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It is now six school weeks since the government closed schools. The government has just confirmed that Year 12 students **may** have some on site learning after the 1st June. We are still reviewing all the guidance provided by the DFE and, if on site learning does take place, it is likely to be small group format that allows the school to ensure students and teachers involved are safe. It will also supplement home learning and not replace it. Until we have a workable plan, I would ask parents/carers and students to continue supporting the home learning programme as next year will be tough if you fall behind. Email me if you are struggling cwadey@norlington.school .

Thinking ahead to starting university, Year 13 students might make use of this Vimeo channel with advice from students living away from home at the end of their first year at university.

The first one explores Results Day and it is interesting how many students describe how it felt and how they prepared for it.



Go to this Vimeo link – [click here](#) and enter the password **netsixth13** .

Along with a host of other preparation for university videos on budgeting and surviving the first year, there is a video about Term 1 challenges at university, so you can understand the areas you need to work on now to get ready.

Don't forget there are university free textbooks to help prepare and you can just dip in [Click here](#). **Year 12** might also take a look as the year will fly by and these books won't be free forever!

Year 12 - your UCAS subject references will shortly be written by your teachers. Make sure you keep engaging with the tasks set by your teachers as these may influence your references as the independent learning skills you are using now are key to university and what they are looking for.

Take care everyone!

Mr. Wadey, Head of 6th Form

Stay Safe, Stay Well, Stay Home!



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Home Learning Courses of the Week!

Rhetoric: The Art of Persuasive Writing and Public Speaking (Accredited, 8 weeks long)



HARVARD
UNIVERSITY



Friday Fun - Quizzes from BBC Radio 4 Today Programme - Mensa, UK Mathematics Trust, and various university maths departments.

1. A fruit bowl contains **one** apple, **two** oranges and **three** bananas.

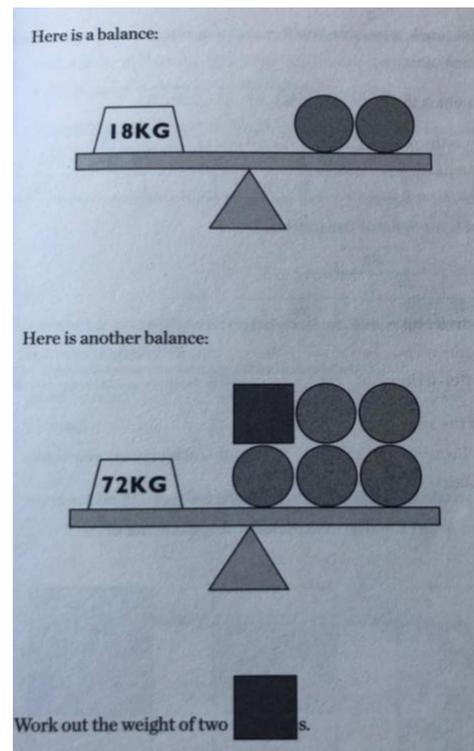
Teenage siblings Alice and Bob take it in turns removing fruit from the bowl; on their turn, they may remove one piece of fruit or two pieces of fruit of the same type. Whoever takes the last piece of fruit wins, and the other sibling must do the chores that evening.

If Alice goes first, what should she take on her first turn to force Bob to do the chores?

2. What connects the following seven words?

tape
squash
pages
beans
blood
snake
wood

- 3.





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Bank Holiday Friday Fun Answers to last week's Netflix quiz ~

1. Which Netflix Original series sees a brother and two sisters come to terms with their father's murder whilst discovering some family secrets along the way? [Locke & Key](#)
2. Hosted by Alexa Chung and Tan France, which reality show looks to find the next big designer? [Next in Fashion](#)
3. Full of twists and turns, which Harlan Coben drama features a mysterious woman who brings chaos to all she meets? [The Stranger](#)
4. Sophia Lillis stars in 'I Am Not Okay With This'. In which film series did she famously play teenager Beverly Marsh? [IT](#)
5. Asa Butterfield plays socially awkward teen Otis Milburn and Emma Mackay is Maeve Wiley in which school-based teen series? [Sex Education](#)
6. In which Netflix drama does Henry Cavill play Geralt Of Rivia, a superhero monster hunter? [The Witcher](#)

Who is this Week's Future World Leader?

Clue 1: 1858 – 1928 A British political activist. She is best remembered for organising the UK suffragette movement and helping women win the right to vote.

