



## The Misbourne Families' Bulletin

### Week commencing Monday 4 May 2020

Welcome to our Families' Bulletin. For more details regarding any of the information below, please click on the links or visit our website: <https://www.themisbourne.co.uk/601/newsletters>

#### HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Please [click here](#) to read a letter from Ms Meloni which outlines some exciting future plans for The Misbourne and a chance for you to get involved.



#### Hot Chocolate with the Headteacher

It is inspiring to hear so many stories of students' achievements with their learning despite our strange circumstances at the moment. As we cannot meet, Ms Meloni has sent a personalised message to each student who has been nominated for Hot Chocolate with the Headteacher this week.

Nomination reasons include:

- Demonstrating a diligent attitude to distance learning – ME (Yr7) and HM (Yr10)
- Producing fantastic work – EB (Yr8); PH and CS (Yr10); and TD (Yr12)
- Becoming Careers Champion for the year ahead - MG and MB (Yr12)

If you would like to make us aware of something special that your child has achieved during the time that we are not in school, please email [admin@themisbourne.co.uk](mailto:admin@themisbourne.co.uk)

## Creativity Corner

Mrs Kalyan has been very impressed by the levels of creativity expressed by students in their English work this week. EB in Year 8 created this excellent example of a Diorama based on *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas*. It portrays the key essence of the book perfectly.



Similarly, students in Year 10 were asked to complete a creative response to the poetry they have been studying. These pictures by CS (*Storm on the Island*) and PH (*War Photographer*) demonstrate the high standard of work submitted.



## Coronavirus Update

Families may find this specially-produced book useful in explaining the Coronavirus pandemic to children. It has been illustrated by Axel Scheffler and is an accessible way of helping children to understand the current situation. [Click here](#) to download a copy of the book.

The National Autistic Society has developed a number of resources around dealing with the Coronavirus pandemic. Please visit its website [here](#) for more information.

All letters from the Headteacher surrounding this situation can be found on our website or by clicking [here](#).

We are currently open for the children of key workers where there is no-one else with parental responsibility who is themselves not a key worker, and they wish for the school to look after them.

If you have not previously requested care for your child in line with the Government's Key Worker list and believe that you now require it, please contact [admin@themisbourne.co.uk](mailto:admin@themisbourne.co.uk) ahead of sending your child into school.

## **Mental Health Awareness Month**

May is Mental Health Awareness Month and, particularly during this uncertain time, it's crucial that we all take good care of our Mental Wellbeing. Throughout May, our SEND team will be creating special booklets on a weekly basis designed to encourage good mental health in our students and families. The first booklet is packed with top tips and fun activities, so please click [here](#) to take a look.

## **Wellbeing Hub**

There is a wealth of information and advice available to encourage us all to develop strategies to promote good mental health. There are also many external organisations providing help for anyone who may be struggling. To enable our families to find this information easily, we have created a new Wellbeing page on our website, [here](#). We will keep this updated with the latest mental health advice, mindfulness techniques and links to expert sites, so please do refer to it regularly.

## **Don't suffer in silence**

If you or your child is struggling during this time and you don't know where to turn, please contact us on [admin@themisbourne.co.uk](mailto:admin@themisbourne.co.uk)

## **Remote Learning Resources**

There is a wealth of online learning resources freely available at the moment. We are constantly reviewing these - please click [here](#) to view our latest list of useful remote learning resources.

