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Parent Newsletter

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Headteacher's Update

I hope you have adjusted to life under 'lockdown' as we adjust to what may become the new normal in terms of social distancing. I appreciate it is not easy trying to work from home and supervise the education of your children at the same time but on the whole all seems to be going well. We are aiming to make contact with all our vulnerable students and those on the SEN register each week and Heads of Year are making calls to parents offering support with learning at home. We are listening to all your feedback and passing messages back to staff to ensure the work set is of a manageable amount for each lesson and that it is all clearly set in E-Praise as Homework.

Staff have also had to make the adjustment to setting work on line and many have had to learn how to use new systems. Understandably there have been a few problems but as we all get used to the technology I can see things are improving.

Please try not to worry about your child not completing all the work set, encourage them to contact their teachers on E-Praise and they will advise on what to complete as a priority. This is the reality of lessons, you may be surprised to know that not all the students complete all the work set every lesson in school!

There have been some unhelpful newspaper headlines about schools re-opening for all students but it seems that this will not happen any time soon. The earliest possible date for any return would be 1st June, on a part time basis or just for one or two year groups. Comments have been made by the chief medical officer that physical distancing will need to remain in place for up to a year! Implementing physical distancing in schools will be a challenge and we will need time to plan how we can re-structure our day and routines to allow for this.

We are of course still open for some vulnerable students and children of key workers. They are completing the same work as other students under staff supervision and taking part in other lessons in the afternoon. We were open over the Easter holidays for some of these students and will be open in the same way over the spring half term. In school staff and students are also producing face visors for frontline workers. The response from the community and those receiving the visors has been tremendous. You can read about what we have been doing in this newsletter and on Facebook. Thank you for all your support with this.

Protecting the health of staff and students is the priority over coming months and any gaps in learning can be resolved at a later date. In the mean time all we can do is make the best of the situation to maintain learning whilst staying fit and healthy.

Richard Harrison
Headteacher



Read to Succeed

One thing we can all do during lockdown, is make sure we keep reading. In a normal school week students read for 20 minutes at least two mornings each week and during one English lesson. Once a book has been read students take a quiz on Accelerated Reader.

Students have access to this from home so can keep quizzing and reading whilst not in school. There will be a quiz for most children's and teenage fiction books and several non-fiction titles have also been made available on line. Mrs Keenoy and Miss Joshi are leaving a selection of books in the collection area.



AcceleratedTM
Reader

Follow the links from the Reading section on the website or from the student links page.

Student Collection and Drop Off Point

To support the ongoing completion of work at home we have created a drop off and collection point inside the main entrance at school. This will allow items to be left for students to collect or items to be dropped off. Students can walk up on their own as part of their daily exercise. They should not enter the building or ring the bell, just collect and go. This



facility is for one off use for items such as text books, new exercise books or books that were left in school prior to the closure.

If you need anything message your teacher and they will arrange for the item to be left for you.

We have also placed a stock of sanitary products in this area for anyone who needs them.

Silence for NHS and Care workers



On Tuesday 28th April the students and staff in school observed the 1 minute silence in honor of those NHS and Care workers who have given their lives in the fight against COVID-19

Face shield production meets huge demand

It all started with a post on Facebook.

Within 5 hours it had been viewed over 200,000 times and we had requests for over 1000 visors. We had to take the request form down and add a holding message. I had also e-mailed East Riding Council asking if they would want any for care homes. They replied to say they would take all we could make!

Mrs Oldfield had only made one!

The response from the community was just as quick with individuals contacting offering to buy materials. Local people ordered materials, staff were collecting elastic bands from the post office and parents were dropping off cable ties and leaving donations at reception. These donations have continued from parents, staff and local businesses who have been incredibly supportive.

