



Start the term as you mean to go on!

Dear Students,

We hope you had a good Easter holiday and are refreshed and ready to go for the next phase of your home learning. Your key priority remains looking after yourself whilst in lockdown and although the format of this Bulletin has changed, it still includes the key references to the 5 Ways to Wellbeing so please take these messages on board.

As the new term begins, it is important that you get your work routine off to a positive start as soon as possible. This means getting up at a time similar to if you were at school during the week and creating a dedicated workspace in your house, if this is possible. Working as per your school timetable will help as we are setting work, via ePraise (or ClassNotes & Teams if more appropriate) according to when your lessons would have been, and planning some virtual lessons at some of these times too. Tasks marked as 'essential' must be completed. This term we will also identify pieces of work for marking and assessment; instructions on how to send work to us through ePraise has been sent you (via ePraise!).

Whilst there is more information in the 'Keep Learning' section, our general message is that you will be making a huge mistake by not completing at least the 'essential' tasks or work that will be marked in the coming weeks. This will put pressure on you when you return to school and make your transition back to school even harder; ultimately, you will also be disadvantaging yourself and the results you might achieve for the qualifications you are working towards. As staff, we shall be completing an 'Engagement Survey' from Monday 4th May, to identify students who have not completed the 'essential' tasks so that parents can be informed and support offered as required. Please do your best to work appropriately from home and seek our support, whilst also being realistic about what you can achieve.

We continue to think of you all at this time and hope you are all remaining safe and well.
All the staff at Perschore High School.



SUBJECT IN FOCUS - GEOGRAPHY

The Royal Geographical Society are once again running their Young Geographer of the Year competition and the Geography department would love to enter some of your ideas. The title of the competition this year is 'The world beyond my window', so you can investigate and create your poster (KS3 and 4)/ storymap (KS5) on almost any aspect of the world that interests you. Below is a brief idea of how you can enter, but on the shared area in _Emergency Closure Lesson Resources/ Young Geographer of the Year there is extra information, if you have any questions. You can also contact Mrs Knight (aek@perschore.worcs.sch.uk) if you wish to ask someone. I look forward to seeing what you have created!

RGS Young Geographer of the Year Competition 2020!



To enter you need to produce an **A3 size poster** (for KS3/4; KS5 complete a story map). This can be hand-made (then sent electronically via a scanned copy or photograph) or using PowerPoint, Word, Publisher or PDF etc. **Your poster must be accompanied by an entry form.**
How to create a story map for KS5:
<https://www.esri.com/en-us/arcgis/products/arcgis-storymaps/resources>

This year's 'Young Geographer of the Year' competition gives you the chance to explore the potential that Geography holds! Although we are confined to our homes right now, we would like you to explore your wider geographical horizons. So the title this year is

'the world beyond my window'

**The deadline for all entries is
Tuesday 30 June 2020 at 5pm**

- All entries should address this year's theme and must meet the following criteria:
- Excellent attention to spelling, punctuation and grammar
 - Use of accurate geographical terminology
 - Clearly labelled and appropriately acknowledged sources, including diagrams, charts, maps or images
 - Accurate use of symbols, scales and keys.
 - Original and independently produced—class sets of identical entries will not be accepted or entries which have copied information from other sources, such as the internet
 - If produced electronically, please use a minimum font size of point 10

SUBJECT IN FOCUS - TECHNOLOGY

'Necessity is the mother of invention'

This proverb is especially relevant now! Companies are using their expertise to create vital equipment (think Formula 1 McLaren and ventilators). The environment is another issue that needs innovative ideas!

Your task, should you choose to accept it, is to design and make a new item from existing products that you can find around your house. It must:

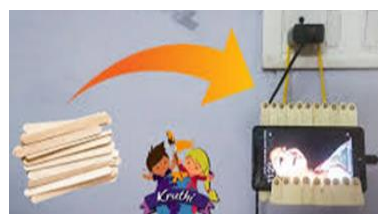
- Be made from recycled materials
- Be useful to someone/for something
- Be long lasting

Some interesting videos to watch:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2HubIBlnvko>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j-6GLn4RaFQ>

Take photos of what you make and send them to Mr Harding (nh@perschore.worcs.sch.uk) – prize for the best!



CALLING YEAR 11...

Look out on ePraise for:

- Your A' Level preparation work for completion - a pre-condition for entry to our Sixth Form
- This week's Careers Bulletin from Mrs Beeton which gives information on live and interactive talks from inspirational speakers; Apprenticeships and current vacancies & Traineeships - check out all recent editions of the Careers Bulletins as they are jam-packed with useful information and activities

Enrol in a Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) via your Unifrog login or through <https://www.mooc-list.com/> to impress those developing you from September onwards.

Keep learning!

In order to participate in virtual lessons you will be invited to, you should download the Microsoft Teams application from office.com (PC) or relevant App stores using your school email and password.

Connect with other people

These lessons will give you the opportunity to engage in some more personalised teaching episodes, celebrate work previously completed, ask questions in relation to current and previous work set and raise issues with your teacher, through the 'Chat' function.

During a 'live' lesson, you should:

- participate from a public place in the home (i.e. not from your bedroom)
- if possible, blur the background or choose one of the generic backgrounds available
- ensure that your dress and language during the lesson maintains some formality, as would be expected in a usual in-school lesson

If you are unable to access lessons live for any reason, all sessions will be recorded to make them available at another convenient time but these recordings may not include the chat function between the teacher and other students.

Should any student engage in any inappropriate behaviours or communications during the sessions, the teacher will remove them and parents/carers will be notified.



If you have any helpful examples, ideas or things you have done that could be included in a future issue, please email:
studentbulletin@pershire.worcs.sch.uk

NOTICE

NEED HELP DURING THE CLOSURE?

The **School Nurse** is able to provide CONFIDENTIAL support through ChatHealth – text the school nurse: 07507 331 750 available between 9am – 4pm and the aim is a response within one working day.

CAMHS – The Bestie app; designed to support your mental health and emotional wellbeing with a range of features including, but not only, Social & Groups; Activities & Games; Information; Urgent Help.

Find out more from:

<https://www.camhsbestie.co.uk/index.html>

Time 4 U nurse service

Sarah Stanhope 07717 502 916

Jackie Griffin 07876 502 741

Vicky Booth 07919 891 852

Outreach Office 01905 681744

The full range of services can be accessed via

www.knowyourstuff.nhs.uk

Childline – 0800 1111

www.kooth.com

www.youngminds.org.uk

www.childline.org.uk

www.mind.org.uk

Be physically active

Captain Tom Moore, two weeks short of his 100th Birthday completed 100 laps of his Bedfordshire garden last Thursday and at the time of publication has raised around £25 million in the process. Wow!
With this fine example, we can all be encouraged to be physically active on a daily basis

Give to others

We are super proud of the Technology staff and students who were in school last Thursday – the department's laser cutter was used to produce some face visors, along with making the headbands to go with them for staff at Worcester Royal Hospital.
With this fine example, consider what you could give to others over this week?



CORONAVIRUS
STAY AT HOME
SAVE LIVES

The only reasons to leave home are to:

✔ shop for basic necessities, pick up medicine, travel to work when you absolutely cannot work from home and exercise once a day – alone or with members of your household.

✘ Do not meet others, even friends or family.



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PROTECT
THE NHS
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Make a Virtual 100th Birthday Card to say thanks to Captain Tom
Share your card on any social media and tag it with
#makeacardfortom