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What a fantastic start to 'the new normal' It was wonderful on Monday morning standing in reception welcoming the students back into school – they were so excited to see each other and the staff. We had lots of reunions and there was a great vibe around the school. Students are now getting used to 'the new normal' and adjusting to working to their timetable whilst still maintaining a distance where possible - wearing a mask, where possible –and staying in their own class bubble – always possible!

We cannot thank you enough, our parents and carers, for the incredible job that you have done 'home schooling'. Your support has been wonderful and I would like to personally thank you for the comments that you made in the SET questionnaire, the staff really have worked their socks off during lockdown trying to maintain a personalised approach that meets the needs of each individual child. During the remaining weeks of this half term, staff will be assessing the students again so that we can identify any areas that they are struggling with and will be adjusting our schemes of work in order to address any gaps in understanding.

A very warm Blackfriars' welcome to our two new students in Middleport, Alex and Josh.

Arwen in Gladstone has been nominated as a scholar of the week by



staff because on the first day back this week, she was struggling a bit because she had forgotten her ingredients BUT she came to food tech and cooked a dish she'd not made before (bread and butter pudding) almost independently - Mrs Chesters said she was 'so, so PROUD of her resilience and determination to succeed' but not only that, in Humanities she produced a lengthy and thoughtful history reflection on PILOTS of the CARIBBEAN. When I received this nomination from Mrs Rawlinson, I did question it – Pilots

not pirates? Mrs Rawlinson replied saying 'Yes - PILOTS - not pirates. A Cosford museum free on-line workshop of learning about Caribbean black RAF pilots in the 20th century and the symbols that represent them. It's a very lovely, engaging resource which also promotes diversity and inclusion.' I took a look myself, and I know that I am slightly biased because I'm a historian, but I agree it is really interesting and a slice of our local history. If you want to take a look, search on the web for:

Cosford pilots of the Caribbean

Safeguarding Contact Information

Staffordshire

First Response :
0800 1313 126
Outside office hours:
0845 6042886

Stoke-on-Trent

Advice and Referral Team:
01782 235100
Outside office hours:
01782 234234

Cheshire East

Referral Team :
0300 123 5012 Option 2
Outside office hours:

Shropshire

Referral Team:
01743 254 259
Initial Contact Team:
0345 678 9021
Outside office hours:
0345 678 9040

Adult Safeguarding referral numbers

Staffordshire: First Response –
0845 604 2719

Stoke on Trent: Adult Social Care –
0800 561 0015

On 4th March, we celebrated World Book Day. Gladstone got particularly into this year's celebrations by dressing up, discussing, quizzing and designing book covers - all on the theme of Harry Potter.







Lateral Flow testing – On Monday afternoon, your child will bring home a Lateral Flow Home Testing Kit containing 3 tests. We recommend that these are done on Sunday and Wednesday evening. Your 1st test at home will be done on Wednesday 17th March, you will complete the test and submit the results to the Government website as shown in the booklet that you will receive with the tests. If you get a positive result, please book a PCR test at a test centre, isolate the whole family until you get a result and keep school informed.

If you have any problems, please go onto our website :

<http://www.blackfriarsacademy.org.uk/coronavirus/lateral-flow-testing>

NHS
Test and Trace

Four easy stages of a rapid COVID-19 self-test

 <p>1 Set-up: sanitise testing area and hands, unpack kit, read instructions</p>	 <p>2 Swab: throat then nose</p>	 <p>3 Process test: place swab in liquid in tube, squeeze liquid onto test device</p>	 <p>4 Read result: ensure test device is on a flat surface, wait and read result at 30 minutes</p>
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Comic Relief – on Friday 19th March, it is Comic Relief Day, we always take time to raise money for this charity because it goes to such worthwhile causes and all of the students enjoy the different activities arranged. This year, all students can wear their own clothes OR wear Disney themed outfits OR order the Comic Relief T-shirts available at:

<https://www.tkmaxx.com/uk/en/red-nose-day/c/10400000?st=&sort=publishedDate-desc&facets=stockLevelStatus:inStock&page=0>

Students are asked to bring in £1 towards a donation to Comic Relief

Scholar of the week:



I do not usually make nominations for Scholar of the Week but I have got to make a nomination this week for a 'Super Scholar' – Moorcroft's **Caitlyn** has been working for 5 years to be able to walk with the help of a frame – and last night she did it!! What a great example she has shown of how determined our students are, demonstrating that she lives and breathes Blackfriars' PRIDE

Bridgewater's **Dan** has been nominated as scholar of the week for home engagement together with **Beau** for outstanding behaviour and Harry for wearing a visor without prompting

EASTER HOLIDAYS – Term ends on Thursday 1st April
Friday 2nd April to Sunday 18th April

INSET DAY - Monday 19th April –
staff in school, *students at home*

Term starts Tuesday 20th April -
All students to return to school




19th March 2021