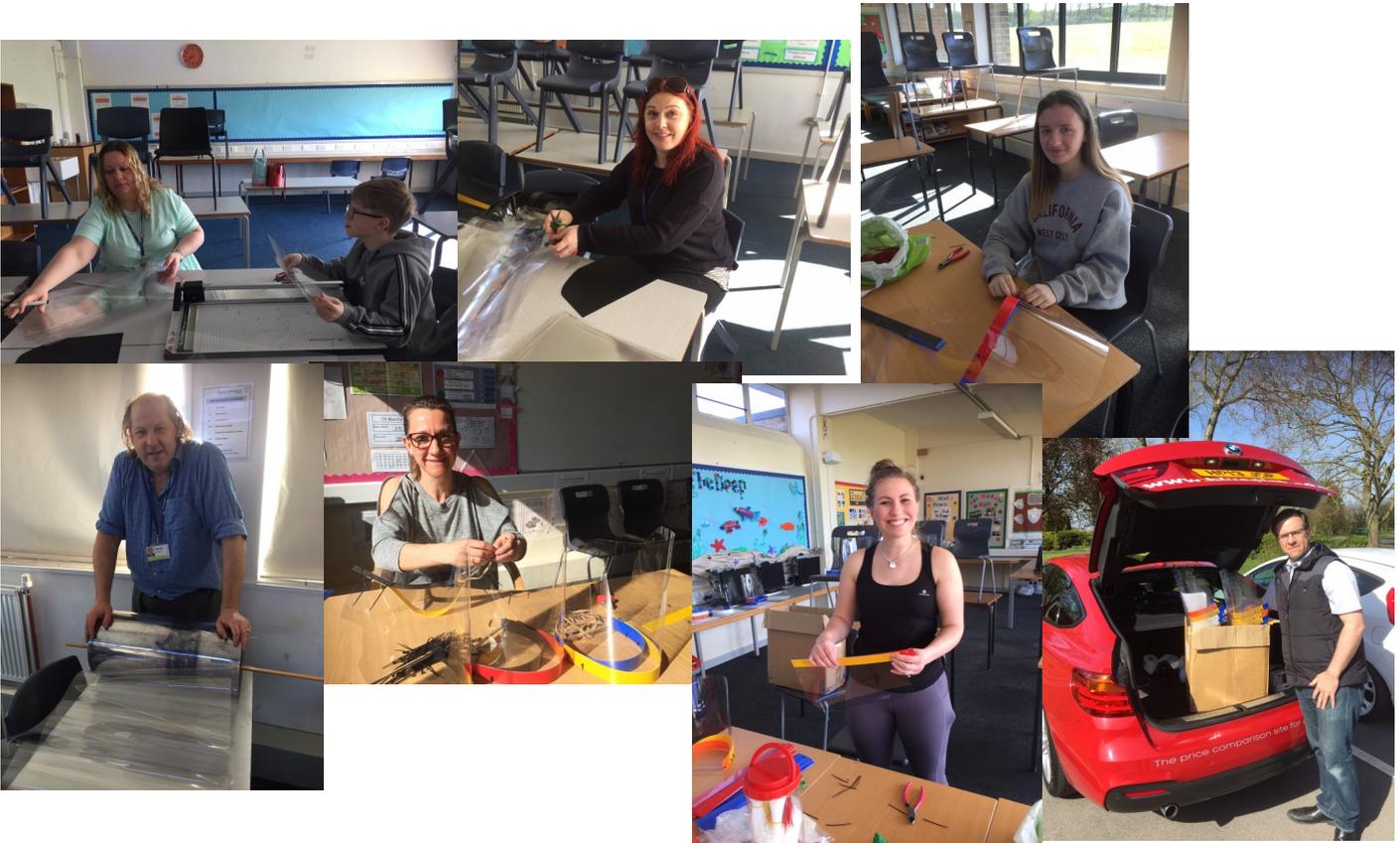


By the following Tuesday Mrs Oldfield had modified the design and made the first 50 face visors to go to a local care home.

The whole story has been posted on Facebook increasing our likes from just over 130 to 525. Our posts have reached 240,000 people in the past month!

Team Visor Production swing into action!

On Tuesday morning Mrs Oldfield showed us how to make a visor and we set up production on the C corridor observing social distancing as much as possible, with teams working in separate rooms for each part of the process.



