



# Newsletter 26.03.2021

## Issue 21

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### *Message from Mr Inglis, Head of School*

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I hope you are safe and well. Parents and carers of children who have been advised to self-isolate by their education setting or by NHS Test and Trace are now able to apply for a Test and Trace Support Payment or discretionary payment of £500, if they meet the eligibility criteria. The extension of the Test and Trace Support Payment scheme, which is administered by district and unitary local authorities in England, ensures that parents receive the financial support they need if they are unable to attend work due to childcare responsibilities.

Parents and carers should apply to their local authority to receive a payment. Applications for the Test and Trace Support Payment scheme are made via the local authority in which the parent or carer resides, not the local authority where the setting is situated, if these are different.

To be eligible applicants must meet all of the criteria that:

- they are the parent or guardian of a child or young person in the same household and need to take time off work to care for them while they self-isolate. This is limited to one parent or guardian per household for the child or young person's self-isolation period
- they are employed or self-employed
- they cannot work from home while undertaking caring responsibilities and will lose income as a result
- they meet all the other means-tested eligibility criteria for a Test and Trace Support Payment or locally determined criteria for a discretionary payment
- That their child or young person:
  - is aged 15 or under (or 25 or under with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHC)) and normally attends an education or childcare setting

- has been told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace or by their education or childcare setting because they have been identified as a close contact of someone who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19)

Further information can be found here: [https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/test-and-trace-support-payment-scheme-claiming-financial-support/claiming-financial-support-under-the-test-and-trace-support-payment-scheme?utm\\_source=22%20March%202021%20C19&utm\\_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm\\_campaign=DfE%20C19](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/test-and-trace-support-payment-scheme-claiming-financial-support/claiming-financial-support-under-the-test-and-trace-support-payment-scheme?utm_source=22%20March%202021%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19)

The Police Partnership liaison has brought to my attention this week, some concerning information to be aware of. This has not affected any of our pupils, however, over the last 7 days our local hospitals have been working with the Police due to an increase of young people attending hospital with illnesses - mainly stomach complaints - linked to eating/drinking cannabis oil, sweets (also known as gummies) and cannabis cakes. CDB oil and gummies can be purchased legally, they are used as a herbal health remedy (and don't contain THC which gives the 'high' associated with Cannabis); however, if you take too much or eat too many, there can be some side effects. Cannabis Cakes (also known as Space Cakes/Hash Cakes) do contain THC and are therefore - as they are a Class B drug - illegal to purchase, sell or distribute and doing so would be a reportable offence. As such, could you please ensure that your son is aware of the associated risks and that these items are not brought into a school setting. If you have any concerns or would like any further information then please contact the school. Alternatively, you can take a look at the Talk to Frank website which offers further information: <https://www.talktofrank.com>

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*Message from Thomas Fage, Head Boy*

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Pupils,

I would like to first of all, welcome you back to Turves Green Boys'. I know it has been a bit of a topsy turvy year, but I am hoping you are all well and are prepared to face the ever-growing challenge of completing the school year. Today, I am going to be talking to you about careers. Careers are extremely important especially in secondary school as they help you identify your future pathway. As I am in Year 11, I have had to go through the process of applying for various different colleges. This process will take place for everyone and we are very lucky to have, in school, our careers advisor Mr Tehan alongside Mr Westwood who you may know as a teacher of MFL (Modern Foreign Languages). These two people are really supportive and are there all day, every day to assist you with any needs regarding your future beyond Turves and the pathway you are interested in taking.

With regards to myself, I have always been passionate about Performing Arts. I applied to around 4 or 5 different colleges all based around the same sort of course. I was extremely lucky enough to get into BOA (Birmingham Ormiston Academy) located just by Millennium Point in Birmingham. I had to go through a process in order to apply. Firstly, I wrote out my application form by hand as I was required to send it in the post. Attached to this form was school and person records that the college required. Then, I had to go through 3 sessions of Audition. The first of which took place on Microsoft Teams where I was required to sing a song I'd never heard of. Then, when I actually went to the college itself to finish my auditions, I was required to perform a Monologue (A speech for one person) and also learn a small section of a dance routine.

Colleges do not look for the 'best person' at that particular subject. They look for promise. If you are a dedicated individual who works hard and enjoys what you do, then you have a good enough chance than anyone else to get that place at college.

