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School Newsletter December 2020



HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

The school year draws to a close and we approach the end of a remarkable term and I want to thank each and every one of you for your support. I am immensely proud of my staff and our students, who have worked together in very challenging circumstances.

We are a school with a very proud history and will rightfully mark this with the name change in September 2021. As we often look back on the challenges Raimund Sanders Draper faced. I am sure that in years to come future students and staff will look back and talk about the endeavours of this generation and how we stayed strong together.

Fittingly we recently held a competition with our Year 7 students, who were tasked with writing a letter of thanks to Raimund Sanders Draper for the ultimate sacrifice he made. We were delighted with the quality of writing and how passionately students expressed their appreciation for the sacrifice made. I encourage you to read the letter from our winner Nimra which can be found further in the newsletter.

Receiving the messages from parents this week has been greatly appreciated and warmly received by staff, thank you.

Whilst I understand the excitement around Christmas, for some this will be a time of worry and concern. We have put a wealth of things in place to try to support our most vulnerable with food vouchers and I thank the staff involved for their efforts with this. It is important that we continue to think of others. I was delighted that we have been able to contribute positively to the local care homes with cards and biscuits.

Like me, you will be looking forward to a relaxing festive period, being able to unwind and have some time with the family and loved ones, many of whom we will not have seen for a substantial period of time. As we look forward to 2021, it is with a renewed sense of optimism - not only as a result of the COVID-19 vaccines that are starting to be rolled out. For us all there is now some light at the end of the tunnel, although we know that there will be further challenges ahead which we will face together.

I thank you for all doing your part in helping to keep our students and community safe and I look forward to seeing the students return on 5th January 2021.

I do hope that the Yuletide season brings happiness, joy, peace and prosperity to you and your family and that 2021 brings you all you wish for.

Mr S Brooks
Headteacher

How do I report a case of COVID?

I can confirm that we will be contactable until 8pm on Sunday 20th December and parents should report a positive case via the COVID email COVID-results@sandersschool.org.uk or ring 07493627279 and we then complete track and trace and notify parents accordingly.

We should be notified of positive cases in students who presented symptoms within 48 hours of being in school and so they should have presented with symptoms before Thursday 17th December at the latest for track and tracing to take place from a school point of view.

If any student only starts to present symptoms from Friday 18th December onwards, then there will not be any track or tracing from a school point of view. The school would ask that we are notified where a student will be isolating into the new term as a result of a positive case so we can mark them accordingly; please email COVID-results@sandersschool.org.uk to notify us of this.

Staffing Update

Congratulations to Ms Ives who from January, will take on the post of Head of Geography. She has settled into the school brilliantly and the students adore her. We are excited to see the department grow under her energetic and passionate leadership.

It is at this time, sadly, that we also say goodbye to two members of staff:

Mrs Joughin departs having been at Sanders since the summer of 2007, starting as an NQT and has had a significant impact across the school through her 13 years with us. Ms Bates leaves to spend more time with family. Both will be sorely missed by staff and students and we wish both well for the future.

Awards 2019/20

On Thursday 26th November 2020, we had our annual Sanders Awards Event. This is traditionally an evening event where award winners and parents/carers are invited into the school.

Due to the current restrictions in place, we knew that we couldn't hold the traditional event this year but that did not stop us from going ahead and making the decision to hold a virtual awards event, in school, during the school day. It was a huge success with 32 Key Stage 3 students winning an award...and 390 students watching on the big screen!!

There were winners in English, maths, science, humanities, French, technology, creative arts and PE. There were also two special Head of Year awards for last year's Year 7 and 8. And those two students are nominees to win the prestigious Sanders Draper Award for Excellence.

The noise of cheers that afternoon was deafening, but also a real lift in these difficult times. Lots of fun was had by all!!

We would like to say a huge congratulations to all of the winners!!





Keeping Safe Over Christmas

We hope that all young people and families are able to enjoy the Christmas break in these difficult circumstances.

Please ensure that you remain safe during the break. Take time to rest and recharge.

If you need further advice and guidance in relation to supporting your child's wellbeing during this time please see the 'Support Pathfinder' created by Young Minds which will direct you to different resources relating to supporting your child.

<https://youngminds.org.uk/supporting-parents-helpfinder/>

Year 7 Sanders Draper 'Appreciation' Competition

Year 7 students were invited to write a letter of thanks and appreciation to our school's Hero Raimund Sanders Draper. This work is contributing towards a bigger project they will be competing on our school's and their own personal heroes.

The winning letter was created by Nimra who perfectly sums up the reasons our whole community are grateful for Sanders Draper and his sacrifice.

