



Newsletter No 17 – 1st June 2020

W elcome back to Term 6.

This is a term usually memorable for the examination season, for special school events such as Sports Days, Proms, music and drama performances, activities weeks and trips, leavers' celebrations and transition days for new pupils and students. This year, we have to think differently indeed and our focus for Term 6 is essentially preparation for Term 1 of the new academic year. We don't yet know what that will look like but we hope that we can welcome all children and young people back into school and college, if not full time, at least for part of the time. For all of us, the priority is to get pupils and students back on site and happy in their learning.

In this newsletter we share with you just some of the things that have been happening across the Trust over the last six weeks and we can see that it's been a busy time. We've seen an increased uptake in numbers for children of key workers and those with additional support needs. On Wednesday, we welcome back children in Reception and Year 1 and from 15th June students in Years 10 and 12. We are also planning some provision for Year 6 pupils and then await further government guidance with regard to the final weeks of term and the new academic year.

Thank you again to all parents who have been working hard to support their sons and daughters. We really appreciate what you are doing and recognise the ongoing challenges. I hope to be able to write to you shortly with a little more clarity about the way forward in September.

Until then, please stay safe and encourage your children to carry on learning.

Sarah Busby, Chief Executive Officer



Half Term Provision

Whilst many schools and Trusts closed over half term we chose to remain open for our key groups of children and were delighted to welcome back Rob and Cate, who ran our Easter holiday programme. This time the venue was the Wyvern St Edmund's Learning Campus where the wonderful weather contributed to a great week of outdoor activity for the children who attended. The photos tell just some of the story of the week. It's clear that all those who attended had a tremendous experience.



Bemerton St John

The school have started a Home Learning display board in school; there is so much amazing work being done at home by the children. The board is quickly filling up!

Here are some fine examples of home learning:



Lily and Daisy in Year 6 made some great miniature books! I am sure many of us aspired to be Farah Fawcett Majors! They both went to a lot of trouble.



Lily from Year 4 made a time capsule containing items that are important to her. Such a thoughtful and reflective activity.

Salisbury 6th Form College

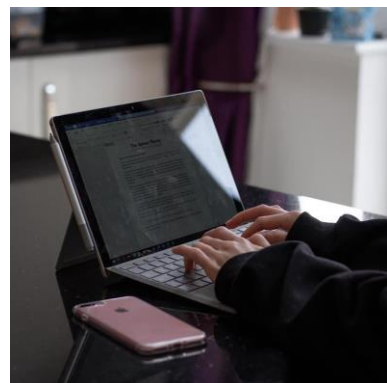
S6C on Social Media

We'd like to invite you to follow our social media where we are posting every day with information, news and interactive Instagram stories. Read about how we marked [International Women's Day](#) before the College closed or see why our Psychology students handled parts of a real [brain](#)! Over on [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#) there's an opportunity to meet the S6C teachers. Each week videos are uploaded which introduce you to a new teacher in 60 seconds. Follow [sport_s6c](#) for inspiration to boost health and happiness during this difficult time. A daily challenge has been posted every day in May including sport and fitness challenges as well as healthy recipes and mindfulness activities.



Summer Induction work

S6C applicants now have access to all available [summer work](#). Although students may not be sitting exams this summer, it's really important that they feel prepared for the next step in their education. S6C is a small College and we pride ourselves in supporting each student to make a smooth transition from school to college especially in these difficult circumstances - we look forward to meeting the new cohort when the next academic year begins.



Sarum Academy

Fit and Healthy... and a bit of Geography

Staff and students at Sarum Academy have been taking part in a virtual world tour – Miles in May. Their combined daily miles total (through daily exercise) has taken them across Europe. Yesterday they arrived in Bari – “Today we carried on with another 191.16 miles completed. This sees us travel to the other side of Italy and to Bari. This is a port town and will give us access to cross the ocean tomorrow. In our time here we will explore the markets and maybe experience some sea food (those who are brave enough might eat it raw as it’s the tradition in Bari). Bari has also got a great climate and landscape for outdoor activity so Mr Jones has made us spend some time completing the high ropes course, kayaking and quad biking. In the evening, we are lucky enough to gain the last harbour boat to whale watch. Rest up as tomorrow we will be in a new country!” A great way to get to know the world don’t you think!



