

The Show Must go On

The Music and Drama Department are standing together to show their support for all the Arts industries who are suffering as a result of Covid 19. Across the country theatres, concert halls, music venues have been closed since the 16th March. This has meant a lot of people within the performing arts world are currently out of work and have no idea when they will return.

Between us the music and drama teaching staff hold 75 years of teaching experience. Over that time, we have all seen stars come and go. Watching our students grow in confidence and create careers in the performing arts or simply a lifelong love for the arts is our passion and is why we teach. It breaks our hearts to see the theatres, concert halls and music venues closed which is why we are showing our support for the Arts industries today.

Here in Bury St Edmunds we have the Theatre Royal. It is the finest example of a Regency theatre in the whole country and has been lovingly restored to its former glory after being used as a barrel store for Greene King over the road. If we don't support the Arts, venues like this will disappear and we don't even want to consider Bury St Edmunds without the Theatre Royal. We will see plays again and we will grace the stage. When you read this, just think of the last time you had a really good belly laugh at a pantomime, or listened to a stirring dramatic monologue or lost yourself completely and utterly in a music performance. What can you do to support the arts?



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Music & Drama Team

Anne-Marie Imafidon: STEMettes

In the last two weeks I have highlighted 4 people of colour that have been influential in the field of computer science who were all American. This week I'd like to celebrate British high-achiever.



Dr Anne-Marie Imafidon MBE is a prodigy in every sense of the word. Aged 11, she was the youngest girl ever to pass A-level computing, and was just 20 years old when she received her Master's Degree in Mathematics and Computer Science from the University of Oxford. Since then, she has forged an enviable CV, including positions at Goldman Sachs, Hewlett-Packard and Deutsche Bank.

She co-founded STEMettes a programme to inspire young women in STEM. Since its inception 7 years ago, it has exposed almost 45,000 young people across Europe to Anne-Marie's vision for a more diverse and balanced science and tech community.

She is inspiring not only because of her academic achievements but because she uses her talents to break down barriers and to encourage and develop others.

Mr Beaumont



Times Tables Rockstars

As a school we have access to the computer program Times Tables Rockstars. This is a great way for students to improve their accuracy and fluency with their times tables. Knowing times tables supports mathematical learning as well as increasing confidence in many areas of Maths and real life.

We are in the process of issuing passwords to students in years 7-10 in their Maths lessons. TT Rockstars can be used any time and can be played on most devices.

During half term, we will be holding a Battle of the Bands. Every time the students play on TT Rockstars between Monday 26th October and Friday 30th October, points will be awarded for correct answers which will contribute to an individual, class and year group score. Results will be announced after half term, and there will be prizes too.

As soon as the passwords are issued, we encourage students to familiarise themselves with the website before the battle begins. If you have any questions please speak to the Maths teachers.

Mrs Eastwood and the Maths Team

Term Dates

Autumn Term— Half Term: Monday 26 October 2020 to Friday 30 October 2020

Ends: Friday 18 December 2020

School Holiday: Monday 21 December 2020 to Friday 1 January 2021

PD Day (s): 2 November 2020

Spring Term -Starts: Monday 4 January 2021

Students Return: Tuesday 5 January 2021

Half Term: Monday 15 February 2021 to Friday 19 February 2021

Ends: Friday 26 March 2021

School Holiday: Monday 29 March 2021 to Friday 9 April 2021 (Includes Bank Holidays)

PD Day(s): 4 January 2021 and 12 February 2021

Summer Term- Starts: Monday 12 April 2021

Half Term: Monday 31 May 2021 (May Bank Holiday) to Friday 4 June 2021

Ends: Tuesday 20 July 2021

From Exams Office

This week the government made an announcement about next year's summer exams. Here is an extract of the most important bits:

Most exams will take place three weeks later than usual. The summer exam series will start on 7 June and end on 2 July for almost all A-levels and GCSEs.

However, one GCSE English and one GCSE maths paper will be scheduled before the summer half term, to give students affected by Covid the best chance of being able to sit at least one paper in these two qualifications. Some exams for AS and A-level qualifications which typically have low entry numbers will be scheduled before the half term break too.

The Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) will shortly be consulting on a provisional version of the new exam timetable for summer 2021. There will also be adjustments to the timetable for Vocational and Technical Qualifications.

Results days will be a little later than usual - on Tuesday 24 August for A-levels, and Friday 27 August for GCSEs.

The full press release can be found on the government website: www.gov.uk/government/news/students-to-be-given-more-time-to-prepare-for-2021-exams