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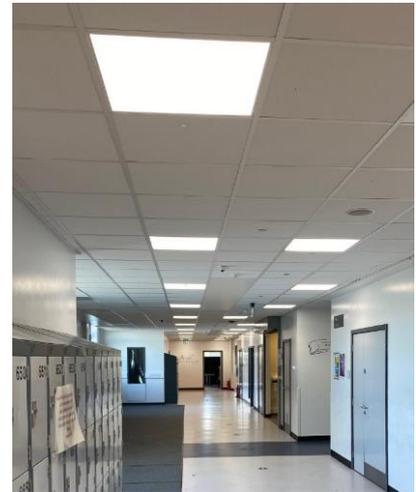
Welcome to the 'first week of summer term' edition!

Friday 16th April 2021



Energy-saving LED lighting now installed.

The pupils have been commenting on the new LED lights installed over the Easter break. They certainly have made a difference to the overall lighting in school and have brightened up what was a bright building to begin with. Being the latest LED fittings, they are also greener and more economical to run.



Covid-19 update – we need your support.

If you recall from a couple of years ago, our pupils wanted to make a genuine contribution to us becoming a greener school. As such, we stopped selling drinks in plastic bottles. Since then, we estimate we have saved over 1.000.000 bottles going to land-fill. In the same vein, pupils have told us that the disposable masks should be used as a last resort. We therefore issued washable masks to all pupils in early March and can provide your child with them, should they need them. Just email the school and we can arrange this. Now the pupils have challenged us to do away with the paper, disposable masks by the end of the coming Bank Holiday – Tuesday 4th May. **Please help support us** in ensuring your child uses a washable mask, so that we can continue our Green Crusade.

The school marked the sad passing of His Royal Highness Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh with an act of worship kindly provided by Ms Dodd, Head of R.E. this week.

Many pupils have commented on their respect for the Royal family and the service both he and the Queen have given the country for so many years. Please join with us in prayer (see the closing page of this newsletter)



FE news for Year 11s and parents/carers.



**NETA TRAINING
ONSITE OPEN EVENT
MAY 6TH, 5-7PM
BOOKING ESSENTIAL**

 www.neta.co.uk/events

I hope you are well. Please see the attached visual for NETA's forthcoming face to face open event. This event will take place on 6th May from 5pm to 7pm. This is a great opportunity for your child to find out about the opportunities available at NETA and a chance to meet our tutors and industry professionals.

Booking is essential and the link is: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/neta-training-onsite-open-event-tickets-146914167229>

Middlesbrough College update ... Just an update this week - we have our next MC open event coming up next week on Wednesday 21st April
5 – 7.30pm, link for your child to book their place is below –

<https://www.mbro.ac.uk/about-us/events/detail/2021/04/21/default-calendar/open-event>

The next TTE Open event will run on Wednesday 12th May 4 – 6pm - <https://www.mbro.ac.uk/about-us/events/detail/2021/05/12/default-calendar/tte-campus-open-event>

TTE taster sessions during May half term. Applicants will be contacted if they want to book a place. Students can book a place via our website but places are limited!



WEARENCs this summer?

All the info you need to grab your spot is on our website...just follow our QR code! But here's a quick run down in case you can't wait:

WHEN?
Loads of dates, all over the summer holidays.

HOW MUCH?
The most you'll pay is €50. Bursaries are available.

WHAT'S NEXT?
Head to our site, pick your dates and make a payment. Simple!

YOU'LL GET A CHANCE TO...

BE EPIC
You know that buzz you feel when you nail something you thought was near to impossible? Imagine that. But for every day you're with us. Throw in meeting a new crowd and still having some time to recharge and chill. Pretty great, right?

LIVE LIFE
It gets better. You'll also pick up skills designed to help you smash the whole 'holding things' thing. Want to know how to budget? Answer questions with confidence? Present to a room full of people without freezing up? Leave it to us.

DO GOOD
But wait, there's more! You'll take all that you've learned and turn your passion into action. Want to see a positive change in your community? Pave the way. You'll have the tools and team to make a lasting impact.

GO PARTY
And on top of all the pals, lots, and skills, you'll get a certificate to remind you of all the wins, and then go party with your team! You've got to go out with a bang, right?

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ATTENTION ALL YEAR 11s

Flying Futures are the North East's provider of the National Citizenship Service. Their courses during the summer offer a truly unique experience which will equip you for the rest of your lives. Either residential or non-residential courses are offered and the 2/3-week projects will give you a wealth of information, skills and confidence to tackle further education and, potentially, university.

