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Dear Parent/Carer,

Parent Letter – 26/06/2020

I hope you are keeping well. As we are nearing the end of term we recognise there may be some questions about what happens in September. We are expecting guidance from the government next week and we will update you as soon as we can.

The newsletter below contains the usual update from our small schools including the end of term arrangements. There is also an opportunity for parents to feed into our training programme for future headteachers and an update on our anti-racism work.

Help educate the Headteachers of tomorrow - tell us the story of your own schooling!

Big Education - the trust created by School 21 - is running a leadership development programme designed to create a group of Headteachers ready to lead great schools that develop the head, heart and hand. Next term participants will be exploring their own 'philosophies of education' and we are looking for parents to help. If you were educated in a school with a very clear or different education philosophy to School 21 (inside or outside the UK - whether your experiences were good or not), we would love to ask you some questions about it and film you. The idea is for our future leaders to understand the huge range of different types of school.

If you are interested please contact Ellie at Big Education ellie.lister@bigeducation.org

Continuing our Anti-Racism work

Another valuable resource has been shared with us from colleagues which we are pleased to be able to pass on to the community. [Here is a guide](#) for parents on supporting your children with understanding the Black Lives Matter movement. We encourage you to share and use the resources with your family if you feel appropriate.

Similarly, members of our staff and parent/carer community have been contacting us about a program which has started on Channel 4 - *The School That Tried to End Racism*. This is a gripping documentary that follows the first UK trial of a US programme aimed at educating pupils in unconscious racial bias. It is available on All 4 to watch. [The link is here](#).

Please keep sharing any useful resources you have with our staff - they have been so valuable in our anti-racism learning and planning.

Primary

Recognition

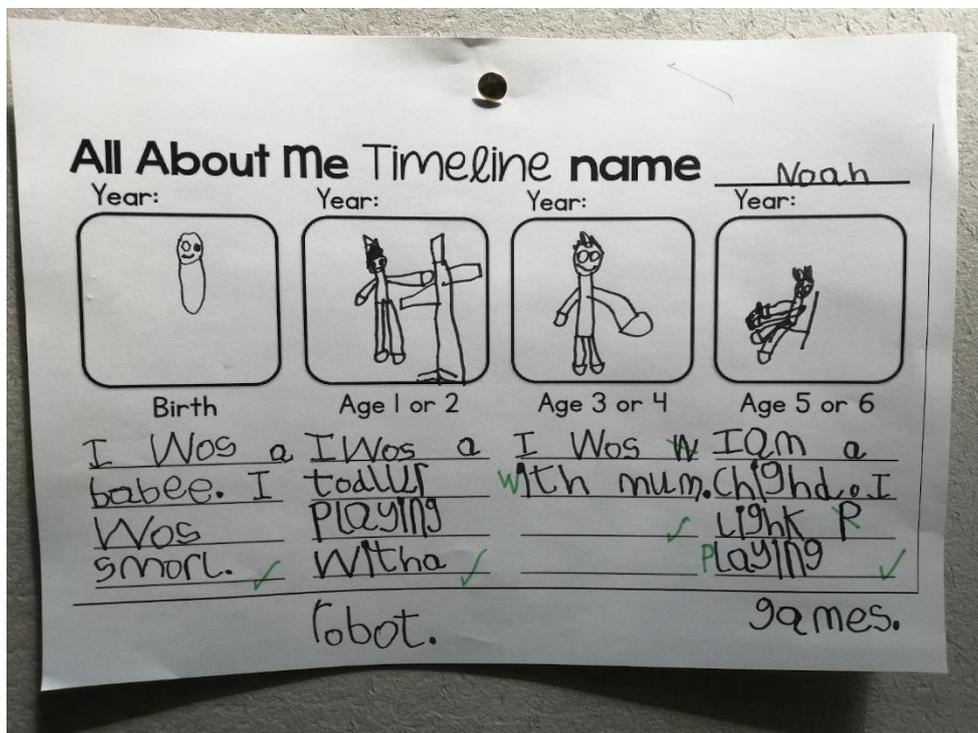
A huge thank you to all of the parents who have contacted the school to donate items for our toiletries drive - your support and generosity is greatly appreciated! We are able to help so many families in our community due to this ongoing effort!

Well done to Kitmun, Beatrice and Zara who have joined us on site this week and shared some amazing writing with me! Their stories about messages in a bottle were engrossing.



Click [here](#) to read an amazing poem about dolphins written by Phoebe!

