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Dear Parent/Carer,

## Parent Letter – 19/06/2020

Thank you for your continued support as we open to more children. At the moment we are maintaining our approach of scaling up slowly but surely. Over the next few weeks though we will be thinking about September, we are waiting for government guidance and will communicate with you the next steps as soon as possible.

### Supporting our Community

At School 21, we have been fortunate to receive food packages that we can make available to families that might need a bit of support at this time. We also have toiletry packages and sanitary products. If you would like either a food package, toiletry package or both please contact Miss Dilger at [cdilger@school21.org.uk](mailto:cdilger@school21.org.uk) to arrange.

We understand that this time is difficult for a lot of families but if you can and would like to donate, we are accepting tinned food and toiletries. These will then be packaged up and shared with those who need support in our school community. Please see the list below of items we would like donated.

- Tinned beans
- Tinned vegetables
- Tinned soup
- Dried pasta
- Rice
- Pasta sauces
- Biscuits
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Shampoo and conditioner
- Soap
- Shower gel
- Sanitary towels

If you have any donations or would like a package please email Miss Dilger - [cdilger@school21.org.uk](mailto:cdilger@school21.org.uk)

## Primary School

### Recognition

A huge thank you and well done to everyone who has shared their learning and creations with us this week during our whole school assembly - the quality of work you are producing at home is astounding and the eloquence you are using to describe and explain your work is so impressive! Keep up the great work!!

### Onsite Update

This has been our first full week with both Year 1 and Key Worker Pods in the Primary School and it is wonderful to see so many smiley faces joining us every morning!

All the students have been super busy in Year 1, building their very own 'Communi-tree' to help Clara who is stuck on an island and feeling a bit scared! The students have been able to give her some very encouraging words about not giving up! We are looking forward to welcoming some more Year 1 students into our pods next week as we widen our offer.

In the Key Worker Pods the students have been creating potions inspired by 'George's marvellous medicine' and exploring some amazing art techniques!

Next week we will be welcoming some of our Reception students back to school for part of the day, we can't wait to see them all and show them their new learning environment. Ms Ingram, Ms Watts and Ms Gourley have been in this week getting everything ready for you all!

### Key Dates

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July - School Closed to Students for INSET Day

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July - Community Ignite Event

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July - Last day of Summer Term

### Lunch Menu for the Week Beginning 22/6/2020

| Day       | Meat Option                     | Veg Option                           |
|-----------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Monday    | Sausage, Chips and Beans        | Quorn Sausage, Chips and Beans       |
| Tuesday   | Chicken and Mushroom Pasta Bake | Macaroni Cheese                      |
| Wednesday | Meat Lasagne                    | Veggie Quesadilla                    |
| Thursday  | Fish, New Potatoes and Peas     | Quorn Burgers, New Potatoes and Peas |
| Friday    | Jacket Potato and Tuna          | Jacket Potato, Beans and Cheese      |





### **School 21 Primary Book Donation**

We have had a huge response to our book donation initiative - a huge thank you to everyone in our community who has purchased a book or shared the link to your wider network, we greatly appreciate it! We would be so grateful if you could share the link with family and friends if you haven't yet! Seeing all of the books piled high in my new 'office' is a highlight every day!

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1T68XPUJ1SBXK/ref=nav\\_wishlist\\_lists\\_2?\\_encoding=UTF8&type=wishlist](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1T68XPUJ1SBXK/ref=nav_wishlist_lists_2?_encoding=UTF8&type=wishlist)

**Meg Drummond – Head of Primary**





### Badge Banners

A reminder that our Middle School badge banners are now for sale through ParentPay - we will post these out to you (with any badges earned while in lockdown!). They are £6!



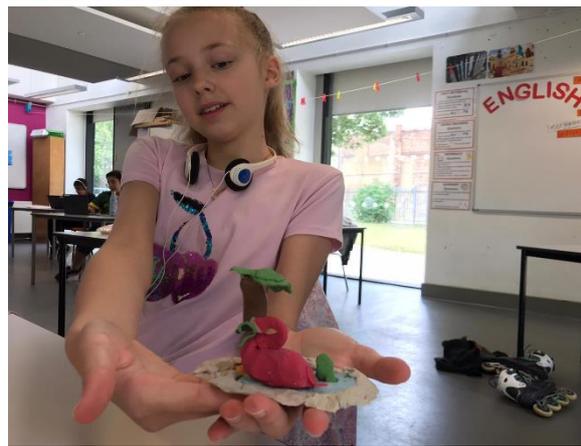
### This Week On Site...

On site this week the Year 6 and Key Worker Pods were busy naming their new pod crews and creating plasticine mascots too. The names decided on were:

- The Infinite Alphas
- The Pod that must not be Named
- Star Pod: Rise of School 21
- The Elite Flamingoes



Pods have also been working on different art work and stop motion animations lately. Some snaps of their creations are included below.



A special mention of the epic production that Claudi and Ms Christie are currently working on as well - while I was writing the newsletter, I overheard some of the commentary for the stop motion extravaganza that is in production...

'We all had to come together, stay at home and wash our hands... but it wasn't enough... to defeat the Coronavirus... it spread all around the world... to Asia... to Africa... to America... but we will do whatever it takes to bring the Coronavirus down!'



## **Wider Opening Update**

A letter was sent out to Year 6 Parents and Carers yesterday communicating that next week we will not be opening to more Year 6 students. As the Reception Pods are starting next week, the school's focus is ensuring this process is successful before we possibly extend our Year 6 offer.