Clue 2: In 1999, time named her as one of the 100 Most Important People of the 20th Century, stating that *“she shaped an idea of women for our time”* and *“shook society into a new pattern from which there could be no going back”*



Last week's future leader was **Michele Obama!**

Mr. Wilson's Joke of the Week

I have to confess, during the lockdown, I've been really struggling with my compulsive addiction to the Hokey Cokey.

But I've turned myself around, and that's what it's all about.





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More Speakers for Schools Talks Live Streamed – [click here](#)

No logins are required to watch these VTalks, and you can stream the talks without downloading Microsoft Teams. Links should be opened in a browser that is not Internet Explorer. Students can view by clicking WATCH TALK LIVE HERE and then clicking 'Watch on web instead' and sign in anonymously. The speakers will appear at the set times e.g. 10am and 2pm.

Monday 18th May, 10am:

Aleida Rios, Group Head of Engineering, BP

Why choose Engineering as a career? John, a graduate who works at BP, interviews BP's Group Head of Engineering, Aleida Rios on how she got into Engineering and how students can build a career they enjoy.

[WATCH LIVE TALK HERE](#)

Monday 18th May, 2pm:

How to talk to strangers: Malcolm Gladwell, Author, How to Talk to Strangers and Emma Dabiri, Academic and Author, Don't Touch my Hair

Author of five international bestsellers, Malcolm Gladwell, joins academic and author of *Don't Touch My Hair*, Emma Dabiri, to discuss the consequences of miscommunication, how to interview others and the art of storytelling. This event will take place on Penguin Platform YouTube page, be sure to submit your questions in advance at inspiration@speakersforschools.org

[WATCH LIVE TALK HERE](#)

Tuesday 19th May, 2pm:

Kathrina Mannion, Director of Environmental Policy, BP

Kathrina will discuss her career and current role in Environment and Policy. She will also discuss her motivations and career progressions. Kathrina used to be a Senior Advisor for the government so has a really interesting career story.

[WATCH LIVE TALK HERE](#)



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Wednesday 20th May, 10am:

Dr. Maria Faraone, Director of the RIBA Studio, Royal Institution of British Architects

What does an Architect do? Dr Maria Faraone will explore with students more about the career, what it might entail and how students can pursue the career.

[WATCH LIVE TALK HERE](#)

Wednesday 20th May, 2pm:

David Dein MBE, Former Chairman of Arsenal and the Football Association

David's presentation is aimed at 15-18yr olds and features the phenomenal success of the Premier League since its inception. David will also impart inspirational messages about how to be successful.

[WATCH LIVE TALK HERE](#)

Thursday 21st May, 2pm:

Peter Mather, Group Regional Vice President, Europe & Head of Country, UK, BP

Carbon emissions need to fall fast to meet the Paris climate goals. At the same time, the global population continues to grow – and demand more energy. By 2040, another 2 billion people are expected to be in the world, while energy demand is projected to rise by around a third, equivalent to adding another new China and EU's worth of energy demand on top of what's required today. How can we tackle this dual challenge?

[WATCH LIVE TALK HERE](#)

Friday 22nd May, 10m:

Tom Dore, Head of Education, British E-Sports Association

Tom's session will talk about the transferable skills that can be gained from playing esports, Tom's session will aim to demystify the esports sector and let students know about the opportunities that exist.

[WATCH LIVE TALK HERE](#)

Assemblies for Year 12 and 13

To facilitate a weekly assembly, where we can get together each Thursday at 10 am, could you please sign up for the 6th Form Assembly group on Google classroom.

Code: **tfwdsul**





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Preparation for University and Apprenticeships

Year 12 and 13 – Don't forget to sign up to the live webinars hosted by **University & Apprenticeship Search** every Wednesday at 12pm. This Wednesday 20th is all about apprenticeships where you will have the opportunity to ask the experts some questions. Register to watch [HERE](#).



Despite the current climate, there are still lots of exciting opportunities out there. Just IT currently have apprenticeship roles with **Facebook, Google & Sainsbury's**. [LINK](#)

If you can't make it or want to watch some of their other Webinars then they can be found on [YouTube](#)

Choosing a Uni

- Picking a Course
- Location, Location
- Which Institution?
- Events + Advice

[WATCH HERE](#)

Student Finance

- How to Apply
- Living Costs
- Scholarships
- Bursaries

[WATCH HERE](#)

Life at University

- Accommodation
- Study + Social Life
- Budgeting
- Extra-Curriculars

[REGISTER HERE](#)

UCAS Application: Personal Statement

- What to include
- How to Structure
- Standing Out
- Do's & Don'ts

[WATCH HERE](#)

Why Choose an Apprenticeship?