Noah, who has joined us this week in Reception, for his amazing writing!



Onsite Update

This week we welcomed more students into our Year 1 pods and opened up our Reception pods! It has been wonderful to see more students returning to school and so quickly adapting to our new social distancing and safety measures. We will be welcoming even more Reception students next week.

Change of Timings

Please see below for some slight **changes** to start and collection times

Reception Pods - starting at **9:00am**, collection at **2:45pm** from the front Primary gate

Year 1 Pod 1 (**Ms McCartney**) - starting at **9:00am**, collection at **2:30pm** from the alleyway gate

Year 1 Pod 2 (**Mr Modini**) - starting at **9:10am**, collection at **2:40pm** from the alleyway gate

Year 1 Pod 3 (**Ms James**) - starting at **9:20am**, collection at **2:50pm** from the alleyway gate



Key dates for your diary

Tuesday 30th June 10:30am - Year 4 Virtual Transition Event (<https://meet.google.com/nnw-ddaq-iun>)

Monday 6th July - Friday 10th July - **School closed to Year 1 and Reception Pods** (school will remain open to Key Worker Pods)

Monday 6th July - Year 2 Transition Event (please see letter for more details)

Tuesday 7th July - INSET Day (**School closed to all students including Key Worker Pod**)

Wednesday 8th July - Year 3 Transition Event (please see letter for more details)

Tuesday 14th July - Whole School Community Ignite Event

Wednesday 15th July - Last day of School - **all students finishing at 12:30pm**

Transition events

We feel it is important for all students to have the opportunity to have time in school and to see their teacher (if possible) before the summer break, therefore we are hosting transition events for the year groups that have not been a focus so far. If you are a parent of a student in Year 2, Year 3 you will have received further information about these events via a letter - please check your emails!

Meg Drummond – Head of Primary

Middle

Online Learning

Please check the online learning timetables below and support your child by reminding them about attendance at hangouts and submitting their work to teachers via the Google Classroom.

[Year 5 Online Offer \(Updated 1 June\)](#)

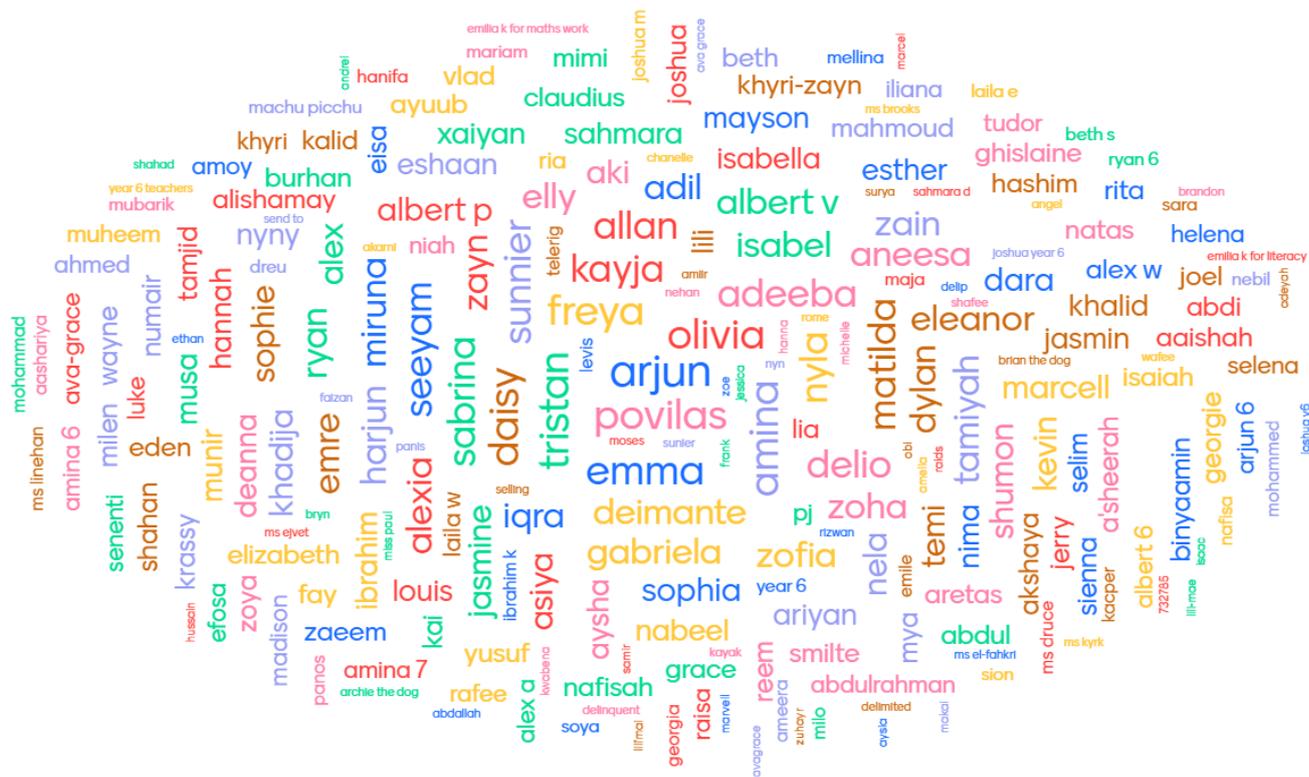
[Year 6 Online Offer \(Updated 12 June\)](#)

