

# Stour Valley Community School

8 May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you and your families are all keeping well. We are at the end of week 7 of school closure (5 if you don't count the Easter holidays) and I am sure we will all be watching Boris on Sunday, to learn what might change in the coming weeks. As a school, we appreciate the importance of not underestimating the enormity of challenge for students and families in maintaining momentum with home learning routines and structures. Each family have their own contextual logistical challenges and we are aware how difficult this can be.

Our Home Learning provision is under ongoing continual review and I will update you as we progress through these uncertain times. Recent IT upgrades have gone relatively smoothly and we will look to enhance our provision in the coming weeks through use of Microsoft Teams. Staff will receive some training on this next week and begin to plan what might be appropriate for their subjects.

We continue to set work every two weeks and your child should be completing the work set by their teachers for two to three hours per day with the addition of physical activity and hobbies to support physical and mental wellbeing. Do also use the BBC Teach and Oak Academy resources to supplement what we are doing.

If you are experiencing technical difficulties, direct support is available via [itsupport@stourvalley.org](mailto:itsupport@stourvalley.org)

## **BEDROCK VOCABULARY VICTORS**

Each month we receive a usage report from Bedrock showing data regarding achievement, progress and so forth. April usage shows great engagement from many students who are making maximum use of the app. Bedrock is proving to be a very helpful tool for our students to keep the momentum rolling in their English studies (please encourage/nag your son/daughter to keep up their weekly work).

Particular mention goes to the following students (achievement points on return to school):

Star Herbert  
Tyrese Cox  
Mark Knock  
Louie McLintock  
Felix Pickford  
Rose Broomhall  
Mae Brooks  
Alex Whiting  
Holly King  
Violet Hurrell  
Niquita Birkett-Sharp  
Liam Hircock  
Courtney Seago  
Lily Grace

Well done!

## **COMMUNITY SPIRIT**

Adam Habel, a Year 10 student, has dyed his hair a lovely shade of blue and raised over £200 pounds for the NHS. Great stuff!

Gabby Rivers, a student from last year's Year 11, has been in the local press. She is keen to support front-line medical staff helping to battle Covid-19, following some recent treatment herself. She has decided to donate all profits from her debut EP, Headache, to the NHS.

It makes us very proud to hear about what our students are doing in the community in these challenging times. Please do let us know if you think there is anyone who deserves recognition and a mention.

I hope that you all stay safe and enjoy the sunny Bank Holiday weekend

With kind regards

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