

THE KEY STAGE 3 POST

Issue 5

Year 9

This Week's Message...

A quick message from your Head of Year

Dear Students, Parents/Guardians,

The McLaren Formula 1 team is made up of thousands of employees, and normally they would all work towards a common goal, to make their race cars faster and faster in order to beat their opposition. They have dedicated their entire lives to research and development, spending millions of pounds a year to improve a race car that might only be a fraction quicker than their rivals. They employ a whole range of engineers that have trained for years to enhance their skills and talents. However, when faced with the spread of Covid 19, the company identified that the country was in need and decided that they were going to do something to help the British people who have been affected. If you follow the link to YouTube clip, it highlights that the engineering teams have been helping build trolleys for the ventilators and have been developing equipment to help the first responders in ambulances. These engineers, that are employed to build race cars, are now using their skills to develop life-changing equipment for the people in most need. A wonderful example of how people can help others using their unique skills and talents.

My message this week focuses on your own skills and talents and whether there are any opportunities for you to use them to help others, perhaps your own families, in lockdown, or even the wider community as we exit this lockdown period. We have seen examples of how our own members of the St John's community have used their skills to make a difference in people's lives. I would like you to think about Luke in Year 9, who was designing and manufacturing face masks for NHS workers, using his skill of operating 3D printers, the Year 7/8 students using Art as a way to bring hope to the sick at the nightingale hospital by creating rainbow posters, as well as Owen, for using his talent for cooking in preparing meals for his family.

Over half term I would like you to reflect on your own skills and talents and identify if there is an opportunity to use them in a way that promotes "Service to Others".

Stay Safe,

Mr Magee and the whole Year 9 team.

Youtube link:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H7KsKk4ezT4>



SHOUT OUTS

Top good comments!

- Nazmin H (9CFI)
- Alexandra G (9EM)
- Pravjot D (9AST)
- Mimi H (9EM)

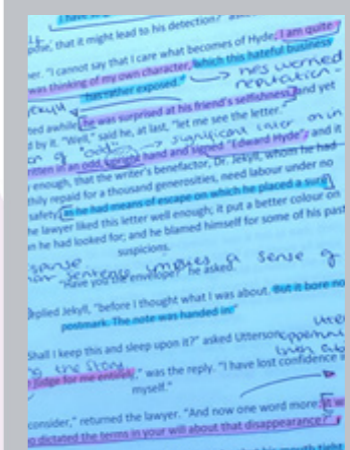


Wall of Fame!

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| Saira (9AST)
Business | Nazmin (9CFI)
English | Katie (9EM)
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| Mimi (9EM)
RE | Tayla (9ETH)
RE | Oluwatimilehin (9FJU),
Pastoral |
| Patrick (9AST)
Pastoral | Milanveer (9LBE),
RE | Bailey (9AST)
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Well done to you all, keep up the good work!

This week's home share!



As part of preparations for her GCSE English, Nazmin (9CFI) has created excellent annotations that will be used as part of her revision for the GCSE English Literature exam. She has clearly engaged well with home learning and is determined to continue to make good progress during lockdown. Nazmin, please continue this excellent attitude and you will put yourself in a fantastic position as you enter Year 10 and throughout the whole of the next academic year.

Don't forget!

Parents please email any images to your child's Year Leader to have an opportunity of appearing in next week's issue! For safeguarding reasons, this must come from the email address the school has on the system!

Bringing the community back together...



Well-being Tasks

“We have learnt that amid the fear, there is also community, support and hope!”

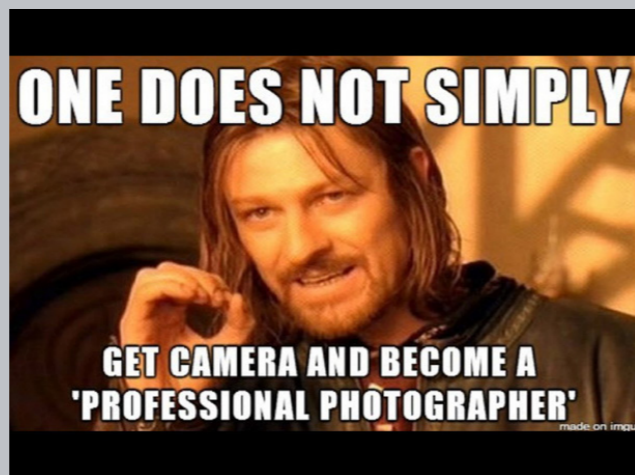
“We are making photographs to understand what our lives mean to us.” Ralph Hattersley

With the sun shining, half-term approaching and lockdown rules loosening ever so slightly, we thought to challenge you, KS3 readers, to a competition which tests your creative and documentary skills.

