

## 4.1 – Summer Term Newsletter

Hello to all our lovely parents and carers,

Amazing to think we are two terms into this strangest of years! Despite our 10-day self-isolation & subsequent Easter holiday the young people have returned back to school ready to learn and refreshed.

The theme for this half terms learning is The Beatles, so lots of lessons & activities looking at the music, art, fashion & culture of the most influential band of all time!

In Maths this first half term we will be starting our new topic on Money. This content aims to develop the student's understanding and use of money. Students will learn through practical activities about the value of coins in everyday use in the UK. They will convert units of money and use a calculator to do simple calculations of money using decimals.

In Science we are completing our coursework element of the chemistry unit - Elements, mixtures and compounds. We will be carrying out an investigation into which variety of chocolate melts the fastest and why we think this is.

In English, the pupils will be completing the module Editing and sequencing. We will look at a range of different texts that need editing for punctuation and spelling as well as using our knowledge of language to sequence events or instructions.

In Humanities we are completing our responding to major tectonic events unit. The pupils will look at how volcanic activity affects the health and wellbeing of those living nearby as well as the infrastructure and economy of the area.

To try and minimise the impact of any positive cases of COVID-19 within the bubble, we are staying class based for our vocational lessons. Mrs Walker will therefore be delivering working with animals to our class. The pupils will be demonstrating their knowledge of how to use equipment safely when working with animals.

This term we have an expert instructor coming in on Mondays to deliver bike maintenance sessions using the fully kitted out bike and vehicle cabin as a workshop. This is an exciting opportunity for our young people to learn how to fix and maintain a bike.

Finally, please can we reiterate what Mrs Smith has recently said about school uniform. ALL pupils should now be in school uniform, unless they have PE (please continue to wear appropriate PE kit and trainers on Tuesdays and Thursdays). We need to rebuild this routine and expectation back into schooling for our children. If you have any concerns about uniform, please contact us.

We are incredibly proud of the way in which all of our students are continuing to take on the current challenges, whether they are in school or at home we really appreciate their efforts! If you have any questions or require any additional support please contact us via email, Teams or phone, and we will be in touch.

Mr Homer, Mrs Walker & Hayley