

KS3 Rutlish Weekly



Ms Botha-Smith, Associate Headteacher KS3

It is hard to believe it is the last newsletter for the academic year. What a year it has been! On Tuesday all the KS 3 students had the opportunity to attend tutor time via MS Teams, which the tutors and boys really enjoyed. On Wednesday they attended a curriculum lesson with one of their subject teachers and the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. Many thanks for all your support in trialing these sessions.

This week we will give the opportunity to our **KS3 tutors** to share their experiences during lock down, in particular what they have learnt during the last few months. They will also share their good wishes with the boys in their tutor groups.

Our **tutors** are invaluable! They are the people who are the first port of call for your sons in the mornings, the people they go to when they need help as well as the people they celebrate their successes with.

From me personally, an ENORMOUS thank you to all our amazing **KS3 tutors**.

To all the Year 7, 8 and 9 families, thank you ever so much for your support over the last few months. It is a privilege to be part of the Rutlish community.

Have a wonderful, fun filled, but also restful Summer and see you in September.

Kind regards,

Mrs Botha-Smith

Year 8

What a year. You've made me so proud. You've taken all this in your stride and it has been far from easy. I've just logged off from Teams after such a wonderful half an hour dipping in and out of the tutor group registrations, it was so lovely to virtually hear and see you. September is going to feel, look and be very different; it'll be a challenge. I want you to prepare for that in your minds, how will you begin to think about a return to 'normal', what will your summer routine look like to prepare you for that. If you have work online or on paper, keep it safe and in folders to support your learning on return. Some of you will be happy, some anxious, some nervous and some excited and that is really OK. I will be on email so if you have any concerns write on Fronter or ask parents to email me. We will support each other through this very unusual transition. Thank you for your work this year, your energy, you fun and your maturity in dealing with such an unprecedented time. May I take this time to thank all of your tutors but especially Mr Benskin and Mr Adcock who leave Rutlish this summer. And something you may not know but Mr Holt is going to be Co-Head of Year of the new Year 7s so will be leaving our team. Having worked with Mr Holt for 5 years as my deputy I can safely say, he's been amazing and we will all miss him – thank you Mr Holt. As always, keep yourselves safe, enjoy the summer, rest up and be ready for a new and exciting challenge that lies ahead in September. Take Care Year 8 and Thank You.



Ms Pearce

Year 7

This week the 'blog' is over to perhaps the most important people in the school to you – your tutors.

When we think of last year you were so excited yet had a mix of nervousness too – it was your tutors who have guided you along the year; often in the background. They have had the pleasure to see your smiling faces almost every morning – from September to March. Mr Ross and I sincerely regard the Year 7 team as #dreamteam!

In our Celebration of Achievement assembly, we would be saying a fond farewell and thank you to the awesome, Mr Tanna – not only TV tutor, though a DT teacher for many of you.

Mr Tanna is certainly unique – for the last number of years, the students at Rutlish have thrived through Mr Tanna's exceptionally high standards and have loved 'Tanna Time'. Mr Tanna will certainly be missed not only by students, their parents as well as his colleagues – indeed our year team. I have so many favourite memories of Mr Tanna, however, one recent one at our first TEAMS meeting, he forgot to mute himself and had Kylie Minogue on in the background (I think singing?).

Don't forget to log onto Teams for a Year 7 Assembly on Friday 17th July!

Keep safe and smiling

Mrs Edwards & Mr Ross

Year 9

In the last message of the year I'd like to highlight the importance of your tutors. They have been the outstanding ones that have been welcoming you into school and giving you a positive start every single day from the beginning of Year 7. Personally, I want to thank them all for their dedication and hard work over the last year, particularly during the school closure. I know you also share my thanks, as I know how much it has meant to you and your families to hear from them over the last few months.

Unfortunately, we will be saying goodbye to the amazing Ms Moncrieffe, tutor of 9R, who has been a wonderful part of the Year 9 team. She is moving on to another school with a new challenge. We wish her all the best next year and ahead and we will miss her here at Rutlish!