[Year 7 Online Offer \(Updated 1 June\)](#)

[Year 8 Online Offer \(Updated 1 June\)](#)

Recognition

We had an absolutely mammoth week in recognition with 1001 names being added to our menti board! Congratulations to everyone! I can't wait to see who has earned stars in assembly on Monday. Any students who have earned their next recognition star badge milestone will now have these posted out to them. Keep living our values everyone!



Onsite this week...

The students on site this week in their pods have been really happy to be spending time together. Mornings are SO quiet with everyone plugged in to their online learning, but break times and afternoons are bubbly and full of chat and creativity. Huge thanks to all the staff who are manning pods and supporting on site, the wonderful children who make us all smile, and to our parent/carer community for your continued support also.





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!



Year 6 2020 t-shirts

A note that the order deadline for a Year 6 2020 t-shirt has now closed. We are not able to process any late payments and are ordering from the ParentPay list of orders. If you have signed up for a specific size but have not made payment, we are unable to process your order. As soon as the shirts arrive, they will be posted out to families.

Key Dates

A reminder that on the week beginning 6th July the Year 6 pods will be closed to allow staff to run transition days for the primary aged students in the Middle School. We apologise for not being able to run these meetings with Year 7 and 8, but will run virtual events instead. Key dates that are coming up are listed below. **Blue** events are onsite, **Purple** events are virtual. Please keep an eye out for email and text reminders as there are a lot of events coming up for transition!

Tuesday 30th June: **Virtual Meet the Teachers Event for current Year 4 students (10:30am)**

Thursday 2nd July: **Virtual Welcome to Middle School Parents' Event Year 4 students moving to Year 5 (5:30pm)**

Monday 6th July - Friday 10th July: Year 6 onsite pods closed (virtual learning will continue)

Monday 6th July: **Meet the Teachers Onsite Event - Year 4 students moving to Year 5**

Monday 6th July: **Virtual Parents' Welcome - Year 6 students moving to Year 7**

Tuesday 7th July: **INSET DAY (School Closed - onsite and online)**

Wednesday 8th July: **Meet the Teachers Onsite Event - Year 5 moving to Year 6**

Wednesday 8th July: **Virtual Parents' Welcome - Year 7 moving to Year 8**

Thursday 9th July: **Meet the Teachers Onsite Event - Year 6 moving to Year 7 (Date TBC)**

Thursday 9th July: **Virtual Meet the Coaches Event - Year 7 moving to Year 8**

Friday 10th July: **Virtual Farewell Event - Year 8 moving to Year 9 (am)**

Monday 13th July: **Y6 onsite pods re-open**

Monday 13th July: **Middle School Annual Awards evening (5:30pm)**

Year 10 onsite and online learning

Next week, Year 10 students will be returning to their virtual lessons in the online school - the timetable remains the same as before assessment week. Please encourage your child with their virtual timetable and being in hangouts on time and fully equipped - we really appreciate your support.

A small group of students will be coming on site to work in a catch up pod for the next two weeks. If this is your child, you will have received a letter with all the relevant details including timings of the day and social distance guidance. Your child needs to check their classroom.

End of term celebration events!

We have 3 exciting events coming up at the end of this term, which we would love to invite you to (virtual, of course!) First up is the **Exhibition of Beautiful Work on Thursday 9th July at 6:00pm**, in which all the Year 9 elective work from this term will go live in a virtual exhibition. Then we have our **Community Ignite on Tuesday 14th July at 10:00am and 1:00pm**, where we invite you to be an audience for your child's ignite speech, which they will perform to you and to their coaching group online. And finally, on the last day of term, our **Celebration Event on Wednesday 15th July at 10:00am** will be a moment to recognise all the achievements and hard work from this year and come together in year groups, then the whole secondary to share recognition!

