

## School Diversity Week

This week is School Diversity Week. It is a chance for all of us to demonstrate that we are an accepting school community, which celebrates diversity. Students have been sent information from their form tutors and have also been set the following PSHE Challenge.



The rainbow flag has been a symbol for the LGBT+ community for almost 50 years. LGBT+ people use the flag at Pride parades to proudly show their identity.

### Create Your Own Identity Flag

What would a flag that shows your identity look like? Try creating one yourself on a sheet of A4 paper. Make sure it uses a range of colours and represents you. Some things you might want to include:



- Things you like (e.g. food, activities, music)
- Things that are important to you
- Symbols that represent your heritage or faith
- Words that represent your strength
- Symbols that represent your LGBT+ identity (if you are LGBT+)

Display your flag (or bunting) wherever you want to show you are proud of your identity, then please bring them into school to display in your form room.

Mrs Newman

## End of Year Reports

Further to the correspondence emailed to parents/carers today, students are being invited into school to collect their end of year reports on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> or Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2020.

Students will have an opportunity to meet with their form tutor and to collect anything from their lockers. Whilst it is certainly not the end of the academic year that we had envisaged last September, we do hope that all students will be able to collect their reports and ultimately get back into the building in September for a fresh start.

To ensure adequate social distancing and safety, please be reminded that this school visit is for students only. Please follow the guidance emailed and log onto our online booking system to make your child's appointment. If you require any assistance, please telephone the school office on 01206 671155 between the hours of 8.00am and 2.00pm.

We are currently planning an additional Parents' Evening in October for Year 8 to compensate for the Parents' Evening you would ordinarily have attended this year. We appreciate your understanding during this difficult time.

Mr Mussett

## STEM Challenge

The STEM Challenge, now running fortnightly, has continued to be a hit with students over the past couple of weeks. The last challenge was all about the conservation of energy, and how it can only be transferred from one store to another.

Students put this into practice by designing and building a chain reaction course - similar to dominoes, but students were allowed to use any equipment that they could find. We had courses involving footballs, ping-pong balls, cups of water, hairdryers and books! The winner of this challenge, with a brilliant entry, was Ebonni.

The challenge for this week is to design and make a boomerang, looking closely at the complexities of aerodynamics and how boomerangs work. Be sure to get entries to me on time.

The STEM Challenge is now moving to run fortnightly, which means that the next challenge will be launched on the week beginning Monday 6th July, and this will be the last challenge of the year. It's set to be a good one, so make sure you enter for a chance to win a £10 Amazon voucher.

Mr Newton  
STEM Coordinator

## Keep Dancing!

With the announcement that Joe Wickes is hanging up his fitness gear for a few days and scaling back his online lockdown workouts, the staff at Paxman Academy have had to come up with some creative ways to get moving in the morning.



Never one to miss an opportunity for a dance off, Mr Nash has had our students and staff burning up the dance floor with some 'Just Dance' sessions. These have proven to be a great way to shake off any sluggishness and have some pre-desk time fun!

## Armed Forces Day



National Armed Forces Day on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June is an opportunity to pay tribute to our British Armed Forces community for their hard work, dedication and efforts to keep us safe in the UK and across the globe.

If you know someone in the Armed Forces community, whether they are currently serving or a veteran, you could send them a message or give them a call to show your support for the work they do.

For more ideas about how you could celebrate this weekend visit: <https://www.armedforcesday.org.uk/>.

Please feel free to share any photographs or stories via email to [services@paxmanacademy.school](mailto:services@paxmanacademy.school)

Mr Tyrrell