I hope you all continue to work hard at school and strive to get the best grades possible and I promise you, you may have ups and downs, you may have times when you just want to give up. Never give up because I guarantee you, when your results day comes around, it will be all worth it.

**Thomas Fage**

Head Boy of Safeguarding

## Curriculum & Outstanding Work

### PE Department

#### Strava Update

A massive well done to all those who have been keeping active during extra-curricular hours. A special mention to the top two performers on the schools tracking app - **Benjamin Miles** movement times of 3 hours 13 minutes and **Hayden Peck** movement time of 1 hour and 15 minutes

#### Extra-Curricular Sports - Return in the Summer Term

Notice for all pupils; please look out for the extra-curricular information/posters around school after the holidays, information will be coming out on how you can sign up for after school clubs in the Summer Term. In line with government guidance the PE Department hope to re-launch extra-curricular sports clubs after school in the Summer Term.

### SCIENCE

#### Miss Mansell's Factoids





- The smell of freshly-cut grass is actually a plant distress call
- Peanuts are NOT nuts but are related to beans and lentils
- The average strawberry has 200 seeds. It's the only fruit that bears its seeds on the outside
- Oak trees are struck by lightning more than any other tree
- 90 percent of the foods humans eat come from just 30 plants

**9 9.2.1 Practical sheet** **Activate for AQA** **9**

**Method**

1. Look at the diagram of half a flower. Label the parts.
2. Hold the flower stem against the white tile.
3. Using forceps, carefully remove the sepals from the outside of the flower.
4. Record how many you found.
5. Draw a sepal in the first box below.
6. Now carefully remove the petals, count them, and draw one in the second box below.
7. Remove the stamens, count them, and draw one in the third box below.
8. Finally remove the carpels, count them, and draw one in the fourth box below.

**Results**

			
sepal number <u>30</u>	petal number <u>65</u>	stamen number <u>5</u>	carpel number <u>3</u>





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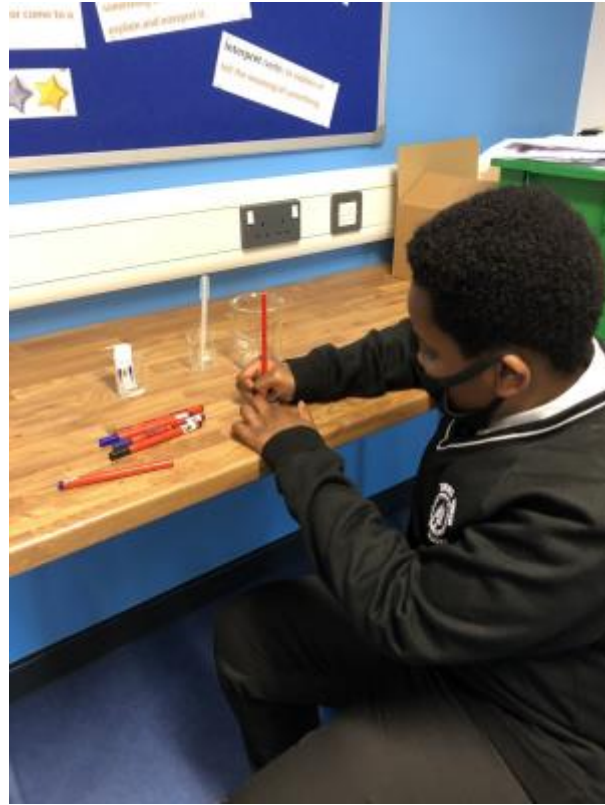
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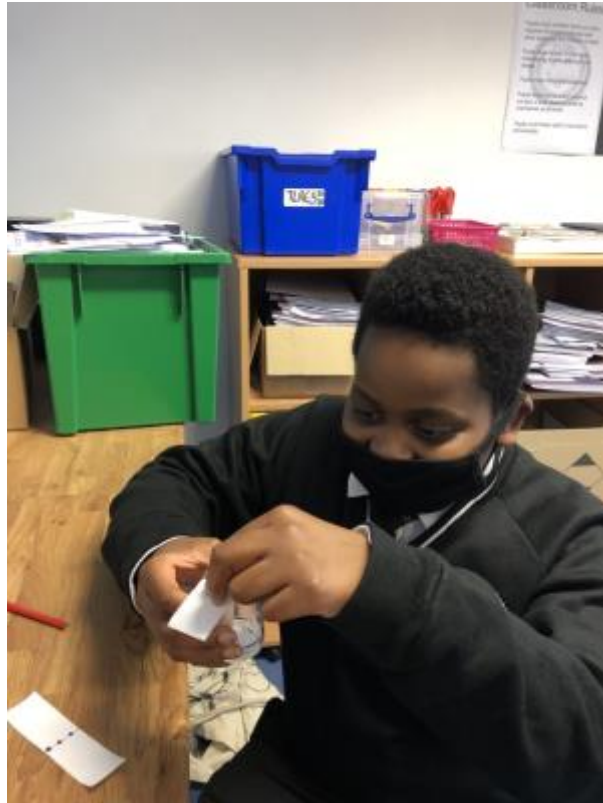
1. Look at the diagram of half a flower. Label the parts.
2. Hold the flower stem against the white tile.
3. Using forceps, carefully remove the sepals from the outside of the flower.
4. Record how many you found.
5. Draw a sepal in the first box below.
6. Now carefully remove the petals, count them, and draw one in the second box below.
7. Remove the stamens, count them, and draw one in the third box below.
8. Finally remove the carpels, count them, and draw one in the fourth box below.

