



Year 12 Sixth Form Bulletin

1st May 2020

Welcome to the first Plymstock Sixth Form bulletin. We hope you are all keeping well at home and not missing school too much. However much it may pain me to say this, I am missing you all and am looking forward to seeing you all again whenever that may be!

Below is a summary of some of the information that you may have already seen. Please make sure you are checking your emails regularly as you are being sent important information!

Distance Learning

We have been keeping track of the tasks that you are being set on Show My Homework and your work. On the whole, you are working really well at home, and completing the tasks set to you – which is great. Teachers have been told to chase up any students who are not completing work and to let us know too. Make sure you contact myself or Beckie if you are having problems completing the work before your teachers have to chase you.

As soon as reasonably possible, on our return to school, you will be sitting Year 12 assessments in your subjects. I cannot stress enough, given what has happened to the year 13s, the importance of these assessments!

VESPA Activities

As you are aware we have done some work this year on the importance of the 5 VESPA Skills that successful learners show.

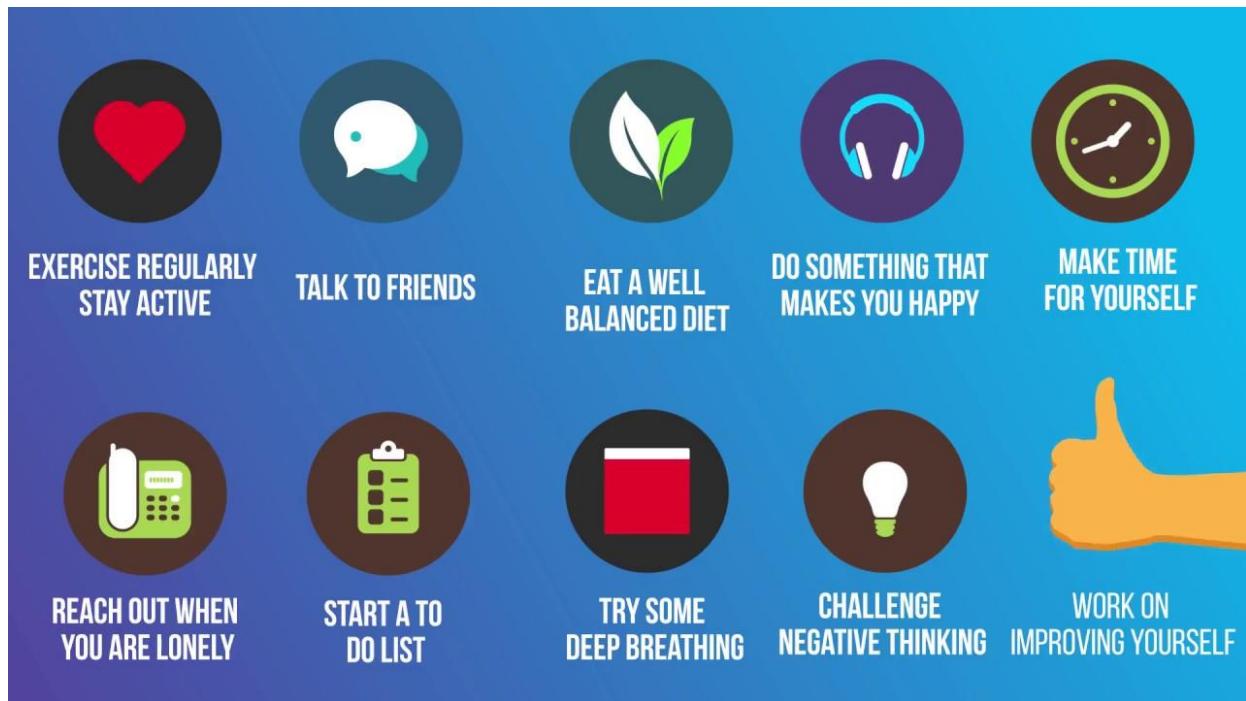
There are some online materials (videos and activities) that you can sign up for free to work through. These are useful for anyone wanting to help build their skills to complete Level 3 courses.

<https://www.vespamindset.co.uk/p/the-vespa-mindset-programme>



Well Being

During these unsettled times, our own mental health can be something that is difficult to manage and something we all need to be aware off. Under the Distance Learning section of the school website there is a Mental Health and Safeguarding section where there are lots of resources and information about support available that you may find useful. <https://plymstockschool.org.uk/distance-learning/> This is being updated weekly by Beckie so keep checking for new resources and information.



EPQ

You have all been sent information from Beckie about the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ). Well done to those of you that have responded and already started work on this. If any of you didn't take up this opportunity and now think you would like to undertake it or want more information you can still get involved just email Beckie and she will give you more information.

Careers

Now is a good time to give some more thought to your next steps once you have completed your time at Sixth Form. A reminder, you can access Unifrog from home and work through some of the activities on there to help with ideas for next steps

Apprenticeships

There are lots of useful websites that you can sign up to look for apprenticeship opportunities.

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>

<http://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk/>

<https://www.ucas.com/apprenticeships-in-the-uk>

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/vacancies/>

UCAS

As you know, the UCAS HE Convention we were due to attend in March was cancelled and all universities have subsequently cancelled this term's Open Days. UCAS have added virtual open days. Have a look online at:

<https://www.ucas.com/ucas/events/find/scheme/virtual-and-digital?keywords=>

Beckie has sent you the link to the UCAS Hub on SMH and asked you to create an account, it's a great way to save course choices, universities, information on student finance etc. <https://www.ucas.com/account/login?returnUrl=/dashboard%23%2F>

UCAS Apply 2021 will be going live later this month and more information will follow from Beckie for you and your parents about creating your account and the application process.

Personal Statement and Preparation for Apprenticeships

Beckie has set you work on SMH. There is a How to Guide for approaching your personal statement, and a separate How to Guide with tasks to prepare for apprenticeship applications. If you have any questions/need some help just email her.

Other Activities

I know many of you are busy completing the distance learning tasks that are being set by your teachers. If you are struggling to fill your time at the moment, make the most of it by trying to learn new skills – cooking and cleaning are always useful skills to develop, and may be appreciated at home too. I myself have baked some bread and scones in between doing my work!

Further ideas of things you could do have been put together by Ms Evans:

<https://plymstockschool.org.uk/distance-learning-enrichment-activities/>. I particularly like the BSL course, and am hoping to complete this myself soon. Some of these activities and free online courses available can look good on your CV too.

There are some websites below that offer free courses and webinars that will either enhance your learning or enable you to learn something new.



University of Exeter
Discover University (1)

<https://www.unitasterdays.com/>

<https://www.channeltalent.co.uk/>

<https://amazon.firetechcamp.com/python/>

<https://www.futurelearn.com/>

<https://www.edx.org/course>

Please let us know if you are learning a new skill or continuing with an existing hobby to pass the time— it is lovely to hear from you!

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