



a YARROW HEIGHTS NEWS BITES

James Ketchell

We had the pleasure of hosting James Ketchell with us on Tuesday 10th to do a presentation to our pupils.

James is the first and only person to have rowed across the Atlantic Ocean, successfully summited Mount Everest, and cycled 18,000 miles around the world, in what the media dubbed 'The Ultimate Triathlon'.

In 2019 he flew his open-cockpit gyrocopter over 24,000 air miles around the world in 175 days.

James was very inspiring to many of our young people (and staff) and has accomplished so much in his life.

Our pupils were in awe of his passion and drive to achieve.

In November of this year, James will be setting off from Portsmouth, rowing across the world for his next big event. As with all his challenges, James will be raising money and seeking company sponsorship to fund this forthcoming adventure.

We will be holding an event later this year to raise money to help James achieve his next mission. Information regarding this will be shared nearer the time.

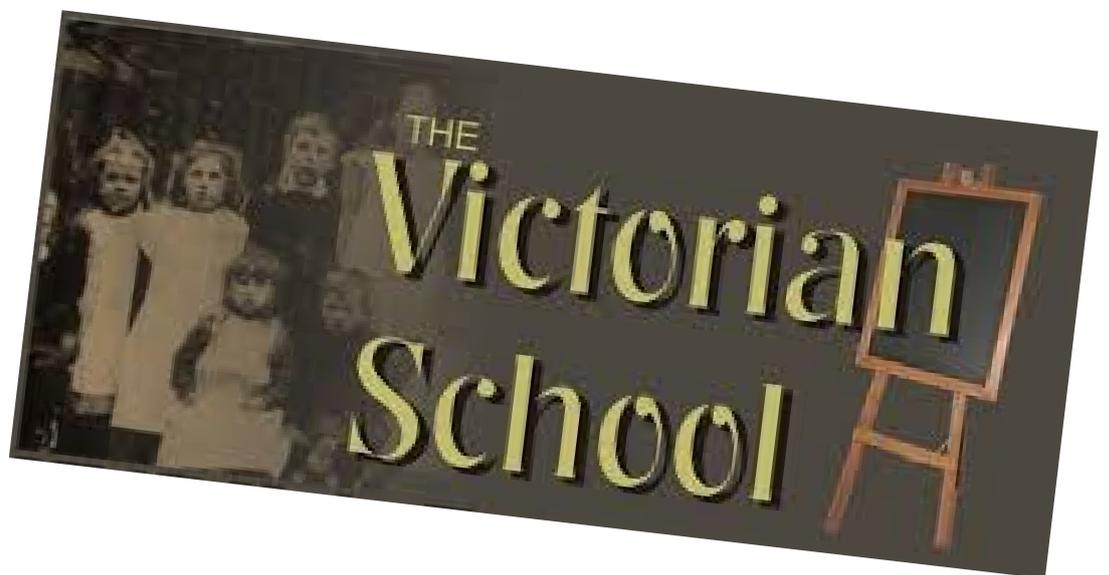


Victorian Day

As part of our curriculum, the English department would like to offer pupils the opportunity to dress up as a Victorian on Tuesday 7th Feb 2023. If pupils do not wish to dress up, they can come in school uniform as normal.

During the day they will be doing normal timetabled lessons, however, their English and History lessons will be based on the Victorian Era.

There will be some dressing up items at school for those children who do not have access to these at home, but who would still like to participate.



Points and Non-Negotiables

In order to ensure a more consistent approach to the awarding of points across the school, we have updated how pupils can earn points in each lesson.

The descriptors are clear and concise, allowing pupils to easily understand how many points they have earned.

These descriptors have been shared with the pupils and they have had time to discuss them with their tutor team.

Pupils start each lesson without any points, and they earn them through their individual effort and engagement; they never have points deducted.

There is a school uniform that pupils are expected to wear, however sensory issues and the need for adjustment to uniform is taken into account when awarding points.

To support the pupils, the School Council have asked for school fleeces to be supplied and we have agreed to this.

We look forward to seeing all the purchases the pupils make when they can spend their 'points' before the Easter break.



POINTS

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4		On time. Settled to tasks quickly. Completed all work. Excellent behaviour and engagement throughout the lesson.
3		On time. Completed all work. Had to be reminded of expectations on one occasion. This is the maximum you can gain if you are not wearing correct uniform.
2		Completed most of the work. Needed prompting to stay on task.
1		Took time to settle. Completed some of the work. Had to be reminded of expectations twice or more.
0		Disruptive. Work not attempted. Failed to follow set procedures and/or advice given.
BONUS		For demonstrating excellence in work, knowledge or understanding.

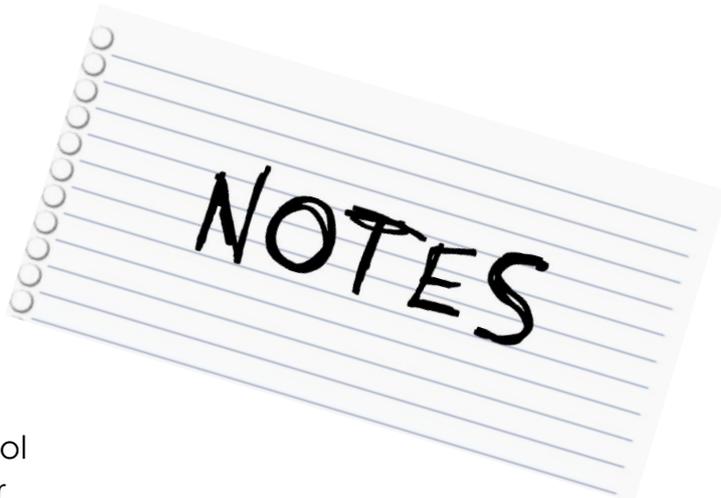


Non-negotiables at

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	Hand in personal technology, switched off.
	Use appropriate, respectful language and actions.
	Be in the right place at the right time.
	Keep yourself and others safe.
	Follow staff instructions.
	Allow others to learn without disruption.

Other Notes



The School Day

We have had a few comments regarding the length of the school day being a little too long for our pupils. If you have any feelings on this, please email Karen:

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Residential Trips

This week every pupil was given a letter for their parents/guardians regarding this year's residential trips. Please kindly return your responses by 20th January 2023.



Date	Activity	Time	Group
TERM 2			
23 rd January	Chinese New Year (22 nd)	12:25-1:15	All School EDI DAY
25 th January	Get Inspired Event, Portsmouth	10.00 – 3.00pm	Y 9 - 10
7 th February	Victorian Day	08:30-15:30	All school
8 th February	Year 9 options presentation and then 1:1 session	09.30 – 3.00	Y 9
21 st February	Shrove Tuesday (break time)	10:45-11:05	All School EDI DAY
7 th March	Holi Festival (Colour festival)		
8 th March	International Women's Day	EDI DAY	EDI DAY
10-19 th March	British Science Week	-	Science classes
31 st March	Easter Egg Hunt	EDI DAY	All
TERM 3			
8 th May	Kings Coronation	EDI DAY	EDI DAY
9 th – 10 th May	Tile Barn Residential	O/N	Year 7 - 10
11 th May	Get Inspired Event, Southampton.	10.00 – 3.00pm	Y 9 - 10
22 nd – 23 rd May	Foxlease Residential	12:00(22 nd) – 14:00(23 rd)	Year 4 – 6
22 nd May – 29 th May	Work Experience week	09:00-16:00	Y10
7 th June	Who Dunit Event	9.30 – 3pm	KS3 pupils.
30 th June	Sports Day 2023	9:30-1:30	All