

The King's Chronicles



No.28 Week 31: 17 – 21 May 2021

Return to Routines

Now that staff and students have returned to school we have re-established many routines, and one of these is homework. Homework is important to us for many reasons: it helps students to recall knowledge from lessons or to use skills; it shows teachers what students can achieve; and it helps students to learn how to work independently, organising their time well. We place great importance on homework because of these benefits and are therefore concerned when homework is regularly missed by students.

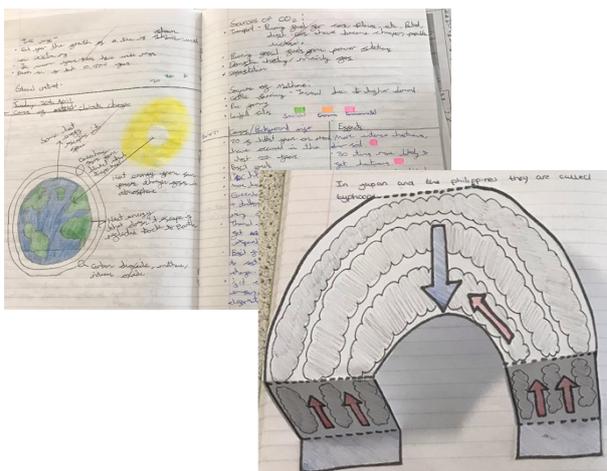
Homework is set on specific days to help students organise their time. Our expectation is that students in Year 7 should have around an hour of homework each weekday, which increases as they get older. We ask that parents and carers check that homework has been completed when they sign planners, as your support will help our students to get this right.

Mrs Taylor - Assistant Principal

Focus: Geography

Year 10 Geographers have been thoroughly enjoying learning about how tropical cyclones are formed. Teachers have been very impressed with the way students have picked up the key understanding in this complex process. Students firstly created a pop-up tropical cyclone in their books. This model allowed students to demonstrate how the warm, moist air rises, condenses and then creates a powerful storm.

Below are two photos of their outstanding work.



Key Dates

May

- Friday 28 Last Day for Y11 and Y13 students
- Monday 31 Half Term Holiday

June

- Monday 7 School reopens
Start of Years 10 & 12 rehearsals
- w/c 14 House Rounders
- w/c 21 House Cricket

July

- Monday 5 Year 13 Prom, Judges Hotel
- Wednesday 7 Year 11 Prom, Wynyard Hall

“What 3 words”

Our assembly and tutor reflections this week have continued our thinking about the UK's public services, focusing on our rescue services (Mountain Rescue and Coastguard/RNLI). While these only represent around 1% of the call outs to 999 each year, these volunteers perform hugely valuable work across the UK and provide essential support to the other emergency services. Our tutor reflections linked the work of these services to the Academy's core value of courage, considering the immense courage that the volunteers of these services demonstrate on a daily basis in a range of challenging circumstances.

Students considered the work of these services both nationally and locally, and learned how to contact each service in the event of an emergency (Coastguard: call 999, asking for coastguard; Mountain Rescue: call 999, asking first for police, then mountain rescue). Students also learned about the [what3words](#) app, which can pinpoint an exact location anywhere on Earth to within three metres. This app has already saved a number of lives as emergency services have been able to precisely and rapidly locate somebody in need of assistance. This app may be of further interest to students and parents alike.

Mr Reader - Vice Principal

CCF Relaunch

The CCF is back up and running within school! Last week our cadets enjoyed getting their hands on the SA80 rifle, learning the drills that would allow them to safely use it when they fire blank and live rounds during Summer Camp in June.

Over the next couple of weeks cadets will be learning how to give fire control orders and judge distance on the ground. There is lots to look forward to for our cadets before we break up for the summer holidays, and we look forward to inviting other students to join the CCF in September, at the start of the Autumn term.

*Mr Garwood - CCF
Contingent
Commander*



Highlights of the week

Year 7 - I have seen excellent progress in behaviour in and around the corridors. I would also like to commend Year 7 on making sure any litter goes into the bin during social times.

Year 8 - I have been particularly pleased with the year 8 work ethic in class. I have witnessed this first hand and in many walks through the year 8 zone.

Year 9 - The student voice representatives met with our safeguarding lead last week. Mrs Manthy reported that they were very mature and were very helpful in working to make our school safer.

Year 10 - Students have displayed real maturity during their exams this week. Their attitude has been superb. I have been really impressed to see such a large number staying back after school to take part in study support.

Year 11 - Well done to Year 11 for completing their assessment series supporting their Teacher Assessed Grades. Their conduct and dedication towards their exams has been generally excellent and they will hopefully be proud of themselves when they receive their results in August.

Sixth Form - Year 12 volunteers have been helping to make a video about all the great things that are going on in our sixth form and have been absolutely brilliant. Thank you!

Additional Notices

Free After School Football

The MFC Foundation "Premier League Kicks" after-school social football programme for boys and girls from Hemlington/Coulby Newham has now started on Thursday afternoons.

5-6pm for age 8-13/ 6-7pm for age 14-18.

Sessions are free and there is no need to sign up in advance. All abilities welcome - just turn up at the Sports Reception entrance. The programme will run as normal during May half term.

Year 11 & 13 Students – Meals Account Refunds

If there are any remaining funds on your child's Meals Account once they have left then please see:

<https://www.the kingsacademy.org.uk/parents/school-meals/> for details of how to obtain a refund.

A Year 8 Retrospective: Back to Normality

Everyone has had a different experience with Covid 19. Some people struggled financially and others had social issues. No matter the form this took, we were all affected.

I had some issues with my social time and the work we completed over Microsoft Teams sometimes took a long time. The school put in place a lot of preventative measures to ensure we were safe, like wearing masks and keeping in our zones and the teachers constantly reminded us to be cautious. The work we completed hasn't been affected and the lessons have been as they normally are.

Mohamed Dhafr - 8 Elliott

Attendance Reminders

The Academy day starts at 8.20am. Students are expected to be on the academy site by 8.20am each morning and in tutor rooms ready to start their day.

If a child is going to absent from school we ask that the parent/carer rings every day to notify us of the absence. This is an important Safeguarding requirement to ensure that you and we know where your child is at all times. If we can't contact you we may need to make a home visit. **The Attendance Office can be contacted on 01642 577577 Option 2.**

Miss Smith - Assistant Principal