We also say goodbye to our Deputy Head of Year Miss Casey-McMahon. She has now moved on to become Co-Head of Year of the new Year 7s and will have a hugely positive impact on those boys joining us for the first time in September. She has worked so hard with you and your families in Year 8 and 9. I have made sure that she will come and say goodbye to the year group properly in September! You will still see her around school and some of you will be lucky enough to be taught by her in Year 10.

From me, have a wonderful summer holidays. Get some rest and relaxation but come back ready to hit the ground running in September and I look forward to seeing you then.



Mr Price

Modeste, Strenue, Sancte

Over to you....Year 7 Tutors



We have asked tutors to share with you:

- What they have learnt most during lockdown
- Their favourite memories of lockdown
- Good wishes for the future

7A-Ms Dawkins

"The human spirit is indomitable and you can adapt to any circumstance!"

"Becoming an auntie to the cutest baby boy".

Stay safe and enjoy the holiday! I'm looking forward to seeing you all in September!"

7C-Ms Akinwale

I have learnt to be grateful for what I have and also to appreciate what's around where I live. I often travel during my holidays but I was able to go on walks around my area and find some beautiful places that I didn't even know existed!

Some of my favourite memories include reading some great novels and spending some quality time with my family!

7K-Ms Arthur

During lockdown, I have had to learn how to be patient, and enjoy the 'small moments' more. I always like to be on the go and keeping busy with different things, so initially I found it very restricting to be stuck inside, only allowed out for one hour a day. However, as the weeks passed, I slowed down a bit and began to appreciate the things around me more. I have spent much more time with my family, and appreciate walks with my dog on the common enjoying the fresh air. I am going to try and keep working on my patience, as it has helped me take a more positive outlook on life.

I have many positive memories of lockdown, but one of my favourites has been competing in a virtual quiz tournament against Miss Minier and Mme Escande! I will leave it to you to guess who won.....

Wishing you a happy, restful and safe summer holiday, and cannot wait to see you all again in the classroom in September!

7P-Mr Ahmed

Life is a test of your character - no matter what life throws at you, you just keep on moving. Patience, perseverance and being good to others are some of the things that can help you to succeed in life.

The sheer number of messages from pupils all the way from Year 7 to 11, on how they can do things better at home during this difficult period was simply amazing.

Success isn't always about 'Greatness', it's about consistency. Consistent, hard work gains success. Greatness will come... Success isn't overnight. It's when every day you get a little better than the day before. It all adds up.

I wish you all a great summer break and hopefully we can all be back in September!

7R-Mrs Nixon

During lockdown I have learned that I'm not great at making bread, but I am excellent at biscuits. I also know how important it is to call people regularly – especially those who live alone, like my mum – as it's a real connection for them to the outside world.

I have enjoyed spending so much time with my husband as we usually don't get to see each other very much with our busy work schedules and his working weekends.

Another aspect that I've loved is keeping up with friends through quiz evenings. I am part of a Physics teacher pub quiz team and we have been writing some really interesting (and challenging) rounds.

I hope that you all have lovely holidays, whatever you're doing, and that you are refreshed and ready to learn again in September. I look forward to seeing you all again as I've missed you!

7S-Ms Cuff-Davis

What I have learnt most during lockdown? - Resilience being involved with the local community ensuring everyone is working together and volunteering to hand out PPE. Working together and enjoying the balance of online learning and time with the family and communicating with friends online. Learning to skateboard again realising my mindset was to be a champion reality starting on the smaller slopes first once again.

Positive / Favourite memories of lockdown? - Being mistaken for a Doctor while delivering PPE equipment as dressed in white and had the staff badge which is similar to the NHS-Having a special police escort to my Grandmother of 98 VE day.

This is a whole new and exciting opportunity for you as summer holiday's approach and we are ending as a Year 7 Spartans tutor group. We still cannot believe that you will be starting Year 8 in September. Good luck out there and please keep in touch with your friends.

7T-Ms Anstey

One thing I have learnt from lockdown has been to appreciate spending more time outdoors in the many parks that we have nearby.

My favourite memories from lockdown have been learning to bake and spending time with my friends and family outside.

Wishing you all health and happiness over the summer holidays and I am looking forward to seeing all of you when we go back to school in September.

