

## Getty Art Project

Students continue to submit thoughtful, creative and sometimes humorous responses to the Getty Art Challenge. This one from Tegan Lumley is just plain beautiful! However, it also displays a very high level of digital art skill. Students in Year 9 have been submitting some amazing 'kinetic sculptures' for their most recent art project. They are not quite so easy to show in a static newsletter!



## Staff Training Day – 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2020

On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July, we will be holding our final training day of the year. This day has been scheduled since the start of the school year and we have thought very carefully about whether to go ahead with this day. Now that we are turning our attention to September and a full or partial re-opening to more year groups, it is really important that staff give proper time to the complex task of curriculum planning and re-thinking approaches to teaching and learning so that all of our students can move forward with confidence into their new year groups.

Every time I hear someone talking about 'lost learning' I think it does a huge disservice to the incredible work of Team Nidderdale over the last few months. Whether that is the dedication of the staff in reinventing their curriculum and finding new ways to teach, inspire, motivate and assess or whether it is the amazing new ways our students have found to learn, teach themselves and others, be creative and go beyond the bounds of the existing curriculum.

We would like to come together, albeit virtually, to plan to make the very most of the very best aspects of 'lockdown learning' as well as planning carefully to make the most of next year to maximise future learning. So, on 3<sup>rd</sup> July school will be closed to all students and no new work will be set on Classcharts. Students can use the time to catch up or get to grips with some of the 'go further' tasks already set.

## Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Parent / Carer

This week we have started the process of welcoming Year 10 students back to school, in line with our focus on wellbeing, all students have been offered a 1:1 meeting either online or in school to talk through experiences, review what's been going well and think about next steps. We hope that this has now helped those students returning for face to face English and Maths teaching next week feel more confident about how they will move forward.

You may have seen that the Government have made a slight change to their regulations about who can attend school. It is now possible for schools to invite students from any year group for a one-off meeting. Having used the 1:1 online meetings so successfully with Year 10, we now plan to extend this to all of Year 9. Having reviewed our group sizes in school again and the relatively large number of staff who need to be in school to work with students in school because of our small classrooms, we have decided that it is a far better use of everyone's time and fairer to everyone to offer online appointments to everyone rather than in school appointments to a very small number. Year 9 parents have received more information about this already. We will explore ways of extending this invitation to other year groups if we are able to.

We continue to be amazed by the incredible work that students are doing through their home learning and staff across all subjects are really enjoying sharing with each other the fantastic outcomes being produced. This is something that has been a real positive for us during school closure time. Thank you for all you continue to do to support your children at home.

Kath Jordan, Headteacher

## Royal Armouries Learning Hub

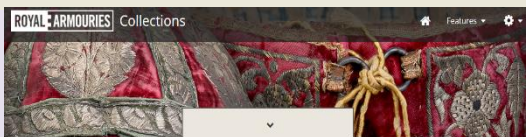
A message from the Royal Armouries Museum, Leeds:

“Our sites are closed to all visitors, including schools. But with most pupils learning at home, we understood that teachers, parents and carers needed all the help they can get to support them and so we developed our Home Learning Hub”.

The Home Learning Hub is a growing suite of engaging, curriculum based learning videos and downloadable activities.

Please [click here](#) to see the titles and scroll through if you're looking for something specific.

There are also over 65,000 items to view online with a new Treasure to be listed everyday. [Click here](#) to see the online collection.



### Treasures of the Royal Armouries

We are listing a new treasure almost everyday.

Henry VIII's Toilet armour  
Colonel Barrer's presentation sabre  
Duke of Wellington's telescope

## NOTICES:

Year 10 parents please check emails for updates regarding in school sessions.

Year 9 parents please check emails for updates about use of Teams and online appointments.



## House Competition - Challenge 2

The first home school house competition was 'hundreds of reps'. This ran for two weeks. The current leaderboard shows:

Ingleborough House - leading  
Whernside - second  
Pen-y-Ghent - third

The second house competition challenge involves either a run, walk or cycle (inspired by Rachael Hattan).

Points will be awarded:

1 for 3k  
2 for 4k  
3 for 5k  
5 for 5k+

This challenge will run for two weeks until challenge 3 is launched – an Athletics inspired house competition.

Parents/carers can get involved and earn extra points!

Further details in the PE Bulletin.

Good luck everyone!  
Mr Barrass

## Free School Meals - Summer holidays

It was announced this week that the Covid Summer Food Fund will ensure that children in England who are eligible for free school meals are supported over the summer holiday. Further information will be available once the Department for Education has updated their guidance.

You can keep up to date with their [latest guidance here](#).

## The Duchess of Cambridge leads an online assembly on mental wellbeing among children

The Duchess of Cambridge will lead an online assembly for the Oak National Academy during which she will speak about the importance of mental wellbeing among children. The theme of the Duchess' assembly is 'spread a little kindness' and is based on a lesson plan which is available on the Mentally Healthy Schools platform which can be accessed here:

<https://www.mentallyhealthyschools.org.uk/>

The assembly is available from 18/6/2020 and can be accessed here:

<https://classroom.thenational.academy/assemblies/>



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