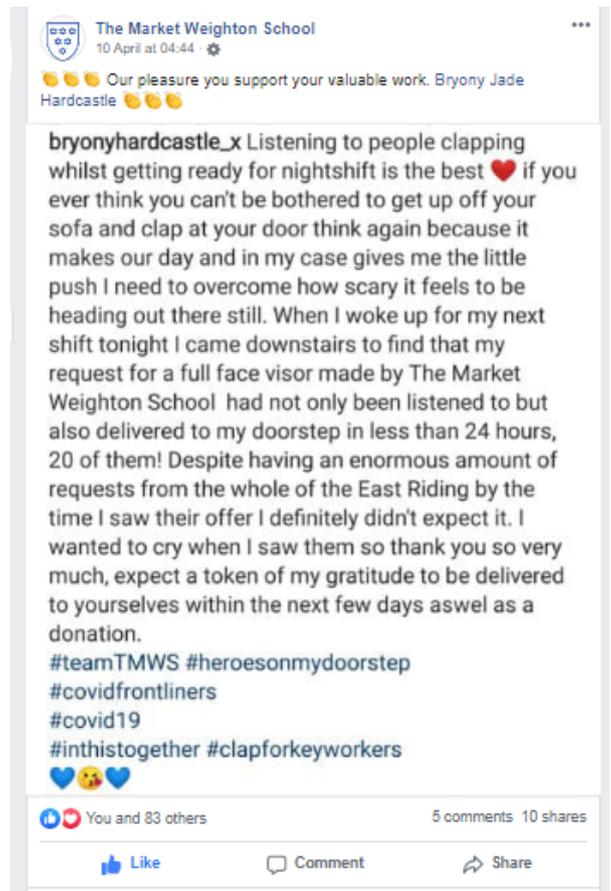
We made 250 face visors on day 1,

150 delivered to local Key Workers and the first responses from the recipients stated to come in.

People were crying when he dropped them off, a measure of how desperate care workers and NHS staff are for PPE.

We start to appreciate the impact this is having on the people receiving the visors.

Since then the positive feedback has been coming in every day and the Facebook posts have received many positive comments. If you have not seen them please do take a look.



Day 2

Full of enthusiasm we started again on Wednesday with students who were in school over the holidays joining the production team.

We met our lunchtime deadline for East Riding Supplies who collected 200 for distribution to council care homes.



Day 3

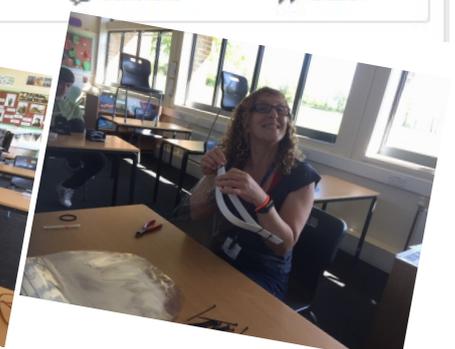
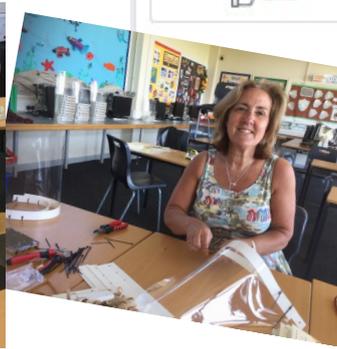
We were back in the swing and made another 250, delivering 150 to local care homes and care in the community providers.

Over the weekend the response in the community started to build with the Go Fund me page reaching the £100 target and Deep Blue Fish and Chips giving away potatoes in return for donations.

More requests coming in over Facebook, e-mail and another 200 going out to East Riding Care Homes.

More people offer their help and even more requested visors!

More staff are drafted in to help.



A lasting impact in the community and in school

The support from the local community has been humbling.

We have had many donations from local people, one of £200

Deep Blue Fish and Chips raised £266

Mr Guy Hunter, again no link to the school, set up a go fund me page and raised £114.

The Market Weighton Community Shop have been inspired by our efforts and have given us £1000 to support this and any other projects.

Many other local companies have lent their support.

