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**WEEKLY EMAIL BULLETIN FOR WEEK ENDING:**

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**WHOLE SCHOOL**

**Updated guidance for keeping children safe online - An update from The Department for Education**

The Department for Education have updated their guidance for parents and carers to keep children safe online. The measures announced over recent weeks to tackle coronavirus (COVID-19), although essential, have disrupted people's day-to-day lives.

As a result of these necessary measures, almost all of us are likely to be spending more time online, including children. This guidance contains resources for parents and carers to help keep their children safe online.

The guidance can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-keeping-children-safe-online/coronavirus-covid-19-support-for-parents-and-carers-to-keep-children-safe-online>

**Virtual Careers Show - Wednesday 3rd March – 1.00pm to 7.00pm - Years 7 to 13**

Coventry and Warwickshire Careers Hub are providing students across the area with a virtual careers event on Wednesday 3rd March. There will be various workshops and activities for students to join in with and we would encourage all students to take part in this event.

It is an opportunity to:

- ask questions
- gain insight into different education settings and programmes
- provide context to those important decisions that young people will make
- hear from employers about why those choices matter
- obtain advice and guidance
- meet a breadth of progression pathway providers (universities, colleges and apprenticeship providers), employers and key stakeholders in a safe virtual environment.

Please encourage your son/daughter to register for the event using this link:

<https://cwcareershub.vfairs.com>. The registration button is at the top right hand corner.

We have also attached Key Stage 3/4 (11-16 year olds) and Key Stage 5 (16-18 year olds) work books/guides from Coventry and Warwickshire Careers Hub for your son/daughter to use to record the information they find out.

This event will be available for 30 days after the live event as an On-Demand event. All the contents will remain available for that period.

**Free until 28<sup>th</sup> February 5.00pm - practical short courses to help you support your children at home**

<https://www.creativeeducation.co.uk/courses/anxiety-supporting-teens-to-support-themselves>

### **Newsletter from Warwickshire's Family Information Service**

Please follow the link for this week's newsletter from the Family Information Service, with lots of information and resources to help support families: <https://mailchi.mp/warwickshire/family-information-service-newsletter-1194759>

### **SIXTH FORM / YEAR 11 / YEAR 10**

### **BBC Launches New Wellbeing Toolkit for 15-18 Year Olds**

The mental health of young people is more important now than ever so the BBC has launched a wellbeing toolkit to help them cope with lockdown.

Aimed at 15-18 year olds, the toolkit is packed with practical advice, optimistic life stories and mood-matching mixes for you to recommend to students who might need some extra support.

To listen just search wellbeing in the BBC Sounds App. You can download the BBC Sounds App from Apple, Google Play and Amazon.

### **Princethorpe College Virtual Careers Fair - Saturday 20 March (morning)**

Princethorpe College will be hosting a Virtual Careers Fair on Saturday 20 March from 9.30am to 12.30pm, aimed at Years 10 to Sixth Form.

A wide range of speakers and organisations will be on hand to offer advice and guidance on careers, universities and gap year options. There will be sessions on Accountancy, Architecture, Estate Agency and Chartered Surveying, the Armed Forces, Art and Film making, Computer Gaming and Cyber Security, Engineering and IT, Fashion, Retail, Business and Marketing, Medical, Law, Teaching, Entrepreneurship, Product Design, TV and Radio as well as the University Talks. For further information please see <https://www.princethorpe.co.uk/news/?pid=1045&nid=8&storyid=2141>.

Please follow this link to register and sign up for your chosen sessions **by Friday 5 March**: <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=oGXXY6OqTEihAfp3SM2N4QoLNnUtJBCKTxzX1eCPoRUQ1NDUUIPVIVOTjJHUKIOUxMTFk0N1BXOS4u>

An email with links to the various talks, which will take place on Teams, will be sent shortly before the event takes place.

### **YEAR 11**

### **King Edward College Virtual Open Event - Wednesday 31 March, 5:30-7:30pm**

KEC are running their second virtual open event on Wednesday 31 March, 5:30-7:30pm.

If your son/daughter is interested, please have them register in advance of this event at [www.kecnuneaton.ac.uk](http://www.kecnuneaton.ac.uk).

During the event the Principal will welcome visitors and there will be an opportunity for a virtual tour of the college. Detailed information will be available about the support the college provides. There will be pre-

recorded videos from individual departments giving information about their subject area and direct access to teaching staff via a live Chat to answer questions.

### Dates for Your Diary 2020-21

Please note that these dates are subject to any future government announcements

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| <b>1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> March</b>      | Year 8 Assessment Week                                     |
| <b>8<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> March</b>     | Year 13 Trial Exams  |
| <b>11<sup>th</sup> March</b>                      | <b>Year 8 Subject Progress Evening</b> (non-core subjects) |
| <b>15<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> March</b>    | Year 8 HPV1 Immunisations                                  |
| <b>17<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup> March</b>     | Year 9 HPV2 Immunisations                                  |
| <b>18<sup>th</sup> March</b>                      | <b>Year 11 Student Progress Evening</b>                    |
| <b>18<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> March</b>    | Year 11 Trial Exams  |
| <b>26<sup>th</sup> March</b>                      | Year 8 Options Deadline                                    |
| <b>31<sup>st</sup> March</b>                      | <b>Year 13 Student Progress Evening</b>                    |
| <b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April</b>                | Good Friday – no school                                    |
| <b>5<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> April</b>     | Easter Holidays  |
| <b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April</b>               | INSET day – no school                                      |
| <b>20<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> April</b>    | Year 13 Assessment Week                                    |
| <b>20<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> April</b>    | Year 11 D&T Practical Exams                                |
| <b>20<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> April</b>    | Year 12 Exams  |
| <b>29<sup>th</sup> April</b>                      | <b>Year 7 Student Progress Evening</b>                     |
| <b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May</b>                  | May Bank Holiday – no school                               |
| <b>4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> May</b>        | Year 11 Assessment Week                                    |
| <b>10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> May</b>      | Year 10 Trial Exams  |
| <b>17<sup>th</sup> May</b>                        | Year 11 School Photos                                      |
| <b>17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> May</b>      | Year 12 Assessment Week                                    |
| <b>17<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> May</b>      | Year 9 Exams   |
| <b>27<sup>th</sup> May</b>                        | <b>Year 12 Student Progress Evening</b>                    |
| <b>31<sup>st</sup> May – 4<sup>th</sup> June</b>  | May Half-term  |
| <b>7<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> June</b>      | Year 7 & 8 Exams   |
| <b>17<sup>th</sup> June</b>                       | <b>Year 10 Student Progress Evening</b>                    |
| <b>28<sup>th</sup> June – 2<sup>nd</sup> July</b> | Year 10 MFL GCSE Trial Speaking Exams                      |
| <b>1<sup>st</sup> July</b>                        | <b>Year 9 Student Progress Evening</b>                     |
| <b>5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> July</b>       | Year 7, 8, 9 & 10 Assessment Week                          |
| <b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July</b>              | Summer Holidays begin                                      |