



## December campaign to support Ealing Foodbank

The pandemic has limited the range of activities we normally organise this half term to reach out to our wider community, such as our Senior Citizens' Christmas lunch and Christmas concert. This year, our Senior Citizens will receive a personalised Christmas card along with a small gift. Our Year 7 students are also writing letters which will be distributed to local elderly residents which Ealing Council are going to distribute. We will be getting into a festive spirit with our traditional end of term non-school uniform fundraising day as well – see page three for more details!

We would like to continue a tradition of supporting Ealing Foodbank in December. In particular because of the economic impact of the pandemic, this provision is more important than ever. It would be lovely if we could make this year a record breaking year of donations. Ealing Foodbank is currently asking for stocks of the following:

- Tinned fruit and vegetables
- Ready made custard – tins or cartons
- Instant coffee and drinking chocolate
- Jam and peanut butter
- Feminine hygiene – towels/pads only, not tampons
- Long life fruit juice and squash
- Vegetarian chillies, curries, pies (Fray Bentos)
- Tinned fish
- Shaving gear – foam and razors
- Laundry products – powder, liquid, tablets (small sizes please)

Please could you support by adding items to your weekly shop each week in December? Students can bring items into school and hand them into the school office. We will then arrange to deliver all of our items to the Foodbank week commencing Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you in advance for your generosity. It will make a real difference.

As you know, we have a training day for teaching staff tomorrow and the school is closed to students. I hope that this gives you an opportunity to have a restful long weekend.

Ms Budd - Headteacher

## The Northolt Community is behind you Jerry!



**TUESDAY 1st DECEMBER at 6pm**



Save [this link](#), open it on Tuesday 1st December at 6pm, and join the whole Northolt Community when we 'virtually' cheer on Jerry in the **GRAND FINAL** of Jack Petchey's "Speak Out" Challenge. Jerry has already had so much success with his simply outstanding performance and profound message. He is already the champion in our eyes, but we hope the rest of the country recognise this as well on Tuesday. You can find out more about the competition and view details of all 14 Grand Finalists [here](#).

## Making Great Progress in Maths

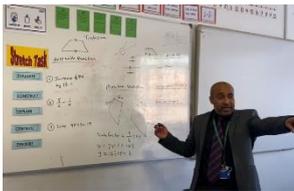
We have been very impressed with the dedication to learning our students have shown in Maths and it is clear this is helping them make great progress.

In Year 7, our focus has moved from Number work to an introduction to Algebra. Students in all classes are enjoying the challenge of studying something that, for the majority of them, is completely new. Please speak to your children about what they are doing in Maths and get them to explain how to simplify an expression or solve an equation - I am sure you will be as impressed as I am at how well they are able to 'speak' algebraically!



Year 8 students have covered a lot of work on perimeter, area and volume and have now started their unit on Probability. Please ask them whether you are more likely to win the National Lottery or get struck by lightning! Students and teachers have enjoyed the class discussions involved in this topic and I hope more of them will be playing cards at home to improve their probability skills.

In Year 9 all classes have come to the end of their first unit of the GCSE syllabus. The focus of this unit was to look at some of the number skills that will underpin a lot of what we will cover over the next couple of years. As a department we are really pleased with how well the students are coping with the demands of the course. Please do ask your child how they got on in their unit test and encourage them to use MathsWatch to help with anything they are finding too difficult.



Year 10 foundation students have been studying work on angles and averages while our higher groups have been looking at geometry and different types of graphs. We have been really impressed with the way they have managed to refocus after such a long time working from home. As a department we are really enjoying having them back in the classroom.

All of our Year 11 students have just completed a full set of assessments. They coped brilliantly with sitting three papers in the space of a week. The results from these have given us a really clear picture of any gaps in knowledge from lockdown and will help enable us to plan the best possible curriculum for them over the next six months.

We are delighted this year to have 32 students studying Maths A Level in Year 12 and have been really impressed with the way they have started. They have all demonstrated an excellent work ethic and we are excited to see how they progress. I hope some of the group will consider choosing to study maths at university in the future. Our Year 13 class have a few months of hard work ahead of them; it is great to see them so excited about planning the next chapter of their life as they finish their university applications. We wish them all the best for the future.



## Free Travel for Under 18s

As part of Transport for London's recent government funding agreement, it was confirmed that the Mayor and TfL wished Londoners to continue to benefit from travel concessions for under 18s.

The Mayor has always been clear that he did not support the removal of free travel for under 18s, therefore all work on the temporary removal of under 18 concessions has now been stopped and young people under the age of 18 can be reassured that they will continue to benefit from free travel on buses and trams.



## A New Fashion Statement?



We are keeping plenty of fresh air circulating in school as this is an important way to minimise the risk of coronavirus spreading. However, although the heating will be on, as the weather gets colder it will, without doubt, get drafty in school. We are allowing students to keep their coats on in lessons but a warm base layer can be even more effective.

A pair of leggings, tights or tracksuit trousers that aren't too baggy and a long-sleeved t-shirt under the uniform will help keep students cosy. Long socks, such as football socks, are also great to keep you warm. And maybe old-fashioned long-johns will become fashionable again!



## Charity Non Uniform Day – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December is a Non Uniform Day for students. Students will be able to wear Free Dress as we raise money to support Children in Need and The Jack Petchey Foundation. We will ask students to pay £1 at the gate as they arrive on the day, and families will also be able to donate to these worthy causes through our wise pay system. More details will follow in the coming weeks.



### Covid-19 Flowchart for Parents and Carers

Please take a look at this [flowchart for parents/carers](#) to assist planning what you need to do if you, your child or someone in your household displays symptoms of COVID-19. This flowchart is also available in multiple languages.

[Punjabi](#) [Urdu](#) [Tamil](#) [Somali](#) [Polish](#) [Arabic](#)

### Schools during lockdown

Please read [this key message](#) from Ealing about the importance of your child being in school during the lockdown period.

### Covid-19 symptoms

To reduce community transmission of the coronavirus, you must keep your child at home if your child or anyone else in your household develops coronavirus symptoms. The main symptoms of coronavirus are: • **high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature) • **new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual) • **loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

If you are keeping your child at home you must contact Ms McMurdie, our attendance officer, on **02088648544 extension 705**. She will then be able to advise you further.

Don't forget to use our google classroom to access all learning if you must stay at home.