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Friday 2nd July 2021

Dear Parents and Carer,

Welcome to an exceptionally different week, to the one that we had expected to experience on Monday, when we arrived into the academy. We firstly had to effectively manage the positive covid cases and the loss of both our students and staff and re-adjust our way of working. Praise and thanks go out to our student, parent and carer community for adapting so swiftly and also to our staff who were teaching remotely, to children self-isolating and also those in the classroom, who were being supported by our staff. On Tuesday, when we believed we could settle down to a working week, the local area had a lengthy and exceptionally disrupted power-cut. The outage was to the extent that the only contact the academy was able to have was via our mobile phones. With all systems down, the decision was made for the students to utilise their mobile phones, in this emergency and to ensure that home was made aware of their imminent departure. Once again, I thank the students for their maturity and staff for their response to support the students during this challenging time.

I am aware of the commentary regarding the use of the students' phones in relation to the forthcoming mobile phone within the academy day, one could acknowledge the irony! However, it will always be our practice that when in an emergency and under exceptional circumstances, as the children and academy found itself to be in, on Tuesday, that the pouches would be released and mobile access assured.

Praise to our Year 10 students as they have worked through their GCSE mock exams, throughout this week. This rehearsal of their forthcoming public examinations will be of great importance to their confidence and understanding of the expectations for their learning in Year 11.

Confirmatory polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test after a positive lateral flow device (LFD) test

LFD tests are most effective when detecting infectious cases of coronavirus. They identify people with a high viral load who are the most likely to spread the virus further. LFDs detect the virus in people without symptoms so each positive case we find is one that would have gone otherwise undetected. These tests are proving to be accurate and reliable and, where used appropriately and in the correct way, they will continue to help us to break chains of the transmission and save lives.

Anyone who tests positive using an LFD test will be asked to take a confirmatory follow-up PCR test. It remains essential that anyone who gets a positive LFD result self-isolates immediately for 10 days, as well



as the other members of their household. You must only leave home for your follow-up test. You should arrange your confirmatory PCR immediately. For the fastest result, we suggest you [book a PCR test at a test site](#). You can also book a home test [online](#) or call 119 to book a test.

A PCR test will confirm if you have been affected by coronavirus or not, and reduce unnecessary self-isolation by you and your household. If you then receive a negative result from the PCR, and the PCR test was taken within 2 days of the LFD, then you and your contacts will be informed you can cease self-isolating.

Individuals who test negative from their LFD will not need to isolate or take a confirmatory test.

‘Teaching and learning during a pandemic’

Mrs Chamberlain, one of our Geography teachers, has shared her experience of teaching during Covid – through lockdowns, returns to school and further lockdowns. It’s an incredibly insightful piece and allows the reader to gain an understanding of how much teachers have had to adapt during these challenging times. If you would like to read, follow this link: <https://hastingsonlinetimes.co.uk/hot-blogs/education/teaching-and-learning-during-a-pandemic>

Budding Fashion Designers

During Term 6, our Year 7 students have been working on creating & developing actions based around the theme of recycling. Students, during remote learning, were asked to design a costume using recycled items. Below, a design by Freya Pankhurst.



Year 6 Transition

If you have a child joining us in September, please ensure you are signed up for the online event on Wednesday 7th July from 5pm, and have completed our short form to help us learn more about who your child is, what they enjoy and what they struggle with. The form can be found

here: <https://forms.office.com/r/ryNK97x9Hy>

If you have not yet signed up for the online event, please email j.prust@thehastingsacademy.org.uk

2023 PGL Trip – South of France

A letter of interest has been put out on ParentPay, if you are interested in your children (current year 7 and 8's) going to the South of France PGL please complete this form.

A presentation full of information about what the trip will entail can be found here:

[PGL 2023 - South of France Presentation](#)

Ski Trip

The Ski Trip in 2022, within 24hrs, was filled by the current Year 9's. This was an incredible response and we are so pleased that it was well received by our students. This means the next Ski Trip will be in 2024. Details will follow in due course.

Year 10 Updates

Year 10 students have been focusing on their Examinations this week. We are pleased to feedback the positive approach and attitude that students have shown in meeting the expectations. Well done Year 10 students. We have supported students not able to attend the Examinations due to self-isolation or medical conditions by sending home exam papers.