- Charlotte Bradley Transport
- Michael Roe Motor Engineering
- Nippon Gohsei Plastics Hull
- WF Education Supplies
- Phoenix Double Sided Tape
- Independent Truck and Trailer LTD
- Posh Paws Doggy Day Care
- Watson's Hydraulics
- F Bayram and Sons
- Nutrapet Ltd

Parents, students and staff past and present have also contributed materials or cash.

To date we have made over 2000 face visors and distributed them across the East Riding and North Yorkshire.

We will continue to make visors while there is demand. If they keep just one person safe it will be worth it.

We will create a fund to support families in need during the Coronavirus pandemic with some of the money donated over the past week. Funds donated by recipients of visors will go towards the D&T department Laser Cutter fund which has also received a boost of £1600 from the TESCO blue tokens. Thank you to all who have supported us



Keeping your child learning at home: Update

We have published advice on our website and staff are available to answer any questions via E-Praise, e-mail or by calling school during our reduced office hours, 8:30am—3:30pm weekdays, not including bank holidays.

We are now several weeks into what looks like it could be a long period of working at home it is crucial that we work together to keep our students learning. When we do get back to school they will have missed several months of teaching time and the older they are the harder this will be to make up in the time remaining before GCSEs.

Schools organise their day in a clear routine and set clear expectations. If you can do the same at home it will make all the difference. Encourage your child to have a set routine each day. Getting up at the same time they get up for school, having breakfast and being ready to start work before 9:00am.

You can see what work they have been set by checking E-Praise. If you don't have your own login access please contact Mr Poulston and he will help you set that up.

jpoulston@tmws.co.uk

Encourage your child to work in 40 minute blocks with short 5 minute breaks. Have a longer break and a snack around 11:00am and lunch at the usual time too. If they do this they will probably get through all the set work so they can do something different in the afternoon.

They should not be going out with friends but should go out for a run, cycle or walk with you or on their own. We are lucky that we are in an area with good places to run and walk where ever you live. If they do catch the virus they will be able to fight it off more effectively if they are fit and healthy, this means:

Eating well

Having a good night's sleep, having a routine

Getting regular exercise

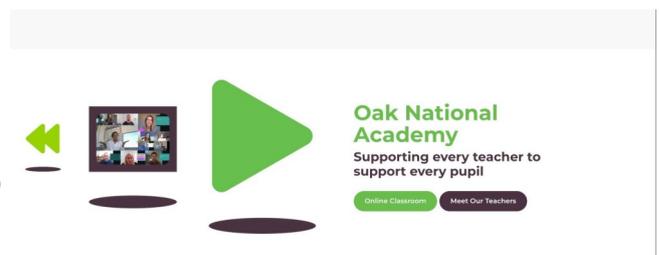
Since the lockdown started the range of resources available on line has increased dramatically with the BBC now offering a full programme of lessons in partnership with the Oak National Academy created by teachers to support parents maintain learning at home.

All of these resources are of a good standard and will be useful if your child is ever lacking any work to complete. Conversely please do not stress about completing everything, we are putting out a large amount of work to replicated what would have been covered in school but fully expect to go over much of this work again when we return.

We are calling parents if students are not returning work to find out if there are any other ways we can support you. We will of course be happy to speak to students to help motivate them to complete work if needed. From these calls we know almost all of you are doing a great job.

After the first few weeks some of you have contacted us to say your child has not had enough work and others that they have had too much, we will always share this with staff to aim to get this right. The work should reflect the timetable for that day/week and take between 3 and 5 hours a day to complete. With lots of time in the house this should leave time to do plenty of other things.

Stay Healthy and Keep Learning!



Showing our support for Key Workers

Over two days of the Easter holiday Mrs Noble has worked with students in school to create this amazing mural now on display outside the front doors to the school for all to see.



Following this Mrs Noble set the challenge to all those working at home to produce their own poster and the response has been amazing. All those received have been put on display in the windows at the front of the school so they can be seen by anyone passing. The winning entries are published below. Well done to all who took part, it has really brightened up the front of the school.



