

Dear Parents/carers,

CV19 daily update (Issue 15 – Wednesday 1st April 2020 – 10.00am)



Dear parents/carers,

We hope to hear news of how GCSE and A-level grades will be awarded at some point today. If the notification arrives at a reasonable time, I will send a second update later, otherwise we will update you in the newsletter tomorrow morning.

UK and overseas trips

All UK and overseas school trips for the remainder of this academic year have been cancelled. The finance department at currently processing insurance claims for these trips and will contact parent/carers when they have more information with regard to reimbursement. There is no need for you to contact the school for now and we will inform you as soon as things are resolved. We really apologise for this however disruption.

World Class Schools opportunities for students

Last week we published some really useful and interesting opportunities for our students being offered by the World Class Schools network. See below for an update on these that may be of interest, particularly to our year 11 and year 13 students to keep them occupied and brains working!

For all students.

- [#BeCreative](#)
- [WCSQM competition for all students](#)
- For students age 13+ join the [World Class alumni Facebook groups](#)

For Year 11s engaged and ready for post -16

- [Year 11 accredited project](#)

For Year 13s an advantage post-18

- [Year 13 accredited project](#)

Careers information – of interest to our Year 10 and 11 students

Our amazing sixth form staff produce regular career bulletins for the sixth form students. The bulletin below has just gone out to year 12 and 13 but we thought this would also be of interest for year 10 and 11 students over the Easter holidays. You can see the range of opportunities available and the type of activities you can engage with once in the sixth form. We hope this is of interest to you.



Sandringham Sixth Form Careers Bulletin

April 2020 (Ed. 12)



The opportunities on the first page of this bulletin can be accessed online. However, it is still useful to be investigating actual work experience placements at this time, as many of these require you to apply quite far in advance, so we have listed a few ideas on page 2. Remember, gaining new skills and insights will put you at a huge advantage to someone who has no practical work experience to offer employers.

Free online Uni courses (MOOCS)

<https://www.classcentral.com/report/new-courses-october-2018/>

Careers Workshops(online)

STEM, Business & Finance, Marketing, Professional Services, Law

Details:

- Virtual learning session (you need reliable internet)
- 60 minute session with 2 teachers (max 20 students)
- Content:essentialindustryinfo,relevantcompanyopportunities,interviewpractice&tailored motivation statement

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeMJdMSy-FG1_GCCAY2CRQuHYuHdBwHM2nhaLbPNPebZ5uqTw/viewform

Work Experience Opportunities (online)

Consulting & Digital, Legal, Cyber Security, Engineering & Construction, Property & Investment, STEM, Engineering, Financial Services

You will meet professionals (virtually), receive mentoring, take part in a skills workshop with feedback, and hear about careers and opportunities with the company.

<https://uptree.co/events/>

Application Masterclasses(online)

Engineering & Business, STEM, Law

<https://uptree.co/events/>

Work Experience Placements

Channel 4

Opportunities are available in a number of departments such as 4creative, 4Sales, Marketing, Legal, Press, Audience Insights and more, for those who are passionate about working in TV and want to get their foot in the door of a UK broadcaster. Travel and lunch costs are covered.

For more info & to sign up for alerts go to <https://careers.channel4.com/4talent/work-experience>

British Airways Inspire Programme – applications open **15th June 2020** for the Autumn Term & open on **14th September** for the Spring Term.

This work experience placement covers 26 departments and runs for 5

days. <https://careers.ba.com/work-experience>

MBDA (Stevenage) – Business Work Experience Placement (one week)

<https://ldn.tbe.taleo.net/ldn01/ats/careers/requisition.jsp?org=MBDA&cws=4&rid=4429&source=LinkedIn&src=LinkedIn&gns=LinkedIn>

Gardiner & Theobald Work Experience

Year round placements (1-2 weeks) are offered for those who are looking to gain first-hand knowledge of what the construction industry is like.

<https://www.gardiner.com/careers/our-roles/placements>

Emma Bridgewater Work Experience

Happy to accept invitations from students interested in developing a career in the ceramics industry looking to undertake unpaid work experience placements. These placements may involve time spent in our Offices, Shops, Warehouse or Factory, normally over a 3 day period.

If you are interested apply in writing, to jobs@emmabridgewater.co.uk stating your areas of interest and dates available.

The Royal Academy of Arts

Whilst there are no volunteering or work experience opportunities at the moment, to be kept up to date with future opportunities at the RA, ask to be added to their volunteering mailing list at volunteering@royalacademy.org.uk

Small and medium-sized businesses account for 60% of all private sector employment in the UK but may not have the time to formally advertise work experience placements every year. Don't be afraid to send off speculative emails to businesses you are especially keen to work for. A brief email explaining why you want

The DAY current affairs newsletter – free subscription

The following publication may be of interest - the company are currently offering free subscription to families during the lock down period.



Keep up to date with current affairs by subscribing to The Day newsletter. This is currently free for families (normally £120 annual subscription) if you sign up via their website. It includes news summaries, talking points, links and activities. Suitable for key stage 1-5. <https://theday.co.uk/subscriptions/pricing>

Some more of your feedback

Keep them coming – it really does boost staff morale. Thank you.

I wanted to extend my thanks to Mr Gray, the staff, teachers, and everyone at Sandringham who have done an excellent job of looking after the children and getting them studying from home. The communications have been brilliant and very useful too. Please can you extend my thanks to everyone involved, we are truly grateful for all your hard work and effort. Wishing everyone a safe and happy Easter.

Just wanted to say how impressed I am with the way Sandringham School has pivoted to home learning, especially after seeing the stats in your newsletter today. What an achievement. A round of applause to all of you because you are making the difference for our kids!

Dear Sandringham Staff. I just wanted to express my enormous gratitude to all the members of staff who are working so hard on behalf of our children and say a special thank you to all those involved in supporting my son who is in Year 12. As a (primary) school teacher myself, I am so impressed with the systems put in place to ensure that he has the opportunity to continue to learn in such difficult circumstances.

Seeing the recent email from school has reminded me that I've not articulated how grateful I am to the school for the impressive and professional way the online learning has been rolled out. This allows my husband working from home, to do so reasonably uninterrupted and me to get on around the home and garden - now with some willing help after school! As the mother of a son in Year 10 and a daughter in Year 9, I'd like to say a huge thank you to all the faculty members for the seamless way the home working has been achieved. We were in isolation for medical reasons 10 days earlier than the school, we are now in our 3rd week of isolation. So I was concerned about how to keep them both occupied and involved in schooling, but they concentrated on homework and revision until the online lessons started. The fact that the school day has then continued much the same here as it would at school, is highly impressive and a credit to all staff. In fact I would say more so, as there are fewer distractions at home - except for a passing cat - they work on CV19 Sandringham newsletter – Issue 15

after 3pm and are still thinking of subjects after the lessons have ended. I was initially concerned about the lack of personal interaction but both teens have found a balance of online ways to 'meet' their friends. The isolation has actually been a positive and allowed them some sorely missing, undistracted 'me' time, which has resulted in creative and personal improvement outcomes that otherwise would not have happened (assisted by afternoons of wifi being switched off - not a popular move but essential). The fact that they're fully occupied all day means I can get on with my days too. I would just like to say a particularly huge thank you to Mr Nicholls who helped find our Yr10's books and artwork that had been left at school and he arranged for them to be dropped off as we are now in enforced medical isolation. Thank you also for posting our Yr10's English literature textbooks. All proof that the great British spirit is resolutely alive and well. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.