**Results**

			
sepal number <u>1</u>	petal number <u>1</u>	stamen number <u>1</u>	carpel number <u>1</u>

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**Activate for AQA**

**9 9.2.1 Practical sheet**

**Method**

1. Look at the diagram at right & label the parts.
2. Fold the flower down against the white tin.
3. Using forceps, carefully remove the petals from the outside of the flower.
4. Record how many you found.
5. Place a petal in the first box below.
6. Now carefully remove the stamens, count them, and place one in the second box below.
7. Remove the stigma, count them, and place one in the third box below.
8. Finally, remove the ovary, count them, and place one in the fourth box below.

**Result**

			
petals	stamens	stigmas	ovaries
number	number	number	number

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**Questions**

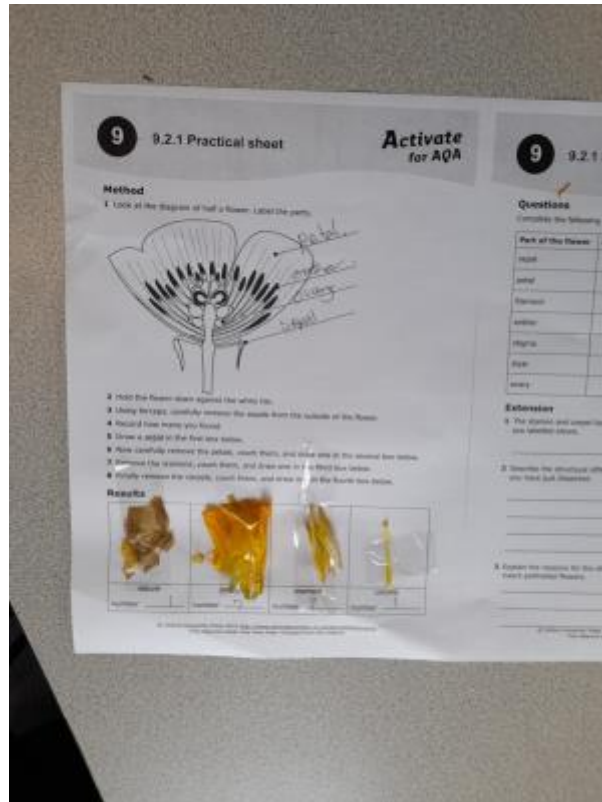
Complete the following table.

**Part of the flower:**

petal	
stamen	
stigma	
ovary	
ovule	

**Extension**

1. The diagram shows you how to label a flower.
2. Describe the structure of a flower.
3. Explain the role of each part of a flower.



**FOOD AND NUTRITION**

















SEND



### The Birmingham Local Offer website

The Birmingham Local Offer website is now launched. It includes information about the wide range of services that are available to support all areas of a child's life (0-25 years) especially those with a Special Educational Need or Disability (SEND). This includes support with education, physical and mental health, social care, leisure activities and moving towards independence and adulthood.

### What is the Local Offer?

Every Local Authority in England has a duty to provide children and young people, (0-25 years) with support if they have Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities - this is known as the **Local Offer**. Every Local Authority has to publish what support is available on a website: this is called the [Local Offer Website](http://www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk).

