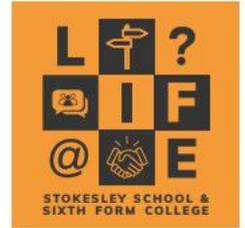


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Stokesley school's weekly LIFE bulletin



Stokesley School
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Being the best we can be



Week beginning 12th October 2020

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Half Term 1: Make an Impact

Your assemblies this week focus on **self-belief**, something that shouldn't be difficult but sometimes is. You were asked to think about three things that you're good at, and to celebrate these either privately or with people that you trust and care about. Here at team **LIFE**, we know that all of you are good at something, and absolutely love hearing about the things that you succeed in both in and out of school. Perhaps your tutors got more of an insight into you this week when you wrote down the things that you were good at! Here's something to think about: what would other people say about you? What would they consider to be your greatest strengths? Would those things be the same for people who know you well and people who don't know you so well? And, finally, have a think about this quotation below. Do you agree?

“Whether you think you can or you think you can't, you're right” Henry Ford.

Have a great week.

Team **LIFE**

Word of the week

Empathy - the ability to share and understand the feelings of another.

Oracy challenge

This week it's simple: we'd like you to say please and thank you whenever you have the opportunity. You'll really make people smile!

Fact of the week

We started celebrating Black History Month in 1976. Click [here](#) to read about some amazing contributions to your different curriculum areas in school, compiled by your teachers.

Good news story

Read [this](#) lovely story about a family who sprang their grandma from a care home so that she could spend more time with them during the pandemic!

What do you need to know about the news?

If you want to explore the news yourself, head on over to [The Day](#) where you can read all of the latest news, aimed at people your age. If you'd rather be pointed in the direction of some of the key things it's good to know about from last week, take a look at the links below:

Is Lewis Hamilton the world's biggest sporting champion? Click [here](#) to see what people think!

Donald Trump has been in hospital with Covid this week - read an article [here](#) about what this means for America and the election.

	<p>For how long should you be able to live at home? Click here to read an article about a man who has been evicted from his parents' home at the age of 41!</p> <p>What's going on in China at the minute? Click here to find out.</p> <p>Remember that, if you find reading difficult, all of the articles on 'The Day' can be simplified by clicking on the 'simplified version' in the top left hand corner.</p> <p>If you think you know your news, why not try the weekly quiz from The Day or have a go at the caption competition? It would be great to see a Stokesley student named as the winner!</p>
<p>Events calendar</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Across the world</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● October is Black History Month. Have a look at the BHM website or watch this video from the BBC about why black history matters. There are some great articles here on The Day, too ● Would you believe that 15th October is Global Handwashing Day? This year more than ever, this is such an important part of our day-to-day routine. ● 16th October is World Food Day, to inspire people about healthy diets! ● 17th October is International Poverty Eradication Day. This day marks the adoption of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) on 20 November, 1989.
<p>Lighthouse messages</p>	<p>The Health and Well-being drive on the student dashboard contains useful information about common issues, which could be useful for yourself or for a friend. Each document also contains reputable websites to go to for advice and guidance.</p>
<p>Spotlight on careers</p>	<p>A CAREER FOR THE FUTURE - CYBER SECURITY</p> <p>...one of the most in demand and highest paid job roles for the future!</p> <p>Join CYBER DISCOVERY https://joincyberdiscovery.com/ It's FREE! It's run by the HM Government, it's fun, exciting and challenging!</p> <p>Cyber Discovery is the most effective and fun way to master technical skills and security concepts, as a gateway to the industry or just to up your digital skills! As you embark on your journey, you will become an agent for the virtual Cyber Protection Agency, where you will stop criminal gangs who are using their cyber skills to do damage online. You will have a go at real-world cyber attacks, learning how cyber security experts play a vital role in protecting our hospitals, banks, army, and police services!</p> <p>Apply today, limited places available To take part you must be 13-18 years old and live in the UK. Registration closes on 31st of October 2020. Registration open, sign up now! https://hub.joincyberdiscovery.com/sign-up/student</p>
<p>News from the OLC</p>	<p><i>Be afraid.....be very afraid</i></p>

