

26 March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to thank all families for the support you have provided as we have returned to school. It has been an absolute delight to work with our pupils in person, and get back into our routines. The senior team complete regular learning walks and have seen real enthusiasm, and progress being made.

Below is a link to more information about Teacher Assessment Grades for parents and carers of Year 11, as well as some dates regarding assessments in Year 9 and 10 before the end of this academic year. You will also find links to the curriculum for next half term for each year group.

In this newsletter we have also included some opportunities for our pupils. There are competitions linked to the books we are reading with Year 9 and Year 10, as well as a Careers event linked to gaming. We hope there is something for many young people over the holidays.

We have distributed lateral flow tests to pupils this week. Pupils should continue to test at home twice a week and upload results on the NHS Test and Trace app, as well on our system. We will continue to send our link twice a week, and you can use these on any day your child tests at home. We will continue to monitor our covid19@wootton.beds.sch.uk email until Thursday 1 April. You must email us on this email if your child tests positive. This allows us to inform any close contacts. We will continue with our Health and Safety measures as we return on Monday 12 April.

At the end of the email are two raps by Mason DeQuincey and Tom Turner in Year 10. They sum up some of the emotions we have all felt as a result of the past year.

Wishing you all a restful and happy break,

Kind regards



Mrs McMorn

Head of School

What we are learning next term

These resources can be found on our website.

[Year 9 Curriculum Summer term 1](#)

[Year 10 Curriculum Summer term 1](#)

[Year 11 Curriculum Summer term 1](#)

Year 11 Teacher Assessed Grades

Please find a link to an information assembly that Year 11 pupils experienced this week. Schools are expecting further guidance over the holiday and so we will continue to update you and your child on our return.

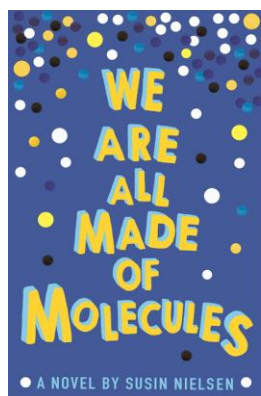
<https://www.woottonupper.co.uk/teacher-assessed-grades>

Assessments in other year groups

Due to the changes to exams this summer we have changed dates of our other assessments. Please see the new dates below.

Year Group	Assessment	Deadline
12	w/c 7 th June Formal	23 rd June including UCAS grades and references
10	w/c 14 th June Formal	30 th June
9	w/c 21 st June Informal	5 th July

Opportunities for Year 9 Linked to We Are All Made of Molecules



ENGLISH: WRITE AN ADVICE COLUMN FOR TEENAGERS ON HOW TO LOPE WITH LIVING IN A BLENDED FAMILY.

MEDIA: RECORD A VLOG AS ASHLEY OR STEWART, RECORDING YOUR OPINIONS ON YOUR NEW BROTHER / SISTER.

SCIENCE: CREATE A POSTER TO EXPLAIN TO A Y9 CLASS SCHRODINGER'S CAT THOUGHT EXPERIMENT.


Easter Competition

If you choose to participate in this competition, please bring your entry into school OR email to Mr Coleman by 14 April.

smaynard@wootton.beds.sch.uk

Prizes will be awarded for the best entries!

Opportunities Year 10 linked to The Martian

 <p>The Martian</p> <p>Easter Competition</p>	<p>Competition time</p> <p>You have a choice of what competition you wish to enter, or you can do all of them!</p> <p>Art – Draw/paint a picture which represents a part of the story. It could be abstract, realistic, montage ... the only limit is your imagination!</p> <p>English/ Media – Write or video a 'Log Entry' as if you were Mark Watney. Describe a key moment in the story so far e.g waking up on Mars alone or realising you can't get home.</p> <p>Engineering – Can you build the Rover or the Mars ascent vehicle (MAV) or the HAB? Any safe material can be used e.g Lego, recyclable materials, wood, metal</p> <p>Science – Can you design a poster which explains what Mark Watney did/used to grow potatoes?</p>
<p>If you choose to participate in this competition, please bring your entry into school OR email to Miss Maynard by 14 April. smaynard@wootton.beds.sch.uk</p> <p><i>Prizes will be awarded for the best entries!</i></p>	

Games Careers Week - March 26th - 2nd April 2021

Does your child love video games? Have they explored the variety of careers available in the video games industry?

- Over 75 event partners - including games studios, non-profit organisations and educational institutions – are running free events such as exhibitions, workshops, panel discussions, career fairs, conferences and talks to encourage students and parents to explore the potential of video games careers.
- <https://gamescareersweek.org/> provides a comprehensive guide for anyone interested in a career in video games, and details all events running during the week. Participants of all ages and backgrounds can benefit from the experience and advice of some of the UK's top industry leaders - from how games are made, useful subjects and skills to study, portfolio building, networking and how to break into the industry, and more.

Lockdown – by Mason DeQuincey Year 10

It's really not nice

It's like eating Superdry rice

Sitting on the sofa

Staying home like I'm supposed to

Locked in the house

Wishing I had a spouse

So damn alone

Feeling like a clone

I wish this could end

No more money to spend

Writing these rhymes

Any way to pass the time

Jumping at every notification

Jealous of the lads on vacation

Minds gone crazy

Dropping beats like Jay-Z

I been getting lazy

Somebody come save me

In lockdown.

Lockdown Rap – by Tom Turner Year 10

Lockdown, makes us all frown

Shut up to no end

Watching all of these brand-new trends

Enjoying playing with my friends

Ring, ring – wake to nothing

I'm trying something

On top of that, got bare homework and live lessons

Messin' with my mind

Feeling left out of man rind

Got a plethora of time

I'm totally fine?

My stress declines

Toodaloo to my sign.