Please don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity.

READING CHALLENGES – SPRING '21

Winners from some of our previous Reading Challenges have been awarded £10 vouchers to spend at Drake the Bookshop. Here is Julia (Year 10) receiving her prize

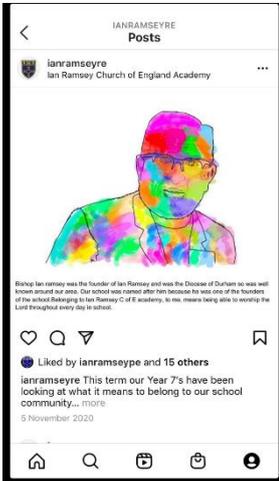
from Miss Fishpool and Miss Godfrey, who also have read and reviewed a wide range of different books to complete the tasks on our website's challenge grid. We hope she has a great time choosing her next reads when she goes to spend her voucher.

There is still time for your child to enter our prize draw for the Spring term. Just send your completed challenge grid (three in a row, four corners or the full grid) and brief reviews to Mrs Poppleton (poppletonh@ianramsey.org.uk) by April 23rd.



Our Summer Reading Challenge for 2021 with new lists of recommended reads for pupils, parents and staff will be available on the website next week, along with a new reading challenge grid. If you're looking for a good book to enjoy over the Summer months, you'll definitely find something to suit you in our recommendations.

R.E. NEWS



Calling all Instagrammers!

We have recently set up a RE department Instagram page. Please give it a follow to see some great examples of pupils' work, achievements, relevant news and events. This page will also give any notices, extracurricular opportunities available, competitions, GCSE tips and many other things!

R.E. AMBASSADORS

Calling all you potential R.E. Ambassadors. Miss Russell is re-launching this group this term and we need your help. The previous ambassadors' hard work contributed enormously towards the school's R.E. Gold award in 2018 and we'd love this to continue.

For further information, please see Miss Russell at school in room 125.

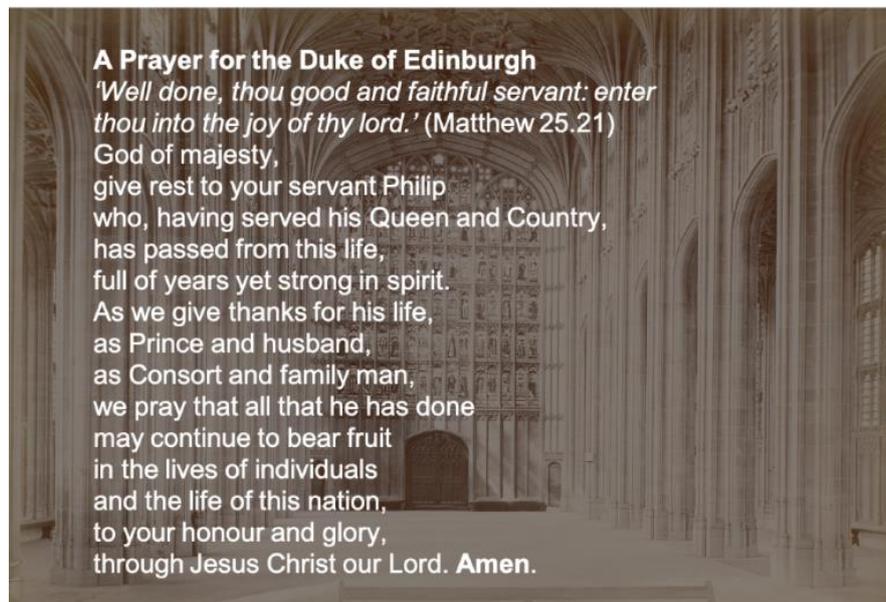
Courageous Advocacy Group.

If you believe in social justice and feel that your voice needs to be heard, then this is the group for you. If you want to make a difference to the world we live in, then become a courageous advocate – for more information see Miss Russell in room 125.



Many congratulations to Aislin, Daisy, Georgia, Imogen, Jacob, Madelaine, Sophie, Thomas, Victoria and Zara for having successfully completed their First Aid Champion course with the British Red Cross.

We hope you will join us in this prayer celebrating the life and mourning the loss of a true servant.



Joy Hope Forgiveness Wisdom Perseverance
Ian Ramsey Church of England Academy