

# THE KEY STAGE 3 POST

Year 9

## This Week's Message...

Dear Students, Parents/Guardians,

This week I would like to reflect on a comment made by a Year 9 student on the last Tuesday before we broke up for Lockdown. The comment was, "Sure what can I do, I am only 14". The context of the conversation was with regards to an idea she had for a product in one of my DT lessons. As a teacher I was disappointed to hear this comment because our St John's community is built on 'Excellent for All', 'Service to Others' and 'Inspired by Christ', and this type of comment or attitude falls short of meeting our expectations.

That is why this week I would like to share a story about a young girl who also had an idea. At first this idea may seem silly, but there was huge demand in America for a product like hers. She believed in the product and believed in herself to manufacture and sell it. She called her business 'iCPooch', an electronic device that would allow you to video call and reward your dog remotely from anywhere in the world through Wi-Fi. The idea really caught on in America and thousands of people were able to interact with their dogs, even when at work, in order to ease separation anxiety that many animals face when their owner leave for the day.

Brooke Martin was only 14 when she got the idea for 'iCPooch'; when she turned 15 years old, she was in the process of bringing her idea to the marketplace, selling her idea and making a profit. Her inspirational story and her unwavering belief in her idea, proves that no matter what age you are, you can succeed. If you truly believe in something, don't allow yourself to be limited by your age or any other barrier you face, whether that be in school, your career or your personal life.

Here is the link to the YouTube clip that outlines who she is and what her idea was.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vmqRbrUv7v4>



Stay Safe,

Mr Magee and the whole Year 9 team



SHOUT OUTS

### Top good comments!

- Pravjot D - 9AST
- Emeka E - 9FJU
- Rio M - 9JSA
- Katie I - 9LBE



### Wall of Fame!

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|---------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Patrick (9AST)<br>FDT     | Kiera (9FJU)<br>FDT        | Nazmin (9CFI)<br>Psychology  |
| Mimi (9EM)<br>Psychology  | Milanveer (9LBE)<br>Maths  | Chloe (9AST)<br>FDT/Maths    |
| Bavandeep (9CFI)<br>Maths | Jenty (9ETH)<br>Psychology | Brianna (9FJU)<br>Psychology |

Well done to you all, keep up the good work!

## This week's home share!



Chloe (9AST) has created this lovely strawberry cheesecake for her food technology lesson. The cake is very well presented, with a very professional finish. Chloe has clearly been making the most of home learning with her name appearing regularly from teachers all wanting to praise her A2L. Fantastic effort Chloe and keep up the good work.

## 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!”**

**“I like the dreams of the future better than the history of the past.”**

Thomas Jefferson

We have mentioned that this time will go down in history. When we look back, it is easy to find hope in moving forward! For this week's well-being task, the deputies would like you to take a virtual tour of ANY of the 13 attractions at the Natural History Museum.

You can access these tours using the link below:  
<https://www.nhm.ac.uk/>

When you have taken your tour, write a short (no more than half a page) review of the attraction that you viewed. You can use pictures to help with your presentation.

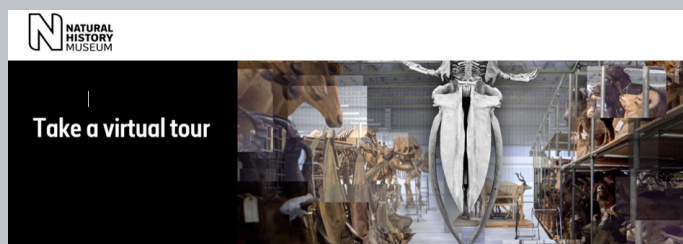
Feel free to take as many virtual tours as you wish and make the most of this excellent opportunity.

Click on the image below for the PDF version of this task!



**Submit your work to your Year group deputy to receive a good comment reward!**

*Miss Marchant - Year 7  
Mr Khan - Year 8  
Miss Adamek - Year 9*



## 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.

### Important Information for all Year 9 BTEC Students

The government has recently announced that any outstanding BTEC units that were due to be finished in Year 9 do not now need to be completed by students. Year 10 BTEC Units will however need to be completed as normal during the next academic year. Your BTEC teachers will be tailoring the Home Study activities they set you in order to best prepare you for the forthcoming Year 10 Units. If you would like any further information on this matter, please contact your BTEC teacher directly.

### 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

*Holy One, Creator God,  
you created one human family  
but our selfishness led to division between the nations.*

*To bring us back to you, Jesus prayed,  
“Father “I pray that they may be one, as You and I are one.”  
Now as we celebrate our different heritages, we pray that  
within our homes, parishes, the whole Church and the world,  
the diversity of all the people  
will enrich our experience rather than narrow our vision,  
will deepen our understanding rather than ignore what  
divides us,  
so that we can recognise You present in every one,  
from every place and background  
and then together work for peace and harmony  
and the reign of all that is good and holy.  
Amen*

**Bringing the community back together...**