The Year 10 Examination message is as follows:

- Students will experience exam conditions and practise expectations for exams
- We are assessing students' knowledge, understanding and application in their subjects
- The Exams support our assessment Data and progress reports for this academic year
- The Exam timetable was updated due to Tuesday's closure (Mon - Geog, DT, Hist)
- We have sent exam papers to home addresses of students/families who are self-isolating to allow students to complete papers
- Where unable to complete papers, we will make arrangements on their return to complete assessments/exam papers, we do not want to disadvantage our students from assessments or experience of exams

Year 11 RESULTS DAY - THURSDAY 12 AUGUST AND APPEALS

We will be writing to Year 11 Parents/carers and students to update you on the awarding of grades for Year 11 Students and in particular the arrangements for the sending of GCSE results on Thursday 12 August and the appeals process linked to the awarding of grades. Students will be sent their results via the supplied email on Thursday 12 August. Letters will be sent next week.

The arrangements are as follows:

- Please send your up-to-date personal email address to the Academy Exams Officer at; i.wilson@thehastingsacademy.org.uk by no later than 22nd July providing your full name as well.
- The Hastings Academy will send an email to Students registered email address so they can have access to their Results from 09:30 on the 12th August (look for an email from The Hastings Academy titled, 'Results').
- A letter will also be sent via the post service to students registered address – this letter will arrive from Friday 13th August.



MFL Live Lessons – message from Miss Sage

During the Spanish live lessons this term, pupils were so motivated, engaged and they produced high quality work in Spanish. Furthermore, the presentation of the work was superb.

I was impressed with the cooperation, respect and the effort made in order to complete all tasks.

¡Estes alumnos son fabulosos!

Miss Sage

(Spanish/French Teacher)

Friday 2nd July 2021

Do Now

I go swimming

Yo (I) Juego= Hago

Tu (you) Juegas= Haces

El/ Ella (he/ she) = Juega= hace

Nosotros (we)= Jugamos= Hacemos

Vosotros (you)= Jugáis= Haced

Ellos (they)= Juegan= Hacen

yo juego voleibol

yo hago gimnasia

ella monta a caballo

Ellos juegan futbol

tú juegas basquetbol

Nosotros nadamos

mi hermana juega futbol

mi hermano hace ciclismo

ME!

Mod Lang – Period 3 – 2.7.21

Hoy es Viernes el dos de julio

Hago Natacion

	Jugar	Hacer
Yo	Juego	Hago
Tú	Juegas	Haces
El	Juega	Hace
Nosotros	Jugamos	Hacemos
Vosotros	jugáis	Hacéis
Ellos	Juegan	Hacen

1. yo juego volleyball
2. yo hago gimnasia
3. ella monta a caballo
4. Ellos juegan futbol
5. tú juegas basquetbol
6. Nosotros nadamos
7. mi hermana juega futbol
8. mi hermano hace ciclismo

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Tengo un perro.

Su nombre es Dottie.


Ella tiene cuatro años.

Dottie es un chihuahua cruzado Róssie Russell.

Dottie es un color arena.

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Message from Mrs Pepper, Head of Year 10

Wow! What can I say but 'Well done' Year 10 for the outstanding way that you have conducted yourselves this week. From the Career's event on Monday, to fabulous feedback from the Yondr staff following on from the presentation on and distribution of pouches, to the mock exams.

I am particularly impressed with the maturity of students sitting their exams. This is their first formal experience of taking exams and they have followed the instructions perfectly. I have heard many students discuss their revision schedules and I have seen many students attending after-school intervention sessions. It is really so encouraging watching you embrace the next and final stages of your learning journeys at school as you approach Year 11.

Finally, turning the attention to Year 11, the letters of applications for senior students, deputy head students and head students have been making their way to Miss Morawska this week. I have been once again impressed by not only the numbers of applications but also the quality of applications and conversations around these. It is fantastic to hear students talking about their achievements, enrichment activities and strengths in such an open way. The next stage of this will be underway soon, so a huge well done and best of luck to everyone who has put themselves forward. You should all be very proud of yourselves.

Forest School – at home!

During our partial-closure, Jasmine has been missing Forest School, so she recreated it at home with the help of her family! Jasmine had previously built a bird box in Forest School, which her family collected from school for Jasmine to paint and place in their garden at home. Great work, Jasmine!



Equipment

Please note that students need to bring a pen with them to school. Should a student not have a pen in school, when checked during morning tutor time, they will be issued with a pen and a detention.

Mobile phone ban from Thursday 8th July

We have moved the date of the phone ban back to Thursday 8th July. This will help us ensure all students have received their pouches following the recent partial closure and cases of covid within the Academy.