Year 7 Winner

Harvey Fox

Highly Commended

Otti Mills

Ruby Calam



Y7 Harvey Fox

Year 8 Winner

Harry Latham

Highly Commended

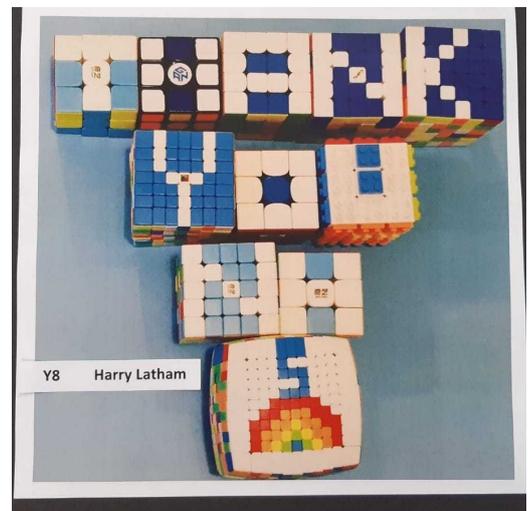
Ella Hughes

Aiden Crispin



Otti Mills

Ruby Calam



Y8 Harry Latham



Ella Hughes

Aiden Crisp



Y9 Dalton Cox

Year 9 Winner

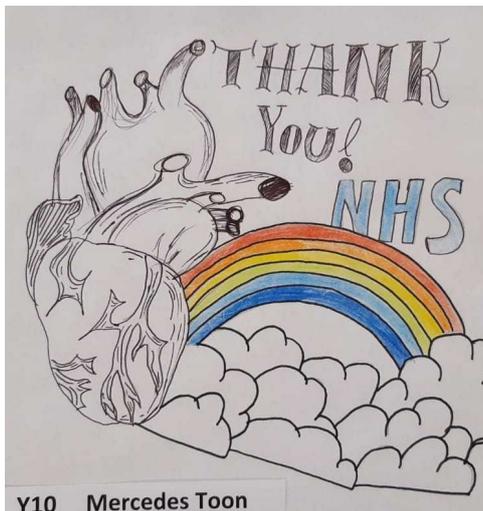
Dalton Cox

Highly Commended

Lily Kendall



Lily Kendall



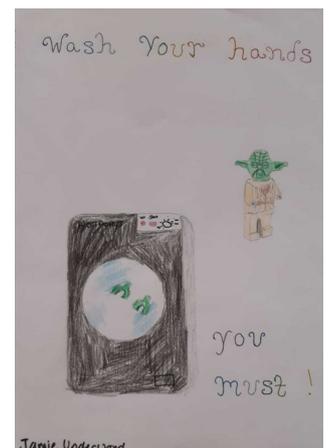
Y10 Mercedes Toon

Year 10 Winner

Mercedes Toon

Highly Commended

Jamie Underwood



Jamie Underwood

Supporting Student Wellbeing at Home

We have changed the front page of our website to give easy access to resources that are most relevant during the closure period. A priority is looking after student well being and we have added a number of links and resources that parents and students may find helpful. The government have also published advice with links to appropriate agencies on supporting student mental health.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-supporting-children-and-young-peoples-mental-health-and-wellbeing/guidance-for-parents-and-carers-on-supporting-children-and-young-peoples-mental-health-and-wellbeing-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak>

Please keep checking the school website for updates.

Guidance

Guidance for parents and carers on supporting children and young people's mental health and wellbeing during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak

Updated 30 March 2020

Front page of the school website updated regularly

To access our normal operational school website please click here

[Google Classroom Help Videos](#)

[English Live with Holly, Weekdays at 11am](#)

[Year 11 GCSE 2020 Exams Updates](#)

[Supporting students with additional Needs.](#)

[Advice to parents on supporting learning at home](#)

[Advice to students on learning at home](#)

[Online Safety @Home](#)

[Reading resources](#)

[Wellbeing and mental health support](#)

[Free school meal vouchers - UPDATED!](#)

[Prayer Booklet](#)

[Student links page](#)

English Live with Holly

Every weekday morning at 11.00 English teacher Holly King-Mand is giving a 30...
[read more](#)

Easter Break Update Letter April 2020

#teamTMWS #Easter #information
[read more](#)

NEWSLETTER - APRIL 2020

#teamTMWS #newsletter #year11leavers
[read more](#)

Social Distancing in School

Since the school closed to the vast majority of students, life for those coming in is very different as we are following a strict social distancing policy for staff and students.

