

**Open Academy Update 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2020**  
**For parents and students – please do discuss the contents with your child!**

Welcome to our newsletter again this week – and first of all can I start by saying thank you to all the year 10 & 12 parents / students for your excellent efforts in starting the return over the last week or two. Teaching has gradually started again and I am hoping the students enjoyed their time back in the academy. Almost everyone who should have been in has been **with attendance over 95% this week** which bodes well for the future.

Obviously, the big news this week is that **the Academy will be re-opening fully at the start of the Autumn term**. Although it won't quite be business as usual, as we will be working through all elements of the guidance to ensure we do all we can to minimise risks and to keep everyone safe. It is likely that we will create a number of social bubbles that have break and lunch at different times and we will ensure that the cleaning hygiene and social distancing guidance is followed as carefully as we are able. We cannot wait to be able to Open again and over the next couple of weeks we will be getting staff to examine how best to plan for the students return and for their catch up.

Thinking about the virtual academy, thank you for your feedback regarding rolling over the timetable early. There was a very clear voice suggesting that whilst the idea had merit to help prepare all students for next year, as a parent body you generally felt it was just one more change for the children. The staff agreed in their feedback. Therefore we judge that **maintaining the current timetables is the best idea**.

Please note that **we are collecting a robust list of all the work handed in on TEAMS by the students. Where there are gaps there will be catch-up**. The catch-up will take place after school. Students who are behind will stay for 2 nights a week. This will be timetabled to maintain as much social spacing as possible in the after school catch-up sessions. Students are required to attend until they have caught up work that was missed due to the lockdown. We all know that this is not the outcome that everyone would want however it is imperative that our children don't fall behind so please do keep encouraging them now and **please remind your child to submit the work they complete in Teams otherwise, the teacher will not see it is ready for marking** and feedback will not be provided

Looking back, I can see how culture shock kicked in during the lockdown – for many it was around the 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> week when all of a sudden, things just seemed tougher and more miserable. For others it took until 9 or 10 weeks in, however, the majority of people have had a tough couple of weeks and **it is quite possible that culture shock was to blame**. I note this because Reverse culture shock is almost exactly the same – returning may be tough for you and your children – at first great to be back and then – challenging to keep working. The reason I bring this up is that forewarned is fore armed. If you can start exploring how you feel about school return now, it will help for when we are back in September

Finally this week, I would like to draw your attention to Mark's reflection as this week it contains a link to **the Oak National Academy and the assembly that Open have worked on** for the national virtual school. It has been great to be involved and I thank all the students who took part.

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## **1. National Academy Assembly**

As you may be aware there is a national programme to deliver lessons online through Oak National Academy. Open Academy are of course very involved in this initiative. In particular we have worked with the Church of England to produce spiritual resources in particular one of the national assemblies.

Here is a link to the resources we have been a big part of:

<https://www.thenational.academy/oak-activity-club/faith-at-home>

Here is a link to the national assembly:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NCiTpxv9ZzE&list=PLcc\\_HT5TeqjpGoc9BYifgl9J5vmQyUXZa&index=9](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NCiTpxv9ZzE&list=PLcc_HT5TeqjpGoc9BYifgl9J5vmQyUXZa&index=9)

It is a proud moment for Open to be invited to work with the very best academies from across the country on these projects

## **2. Year 7 News**

This week saw the first 'Game On' session with Year 7 which took place on Monday via Teams. 'Game On' is a social opportunity for students to play games and chat with one another and I'm pleased to say we had a lot of fun playing a scavenger hunt and Family Fortunes! Thank you to the 10 students who joined us and we look forward to seeing even more people joining us on Monday at 3pm – check your emails for the invite!

Big shout out's go to the following people for their exceptional work this week:

- Elsie Auger and Harry Griffiths for sensational work in a live History lesson – Mr Brown said it was like teaching A-Level students!
- Ben Coe for his great work on the cricket world cup
- Jessica Brighton for her amazing work on circuits in Science
- Lacey Folger for her fantastic fantasy creature in an adapted Science lesson
- Ethan Walker for going above and beyond in his reading mood board – Miss Ling was incredibly impressed!
- Ebon Gossland, Harisan Martin and Keisha Smith for excellent outcomes in packaging design and graphics for D&T
- Ashton Taylor, Xylia Sparkes and Ara Rashid for superb engagement and work in Music on complex key signatures
- Kieran Pearce produced great work understanding colour theory in D&T

So many! Keep up the great work Year 7! Miss Lines, Miss Moss and Mrs Edwards

## **3. Year 8 News**

Only got a couple of full weeks remaining but please keep making sure all year 8 students keep on working to the best of their ability, A strong reminder that when a student has completed their work they click on 'handed in' whether the submit through teams or it's another online task e.g. Sam Learning, Seneca etc.

