

# THE KEY STAGE 3 POST



## A final message from your Head of Year...

This time of year will always be filled with both sadness and excitement for the Year 9 team and this will be the last newsletter from me as your Head of Year. Resultantly, I have had a lot of time to reflect on the year passed.

It fills me with great sadness to say goodbye to a cohort of students that have proven themselves in the most difficult of times and have impressed me on countless occasions with their talents, kindness and Christian values. I would like to thank you for your investment in the high expectations and standards set by your form tutors, and the year 9 team as a whole. I want you to know that throughout the year you have all shown me your commitment to your education and your ability to have a successful career.

However, looking to the future, there is a lot of excitement and opportunity to be had; you are moving into Year 10. You will have the support of a very experienced team in Mr Murray, Mrs Rooke and Mr Self, that will build on the great work you have already done this year, whilst providing you with the necessary guidance to help develop a better sense of what you would like to do as you enter the working world in the coming years. You will be enrolling in your new option subjects and preparing for your GCSEs with the help and support of your teachers.

I still look forward to seeing you all back in school and even though you will now be Year 10, I always welcome any student that needs any help or advice, so just come and have a chat.

*Mr Magee and the Year 9 team.*

To all Year 9 staff and students,

I cannot believe it is nearly the end of term and we will all be moving on without seeing each other. I have really missed you all. Seeing you in the office and around school; helping you out with little problems; sorting things out for you.

Life have been different for everyone this year but hopefully we will be back to school in September. Well done to all the students who have worked hard at home and well done to all the parents who have supported you! Thank you to the teachers who have adapted their lessons and put everything on SMHW. To all the form tutors who have been with Year 9, it has been good working with you all. We made a great team! Good luck in Year 10 everyone. Work hard and behave yourselves! Have a lovely break. Take care and stay safe - whether you are staying home or travelling to visit family and loved ones.

*Mrs Buckingham*

## Form Winners 2020



## Lockdown Winners



## Attendance Winners 2020



## Top 3 Students 2020



Bringing the community back together...



# Well-being Tasks

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

“Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all the darkness”

Given the fact that we are reaching the end of the school year and it has been a great challenge adapting to home learning, it is time to take a small step back and take time to reflect on all that has happened and how you, as young people, can grow and develop through this challenging time.

Your task throughout this week and the remainder of the month, will be to take some time and look after yourself. Follow the resilience calendar throughout the month and see if you can make positive steps into improving your mindset and continue to develop throughout this difficult time.

Try your best to implement these changes and resilience guidelines in your day-to-day lives and find that light amidst the strange times we are currently in.



[Click HERE](#) for the resilience calendar.



## 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 manager 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](mailto:jstyles@stj.kent.sch.uk)
- Year 8 – Mrs Hodges: [lhodges@stj.kent.sch.uk](mailto:lhodges@stj.kent.sch.uk)
- Year 9 - Mrs L. Buckingham: [lbuckingham@stj.kent.sch.uk](mailto:lbuckingham@stj.kent.sch.uk)

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.



### This Week’s Prayer

*Father, I thank you for the “March winds and April showers that bring May flowers.” Father, You know what is necessary to prepare me for what You have in store for my life. Help me to receive what You have for me. Prepare me as You prepare the seeds. Grow me strong, nourish and protect me with Your truth so that I can break through the dirt, sprouting into a healthy “flower” that radiates Your glory in the earth.  
Amen*

Bringing the community back together...

