



Parent Newsletter

St Mary Magdalene Secondary

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Dear Parent/Carers ,

I hope you are all well. I am sure you will have read the Executive Head teachers' update earlier in the week, largely explaining the proposed return for some primary students. For our secondary phase, we will continue providing schooling for key worker families and share further plans for our students in Year 10. As it stands, government guidance is for some form of contact time for our year 10 students over the summer term. I will update you further after half term with regards to any plans made - we are working closely with the Local Authority in any further changes. I will be sending out a parents' questionnaire next week to gather your thoughts on this process.

Home learning: Many thanks to all of you for supporting your children with their home learning. Please continue to encourage your child to maintain a healthy balanced routine in which they can complete all of their work, balancing this with other activities vital to their wellbeing, and helping you around the home. You may have noticed that 'Show My Homework', including the app, is now known as 'Satchel One'.

Mental health: You will have received an email from the school earlier in the week providing information about mental health awareness week. In preparation for the week, Kooth are encouraging young people in South East London to try various well-being activities. In essence, it has been proven that these activities have a positive effect on your mindset and well-being. Some of you may notice that these are very similar to Mr Golding's suggestion from his virtual collective worship (see more on this below).

All trips abroad: We have been talking to our travel operators in finding the best outcome for all of our international trips. As you know, all trips have been cancelled for the rest of this academic year, but there is a possibility that some will be re-booked for next year.

Year 8 Barcelona trip – trip has been cancelled and all families will receive a full refund.

Year 10 Iceland – No refund available. We are trying to use our deposits for a new date later in the year.

Year 10 Jersey – this trip will also be rescheduled at some point in early 2021

Year 10 New York – this trip will be rescheduled for Summer of 2021

Reports: We have received a few questions about our grading system on our school reports. Please find attached a letter we sent out in January which explains this.

Message from Mr Golding for year 9

This week I have put together our first video collective worship which is currently on Satchel (SMHW). If you have not seen it yet, it will also be [on our school's YouTube channel](#). I believe that in the current lockdown it's important for the students to see a familiar face. It can also help to bring about a sense of normality until school reopens. During the collective worship, I briefly talk about; how to cope during the lock down; appreciating family and friends and SMHW expectations. Check it out and I will upload another collective worship next week.

Year 7, 8 and 10 will have also have access to year group collective worship via Satchel next week.

Message from Mrs McKenzie

A massive thank you to everyone that has taken part in the SMM Bake a Rainbow Challenge so far! If you haven't seen the challenge yet please check it out on the showmyhomework Notice Board.

We are baking rainbows as a sign of hope as well as support for our amazing key workers. In the story of Noah, God sent a rainbow as a promise that He would not destroy the earth by water again. During this lockdown period the rainbow has been adopted as a symbol of hope and promise from God. It is now being used as a 'thank you' for our key workers. Please see the Notice Board for more information. You can upload the images of your bakes (or designs) to showmyhomework or alternatively email them to Miss O'Mard.

Can't wait to see your rainbows!



Amirat Muhammed- Hassan- Year 10



River Joseph- Year 9

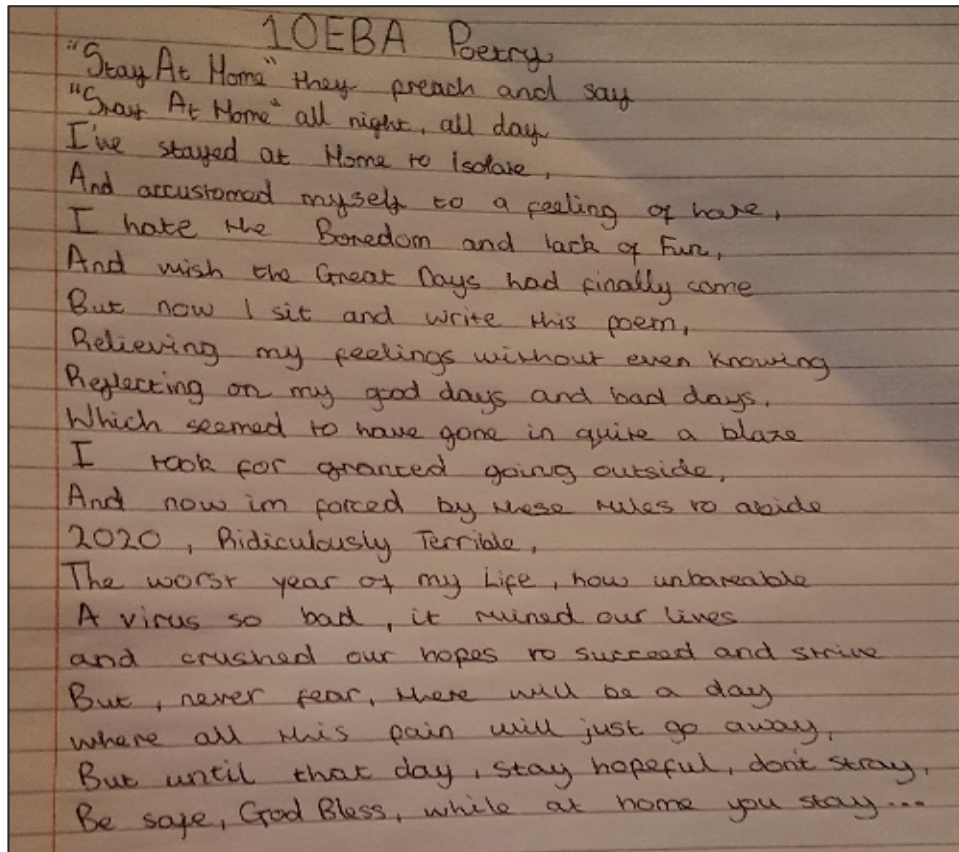


Maxwell Smith- Year 7



Madalena Ferreira- Year 9

PSHE poem by Moses Etemewei



Yours sincerely,

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Principal