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Autumn Term Roundup – 11th December 2020

A message from Mr Grills

We have made it to the end of what feels like a very long but very enjoyable term! The challenges we have faced since our return to school in September have been unprecedented. I would like to thank all members of the school community, staff, students and parents for their ongoing support. 2020 has been quite a year for everyone connected with the school. Our 'Good' Ofsted judgement in February has cemented the foundations we have laid over the previous two and a half years and really provided us with the confidence and drive to continue our rapid improvement; the sky really is the limit for our school. At the end of the calendar year we are in a better position than ever, lessons are purposeful and challenging and students are enjoying every minute of every day. I am personally so proud of everything we have achieved and looking forward to seeing what 2021 will bring. We look forward to welcoming students back into school on Monday 4th January and wish you all a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Student Feedback

As always, receiving feedback from our students is so important to all the staff. We have recently asked our Year 8 pupils to complete a questionnaire about their experience at Everest and their responses have been so positive! Over the course of next term we will be asking various groups of students for feedback so we can improve and give them the best opportunities to succeed.

Everest's Virtual Christmas Showcase

A global pandemic has not stopped the performing arts team. Miss Dickie and Miss Balfour have been planning the much-anticipated Christmas showcase for weeks and we cannot wait to share it with you all. Preparations and rehearsals are underway and the students are excited to display their talents. With this year being a little different, we will be sharing all performances virtually via our website from Monday 14th December. This year you can expect a trip to the outback with our very own Celebrity Jungle challenges, a Michael Jackson tribute dance piece, a powerful female dance troupe, and performances from our incredible GCSE courses from Year 9 and 10. Our Christmas Showcase teaser is live on our Facebook and Twitter! Search @everestcommunityacademy on either social platform to take a look – we can't wait to reveal the full production!

**Asking our Year 8 students...
Why should you come to Everest?**

- 'We are very inclusive and teachers put the students first'
- 'The teachers want you to do your best'
- 'All the staff are friendly'
- 'Everest have young teachers who give better quality education'
- 'We are looked after and always learn new things'
- 'Good LGBTQ+ Support'
- 'It is full of helpful, smart, inspiring teachers who will help you get your dream GCSE grade'
- 'It is a fun place to be'
- 'We are supported in all lessons'
- 'A very supportive group of teachers and friends'
- 'A safe environment where everyone is treated equally'
- 'It is easy to make friends'



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International Men's Day

The staff at Everest Community Academy, showed their support for men's mental health, through discussing personal experiences, quotes and inspirational people. Pupils also learnt about 2020 theme: 'Better health for men and boys'. They have discussed the importance of well-being and promoting a positive conversation about men, manhood and masculinity.

Year 11 Mock Exams

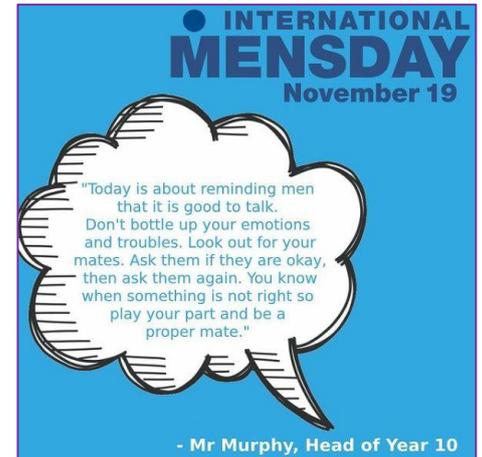
Once again, congratulations to all our Year 11 students who have now completed their mock exams! They have all worked hard and continued to remain positive. The atmosphere in the year group since September and especially during this period has been focused and calm. Although slightly nervous, students have approached mock exams with real maturity setting themselves up nicely for the real thing in the summer of 2021.

Anti-Bullying Week

To mark and raise awareness of Anti-Bullying Week all students attended an assembly run by tutors. During the course of the week, pupils also took part in a whole host of activities, to raise awareness and learn about their role in preventing and dealing with incidents of bullying. Year 7 students were asked to design a puzzle piece inspired by the role they are going to take against anti-bullying. Here are some examples.

Memory Fortnight – Helping Students Retain Knowledge

Everest students are taking part in our annual Memory Fortnight. Over the next two weeks students will be learning about different revision techniques and how to get knowledge to stick. We have shared these techniques over on our social media profiles so you can help your child revise at home. This is another great example of how hard we are working to keep the school running as normal in such challenging times.





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Remembrance Day

Earlier this half-term, Josh and Maddie, our Head Boy and Girl visited the Basingstoke War Memorial to lay a wreath, on behalf of the school, to mark Remembrance Day. In the previous years, we have attended the Sunday service at the memorial but were unable to this year due to the current national lockdown. We felt privileged to still have the opportunity to pay our respects. In school, students have been learning about WW1 and the significance of poppies. We also observed a two-minute silence to honour those who fought and scarified for the freedoms that we have today.



Blog

We've created a blog and our first post is all about our Acting Head Teacher, Mr Grills. We spoke about his career path leading to where he is now, his ambitions for Everest and his best advice for students. To read our latest blog visit this link: [Everest Blog](#)

Well-being questionnaire

A research project at the University of Winchester is assessing a questionnaire they have developed to measure young people's well-being. The researchers need pupils to complete the questionnaire so they can understand the reliability of the questionnaire. This will take no more than 10 minutes and the research is fully confidential and GDPR compliant.

Once shown to be reliable and valid, it will be a useful tool for schools, clubs and organisations who work with children. Based on results they can help measure and improve well-being. Your support with this would be deeply appreciated.

To access the questionnaire and more information, please click here: <https://win-its-stu.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/the-winchester-well-being-scale>



Class Charts – Who is top of the league?

In every lesson, points are awarded to students who work hard, make positive contributions and produce outstanding work. All points are recorded on Class Charts, which students and parents have access to via a website and downloadable app. Well done to all students who are working hard and accumulating points. Heads of Year will be rewarding your achievements in the coming weeks. Below are the top five students in each year group.

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Harmony Trussler (563)	Megan Suparta (586)	Zehra Yildirim (652)	Shania Milton (648)	Abigail Wilson (476)
Annalise Brown (544)	Megan Allabush (495)	Chris Dale (605)	Harrison Worley (635)	Katie Allabush (420)
Luke Raynsford (495)	Daisy Mason (466)	Oliver Green (557)	Daniella Aslett (562)	Erwin Andaralo (420)
Owen Cooper (493)	Freya James (458)	Brooke Kennealy (493)	Fateha Begum (558)	Megan Parker (394)
Rosie Humphreys (493)	Marharyta Lysenko (455)	Toby Sole (444)	Megan Humphreys (545)	Leona Argent (364)

Students in all year groups will receive copies of their end of term reports on Monday 14th December. This will be the first opportunity for students and families to receive feedback on their child's progress since March. We have purposely taken our time with issuing reports to ensure they have real value. Please check your contact email address as reports will also be sent direct to parents.

Want to keep up to date with what's happening at Everest?

Be sure to follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram from fantastic homework pieces and class activities to important educational updates. Search @everestcommunityacademy to find us!