

## #stillyourschool

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Next week is our "World of Work" week for Year 9 where they can carry out a range of activities to prepare them for the future.

The following week sees the launch of our transition projects into GCSE for Year 9 which will give them a headstart to their preferences.

We really hope Year 9 feel prepared for the future over the rest of this term.

To everybody, keep up the hard work with the online learning you are doing so well.

Thank you for all your efforts.

Keep learning, keep safe and keep smiling.



*P. Bignell*

## INSET DAY

This was scheduled for Wednesday 1 July 2020, we are moving this to Tuesday 21 July 2020.

Work will be set for all sessions, running on Wednesday 1 July 2020 following our timetable.

## Black Lives Matter

Over the last few weeks I am sure that many of you know how much more attention and publicity the Black Lives Matter movement has received, and I am also sure that many of you know that this is not a new problem facing our society. This systematic racism that Black people receive stems back hundreds of years and because of this is going to take a long time to fully reverse. By recognising this we can hope to aid making this change, in hopes that younger generations will never be subjected to what is currently happening right in front of our eyes. However, where do we start? A really important part of this whole movement is education. To be able to make this change, which ultimately has to come from the people, you have to be educated on the matter and be aware of Black history, but how much do you know? Yes, you can argue that Black History is taught in subjects such as History, English and PSHE but to no great extent. For example, with the Slave Trade the main focus of the lesson is on the oppression that white Americans caused, but more needs to be shown of the true impacts that were caused by our ancestors in the UK themselves. Instantly this makes racism seem like a foreign problem, which as many of you will know, it is certainly not. As a result of this, here at Thorpe St Andrew School and Sixth Form one of the things that we are trying to do is change our Key Stage 3 History syllabus. This is a step in the right direction, to show more diversity and representation within our lessons, but there is still much more that can be done. Even by just sitting at home you can do your part by acting and educating yourself through many means. Things that you can do are signing petitions, watching films, reading books, emailing local MPs and many more. For some further information and ways you can help please look at:

<https://blacklivesmatter.com/>

<https://www.theblackcurriculum.com/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/education-51650417/black-history-should-it-be-part-of-the-wider-curriculum>

Sophie Crowle - Year 9

Over the next few weeks we will be running featured articles on different subjects outlining the curriculum that is being covered currently and developments for the future to demonstrate the commitment TSAS has to celebrating diversity and improving understanding of equality issues. Watch out for History next week.

Mrs Bignell

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### Online Safety

In order to support both our students, parents and staff we have purchased an online package with the Online Safety Alliance.

Please find details on our website of how to log on to this training course.

Mrs Veeren

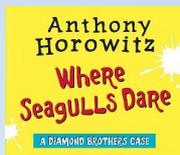
### Update from Department for Education

Please follow the link below for an update and guidance from the Department for Education regarding schools and colleges.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak>.

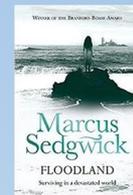
## Library News

Please find links below of some exciting books which can be read or listened to. Anthony Horowitz has revived his 'Diamond Brothers' characters and has published these chapters online:



<https://diamondbrothers.anthoniyorowitz.com/where-seagulls-dare/chapter-one>

Marcus Sedgewick is reading his book 'Floodland' here:  
<https://marcussedgewick.com/floodland/>



For a book of feel good short stories, try 'The Book of Hopes':

<https://literacytrust.org.uk/family-zone/9-12/book-hopes-for-children-during-lockdown/>

**Mobile Library** - We are hoping to soon offer students access to books from the school library via our Mobile Library system for the rest of this term and during the summer. Students will be able to select and reserve books from the system online and these will be delivered to home, sanitised and safe distancing observed. Returns will also be able to be collected and these will be quarantined for 72 hours and sanitised before being able to be borrowed again.

Further announcements will be made soon.

**Book Bingo Challenge** - for students who took one of the challenge sheets before lockdown, you can still complete and submit these, just make sure someone at home signs that you have read the relevant books and then post to the address on the form.

Stay safe and keep reading :)

Mrs Hamilton, Librarian

### Thought of the Week

*Mental Health is not a destination, but a process. It's about how you drive, not where you're going.*