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Message from the Principal

Welcome to 2021!

We were all preparing to return to Sixth Form, getting ready for actual exams and mock exams, completing all of our holiday homework – when we received the announcement from the Prime Minister that most learning would happen remotely! Fortunately, as we are already set up for remote learning at WMSF, we've been able to make the **switch to learning from home pretty seamlessly**. Our teachers have been brilliant at switching to live learning using **google classroom**, and student attendance has been very strong indeed. A huge well done everyone for being so engaged with learning. Whether there are end of year tests or not, **teachers will be involved in determining grades this year**. The work students complete online will go towards their final grade – so **attendance to lessons is very important**. If students feel demotivated at any time they should talk to their tutor or a teacher. Remote learning can be lonely and we are all here to help.

We enjoy welcoming a small number of students to the site every day, and **all staff and students working on site have been making use of our Covid testing centre** which has been running very efficiently. Finally, a **big congratulations** to all the students **who passed their GCSE Maths and English November resit exams** this January, 54 in English and 71 in Maths achieved a grade 4 or above, with some 7's and 8's! And remember – to keep us all safe do follow the Government guidelines and stay home, Best Wishes,

Mary



Newly Elected Student Union President: Omar Mahgoub

Omar Mahgoub was elected Student Union President last term. Omar decided to run for President as he has extensive experience in mentoring and tutoring, so he knew he could relate well to other young people and be a voice for them. He says his main goal this year is to ensure 'all the students at WMSF are staying safe,' that their mental and physical wellbeing is looked after.

Started WMSF: 09/2019
Studies:

A' Level Chemistry, Biology, and Arabic.

Future plans:
Wants to be a Physiotherapist and work in the NHS.

Fun Fact:
Has a brown belt in Karate takes part in national tournaments and international matches.



ChromeBook Roll Out to Students Begins

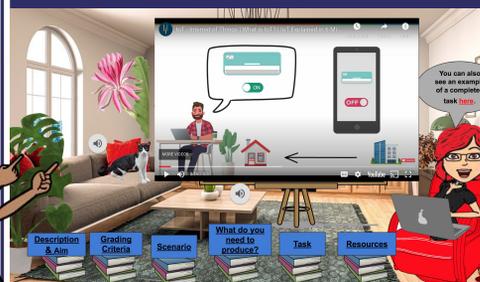
The second week of January has seen the start of our roll out of the much anticipated ChromeBooks to students. Despite Brexit and a third national lockdown, 50 students in need of a laptop to access online learning at home were the first to receive a brand new WMSF ChromeBook.



Shiraz Hasham and Sami Khan (pictured R) from the Technical Services team, all set up to give out Chromebooks to students. **Business and Media student Fahim Abdul** (pictured L) picking up his.



Lockdown Lessons - IT with Marilyn & Media with Sarah



Now that WMSF has gone Google, IT teacher **Marilyn Bramall** and Curriculum Area Leader for Media, **Sarah Jan Mahomed**, have been experimenting with creating virtual classrooms for online teaching complete with Bitmoji versions of themselves leading the students through tasks. Their google slides include voice notes, videos and of course, tasks - with the teacher teaching live on google classrooms it's like having two teachers teaching you simultaneously!



Student Entrepreneur: Meet RAMEL McLEAN

WMSF Level 2 student **Rahmel McLean** has managed to do what many Art and Design/Fashion university graduates struggle to achieve - he's launched his own clothing line. **B.O.L.D Clothing** standing for 'be original, live different' can be found on Instagram.

This is what he had to say:

I have always been interested in fashion as a child, my fashion was bold, unique and my own taste. I always wanted to set trends rather than follow them. This inspired me to start my own clothing brand where I could express my creative side. I started in my bedroom by sketching a few logos and coming up with a name which would fit my brand. I always knew that this would be a challenge. I researched manufacturers and decided I wanted to start my brand off independently. I then decided to purchase the equipment and print the garments myself at home. I came up with the name bold, which meant to show a willingness to take risks and be confident and courageous, and made an acronym so that bold would have a deeper meaning for my brand. This relates to modern day society where everybody is expected to be the same. One day I aspire to be a successful entrepreneur! spreading a positive message that being bold is about being on our own journey and it's ok to be different!

Instagram: **B.O.L.D_clothing**



Rahmel McLean wearing his own B.O.L.D design.



Covid Tests at WMSF

From the start of this term WMSF has been doing Covid-19 lateral flow tests for staff and students who have to be on site. This is to keep our WMSF community safe during this lockdown. A big thank you to all the members of staff who have volunteered to be testers; the testing team along with the science technicians have worked really hard to implement the lateral flow Covid tests, in an efficient and clinical manner.



Testing and getting tested (L to R)
Mary Berrisford - Principal,
Assistant Principals
Pia Khan & Julia Brown, Susan Batchelor Finance.

Online Enrichment



Lockdown is hard on everyone mentally, so encourage the young people under your care to participate in our online enrichment activities - they'll have received emails from **Lucy Maher**, our enrichment coordinator, on their Outlook WMSF email.

Lucy's message to all WMSF students:

Online enrichment is now up and running giving you time out of busy days studying to engage in some fun, relaxing and insightful sessions. As well as the many great activities our William Morris staff are offering such as **Spanish, meditation and digital media** we are also happy to have some fantastic external projects starting too. Amongst the choices you have available to you is the **Take the Lead project**. This is an employability programme run through the **Old Vic theatre**, using drama workshops to help students develop their employability skills, and the **First Medics programme** offered through St Paul's school for all of our aspiring medics. Remember also that **DofE** is now back too which is a great way to have your skills and experiences that you'll be developing during lockdown recognised and recorded.

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