We have updated our behaviour policy to reflect the phone ban. These updates can be seen below:

Scenario	What would happen
You have your phone in school but it is in your pouch	Great! You are meeting our expectations. Enjoy your learning 😊
You have forgotten your pouch but you give your phone into your pastoral team before 8:50am	We will store your phone safely. You will receive a C3 - Unprepared for Learning (No pen, PE kit, phone pouch or other equipment)
You have your phone on you but it is NOT in its pouch	You will be asked to put it in its pouch and will attend Learning Recovery for 6 hours.
You have your phone on you but refuse to use your pouch	You will be excluded for a fixed term and then attend Learning Recovery for 6 hours the next day.
You have lost your pouch	Don't bring your phone to school. You can buy replacement pouches for £10

More information on how Yondr works can be seen here:

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2019-06-22/mobile-phone-lock-and-learn-trial-in-wauchope/11209716>

<https://www.veryondr.com/>

Year 9 DT

This term year 9 DT have been working on making and packaging a 3D puzzle. They made the 3D puzzle from wood using various tools and stained the puzzles with colours of their choice with wood stain. They also designed their 3D Puzzle artwork to go with the packaging they made using the vacuum former, to create a product good enough to sell in a shop! Below are some photos of their work.





Further to this, this week E&S Electrical contractors have worked hard on installing additional power outlets in the Design & Technology workshop. The DT department is getting ready for September, when we expect to welcome back all year groups to Design and Make lessons in our specialist rooms.

It was good to catch up with Josh, who graduated from The Hastings Academy 4 years ago. After his GCSEs, including in Design & Technology, he went to college and then did an apprenticeship. Josh recommends this career path to any student who is willing to work hard.

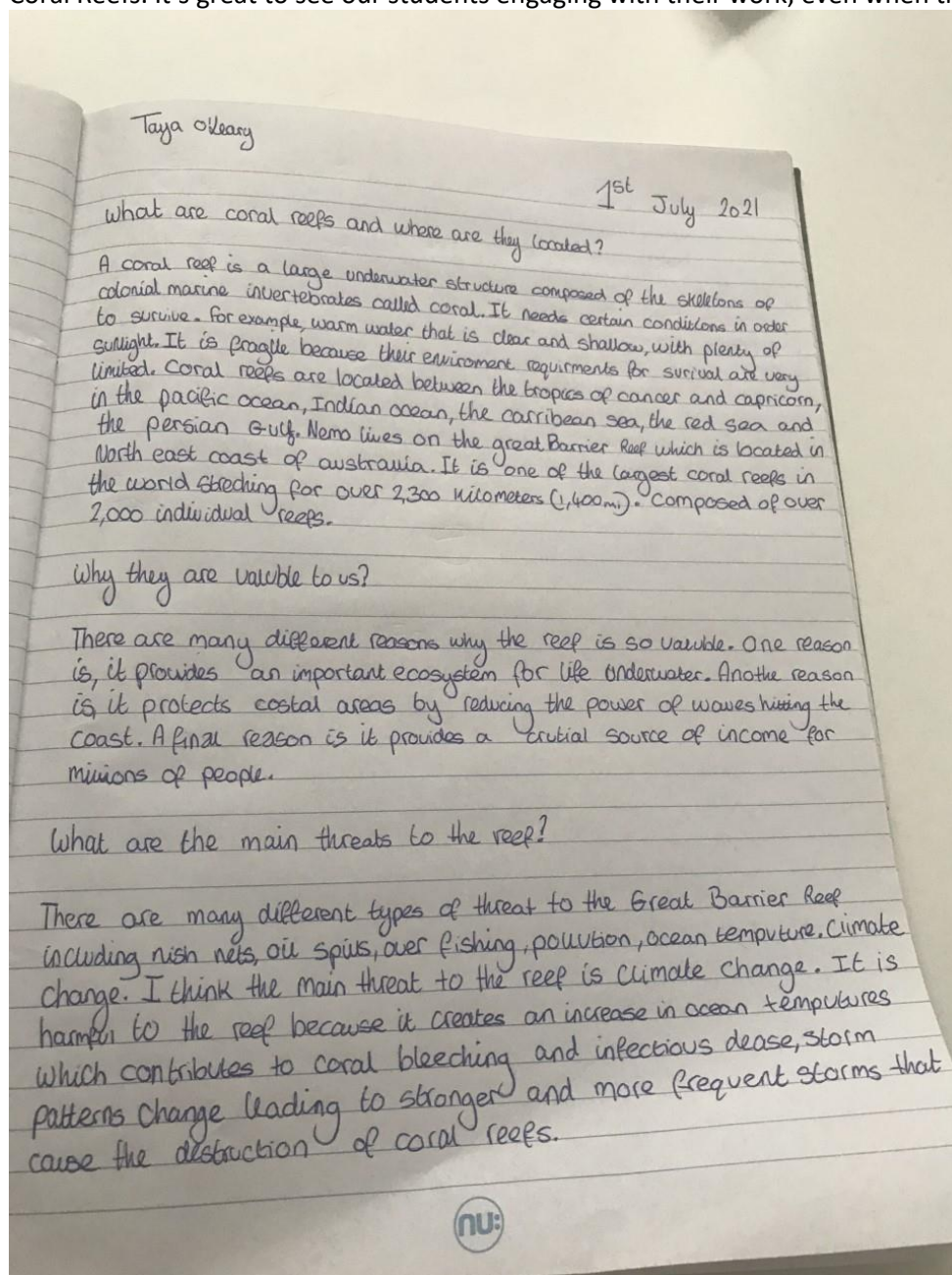
Hastings Opportunity Area – Attendance Matters

