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EBS STAYING STRONG

It has been another surreal half term. The usual summer time activities have not taken place; there will be no summer concert, no cricket, rounders and tennis school matches, there will be no school BBQ or year 7 trip to Cornwall. But we have learned to adapt. Our wonderful students have become resilient, independent and resourceful. Our teachers have changed the way they teach, and have been working hard to provide the best education with the resources we have, despite juggling their own family circumstances. We have had our challenges but we will continue to grow and develop to ensure we get it right for the coming half term. It has become clear now that our students in year 7,8,9,11 and 13 will not return to school this academic year. It is sad to know we will not see them again face to face but we will still work as hard as we can to provide for and be in contact with them. We have spent the week writing risk assessments, planning for site changes and coordinating new routines for some sort of return for our year 10 and 12 students. It is imperative that safety is our number one priority and as such we are not ready to open the school yet. This is all subject to change depending on the infection (R) rate, guidance from government and the availability of staff. With this in mind, I will write to you after the half term break with more detailed plans. For now, please enjoy the bank holiday and the week off. Teachers will not be setting any work; as a community we all need a break, to rest, relax, create art, read, have fun and exercise.

Keep safe.

L.Swaine, Headteacher



Hay Festival Digital

Join our first online festival



THE HAY LITERARY FESTIVAL IS ONLINE!

The Hay Literary festival has gone online this year! This famous festival has many interesting authors speaking for free online and it is very easy to sign up to listen. Amongst those talking are Jessie Burton, Jon Soper, Sandi Toksvig, Maggie O'Farrell, David Crystal and many more.

There is also an opportunity to send in any questions you might have prior to each live talk.

There is sure to be something for every literary taste.

It is running from 22nd May until 31st May.

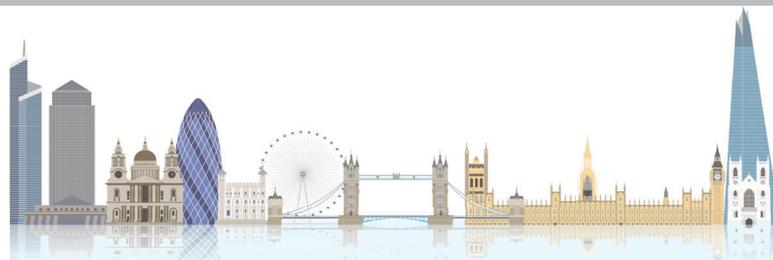


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The Children's Festival started on the 18th May and includes 4 authors every day. These can be replayed on the Hay Player if you miss the talk. There is a great selection of authors including Cressida Cowell, Patrice Lawrence, Konnie Huq and Liz Pichon who has written the extremely popular Tom Gates books.

<https://www.hayfestival.com/c-247-programme-for-schools.aspx?resetfilters=true&localesetting=en-GB>

***Please remember to keep up your reading and be sure to log on to our Ebook and Audiobook platform which is available through the Library Skooler App.**



Freddie Lamb in Year 9 produced this poignant description of London.

London in lockdown

In the barren day of London in lock down, beaming gleaming lights shine in my eyes from towering buildings and the occasional car glides past me. In the grimy streets of London pubs, barbers and gyms sit there isolated and secluded. The streets are no longer filled with 1000s of people barging one another trying to get to work, now the streets are desolate and remote. The sounds of singing birds chipping harmoniously. The walking, emotionless zombies amble lifeless. Foxes creep and trot across the road to pillage scraps from bins. Looking at the silver lining of the situation, the dense grubby fog begins to clear up.

London in lockdown, the gleam from the streetlamps or the flickering light from a cab. The alleys and street corners and shop entrances where darkness appears. Night makes a weird sound of its own stillness. There are buildings, monuments and statues that, at a distance, are absent of people.

The footpaths had a smooth bleak stone, shops with a prolonged procession of people waiting impatiently to do their shopping. Masked people standing 2 meters apart preventing the spread. Markings stuck to the grimy shop floor to remind us to social distance. Every Thursday, 8:PM, a unison of clapping is heard throughout London.

Year 6 students and families

If you have a child joining us in September, please look on our website for some updates. There are a couple of letters from Mrs Foley to both parents and children.





UK Chess Challenge 2020 – Online !

For the first time, the UK Chess Challenge will be being held online. If you were hoping to compete in the regional Megafinals this year, you still can.

The events take place on lichess.org . All participants will have access to full training on how to use the platform and all the safety features (though most will be able to just "pick up and play" as it is very easy to use).

As the competition is being held online, there are additional features this year such as access to the video library – "How to learn and play chess online" – and access to the live stream with daily tournament commentary and lessons.

Full details and entry form now available on the website:

<https://www.delanceyukschoolschesschallenge.com/online-megafinals-2020/>



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YEAR 11 CAREER INTERVIEWS FOR POST 16 PROVISION AND CHOICES

We have previously contacted the parents and carers of all year 11 students who, due to the lockdown had not received their careers interview for their post 16 transition provision.

If you are a parent/carer of a student or indeed a student who requires an interview regarding study or career choices after year 11, please email Mr Drugan directly.

cdrugan@eastbarnetschool.com

Yr 7 Cornwall Trip Update-

Sadly the Cornwall trip due to take place this July is cancelled. We believe this is the safest option.

A claim has been raised with the schools' insurers for money lost due to the cancellation of the trip.

Once we have received reimbursement from our insurers we will be in a position to refund parents.

We will be contacting parents to advise them when we have refunded their ParentPay accounts.