7V-Mr Tanna

Many of us have been relying on technology to teach, to learn or to stay in touch with people during the pandemic. But, while I'm grateful that I can teach my students with frontier and keep up with friends with WhatsApp, these aren't really the same as seeing people in-person!!

Doing PE with Joe lifted my spirits and made me much fitter even though on some days I felt like he was trying to kill me!!!

Over to you...Year 8 Tutors



8A – Mr Perovic

Thanks for being true to yourself.

This summer you could think of establishing your own measures of success next year. Do this early on, and never look back.

Best wishes and stay safe.

8C – Ms Jones

I have been so impressed by your response to the huge changes in your school and daily lives this year. You have shown great strength of character in getting on with your studies, staying fit and well, and finding ways to occupy yourselves. I know that lots of you have been really helpful at home, too, showing how caring and considerate you are. Those of you coming in to school have been so smartly dressed and beautifully behaved that you have really impressed all the staff who have got to know you. I am looking forward to catching up with you all in September for a really positive start to Year 9. Have a great summer holiday – remember every day to have some fun, get some exercise, help someone else, and do some reading.

8K – Ms Hibbert

I would like to thank you for a great year. You have been such a welcoming, kind and entertaining bunch. I am most proud of the hard work and tenacity you have each demonstrated during this difficult time and I am really looking forward to seeing you all again in September. Have a fantastic summer!

Take care.

8P - Miss Minier

What a challenging Summer term this will have been for everybody! I am delighted that you are all ok and it was lovely to hear from you and have some news. I know it will have been tricky to keep up with the work, and I am delighted to have seen so many contributions from 8P.

I hope you have learnt new skills during lockdown, I certainly have improved my baking and have enjoyed cooking new dishes.

You have matured and grown this year and I am looking forward to seeing you probably even taller and even more mature in September!

Enjoy the summer holidays and keep looking after yourselves and your loved ones!

See you very soon,

8R – Ms Guliyeva

It has been a very strange academic year, starting as normal school life we were used to. Some working hard, some not. Then Covid happened, and it was the end of 'normal' schooling. Since then we are still adjusting to new

ways of carrying on. Be it in our everyday life, or schooling, we are adjusting to this 'new normal'. I understand it is not easy, but believe me, it is not easy for any of us.

Be proud of everything you managed to accomplish during the lockdown, however small or big. I hope to return to our old 'normal' soon. I am looking forward to September and hoping to see you again.

Have a lovely summer.

8S – Mr Adcock

It has been my pleasure to be your tutor for the past 2 years. You have been a credit to yourselves and your families. Regardless of whether you were a loud one, a quiet one, a sporty one or an odd one you will be remembered with great fondness. Your respect for the school and each other has meant you have made my life very easy as a tutor. Your enthusiasm for school has been tangible, and your commitment to learning has been first rate. I wish you all the best for your future studies and the rest of your Rutlish career. I am off to Wembley so if you are every off to an England game be sure to look me up!

8T – Mr Northwood

Well done to the large majority who have been handing in good quality work. Thank you for keeping me entertained in the 8T discussion room, you have been outstandingly polite with sensible questions. Enjoy the summer. Read a book. Be organised for September. That is all.

8V – Mr Benskin

Despite the fact I was your form tutor for a very short period of time, I thoroughly enjoyed getting to know all of you and I know how much you enjoyed the tutor time activities that we did together. I know that recent times have presented many challenges but they have also presented many opportunities. I have been thrilled to hear that you all have been working so hard on your remote learning work and some of you have gone above and beyond the typical skills taught at school! Please do keep this up.

You have all been a real credit to the school and to the whole of Year 8. I am proud of how you all conduct yourselves and how you encapsulate the Viking spirit. I am sure you will all continue to flourish through determination, endeavour and hard-work. I wish you all the best of luck with the rest of your time at Rutlish and whatever the future may bring for you.

Adieu!