Each student has their own work area and computer on which to complete the work set by teachers. The students who are coming to school are doing the same work as those at home but are supervised by staff on a weekly rota. Each afternoon staff lead lessons in their area including PE, Art, History and Science. Students have to stay 2m apart throughout the day including at breaks. The canteen is now closed and students bring a packed lunch but can access the wellbeing centre at breaks where snacks are available.

Staff are also following the social distancing policy working in their own office or around the building. If you come up to school please respect this policy and either use the drop off and collection facility or if you do need to speak to someone at reception stand well back.

When we do re-open we expect that we will need to follow social distancing guidelines which will mean schools will need to operate very differently from some time.

Chat Health

The school nurses have some information from our local authority that young people are struggling with their emotions during this uncertain time. The ChatHealth service that is available to all young people in the East Riding will continue to be available Monday to Friday 9 am to 5pm.

The Chat Health number is 07507 332891.

This is a fantastic service that can help support young people with anxieties, worries etc. or any general health problems.

Bridget Graham

Specialist School Nurse

West Wolds Integrated Specialist Nursing
Team

Pocklington Health Centre



Humber Teaching
NHS Foundation Trust



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Mental Health Provider of the Year

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Transition for Year 6 and Year 11 continues

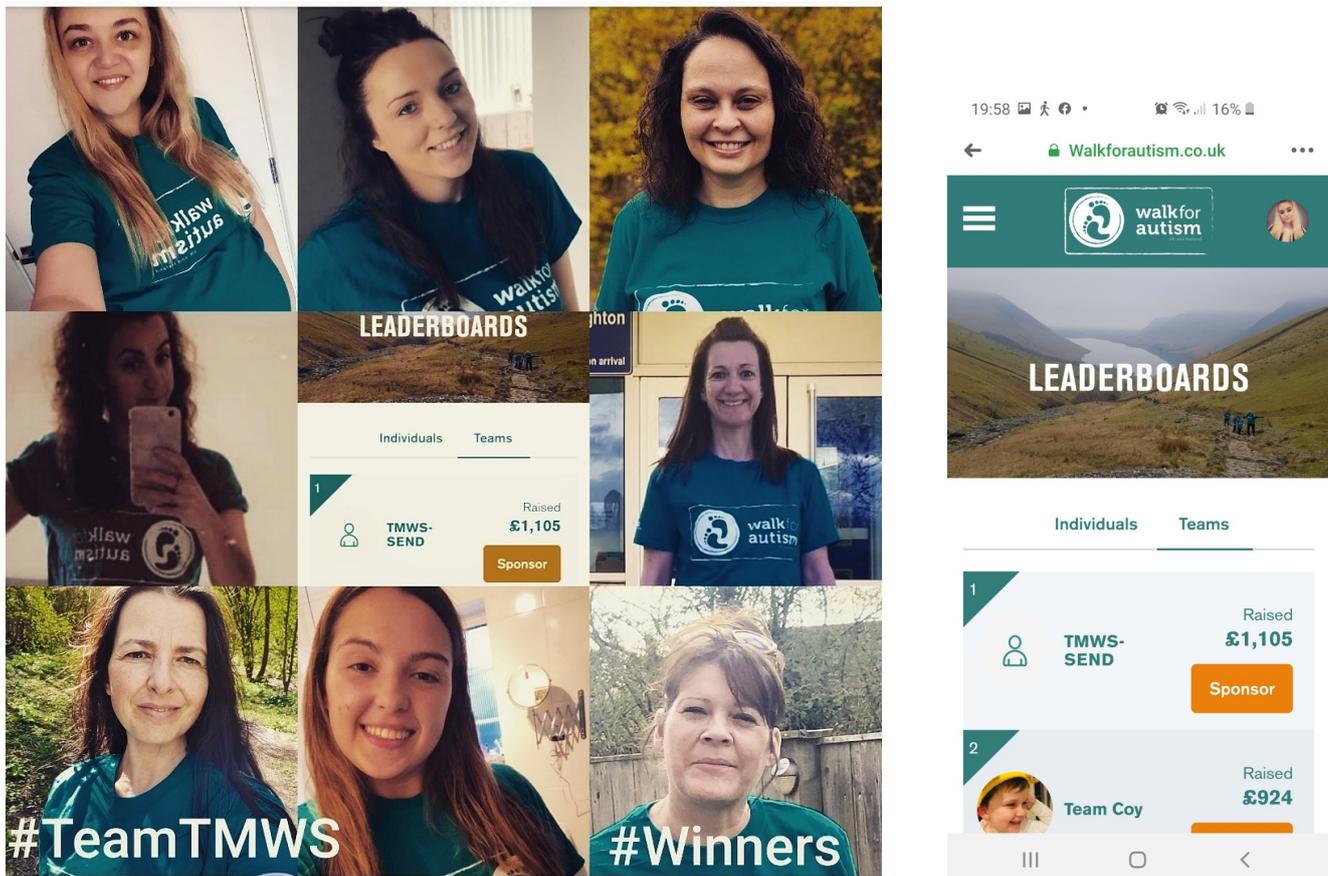
Despite the current situation we are starting the process of Year 6 into 7 transition over the coming weeks by inviting some of the students identified as needing additional support into school on a Friday. Those from primaries with small numbers or individuals coming to TMWS will also be invited in later this term. In July we will have some form of induction so that students and parents have all they need before September. If you have any questions on transition please contact Mr Yeadon or Mrs Baldry in the first instance, lots of information on uniform etc. is available on the school website. Parents with completed student information forms should return them to the school directly by post or drop off at the Primary school and we will collect them.

