

Dear Parents and Carers

Captain Sir Tom Moore

30 April 1920 – 2 February 2021

In memory of a man who inspired us all. He raised over £33 million through his energy, enthusiasm and resilience.

‘Tomorrow will be a good day.’



Artwork by Ben Wright Year 10

National Apprenticeships Week 8-14 February

Please find attached a document highlighting an incredible array of opportunities giving advice and guidance linked to Apprenticeships. You can see all the opportunities available by year group. I highly recommend the Q&A sessions with members of our community. An enormous thank you to Mrs Ashby (Head of Careers) who continues to ensure our pupils receive a phenomenal Careers Education Information Advice and Guidance (CEIAG) experience.

Children's Mental Health Week 1st-7th February

This week is Children's Mental Health Week and the theme is 'Express Yourself'. We would like to take the opportunity to remind everyone in our community to consider their own wellbeing at this time and to try and make time to complete activities that bring enjoyment, an increased sense of self and hopefully an endorphin release. The student assembly this week has advertised the **Kooth app** which is an anonymous, safe, and free online wellbeing platform. Students were encouraged 'not to do this alone' and to utilise the many features of Kooth, including online counselling, magazine articles about mental health as well as hobbies and interests, podcasts, community forums and step by step guides to wellbeing activities. Suggested activities included handwriting a letter to a loved one, contributing to a themed playlist, dancing like nobody is watching and creating a positive word wall. What activity will you prioritise to support your own wellbeing this weekend?

Incredible work by Year 9 and 10

Please find attached examples of Art and Graphics work that pupils have submitted. I am sure you will agree that we have extremely talented learners – well done to you all.

Celebration assemblies

Next week is our half termly **celebration event** with assemblies focusing on the achievements and efforts of our learners. Do encourage your child to attend, these assemblies are always very uplifting.

Thursday 11 February

We are holding a parent consultation day for year 10 on Thursday 11 February. This means that all lessons for all year groups are being set on Show My Homework and there will be no live lessons. We would encourage all pupils to take some time to think about their learning journey this half term and reflect on the amount of progress they have made under very difficult circumstances.

Upcoming events:

Week beg 1 March	Year 11 assessments
2 March	GCSE Options evening for Year 9 and families
10 March	Year 9 Parents and carers consultation event
24 March	Year 11 Parents and carers consultation event

I would like to wish all families well and thank all parents and carers for their support. As ever, all our contact details and information regarding learning, assessment and support can be found on our website: [Wootton Upper School - Learning in 2020](#)

Kind regards



Mrs McMorn

Head of School