We are now approaching the end of our second week of term time working from home for all students. This has been a huge adjustment for all of us and I would like to thank parents and staff for their understanding and cooperation as we change the way we work. We would all prefer that things were back to normal but it seems that we will need to continue in this way for some time yet.

Thank you for your feedback on the home learning tasks. On our website we have put a guide for parents on supporting school work at home, see the links below. In the guide there are email addresses for departments, which are also on the website ‘Contacts’ page. Please use these to ask questions of a specific subject if you need to.

Staff have been setting work that they feel should be a lesson’s worth of learning. However this can be difficult to judge without students in front of us. Some of the apps and websites are being adapted to meet the circumstances; for example please do not worry about automatic ‘overdue’ notices from Show My Homework. If your child has given the work their best efforts then that is all anyone can ask. We appreciate that whilst you are working from home, caring for relatives or dealing with childcare and your children’s home learning, school tasks will need to fit in where suits you best. You will know what works best for you and your child.

Links on our website that may be useful are:

- Falmouth School Student Guide for Working at Home
- Falmouth School Parent Guide for supporting school work at home.
- Show My Homework Help Centre for Students
- Show My Homework Help Centre for Parents

For Year 11 students the prospect of starting Year 12 is something to look forward to. We have information for all of the courses we offer at Falmouth College on our Moodle site. Students can log in with their usual school email, scroll down to the ‘College’ section and select the courses they are interested in. All Year 11 students will be receiving an email with details on how to access this information and the work that they can do to give themselves a flying start to Year 12. I hope that you are all managing the lockdown as best you can.

We are able to access a wide variety of help and would hope to be able to put you in touch with support should you need it. Please let us know how we can support you. We will all be stronger if we work together. Please take care and look after yourselves.

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**Falmouth School Students Work from Home**

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PRIMARY HEADS’ MESSAGE - MR MOSCATO & MRS STEVENS

We do hope you’re all keeping safe and well - it’s been a delight to see the return of the blue skies which we believe is Mother Nature’s way of saying ‘thank you for staying at home.’

Our thanks continue to go to you all for keeping in touch with us and sharing your child’s home learning. Thanks also for the kind words following the letters we sent home recently and we are pleased to know that these have reassured you of what learning can look like at this time.

Learning at the moment is providing a 'base' of revisiting prior learning and 'keeping some plates spinning' before we return. This is all useful and will help these key aspects become embedded into our pupils’ memories.

Our online learning resources have already evolved (after only two school weeks of closure) and will continue to do so.

If there is anything that you need support with, do make contact with us whether that’s having some learning explained, or if you’re having problems accessing the learning from home. We will, as you know, always do what we can to help you.

You will likely have seen some stories in the news about when schools might be returning. Just like when the media started reporting on schools closing, we ask that you trust in the communications from us only and be assured that as soon as we know about this, we will let you know! The DfE have made it clear that there is no date set and that, as you would hope, this will be led by the science and on measures that ensure that we all return safely.

In the meantime, stay safe, stay at home and stay in touch with us.

PRIMARY STUDENTS LEARNING FROM HOME
INTERIM CEO MESSAGE - MARK LEES

I hope that you are finding this weekly Trust update useful and informative. Please let us know if you would like us to cover other topics in the newsletter. Thank you.

Next week, on the 1st May 2020, our weekly MAT update will come to you in the form of a video. There will be messages from our MAT leaders and we will include some of the many 100’s of photos and videos you have been sending into us. Please keep sending photos of your home learning, cooking and anything else you think we will find interesting.

Like most schools and businesses we have had to find new ways of keeping in touch and holding meetings. Mr George, Mr Moscato, Mrs Stevens and I meet weekly online to discuss MAT developments, our childcare hub at Falmouth School and home learning. These meetings help us to keep track of MAT and school developments and plan for the future.

Schools remain closed during this ‘lockdown’ period. Some parts of the media suggest that schools might return soon. At this time the Government have no plans to bring schools back in early. They will review this after the current period of lockdown. We will all need to be sure that any decision to return schools early is based on the current understanding of the scientists. Any possible or part return of school must be safe for your children and our staff.

Please keep in touch with us using the MAT enquiries email. Please keep safe, stay at home and with us all continue to protect the NHS.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK - BANANA BREAKFAST COOKIES!

Ingredients needed:
Two large bananas
80g of porridge oats
50g chocolate chips or raisons (can be a combination of both).

