

IT'S THE END OF TERM, BUT NOT AS WE KNOW IT!

Well this is a most unusual way to end the Autumn term, but with a year like 2020, is anyone really surprised? We asked our sixth form students to carry out independent study at home from Wednesday onwards this week to help lessen the burden on staff who were already doing an amazing job of covering lower school classes. Thank you to all of our fabulous students for taking the news so graciously and continuing to keep up with their studies from home. We wish you all a happy, healthy and relaxing festive break. See you in 2021!

MR ALEXANDER'S REFLECTIONS ON THIS TERM

Welcome to the final bulletin of the term.

If it was an interesting start to the term, it has been an even more interesting end to the term! Our students have been stoic in their continued approach, not only with their academic studies, but with their ongoing support for their peers and the wider community. They have been involved in performing arts showcases, a mock general election, donating food boxes and sending Christmas cards to our local care homes. Furthermore, they have continued their academic studies, completed Mock examinations, researched their EPQ's and sent off their UCAS applications, all whilst managing the current climate.

I have said it before and I will say it again; I am so proud of my students!!!

In addition to our current sixth form students, I must also thank the Year 11 students for their applications to the sixth form. I have been so impressed with the extremely high standards and I am looking forward to working with them all in September...

Finally, I wanted to wish you all a restful and enjoyable break.

A VERY MERRY SPOTLIGHT PERFORMANCE

One of our very talented Year 12 students, James Thomas, performed an absolutely stunning rendition of Dean Martin's classic "Let it Snow! Let it Snow, Let it Snow!" last week by the grand piano in the main school building. It really is one not to be missed, so if you were unlucky and didn't see it, then take a look on our [website](#), where you can watch the video. Thank you, James, for cheering us all up.

MOCK GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS

You may recall a few weeks ago, we told you about the mock general election which Charlie Wilson had organised for the entire school to participate in. Well, at long last I can share with you the results [video](#). I think you will all agree that Charlie has the makings of a very fine politician. Congratulations and many thanks go to Charlie and the staff and students who supported him in allowing this event to take place. It was a really worthwhile project which will hopefully inspire a generation of young voters to get out there and do their civic duty once they come of age.

TED TV TALK OF THE WEEK

To save the climate, we have to reimagine capitalism with Rebecca Henderson - [Click here to watch](#).

UNIVERSITY NEWS

This week's [Uni Taster Days](#) newsletter come with a bonus [Christmas University Resource Checklist](#), both of which are crammed full of links to workshops, lectures and online resources for you to access over the break.

University Centre Colchester

Digital Film Production Degree - [Click here for more info](#)

Photography Degree - [Click here for more info](#)

The Northern School of Art

The Northern School of Art have an exciting programme of live and pre-recorded virtual HE talks by creative professionals.

Their live virtual sessions can take place anytime to suit you and will provide students with a detailed insight into any one of their degree courses. Session includes a live Q&A.

We also have a range of short 2-minute videos showcasing our courses, facilities and student life at www.northernart.ac.uk [Sign Up Here](#)

University of Law

Human rights law resources -

[Introduction to Human Rights slides](#)

[Introduction to Human Rights handout](#)

[Human Rights introduction podcast](#)

[Human Rights Podcast Worksheet](#)

[Women's Equality Campaigner blog post](#)

[Representing Death Row blog post](#)

CAREERS NEWS

For Apprenticeship application dates and a list of employers [click here](#)

Speakers for Schools

Please see below list of virtual work experience opportunities and let Mrs Osborne (kosborne@tgschool.net) know if interested:

[Publishing and Communications VWEX with Springer Nature](#)

- **Dates: 15th – 19th February 2021.**
- Eligibility: 16 – 19 year olds keen to find out more about editorial, communications, marketing skills.
- Application Deadline: 15th January 2021

[Build Yourself with Wates VWEX](#)

- **Dates: 16th February 2021.**
- Eligibility: 14 – 19 year olds keen to find out more about a career in construction, development and property services.
- Application Deadline: 5th February 2021

[Willmott Dixon Management Careers VWEX- Future Leaders Wanted](#)

- **Dates: 15th - 19th February 2021.**
- Eligibility: 14 – 19 year olds interested in management careers in construction and management.
- Application Deadline: 31st January 2021

[VWEX with a Leading Company including Ecology and Archaeology](#)

- **Date: 17th - 19th February 2021. Sessions will run from 10:00 – 15:00**
- Eligibility: 15– 19 year olds interested in construction, ecology, and planning.
- Application Deadline: 15th January 2021

[Start Your Road to Success: AMEY](#)

- **Dates: 15th - 17th February 2021.**
- Eligibility: Creative 14 – 19 year olds interested in an industry that keeps the country moving.
- Application Deadline: 22nd January 2021

[Humankind Research: Social Impact Market Research VWEX](#)

- **Dates: 24th February 2021**
- Eligibility: 16 -19 year olds who are keen to gain insight into market research and communications.
- Application Deadline: 17th February 2021

[VWEX: Virtual Work Experience for Y10 within Tesco F&F Clothing](#)

- **Dates: 15th - 19th February 2021.**
- Eligibility: Year 10 students interested in a career in fashion and retail.
- Application Deadline: 15th January 2021

[Communications Agency VWEX with Cicero/AMO](#)

- **Dates: 15th – 19th February 2021.**
- Eligibility: 15 – 19 year olds interested in a career in digital media, communications, or market research.
- Application Deadline: 15th January 2021

[VGC Group Virtual Work Experience](#)

- **Dates: 15th – 19th February 2021.**
- Eligibility: 14 – 19 year olds interested in the construction and support services sector.
- Application Deadline: 15th January 2021

[Your Army - a compelling live-hosted video presentation about the Army](#)

- **Dates: 17th February 2021.**
- Eligibility: 14 – 19 year olds interested in what the Army does and how it works.
- Application Deadline: 01st February 2021

For a full list of placements - [sign in here to search and apply.](#)

