



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well and managed to negotiate another week. Like many I was saddened this week on hearing news about the passing away of Captain Sir Tom Moore. I know my own children were inspired last summer by the amazing influence an individual can have, especially at such a late stage of life. In an assembly before we went into lockdown I asked Year 11 what they would like to be able to say at the end of their time in school, will it be 'I Wish or I'm Glad'? I know Captain Sir Tom Moore will certainly be a person that can say 'I'm Glad'.

Captain Sir
Tom Moore



Thank you.

Free Resources and Mini Bus Tour

Next Friday we are planning on loading up the minibus with pens, paper, exercise books and other stationery products to hand out to any student that requires them. We are currently working out 5 different locations around Trowbridge. Next week I will share these locations along with the timings. As it is an inset day, students (or parents) could then pop out and collect whatever they need for the start of next term.

Friday 12th February (an inset with a difference)

Just a reminder that next Friday we have decided to use our inset day slightly differently. During the day there will not be lessons, however all children from Year 7 - 13 will be given a personal appointment with their Tutor. This will take place over Microsoft Teams.

The conversation will be centred around wellbeing and provide an opportunity for children to share their challenges. Tutors will be able to check in on their engagement and where appropriate facilitate solutions to any issues that may have arisen over the term. If you could make sure your child has their appointment next week and logs on at the appropriate time it would be appreciated.

Year 13 Parents Evening

I was really pleased to see the School Cloud remote parents evening system worked well on Wednesday evening this week. Thank you to all those parents that attended and for all your support.

Testing key worker and vulnerable students

On the first day back after half term, we are planning for all key worker and vulnerable students to take part in Lateral flow testing. This will take place during Lesson 1 on Monday 22nd February. The booking form for the first week after half term will come out next week.

Year 9 Options

Thank you for ensuring you have completed the options form and for submitting it on time. Mr Rhodes now has the huge task of processing all of these and making them form into the timetable



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for next year! As you can imagine, this is a very time-consuming task so it won't be until term 4 or 5 that we can confirm your child's choices.

Mental Health Resources

Below are a number of mental health resources that you may find useful to download.

<https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/parents-helpline/>

<https://www.annafreud.org/parents-and-carers/self-care-for-parents-and-carers/>

<https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/parents-guide-to-support-a-z/parents-guide-to-support-anxiety/>

<https://mentallyhealthyschools.org.uk/media/2215/rebuild-and-recover-anxiety-tools-for-parents.pdf>

<https://youngminds.org.uk/media/4291/when-emotions-explode-poster.pdf>

<https://www.annafreud.org/media/12858/shout-parents-and-carers-poster.pdf>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/coronavirus-parents-working-from-home/>

Year 11 into post-16

All Year 11 who have applied to Post 16 should have now received the subject blocks for next year. If you have any questions about this please feel to contact Mrs Baines. lbaines@jogschool.org

As always, thank you for your support. I hope you all have a productive and enjoyable weekend.

Keep safe and well everyone.

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