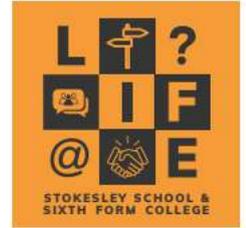


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Stokesley school's weekly LIFE bulletin



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Half Term 5: Ambition

Welcome back to school! We hope that you had a wonderful Easter break and that you feel well-rested and ready to be back in your lessons. Here at Team LIFE we're really thankful for the longer days: lighter mornings and evenings certainly make us feel better and we hope they do the same for you.

This term's theme is **AMBITION**. It's a word we hear a lot in school, isn't it? As one of our three values, it's something that's really important to all of the staff and students here in school. Yes, that's right, the staff too! We can't expect you to be ambitious in what you do and not expect the same from ourselves!

What does the word **AMBITION** mean to you? To us, it's about having a desire and determination to achieve something, even if that thing isn't necessarily going to be easy to achieve. We've been thinking a little bit about what an ambitious person looks like in our school, and these are some of the things that we came up with:

- they're enthusiastic about their education;
- they don't give up, even when things are tough;
- they support other people;
- they are willing to try new things, even if they think they'll find it difficult;
- they're competitive, but only with themselves;
- they complete all class work and independent work on time and to a high standard;
- they listen and ask questions in lessons to help them to understand.

Can you think of any others? Perhaps this is something that you could discuss with the other people in your tutor group, or at home. Do you consider yourself to be ambitious? Do your friends and family members think that they are? Is there anything you could do so that you *are* a little more ambitious?

Have it in your mind as you go about your week!

Have a good one.

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Word of the week

Determination - the ability to continue trying doing something, even though it's very difficult.

*With great **determination**, the people set out to rebuild the village that had been destroyed in the storm.*

Her **determination**, teamwork skills and leadership capabilities meant that she was the perfect candidate for the job.

Oracy challenge

Is it more important to talk or to listen?
What do you think?
This week, we want you to try to really focus on listening to the people that are talking to you. We know that sounds silly, and you probably think that you already do, but we are going to bet that you can be a better listener than you already are. Watch the video [here](#), and then give listening a good go this week!

Good luck!

Fact of the week

The average person spends two years of their life waiting at traffic lights!

Good news story

We love [this heartwarming story](#) about a group of people in Wrexham who have raised the money for over 2,500 goody bags to be given to staff in their local hospital. There are so many good people out there, when you start to look into it.

Lighthouse messages



[What's up with everyone?](#) is a really informative website that covers the topics perfectionism, loneliness and isolation, independence, social media and competitiveness. If any of these topics sound familiar to you have a look! There are loads of quality videos to watch too.

News from the OLC

Welcome Back Everyone.
We've got a lot of things going on this term in the OLC. Accelerated Reader Celebrations will take place at the start and the beginning of the term; we will commemorate St. George's and Shakespeare's day with a host of competitions and activities and we are restocking our bookshelves with some top titles and most popular reads (if you have any book recommendations, please email me before 20th April. r.roberts@stokesleyschool.org).
Enjoy your final term this academic year and let's hope for no more lockdowns!

Spotlight on careers

Did you have too many Chocolate Easter Eggs?

If you are like me and never get sick of Chocolate - perhaps you might consider a job working with the stuff?
[How to be a Chocolatier](#) - A chocolatier, under the French definition, is a



	<p>craftsperson who works using raw materials to create chocolate confections using the chocolate which they made themselves.</p>
<p>Mrs Metcalfe</p>	<p>Welcome back Yr 7! I hope you had a restful Easter break and were able to do something fun! Or just eat too many Easter Eggs! The mornings and nights are lighter and things are finally starting to feel (dare I say) a little more “normal”. Can you believe you only have about 4 months left of Yr 7, then you will be Yr 8! Where has that time gone?</p> <p>Remember to get back into good habits again including being fully equipped each day and wearing the correct uniform. Some of you were struggling to organise yourself with P.E. kits and equipment last half term, so let’s ensure this is sorted straight away. Enjoy your first week back!</p>
<p>Mrs Bailey</p>	<p>Welcome back Y8! I hope you have had a good break and have been able to get out in the glorious sunshine that we have had!</p> <p>I have been thinking about ambition, the theme of this term. What exactly does it mean? Well, if you look the word up, ambition is ‘the strong desire to do or achieve something.’ If Neil Armstrong had not been ambitious he would never have walked on the moon! If Steve Jobs had not been ambitious you wouldn’t have an iPhone!</p> <p>Over the next few weeks I would like to see you making ambitious choices. All too often I see some of you giving up, or simply not giving of your best. Instead of thinking to yourself: I <i>hope</i> I do well in this test; think: I am <u>determined</u> to do well! Instead of thinking ‘I will be happy with 10 AP this term’ set yourself the challenge of getting <u>as many</u> AP as you possibly can! Don’t settle for second best - Be the very best you can be! <u>Be ambitious!</u> Being ambitious is probably not the easiest path but it is certainly the most rewarding! Aim high! Reach for those stars!</p>
<p>Mrs Brosnan</p>	<p>Welcome back Year 9! I hope you all had a restful Easter and recharged yourselves for a great half term.</p> <p>The Tutor Time Tournament has now been reset and everyone is starting from the same point. Let’s see the ambition flow as you outdo yourself with ambition points. Can we top 8979 from last term?</p> <p>Over the next couple of weeks I want to see you challenge yourself to be ambitious: try extension tasks in class, don’t just settle for the bare minimum, aim for the pathway higher than your target and above all else keep going when you want to give up.</p> <p>To be ambitious, we first have to be ready in all ways: learning, time keeping, correct uniform, organised and prepared. Without readiness we set ourselves up to fail. I know we are not a year group that likes to fail, so you have to take ownership and responsibility for you. No-one else can decide on your actions and attitudes, that is down to you and you alone.</p> <p>Make the right choices. Show the best version of you. Succeed!</p> <p>Have a wonderful day. Mrs Brosnan</p>

Mr Wilson	<p>Welcome back Year 10, I hope you have had a great Easter holiday and managed to have some fun with your families and friends!</p> <p>We are now in the summer term, so hopefully we will get some lovely summer days and nights and you can go out and enjoy your evenings after a day at school. Life has to be a good balance between work and play and we need to remember that, especially after the year we have all had.</p> <p>Please continue to work hard and engage in your studies, as we (your tutors and I) have been really impressed with you all so far this year.</p>
Mr Hamer	<p>Wow - how quick did those two weeks pass? If you've kept yourself busy, like me, time will have flown by. I am sure that the majority of you followed the advice of your teachers (including myself) and stuck to the revision plans that you made. This means that you will have given yourself a really good opportunity to perform well in your upcoming assessments. If you are still on a stuttering start, it is not too late to knuckle down to some hard work. There are seven weeks in this half term, that is all, and I know that you have already proven that you can focus for this amount of time because lockdowns have lasted longer!!</p> <p>Following this, we can prepare ourselves for the end of school celebrations, for which I will be giving you more information shortly. You will feel better about yourself and be able to enjoy this time of relaxation if you have worked well and deserved the break.</p> <p>Remember - all teachers are rooting for you and are here to support you as much as possible.</p> <p>I'll leave you with this clip of an old favourite of mine, Paul Weller (I know I'm showing my age): Paul Weller Brand New Start Acoustic</p>