	<p>The OLC is launching its Halloween and Horror PRIZE competitions this week. There is plenty for you to get your teeth into:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ BIG OLC quiz: Horror & Halloween Slideshow Answer sheet to download (To view film clips, please download the slideshow) ★ Short Story Competition - Write a short story, maximum of 600 words, in the genre / style of horror. <p>Watch out for short horror stories - with a twist - on student messages, this week and next, to whet your goulsh appetite. Send your entries to: r.roberts@stokesleyschool.org</p>
Messages from your Heads of Year	
Mrs Metcalfe	<p>I look forward to updating the Tutor Time Tournament each week and the ambition points just keep getting higher and higher! In September, 2343 points were awarded with Fletcher Atkin getting a whopping 46, followed by Divine Onuh with 39! The number of equipment points are also low which is great and the tournament rankings change so much each week! I would like us to have a year group song and motto, so start to have a think about what we could have and I will be asking for some nominations soon which we can then all vote on!</p>
Mrs Bailey	<p>Those Ambition Points keep on coming! Well done to all Y8s who are going above and beyond and receiving ambition points: an amazing 3413 have been awarded to Y8s by your teachers since the start of September. A special mention must go to Rosie Neville and Goodness Onuh who have a colossal 45 and 43 respectively!</p> <p>Y8 overall attendance has taken a bit of a dip to 93.4%. Let's see if we can reach that magic figure of 95% this week! Every day counts and as you know, school success starts with attendance!</p> <p>A reminder that Y8 Student Leaders are manning our very own Student Services. If you forget or have lost any equipment you can buy a replacement between 8:35 and 8:45 every morning, except Tuesday. Y8 Student Services are set up outside the Y8 office at the top of the Geography stairs. So let's keep on keeping on and we WILL Reach for the Stars!</p>
Mrs Brosnan	<p>This month is Black History Month and having done some reading around why this is celebrated I wanted to share a couple of things: Black history month was first launched in London in the 1980s, where the aim was for the local community to challenge racism and educate themselves and others about the British history that was not taught in schools. Think about our school community for a second. We have an inclusive environment, where everyone is equal. Think about that for a moment and ask yourself: Do I make everyone feel equal? Am I kind? Am I respectful to everyone regardless of their appearance, background or friendship group? If you have answered no to any of the above, you have the power to change that. Give someone a compliment - talk to a new person today. Ask how someone's day is. Smile at someone you don't usually talk too and most of all, always see the good in everyone! Have a wonderful week Year 9.</p>
Mr Wilson	<p>Another week full of ambition points, taking us to a whopping 3194!!! 10 Hera are leading the way with 482, closely followed by 10 Apollo.</p>

	<p>Our attendance is currently 94.8%, let's try to get that back up to above the 95% over the next few weeks before half term.</p> <p>I have been delighted by your teachers' comments when I come into your classes, it is so good to hear how well you have started your GCSEs and how well you are settling back into the classroom routines. Remember to try your hardest in every lesson as you aim to be the best you can be.</p>
Mr Hamer	<p>Another week passes in the blink of an eye and many of you have discussed your feelings about assessments and upcoming mock exams with me. Some of you with some confidence, others with trepidation and some anxiety. I mentioned last week that I was pleased with the work ethic of the majority of you and I want you to take this forward towards November. There will be plenty of information coming out to you about exam preparation and revision and relaxation techniques, in the meantime click on this link for some useful resources and advice: Keep up the good work!</p>

This half term's LIFE challenge

On your first day back we talked about kindness and about how important that is, especially as the world finds its way back to normal after lockdown. Your challenge this half term is to complete your [Random Acts of Kindness grid](#), and then to **send us a photo of you being kind to someone**, with an explanation of what's happening in the photo. We'd love to make a collage out of all of your photos to display somewhere in school, so please get thinking about what you could send in. All entries must be submitted by Friday 23rd October and should be emailed to LIFE@stokesleyschool.org