



WEEKLY BULLETIN

WE ARE WHERE WE ARE...

Few people would have chosen to be back in a national lockdown, given all that it entails for the students and their education as well as for our own freedoms, particularly during our free time. I don't think I will ever take a walk along the beach, seeing friends or going to a sporting event for granted again! However, disappointment aside, operations in school continue as normally as possible and I would like to take this opportunity to thank and congratulate all of the students and staff who come into school each day for their hard work and stoicism in what have been ever-changing times.



I have been particularly proud of how well our students and staff have coped with undertaking COVID-19 testing as this is something totally new to us all. The students have been brave, sensible and understanding when approaching administering their tests. The staff have been magnificent in setting up the Testing Centres on site, training and carrying out the testing that we hope will contribute to keeping both our in school and wider community safe. It has been fantastic to see everybody from the Cleaning Staff, our TAs, Admin Team, Teachers and Senior Leadership Team working together on this project after the Site Team did such a wonderful job of setting up the Testing Centre so quickly. If you have not yet filled in our Testing Consent Form, you can do so here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSekXAp17KvbMD6iDHq2gvzlOdQJpryxQVHWx6zgFf3iHM5xdw/viewform?usp=sf_link

We are where we are, but Holyrood continues to hold strong for our students and for you. If you find yourself in hard times, in whatever way, please do reach out to us. It is extremely rare that we cannot help in some way.

On a lighter note, Mrs Wilsher and Miss Wilsher have created a wonderful podcast for our students. Please encourage your child(ren) to listen and contribute! It can be found here: <https://youtu.be/0KHgmWZPPkY>

Mr MacCormick

HOW TO CHANGE THE BACKGROUND COLOUR ON GOOGLE DOCS

We know that some students find it easier to read from coloured pages. Should you or your child/ren prefer to view online work on a different coloured background, please follow the instructions below.

How to change the background color on Google Docs

1. Go into your document, or open a new one by going to **docs**. ...
2. Click "File," located in the top toolbar.
3. Select "Page setup."
4. Click the drop-down under "Page **color**," located in the bottom left corner of the pop-up, and select your desired **color** from the list of presets.

COVID 19: ONLINE SAFETY FOR PARENTS WEBINAR: "IT IS NEVER GOING TO HAPPEN TO MY CHILD..."

Avon and Somerset Constabulary, in response to Covid-19, is offering two further dates of its FREE parents webinar about online safety.

Content:

- Overview of online risks.
- Exploitation of children online.
- Technical protective and safety measures available.
- Top tips on starting a conversation with your child about the internet and how to work together to use the internet safely.

Presenters:

- Androulla (Andri) Nicolaou, Child Exploitation Prevention Officer
- Kristian Evans, Cyber Protect Officer
- Drew Jefferies, Cyber Protect Officer
- Verity Weston, Youth Project Coordinator

To book a place, please follow the Eventbrite links below.

14 January 2021

7pm - 8.30pm

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/online-safety-for-parents-it-is-never-going-to-happen-to-my-child-tickets-133344289359>

8 February 2021

7pm - 8.30pm

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/online-safety-for-parents-it-is-never-going-to-happen-to-my-child-tickets-133347623331>

For further information or any queries, please email: Parentswebinars@avonandsomerset.police.uk

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YEAR 11 YEARBOOK - CLASS OF 2021

Mr Reid, Head of Year 11 is collating all the information required for the 'Class of 2021' Yearbook! If you would like to place an order for one of these then please check your email inbox for the detailed letter sent out today.

It is essential that orders are placed in plenty of time. There will only be one print run; students will not be able to place orders after Monday 25th January 2021.

The cost for a Yearbook is £20.

You can go to the Holyrood Academy website and order online through SCO -PAY by **Monday 25th January 2021**.

If you currently do not have a SCOPAY account, please contact holyroodfinance@educ.somerset.gov.uk providing the students name and we will then provide you with instructions to create an account.

Full payment will need to be made online by 25/01/2021. I cannot stress this deadline enough, as we do not want anyone to be disappointed!