Over to you....Year 9 Tutors



9A-Ms Winrow

Hello Argonauts! I hope you are all well, and keeping safe during this uncertain time. Looking back on the past year, I am so proud of all you have achieved whether that is excelling on Enterprise Day (where most of you made it into the Rutlish final!) or getting involved in our various charity and House competitions. Even during lockdown, I have been so impressed to see the dedication and resilience you have demonstrated when completing your remote learning tasks which will pay off when you start your GCSE's in September. I have certainly missed seeing you all every morning and I look forward to welcoming you all back into Year 10 in September! Make sure you have a fantastic summer and stay safe! Best wishes,

9C-Ms Khan

Hello 9C, I hope you are all doing well. Well done for staying motivated and keeping up the work at home! Make sure you continue all of the positive new things that you have been doing since the school closure and enjoy the summer holidays. Looking forward to seeing you all again in September.

9K-Ms Mates

Hi Kelts! It was so lovely to speak to so many of you on Teams, I hope you are all keeping well and have adjusted to our new and peculiar way of life. As we look toward the end of term please make sure you relax and enjoy your summer break as much as you can! We have had a tough few months and you've all done so amazingly well! I look forward to welcoming you back in September for the start of year 10. Take care, Kelts.

9P-Ms Bowden

Hello to all my Parthians! I hope you are all safe and keeping healthy. I have been very impressed with how many of you have been coping in these situations and how you've adapted to a more independent style of learning. Though this time has been difficult, the positive is that you will be better prepared for your GCSE's in September and understand your own learning styles a little better. I have enjoyed speaking to some of you on the phone and hearing about your lockdown activities. I look forward to catching up with the rest of you this week and hearing about what you have been up to. I have missed each of you whilst the school has been closed and very much look forward to seeing you all in September.

9R-Ms Moncrieff

Hello gents, I know it's been a difficult and unusual time these past few months, but I hope you can find the positives and use them to change your life for the better. I have really enjoyed being your

tutor for the last two years and I wish you and your families all the very best. It was great to see those of you who were on Teams yesterday to be able to say goodbye. I will be keeping in touch with staff here at Rutlish and hope to hear about all of your successes as you move into Key Stage 4!

9S-Mr. Neesham

Hello Spartans, I want to say a huge well done to you all; Year 9 is a pretty big year and you have dealt with it so well. Times like these are always where we find out what kind of stuff it is we're made of; it's important to learn how we deal with the individual challenges we face and how we can best support each other. I am proud of you! I hope you find ways to enjoy your summer and socialise as much as you are able. Until we meet in September, my advice to you is the same as it always has been: be nice, try your best and you cannot go far wrong. All the best.

9T-Ms Fahy

Hi Team Trojans! I hope you are all well during these uncertain times. I think we can all agree it has been a different way of learning and hard to get used to, but I've heard from many teachers and seen examples of just how much work you have all been completing at home on Fronter so well done! Remember the more you do now in preparation for next year, the easier your GCSEs and transition into Key Stage 4 will be. I hope you all have a lovely summer and come back in September refreshed and ready to absolutely smash Year 10 academically. Even though I would never admit that I miss you guys, I look forward to seeing you and hearing your stories of the highs and lows of the weirdest few months ever! Stay safe and see you in September.

9V-Mr Brogan

Hello Vikings! Hope you are all well amidst these uncertain times. I've heard from many teachers and seen examples of just how much work you have all been completing at home on Fronter so well done! Remember the more you do now, the easier your GCSEs and transition into Key Stage 4 will be. I look forward to seeing you then, maybe I have even missed you all a tiny, miniscule amount.....but I remind you all that I still remain undefeated at 100 metres, without sports day this year, so get training over summer! Stay safe and see you in September!

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Message from the LRC:



Many of you will have books borrowed from the LRC which due to the current situation, you are unable to return. We would like you boys to hang on to the books over the summer holidays, maybe read them again and see if there is something new in the book that you may not have read the first time round. Hopefully you enjoyed reading the book and once you have finished with it, make sure that you put it into your school bag ready to be returned to the LRC next term. Please be assured that we will quarantine all books returned to ensure all are safe to use in the future.

All return dates for books will be extended until the Autumn term and you will not receive any late notifications from the LRC.