A town-wide campaign to support regular school attendance during the last few weeks of term, and in

An advertising campaign supporting the initiative is being sent out to all schools. It features the slogan 'Every school day counts - now more than ever' and will include posters and supporting materials that set out positive messages about school attendance and the importance of asking for help, if families are struggling. The campaign will also appear in key sites across the town.

Geography work

During an online Geography lesson with Miss Puttick, Taya O'Leary, Year 8, produced this fantastic work on Coral Reefs. It's great to see our students engaging with their work, even when they're learning remotely.



Personal Development lessons Sex and Relationships Education (SRE)

Following on from our consultation with parents and carers regarding our SRE policy I should like to give you an update of what content the students are covering this term in class to enable you to support you child with this important part of their development and our curriculum provision.

Year 7 and 8

Puberty – physical and mental changes

Exploring what makes a healthy relationship

Understanding the concept of consent

Body image

What is FGM- including the law

Year 9 and 10

Romantic relationships

Developing the concept of consent

Contraception

Sexual Health – STIs

Condom negotiation

Choices around non planned pregnancy

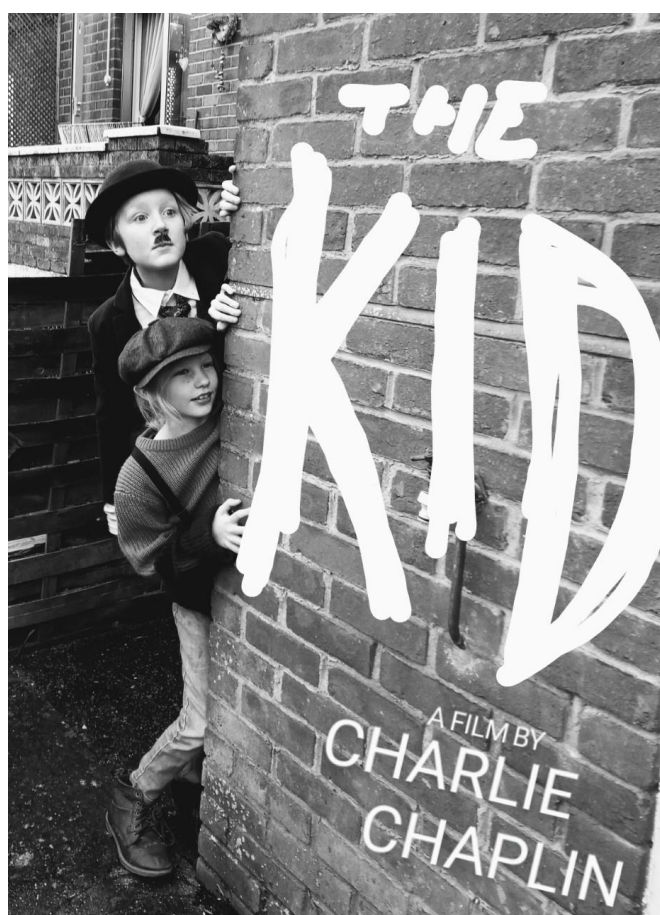
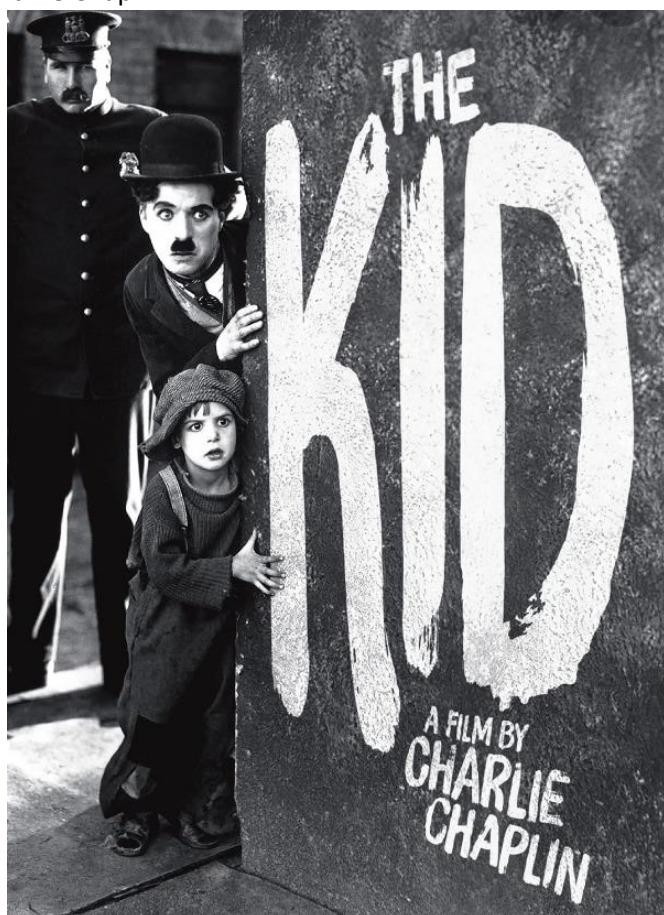
Expectations around relationships

