

Dear Parents and Carers

As the school closes for half term I would like to express my thanks to all the staff who have worked so hard to teach our pupils in new and different ways, and teachers and support staff who have kept the school open for our remote provision. Thank you to all our pupils who are engaging in live lessons and independent tasks, and for all the work you share and the polite way you are engaging with teachers. Thank you to all the parents and carers for working with us and giving feedback. We held a hugely positive parent consultation day for year 10 yesterday, and teachers have been delighted to see pupils and parents/carers and discuss learning.

Pupil work:

Our pupils continue to produce incredible work. See some Year 10 Art work below. More examples of superb work can be found on our website:

[Year 10 Art](#)

[Year 11 Drama 1](#)

[Year 11 Drama 2](#)

[Theme and Variations](#)

[Musical Theatre Solo](#)

Drawings from St Mary's Church, Wootton



Curriculum, Spring term 2:

Please find our Spring term 2 curriculum overviews for each year group on our website <https://www.woottonupper.co.uk/learning2020>. This provides you with an overview for the next half term of what your child will be learning in each subject they study. Additionally, for Year 11 there is a **Year 11 Assessment overview** for their upcoming assessments which provides the exam board for each qualification and the key revision topics. Further details of these Year 11 assessments will be available on Show My Homework.

[Year 09 Spring Curriculum Overview](#)

[Year 10 Spring Curriculum Overview](#)

[Year 11 Spring Curriculum Overview](#)

[Year 11 Spring Assessment Overview](#)

Key dates:

Year 9

Grade sheet home	Week beginning 1 March
Virtual information evening for selecting Year 10 courses	2 March
Virtual parent/carer consultation event	10 March

Year 11

Assessment week – see topic overview on our website	Week beginning 1 March
Grade sheet home	Week beginning 22 March
Virtual parent/carer consultation event	24 March

The half term break:

I hope that all staff and pupils take the opportunity to rest and step away from screens over the holiday. Remember that it is important to stay at home unless it is vital to go out, and to continue to follow all the guidelines in terms of handwashing, distancing and face coverings.

Covid and staying safe:

Please continue to use the dedicated email address: covid19@wootton.beds.sch.uk to let us know if your child tests positive for Covid. Staff at school will be monitoring this for the first two days of the break, and then as the school reopens on Monday 22 February.

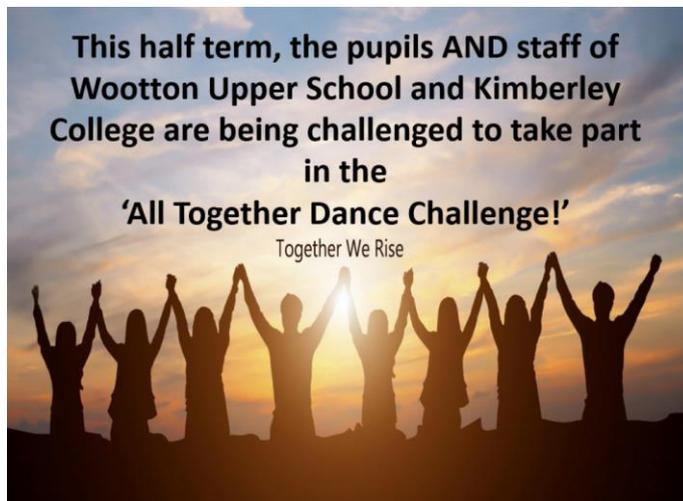
Time to read:

It may be time to find a new book to read. The English department have **shared book suggestions** with many of their classes which may inspire you and your children.



Reading is great in many ways:

- ❖ It increases vocabulary
- ❖ Improves your ability to understand the mental states of others
- ❖ Lowers stress levels
- ❖ Can improve self confidence
- ❖ Is a habit practiced by many successful people



Details of our half term All Together Dance Challenge can be found in the student bulletin.

We hope lots of pupils and staff rise to the challenge, do a little exercise and submit a clip (for safe in-school viewing only).

Wishing all our families a safe and restful break

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'CMCMORN'.

Mrs McMorn

Head of School