

Bulletin for Families

Friday 19 June 2020

Message from the Head of School

To the class of 2020. This week's Bulletin is dedicated to you to recognise your time at Saxmundham School. I have always described you as the year group of role models and you have certainly set exceptionally high standards for the younger years to follow.

This isn't the end we were hoping for but I can assure you that we will celebrate your success with a Leaver's Ball when more lockdown restrictions are lifted. So many staff members wanted to share their best wishes and I hope you enjoy reading these.

I would like to personally say that it has been a privilege to be on this journey with you. I can remember many of you from the transition visits that began whilst you were in primary school, the summer school before Year 7 and having the pleasure of teaching all of you at some point during the past five years. We are all very proud of you and wish you every success with your next chapter.

Your grades have been submitted to the exam boards and we look forward to seeing you on Thursday 20th August 2020.

Year 11 Leavers Assembly

There will be a Year 11 leavers assembly held via Zoom next Friday 26th June at 3pm. The login for this will be emailed to parents/carers next week. We look forward to seeing you there to celebrate your time at SET Saxmundham.

Mr Battle, Head of School



Mr R Battle
Head of School

History Textbooks

Please can any Year 11s who have borrowed History textbooks return them to the School by dropping them off at the School Office.

Mr Woolven

To the Class of 2020

To all the fantastic Year 11s, what an end to the year you have had, I am so unbelievably proud of how you all have dealt with such an unusual situation. As a historian I honestly believe that you as a year group will go down in history, also any children or grandchildren you have will be studying it all in school, so in this way you have already created history!

I taught a lot of you from Year 7, I have many memories of singing your register like an opera singer and introducing you to those "horrible histories." As a year group you have always been a lot of fun to teach, you then grew up to be fun, energetic, resilient individuals, with such integrity which you have really shown off these past few months.

In the words of Dr Seuss

"Congratulations!
Today is your day.
You're off to great places!
You're off and away!
You have brains in your head!
You have feet in your shoes.
You can steer yourself in any direction you choose.
You're on your own,
And you know what you know.
And YOU are the one who will decide where to go.
You'll look up and down the streets,
Look them over with care,
About some, you'll say,
I don't wish to go there.

With your head full of brains,
And your shoes full of feet.
You're too smart to go down a not so good street,
And you may not find any you want to go down,
In that case ofcourse, you'll head straight out of town.
It's opener there, in the wide open air.
Out there things happen, and frequently do.
To people as brainy and footsy as you,
And when things start to happen, don't worry, don't stew.
Just go right along, you'll start happening too!"

Remember to keep in touch and tell us about all your wonderful achievements in the world! You will always remember your school days and we will always remember you. Never give up if there is something you want to do! I believe in fate and even if things don't happen the first time, the world has a way of sorting things out if you want it to. Be kind to people and try to always find time to make yourself happy.

Lots of love and farewell for now,

Miss Isaac, also from my new baby boy Jimmy!

To Year 11,

I started my time at Saxmundham when you started Year 7. A lot has happened in that time for me and I have been in and out of school. That meant that I didn't get to teach you again until you were in Year 11. I am so glad I did get to teach you again for your final year. You are not only a fantastic group of students but also uniquely wonderful as individuals.

I am so sorry that your time at Saxmundham ended the way it did and that there has been no real closure for you. Hopefully in time that will come. However, in the meantime I wish you all the best.

Stay safe and stay super! Bon courage!

Mrs Morton

A fond farewell message to a fabulous year group - I have had the chance to work with so many of you and I have some wonderful memories.

Saxmundham will miss each and every one of you. It's sad that I didn't get the chance to say goodbye personally but I wish you all well as you enter your next chapter.

Take care and keep in touch.

Ms Gilardi

Good luck to all Year 11s. It's been a pleasure supporting you over the past few years and I will miss you. I really enjoyed both in-class support and all our English interventions - I've no doubt your hard work and effort will pay off! I've been very fortunate in being able to spend time with some of you on our Summer Enrichment trips, my memories of Amsterdam and Barcelona will stay with me always; you were the perfect ambassadors for our school and your excitement, enthusiasm and love of learning about other cultures was infectious!