This Local Offer website gives information about the support that the local authority expects to be available across education, health and social care. The information on the website is clear and easy

to find. It says who a particular service is for, how to apply, and how decisions are made about who gets that service.

The information you should be able to find on a Local Offer Website includes:

- Sources of support, advice and information for children, young people and families including support groups and forums.
- Special educational, health and social care provision for children and young people with SEN or disabilities
- Arrangements to identify and assess children and young people with SEN, including how an assessment can be requested.
- Other educational provision, for example leisure activities, sports or arts provision,
- Information about provision to assist in preparing children and young people for adulthood including post-16 education and training provision
- Arrangements for travel to and from schools, post-16 institutions and early years providers
- Childcare, including suitable provision for disabled children and those with SEND
- Support available to young people in higher education, particularly the Disabled Students Allowance (DSA) and the process and timescales for making an application for DSA
- Arrangements for resolving disagreements and for mediation, and details about making complaints

In Birmingham, we have been updating our Local Offer website to make the information in it clearer and easier to find. We have done this with the help of the Birmingham Parent Carer Forum and the Youth Forum, but this is just the start.

We really want to keep adding to the information on the Local Offer Website in order to make it the one stop shop for young people and their families. To do this we need your views and ideas.

Please visit our new site [www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk](http://www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk) and give us your feedback using the feedback form on the site.

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All activities COVID-appropriate

**Rhinos Rugby Restart**  
Free trial sessions @ Kings Norton RFC  
**Junior Rugby Yr7 - U12's**  
Yr8 from Sept 2021

**NEW PLAYERS WANTED**



**#GIVE IT A TRY**

A great time for new players to join with gradual return to rugby and summer rugby  
Restarting Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March & throughout the year following RFU guidelines  
Wednesday's 7pm-8pm & Sunday's 11am-12.30pm - Try it for free  
More details: 01603 123457 - Jake (Coach)  
U12's - current Yr7 Players (moving to U12's - Yr8 from Sept 2021)  
Rhinos offers rugby for all age groups - please get in contact



**RHINOS**  
KINGS NORTON RFC  
Kings Norton RFC, Ash Lane, B64 7EE

Birmingham Museums

Virtual Tour of the Night Sky

Join Birmingham Museum's Planetarium Officer, Colin, on a tour of the night sky on 7th April at 6.00pm, as he points out the highlights to be seen this month.

Hear some of the stories of the constellations, find the north star and experience some of the majestic views of other planets with a chance to ask questions along the way. Session lasts approximately 25 minutes with opportunity ask questions.

This is a live streaming session via Zoom, details will be sent out on the day of the event.

[Book tickets online](#). Tickets will be available until 9am on the day of the event.

### **Take a tour inside Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery**

You can now look inside Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery without having to be there. Filmed in summer 2019, these four tours show you all the art and history galleries.

#### **The Round Room, Industrial Gallery and Edwardian Tearooms**

You will begin in the iconic Round Room, where visitors arrive having walked up from the main entrance.

These areas of the museum and art gallery date to 1885 when the building opened.

#### **Art Galleries**

Staying on the same floor, you are now in the extension, opened in 1919. Take a walk through 700 years of art, as the galleries take you from the 14th to 20th century

#### **Staffordshire Hoard Gallery**

The Staffordshire Hoard gallery tells the story of the [Staffordshire Hoard](#), the largest hoard of Anglo-Saxon gold ever found.

#### **History Galleries**

Take a walk through Birmingham History in the '[Birmingham: its people, its history](#)' gallery, which covers the majority of the 3rd floor.

You can also see art and objects spanning seven centuries of European and World history and culture. This includes the Greeks & Romans and [Ancient Egypt](#) galleries.



## Careers - *If you can dream it, you can do it!*



**LTSB** is a social mobility charity that develops talented young people personally and professionally, supporting them into life changing employment with major firms. We've partnered with **NatWest Group** to find passionate young people for amazing **Data Analyst** and **Customer Service apprenticeships** in **Birmingham**. **Successful candidates will earn over £19k!**

"If you're a young person who isn't confident in their professional and employability skills, LTSB will take you from zero to hero. They'll help you realise your potential and fill in the gaps, and they do it because they really care."

### **Britney, 2020 NatWest Group Apprentice**

#### **WHO**

You're passionate about delivering great outcomes for customers, committed to your future, and know what you can do – you just

Who? need some help to get there. LTSB supports 16624 year6olds who

were eligible for Free School Meals, from areas of low attainment, or have faced personal disadvantage.

