



Dear Parents,

Monday 30th November 2020

Thank you for your ongoing support for the school through a tricky term! Well done to **Year 11s** on Prelims – an important springboard to the Mocks. Best wishes to **Upper Sixth** students preparing for Oxford, Cambridge and Medicine interviews. **Year 10** and **Lower Sixth** students should be working hard now. It will be their turn very soon!

Shoebox Project and Morecambe Bay Foodbank

Thank you to **School House prefects** collecting for Morecambe Bay Foodbank, and our **Prefect team** for organising the “Shoebox Project”. They are asking every form to fill at least two boxes with non-perishable food, essential clothing, sanitary items and Christmas gifts for the foodbank and the local homeless community. Thank you!

Praesis ut Prosis Award

Our *Praesis ut Prosis Award* won the Careers Award at the Lancaster and Morecambe Education Awards last year. It recognises involvement in Work experience, In-school service, Volunteering, and Careers sessions in school.

It is fabulous that so many of the Upper Sixth have gained Gold PuP Awards despite challenges such as virtual work experience: **Rebecca Cornthwaite, Georgie Cotton, Rebecca Denver, Riddhiman Ghosh, Amy Holding, Jason Kwok, Tayyib Majunder, Alexandru Manea, Annabel Meir, Hubert Olkuski, Chikelundu Ukoh, Will Whitton.**

Careers Evening Live, Thursday 10th December

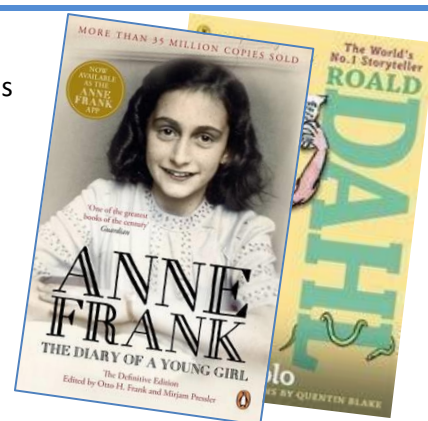
InvestIN are running an online careers information evening for parents on Thursday 10th December: “Success beyond School. Why your child’s career starts at school – The key skills that employers are looking for – Guidance on work experience, interview techniques and more.” The link to register is [here](#).

Five great books

Research suggests that the single best predictor of academic success at school is the amount of time that a pupil spends reading. Our English department led **Booker Prize** reading groups. They are now promoting **Costa Book Awards** shadowing and our **Bookworm Badge Scheme**.

I recently shared my “five great books” in assemblies. For Year 7: **Going Solo** by Roald Dahl, **Northern Lights** by Philip Pullman, **Grimy** by Nicholas Fisk, **The Kon-Tiki Expedition** by Thor Heyerdahl, and **The Diary of Anne Frank**. And for the Sixth Form: the amazing book **Sapiens** by Yuval Noah Harari.

Fact or fiction, funny or serious: What are **your** five great books?



Coming up!

Visual Arts Challenge: The Art department invites responses to the themes of Christmas Carols (deadline 4th December) and Food and Drink (8th January). Details have been sent to pupils and are attached to this mailing.

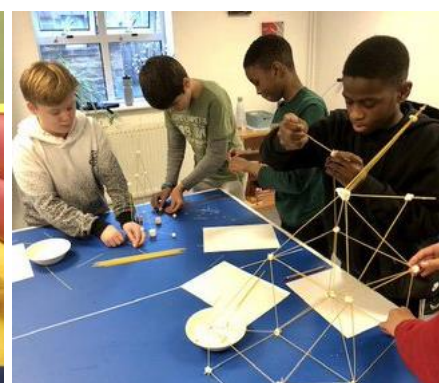
Christmas Jumper Day: We are supporting Save the Children through Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 11th December. Details have been emailed to pupils, with a suggested donation of £2 through Wisepay.

With best wishes, especially to pupils self-isolating ~ Dr C.J. Pyle

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University Challenge - Owain Burrell (LRGS 2010-17)



Busier than ever in boarding!