A reminder that we will communicate with Parents and Carers every Thursday if we are able to extend our provision to more students. Parents and Carers will need to register via a form if they would like their child to attend the following week. You will receive a letter of confirmation before the Monday your child is due to start. Please do not send your child in unless you have received this letter and keep an eye on your email inbox for communications from the school.

Please get in contact with Anna if you have any questions, concerns or feedback on any aspect of our online or onsite offers via email - [akyrk@school21.org.uk](mailto:akyrk@school21.org.uk).

## **Thank you to our Parents and Carers...**

This week we have continued our coaching focus on addressing the Black Lives Matter movement, and supporting students to discuss their feelings and opinions. We have been discussing what racism is and its impact on people and the larger world and the meaning and importance of striving to become anti-racist, both as individuals and as a community.

I just wanted to thank our Parents/Carers and the community for the support they have given us this week in regards to this immeasurably important work. Your suggestions of materials and resources, encouragement, feedback, involvement in coaching sessions and critique has been greatly appreciated and so helpful.

Thank you for making our #middlestrong and #school21 community stronger.

**Anna Kyrk – Head of Middle School**

## **Secondary School**

### **Recognition**

Below is the recognition our students have received this week from their Coaches, Teachers and Heads of Year. It is fantastic to see so many names on the board each week. Keep up your amazing hard work, we are so proud of your continued efforts and excellence in so many ways.



|                             | Monday                                 | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday                                | Friday      |
|-----------------------------|--|---|--|---|-------------|
| Morning Start Time 9am      | Chemistry                              | Maths   | Physics  | History OR Geography                    | English     |
| Length of Exam              | (75mins Combined)<br>(100 mins Triple) | (90 mins)   | (75 mins)  | (History 90mins)<br>(Geography 75 mins) | Lesson Time |
| Equipment                   | <i>Pen, pencil, ruler, calculator</i>  | <i>Higher can use calculator</i>                                    | <i>Pen, pencil, ruler, calculator</i>  | Device                                  | Device      |
|                             | LUNCH                                  | LUNCH   | LUNCH  | LUNCH                                   | LUNCH       |
| Afternoon Start Time 1.30pm | English                                | (Computing, Business, Music, Art, PE)                               | Spanish, Food or Drama   | Biology                                 | Relaxation  |
| Length of Exam              | Lesson time                            | Computing 75mins<br>Business 75 mins<br>Music 80 mins<br>PE 60 mins | <i>Listening 30mins Foundation, 40 mins Higher<br/>Reading 40 mins Foundation, 50 mins Higher<br/>Drama 60mins<br/>Food 90mins</i> | (75mins Combined)<br>(100 mins Triple)  |             |
| Equipment                   | Device                                 | <i>Device<br/>(Headphones for Music)</i>                            | Device   | <i>Pen, pencil, ruler, calculator</i>   |             |

You will have received a package of their exam papers in the post, and a stamped/addressed envelope for return.

A small group of students will be coming on site for their assessments. Please make sure you are aware of the safety and social distance guidance if your child is coming on site. Your child needs to check their classroom.

### Key moments for Students in Secondary

22<sup>nd</sup> June - Y10 Assessment Week

29<sup>th</sup> June - Y10 Online and Onsite Provision

9<sup>th</sup> July - Virtual Exhibition of Beautiful Work

10<sup>th</sup> July - End of Year Secondary Celebration Evening

14<sup>th</sup> July - Virtual Ignite

### Rachael Futo – Head of Secondary

#### Six21

Congratulations to Year 12 this week with 100% of students completing their assessments either on-site or at home. Teachers are now marking these and preparing lessons, feedback and next steps. Whilst this happens, students have a reading week where there are a variety of subject-focused and wider reading and resources for them to engage with. We have 3 live sessions for all Year 12 students:

- Quest Coaching - Community Ignite 10:10am on Tuesday. The ability to express ourselves with eloquence and to speak publicly is a crucial one and we are excited to give all of our students this 6 week Oracy Programme to help them improve their skills in this area. Ignite is also a fantastic opportunity for students to share their opinions, passions, interests and ideas. We already have students planning to speak on topics including Black Lives Matter, entrepreneurship and their own businesses, community and what that means right now (and how that meaning may have changed in the current situation) and many more!
- Anti-racism assembly - 10:10am on Thursday.
- Logistics for the next week mini-assembly - Friday (time TBC)

The reading week also provides time and headspace for students to complete their **second draft** of their Personal Statements. It has been amazing to see all the skills, experiences and passions coming through in the drafts and we are on track for Year 12 at Six 21 to be able to submit their applications early in the Autumn and therefore be front of the queue as Universities start to offer places!

In addition, there are a range of smaller opportunities taking place across the week and students are encouraged to check the Year 12 Classroom each day as we are continually adding more of these. We encourage all students to keep using our bespoke [website](#) to access enrichment opportunities and much more.

From 29<sup>th</sup> June lessons restart with some modifications to maximise the benefits of both on-site and off-site provision. It is crucial Year 12 complete today's survey over the weekend so we can finalise the plans at the start of next week.

As always, please contact Ms Harvey [kharvey@school21.org.uk](mailto:kharvey@school21.org.uk) (Head of Year 12) or Ms Spencer [kspencer@school21.org.uk](mailto:kspencer@school21.org.uk) (Head of Six 21) if you have any concerns, queries or suggestions.

**Karenann Spencer – Head of Six21**

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Oli de Botton', written in a cursive style.

Oli de Botton  
**Headteacher**