#### **WHAT**

A three week bootcamp of personal and professional development, so you can be your best self when interviewing and, if successful, starting jobs in Data Analysis and Customer Service!

#### **HOW**

Sessions are delivered remotely, so you will need access to a laptop with required webcam to participate. (Equipment support available if required). Discover more at [www.leadershipthroughsport.org](http://www.leadershipthroughsport.org) or email [applications@leadershipthroughsport.org](mailto:applications@leadershipthroughsport.org)

#### **Important Dates:**

Turner & Townsend. Degree Apprenticeship Quantity Surveying Closing 7th May 2021

Johnson Control Building. Fire and Security Engineering Closing 31st March

Johnson Control Building. Refrigeration and Air Con Apprenticeship Closing 31st March

West Midlands Trains Ltd. Rail Engineering Advanced Apprenticeship. Closing 25th April

Blue Earth Foods Ltd. Advanced Apprenticeship Engineering. Closing Date 1st April 2021

Colleges will have spring term virtual events, check websites for details.

**New Opportunities and Openings:**

**WSP UK Ltd.** Business Administration Advanced Apprenticeship. Closing 28th May 2021

**Highways England Company Ltd.** Customer Service Level 3 Advanced Closing 9th April

**MGTS.** Engineering Apprenticeships Advanced Level. Closing Date 30th April 2021

**Toyota.** Advanced Apprenticeship Service and Maintenance Closing 30th May 2021

**MAKEUK.** Several Engineering opportunities. [www.makeuk.org/futuremakers](http://www.makeuk.org/futuremakers)

**All Electric Skoda.** Service Technician Advanced Apprenticeship. Closing 31st May 2021

**Collins Aerospace.** Engineering apprenticeship. Apply through MakeUK Closing 8th May

**Taylor Estate Agent.** Admin Estate Agent Apprenticeships. Closing Date 30th June 2021

**Busy Bees.** Child Care Apprenticeships. Various locations. Closing Date 30th June 2021

**Fig Tree Day Nursery.** Level 3 Child Care Apprenticeship. Closing Date 30th June 2021

For further information on these apprenticeships: [www.getingorfar.gov.uk](http://www.getingorfar.gov.uk) and [www.getmyfirstjob.co.uk](http://www.getmyfirstjob.co.uk)

You will have to register with these websites.

**Useful Websites:**

Exploring ideas, interests and skills

[www.nationalcareersservicedirect.gov.uk](http://www.nationalcareersservicedirect.gov.uk)

[www.icould.com](http://www.icould.com)

[www.bfi.org.uk](http://www.bfi.org.uk) - British Film Industry runs a national programme offering hands-on filmmaking.

Apprenticeships

[www.apprenticeships.gov.uk](http://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk)

[www.notgoingtouni.co.uk](http://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk)

Higher Education

[www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)

[www.university.which.co.uk](http://www.university.which.co.uk)

[www.whatuni.com](http://www.whatuni.com)

[www.hecsu.ac.uk](http://www.hecsu.ac.uk)

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Institute of Sport  
**Stourbridge Rugby Educational  
Programme Academy**

## ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A PROFESSIONAL RUGBY PLAYER?

Sandwell College is really proud to be in partnership with the Stourbridge Rugby Club to deliver an education programme designed to offer aspiring rugby players a chance to make a career in rugby and sport.

*Excellent opportunity for any male or female aspiring rugby players to improve their rugby ability whilst studying*

- BTEC Sport Level 3 (equivalent to 3 A Levels)
- Minimum 12 hours of rugby training each week delivered by Stourbridge 1st team players
- 1 match every Wednesday (play in Stourbridge kit on the AGP 1st team pitch)
- Stourbridge kit to be worn whenever in college training
- Free tickets to Stourbridge 1st team fixtures throughout the season
- Trips to Twickenham and other rugby grounds around England
- World class facilities at Sandwell College and Stourbridge Rugby Club
- Industry recognised Qualifications – RFL Level 1 & RFL Level 2 – Level 2 Fitness Instructor – Level 3 Personal Training Course
- Progress to our Higher Education course (HNC & HND)

**TRIALS AT  
STOURBRIDGE  
RUGBY CLUB**  
BRIDGMOUTH ROAD,  
STOURTON,  
STOURBRIDGE,  
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