Dear Sanders Draper,

I don't think I can express in words how thankful I am for your sacrifice. You were so brave and went head-to-head with death to save a school packed with children. You gave up your family and friends for our school. On that fateful day, you were only 29 years old, but saved more than 500 children. I am pleased that our school is named after such an honourable man and without your sacrifice, the school would have been destroyed. You were a true hero with a courageous heart, and I can only imagine what the school could have looked like if you did not give your life away. You displayed both gallantry and hard work which means a lot to us because without these values, our school would not be as special as it is today. We have posters, art on display and even our school symbol is a Spitfire. We can only guess what was going through your head when you realised your engine had failed and how you had to make a life changing decision so fast. In your short life, you have proved that not all heroes wear capes.



Key Stage 3 Student Voice

Key Stage 3 Student Voice decided to connect with the elderly in their community and take part in a national scheme "Classroom to Care Home". This is an initiative to reach out to the elderly and bring them Christmas cheer in these difficult times.

They organised to write 107 Christmas cards and wrap 107 packets of biscuits for the elderly who reside in local care homes. Year 10 students kindly helped out with writing the cards and wrapping the gifts and members of the student voice packed up the biscuits and cards, which were delivered to the care homes on Tuesday. It was a lovely idea and gesture that was much appreciated by the care home owners and has brought some happiness to the elderly of Hornchurch.



Distance Learning

Distance learning continues to be a focus for all students with many isolating and working from home. When staff are in school and individual students are isolating then the class work will be loaded up to the classroom. Students can email or message their teachers for help. In the event of a whole year group being sent home teachers are holding lessons via Google meets. It is important that students log into these sessions to ensure that they do not miss learning. All students must be logging into their Google classroom. If there are problems logging in please email Mr Boscott dboscott@sandersschool.org.uk

Wider Curriculum

There have been a number of events across all year groups linked with employability skills and careers this term. During ethics and values lessons, many students have started to think about career options and future pathways after GCSEs. Next term will see virtual careers talks and more research into your child's perfect career! If you have any questions regarding your child's future career, or would like to volunteer to arrange a virtual careers event please email me, Mrs Shread at mshread@sandersschool.org.uk.

Can You Help?

Sanders, like schools all over the country, face increased costs associated with COVID as we have to continually spend money on sanitiser, face masks and our additional cleaner, all to keep our students safe. It is important that parents send their children to school with a face covering, as we are still having to provide these to students at a cost to the school. If anyone would like to contribute financially in supporting Sanders, it would of course be appreciated and most welcomed. Please email vmurphy@sandersschool.org.uk if you would like to donate money to the school.

A chance to hear a little of what is happening across our faculties:

English

The English department would like to take this opportunity to say a huge well done and thank you to all of our students who have worked brilliantly in English over the past half term despite these difficult circumstances. This half term has been all about the novel, we have been reading an array of material with the students throughout the year groups:

Year 7 *Boy In The Striped Pyjamas*

Year 8 *Private Peaceful*

Year 9 *Woman In Black*

Year 10 and 11 *A Christmas Carol*

We will endeavour to have these novels finished by Christmas. PDF copies are available on Google Classroom of all of the texts apart from 'Woman In Black'. We can loan your child a copy of this text in January if they did not have the chance to finish it with us in class in December.

It has been a joy to see students experimenting with new vocabulary that they have found in our new thesaurus kindly gifted by so many of you. We cannot put into words the impact these have had.

Some students who have been working particularly well both in and out of the classroom are: Bobby W, Daniel E, Jack M, Lewis C, Harry B, Kirsty S, Callum P and Daniel B. Well done everyone.

We would like to wish you all a merry Christmas and look forward to seeing everyone in January.



Maths

The Maths department would like to take this opportunity to celebrate the outstanding resilience and hard work of all our students in mathematics, in what has been an incredibly difficult and strange term for us all. We are very proud of the way they have continued to work so hard during this time.

The following students have been nominated by their teachers this term for a combination of distance learning, homework and classwork and going that extra mile with their learning.

<u>Y11</u>	<u>Y10</u>	<u>Y9</u>	<u>Y8</u>	<u>Y7</u>
Luke C	Stanley P	Sarah R	Favour A	Jessica-Mai G
Dylan R	Meenakshi N	Catherine A	Mason S	Lewis C
Jayden C	Danny D	Alfie E	Ellie F	Tom L
Matthew T	Sunny D	Georgia-Mai B	Daisie F	Freya M
Emily B	Nathan H	Hafsa R	Elena A	Sasha F
Emily C	Rebecca G	Leo M	Ethan A	Willem B
Joyce M	Rosie S	Rio H	George N	Shantae P
Yulia M	Melina Cioltan	Rebecca G	Jonathan Y	
		Ronnie J		
		Ruby W		



Science

Celebration of Achievement in Science - As we close a very strange term, in the science department we wanted to celebrate the students who have worked really hard in unprecedented times as it certainly hasn't gone unnoticed. Congratulations to all students mentioned below who have put great effort in this term, through in class learning, distance learning and our online platform- Seneca Learning.

