



Everest
Community Academy
Success is an attitude

EVEREST NEWS

Weekly Roundup – 15th January 2021

A message from our Head of School

After a second week in lockdown, I would like to once again thank all members of the school community for their ongoing support. This week has been another success despite the challenges of online learning. Each year groups has the vast majority of students accessing live lessons and those with issues are being supported by our admin and pastoral teams. Over the coming weeks please keep an eye on our social media channels for updates and 'off screen challenges'. In the meantime, please continue the excellent work from home and contact your child's form tutor if you have any queries.



Our new blog post is live!

We are so grateful for our wonderful Pastoral Department, especially in difficult times like these. To get to know a little more about our Pastoral Lead, Mrs Hams, click the image to head straight over to our Everest Blog. Mrs Hams is one of our longest serving members of staff and was more than happy to open up about her career path, tips on keeping positive and what inspires her everyday.

Partnership with Marnel Juniors and Infants

In recent weeks, we have been working very closely with both Marnel Juniors and Infants. Mr Grills has attended a meeting with the head teachers from both schools to share best practice and collaborate with ideas on how we can best support the community. This is a partnership we are developing over the coming weeks and months for the benefit of all students at all schools. Our vision is that knowledge can be shared to support families regardless of which school they attend and the transition between phases is as smooth as possible.

COVID Testing Update

Our first week of testing is complete. Thank you to all students, staff and members of the community who have been involved in this important process. From this point onwards we are able to offer staff regular weekly testing and close contact testing for students should they need it. We have also been contacted by Southampton University Hospital to participate in a saliva-testing programme. As one of only ten schools in Hampshire taking part, we are delighted to be involved. More details will follow on this exciting development in the coming weeks.

Year 7 Positive Bingo

Organised by the fantastic, Miss Dickie, our Year 7 students have been taking part in different challenges each week, to be more positive in lockdown. As part of their 'Process Positively' work, they have been competing to complete their positive word bingo sheets. It is about using positive language and maintaining a positive attitude - which is especially in the current circumstances.