- Explaining Levels
- Work + Study
- Career Options
- How to Apply

[REGISTER HERE](#)



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STATEMENT –
ONLINE LECTURES AT GRESHAM
COLLEGE - [CLICK HERE](#)**





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UCAS

Year 13- If you need some guidance on choosing your Firm - your first choice (CF) and Insurance- your backup choice (CI) universities , do get in touch with Mr. Wilson, jwilson@norlington.school.

Reminder: UCAS deadline to accept offers is **18th June 2020**

Some considerations when deciding on your Firm and Insurance choices:

- Re-familiarise yourself with the course description and modules on offer – the course content needs to match up with what you're looking for in a course. Make comparisons to help you decide
- Revisit your original research - Where do they score on league tables? What are their employability scores like? What is their student satisfaction like? etc
- Calculate your commute - plan and cost your journey if living at home or away and see how long it takes. Also, if living away what are the travel costs for visiting home if someone can't collect you or friends/family want to visit you?
- Research other living costs? Do they have halls? etc
- Consider and compare facilities, societies and clubs
- Connect and talk with real students on UniBuddy to answer any of your queries <https://unibuddy.com/>
- **Remember** - Your insurance choice should act as a back-up option if you don't get the grades you were expecting and miss out on your firm choice. It doesn't make any sense picking an insurance choice with higher or the same entry requirements as your firm choice.

Updated guidance from the Student Loans Company

Deputy CEO of the Student Loans Company, David Wallace, is advising students thinking about going to university for the first time this autumn to complete their funding applications online as soon as possible.

New students are being asked to submit their applications before **22 May 2020**. The deadline for returning student applications is 19 June.

Applications for student finance can be made here:

<https://www.gov.uk/student-finance>



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The Student Loans Company has updated their guidance for prospective students to include guidance for those whose academic year is extended because of the coronavirus outbreak and for migrant worker student applicants.

The guidance can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/guidance-for-current-students>

University Finance Quiz: Accommodation Costs

The third University Finance Quiz is here, and it will test you on your knowledge of Accommodation Costs. Watch the videos and answer the questions to ensure that you know everything that you need to about the very grown up topic of paying rent!

Take the quiz [HERE](#).



Preparing for University MOOC



Complete the Future Learn MOOC on **Preparing for University**. This has been written by the University of East Anglia and contains essential tips and practice of the analytical skills you need in order to succeed at university learning environment.

You can complete the course [HERE](#).

Are you interested in Law, Criminology, Policing, Business or Politics?

The University of Law's Virtual HE Experience Day will go ahead on **Wednesday 20th May**, from **10am – 3pm**. There will be a number of workshops that you can attend depending on your course of interest. The sessions will include subject-specific ones titled '**Law in Action**,' '**Business Breakdown**' and '**True Crime Case Studies**', as well as skills-based sessions on careers and personal statements.

Students who sign up will receive a personalised timetable – please see more info and the booking link below:

Sign up to our HE Experience Day [HERE](#)





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For students who are unable to make the HE Day, they are running the True Crime Case Studies talk again on Friday 22nd May, from 11:00am - 12:00pm. It's fun and engaging but encourages critical thinking and subject-related skills.

You will need to book for this talk if you want to attend, and the link is below.

Sign up to our True Crime workshop: [HERE](#)

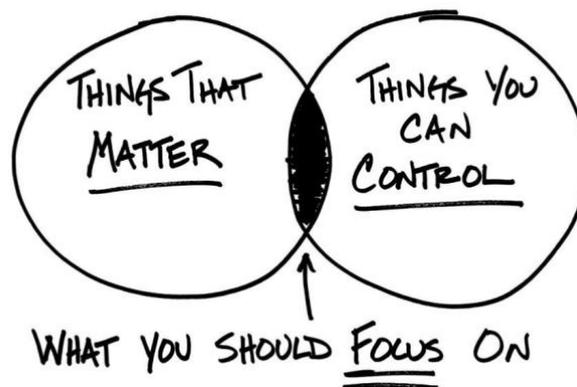
TED TALK FOR THIS WEEK



[What fear can teach us](#)

What can we learn from fear? That's the question that Karen Thompson Walker tackles in this fascinating look into why we feel afraid sometimes and what we can do with it.

Thought of the Week



That's it for this week! Watch out for the next newsletter on Friday 22nd May

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