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Message from the Principal

Welcome back to face to face teaching!

It is so wonderful to have students back on site! The Sixth Form feels alive again, and despite the odd rain storm here and there the sun has mostly been shining to welcome us back.

After a blended approach to learning we'll be fully back on site this week. We can begin to focus on debate and discussion in class, practical work can return and students will rekindle friendships with fellow students they've not seen since December. Online learning has been great, but it's brilliant to be returning to face to face.

Attendance is one of the main drives of our on-site return, and we're aiming for 100% attendance from now on. No excuses! It's especially important for those students who would have had terminal exams this year; now teachers will be awarding grades based on the work students submit, they need to take every opportunity to engage in learning and have one final push to produce their best work possible. There is still time to impress! For students in Y12, they need to ensure they've studied sufficiently well in order to progress to Y13. It's a great time to be returning; we've just had international women's week, and now it's science week and the science team have organised an array of competitions. We also had prizes awarded last week for students who have performed particularly well over the past few months. Enjoy spending those £50 vouchers!

Best Wishes,

Mary

Testing Continues for Face to Face Teaching

Like all schools and colleges up and down the country, we expanded our LFD Covid testing regime at WMSF too; with over 1500 tests carried out since the 8th of March by staff,

it was a logistical challenge that the we at WMSF were all very much up for. It is great to finally see our students face to face and have them in the building again. Safe and ready to learn.



Above: Jacqui Bowyer keeping her eyes and hands on the timers for the tests.



Below: Brian Tobin, Shilpa Jajodia and Susie Jolly ready for testing students.

Science Week @ WMSF 5 - 14 March

The Science Department has created a website this year for British Science Week. We tried to create a mixture of competitions and information resources. The latter comprised of links to online events for students to log into and participate in, such as talks and career fairs, as well as essay and other competitions all based around this year's Science week motto: **Innovation**. There's a quiz, to be taken by tutor groups and submitted online, which has a set of questions with the same motto; while Innovation in science is also the subject of the internal student essay competition. Finally, but not lastly, the Science Department have also organised photo competitions for both students and staff, the subject this time is innovation in nature: Spring and Renewal! Good luck to everyone and hopefully the innovation in science will continue to battle the virus - Marcel Van den Heuvel (CAL Science)

<https://sites.google.com/wmsf.me.uk/wmsf-science-week/>



World Book Day with the LRC

This year's World Book Day was different to previous years, as has been everything else in our lives, but the LRC celebrated it online with gusto! During the Day we celebrated reading for pleasure, which has been recognised to be:

'The single biggest indicator of a child's future success more than their family circumstances, their parents' educational background or their income'.*

As part of this year's celebration we advertised digital vouchers to use in booksellers and supermarkets and asked students and staff to contribute to a digital book wall, recording your favourite literary opening and writing book reviews to be added to the LRC catalogue to inspire others -Mark Gallagher (Director of the LRC).



*World Book Day 2021. World Book Day. [online] Available at: <<https://www.worldbookday.com/about-us/>> [Accessed 3 March 2021].

Celebrating International Women's Day: Women who inspire us

Sarah Jan Mahomed (CAL Media): My mum. She came here when she was 18 to become a nurse. She and my dad raised three children, sent them to university, helped them buy their first homes and she makes the BEST Mauritian food in the whole wide world. She's also an amazing grandma.



Stacey Mott (Humanaties): Claudia Jones a Marxist, Feminist, Revolutionary who took on the Jim Crow laws in America as a founder member of the NAACP and then responded to the prejudice she faced having relocated to West London as part of the Windrush generation by creating Notting Hill Carnival. As someone who grew up in Notting Hill, I have been a direct beneficiary of her work. By the 1980s and 1990s Notting Hill had largely become a place which celebrates cultural difference, far removed from the place which saw race riots in the 1950s. This is undoubtedly due to the contribution of Claudia Jones and others like her.



From our all female IT department - **Marilyn Bramall, Angela Wright and Rue Dhillon:**



M: Rosa Parks refused to give up a seat on a bus in 1955 when racism and segregation especially for African-American people was very rife in the USA. The courage she showed in the moment sparked the civil rights movement in America which changed the lives of millions of people. That simple act of defiance started the end of black people being treated like second-class citizens. EQUALITY is the word! We need women like her; strong willed and who know their own worth.

A: Michelle Obama is an inspiration to young girls and women of colour everywhere and reminds me that strength, beauty and intellect is something that we as women share with others. When we encourage others to sparkle, our own light shines brighter.

R: Emmeline Pankhurst, is one woman we should certainly never forget. I can't believe what these women went through in their fight for women's rights. A political activist and leader of the Suffragette movement, who helped women win the right to vote.

Kieron's Published

What better way to celebrate World Book Day this month than to introduce you all to an author amongst the WMSF community; our very own, Student Services' stalwart, Kieron Lawrence who has published his first book (available on Amazon) "How Do You Think?", this is what he had to say:

I was inspired to write this book through the realisation that tomorrow is never promised. Most ideas end up in a graveyard, because people fear the unknown. I want to look back at life and say I have fulfilled my purpose and to have had a positive impact on people, and I think this book will help me do that.

The book is about indulging within your thoughts and questioning are your thoughts your own. So many of us are indoctrinated by society and we live up to societal expectations which causes us to pretend or subconsciously be someone else. Its ok to be different and be your own person.

I hope this book will make people think differently and live the life they want to live without having the fear of being different. We need to realise we can create a whole new world just by changing the way we think.



WMSF News in Brief

An **All Student Zoom Quiz** took place **organised by the Student Union** at the end of term. We were happy to see many students get involved and had some great feedback saying how fun it was and how much students enjoyed it. Congratulations to the winners: 1st place: Bianca Phillips, 2nd place Esther Vukovic, 3rd place: D'Kachy Obi- Emelonye. The Student Union will continue to deliver events throughout the year including the multicultural day quiz, which will be coming up before the Easter break.

We hosted an **Oxbridge Parents Event** - if you missed the event and are interested, the related information is now on our website in the Parents News section.

We had our very first video calling **Online Parents Evening**, with an online appointment booking system - thank you for everyone attending, the event was heavily oversubscribed with over 560 appointments booked. Teachers will be contacting parents on the wait lists for them this week.

This month will also start the first of our sessions with **St Paul's School** who will work with and support our **young medics** who will be applying for their degrees in medicine next year and taking their BMAT exams.

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