Mrs Higginson

Student Shoutout

Saleh Faiz

I made German Potato Dumplings. We all loved them! Thanks for the idea



Maths Challenge

Congratulations to all those Year 7 and 8s who took part in the Maths Challenge last week. Certificates have been awarded to the following boys:

Year 7

Sean Strong	Gold
Saleh Faiz	Silver
Arnav Agrawal	Bronze
Efe Yaltirik	Bronze
Marnix Dagnin	Bronze
Spencer Grine	Bronze

Year 8

Jeongwoo Song	Gold
Adam Eljouzi	Gold
Danial Murtaza	Silver
Sameer Kaushal	Bronze
Angus Thorne	Bronze

Ms Eastaugh

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Quote of the week

“One child, one teacher, one book, one pen can change the world.”

Malala Yousafzai



G&T (open to all!)

I've really enjoyed creating these G&T sections in the newsletter – I've been able to research and find out new information from dinosaurs named after Hogwarts to frozen sharks in the name of art. I hope you've all picked something up from this too and have felt inspired to be a bit curious about the world around you. This final week will focus on consciousness and the brain. Studies suggest that a human brain can hold about as much information as the entire internet did in the year 2007 – and perhaps it's just as jumbled up, considering how easy it is to forget something that literally just happened! As processing machines, humans are bombarded with approximately 2 million bits of data per second from our senses, so our subconscious needs to filter and process this, as our conscious mind would be completely overwhelmed. In fact our subconscious mind works better left alone in the background, even while sleeping. This is why good ideas and solutions often occur to us while doing something unrelated like watching TV, exercising, taking a walk or travelling. Next time you're struggling with something, try leaving it a while and coming back to it – your subconscious may have done some of the tricky processing for you without you even realising! I will leave you with the “hard problem” of consciousness and neuroscience, as there's no need for me to give the answer next week – there isn't one yet!

How and why do we experience states that are subjective – that feel different to each of us? If I experience something as cold, but another person doesn't, which is us is “correct”? A traffic light emits electromagnetic waves in the 760-nm range (we can measure this), but it tells us absolutely nothing about the “redness” of the red light it is giving off, which could appear different to each person who sees it. So how do we define conscious experience?

Answers to last week

I wonder how many of you tried the maths challenge from last week, which was this:

Pick any number. If that number is even, divide it by 2. If it's odd, multiply it by 3 and add 1. Now repeat the process with your new number. If you keep going, you'll eventually end up at 1. Every time.

Sean Strong in 7C did – in fact he even wrote his own code in Python to test it! First he tested numbers up to 100, and found that the maximum steps to get back to one were 118 for the number 97. Then he tested it to a MILLION! There were 524 steps to get back to one for the number 837,799. This is incredible stuff, well done Sean!

Mr. Gibson, G&T Coordinator

Shop online and raise money for school:

Easyfundraising

Every time you shop online (1,000 of online retailers including Amazon, John Lewis, SportsDirect) the school gets some money - go to easyfundraising.org.uk and choose Rutlish School as the cause you want to support.

Rutlish School Lottery

You only need to spend £1 a week! Stop whenever you want, you have control of your account. The more supporters that sign up the more money is raised for our boys so please sign up here:

<http://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/rutlish-school>

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Student shoutout.