Year 7	Ms Radvak	Mrs Allen	Ms Haastrup	Mr Hossain	Mr Soganile
Star of Autumn Term	George	Jack	Amy	Amelia	Humayd
Star of Distance Learning	Lillie and Elsie	Shaun	Emmi	Rory	Austin
Star of Seneca Learning	Joe	Jessica-Mai	Connor	Maisie	Eddy

Year 8	Mr Soganile	Mr Hossain	Ms Haastrup	Mrs Allen	Ms Radvak
Star of Autumn Term	Maggie	William	Callum	Milly	Mason
Star of Distance Learning	Daniel	Harriet	Rukaya	Jess	Daisie
Star of Seneca Learning	Tyler D	Elena	Kirsty	Tyler S	Matilda and Reggie

Year 9	Mr Hossain	Ms Haastrup	Mr Soganile	Mr Hossain	Ms Haastrup	Ms Ravak
Star of Autumn Term	Treasure	Macey	Nathan	Olivia	Harry	Rebecca
Star of Distance Learning	Izzy	Catherine	Wassim	Tyler	Harley	Madison
Star of Seneca Learning	Meghan	Eva	Charlotte	Tyler	Bradley	Elliot

Year 10	Mrs Shread	Ms Radvak	Ms Haastrup	Mr Soganile	Mr Hossain	Mrs Allen
Star of Autumn Term	Danny	Nathan and George	Megan	Best	Ayman	Essam
Star of Distance Learning	Ella	Ruby and Matthew	Liam	Grace	Harry	Meenakshi
Star of Seneca Learning	Millie	Adam and Jessica	Gabriel	Jake	Harry	Meenakshi

Year 11	Ms Radvak	Mrs Shread	Mr Soganile	Mr Hossain	Ms Haastrup	Mrs Allen
Star of Autumn Term	Maxim and Magdalena	Reagan	Harry	Libby	Ella	Mia
Star of Distance Learning	Matthew and Rhiannon	Kacey	Leah	Belle	Reece	Jayden
Star of Seneca Learning	Shiv and Dylan	Jake	Megan	Emily	Tyler	Darnell



French



Quel trimestre! Nous voudrions remercier tous nos étudiants de français pour leur effort et leur travail assidu pendant ce premier trimestre pas comme les autres! Madame Nunn, Madame Engleman et Mademoiselle Cassagne vous souhaitent un **Joyeux Noël** ainsi qu'une **Bonne et Heureuse Année 2021!**



What a term! We would like to thank all of our French students for their effort and hard work during this first term, which was not like any others! Mrs Nunn, Mrs Engleman & Miss Cassagne wish you a **Merry Christmas** and a **Very Happy New Year 2021!** Congratulations to all students mentioned below who have put great effort in this term, through in class learning or distance learning:

Year 7	Madame Nunn	Madame Engleman	Mademoiselle Cassagne
Star of Term 1	Shaun	Maia	Macie
Star of Distance Learning	Emmi	Jayden	Nimra

Year 8	Madame Nunn	Madame Engleman	Mademoiselle Cassagne
Star of Term 1	Daniel	Elena	Heidi
Star of Distance Learning	Katie	Ethan	Jess

Year 9	Madame Nunn	Madame Engleman	Mademoiselle Cassagne
Star of Term 1	Macey	Govind	Meghan
Star of Distance Learning	Lewis	Mia	Kaeden

Year 10	Madame Nunn	Madame Engleman	Mademoiselle Cassagne
Star of Term 1	Millie	Davide	David
Star of Distance Learning	Alfie	Liam	Alex

Year 11	Madame Nunn	Madame Engleman	Mademoiselle Cassagne
Star of Term 1	Connor	Syles	N/A
Star of Distance Learning	Frankie	Magdalena	N/A



Humanities

The humanities department would like to wish all of our students and their families a lovely and restful Christmas. We know this has been a challenging term for all and have been so impressed at the hard work and resilience so many of our students have shown, whether that be in class, via online learning or through the homework projects and revision tasks that have been completed. We hope that some of our Year 7 parents enjoyed having a 'lesson' from their children via the homework postcard. We will be rolling this out across the faculty and year groups so look out for your learning postcards coming in the new term! Next term, we will be introducing even more reading opportunities into our lessons; reading and literacy are the key to success at GCSE in Humanities subjects and we would urge all of our students to read not just for learning but for fun. So, if you are still needing a stocking filler or two we have listed a few books below that we think our students might enjoy:

