

This has week has been incredibly challenging for us all. The situation we find ourselves in has tested our resolve, and we have had to make some tough calls. The decision to close the school to certain year groups is something that we hoped we would not have to take, and goes against our key educational principles. However, these challenges continue and we must now focus on ensuring that learning continues regardless of where our students are. We are committed to ensuring that the quality of learning and teaching remains at the very highest level, and we must work in partnership to see this happen. Thank you for your continuing support and understanding.

Together we will get through this. Together, We Are The Wren.

Thank you and Stay Safe.

## Reminder... 1

### Y11 Mock Exams

Start Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November

Make sure you know your timetable & start times.

## Sixth Form 4

We were so proud to open our new sixth form this year and welcome our first cohort of Y12s.

This journey is now about to start for our next cohort. Following a very successful Open Evening the application process is now open.

Applications and our new sixth form prospectus can be found [here](#).

## Uniform 7

As the weather gets colder do you have a school jumper that fits?

*Remember, no other jumpers or hooded tops are allowed.*

Our uniform can be purchased online at [www.stevensonsonline.co.uk](http://www.stevensonsonline.co.uk)

## Support your school community

### Join our school's lottery 2

This is a weekly online lottery which helps to raise funds for our school.

Find out more and visit

[www.yourschoollottery.co.uk](http://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk)



Search for: The Wren

Supporters must be 16+

## What have we been doing? 5

What was actually going on for staff on INSET today? One of our commitments is to improve the reading age of every student in school.

We know that students who have higher reading abilities will be happier students, who make better progress and have wider career opportunities in the future.

Today, we launched our strategy for achieving this, with staff involved in various workshops and planning and preparing for how we can bring our ambitious strategy to life.

We want to involve parents in this too, and so watch out for a Reading and Literacy themed Parents' Forum coming soon.

## What are you reading? 8

Check out our Remembrance Day recommended reading list. Some inspiring and moving texts. Get yourself to the LRC and check them out.

## Year 9 Parents' Evening

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2020

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## Is TikTok Safe? 3

TikTok is certainly the social media app of choice for young people.

*But is it safe?*

*How much do you know about it?*

*Did you know you must be 13 to have it?*

There is a great BBC documentary that helps answer some of these questions. Watch it [here](#).

## Assemblies 6

Next week our assemblies are on the theme of 'Diversity in the family and the wider world'.

## Supporting Home Learning 9

We have uploaded two new videos onto the school website to support you in your child's home learning.

1. How to access emails
2. How to use MS Teams effectively

These can be found along with many other details and our promise for remote learning.

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