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YEAR 10 News LETTER

For many of us Easter is significant for the ultimate sacrifice made, the crucifixion of Jesus Christ and his holy resurrection. Sometimes this significant religious event gets drowned out by easter eggs, chocolate, and the latest block buster movie release. Christians use this time to reflect the ultimate sacrifice given and the message that is similar in many religions of care, thought and respect to all.

Alongside Easter, is the coincidence of the month of Ramadan. It is a holy Islamic event whereby Muslims fast every day between sunset and sunrise. This will take place at the start of April. Throughout the month Muslims dedicate their time and themselves to God - giving to charity, praying, and fasting. For many, it is also a time of personal reflection.

It is certainly a time of significance and common belief.

On another note, time certainly goes by quickly and another term will be successfully completed on **Friday 1 April (at 3.15pm)**.

The school will re-open on **Wednesday 20 April**, with two weeks until the formal examinations begin for Years 11-13.

I wish to thank you for your support over the last term and I hope that you all have some family time together.

Mr Erwin
Principal



Time has passed so quickly this Spring term.

This half term I have been on several walkabouts around the school to visit Year 10 lessons. Last week I visited a Year 10 **Drama** lesson, and I witnessed such an amazing piece of drama, the group were fully engaged in the lesson and supportive of each other's performances, which blew me away! I have also visited Year 10 **Physical Education** lessons in the Sports Hall. I was drawn over to the trampolines, where many students exhibited great skill and support for one another. I seriously thought I was at a national trampolining competition. I have meandered to the **Art** department and the art that is exhibited inspires me and validates the praise I have for Year 10; it echoes the brilliance and high calibre of students we have at Ken Stimpson Community School.

This term Mrs Ayre and Mrs Patman have organised Year 10 **Career workshops** with representatives from **Anglian Water** and **Kier**, within the school virtually using Microsoft Teams. We have also taken Year 10 students to **Construction Apprenticeship fayres** at Milton Keynes and Stamford College. The feedback from these external business visitors, has been nothing but impeccable praise about our Year 10 students. Year 10 Maths, English, Science intervention are now in full flow during pastoral sessions, as we are gearing up towards Year 11 and preparing students for their final **GCSE Examinations**.

This term I have been talking with individual Year 10 students about their target grades and we are fully committed to drive every student towards their targets and goals.

Have a great **Easter** holiday Year 10, enjoy time with friends and family and get rejuvenated ready to work harder in the summer term, to achieve your full potential and your ambitions.

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10 HOURS OF SPORT 10 HOURS OF SUPPORT

10 Hours of Sport is, of course, more than just 10 Hours of Sport. **The Malcolm Whales Foundation 10 Hours of Sport** is many things: 10 hours of fun; 10 hours of fitness; 10 hours of fund raising; 10 hours of friendship; 10 hours of doing something different; 10 hours of feeling good about yourself and those around you. In every sense of the word, it is more like 10 hours of support. The 10 hours of sport at Ken Stimpson Community School happened to coincide with the loveliest day of the year so far. The doors of the sports hall were wide open, the sky was azure blue, and the bright sun lifted the mood of the 200 students taking part on the day. Netball, basketball, football, table tennis, trampolining, badminton, dodgeball: each area inside and out buzzed with enthusiasm and enjoyment. For hundreds of students, I don't think there's anywhere else they would rather have been on that day. And for some of them, I wouldn't mind betting that they'd get up the next day and do it all over again! What a great advert for the **TMWF Dorset Walk** taking place in July! A chance for younger students who can't go this year to look forward to the next. Members of staff and older students who popped into the sports hall were wearing an assortment of TMWF t-shirts from previous years which helped to promote a sense of shared purpose and group identity - the mainstay of any charitable organisation. It's wonderful that so many young people can aspire to a pursuit that is essentially so selfless and yet so self-helping. School can mean lots of different things for lots of different students at the same time. One way of looking at the 10 hours of sport is simply this: that for one day in the year, it can unify so many people in such a harmonious and joyful way. I for one certainly went home on Friday feeling uplifted and, if I'm honest, a little overwhelmed with happiness.

Mr Billson, English Faculty.



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£756.57
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Happy Easter!



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