If you have any questions about our SRE curriculum please contact Mr Degg.

Movie Moment Competition

During the most recent lockdown, our Drama department worked hard to keep students engaged while they were working from home. They ran the Movie Moment Competition, where students were asked to recreate a scene from a movie or show of their choice. The students absolutely outdid themselves with their fantastic entries, some of which are shared below.

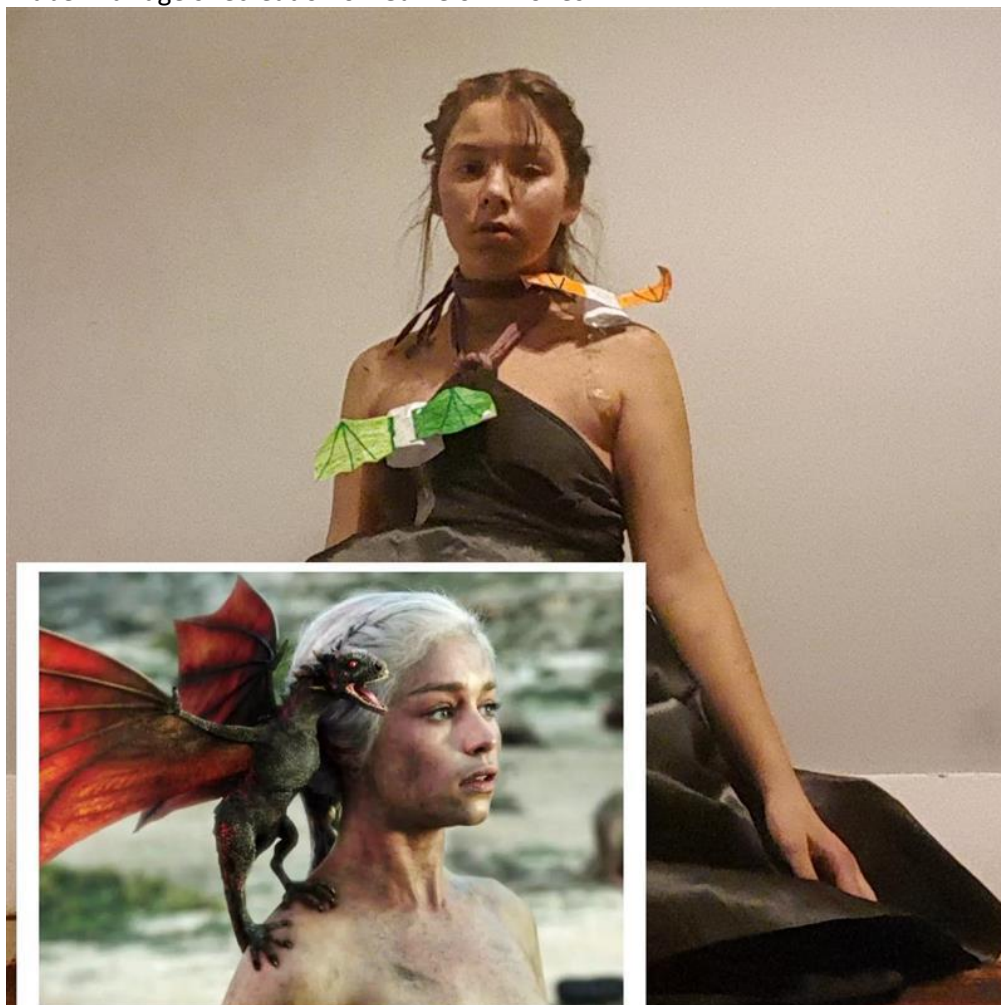
A huge congratulations goes to Myles Hodges, who won the competition with his recreation of 'The Kid' by Charlie Chaplin.