### **Shout outs to the following students:**

- Kimora Alexander for her Fuel presentation in Science - SLA
- James Hoy for his Fuel presentation and fossil fuel storyboard in Science - SLA
- Harry Robinson for his fossil fuel storyboard in Science - SLA
- Hannah Jordan and Harry Robinson within Textiles – SRE
- Lucy Birkett for her D&T work – SRE
- Paige Berry for work in Drama – CDI
- George Colledge for his Rap lyrics in Music – KLI
- Joe Sanderson, James Hoye and Dalia Rosca for Commitment to Learning.
- Paige Berry and Lauren Aldous for work in Maths - ABR
- Samuel Yellop for his rules of Cricket and Rounder's PowerPoint in PE – SLA
- Dalia Rosca for her sports report for the cricket world cup – SLA

### **Positive Pathways**

It was the last Positive Pathway session this week, I would like to thank every student that attended and hope they all got something from it, throughout all students were maturely behaved and are a credit to the Academy, I am very proud of how well they all took to the sessions,

I have again attached all five quizzes below for your chance to win prizes whilst demonstrating the knowledge of the social issues that teenagers face in society today. If you have already completed some of the quizzes, don't worry, your score is already recorded. All quizzes are just 10 multiply choice questions. If you need to see the presentation again just ask and we will send you the link.

### **Positive Futures Protect Program Online quizzes**

Teambuilding and alcohol: <https://www.onlinetrainerpro.com/take/BFF36B9D>

Knife crime: <https://www.onlinetrainerpro.com/take/6A2BE13B>

Exploitation: <https://www.onlinetrainerpro.com/take/A67597D5>

Radicalisation: <https://www.onlinetrainerpro.com/take/0D07E416>

Drugs Awareness: <https://www.onlinetrainerpro.com/take/2DE387CA>

## **4. Year 9 News**

Hello Year 9,

I'd like to start this week by thanking all of the students and parents who attended their TEAMS Meetings with myself and Mrs Edwards this week – it is so nice to actually see people, rather than just at the end of an email! We are trying to get through as many of you as we can by the end of term, but if you have an issue that means you would like a meeting sooner rather than later, please let us know and we will do our best to see you asap. I would also like to welcome Mrs Edwards into our Year 9 Team. Many of you will know Mrs Edwards from school already, but we're lucky to have her working as the Year 9 Assistant Head of Year for the next few weeks at least. I would also like to thank Ms Hewitt-Colman for

her amazing help over the last few months – she has worked so hard keeping in contact with you all each week and I know she will miss talking to you on a regular basis.

As we approach the end of term the temptation for students is to ease up on the work they are completing, I would be grateful if you could encourage your child to keep working right up until the end of term please, if nothing else but to stave off boredom!

Some 'shouts outs' again this week – it is so good to see these positive comments each week – well done all of you.

- Connor Matthews for taking part in the tutor activities
- Katie Lambert-Sharp, exceptional extension work in Maths
- Emma Tyrrell for an amazing piece on Samba music! Extremely detailed and informative!
- Kieran Baxter, Zak Pitts and Jessica Waterfield for their excellent existing products research in D&T.
- Adrian Colcer. Lola Cook and Emily Perrett for excellent English work and commitment this week
- Aimee Walters for an excellent News Report on the Men's Cricket World Cup in PE

Let's see if we can get even more 'shout outs' next week!

As ever, if you have any issues please do not hesitate to contact either myself or Mrs Edwards.

Many thanks,  
Mrs Clayton

## 5. Year 10 News

Hello!

Kicking off another week with our Year 10 superstars for this week, who are as follows:

- Ben Ashby for great engagement in Music.
- Shadrak Mushengezi, Grace O'Neill and Dylan Skitmore for their work on Poetry.
- Amelie Orr for an incredibly clever and beautifully written textual transformation.
- Blessed Muza for persevering with ratio work.
- Gus Jefferson for his determination to achieve in BTEC Sport.
- Lottie Sanderson and Will Birkett for excellent effort shown in Maths.
- Dylan Skitmore for consistent effort and taking comments on board to improve his work in Business.

Well done and congratulations to you all! Keep up the incredible efforts and engagement.

It has been great to see so many students in the Academy over the course of this week for their phased return into the Academy. On the whole, the work ethic shown and attitude to learning has been excellent and it is important that students take this mind-set and apply it when working from home.

