

# The King's Chronicles



No.18 Week 22-26 February 2021

## National Careers Week

1 – 6 March

The first week in March is National Careers Week, when students will see a greater emphasis on potential and possible careers linked to their curriculum subjects. We know that many will see their jobs change over their lifetime and the more awareness they have of the possibilities available (and the transferrable skills needed) the better prepared they will be for the job market.

One of the biggest job sectors in the Tees Valley is healthcare. With that in mind, we have just subscribed to *The Medical Mavericks Academy*, providing a wealth of insights into health-related careers. Parents can access it here- <http://bit.ly/TKA-parent>. I hope it will provide much food for thought.

Also, over the week, links to Virtual Careers Fairs (NCW and STEM)- which can be accessed after school or on Saturday 6 March- will be shared on the year group careers classes on Teams. The link to the National Careers Week Fair goes live on 1 March: <https://www.ncw2021.co.uk/>. The event runs until 6 March and requires no registration. Please take this opportunity to explore together what possibilities are out there.

To further support students, parents can also access the Unifrog platform [www.unifrog.org](http://www.unifrog.org) using the code: **ParentKingsAcademy**.

*Ms Gibson - Careers Lead*

## Do you know who it is yet?

Joss Stone??? I was convinced it was Sheridan Smith! If you are an avid fan of the ITV show *The Masked Singer*, you will know exactly what I am talking about. The discussions amongst the students for our own version of *The Masked Singer* have been heating up all week as they finalise their guesses. Our 21 disguised staff have sung; and now they have confused us even more with their cryptic clues. The question still remains; who's that behind the mask? The big reveal is happening on Monday...

*Mr Jones - Head of Drama*

Let's get active!

You told us, we listened...

Before half term, 416 students responded to an 'Active Lives' Survey from the PE department as part of their remote learning work. When we analyzed the data it was clear to see that, of the students who responded, the majority were spending 4 hours or more a day on their computers completing their school work. While this is commendable and absolutely necessary, it is not conducive to staying fit and healthy if they then spend the rest of the day on social media and gaming. It therefore made the department reflect on some of the more sedentary work we were issuing.

When asked in this survey, students said they preferred to be doing something physical during their PE time and that they had somewhere at home where they could exercise safely. As a result, for the next two weeks PE teachers will be sending out tasks with a more physical focus to help get students back in the habit of moving and exercising. There are now four 'physical' tasks that students can choose from and one task with a focus on health being addressed. We would invite all parents to join in with the activities where they can, as chances are that with the recent bad weather and working from home- you may find yourself in an equally inactive position!

*Mr Lynch - Head of PE*



## From the Music Department: the Joy of Song

Gaining enjoyment from music is one of the most rewarding gifts someone can have in their life. Whether we grow up to play music professionally, as a hobby or just enjoy listening to it and attending concerts, music can enrich every part of our being. It's also something we can all draw pleasure from at any stage of our lives.

For many people, the love of music starts when we're young and is nurtured during our early life spent at home. Whether it's dancing to Aretha Franklin in the kitchen or listening to an older family member play an instrument, the home has a special role in creating our formative relationship with the art form.

Did you know that you can get a Karaoke version of your favourite song on YouTube? Just type the name of the song followed by the word Karaoke. Try singing along to the original artist first, listening to the way they sing (phrase) the song. When you are confident enough, have ago yourself with the Karaoke version. Record yourself on your mobile and listen back to it, are you happy with it? Could it be better?

*Mr Power - Teacher i/c Music*



**MUSIC AT HOME**  
STARTING 1ST FEBRUARY 2021

**LIVE MUSIC LESSONS**  
KS1 on Mondays at 2pm-2.30pm, KS2 on Wednesdays at 2.30pm-3pm

**VIP STUDIO SESSIONS**  
Mondays, 5pm-6.30pm

**FREE INSTRUMENTS, LEARNING PACKS + ONLINE SESSIONS**  
Beginners Ukelele: Thursdays, 3.15pm-3.45pm  
Intermediate Ukelele: Thursdays, 4pm-4.30pm  
Cajon Drumming: Thursdays, 5pm-5.30pm

**SINGING SESSIONS**  
Ages 8-13: Tuesdays, 5.30pm-6pm  
Ages 14-18: Tuesdays, 6pm-6.30pm

**RAP/MC SESSIONS**  
Wednesdays 5pm-5.45pm

**SONGWRITING SESSIONS**  
Tuesdays 4.30pm-5.15pm

**OPEN MIC SESSIONS**  
Fortnightly on Fridays, 6pm-7.30pm

**ABRSM GRADE 5 MUSIC THEORY COURSE**  
Wednesdays 6pm-7.30pm, 12 week course (24th Feb to 12th May)

**SIGN UP AT**  
[music.org.uk/at-home](https://music.org.uk/at-home)

**FOR ENQUIRIES EMAIL**  
[music@middlesbrough.gov.uk](mailto:music@middlesbrough.gov.uk)

**ALL SESSIONS ARE FREE AND WILL TAKE PLACE ONLINE.**

### Additional Notices

**Free School Meal vouchers:** The national Edenred voucher scheme will end on 5 March in time for students returning to school from 8 March. Once students have returned to school, Free School Meals will be provided to those eligible in the restaurants as normal and vouchers will only be provided when students are required to be absent from school due to Covid-19 self-isolation.

**Breakfast packs:** next collection is 11am to 1pm from Sports Reception on Wednesday 3 March. In-school collections by students will recommence following return to school from 8 March. More details to follow.

## The Great Sociology Bake Off

Year 12 Sociology students, families and teachers put on their aprons, set their timers and set to bake 'sociological' cakes and biscuits for this week's live lesson. The themes represented in this baking extravaganza included cupcakes representing the diversity of society; others showing family structures; 'feminism biscuits'; gluten-free banana bread celebrating difference and opportunity; and brownies made to show the commercialisation of Easter.

Doing something a little different in the live lesson really allowed the class to come together after such a long time apart whilst creating some bakes which would rival The Bake Off itself.

*Mrs Cochrane - Head of Year 11*

## World Book Day Thursday 4 March

It's World Book Day on Thursday 4 March and we have a number of plans afoot! We have devised a literary adaptation of ITV's 'The Masked Singer'. 'The Masked Reader' will see The King's Academy staff posing with their favourite book over their face in a bid to engage KS3 students with reading outside of school. Students will guess the members of staff in their tutor groups on their return to school in Year 7 and Year 8. As it's National Careers week next week, we are also offering a writing competition to KS3 with a focus on careers. All entries are welcome.

*Mrs Hutchinson - Literacy Lead*