

Whitley Bay High School

Year 10

Summer Newsletter

Wednesday, 15th July 2020

Introduction



Hello future Year 10,

I hope you and your families are well during this difficult time.

First of all, let me say how excited I am to be your new Head of Year and take you through your GCSE journey. Having just said goodbye to my Year 11s who I have had since Year 9, I cannot wait to see you succeed on the same voyage and leave Whitley Bay High School as happy, healthy and successful individuals. My door is always open – please just knock whenever you need me!

Alternatively, if you have any queries or worries before we are back, please do drop me an e-mail on ankita.lawson@whitleybayhighschool.org

September will be a fresh new start for you as GCSE students and this newsletter is going to introduce you to our new theme, which all of our challenges will be based on this year. Please take your time to also read through the useful links that subjects have provided for you to get you GCSE ready. If you are struggling in a certain subject, these links will help you feel more confident and comfortable about key information.

Finally, summer is nearly upon us! Take this time to look at your form teacher's recommendations for their favourite movies, songs and books during lockdown!

Take care,

Mrs Lawson and the Year 10 Team



Miss LaBroy



Mr. Robinson

The Voyage



It is 200 years since the HMS Beagle launched – the ship on which Darwin sailed to the Galapagos Islands, inspiring his theory of evolution. This voyage is our main theme for this year. Year 10 is as a fresh start in which you can evolve academically, socially and in extracurricular activities.


Real voyages of discovery often came up against unforeseen circumstances that caused them to change route. Similarly, the Covid-19 crisis may have caused your academic “voyage” to deviate from its usual path. We will work together, with support from your form tutors and subject teachers to help you evolve and adapt and succeed on your voyage.

Fun Darwin Facts

Charles Darwin was Born on the same day as Abraham Lincoln.

Darwin loved studying animals - but also loved eating as many different types of animal as he could - including owls, armadillos and iguanas.

HMS Beagle had 10 Canon on board and cost £7, 803.00 to build - about £750,000.00 in today's money.



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Departmental Links

The following links are there to support you in any subjects you have found difficult over the COVID-19 period:

History

<https://www.johndclare.net>

We will be looking at the problems Europe faced after the devastation of WW1 and how those problems led to the rise of Adolf Hitler and subsequently, WW2.

MFL

To keep up with, practise, study or just enjoy MFL, log onto the following:

Memrise, DuoLingo, Seneca, Coffee Break Spanish Podcast, Savoirs.FR, Fluencia, Radiogarden.

Geography

<https://app.senecalearning.com/https://app.senecalearning.com/dashboard/join-class/uprxn6gnt9>

Class code is : **uprxn6gnt9**

This link covers some geographical skills that you will need prior to starting the course. You will need to sign up to **Seneca** to complete the assignment.

Maths

<https://corbettmaths.com/>

This website is excellent to help when revising or working on specific topics in Maths. Use the videos and practise questions.

Drama

Here you can find lots of information about the topics covered in the GCSE Drama course:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zkvm2sg>

Art

<https://mymodernmet.com>

My Modern Met is a site that has a great range of articles about Art from photography to fashion, architecture, classical art and even creating art in the kitchen.

P.E.

Use this link to familiarise yourself with some of the content you will be studying in GCSE PE, from the science and psychology aspects, to how to be able to perform to our best.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zp49cwx>

DT

This is a link to a good website that covers most of the course material, which can help you feel more confident with the upcoming content:

http://www.technologystudent.com/despro_flash/NEW_GCSE3.html

English

Consolidate your knowledge on the GCSE poems we have covered with the Audiopio podcasts: www.audiopio.co.uk

Login: whitley@audiopi.co.uk;

Password: whitley

Business

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zvwb382>

See the above link for an overview of all the units and topics covered at AQA GCSE Business. You will start your journey in Year 10 with Business in the Real World so you may wish to explore this section to become familiar with what content will be coming up.

Science

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zcckk2p>

The link above is to the BBC Bitesize page for Atomic structure and the periodic table. This is a topic that many of you have found challenging and by knowing it well you will be setting yourself up for a great start to science in Year 10.

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Check out our recommendations for Summer! Your form teachers' favourite...



MR. RIVETT

Film: Green Book
Song: Blinding Lights by The Weeknd
Book: The Help by Kathryn Stockett



MISS DAVEY

Film: Alita
Song: Lost in Japan by Shawn Mendes
Book: To all the boys I've loved before by Jenny Han



MR. WATKINS

Film: Lion
Song: Confidence by Ocean Ally
Book: 'The Godfather' by Mario Puzo



MS JAMIESON

Film: SING
Song: Blinding Lights by The Weeknd
Book: A Street Cat Named Bob by James Bowen



MR. COCKBURN

Film: 1917
Song: Gold on the Ceiling by the Black Keys
Book: Start Your Engines: My Unstoppable Crossfit Journey by Sam Briggs



MISS PEARSON

Film: Wreck it Ralph
Song: Hitchin a ride by Green day
Book: The Shining by Stephen King



MR. RULE

Film: Big Trouble in Little China.
Song: Moaning Lisa Smile by Wolf Alice
Book: Coraline by Neil Gaiman



MRS. JOHNSTONE

Film: Singin' in the rain
Song: 6ft apart by Luke Combs
Book: Jurassic Park by Michael Crichton



MR. CHARLTON

Film: Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle
Song: Dance Monkey by Tones and I
Book: American Gods by Neil Gaiman



MRS. BATES

Film: Star Wars - The Rise of Skywalker
Song: Watermelon Sugar by Harry Styles
Book: We Can Remember it for You Wholesale by Phillip K Dick



MS. DARGIE

Film: Juno
Song: Video Games by Lana Del Rey
Book: When Will There Be Good News? by Kate Atkinson.



MR. GRAYSON

Film: The Martian
Song: One Thing by One Direction
Book: The Recruit by Robert Muchemore



MR. JOHNSON

TV Series: Once Upon a Time
Song: Sally Cinnamon by The Stone Roses
Book: The Pacific Crest Trail: Exploring America's Wilderness Trail by Mark Larabee



MISS HUNTLEY

Film: Star Wars: Rise of Skywalker
Song: Dancing on my own by Robyn
Book: Northern Lights by Philip Pullman



MS. DODD

Film: Sweet Magnolias
Song: American Trilogly by Elvis Presley
Book: Anne of Green Gables by Lucy Maud Montgomery



MR. PEAKE

Series: SAS - who dares wins
Song: If the world was ending by JP Saxe and Julia Michaels
Book: Battle Scars by Jason Fox