

KS3 Rutlish Weekly

Message from Ms Botha-Smith, Associate Headteacher KS3

I hope you had a restful Easter holiday. We are now entering the next phase of lockdown and home-learning. Many thanks for the feedback we have received regarding the work set for your sons. We are taking your suggestions and board and are in the process of looking at a variety of ways to improve Fronter for home-learning. As stated before, we are not in a position to offer online/live lessons due to safeguarding, but we will look into practical ways of simplifying and structuring the learning for your son better.

We are aiming to:

- Make it easier for your son to navigate his way through online tasks on Fronter
- Structure the lessons / tasks in a meaningful way with clear instructions
- Set clear deadlines for tasks to be completed
- Provide your son with the appropriate resources to support him in completing the tasks
- Enable your son to work independently without full-time input from you as a parent
- Set tasks that can be submitted for online marking

Please contact me directly with any suggestions on how we can improve our home learning. Any positive comments are also welcome. jolande.botha-smith@rutlish.merton.sch.uk



Year 7

Hello Year 7 :) Happy Summer Term! We really hope you have spent some time over the Easter Holidays having fun and enjoying some family quality time (quizzes/making/creating 'fun learning'). How did you make the most of the glorious sunshine? (something in Belfast I'm not too used to for a sustained length of time) How have you been making the most of being outside for 1 hour each day?

As mentioned one of my challenges was to learn Sign Language which was so much fun as well as being educational. Indeed, you can challenge me when we are back again properly. Not a challenge as such but I really enjoyed watching lots of comedy over the holidays – Michael Macintyre and Kevin Bridges being two of my favourites who really do make me laugh out loud.

Mr Ross has taken part in lots of quizzes so handy to know for a future staff quiz to have on the team. As a year team, we are really interested to hear of what you have been up to – answers on a postcard (can be literally) so look out for more information in the year 7 Fronter room.

It was wonderful to see yesterday some examples of year 7 creations that appear in Rutlish bake off. In addition to see an example of 'Easter celebration' Thomas Passetti 7P



Ms Edwards & Mr Ross

Year 8

I trust you all had a happy and healthy break. Staff will begin to upload more work over the next week.

Even if you feel it isn't checked, staff are keeping a close eye on this. The work needs to be completed, kept in a little folder at home if needed and done to the best of your ability. It may also be the case that your tutors and I are logging on as you from time to time to check!

Think outside the box - can you watch some YouTube videos to assist your learning? Listen to a podcast or take virtual tours of things online. It is important you keep up with your work so that you don't fall behind, everyone is in the same position.

Work hard, stay safe. Feel free to email me any examples of work you've done.

Take care.
Ms Pearce & Mr Holt



Year 9

Hello Year 9,

We hope you are all doing well and staying healthy. The school has already sent a message to your parents with the exam information in detail, and your department teachers will be posting the exams soon. From us though, good luck! Don't forget that there are lots of resources on Fronter for revision for each subject and other learning platforms like 'GCSE Pod' and 'MyMaths' too.

Hope you all had a nice break and managed to have some quality time with your families. Remember to maintain a healthy balance between focusing on your school work and your physical and mental well-being. We look forward to seeing and hearing about your hard work and excellent performance in the upcoming exams!

Mr Price and Miss Casey



Wellbeing

To support you and your wellbeing during this time, a Wellbeing area has been created on Fronter with lots of resources to support you and your mental and physical health.

Wellbeing Wednesday top tip:

Routines

Humans like structure. It's how we understand our world and navigate our lives within it. For many of us structure has been taken away, it is unsettling and can make us irritable, anxious, unkind to ourselves or others, or frightened.

Create structure where there is none—each night, write three things you are going to do the next day, no matter how small, and do them.



Finding the good around the world:

The fight is not over but to date, more than 600,000 people have recovered from COVID-19

In Vietnam, 'Rice ATMs' have been provided for those who are out of work due to COVID-19

Modeste, Strenue, Sancte

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Quote of the week: Precept Challenge

“The greater the challenge, the greater the reward”

Harry (Y9)

English

A new half term means a new unit of work! Both year 7 and 8 are studying plays from our most famous playwright, Mr William Shakespeare. How many of his plays can you name? Take this opportunity to watch plays/films by Shakespeare that are widely available online or on the TV. Year 9 will be completing their exam so lots of reading of newspapers/magazines will be of great benefit. If you've lost your Fronter login details, please contact the department and we can reissue your details.

English Department

MFL Challenge

Find out the French, Spanish or German words for the items you use every day at the dinner table (bowl, cup, plate, knife, fork, salt, pepper etc)... try to teach the rest of your family by referring to these items only in French, German or Spanish until the end of lock down. Good luck!

Stay healthy!

Ms Holloway, Head of MFL

#OnlineSafetyAtHome

Staying safe whilst working remotely is essential at this time. Please make sure you're aware of:

- What we are asking your sons to do online and what sites they'll be using
- Who from Rutlish, will be interacting with your sons online, if anyone
- The importance of using reputable organisations or individuals if parent/carers are getting additional support for their children (e.g. through online companies or tutors). They should be able to provide evidence of being safe to work with children
- Resources that can help keep your children safe online, like Thinkuknow, the UK Safer Internet Centre, London Grid for Learning, Net Aware, Internet Matters and Parent Info.

G&T (open to all!)

Years 7, 8 and 9 Gifted and Talented students, I hope you are doing well at home and learning independently. Now would be a good time to follow an interest of yours and research it, something outside of the normal curriculum that you might not encounter in lessons. After year 9's successful foray in to dystopian and apocalyptic literature, myself and your Deputy Heads of Year are expecting you to become experts in another esoteric subject!

In the meantime, keep your minds sharp. Can you solve these brain teasers?

1. Complete the sequence... A, Z, B, Y, C, X, D, W, E... Q / H / V / F
2. A farmer has five haystacks in one field and four haystacks in another. How many haystacks would he have if he combined them all in one field?
3. How can you drop a raw egg onto a concrete floor without cracking it?

Mr Gibson, G&T Coordinator

Drama Extravaganza

All KS3 students with extracts from our class plays should continue to learn their lines at home. The best performances will be part of the DRAMA EXTRAVAGANZA, where you will showcase your hard work to family and friends (you will hear more about this when school returns to normal). In the meantime – why not take on the role of 'Director' and encourage family members to improvise the additional roles? This is a great way to pass the time indoors and remember your lines! It could also be a creative and fun activity for all the family! Don't forget to add costumes and sound effects to create that special atmosphere! You could even record your theatrical masterpiece and watch it with the rest of the family! Enjoy!

Ms Dawkins, Head of Drama

Bugsy Malone

KS3 Drama experts! I hope you are keeping safe and well! Please find below a link to the full movie and songs for those of you who form part of the cast. Please note that we be showcasing your work as part of the school production to parents, at an appropriate time to be confirmed. Please continue to learn your lines at home as well as the songs associated with your role.
[Bugsy Malone Movie](#) and [Bugsy Malone Songs](#)

Fat Sam's gang and Dandy Dan's gang should all learn the song lyrics to 'You give a little love' as well as 'Fat Sam's Grand Slam'.

Here's a website for additional resources for support your understanding of the play. If you are a lead character and you have misplaced your extract, please check here <https://idoc.pub/download/bugsy-malone-script-extracts-2nv86q26j0lk>



Bake-Off Champions!

Luke (7R) baked an impressive no egg and no butter chocolate cake. Yummy!



Callum (7V) made this Neat-and-tidy Eton Mess with stem ginger whipped cream and raspberries - wow!



Modeste, Strenue, Sancte