

Headlines

Spring Term
5th March 2021

"The spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of pupils is excellent."

ISI inspection report



Letter from the Headmaster

Dear Parents

Thank you for connecting so well during our virtual parent consultations this week. I hope we made the most of it and I really appreciate the amount of warm and positive feedback you provided. I could see all of our Tutors were really buoyed up by your comments.

Yesterday you should have received a letter from me outlining our approach to getting all the boys back safely next week. Forgive the repetition, and read on to page 2 if you have absorbed all this information already, but here are some key reminders of actions **for parents**, including your start date and timings for the day:

- Parents to please wear masks at drop off/pick up as you enter the school grounds.
- Boys can now bring in bags and take text and reading books home.
- School bus service is back on.
- School meals catering is back on.
- Musical tuition is back on.
- After school clubs on from week of 15th March, normally finishing at around 5.00pm.
- Some homework will be given from the week beginning 15th March.

- Year 7 & 8 boys offered 3 x Covid lateral flow tests in the first two weeks at School.
- Year 7 & 8 to wear masks in corridors and, until Easter review, in classrooms please.
- All parents are able to receive home Covid testing kits from the Government for their own use: please order them and use them.
- Boys to wear sports kit to school (including full tracksuit) on days when they have Games/PE. Boys to bring an additional pair of clean shoes/trainers to school on these days. No uniform to be brought in.
- We will not be planning any large events or gatherings yet.

Please see yesterday's letter for full details.

See you next week

John Towers
Headmaster

Return to School:

Years 7 & 8 - Monday 8th March
Years 5 & 6 - Tuesday 9th March
Years 2, 3 & 4 - Wednesday 10th March
Pre Prep & Year 1 - Thursday 11th March

Arrival Times	Dismissal Times
Year 8 – 8.20am	Pre Prep – 3.45pm
Year 7 – 8.20am	Year 1 – 3.45pm
Year 5 – 8.25am	Year 2 – 3.50pm
Year 6 – 8.25am	Year 3 – 3.55pm
Year 3 – 8.30am	Year 4 – 3.55pm
Year 4 – 8.30am	Year 5 – 4.00pm
Year 1 – 8.35am	Year 6 – 4.00pm
Year 2 – 8.35am	Year 7 – 4.05pm
Pre Prep – 8.40am	Year 8 – 4.05pm

Pre-Prep

We are so close to returning to school boys, and we cannot wait to welcome you all back again. School has really not been the same without you all. Those at home; we are so impressed at how well you have coped with online learning and live lessons and you have kept your enthusiasm each and every week. To the keyworker boys who have been in school, you have been so resilient and also coped so well with a slightly different approach to everyday school life. You all brighten our days whenever we teach you and your work has amazed us! Keep up that hard work for just 3 more days at home. All the teachers will be so happy to welcome you back on Thursday 11th March where we can get back to the classroom, exploring our latest topic and sharing our learning experiences together at last!

We hope the boys enjoyed their non-screen days this week linked to Book Week. We have seen some lovely creations coming in – ‘Aliens Love Underpants’, ‘Stickman’ and ‘The Rainbow Fish’ to name a few. We have had lovely chats with your parents during your non-screen days, and they are just as proud of you as we are. Our thanks also go out to all our parents for the support they have given us. Without you, we could not have provided the boys with virtual learning and although not ideal, we hope you have enjoyed your extended time at home with your sons as this has been such a rare opportunity to spend time as a family and most importantly stay safe and happy together. We are more than happy to take over now and give you a well-deserved break from schoolwork!

Our Students of the Week are:

Aaron in Tigers for making such amazing progress in his reading.

Louis in Tigers for producing so many lovely creations linked to stories during our non-screen days.

Mirsub in Monkeys for his enthusiasm for the wellbeing challenges.

Jaiden in Monkeys for his participation in the 'Being Seen and Heard' wellbeing activities.

Junior Department

It was lovely to meet parents online this week and share all the great things that the boys have been doing and the progress that they are making. We are all very excited about having the boys back in school next week. They have been absolutely fabulous with the online learning but it will be wonderful to have everyone back in the classroom.

In Maths, Year 1 are now learning all about money and we have been impressed at the way the boys can make up different totals of coins. In English, the boys have been writing about something special to them and this gave the boys and staff a lovely opportunity to talk about precious things. During Science, we have been looking at signs of Spring and the recent fine weather has really helped; the boys will be going on a walk to spot things in nature associated with the arrival of Spring.

This week, the boys have enjoyed the Book Day activities and it has been good to hear about all the different things that they have been doing.



In Year 2, the teachers have been amazed at all the creativity the boys put into their World Book Day activities. With not long before being back in school, both classes have continued to work extremely hard across all subjects. They have been perfecting telling the time in 5-minute intervals, learning capital cities from around the world and have submitted their final invention designs for the STEAM Leaders Award. We are very excited to have the boys back next week!



