



Tudor Grange Academy  
Kingshurst

 Sixth Form

# Sixth Sense

## Welcome to our first Newsletter!

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Its been a long time in the making, but we have finally published out first newsletter. At a time of a national lockdown, communication is an essential tool for us as an academy, and by creating a newsletter for the Sixth Form, Beth and I look forward to bringing together all of the key messages in one concise document for you to attend to.

In doing this we hope that you are able to work in a smarter manner and avoid important information being missed through the high volume of emails that you may be receiving.

As time progresses, we very much hope that you will take over some of the editorial responsibility in addition to providing feedback as to content that you would like to see and a commitment for any issue to be quickly digestible and therefore no more than two pages.

For now, Beth and I will lead in providing you with everything that you need to know whilst attempting to insert some lightheartedness into the proceedings.

## The Modern Rules Of Remote Learning

1. Get into a routine of getting up, dressed and ready for learning (have breakfast).
2. Organise your learning space and environment. Cup of tea at the ready?
3. Check your equipment and connection and plan to arrive at the start time—you'd expect nothing less from your teacher!
4. **Be** in the room! Avoid distractions from other secondary devices. Invest your time and energy in YOU!.
5. Check the time of your lessons the night before.



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## Which Week?

The two week timetable is still in operation. Here is an overview of the weeks leading up to half term.

### Week Commencing:

- 18th Jan: Week 2
- 25th Jan: Week 1
- 1st Feb: Week 2
- 8th Feb: Week 1



## Healthy body, healthy mind?

Having suitably ridiculed myself by doing a 'Throwback Classics' workout routine on Apple's new Fitness channel as part of a free subscription. I wondered if anyone else was up for trying to live up to the ancient Greek adage of a healthy body being best equipped to sustain a healthy mind? Close those blinds, ensure there aren't any priceless ornaments within the reach of your swinging arms and perhaps, have a look at the Guardian's lowdown on the best free online workout classes.

Link: <https://www.theguardian.com/stage/2021/jan/15/celebrity-lockdown-dance-fitness-classes>

## Celebrity fab abs: who's top of the lockdown dance fitness classes?

Whether it's dancing with Oti Mabuse or hopping with Marcus Rashford, our reporter has the numbers and abs to find out who is Joe Wicks's biggest rival





## Opportunity Knocks

Believe it or not, despite a national lockdown, there are still opportunities available to you all out there.

Whether you are looking for advice and guidance about next steps, or looking to expand your horizons as part of a super-curricula activity, there are opportunities that often make their way through to the Sixth Form Team. Here are some of the recent highlights for you to consider.

## Top Opportunities

- The University of Birmingham's annual Masterclass Programme** is now taking bookings for January 2021. The hour-long sessions will be hosted by experts in their field at the University of Birmingham and will cover a wide range of subject areas (Medicine, English Literature, Dentistry, Academic Writing, Politics, Art History, Maths). All Masterclasses are delivered online and are designed to provide you with insights into what it's like to study at a selective university. If you are unable to attend the live session, you can request recordings of available masterclasses by completing an individual masterclass recording request form (<https://app.geckiform.com/public/#/modern/FOEU0260LVfEych3>). This form will give you the opportunity to opt in to further communications from the University to hear about the other upcoming opportunities.
- West Midlands Police:**
  - For Year 13: West Midlands Police Force Recruitment is now open - <https://jobs.west-midlands.police.uk/police-officer-recruitment/am-i-eligible/> (you need to be predicted at least 96 UCAS points (e.g. CCC or DD or MMM) to apply <https://www.ucas.com/ucas/tariff-calculator> (please note the Graduate Recruitment is currently suspended as it is very oversubscribed - so students considering Policing with a UCAS application pending should also really consider applying now direct to a Police Force and have their studies paid for.)
  - For Year 12: Staffordshire University have a Police Virtual Recruitment Event on 11th Feb at 4pm. Staffordshire run the Degree side of West Midlands's Degree Apprenticeship Scheme so are best placed to discuss ALL options of getting into the Police. <https://staffspolicing.online-event.co/registration/staffordshire-university-policing-recrui-2?cldee=amFuZS5maW5kbGF5QHNVbGlodWxsLmFjLnVr&recipientid=contact-28f758e0940be6119483005056ae0074-2e4bb7ba911f46bfa41133da8f8efdee&esid=5075bde4-2d50-eb11-a812-000d3a491e39>
- Aimhigher Plus 2021** are holding their first Parents and Carers Webinar on the 19th January (19:00 – 19:30pm). [https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/parents\\_carers\\_college](https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/parents_carers_college)—This is a link for parents to register their interest. Once they have filled out the survey they will then be sent an email with the link to sign up to the webinar itself. Aimhigher is a partnership of universities working to support learners to broaden their horizons and make informed decisions about their future educational and career choices.

## Remote Learning Genius Bar

If you're not already familiar with our learning platform, hopefully the following links will help you to find your feet. A step by step guide of how to use Teams can be found here: <https://www.kingshurst.tgacademy.org.uk/files/2020/09/Using-Teams.pdf>

Two videos showing you how to use Teams can be found here:

**Getting on to Microsoft Teams – A Student Perspective** (5 mins): <https://web.microsoftstream.com/video/b06c9a54-59dc-4127-ab35-6dff51558fd0>

**Attending a 'Meeting' (Lesson) on Teams as a Student** (4 mins): <https://web.microsoftstream.com/video/729d39c1-aab8-47b4-8288-c384c95fded5>.

More 'how to' guides can also be found via the following link on the Academy's Remote Learning pages:

<https://www.kingshurst.tgacademy.org.uk/remote-learning/remote-learning-guidance/>