Good luck, all the best for the future. I wish you every success in life. Take care.

Mrs Costello

Year 11,

As the majority of you know we all started at Saxmundham Free School together - getting lost and confused! I have had the privilege of teaching most of you, whether in our first lessons (7C and 7D!), in my form (7 Minsmere) or in other year groups and subjects. I've seen you all mature into wonderful people and I have many memories with you all. I hope you go on to achieve all that you want and more - I am so proud to have been a part of your journey and I hope to see you all again. You will be missed greatly.

Miss Moe

To the class of 2020,

You will certainly be remembered not least because you had the misfortune of finishing your schooling during a global pandemic.

I'm disappointed, as are the rest of the staff, to not have been able to give you the send off you deserved but I'm keeping my fingers crossed that we will catch up later in the year.

I have loved working with you, especially in Maths but I can't say I'll miss chasing some of you up and down the stairs and around the corridors trying to get you into class!

I'll miss being asked what I'm doing at the weekend at least five times during a lesson by the same person (you know who you are)!

I wish each and every one of you every success in whatever you choose to do next, you are such fabulous young people and it has been a privilege and a pleasure being just a small part of your journey.

Lots of love.

Mrs Stevens/Page!

To Year 11,

I hope that wherever you go and whatever you end up doing, you stay as amazing as you are.

Mrs Hodes





To the class of 2020,

I never dreamt that there would be a cohort of students for whom GCSE exams were cancelled. All those years and lessons reminding you of the importance of mocks only for it to become a reality! You will go down in history and future generations will study 2020 and the year public exams were cancelled, whilst for you it will be a story to tell.

The way you have all handled yourself during this time is admirable and is a testament to the fine young adults you have become. I am incredibly proud of all of you. Many of you have overcome challenging situations and you have come out fighting and stronger than when you began. It has been a pleasure to help you find your way either individually or as a group and I hope you'll always look back with fond memories at of your time at SET Saxmundham School.

Now is the time for you to spread your wings and fly and to follow the path you have chosen. Remember to reach for the stars, if you fall you will still land on the moon. Aim high and never give up.

Do come back and tell us how you're getting on in the future we love hearing about all your success but for now enjoy the summer (in whatever way we are allowed to do so!) and I wish you all health and happiness for the years to come.

Miss Marsden

Hello Year 11, especially 11 Warberswick and 11T Science.

It's been a strange time and not the goodbye I or the School would have liked to have had with you. It was further cut short as I had to go into isolation early due to one of my children displaying symptoms. Hopefully we will be able to meet again soon so I can say good bye properly and wish you all well for the future.

I will miss all you loads, I'm sad that we didn't get that last half a term of Science and tutor time. I'm sad that I didn't get to see you go through your GCSEs. I'm sad that we didn't get to have a last school day together or see your faces when you had done brilliantly in your exams. I'm sad I will not get to chat and laugh with you in the corridors, in class, in the restaurant and tutor time again. I'm also sad I will not get to add to my tutor photos on my wall to remind me of all you.

The students in my classes really did brighten my day and it was always a delight to teach you and see you learn and become the fantastic young adults you are now. Teaching I believe all about the positive relationships we forge with our students, and I hope this has come across in the last five years together. Thank you for all the laughs, incites and conversations we have had over the years. I hope you all go on and achieve amazing things in the future. I hope you have some great memories of your time at SET Saxmundham School as I do of you.

Mr Connell-Smith

This has been difficult to write as there are so many things I would like to say about the good memories you have given me and the many many times you have made me laugh. But will save them for the next time we meet as I won't be able to copy/paste this for next year's 11s, though I will say that my Friday lunch times will not be the same anymore.

And to my form, clearly the most important information you will hear this side of September...the winning team of our form quiz is Elliott's team! Your prize is something money can't buy and sadly you can't hear as all my family have just given you a hearty round of applause (even my dog barked...it was quite emotional).

Thank you for being you, the last five years have flown by, it has been a pleasure to know you wonderful people and I wish you all the very best for the future.

Take care, Renners!