History

1. *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry* by Mildred D Taylor
2. *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part Time Indian* by Sherman Alexie
3. *The Other Side of Truth* by Beverly Naidoo
4. *Caging Skies* by Christine Leuenes
5. *The Giver* by Lois Lowry
6. *The Wall* by Peter Sis (Czechoslovakia in Cold War)
7. *All Quiet on the Western Front* by Enrich Maria Remarque (ww1)
8. *Dispatches* by Micheal Herr (Vietnam)

Geography

1. *See You in the Cosmos* by Jack Cheng
2. *The Alchemist*, by Paulo Coelho.
3. *Paddle to the Ssea* by Holling C. Holling
4. *My Side of the Mountain*, by Jean Craighead George
5. *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind*, by William Kamkwamba

Creative Arts

Even after a term with no Christmas concert, pantomime visit, gallery, theatre or concert trip, as a department we are not disheartened but are looking forward to being able to safely plan events for next year. As a department, we have enjoyed seeing all classes resume safely in order to develop skills and to enjoy the arts.

Please use the Digital Theatre Plus Login (username and login can be found on Google Classroom), to create a theatre visit in your own home. There are over 280 productions available. Please do not share these details as they are licenced to Sanders for our students only.

Do check out Eventbrite for the following events (<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk>):

A Christmas Carol - Free Virtual Performance	7PM	22nd December 2020
Panto Tales	10 AM	19th December 2020

Recommended reading Key Stage 3:

Next term all students in Year 7-9 will be studying Shakespeare. I would recommend the Shakespeare graphic novel which has 6 of his tales, using key language support to help your child enjoy Shakespeare.

- Graphic Shakespeare by Penny Clarke
- The Time Traveller's Guide to British Theatre: The First Four Hundred Years Paperback by Aleks Sierz , Lia Ghilardi
- National Theatre: All About Theatre Paperback – 7 Sept. 2017 by National Theatre

Recommended reading Key Stage 4:

- Revise BTEC Tech Award Performing Arts Revision Guide: (with free online edition) Paperback – 18 Oct. 2018 by Sally Jewers, Heidi McEntee, Paul Webster
- National Theatre: All About Theatre Paperback – 7 Sept. 2017 by National Theatre

On behalf of all of us in the Creative Arts Team we wish you and your families a Merry Christmas. We hope you keep safe over the holidays and enjoy some of the wonderful live concerts and theatre available on television this year.

Enjoy the Christmas break and stay safe.



Technology

Since lockdown began in late March, we have been thrown into uncharted territories and we have had to adapt quickly in ways we could never have imagined. We are really proud of what we have been able to provide for all our students across the different subject areas in technology in such a difficult time and we thank all of you for your feedback and patience over the last few months.

Our provision for home learning evolved rapidly, with teachers adopting more interactive approaches as they developed their remote teaching skills. Using Google Meet and Google Classroom enabled teachers to talk through their lessons which improved student engagement and allowed students to complete their work and message their teachers which made a big difference.



The technology faculty would like to thank everyone for your continued support and we wish you all a happy and healthy Christmas.

Physical Education

As we come to the end of 2020, we would like to celebrate our students and how they have adapted to the current climate. Students have been swift to implement the changing rules and regulations that have been put in place due to COVID and we praise them for this. In KS3 lessons pupils have been participating in netball, football, table tennis and fitness.

We would like to give a special mention to the following students:

Yr 7: Benjamin O and Niamh C

Yr 8: Stanley W and Mia D

Yr 9: Jack G and Reagan T

In GCSE PE, the students have continued to work hard to achieve their full potential. They have been working on improving their exam success when answering 9 mark questions.

We would like to give a special mention to the following students:

Yr 10: Lewis B and Vicky B

Yr 11: Matthew T and Ruby B

Our intention is to restart extra curricular clubs as soon as possible as we understand that the students are missing them immensely. We would like to wish all students and their families a happy and healthy Christmas. We look forward to seeing you all in 2021.



2020/21 Key Dates

You can access and view the parents/carers Sanders' calendar from our website which along with the term dates shows the events over the course of the year. Below are the term dates for the year:

Autumn Term

Friday 18th December last day

Christmas Holidays Monday 21st December 2020 - Monday 4th January 2021

Spring Term

Tuesday 5th January 2021 (all students return)

Spring Half Term Monday 15th February 2021 - Friday 19th February 2021

Thursday 1st April 2021 last day of the term

Easter Holidays Monday 5th April 2021- Friday 16th April 2021

Summer Term

Monday 19th April 2021 (all students return)

Summer half term Monday 31st May 2021 - Friday 4 June 2021

Friday 23rd July 2021 last day of the term

Summer holidays Monday 26th July 2021

Staff Professional Development Days (school closed to students)

Monday 4th January 2021

Monday 22nd February 2021

On behalf of all of the staff at Sanders, we thank you for your ongoing support and for being part of our team as together, we ensure the best future for every child.



To be the best we can be, by being true to our values



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