

## **Message from Mrs McNulty:**

Hello students in Year 8!

I hope that you are all well and have had a good week at home. Unfortunately the recent lovely weather disappeared towards the end of the week, so here we are hoping that was not the end of this year's summer! Thankfully we managed to get to Graves Park at the beginning of the week and enjoyed feeding the ducks and eating an ice cream.

I have some important news to share with you this week. From September I will no longer be your Progress Leader as I am going to start a new job leading on Personal Development and SMSC. I will give you details of your new Progress Leader shortly, but I wanted to share with you that I will still be working closely with you as you go into Year 9 as there is a lot of overlap between my current and future role.

I have only been working with you since December, but I want to say what a privilege and pleasure it has been to get to know you and work with you. You are a wonderful group of students and I am sad that the work I wanted to do with you was curtailed abruptly by the pandemic.

It is going to be all change as you go into Year 9 as Mrs Brown will be joining the current Year 7 team as their Pastoral Leader. I know this will be difficult for many of you as you have such strong relationships with Mrs Brown. However, the work she has done with and for you has been incredible and I know that as you move into Year 9 you will put into use the life skills she has helped to develop in you over the past couple of years.

There is a lot of change in the offing at school and school is going to feel very different for some time due to the Coronavirus. I know from conversations I have had with some of your parents and carers that you are doing brilliantly and have adapted so well to this difficult situation. Keep on keeping on – we are impressed by your resilience and looking forward to seeing you in person before too long.



### **Word of the Week – Debate**

noun: an argument about a particular subject

verb: to argue about (a subject), especially in a formal manner

**Work Hard**

**Be Kind**

**Aim High**

**Show GRIT**

## Year 8/ S2 online lessons

Monday 8 June - Friday 12 June



## Bitesize Daily Lessons

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>English</b> Understanding genre	<b>English</b> Summarising material	<b>English</b> Adapting language for your audience	<b>English</b> Using semicolons accurately	<b>English</b> Reading Lesson: The Clockwork Sparrow by Katherine Woodfine
<b>Maths</b> Multiplication law for indices	<b>Maths</b> Division law for indices	<b>Maths</b> Converting numbers $>1$ into standard form	<b>Maths</b> Looking at negative powers of 10 and converting numbers between 0 – 10 into standard form	<b>Maths</b> Challenge of the week
<b>History</b> Emmeline Pankhurst	<b>Geography</b> Rock Landscapes - The Yorkshire Dales	<b>Chemistry</b> Distillation	<b>Spanish</b> Telling the time and describing people	<b>Art and Design</b> Craft and careers - traditional methods and new careers
	<b>Biology</b> Ecosystems and interdependence			<b>Physics</b> Features of waves

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In the past week there have been a lot of protests and some violence in the US following the death of George Floyd.

George Floyd was an African-American who died in police custody as officers knelt on his neck. What happened to Mr Floyd has again raised the issue of racism in American society and the unfair treatment that many African-American communities feel they face in the US, particularly when it comes to the police.

Following Mr Floyd's death you may have seen hashtags such as #BlackLivesMatter and #BlackOutTuesday on different social media platforms and there have been protests in the UK to address racial inequality in our own society.

I thought I would use this week's bulletin to direct you to some significant moments in our own country's history with regards to racial inequality.

## **The Bristol Bus Boycott and The Race Relations Act 1965**

In 1963 the Bristol Omnibus Company refused to employ Black or Asian bus crews. Racial discrimination was widespread in housing and employment. A youth worker called Paul Stephenson and the West Indian Development Council organised the boycott of the company's buses which lasted for four months until the company backed down and overturned their discriminatory policy. The boycott drew national attention to racial discrimination in Britain. It is believed to have been influential in the passing of the Race Relations Act 1965 which made racial discrimination unlawful in public places.



## **The Murder of Stephen Lawrence 1993**

Stephen Lawrence was 18 years when he was killed in a racially motivated attack while waiting for a bus. Within three days of the crime the prime suspects had been identified but it took another two weeks before they were arrested. However, no trial was initially brought by the Crown Prosecution Service because they said there was insufficient evidence. There was then a public inquiry which led to the publication of the Macpherson Report. The report said the Metropolitan Police was "institutionally racist" and that there needed to be reform in the police, the Civil Service, the NHS, schools and the judicial system to address issues of institutional racism.

## **The Windrush Scandal 2018**

This was a recent political scandal where people were wrongly detained, denied legal rights and threatened with deportation by the Home Office. The Windrush Generation is the name given to the people who had come legally from the Caribbean to the UK from 1948 onwards.

It was an extremely stressful and distressing event for people who had worked hard, paid taxes and raised their families in this country and there were at least 83 cases of people being wrongly deported.

On Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June on BBC1 at 8:30pm there is a programme called "Sitting in Limbo" which tells the story of Anthony Bryan, who had lived and worked in Britain for 50 years when he was suddenly detained and almost deported. I will definitely be watching this.