These challenging times that we live in can also be, when used wisely, a time of transformation and self-discovery. When taking a break from the hustle and bustle of your everyday life, the stream of information and various to-do lists, choose to rest actively, doing something that gives you joy.

Pause. Take a breath. Look around. What do you see? What do you want to remember? What would you want to change?

As Destin Sparks once said, “photography is the story I fail to put into words.” What story are you going to tell once the lockdown is over?



HOME – SCHOOL SUPPORT

Dear Parents/Guardians

As a school, we recognise that your experiences of lockdown, just like our own, would not all have been plain sailing. We also understand that, for some of you, there is a real danger of feeling isolated from your friends, family and community at this uniquely challenging time.

Whilst we, at St John’s, have been working hard to try to further enhance our communications with you through our weekly Newsletters, we understand that isn’t necessarily the same as speaking to a member of our community or hearing a familiar voice.

Therefore, from this week onwards, we are offering you the opportunity to contact the school to request a ‘call back’ from a member of our Year Group Pastoral Team. Whether it is a concern you may have with Home Study, a particular problem that you or your child is going through or even an opportunity to have a general chat with someone from St John’s, if you would like to speak to a member of our Pastoral Team, please email your request through for a ‘call back’ to the relevant pastoral managers email address below and we will get in touch with you in due course.

We would love to hear from you, so please do make use of this opportunity.

- Year 7 - Miss J. Styles: jstyles@stj.kent.sch.uk
- Year 8 – Mrs Hodges: lhodges@stj.kent.sch.uk
- Year 9 - Mrs L. Buckingham: lbuckingham@stj.kent.sch.uk

This Week’s Prayer

*Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy
in this time of uncertainty and distress.
Sustain and support the anxious and fearful,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may rejoice in your comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from
your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Amen.*

Show My Homework is changing its' name!

There will be:

- ✓ A new app icon and website logo (see below)
- ✓ **NO** changes to the way you currently use or access the app and website.



Bringing the community back together...



Round 1 'Summer' The Great STJ Cook Off!

Aprons on, wooden spoons at the ready and COOK!

We are so impressed with the dishes you have been sending us and think it's time to get a competition going! So far only students who have Food & Nutrition on their timetable currently have been set work within the subject, however more of you may want to get your aprons on and get cooking!

The first theme for **The Great St John's Cook Off** is 'summer'. Your entry can be sweet or savoury, a dish you make regularly or something you have never made before – but it must fit the theme of 'summer'.

If you wish to take part, in this optional competition, you need to email your entry to Mrs Oatley (hoatley@stj.kent.sch.uk), Miss Gosling (sgosling130@stj.kent.sch.uk) and Mrs Matthews (smatthews537@stj.kent.sch.uk) by Friday 12th June. Title the email 'The Great StJ Cook Off' and within your email include your name, year group, name of dish, ingredients list, method, and photograph of your finished dish. A short explanation of how your chosen dish meets the brief would be brilliant too. This competition is open to all students, from all year groups, and winners will be chosen from each Key Stage. We look forward to your entries!

Mrs Oatley, Miss Gosling & Mrs Matthews
Food & Nutrition Department



STJ Photography Competition

Calling all Art and Photography Enthusiasts!

We challenge you to document your town/village/local countryside with photographs. This can be done on your daily walk. Remember to document captivating landmarks, architecture or landscapes.

During your hunt for interesting scenes, be sure to pay attention to how you frame and crop your image. Think about it more like a project of 'recording documents' in these unprecedented times...

Follow these links for some creative inspiration:

- <https://www.icp.org/>
- <https://www.moma.org/>
- <https://printsales.thephotographersgallery.org.uk/artworks/>

Get your work
Published in the KS3
bulletin!

Win an
exciting prize
from your Head of
Year!



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