Homefield Heroes

1H Raymin for great participation in live lessons and working hard. Well done Raymin!

1H Jai for working really hard whilst in the keyworker provision and **Jeff** for excellent effort at home and challenging himself. Well done boys!

1S Charlie for having a great first week at Homefield. Well done Charlie!

1S Yug for working really hard and for his super written work. Well done Yug!

1S Euan for great progress with his reading. Well done Euan!

1S Isaac for excellent work in Mathematics. Well done Isaac!

2H Faiz for producing a brilliant and creative fact file about George Stephenson in History.

2H Aran for creating a wonderful 'picture by the sea' during our Art lesson.

2S Shivansh for challenging himself and putting fantastic effort into all of his assignments.

2S Arjun for making superb contributions to live lessons and being very engaged in discussions.



Pastoral

Homefield Heroes

Year 3

Well done to the following boys for wonderful effort in Geography:

3S: Rudy, Oba, Zohad

3H: Akesh, Reilly, Aesan

The following boys have received special commendation for excellent effort in Art lessons this term:

3S: Rudy and Constantine

3H: Darwin and Daniel P

Year 4

Well done to the following boys for their effort during Geography online lessons:

4H: Ewan, Austin, Calum, Isaiah

4P: Felix, Nathan, Damon, Amran, Dev

4S: Stefano, Lewis, Rohan K, Jonathan

The following boys have received special commendation for excellent effort in Art lessons this term:

4H: Alex and Isaiah

4P: Lachlan and Felix

4S: Luke and Stefano

Year 5

Congratulations to our new boys for making such a great start to life at Homefield:

James 5H and Antony 5S. Also, a big thank you to their buddies for looking after them: Aaron in 5H and Aahan and Dhilan in 5S

Year 6

Well done to Ayaan in 6S for making such a great start to life at Homefield and to Arnab for being such a great buddy.

Year 7

For a superb commitment to the Non-Curriculum Day activities, completing tasks with lots of effort and enthusiasm!
7LC: Arjen and Mannan
7MMC: James and Jacob

For outstanding effort and participation across the curriculum during the online learning:

7LC: Jake and Jasen

7MMC: Jacob, Robert and Ronak

Year 8

For a superb commitment to the Non-Curriculum Day activities, completing tasks with lots of effort and enthusiasm!
8KWL: Ollie T and Ilyas
8MM: Amir, Barnaby, Hugo, Sam T, Sami and Tom

For an excellent piece of creative writing in English:

8MM: Harry

8KWL: Peter

For outstanding effort and participation across the curriculum during the online learning:

8KWL: Lorcan and Vidwat

8MM: Barnaby and Justin

Wellbeing News

Some boys chose to take on our Wellbeing February Half Term Challenge, sharing their efforts through our Wellbeing Club and to Mrs O'Reilly. House points and stickers have been prepared to share with the boys on their return to school, alongside certificates and prizes.

A very big well done to Mirsub, Jaysen, Lachlan, Felix and Aadit.

The Easter holidays will see the launch of a new challenge focusing on our Wellbeing Wednesday theme 'Get Active', so keep an eye out for this in the coming weeks.



Homefield Association Marvellous Magic!

Just 2 weeks to go now until our fabulous Magic Show.

Join us for an hour of online fun with the fabulous Matais Letelier on Friday 19th March.

General admission costs £10 per family (device).

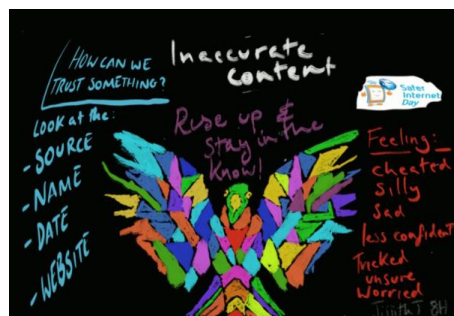
For those of you who cannot get enough magic in your life, there are also premium tickets available. The cost is £25 and in addition to the main show, you will get to:

- Actively participate in the show
- Have access to a secret magi workshop after the show (25 – 30 minutes)
- Get access to a special website with the tricks you'll learn in the magic workshop

Further details and tickets are available on Classlist. We hope to see you there!!

Safer Internet Day

We will be sharing some of the boys' Safer Internet Day work via Twitter over the next week or so but feel that Jijith's response to the challenge set was outstanding:



Jijith, Year 8

Task: Inaccurate Content Poster Task

What impact does inaccurate content we see online have on us?
Why does inaccurate content exist, where does it come from and what's the solution?
How can you tell something is inaccurate?
Can you report inaccurate content?
Why is it important to be able to spot the difference between accurate/inaccurate content?

Humanities

A huge well done and thank you to all the Senior Department boys from the Humanities Department this term! We have all been so impressed with the boys' knowledge, research and enthusiasm in the remote Geography and History lessons. The boys have made clear connections between their personal experiences, the key ideas and world issues.

