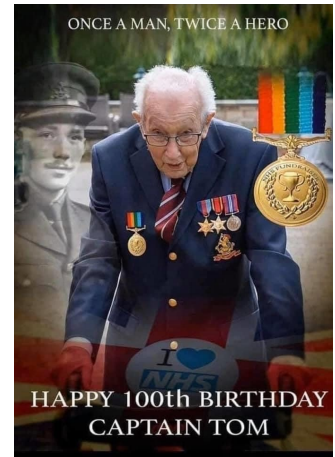




Dear parents/carers and students,

As the wonderful [Captain Tom](#) turns 100, we move quickly towards our 7th week away from school. What never ceases to amaze me is the kindness of strangers in these times. Every day we hear about small gestures, from delivering groceries to vulnerable members of the community to simply taking the time to genuinely ask the question 'How are you?'. There have been lots of funny moments too. My favourite has been all the sports men and women doing the [#Big Night Spin Challenge](#) in their gardens for the BBC's [Big Night In](#). It was fabulous to be reminded that even these glossy professional sports people have to find daft things to amuse themselves just as much as we do and that it is the best tonic to find some laughter amongst the more challenging moments.



We continue to support our Key Workers' children who are doing some fantastic learning in school as we also support all of you at home too.

Stay safe and best wishes, Mrs Matthewman - Acting Vice Principal.

Y10 learning from home - online engagement

A big thank you goes to all our Y10 students who are learning from home so diligently - really well done! We're sure your efforts will pay dividends in the end! And secondly, thank you to all our staff who have provided information about each and every Y10 student in regards to their progress and online learning engagement since the school closed. This feedback has provided a fantastic database for the Senior Leadership Team to contact all Y10 students and have extremely productive conversations with parents/carers and students. We now have some specific action points to help with and we've been able to identify which students are struggling with computer access as well as those who are finding working independently more of a challenge. In the coming weeks we will be offering more support via telephone and email for these students and likewise we ask parents/carers to keep in touch - remember we're all in this together!

Tutor Group Google Classrooms



This week, we have asked all our form tutors to set up a Google Classroom for their tutees (if they hadn't done so already). Going forward we hope that these virtual Tutor Groups will provide a space where students can reconnect with their form tutors, share any issues they may have and offer support to each other at this difficult time. It's all about opening up lines of communication, developing our network of support and providing opportunities so students know that their school and their teachers are there for them, even when we can't all be together.

Motivating children to read during lockdown

We know that teenagers who read independently are also those students who do best in school. But we also know that it can be really tricky trying to support your children to read when they are reluctant to





do so. Happily, there are practical insights to help better motivate your children to read more at home. [Click here to view 5 handy tips to foster reading motivation by Alex Quigley | 08 April 2020.](#)

Accelerated Reader at Risedale

Who is this for? All students in years 7-9 (KS3). Students should aim to read for between 15 and 25 minutes a day, which is how much time they would read normally every day at school. Students should aim to be reading a book and quizzing using [Accelerated Reader](#) at least once a month.



Is this relevant for home learning? Most definitely! Reading is a key indicator of how successful a student could be in the future and is key for all jobs they may wish to undertake. Due to its nature, students will be able to quiz on what they are reading and get an instant mark on their quizzing ability so they will know if they are doing well in reading.

Who do you contact if you can't log in? Please contact Miss Roberts via the AR Information Google Classroom page or you can email roberts.g@risedale.org.uk, matthewman.s@risedale.org.uk or burke.s@risedale.org.uk

Any further information? Even if students do not have fiction books at home there are several options to help you keep reading. As well as AR having lots of articles to access and read, the company have also opened up their digital database for free during the pandemic. This has been shared with all students and it is a fantastic colourful online library with titles to suit all reading abilities and ages readon.myon.co.uk

Y9 DofE Bronze award information from Mrs Hailwood:



To all those students in Y9 who have enrolled on their DofE Bronze award this is just to reassure you that the award may take a little longer to achieve this year, but you can still continue to progress through each section, despite the lockdown. We will have to put the expedition on hold until we know more, but the DofE have made a few concessions to make the other sections easier to carry out from home.

You can log onto [eDofE](#) and change your activities to ones you can now complete at home. Check out the DofE ['Activity Ideas List'](#) for inspiration. For the physical, you might choose [P.E with Joe Wicks](#), running or something you are doing regularly in your allowed time out for exercise. For the skill - maybe you can learn a new craft or technique from YouTube at home - it could be absolutely anything you can do regularly for 3/6 months. Volunteering can now be for a family member, which you couldn't before - so why not tutor younger siblings or shop for a relative if you can? If you keep a log of your activities, with dates and details, I can be your assessor. Post the evidence in the relevant eDofE section, or in the [Google Classroom](#) group set up to keep us all on track, including photos where you can.





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The first thing you should all do by the end of this week is to make sure your eDofE is up to date with the correct activities and that you have submitted them for me to see. If you save it as a draft I can't authorise them. Email me if you have forgotten your username.

Secondly, send me an email to let me know who you would like to be in a group with - thanks to those of you who have already done this. When we have these groups set up, I can try and organise some Google Chat sessions to start our expedition training and make sure you are all on track. Any questions, please email me at hailwood.j@risedale.org.uk or contact me via the Google Classroom.



If there are any Y9 pupils who have not signed up, but now think this would be fun to work on during lockdown, please visit [ParentPay](#) to make the payment, and then email me so I can organise your enrolment. It's an amazing opportunity to gain confidence, resilience and essential skills for life.