Work experience:

Our careers partners NEACO and New Anglia Hub have developed an exciting programme for schools called 'Explore Your Future: My Work Experience Week' which will be available

to Norfolk students during what would have been WEX week (6-10 July). This is a programme which students can do all, some or none of depending on their interests which will go live on Monday 6th July at 10am.

The aim is to help year 10 students explore different careers. As part of the week, students will investigate different industries, sectors and careers. There will be opportunities for them to ask questions in live Q&As and they will take part in quizzes to help them reflect on their skills and interests. The week is flexible so your child/ward can attend everything live or can dip in and out of the recorded sessions and downloadable resources. The skills and experience gained may also be used in other awards such as the Duke of Edinburgh and Youth Stemm Awards.

Please note: this is not to take the place of school work and should be viewed as an extra opportunity to go alongside the work that they are being set on Microsoft Teams.

Some parents/carers were contacted via email by Miss Matthews on 16th June regarding the opportunity for some Maths and English online tutoring for our students. This is a fantastic opportunity to receive some tailored online support and unfortunately only a handful of students are taking advantage of this completely free tutoring. Please check your emails for this.

Following on from the assembly last week, Mrs Lamb and I have begun the handover process for Year 11. Therefore, moving forward, please contact myself, Mrs Pearsall or Mrs Middleton if you have any questions or queries [emma.matthews@open-academy.org.uk](mailto:emma.matthews@open-academy.org.uk) or [ruth.pearsall@open-academy.org.uk](mailto:ruth.pearsall@open-academy.org.uk) or [michele.middleton@open-academy.org.uk](mailto:michele.middleton@open-academy.org.uk).

Many thanks,

Miss E Matthews (Head of Year 10) and Mrs D Lamb (Assistant Head of Year 10)

## **6. Year 11 News**

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Due to the limitation on numbers at gatherings (30) we are unable to go ahead with Prom at the moment but I would like to thank Mrs Appleby and Mr Ford for all the work they have been doing in trying to plan and risk assess different ideas and for the time spent making many enquiries to the Trust and police to try and make an outdoor Prom possible.

Unfortunately, we must respect the guidelines because everyone's safety is our number one priority. I have contacted Sprowston Manor to ask if we might be able to have something in Sept/ Oct but to be honest even if they give us a date, we are all reliant on the government guidelines before that can actually go ahead.

I am sorry that it is not better news but we are still exploring ideas and we will keep you posted.

Finally, I will be writing to you next week to fully explain how and when you will receive your results as we hope to have a clearer picture by then

## **7. Sixth Form News**

Happy Friday everyone!

I'd like to start by saying a massive well done for all of you on your return to the academy this week. I have had really positive feedback from both teachers and students about the experience. I have also started seeing some great quality work being handed in via TEAMS in the past few days, which tells me that the private study time that you have had has been a success! Fantastic job all!

On Wednesday we held the first of our two UCAS events which were run by our NEACO champions. I'm sure that the students will agree that it was a great session, with lots of clear information to get them ready for applying to University. Those of you that did not attend will hopefully be able to watch a recording of meeting in due course. The next meeting is being held at 1pm on Wednesday 15th July. Please make sure that you have no IT issues so that you can join this session.

Shout outs this week go to:

- Mia fantastic Psychology mind maps
- Reuben great and consistent work in Psychology
- Tyler Computer Science - Great Test Results
- Solomon - Good IT project work
- Reuben – great work in English

## 8. Careers News

- Our Sector of the Month for July is **Travel and Tourism**, a huge market for local employment which is just starting to open up again after lockdown. Norfolk and Suffolk is a popular destination and has great potential for students who might want to work in the hospitality, cultural and leisure industries. The area has traditional holiday destinations such as Great Yarmouth and the Suffolk Coast, alongside unique natural assets such as the Broads National Park, the Brecks, North Norfolk Coast and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty. It also has the home of horse racing at Newmarket and important heritage sites such as Norwich (England's most complete medieval city) and Sutton Hoo in Suffolk. East Anglia's vibrant cultural sector boasts award-winning theatres, major international festivals and England's only UNESCO City of Literature. The sector employs around 88,000 people.

Please see the **attachment** for details of useful links to information on the courses and apprenticeship pathways which are available to students who have an interest in working both locally and further afield.

**Meet the inspirational scientists, healthcare professionals, engineers, technicians and students doing incredible things during lockdown.**

**Big Bang Digital 2020 – science, engineering & Covid-19** is a free, online event on **Tuesday 14 July** that celebrates the amazing work of scientists and engineers in a pandemic. The 1-day event celebrates their achievements, hears about challenges, innovation and collaboration, and explores some upsides to lockdown.

