

16 June 2020

Dear Student

This week finds our school commencing the process of partially re-opening to elements of year 10 and we will, in due course, extend this to year 12. All this is being conducted within the tight confines of the government guidance currently in place for secondary schools.

While school will feel very different for those students attending, I am delighted that we are now permitted to begin the process of allowing year 10 and 12 students back on site, albeit slowly at this stage.

We are still not clear what September holds nor when we will be fully open again. Our school, like society in general, can only wait for government restrictions to be lifted. It is clear that the process of returning to a sense of normality has commenced and we will monitor progress of the national picture carefully.

Congratulations to:

- The following pupils who have recently attained their **Platinum Merit Awards**:
Freddie Chapman 8S Jake Whiley 8T
- The following pupils who have recently attained their **Gold Merit Awards**:
Oliver Mowbray 7C Archie Stow 7S Amy Hutchinson 7T Annabelle Swaby 7T
William Taylor 7T Gemma Damms 8T
- The following pupils in the Middle school who have achieved **60** merits:
Henrietta Mossop 9T Anthony Webber 9T Laura Jeanes 10T
- The following pupil who has recently attained his **Silver Merit Award**:
Charles Hendry 8C
- The following pupils in the Middle school who has achieved **40** merits:
Darcy Evans 9S Isobel Reetham 9T Joshua Allen 10C George Hendry 10C

Year 10 reminder:

Many thanks to those students in Year 10 who have already completed the form to make their choice for the 'optional hour' in Year 11. If you haven't yet done so, please follow the link below, which can also be found on your Home Learning page of the intranet, and complete the survey by the end of this week:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=1op-YTNdGkqyzWe3aACV4sECrTYw4LBF15zenPHNA8BUQkZQQzFHMk9ER0tERVdXQ1YzOFVCUFFBSi4u>

Alford Hub is an emergency and social prescribing community hub backed by the CVS and Lincolnshire County Council. For more information on receiving their support or volunteering with them, visit: www.facebook.com/groups/alfordhub or contact the Hub Coordinator Lynnette Pryke on 07957 272 852.



Things to do:

- Lincolnshire Community and Voluntary Service: <http://www.lincolnshirecvs.org.uk/>
- Lincolnshire YMCA and Lincolnshire Community Foundation <https://lincolnshirecf.co.uk/> (LCF) working together. For more information or to take part in the survey by 23 June visit <https://mailchi.mp/cefe78923dbc/survey-life-in-lockdown-11-to-18-year-olds?e=%5bUNIQID%5d>
- Black Lives Matter reading material:
<https://skoki.library.info/lists/531/black-lives-matter-a-reading-list-for-young-adults/>
<https://www.toledolibrary.org/blog/black-lives-matter-a-teen-booklist>
- Recommended reading:
Ickabog by J K Rowling www.theickabog.com/read-the-story/
Meat Market by Juna Dawson <https://www.thebookseller.com/ya-book-prize-2020/shortlist#hardinge>
- Lincolnshire Schools Virtual Games: Netball Challenge 1 to 12 June
- History Challenge <https://twitter.com/jonnysellin/status/1263168960993931265>
- Virtual Summer Workshop 27 July to 7 August, Riverhead Theatre Louth – register at admin@louthplaygoers.co.uk
- History Competition <https://www.historyextra.com/period/modern/postcards-past-enter-our-exciting-lockdown-history-competition/>, entries by 1 July.
- Interested in collaborating on a filmmaking project for the National Archives? More details here: <https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/education/students/archive-experiences/from-outbreak-to-archive/>, entries by 6 July.
- Poetry Competition <https://www.poetry-festival.co.uk/ledbury-under-18s-poetry-competition-2020/> entries by 16 July.

As ever, we as a school stand united within our school community. Please do continue to get in contact through the reception email as you need us.

Stay safe online together.

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