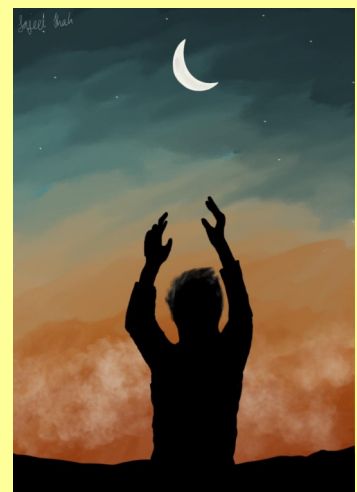
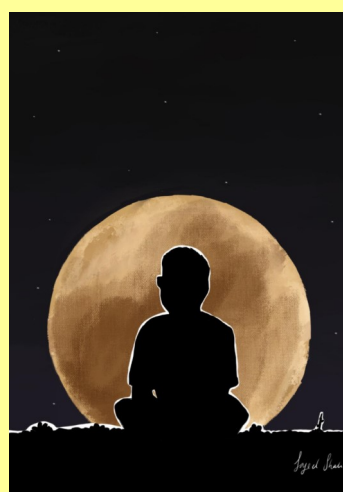
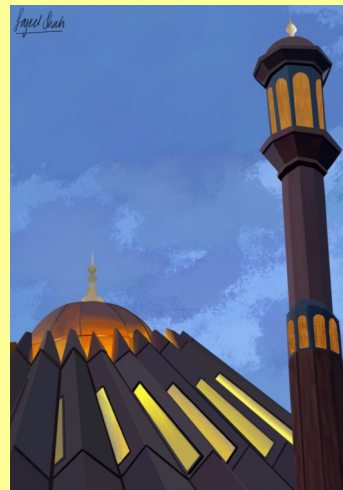
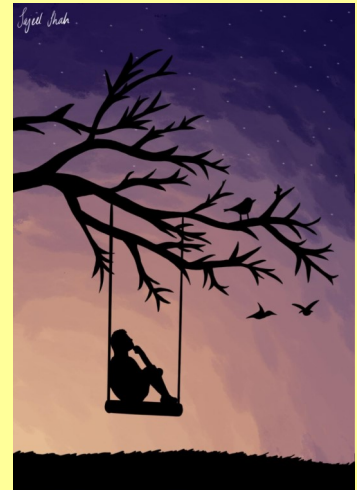
Sajeel Shah

My Digital Art

A part of the '20 photographs' project

I started digital art on the 2nd of March 2020, and painted occasionally; I then posted those pictures on my Instagram page. Then, on the 12th April, I decided to convert my personal instagram page into an iPad art one. From then, I have posted regularly and I take it as a hobby, something for me to relax during this difficult time. I now focus on the theme of Mosques, however before I focused on sunsets, nature, silhouettes and animals. I also post time-lapses on most of my posts.

I take references from online, I put it in the corner of my page and start off with a rough sketch. Once the rough sketch is done, I turn down the opacity and start outlining the sketch. I then paint the insides of the outline. Once I am finished, I would usually paint the sky using a 'leatherwood brush' to give the idea of clouds and to give it a bit of contrast, as compared to the repetitive style that I would usually use on the main part of the painting.



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Student shoutout

Sajeel Shah

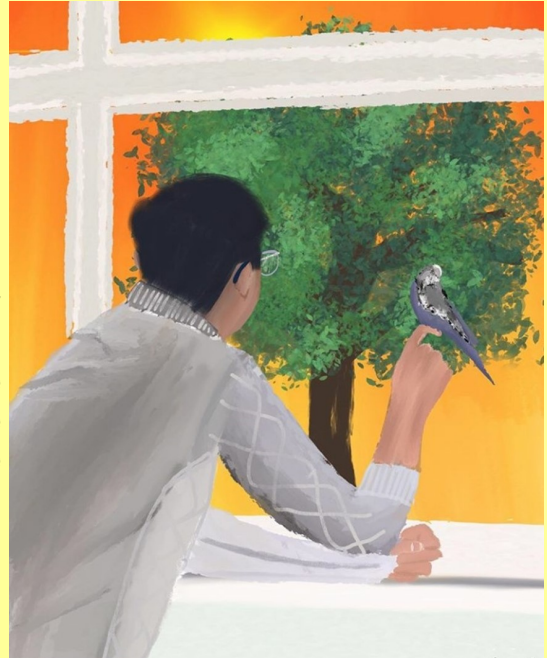
This is a painting of me and my budgie (who flew away recently) looking out a window at a tree. I find this really meaningful because it always wanted to be free and with the birds in that tree. I wrote a quote in the caption of this painting that said:

'What if I fall?

Oh but what if you fly'

I felt it really linked with the picture.

The process of this was that I first drew myself in pencil, then I turned down the opacity. Once I did that I started to paint my fleece with a leatherwood brush and then the details of it using a technical pen. Once that was done, I painted my budgie roughly using a leatherwood brush, then finely erased the edges to make it more smooth. I then slightly smudged the feathers to give a ruffled look. Then I painted the sunset



Student shoutout

Arnav has made this guitar from recycled materials.

Well done!



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