Year 3 have been learning about 'Amazing Places' and zooming in on India in Geography, while going back in time to explore the Ancient Egyptians in their History lessons. Although we were not able to have our annual in-school Egyptian Day, all the boys did incredibly well to craft, research and explore during their Non-Curriculum Day.



Baden's Sarcophagus



Jack's 3D map of India

All the boys have challenged themselves with this term's Humanities topics. Year 4 have been studying Settlement, in Geography, and linking this to the Saxons in History. While Year 5 have tackled population issues and transformed to Norman Times. Year 6 have become budding meteorologists while studying Weather and Climate, and continued their time travel into Tudor Times.



Ethan and Arvind's Saxon houses



Oscar and Aahan's Norman Castles



Sulaymaan and Hanlin's Water Cycle and Rainfall diagrams

Year 7 and 8 have charged on with diligence working on the Common Entrance Geography and History topics, improving their geographical location knowledge and applying their analysis skills. We have been incredibly impressed with the extra research, extra reading and continued debate and discussion the boys have brought to their live lessons and shown in their independent assignments.

During our Mental Health Awareness week, the boys all stepped up the challenge of applying their classroom knowledge to wider global issues and discussing 'World Worries' and 'Population Pressures'. We have a number of budding young activists, humanitarians, politicians and policy makers – the future is looking brighter!



Barnaby and Philip's Greta inspired 'Strike for Climate Change'



Again, well done and thank you for all your hard work and enthusiasm (boys and parents) on Teams this term, we look forward to seeing you back in the classroom!

English

Last half term, boys in Year 6 were asked to write a soliloquy entitled 'Life' after studying Macbeth's soliloquy on the subject in Act 5.

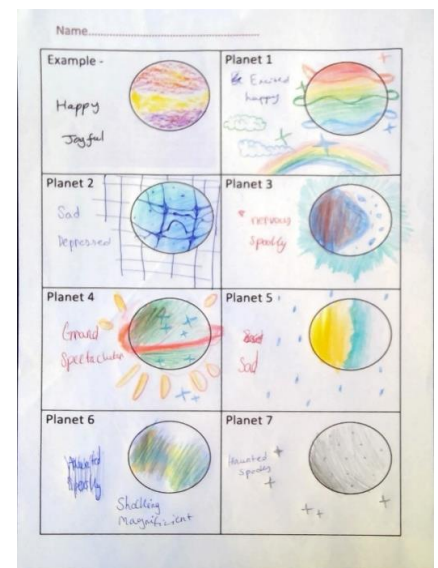
This is Ethan's contribution:

Life

*Sweeter than raw molasses
and sour like lemons covered in salt,
Forever dictating darkness must cross our paths,
Determined that we cannot be absolved,
A trial by fire is what you demand
All must be tested for their resolve,
And yet here I still stand,
Frightened, Quivering, determined to be Bold.*

Music

The boys have been listening to Holst's Planets Suite as part of their online learning experience and then colouring planet illustrations to express the emotions evoked by the music.

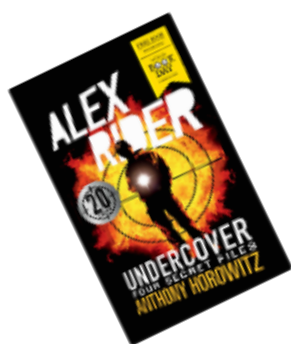
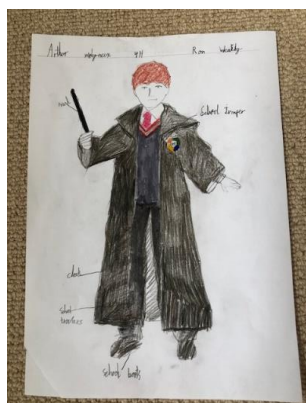


More Great Planets - this outstanding one from Sulaymaan, Year 6

Homefield Book Week

Boys throughout the school have been celebrating Book Week, and our online 'Book Character Day'.

Here are just a few of the wonderful contributions from the boys in their costumes depicting their favourite literary heroes, producing artwork and just enjoying the pure pleasure that only books can provide.



The Homefield Art Gallery

Sketches during lockdown: Sulaymaan in Year 6



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ORDER NOW FOR THE SUMMER TERM UNIFORM & SPORTSWEAR

With the confirmed return of all pupils to school from Monday 8th March, now is the time to make sure that you have all the required kit for the start of the summer term.

Following a year of major disruption for the demand of school uniform and sportswear, a challenge in being able to accurately predict demand for sales of certain product lines has evolved. In particular this effects summer wear items such as dresses or cricketwear due to the lack of sales last summer with school closures.

To avoid any disappointment and give us the best chance to react to any shortfalls in stock levels we please ask you to purchase your child's summer term requirements before March 22nd.

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