



St Mary's and St John's CE School

"With God, all things are possible" (Matthew 19:26)

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Dear Parents / Carers,

We hope that our letter finds you well and looking forward to the VE commemorations this bank holiday weekend.

EtonX for students in Years 10, 11 and 12

We have been fortunate to secure places for our KS4 and KS5 students on the coveted [EtonX](#) Future Skills Programme. These online self-study courses from Eton College are fully resourced and offer training in skills important to life and the workplace. You will receive your child's log in details in a letter next week - please do encourage them to participate in this fantastic programme.

Opportunity for budding researchers aged 14-18 years old

The University of Huddersfield and researchers from [Ecroys](#) are running a project to record Young People's experiences of life during the Covid-19 pandemic.

This new [project](#) will bring together young people from seven countries to share their views and experiences of life during the Covid-19 pandemic. The research will be carried out entirely online, using methods such as videography, diaries, and interviews. Researchers from Ecroys UK and the University of Huddersfield will train young people as co-researchers, supporting them to document their family lives, peer relationships, education, and roles in society. Young people need to be: **14 to 18** years of age; willing to share their experiences with others and able to access the internet. **Parental consent will be needed for young people under 16 years of age.**

The deadline for applications from young people is **Wednesday 13th May 2020**. If your child would like to apply, they should complete the application form or make a short video clip and send it to: ActionRES@ecroys.com

Daily online cookery classes

The [Bite Back 2030](#) Team – a youth led movement - has launched a daily online cookery class run by a leading chef at the Jamie Oliver Cookery School and supported by the Laidlaw Foundation.

Jack Deane is volunteering his time for Bite Back 2030 and presenting the [cook-alongs](#) live from his kitchen at home in West Sussex. The cook alongs are fun, easy to follow, and teach some key skills, but best of all children will have a delicious, healthy and nutritious lunch at the end of it all.

All the ingredients come from the Bite Back 2030 weekly shopping list, price-checked to come within the £15 a week free school meals budget at a national mid-range supermarket. Please have a look at the **#CookWithJack** class.

PGL Trips

A reminder if you haven't already paid your deposit for the PGL trips next year that this trip has been made available on ParentPay to help spread the cost of the trip over a longer period of time. The children had a fantastic time this year and 2021 looks to be even better with everybody no doubt being in need of quality time away with friends.

Safeguarding: Think U Know from CEOP

The [home activity packs](#) to support parents and carers keeping their children safe online have been updated. On the same page are links to help sheets, resources and support services as well as responses to a parental survey about the issues parents and carers are facing supporting their children with online learning - the survey is still open if you would like to contribute.

CEOP have also made available advice and helpful links about the following:

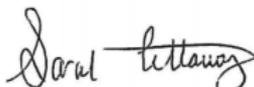
- Children, and their parents/carers, can make a report to CEOP if they are concerned about sexual abuse online. You or your child can do this by filling in a form on the CEOP website – www.ceop.police.uk.
- If you would like further advice about reporting concerns about a child's online safety during lock down please click [here](#).
- If you need support regarding maintaining good health and well-being for you and your family during lock down there is advice and contact details of appropriate organisations in this [article](#).
- Advice on where to go to access online mental health support for your child is [here](#).

We wish you and your family the very best of health and hope you have a lovely long weekend.

Yours faithfully,



Mr Atkinson
Head of Primary



Mrs Pittaway
(Acting) Head of Secondary