



## Active Citizenship 2020

### Active Citizenship

Each year we ask Year 12 students to undertake a project that will make a difference to our school or local community. We launched this year's Active Citizenship before Christmas and many students used the festive season as a time to really make an impact. Students collected clothing for various charities, promoted good mental health, raised awareness and money for various charities and worked with children from primary schools and schools for children with special needs. At our final Active Citizenship COOL session in February, the students shared what they had done. The students were fantastic this year and we were extremely impressed with the way they threw themselves into their schemes. With great difficulty, we did, however, pick some winning projects:

### Runner Up - Period Poverty

Millie C, Isabella K, Frankie L, Katrina O, Annie P, Cammy T  
The group put up posters, sold cakes at the Enterprise Market, posted on Facebook and made a GoFundMe page to raise awareness and collect sanitary products for women unable to buy these themselves. They collected 68 packs of sanitary towels and tampons and donated these to the Watford Women's Shelter.

Dear parents and students,

As I write this we are in the midst of a summer term in a way none of us could have predicted! Year 12 students have adapted brilliantly to the new ways of virtual learning, and Year 13 are keeping themselves busy with lots of exercise and wellbeing activities. Both year groups have recently received a letter outlining how students should be utilising their time in the coming weeks.

Year 11 students will now also be busily preparing for entrance to the Sixth Form in September and we look forward to welcoming those students.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our young people for the mature, positive and productive way in which they have tackled lockdown; it has been fantastic to hear about the new habits, projects and fitness regimes that have been forming.

We can't wait to see you all again soon in person and in the meantime: stay safe!

Mrs S Kay



### Staying on top of work - Advice from a Year 13 Student

Going from Year 12 into Year 13 is a big step. Each day that goes by leads you closer to your A-Level exams. Many Year 13's would agree that your time in Year 13 will fly by... and this is why you need to make the most of it. Staying on top of my work was one of my biggest struggles. I told myself that I still have plenty of time until my exams and I can catch up on that piece of work at a later date, but I was wrong! It is so important to do your work when it is set and I highly advise making revision notes after each lesson. By making revision notes after each lesson, you will feel more organised and confident - you will know you have all the information you need and whilst it may not feel important to do this at the time - trust me, it'll benefit you in the long run. Most importantly, have fun and enjoy your last year of school.

### Runner Up - Drama Workshops

Luca C, Caitlin B, Charlotte S, Lauren B  
This group ran three different drama workshops for all year groups. They introduced the students to different physical theatre techniques and made a video of the activities. They also collected feedback from the students via a Google Form and had some very positive comments: "I met new people of the drama community and it felt like a family and no one was scared to embarrass themselves."

"I enjoyed learning new things with my friends and the sixth formers who ran it were lovely"

### Overall Winner - Be the Body of the Community

Sam B, Chloe B, Ryan D, Gus E, Erina F, Jack H, Sophi K, Eric P

The group focused on three different areas bringing them together with the theme 'Heart, Mind and Soul'  
**Heart** - Found out about Blood and Platelet Donation and became blood donors! Their donated blood went to the Peterborough City Hospital.  
**Mind** - Went to St Mary's Primary School during 'Feeling Good Week' to give a presentation to the children about mental wellbeing and encourage them to talk about their feelings.  
**Soul** - Went to a Beaver group to encourage kindness through creating their own 'Kindness Calendar' for February. They also made cards with positive messages to hand out to younger students.

We were extremely impressed with how these students found different ways to support people, really embodying the school ethos of wisdom, hope and community.



### Tring Litter Pick

On February 29, we took part in a local litter pick around Tring, in order to give back to the community. The litter pick was hosted by the Tring Extinction Rebellion, who we know a lot of community members may not be a massive fan of due to the negative publicity of the marches in London. But we got to know them and understand that these people, like us, are just doing everything they can to help the planet as well as the community and future generations. I cannot begin to describe how horrified we were by the amount of plastic bags, parking tickets, cans and sweet wrappers we found, most of which people had dumped in bushes or under parked cars, but the worst culprits were cigarette butts. If we had to estimate the total amount of rubbish we found it would likely be around nine or ten bags worth and we hadn't even covered a quarter of Tring - just at Tring Park and behind M&S. We hope that, by continuing to raise awareness, more will realise how we need to change our lifestyle and every small act can help.

Hannah I Y12



Congratulations to the senior rugby team who won the Herts Senior 7's tournament for emerging schools. They also got to the County Shield Final beating Broxbourne by 50 points in the semi final, they should have then played against Beaumont School in the final. This game has been postponed and they are hoping it will take place in the summer.

### **Year 12 Exams**

Year 12 exams are taking place on the week beginning 18 May, students have had an assembly explaining the process and how they can seek support.

## **University, Careers and Apprenticeships Newsletter**

Please follow link [here](#) to visit our new University, Careers and Apprenticeships Newsletter. This contains lots of useful information including key university dates and university advice along with information on careers and apprenticeships.

### **Important Information**

Please visit the Sixth Form area of the school [website](#) for more information about life in the Sixth Form, including: six expectations, dress code, attendance, home study, tracking and monitoring.

## **New Head Student Team**

In early March Year 12 students had an assembly outlining the duties and expectations of all the Senior Student Roles in school. Altogether, there are over 40 positions for which students can apply including Students and their Deputies, House Captains and Heads of Sixth Form Committee. The first of these roles to be appointed is the Head Student Team. We had some fantastic applications for these positions and, following a rigorous interview process, we are very pleased to announce the new Head Student Team.

### **Head Students**

Maisy D  
David S

### **Deputy Head Students**

Katie A  
Charlotte S

Our thanks go to the previous Head Student Team for all their hard work over the past year.



Thank you for all of your support over recent weeks. Please do keep in touch should you need any additional support and we look forward to seeing you soon.

The Sixth Form Team