Best wishes and stay safe everyone, Mrs Hailwood - DofE Leader and Senior Teacher.

Online safety warning regarding the 'Discord' app



'Discord' is a voice and text chat app that's popular with gamers. It can be used to talk to other players while playing games. Or you can swap tips and advice with other players in game-specific servers (similar to online forums). Some games, like Fortnite and PUBG, have official verified Discords for fans to talk about the game.

We have received the following information via our Schools Liaison Officer, PC Andy Collinson, sharing concerns from another local secondary school about a reported safeguarding incident regarding 'Discord':

- Older males posing as 11 to 12 year old children have accessed group chats via the 'Discord' app.
- In a private message sent outside the group chat, one of the males disclosed they were actually 23 years olds and went on to send 'graphic and persuasive messages of a sexual nature'.

The parents of the child in question working with the school have made a report to [CEOP](#) but wanted to communicate this information with other local schools so we can share this information with parents. We would advise all parents to check the use of messaging apps and group chats that their children are involved in, discussing online safety, parental controls and passcodes. For more online safety advice please visit the Risedale website at www.risedale.org.uk/parents/online-safety

If you have any concerns, you can contact the school at enquiries@risedale.org.uk, the police using the 101 number and/or [CEOP](#).



Recruitment at Risedale



Life goes on. Welcome to Neil Griffith our new Grounds Person/Gardener, who is already doing a fantastic job working alongside the Site Team helping to maintain the grounds and building while the school is closed. Interviews for a new Science Teacher and a Cover Supervisor are coming up soon and we're finding new and innovative ways to interview and recruit

candidates in these difficult times. We also have an upcoming position for a new manager of Lawrence House... keep checking the [Recruitment](#) page of our school website for more details soon.

Uniform update for September 2020 - Ties and PE kit:

- From September all staff and students will belong to one of four houses. To generate an even stronger sense of identity, students will be required to wear a tie in their house colours as part of their school uniform.
- **There will be NO cost to parents as all ties will be supplied by the school for the initial launch year (for students currently in Y7-10, moving into Y8-11 from September 2020).**
- Our old school tie is no longer available to purchase from our school uniform provider, however all other uniform can be purchased from them at www.school-shop.co.uk
- We also have a newly branded PE kit that all new students are expected to purchase and wear for their PE lessons at Risedale. Our old PE kit is no longer available to buy. All existing Risedale students are welcome to wear either their old style PE kit or buy individual items of the new PE kit as and when required.

Fun-stuff online

Although the world seems closed at the moment, through the innovations of technology we can see the world without leaving the house....

This is all about what you can get out of learning from home and not just the school stuff. Why not share what you've tried with your tutor and they can add some pillar positives to celebrate these small successes - keep in mind our [Pillars of Success](#).

- **Visit a gallery, museum or theatre.** [Google's arts and culture collection](#) has virtual tours of 500 top attractions around the world, including national galleries from around the world, individual artist museums, and even the Eiffel Tower.
- **Arrange a Houseparty.** If you still want to meet with your friends – do it at a virtual [Houseparty](#). The app allows for large group video chats so you can get together for a drink, a chat, or just to see some friendly faces for a couple of hours.
- **Get cooking.** You can find great recipes online, even if you're on a limited budget. [Jack Monroe's recipes](#) are specifically created for people on strict budgets or relying on food banks, while [Miguel Barclay](#) is best known for his £1 meals. Miss Foreman's





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tutor group are currently doing the 'Gr8 Foreman Bake-off' where pupils have 2 weeks to bake a dessert of their choice and upload photos to their Tutor Group Google Classroom as a mini competition - sounds delicious!

- **Go to the aquarium.** It's almost impossible to recreate the strange grace and tranquility of aquariums but not entirely. Although they're closed to the public, Monterey Bay Aquarium have added a number of [live cams](#) to let you keep an eye on the jellyfish, coral reef and even the penguins - all completely free.
- **Explore the world.** You can't jump on a plane, but you can still see some of the [world's most famous views thanks to Google street view](#). Feast your eyes on Paris from the Sacre Coeur or take a look at the Thames from the top of the Shard.
- **Read or listen to a book.** You'll definitely be able to find something interesting on [Many Books](#). If you prefer audiobooks, try out [Audible](#), it's also free.
- **Stay fit.** Keeping active will make a big difference to how you feel during lockdown – physical activity should help you sleep better and lift your mood, even if you're stuck in the same room for most of the day. There are loads of free online videos to watch and of course, don't forget [P.E with Joe Wicks](#).

VE Day 75 - Friday 8th May 2020

Join [The Royal British Legion](#) from home on Friday 8th May as we come together to commemorate [#VEDay75](#). Note down these special events and help pay tribute to the entire WW2 generation from British, Commonwealth and Allied Forces, to evacuees and those who served on the home front.



Join us on Friday 8 May to commemorate VE Day 75

- 11:00 - 11:02** Join us and the nation for a Two Minute Silence
- 11:15 - 12:00** Tune into our livestream on Facebook or our website
- 20:00 - 21:10** Watch VE Day 75: A Musical Celebration, BBC One
- 21:00** Join in the 'We'll Meet Again' singalong, BBC One

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Students, please accept the invitation you have been sent to our special Risedale VE Day 75 Google Classroom: ['VE Day 75 - 8th May 2020'](#)