**Aimed at students aged 11+** [#BigBangDigital](#) gives young people a front row view of the incredible contribution of people working in science and engineering.

[https://www.digitalbigbang.co.uk/?utm\\_source=newslettersuccessatschool&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=BB](https://www.digitalbigbang.co.uk/?utm_source=newslettersuccessatschool&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=BB)

- Year 10 Work Experience - in addition to the programme of events which was flagged up in last week's newsletter by Miss Matthews, don't forget to sign up to

Unifrog and access the Work Experience activities which will be posted on there from Friday 3 July. [To access Unifrog - type it into Google, sign in with your Open Academy email address and click 'forgotten password'. Follow the sign instructions from the email Unifrog will send you]

Here is next week's full [VTALK Schedule](#). Please feel free to share the schedule with your students!

### WEEK STARTING MONDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2020

DATE	SPEAKER	INFO
<b>Mon</b> <b>6<sup>th</sup> July</b> <b>10am</b> <a href="#">Add to calendar</a>	<b>Katy Sumption, Author &amp; Creative Director</b>	Interested in advertising and how to start your career? Tune in to listen to co-founder of a creative agency and author, Katy Sumption speak about her career journey and what lead her to write a book for young people about anxiety.
<b>Tues</b> <b>7<sup>th</sup> July</b> <b>10am</b> <a href="#">Add to calendar</a>	<b>Cassie Chadderton CEO, World Book Day</b>	Most of us have heard of World Book Day! Join SFS and World Book Day's CEO, Cassie Chadderton to discuss her varied career in the creative industries, the importance of the arts in society and more about World Book Day.
<b>Tues</b> <b>7<sup>th</sup> July</b> <b>2pm</b> <a href="#">Add to calendar</a>	<b>Matt Brittin, President, EMEA Business &amp; Operations, Google</b>	Matt will be joining SFS to discuss his life lessons and advice, preparing for the world of work and the ever changing tech industry - what could this look like in 2030 and how can students prepare themselves for a career in tech?
<b>Wed</b> <b>8<sup>th</sup> July</b> <b>10am</b> <a href="#">Add to calendar</a>	<b>Adam Forbes, Head of Marketing, BP Launchpad</b>	Join this Vtalk to learn more about business start-ups and delivering cleaner energy to the world - a must attend for those interested in entrepreneurship, business or the environment.
<b>Wed</b> <b>8<sup>th</sup> July</b> <b>2pm</b> <a href="#">Add to calendar</a>	<b>Kanbar Hossein Bor, Deputy High Commissioner for Bangladesh</b>	Join us as Kanbar Hossein Bor, formerly Deputy High Commissioner for Bangladesh is interviewed SFS. He will reflect on his personal journey from child refugee to British diplomat as he is asked questions by young people including on the meaning of British identity, British values and the challenges and opportunities of being a diplomat in the current climate.
<b>Thurs 9th July 2pm</b> <a href="#">Add to calendar</a>	<b>In Collaboration with Penguin Talks: Simon Armstrong, Publicity Manager and Hannah Chukwu, Editorial, Penguin Random House</b>	How to Get Into Publishing Penguin employees, Simon Armstrong and Hannah Chukwu, share how the industry works, how books are made and how to get into publishing.
<b>Fri</b> <b>10<sup>th</sup> July</b> <b>10am</b>	<b>Ben Saunders, Polar Explorer</b>	Join us as polar explorer, Ben Saunders, talks to young people across the UK about his career and

[Add to calendar](#)

adventures. Ben will discuss with students the importance of goal setting, self-belief, resilience, teamwork, communication, and leadership. This exciting Vtalk is not to be missed!

### HOW TO JOIN THE VTALKS

- Join 10 minutes before the VTALK to be ready
- You can join without needing an account – [Watch how here](#)
- For full speaker descriptions visit the [VTALK Schedule here](#)

### VTALK LIBRARY & MORE

- Watch pre-recorded VTalks from our library [here](#)
- SFS has also designed an [activity sheet](#) for students

## 9. Library News and Activities

Open Academy Reads...

