Head of Sixth Form’s Welcome

Welcome to this edition!

Earlier this week, Ms Spencer wrote to families of students in Year 10 and Year 12 and explained our thinking around the potential for school’s re-opening in June. The letter can be found here. It would be incredible helpful if parents/carers could inform us on their plans by emailing sixthform@isaacnewtonacademy.org.

Year 12 reports will be emailed this week and should be a key part of planning around next steps. We are really conscious that the UCAS deadlines are at present holding as the 15th of October for DMV and Oxbridge applicants and the 15th of January for all other courses. We are committed to making sure you are ready for these dates. If there are any issues please don’t hesitate to get in touch.

Finally, I want to wish you all a good half term break. Please continue to keep safe and healthy. I also wish our families Eid Mubarak for the weekend!

Best wishes,

Ms Alibhai
Vice Principal and Head of Sixth Form
Sixth Form Shout-Outs

We asked staff to share some of the great BRIDGES habits shown by our students this week. This is what they have said:

**Aman Amin (12 LSE)**: Aman has shown excellent engagement with his biology remote learning.

**Ekam Sehmbi (12 Manchester)**: His history teachers have been impressed with the high quality of History learning.

**Aemy Rehman (12 Manchester)**: Her maths teacher is very impressed with her engagement with Maths learning.

**Kiran Lalli (12 Manchester)**: Her maths teacher has noted her proactive approach in seeking help with Maths remote learning.

**Jainna Bhalla (12 Newcastle)**. Has been nominated for her excellent continued engagement with Geography remote learning.

**Alisha Khan (12 UEL)**: has been nominated for her consistently high quality of Economics learning.

**Javin Sufiyani (12 UEL)**: has impressed her maths teacher with her impressive engagement with Maths remote learning.

**Naeem Habib (13 Nottingham)**: has shown a really positive approach with future planning and has been successful with securing interviews with apprenticeships.

**Esha Patel (13 Plymouth)** - Esha has been very proactive by researching what to expect from her chosen apprenticeship and is preparing herself for the next stage of education really well. She has secured herself some second round interviews too which is very exciting. Esha has shown enthusiasm and resilience during school closure and has kept up to date with her assignments.

Safeguarding

The welfare and safety of our students is our priority. We do everything possible to ensure our students’ safety, both within the school community and outside of school, including working with relevant agencies to address any issues related to child protection.

Students are informed of who they should go to should they have a concern about their own safety or the safety of others.

At INA, all staff have regular safeguarding training to ensure that they are able to meet their statutory responsibilities. We also have a number of staff who are designated to respond to any child protection concerns and to liaise with social services (please view the safeguarding page on our website here.)

**DESIGNATED SAFEGUARDING LEAD (DSL)**
*Leanne Abbott-Jones - Vice Principal*

You can find the INA Safeguarding policy, Child Protection policy and other related policies and procedures on the Academy’s website. Email: safeguarding@isaacnewtonacademy.org
Sixth Form Team Update

Dear Sixth Formers,

We draw to the end of another half term of remote learning, a total of seven weeks of school closure (discounting the Easter holidays)! It seems like forever since we have seen your lovely faces and we are certainly missing all of you.

For Year 13, you would have been in the throes of exam preparation. Even though you would have had your last lessons with us, you’re still very much part of the INA community. We will continue to provide some bridging learning to help you keep the foundations you have built at INA strong, as you prepare for your next level of education. Your teachers have provided some wonderful feedback about the year group with respect to the BRIDGES dispositions you have developed in your time with us and we have a special virtual celebration event in the making to recognise and celebrate your successes.

For Year 12, we have seen resilience and commitment to your studies and the shout outs are pouring in each week. We remain on hand for UCAS advice as you start to draft your personal statements and make those important university choices.

This week has been Mental Health Awareness Week, with the theme being kindness. During lockdown, everyone’s schedule has changed and it’s as important keep a balance between working, being sociable, and finding time for yourself.

There is evidence to suggest that kindness is one important way we can help others and promote and protect our mental health and wellbeing. The effects of kindness may be maximised when it helps us to strengthen our social connections, when it is done voluntarily and for unselfish reasons, and when we feel we have had a positive effect on others.

For more information about how to get involved in Mental Health Awareness week, go to https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/campaigns/mental-health-awareness-week

Unifrog are also marking Mental Health Awareness Week with a challenge. Your challenge is to fill out the Unifrog timetable template, marking time out for the things you must do (remote learning, applications etc.) and the things you want to do (exercise, hobbies, family time). Include some time to practice some of the wellbeing techniques too! A PowerPoint including some suggested mindfulness techniques can be found here: https://www.bulwellacademy.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Wellbeing-Week-2020-PPT.pdf

The sixth form team wishes you a restful and healthy half term break.