

November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

### **Y9 Newsletter**

It has been a very different start to the year and I am pleased to inform you that Year 9 have been fantastic at adapting to the new rules and ways of working here at De Warenne Academy. I would like to take the opportunity to inform you about some of the exciting events that have taken place in Year 9.

### **Academy Council**

The Academy Council has been re-launched by Mrs Nadin. Students hoping to be involved had to write a letter of application detailing their own strengths and their plans for the development of the council. I am pleased that several Year 9 students have been selected to join the council. The first council meeting was held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November and the council was quick at developing plans for a non-uniform day on 26 November and some fundraising raffles.

### **Eco Council**

We have seen the introduction of our new Eco Council and Year 9 have been keen to get involved. The council has completed an eco-survey of De Warenne Academy in order to draw up a plan to become more eco-friendly. Future plans include a recycling drive and an academy allotment. This is a fantastic start as we have already achieved our Bronze Eco School status!

### **Drop Down Day**

Year 9 took part in a drop-down day on 9<sup>th</sup> October which hit on some very important but difficult and hard-hitting topics including drugs, gangs, sex education, mental health and consent. The whole year group had a great day and conducted themselves impeccably, taking part in all the sessions with effort and enthusiasm. Well Done!



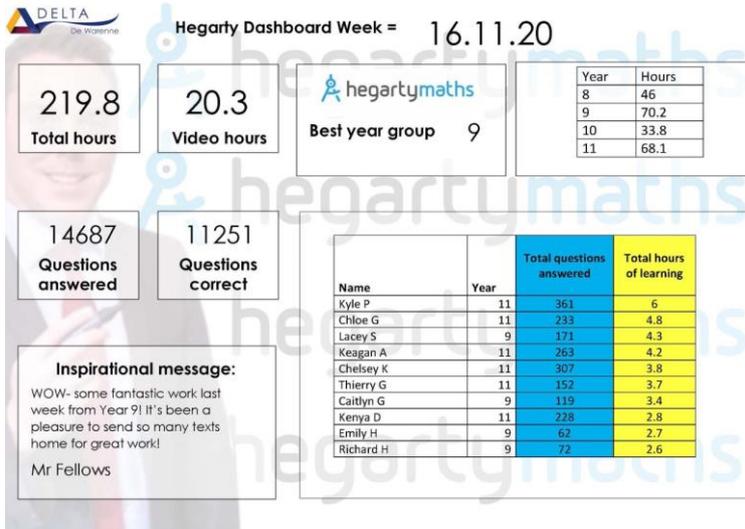
## Attendance Rewards

We value attendance here at De Warrenne Academy and following the half term break we gave all the students who had achieved 100% attendance during the first half term a special treat! They were allowed out of lessons early to enjoy a McDonald's Lunch. The students really enjoyed the treat and we hope it encourages students to continue to have such high attendance.



## GCSE Pod and Hegarty Maths

As you will be aware it is vitally important that our students support their learning in school with meaningful work at home. Each week we encourage students to complete Hegarty Maths homework and tasks on GCSE Pod. The numbers of students completing homework has been amazing (last week's data is shown in the diagram below) and as such we have been top of the trust for our Hegarty usage in September. Please continue to encourage your child to log in and complete their homework.



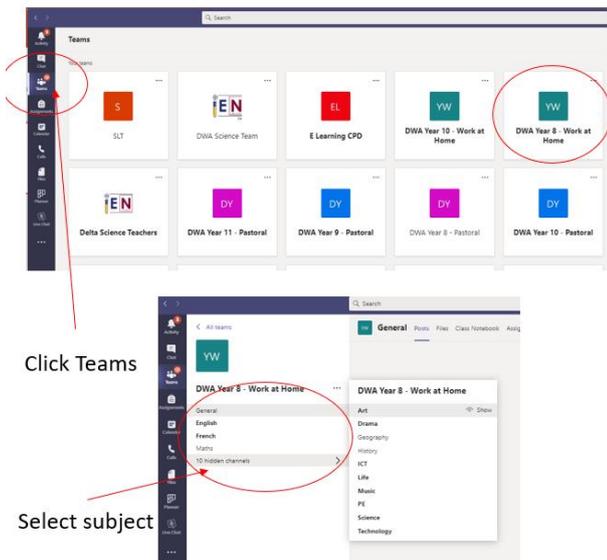
## Remembrance

On the 11<sup>th</sup> November we held a remembrance event in the Academy. During the week before, students sold poppies to raise money for the Royal British Legion and we have raised in excess of £230.00. All of our students were involved in a virtual assembly which ended at 11am for us to observe 2 minutes silence. A wreath was laid in our Field of Remembrance at 11am. We will remember them!



## December KS4 Assessments

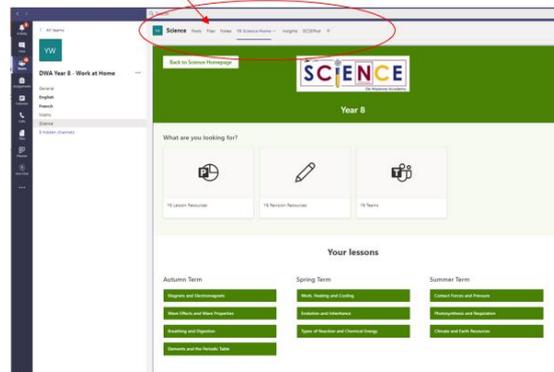
During December all students will sit assessments, the grades and efforts of which will be reported to parents in the new year. Please ensure that your child is regularly using their knowledge organiser to study key content. We have also made study materials accessible on Microsoft Teams – see the guide below.



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We now look forward to the festive season and the fun activities that it will bring. I hope you have a great Christmas. Should you have any questions regarding your child please contact the Academy and we will be happy to help.

Yours faithfully

**Mr Storey**  
**Assistant Principal**  
**Senior Leadership Team Lead for Year 9**