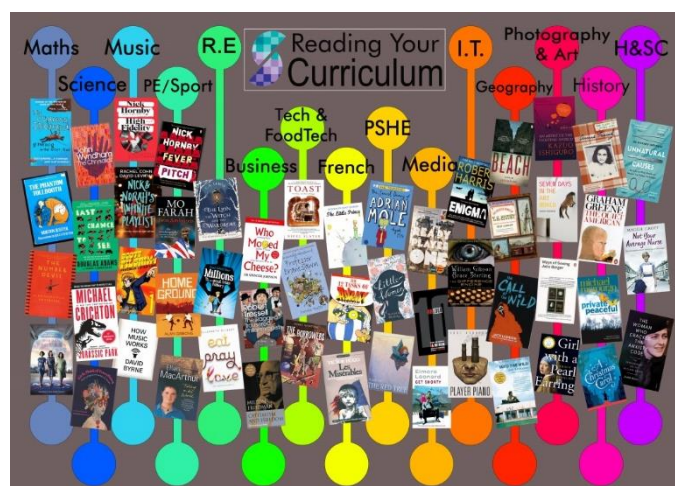
Summer induction work for students entering Year 12

The academy recently published its transition work for Year 11 students entering the Sixth Form. Lots of excellent resources, activities and information for students about to embark on Post 16 courses. A link is available here: <https://www.sarumacademy.org/sixth-form-transition>

Sarum Academy’s Big Read goes online

Twice a week at Sarum Academy students read together during tutor time. The teacher reads and the students follow with their own copy of the book. This is part of the Academy-wide Big Read initiative. Students have enjoyed the experience so much that tutors have been continuing online during lock-down. A great way to encourage reading for pleasure. The Academy has also published a subject reading list. Book recommendations

linked to curriculum areas. Why not use this as an opportunity for reading across the subjects.



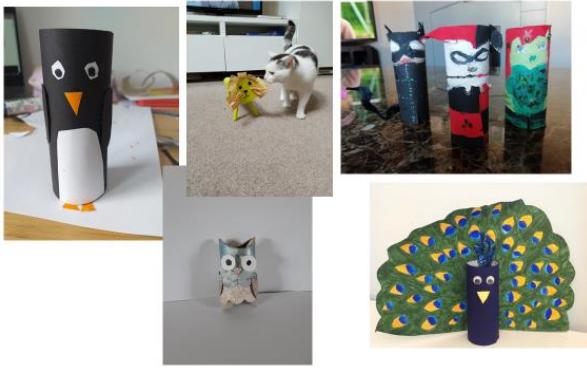
The Trafalgar School

Since the closure of schools, students at The Trafalgar School have been participating in some challenges from home. These include:

1. The Trafalgar Bake Off (won by Longford)
2. Lockdown Bingo (won by Breamore)
3. The Loo Roll Art Challenge (won by Clarendon)
4. The Photography Challenge

Here are some examples of the wonderful work created by students.





Wyvern St Edmund's

We have been really impressed with the work that students have been doing at home these past few weeks - particularly the project work. The DT department asked students to research a home or habitat for an animal of their choice and follow the design process by researching the needs of their chosen animal, developing a range of ideas and then designing or making a prototype habitat. Lily in year 7 went one step further and built a fantastic bug house using materials she found in her garden. We hope that some insects have already settled in!



After a successful launch of recorded video lessons for English, Maths and Science over the past two weeks, we're excited to be rolling this out for all subjects after half term. Students have been enjoying seeing their teachers and it's been great to see how well students have engaged with this new phase of home-learning.

6th Form Study with MLP

Both Sarum Academy and Salisbury Sixth Form College have places still available on courses for September. For any Year 11 student who has not yet applied or is changing their mind then there is an opportunity to apply via the following website links:

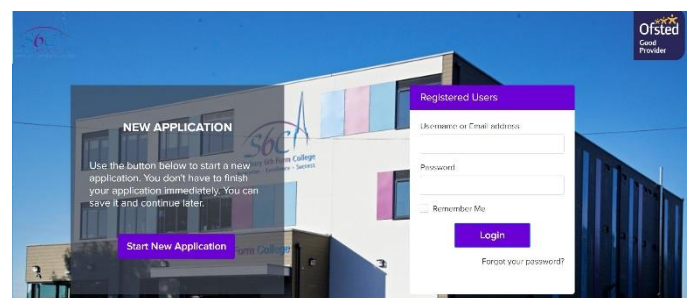
Sarum Academy:

<https://www.cognitoforms.com/SarumAcademy1/SarumAcademySixthFormApplication2020>



Salisbury Sixth Form College:

<https://www.salisbury6c.ac.uk/applications-for-2020-are-now-open/>



Prospective students will be given an informal telephone interview shortly after their application is received.