This weeks read-a-long is Rumpelstilskin. A fairy tale by the Brothers Grimm about a man who could spin straw into gold, and a young girl who will pay the price. Listen along here:

[https://openacademyorguk-my.sharepoint.com/:u:/g/personal/donna\\_ling\\_open-academy\\_org\\_uk/EaV8aLkW7IRAmoC44AFSW1kBooAtt34WNPIj9mm\\_pkrmPw?e=uW1rrQ](https://openacademyorguk-my.sharepoint.com/:u:/g/personal/donna_ling_open-academy_org_uk/EaV8aLkW7IRAmoC44AFSW1kBooAtt34WNPIj9mm_pkrmPw?e=uW1rrQ)

You can also listen along to our previous read-a-longs here:

[https://openacademyorguk-my.sharepoint.com/:f:/g/personal/donna\\_ling\\_open-academy\\_org\\_uk/Es1bu4t\\_vBpNixMZ-ihxMlgBL2ckF8-GTMnK\\_4baboT5vq?e=bmbOdl](https://openacademyorguk-my.sharepoint.com/:f:/g/personal/donna_ling_open-academy_org_uk/Es1bu4t_vBpNixMZ-ihxMlgBL2ckF8-GTMnK_4baboT5vq?e=bmbOdl)

Click and Collect... The library is open!

In case you missed the news last week, we are pleased to share that we are now offering a click and collect service for library books. Students will be able to request books online and collect them from the school reception. More information about our safety procedures and instructions on how to request books are attached this this email (Library Click and Collect.) We have also attached a powerpoint and video user guide to using the library catalogue. If you need any help or have any further questions please get in touch with Miss Ling the school librarian.

Digital Library- available throughout the summer. Students are also able to continue to access a digital library of books via MyOn. This is a digital reading platform and offers a range of books suited to all reading abilities. To access the website please use the following log in details.

Go to myon.co.uk <http://go.renaissance.com/o03IP00FZ00z7P1j6DJtko1> and enter your login information:

- a. School Name: Open Academy  
(type the first few letters and select from the drop-down menu)
- b. Username: open085student
- c. Password: read

Click on the Sign In button, select a book, and start reading!



Finally, please also see the home schooling resource sheet attached for reading based activities from the Norfolk Education Library service

## **10. Food Tech Gallery Number 5**

Once again – fantastic work going on in your kitchens for your home food technology. Please find attached our latest gallery of the students culinary efforts

## **11. Duke Of Edinburgh**

This week Open Academy received a certificate congratulating our Bronze and Silver students on the number of voluntary hours #achieved so far in completing their awards. They have accumulated 377 hours of voluntary service to the local community\* The social value of these hours is £1639. This is a phenomenally generous effort by our students who have, pre-lockdown, worked in charity shops, at scout groups, sporting clubs and many more activities. During lockdown they have continued their efforts with activities such as dog walking, helping siblings with school work, gardening for older relatives and shopping for those who are shielding. Many more hours are still to be logged which we are working on. The DofE team could not be more proud. WELL DONE!!

## **13. Mark's Chaplain's Reflection**

Mark's YouTube channel is always here for catch up

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0bFD8fTH51nCxSHdJIYJg>

This week's reflection is here

[https://youtu.be/L69SjnpQb\\_U](https://youtu.be/L69SjnpQb_U)

### **Keep Encouraging part 2.**

Over the last 3 months I have talked quite frequently about encouraging others. We may ask ourselves, yes, I have given encouragement to others, but what about me. Where do I get my encouragement from? Sometimes we can feel isolated, and we don't receive any encouragement from anyone. What do we do?

We all have the ability to speak to ourselves and encourage US. That maybe seems like a strange thing to say but it's true. When we have done something stupid, or when we have made a mistake or we feel bad, we can call ourselves names which sometimes can be negative and it can bring us down. Saying all of this, if we have the ability to speak negative words to ourselves, we also have the ability to speak positive encouragement into our lives too.

I am reminded of a story in the Bible about a man called David. He was the guy who defeated Goliath the giant. David had just won a series of spectacular military victories. But when he returned from battle he found his home destroyed by the Amalekites which were an enemy of Israel, and his family had been taken captive. He was so heartsick, that he and his men fell to the ground and wept, until they could cry no more. But he didn't stay down for long because the Bible says "he encouraged himself in the Lord". He then said to God, "Shall I pursue this enemy? Shall I overtake them?" And God answered him and said, "Go after them, for you shall surely overtake them and without fail recover all". David's self-encouragement, along with God's guidance, led him to his next victory. He recovered all from the Amalekites.

There's a valuable lesson to be learned here. We must learn how to talk to ourselves in a right and positive way. We can feel down but it doesn't mean we need to stay there. Our biggest battles bring the biggest victories. Our weaknesses can become discovery moments to find strengths that we never knew we had. So, in closing, look in the mirror today and say to yourself, "This tough time or period of discouragement shall pass, speak words of life and encouragement to yourself and over your life. Tell yourself you will make it and you will overcome.

Have a wonderful week and I pray that Gods presence would be with you to encourage you to encourage yourself.

God bless you

Mark.