Method:
Pre-heat the oven to 180C/Fan 160C or Gas 4
Line a baking tray ready for the cookies
Mash the bananas really well into a large bowl.
Add the oats and mix together
Stir through the chocolate, raisons or both.
Scoop out eight dollops of the mixture and place them on the baking tray, evenly spaced
Bake for 10 to 12 minutes until golden brown, then cool on a wire rack.
Well done to our artist of the week, Year 11 student **Kiera Wright**. Kiera’s piece is entitled ‘Isolation’, which of course is very apt at the moment. We were also sent some incredible work by Year 9 student **Abigail de Wit**, who is our photography artist of the week. Elsewhere, there was a lovely mural made by Year 7 student **Isabelle Rusden**, who’s piece speaks for everyone at within the MAT when we say thank you to our wonderful NHS. You can see both pieces below and also by clicking [here](#) to view our online gallery of student art this week.
A message from Miss Halloran: A huge thank you to the local community! I’ve had an overwhelming response from parents wanting to help and supplying materials, which has been so lovely. You’ll see in this post some of the latest items to be sent off. Scrub production is officially underway, with the first sets due to be finished on Friday. Look out for further updates!

A message from Mr Cilia: Our visor project is currently printing 3D parts for 3DCrowd.uk which is a national effort to print parts for PPE. These are the parts for the upper and lower 3D elements of the Prusa design. We have been printing the Prusa design, a nationally preferred design, since we started this project. Our local manufacture CoVisor have for the past two weeks been working around the clock to provide for the NHS. They are able to make up to 1000 visors daily. We have sent 130 parts printed this week with the help of local business and Falmouth University. These are sent off to a regional "hub" that is now assembling the parts and are able to obtain the materials readily. This has given myself the space to go back to teaching. The visors are then distributed in the South West to workers such as care homes. We will continue to keep printing until we run out of PLA! A huge thank you to everyone who has contributed to this project as its been brilliant community effort from everyone. Overall the D&T has proven to be quite valued in this crisis nationally.

A BOOK THAT’S SIGNIFICANT - IZZY MACPHERSON (YEAR 12)

The Book Thief is a war time story narrated by Death- following a young girl and her life in Nazi Germany. I love this tragedy, the narration by Death has as much of a sinister overtone as it does beauty- exploiting the natural wonders of life. The witty breaks in the narrative makes this book gripping, never wanting to put it down as Death introduces you to new characters and hinting at what is to come.

As a younger girl when reading this I saw a small part of myself in the protagonist Liesel - I have such a passion for reading and, as she is, I am completely captivated by the power of words- and what power they have over young lives. Reading a fictional story intertwined with real historic events allowed me to see a contrasting side to something I had studied in a more factual setting. I keep returning to this book because every time I read it something different is highlighted and I fall in love with it all over again.
Theme of the Week: Rule of Law which is another important British Value at this time, particularly in regard to the importance of social distancing and following government advice during lock-down; so as to minimise the impact of Covid-19.

Mindfulness: As this is extremely important now, you may feel that the range of strategies to help you to manage your wellbeing which The Anna Freud Centre has shared is worth continuing with (The link is https://www.annafreud.org/on-my-mind/self-care/ and then a short scroll down). Alternatively, the welfare team has shared other websites which may help with your mental well-being and these can be found on the school website. Remember, it’s up to you to decide what helps. If it works, keep doing it. If it doesn’t, stop and try something else.

PHSE: Years 7 & 8 continue to look at Desert Island Living and will be on task 3 - Resources and Scavenging. Years 9 & 10 will carry on finding out about Organising Your Household Budget and will be on task 4 - Setting up your home.

Careers: Looking to the future and parental involvement in careers, with a particular focus on local Labour Market Information, I would be interested to both know parents views on this and whether any parents would like to be involved in work around Why I love my job. Also, our two Enterprise Advisors, Martin Hinchliffe and Julia La Gallo, are looking at using a social media platform to offer presentations or discussions around careers topics. If you feel that either of these ideas would be something you would appreciate, as well as the sort of information/discussion you think would be most beneficial, let me know at blumbers@falmouthschool.net.

Local Labour Market Information: Cornwall and Isles of Scilly have always had its fair share of entrepreneurs from Richard Trevithick who created the world’s first steam railway to Sir Tim Smit, the man who looked at a disused quarry and saw the potential of turning it into the Eden Project. Did you know? 23% (57,100) of everyone employed in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly is self-employed, this is much higher than the national average of 15.1%.

Here are a few examples of some recently successful entrepreneurial businesses in Cornwall:

Halto – The halter neck strap cushion who recently appeared on Dragon’s Den. Mish - Curates a fashion collection that is sold worldwide from her store in Wadebridge. She offers a bespoke swim wear service, which are handmade locally. Jubel Beer - The beer company cut with peach or elderflower inspired by the mountains brewed in Cornwall. Oh So Social – Set up by Katherine George is an international, multi-award winning Social Media Marketing specialists. One of a growing number of businesses in this industry within Cornwall.