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Year 7 Parents' Evening - Virtual
19th November 2020

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01 | Headteacher Article

Dear Parents and Carers,

This is just a quick update on two points. After School Activities:

The government have been asked by the unions for clarity about what the stopping of after school activities really means. Extra lessons and revision sessions can go ahead so they will not stop and the Year 11 revision sessions will begin soon. There can still be no after school clubs in music, sport or drama but the government are still deciding about these things too and there may be a change in the next few days.

The Covid Rules:

Now that we have been living with the new rules about masks we cannot go on being patient with pupils who are still learning the rules about the one way corridors and the need to wear a mask. We will begin to send pupils home if they cannot follow the rules which are now for every secondary school pupil in the country.

In the case of masks, we have spent about £20,000 on Covid supplies including masks. We are not getting all of this back from the government and we simply cannot go on spending money in this way. Every pupil needs to have a mask and if they do not have a mask they will be sent off the school site to get one after a warning.

We need to take this seriously and we need to also get on with the wearing of masks in communal areas and corridors so that staff, including me, can have different conversations with pupils. We do not want to spend all day talking about masks. We want to talk about happier topics like pupil progress, their learning and their interests.

Some pupils are saying they have asthma and cannot wear a mask. That is fine but we need to see medical evidence of this and we will give these pupils a screen visor to wear. It is likely that we will be living with these restrictions for a little while so it is a good idea to embrace the changes sooner rather than later.

Please can I stress again that pupils who do not have masks or who are not being compliant face being sent home.

Thank you for your support and have a very good weekend.
God Bless and best wishes

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02 | Other School News

Maths Challenge

The hardest ever countdown question?

The answer will be on the newsletter on the website :)



Year 8 Computer Science & ICT Homework Projects

Year 8 pupils in 8T and 8E have now completed their first homework projects of the year. The homework project title was 'Home networks and the Internet'. The aim of the project was to build knowledge around the technology that we have in our homes to connect us to the Internet. For the project pupils had to research about the equipment required to connect to the Internet at home, investigate the differences between the World Wide Web (www) and the Internet and create a poster about the uses of the Internet for primary school pupils. The effort from the pupils especially in 8E was fantastic and work created has been used to create a new classroom display and has also featured on our social media platforms. Well done to all pupils that submitted their homework projects in on time.

In class at the moment pupils are currently working on the games development in 'Kodu'. It was actually a Year 7 unit. Due to schools closing earlier this year I really wanted to provide Year 8 with the opportunity to complete this unit hence the reason why we are doing it now. Kodu is a games development platform by Microsoft that is free to download. Pupils are currently developing a 3D maze game. The objective is to stay alive while trying to collect five apples before escaping the maze.



Notable mentions for outstanding project work:

Paula I, Leah J, Rachel J, Markos K, Aiyana L and Selen S



Spirituality Corner

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JustGiving Campaign - TMCS Food Bank

Following the success of the food bank that we held in July, we have decided to hold another on the 18/12/20 from 1pm - 4pm in order to help support local families over the Christmas period.

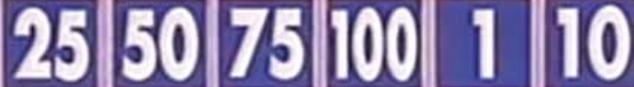
The support that we received from the community in donations was outstanding and the amount of families that benefitted from our food bank was overwhelming. So, we are asking again for any monetary donations big or small, that would buy gifts and essential foods, to be donated via our Just Giving page. We are also accepting food, wrapping paper and brand new toy donations at the school. Links to donate can be found on our social media.



Thank you



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got this solution in 30 seconds!**

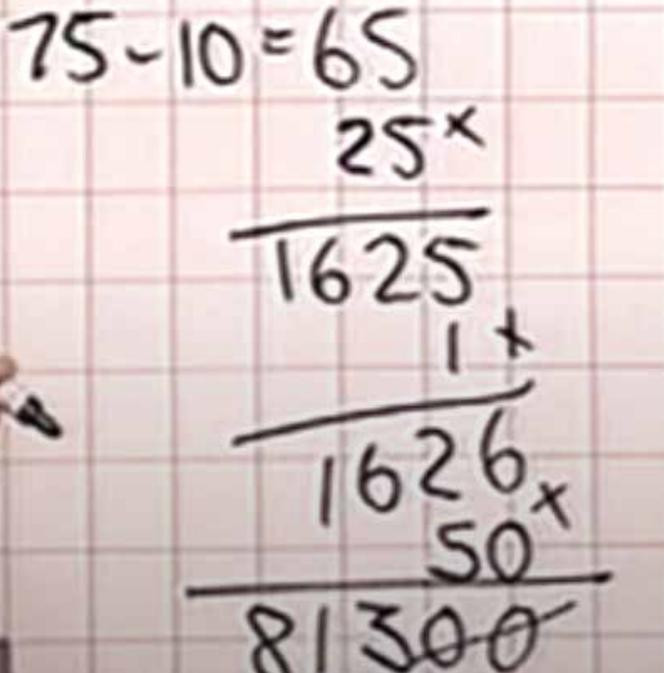
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