## **IT & Home Study Tip of the Week**

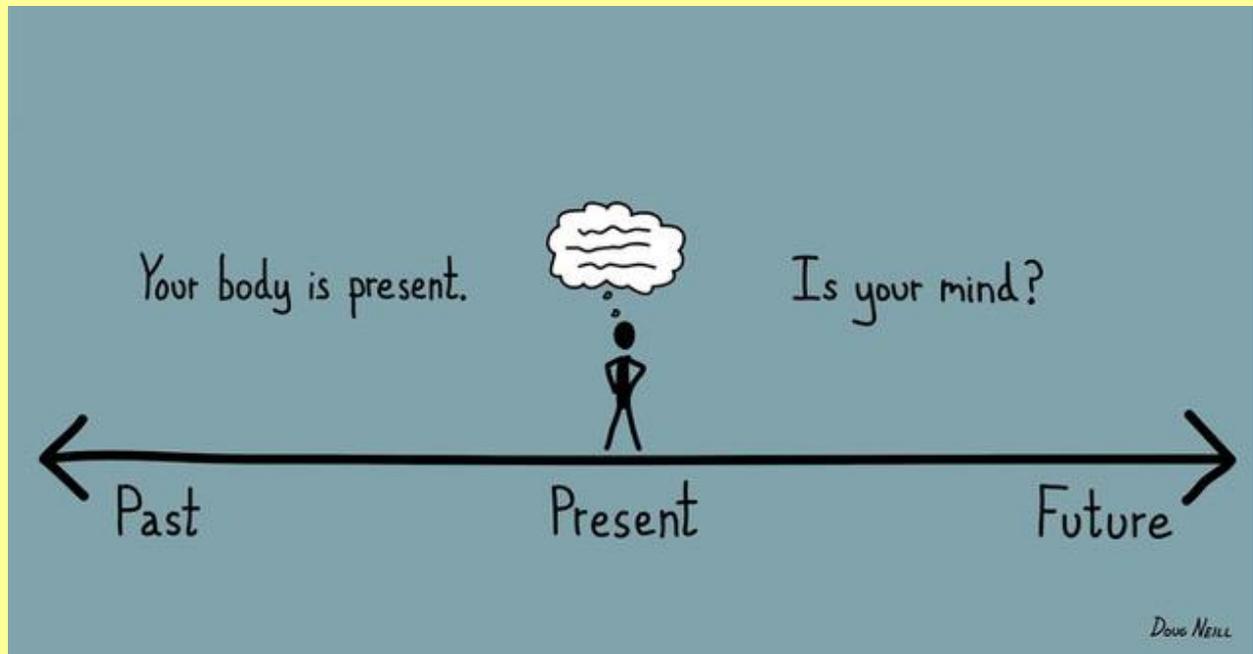
You can use Microsoft documents even if you don't have Office on your device. Follow [this link](#) to find out how.

**\*Online Resource of the Week\***

Duolingo is a fun, interactive free app that lets students practice new vocabulary in a range of foreign languages. Visit [www.duolingo.com](http://www.duolingo.com)

**Mindfulness**

Please [click here](#) to learn about how mindful listening can help you to connect fully with what you hear.



## YEAR GROUP-SPECIFIC NOTICES

### ALL YEAR GROUPS

**Attendance** - If a student is unwell and is therefore unable to complete any of the work set for them, please inform us via the attendance email: [attendance@themisbourne.co.uk](mailto:attendance@themisbourne.co.uk). This will enable us to inform the relevant members of staff that your child will be unable to complete the work set during the time of their absence.

### Young Composer of the Year competition – Mr Ingram

Mr Ingram would like to highlight two fantastic competitions that are now open to all students with an interest in musical composition:

- The **BBC Young Composer 2020** competition is now open to students aged 12-18 of all technical abilities, backgrounds and musical influences.
- The BBC has also launched a **30-Second Composition Challenge**, which challenges composers aged 12-18 to get creative at home and create a 30-second piece for a single instrument or voice.

For more information on how to enter either competition, [click here](#).

### Explore film-making – Mrs Hill

Any student with an interest in film-making may be interested in this free, 6-week course being run by the National Film and Television School from 11 May. For more information and to sign up, [click here](#).

**YEAR 11** – Over the next weeks, all Year 11 students will receive a call home to discuss their Sixth Form application or their planned next steps. [Click here](#) to read the letter sent home this week, which is also on the letters section of our website.

**Summer Internships:** Register now for online Summer Internships in a wide range of careers. Gain experience in a career from the comfort of your own home! [Click here](#) for more information and details of how to apply.

### SIXTH FORM – Mr D Dwight

We have created a **May Motivation** calendar with ideas and opportunities to inspire our Sixth Formers every day of the month. You will find it in the Sixth Form section of our website – [click here](#) to take a look.

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## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### Buckinghamshire Healthcare

Please [click here](#) to read a letter from Buckinghamshire Healthcare outlining the temporary changes it has made to its community services for Children and Young People in response to the COVID 19 pandemic.