

12<sup>th</sup> February 2021

## Newsletter – week 21



Dear Parent/Carer,

As we conclude this half term of lockdown and remote learning, I want to say thank you to you all for your support and kind words that have been sent into our staff. We all know what an incredible challenge this has been for families both professionally and personally, but I have to say how impressed and proud I am of the resilience and hard work of our students. We hope that there is only a further two school weeks of remote learning and we hope to have the plans, like the rest of the country, confirmed in the first week back after half term.

Although the school has continued to be open for a small number of Key Worker children whilst online learning has been taking place, it is important to note that there continues to be a huge amount of activity which is all 'behind the scenes'. One particular aspect I would like to draw parents' attention to this week is our Careers website link. There continues to be a huge amount of information posted on here which has links to various webinars, apprenticeship shows and apprenticeship vacancies, work experience opportunities as well as information to support option choices in the future. It is a fantastic resource area and really worth spending some time looking through. Please do follow the link below:

<https://www.chalfonts.org/ceiag-news>

As we have been navigating through this academic year, we have also been working on making some amendments to the new academic year in September 2021. This has involved looking at our school day, the curriculum and our routines. We will write to individual year groups as well as our parent body to inform you of our improvements when we know we can implement our plans safely. After all, it is incredible to think that it was this time last year that we started to learn about the Coronavirus and the impact it was having in some countries. I spent some time reflecting earlier in the week about how schools have adapted and if someone had told me that in twelve months' time we would be working the way we are now – I am not sure I would have believed them!

School will be closed for all students over half term and will re-open on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February for our small group of students. I sincerely hope that you can have time away from computer screens and manage to enjoy some time together as a family.



*Principal: Russell Denial*



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On a final lighter note, I read earlier in the week that if you find the number one single from the UK charts on your 7<sup>th</sup> birthday, that this is the song that would define your 2021. As a lover of music, I diligently did my research only to find that it was Pink Floyd's 'Another Brick in the Wall'. When we looked at the lyrics – it brought tears of laughter to our eyes!

Stay safe and look after each other.

Yours faithfully,

**Mr R Denial**  
**Principal**

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