At the same time staff are supporting our Year 11 students to ensure they all have a destination for September, Mrs Joshi and Mrs Thirlwell are available to support with this process.

SEND Team top of the fundraising efforts!

The SEND Team at TMWS have been raising money for the Autism Initiatives Charity to support in raising awareness for Autism. As you are aware the Market Weighton School are proud to support an Enhanced Learning Provision for autistic students and so far the team have raised a huge £1143 making them the 1st team on the whole leaderboard out of 124 teams that took part. Individually our top fundraiser was Kirsty Gemmell raising £367 coming 23rd out of 890 participants.

A big well done to those involved and in the given circumstances it is wonderful to see staff coming together during this difficult time.



Great work #TeamTMWS

Free school meals and other support is available

Parents should now have received 3 payments from the Edenred company appointed by the government to issue free school meal vouchers. These are being issued at a rate of £3 per day per child so will add up to a significant amount. We have tried to call all parents who should have received e-vouchers to ensure they can access them. If you are still having problems or believe you should now qualify for free school meals due to changes in circumstances please contact the school admin team available 8:30am—3:30pm each day.

If you have any other concerns or are struggling in this difficult time our pastoral staff are there to support you and can help you access **support from a range of services**. Due to the generosity of local businesses in support of our face visor production we have also created a fund to help support students continue to access learning.

The government has announced a scheme to provide disadvantaged students and those with social workers in Year 10 with a **laptop and internet access**. The LA have to make an application on our behalf and then allocate the laptops to the school. At this time this scheme is only available to this small number of qualifying Year 10 students.

Life in Lockdown Photographic Competition:

Can you capture what it has meant to be in lockdown in a single picture?

We will remember this time for the rest of our lives. Your children and grandchildren will be learning about it in History lessons like you learn about the World Wars. Photographs are a fantastic historical record.

You may have noticed things that you do not normally see when you have been out on your daily exercise. The sky really is bluer due to less pollution in the atmosphere and wildlife seems to be more abundant. Even in school we have had time to see things from a different view point.

Upload your photographs to the google form using the link below:

<https://forms.gle/GvPZadTCfkqiLF1e7>

We will have the best pictures printed and framed, competition open to students, parents and staff. I have added a couple of my initial efforts to get you thinking.



Educational Visits: Update

Almost all the planned trips and visits for 2020 have now been cancelled. For the visits abroad and residential visits for which deposits, or indeed full payments have been made, we need wait for the company to cancel in order for the insurance policies to pay out. We are still awaiting the official cancellation of the Year 8 Kingswood residential.

