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Welcome to the Derby Moor Post 16 Newsletter, April 2021

Welcome to our spring newsletter. Post 16 students have adapted back to face to face learning with ease and have settled into the rhythm of school life over the last few weeks. This newsletter highlights some of the activities that have taken place this half term and some of the students that have excelled during the last half term during home learning. Enjoy the holidays.

Best wishes.

Wendy Coley, Head of Post 16

Derby Moor Academy has joined forces with The Early Talent Consultancy to host virtual sessions of a Mock Assessment Centre so that students can understand and practise the skills necessary to succeed in the application process of an apprenticeship.

Several students participated in the Virtual Mock Assessment Centre which took place over two days. This was the first of what we hope will be many events that help bolster the experience of those wishing to go into apprenticeships post-18.

Mr B Telford

IMPORTANT DATES

Break up for Easter:

Thursday 1 April

Students return to school:

Monday 19 April

Year 13 mock exams:

Monday 19 - Friday 30 April

Break up for Half Term:

Friday 28 May

Students return to school:

Monday 7 June

Drop Down Day

On Tuesday 23 March we held our second Drop Down Day of the school year.

Year 12 students concentrated on Future Options, with a focus on the Unifrog digital platform, exploring apprenticeships, work experience options and university courses based on the individual skills, competencies and interests of the student. It was exciting to see so many students not only engage with this but discovering potential career paths that they had not considered before, based on their strengths and the things they enjoy. The students also spent time creating and finessing their CVs.

Year 13 students looked at life beyond Sixth Form. There was a carousel presentation of speakers and tutors talking about various aspects of living independently. Special thanks go to Luke Gordon-Calvert and Adam Mace from the University of Derby for their session on wellbeing, Mrs Bailey for her session on healthy and positive relationships and Mr Nolan for his session on managing finances post-18.

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Congratulations to Jack Hitchcock, Year 12

Many congratulations go to Jack Hitchcock, a Year 12 student who has managed to create something hugely positive during his lockdown experience. Jack has written a series of 100 sonnets over the past three months to raise funds for a charity trip to Kenya that he is participating in.

He used a self-publishing print-on-demand service to produce a book of the sonnets in both paperback and hardback, along with 25 illustrations drawn by former Derby Moor student, Amy Higginbottom.

For further details about Jack's book together with information about ordering a copy, please see the link below.

<https://www.blurb.co.uk/b/10614348-one-hundred-moments>

Mr R Boyle

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Stars of Lockdown

History: for Year 13 Abu-Bakr Ali and Kelsey Smith presented some excellent work, whilst Georgina Moore, Alicia Birkenshaw, Alisha Brown and Areeba Hussain were also diligent. The entire Year 12 class has been praised by staff.

Physics: special mention goes to Bell Baker, Daniels Frolenkovs, Hassan Haseeb and Gagandeep Heer in Year 13 and Ajhov Regmi, Indervir Singh, Callum Johal, Khush Naitta, Zayn Altaf, Calvin Bertie and Natasha Nizzer in Year 12.

Maths: Mrs Osima was blown away by the consistent quality of work that came from Indervir Singh and Tommy Roberts in Year 12 with Mr Press putting forward Zara Faisal and Haajrah Hussain for further praise. In Year 13, Mrs Burrows had some standouts; Gagandeep Heer for consistent, high quality work; Siraaj Shakeel for keep up with all his work at a high standard even though he was very ill; Bell Baker for 100% effort and quality that was second to none; Daniels Frolenkovs for superb effort, attainment and support of others in the class – he even went above and beyond finding a useful maths cheat sheet for everyone; Hassan Haseeb, Zubair Mehfooz and Kiera Sadhra for a consistently high level of work and Millie Kirk for perseverance and resilience, catching up when she was behind due to university interviews, asking for help when she needed it and using constructive comments to improve her work as a result. Mr Richardson chimes with special mention to Year 12 students Manmanat Kaur, Amanpreet Dilhe, Ajhov Regmi and Callum Yates.

English Literature: Zarina Ahmed (Year 13) has excelled not missing a single piece of work whilst Jack Hitchcock and Ellie Kent have also been extremely consistent with their work ethic.

Applied Science: Miss Bate made special mention of Aisha Saddique, Fardeen Shahid and Kinza Zahid for Year 12 whilst Year 13 student, Neha Zahid went above and beyond.

Chemistry: Mr Moore felt that Faseha Rashid and Hassan Ashraf have both been model students throughout, clearly well organised and dedicated to keeping on top of their work.

Business: Mrs Hrcic thought that Aadil Mohmood, Mariam Afzal Saddique and Manmanat Kaur have acquitted themselves very well since January whilst a trio of Year 13 students, Harman Ghataoura, Rhea Dosanjh and Harnam Seehra were absolute stars and deserve massive amounts of praise.

Media Studies: In Year 12 Anesu Ngwenya and Jasmeet Takhar submitted some very detailed pieces of work whilst Izzy Harvey, Saima Zafran and Georgina Moore worked very hard in Year 13 after initially struggling with lockdown conditions. Extra special kudos though was saved for Kiera Sadhra who didn't miss a single piece of work and all was to an excellent standard.

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Brilliant Club

Twelve students in Year 12 have entered the Summer Term Scholars Programme with the Brilliant Club, an opportunity to experience university life with an Oxbridge institution. The students are:

Hassan Ashraf – Bethany Burnett – Alex Causer-Smith – Amanpreet Dilhe – Jack Hitchcock – Manmanat Kaur -Shahwar Nadeem – Natasha Nizzer – Faseha Rashid – Ajhov Regmi – Sumayyah Sadiq – Ramanjit Ranu

This year these lucky recipients will be working with lecturers, students and PhD tutors from St Edmund's College, Oxford. Whilst the Summer Programme will be entirely virtual, we hope that we can take these students on site next year.

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