Betty Ormond was inspired by 'The Truman Show'.



Mabel Eldridge's recreation of 'Game of Thrones'.



Isaac & Marney Phillips were inspired by 'Back to the Future'.



EFT Summer Holidays Activities

We are pleased to inform you that Education Futures Trust are running Summer Holiday Activities and a Food Provision Event. The event will take place from the 26th July – 19th August at the Firs on Elphinstone Road and will involve a freshly prepared lunch (dietary requirements can be catered for) and a variety of activities, including Forest School, Sports and Games and Arts and Crafts. The sessions will run for 3 hours a day at The Firs and will then will include fun 1-hour at-home activities.

The provision will cater for children aged 5 – 16 years:

- the morning session (09.00 – 12.00) will run for 5 -11-year-olds;
- the afternoon session (13.00 – 16.00) will run for 9+ year-olds.

Lunch will be served at the end of the morning session for the younger children and at the beginning of the afternoon session for the older children.

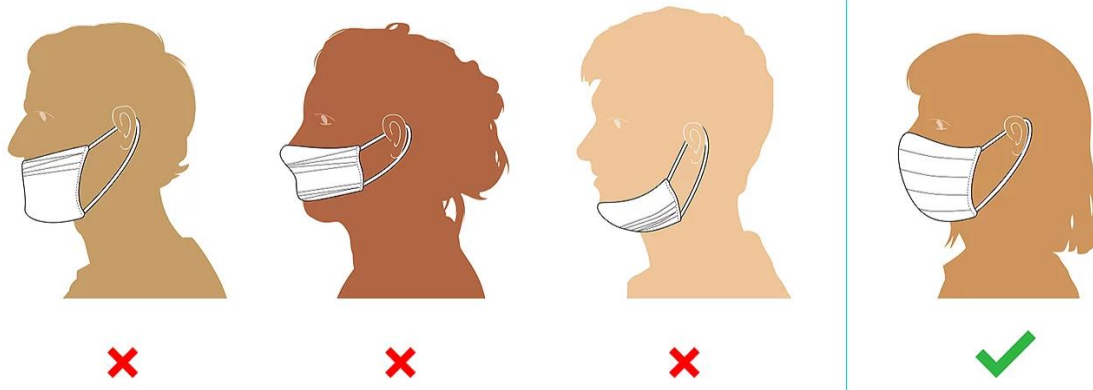
If you are interested, please complete the following application and consent form to register your child/children's place/s: <https://forms.gle/qPJoAgX4Q8t5yAn97>. If there are any questions, please email admin2@educationfuturestrust.org.

I think we should all engage in our own Movie Moment – if we completed a straw poll, what would be our collective frozen moment of our favourite film! A challenge for the weekend, which I hope you all enjoy pondering....



We know the covid variant is prevalent within the local community, so please remember to send in your child with face coverings and please support everyone by reminding them to wear them (including over the nose!).

DOs AND DON'Ts OF WEARING A MASK



We look forward to welcoming back our students who are not isolating, especially our Year 7 and Year 8 students who were unable to join us, in person, this week. If we all keep our space, protect our faces and wash our hands, we are all doing something to keep each other safe.

Keep very, very well

Kindest regards

Hilary Morawska