Due to the large number of cancellations the companies are taking time to return monies and offering alternatives but we are assured that they are following ABTA guidelines and all money will be re-funded. As soon as we have it is school we will contact you for bank details to pay directly into your account.

Please be assured that we are doing all we can with the legal support of ERYC to make sure payments are refunded as quickly as possible in what is a very difficult time for school trip providers

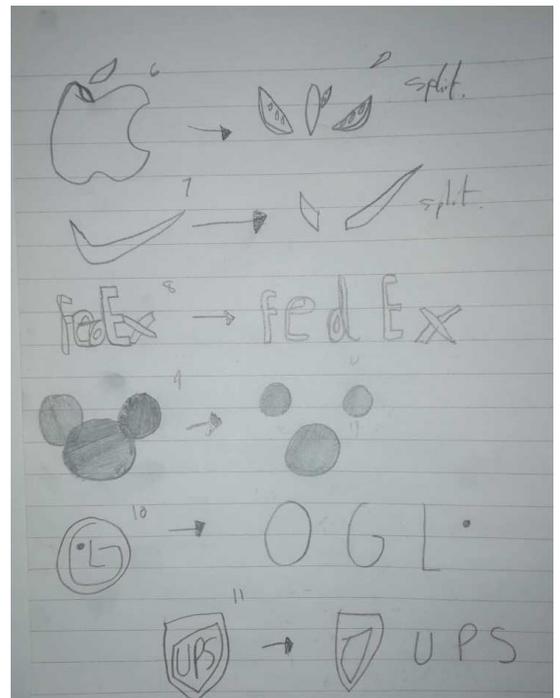
We don't plan to re-book any other visits until the travel situation going forward is clear. When we return to school the priority will have to be catching up on lost learning so the number of visits and events are likely to be reduced.

Virtual Wall of Excellence

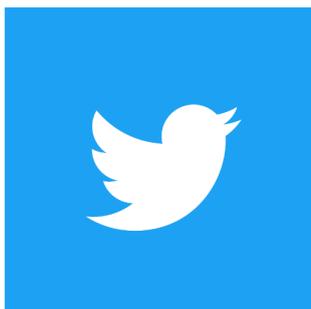
As we are not collecting actual work from students we will display any work that staff feel is particularly good in the monthly newsletter during the lockdown period. Mrs Oldfield has put forward this first piece of work from Roisin Gell

The task was to redesign company logos for social distancing, drawing the original and then the 'social distancing version' Mrs Oldfield was particularly impressed with the Apple log, split into slices.

Well done Rosin!



Social Media Reminder



TMWS now has both Twitter and Facebook pages, please like and follow us to get our web updates straight to your phone. Updates on the latest developments on the school closure situation and what is happening in school and how we can support learning at home.



Mental Health EVENT!



Aged 10-25?

Bored at home?

Want to find out how you can look after
your mental health and have your say?

Join us on 6 May for a Zoom event.

Email VolunteenPlus@ervas.org.uk for more info.

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East Riding of Yorkshire



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES.....

Term Dates 2019-2020 (Should we return)

Autumn Term	2 September to 20 December
Staff Training Day	2 September
Staff Training (<i>Disagg</i>)	25 October
Half Term	28 October to 1 November
Spring Term	7 January to 3 April
Staff Training Day	6 January
Half Term	17 February to 21 February
Easter	4 April to 19 April
Summer Term	21 April to 17 July
Staff Training Day	20 April
Half Term	25 May to 29 May

Term Dates 2020-2021 Hopefully!

Autumn Term	7 September to 18 December
Staff Training Day	7 September
Staff Training Day (<i>Students not in</i>)	23 October
Half Term	26 October to 30 October
Spring Term	4 January to 26 March
Staff Training Day	4 January
Half Term	15 February to 19 February
Easter	29 March to 9 April
Summer Term	12 April to 26 July
Staff Training Day	12 April
Half Term	31 May to 4 June
Staff Training (<i>Students not in</i>)	26 July

To note students are not in school on staff training days.