Key moments for Students in Secondary

29th June – Year 10 Online (back to normal virtual lessons) and Onsite Provision (catch up pods)

9th July - Virtual Exhibition of Beautiful Work (6:00pm)

14th July - Virtual Ignite 10:00am and 1:00pm

15th July - End of Year Secondary Celebration Event (10:00am - 11:00am)

Rachael Futo – Head of Secondary

Six21

This week has seen Year 12 participate in a university-style 'reading week' where they have been extending their thinking through reading texts, watching videos and participating in sessions such as the Canadian Maths Challenge. In addition, we have run an anti-racism assembly and continued to share reading and posts from staff and students on this crucial matter. On Tuesday coaches ran a great session preparing for Community Ignite. Pupils have also been sent reading and opportunities from PWC, Windrush Day and National Writing Day. Finally, there have been a range of virtual events supporting students interested in entrepreneurship, careers, law mentoring programmes and university.

The following few weeks have a mixture of teaching and personalised sessions both on and off-site. We continue our commitment to ensuring students can access their full provision remotely for the remainder of the term. Our on-site social distancing and safety measures remain in place with only small groups on site at any one time.

The timeline for Year 12 taught sessions is below. There is some variation between subjects, for example students in physics have already had 1:1s this week so have more whole class teaching, art lessons continue as normal etc. Students will have the exact details of whole class sessions posted on their classrooms so they can organise their time over the next 2 weeks. Throughout this time students will also be completing work set by subjects, organising their work and folders ahead of next year and acting on their feedback to fill in any gaps in knowledge or skills. In addition, all students will have clear Summer work by Friday 10th July for them to complete over the holidays. This will equate to approximately 20 hours per subject.

Day	Activity
Monday 29 th June	Whole class feedback (virtual)
Tuesday 30 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students complete actions from whole class feedback• Ignite P3 - all students to attend virtually

Wednesday 1 st July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1:1 to 3:1 personalised subject sessions (on-site and virtual) • Whole class feedback and actions (virtual)
Thursday 2 nd July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1:1 to 3:1 personalised subject sessions (on-site and virtual) • Whole class feedback and actions (virtual) • Assembly (TBC) • Maths session on-site (PM)
Friday 3 rd July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1:1 to 3:1 personalised subject sessions (on-site and virtual) • Whole class feedback and actions (virtual)

Day	Activity
Monday 6 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1:1 to 3:1 personalised subject sessions (on-site and virtual) • Whole class feedback and actions (virtual)
Tuesday 7 th July	INSET Day - no lessons
Wednesday 8 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1:1 to 3:1 personalised subject sessions (on-site and virtual) • Whole class feedback and actions (virtual)
Thursday 9 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1:1 to 3:1 personalised subject sessions (on-site and virtual) • Whole class feedback and actions (virtual) • Maths session on-site (PM)
Friday 10 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1:1 to 3:1 personalised subject sessions (on-site and virtual) • Whole class feedback and actions (virtual) (last day of subject work)

Day	Activity
Monday 13 th July	Year 12 - all students will be given an appointment with their Quest coach to attend either virtually or on-site. In that appointment they will be given updated predictions and will be able to discuss their future plans.
Tuesday 14 th July	Ignite (whole school) - virtual
Wednesday 15 th July	Year 12 Celebration and recognition assembly - virtual

Useful links for Year 12 for the next 2 weeks:

[Social distancing video](#)

[Year 12 Assembly](#) - covers the arrangements for the next 2 weeks

[Slide show from Year 12 Assembly](#)

Year 13 continue to have sessions and opportunities posted on their classroom, as well as receive wellbeing support from their coaches. We are expecting an update regarding the results day arrangements from the government/exam boards as well as on the appeals process and opportunities for retakes. We will post updates on the Year 13 classroom and within this newsletter once we know more. It is crucial that Year 13 continue to check their classroom several times a week including throughout the Summer so that they have the most up-to-date information.

All Year 13 will receive an appointment for a 1:1 meeting with their coach on Monday 13th July so that we can check they have everything they need and support with any questions or concerns they may have. Further information is being sent to students next week.

Karenann Spencer – Head of Six2 I

Yours faithfully,

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

Oli de Botton
Headteacher