done so already. The teachers need to know, especially if you do NOT agree.

Anti-Bullying Survey - Please fill in the survey of the county council.

Distance Learning

The transition to e-teaching has not been without some challenges, but it has focused minds and it has also served to stimulate creativity. From a teacher's perspective, I have embraced the opportunity to equip myself with some new skills and learn about unfamiliar platforms such as Google Meet. It has presented us teachers with the opportunity to share ideas for good practice and collaborate more closely over issues such as assessment strategy.

I have also been struck by how eagerly parents have supported the efforts of their children to adapt to e-learning and I know that many have also enjoyed discussing a varied range of topics from algebra to zoology with their children.

Last but not least, there is of course the children themselves. Many miss their friends and the daily bustle of life at a busy school and yet almost all have made the transitions demanded by lockdown more rapidly than either the teachers or parents. This I believe is partially due to the positive dimension for interaction which is presented by social media platforms. However, I firmly believe that more important than this, the Children of Europa are intrinsically adept at adapting and applying themselves to new situations. I have no doubt that this same flexibility and resilience will serve them well as they progress through the school and beyond. Well done school community in your attempts to stay at home, continue learning and supporting our brave NHS workers.

Paul Spiring - Director of Teaching and Learning



Career talks

[Speakers for Schools](#) offers excellent "VTalks" which get students thinking about future career options and a wide range of current issues. The is one most days at either 10am or 2pm.

We strongly recommend that secondary students "attend" some of these talks. There is also a chance to ask questions using the "Chat" messaging system. Please don't miss timetabled lessons for these. We will try to email students with details of the relevant talks each week.

Mrs Powell and Mrs Simpson

Young Art Oxford

This year`s exhibition is taking the very special format and we would love everyone to take a look on the [Oxford Young Art website](#) where all the pictures will be exhibited on 7 May. Our warmest congratulations again go to: Magali (Highly Commended) and Maya, both Year 2, Clara (Highly Commended) and Zoï, both Year 4, Annabella (Highly Commended) and Anna, both Year 5, Nikita (Highly Commended), Year 6 and Aurelia, Year 7.

Frau Havenstein

Useful Links

- [Instructions on the school's distance tools.](#)
- [Code.org for coding activities](#)
- [Childnet](#)
- How to make a perfect study area [here](#)
- British museum tour [here](#)
- Visit Rome in Italy [here](#)
- Visit the Louvre Museum [here](#)
- Vitit the Van Gogh museum [here](#)

Coronavirus - guidance can be found [here](#)

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