



Tudor Grange Academy
Kingshurst

Sixth Form

Sixth Sense

Which Week?

25th Jan: Week 1

Shock recommendation by Sixth Form Team for students to use XBOX or Playstation during national lockdown!



Welcome to another week, all bit one that's very cold and filled with snow! As the weeks continue, we appreciate that there are still those of you who are being incredibly industrious in your ability to work remotely and in a variety of ways that are not necessarily on a desktop or laptop computer.

Beth and I have been so impressed with those of you making the challenge of remote learning work with the resources that you have to -hand and want to make you aware of the ability to potentially use an XBOX or Playstation to support your online learning as an alternative to the screen of your phone, for those of you without a computer device at present.

Follow these youtube tutorials for additional support:

XBOX: Connect To Teams Using XBOX ONE:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mfrSCeedsmE>

PLAYSTATION: Microsoft Teams on Playstation(PS4):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yTQsxxqdhmY>



Using PlayStation to Access Online Learning

It is possible to access your online work from home using a gaming console. These short tips will show you how.

1. Plug your **keyboard** into the USB slot on your PS
2. Press the PlayStation logo on the controller
3. Navigate to the **Library** and then **Games and Applications**
4. Find the **Internet Browser** in the Apps section and then open it. In the address bar, type in **office.com**
5. Sign in using your **College email address and password**
6. You should now be able to access the Microsoft suite of apps from the **waffle in the top left corner** including Teams, Word, Powerpoint, Excel etc

Using Xbox to Access Online Learning

It is possible to access your online work from home using a gaming console. These short tips will show you how.

1. Plug your **keyboard** into the USB slot on your Xbox
2. Navigate to the **'My Games and Apps'** section
3. Find **'Microsoft Edge'** in the Apps section and then open it
4. In the address bar, type in **office.com**
5. Sign in using your **College email address and password**
6. You should now be able to access the Microsoft suite of apps from the **waffle in the top left corner** including Teams, Word, Powerpoint, Excel etc



Something different?

If, like many, you enjoyed the snow at the weekend, Marcus Sedgwick's reading of 'Snow', on BBC Sounds is a relaxing (think mindfulness) and supremely interesting (think Science) account of the white stuff!

Possibly not your first choice of listening material, but if you are looking for something different, this won't disappoint.

Link: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/b087lc5g>

The 'wrong kind of snow'

A now famous phrase used by the rail service many years ago to explain why trains were unable to run. You will be pleased to know that no such disruption will take place to your online learning.

Please carry on as normal unless we notify you otherwise.

More Lockdown Opportunities!

Despite a national lockdown, here are details of three more opportunities for you to consider.

Careers advice and guidance is ALWAYS available, and Beth and I will happily request a careers appointment for you with one of the Careers Team were you to request one of us via email.



Top 3 Opportunities of the Week

- Year 12: The Social Mobility Foundation, Aspiring Professionals Programme:** This opportunity is superb, but does have some eligibility criteria that you have to satisfy, however the result of potentially being able to gain an insight into one of a wide range of specific sectors with a top employer from that field is something that requires genuine consideration. Applications will be accepted until 12 noon on Friday 29th January. Please refer to the following webpage for more information and a link to the application form: <https://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/5377083/APP2021/>
- Year 13: Vodafone, Network Engineer Level 6 Apprenticeship:** From major communications installations and delivering voice and data services, to helping monitor the entire Vodafone network, Network Engineer apprentices keep customers connected across the world. Application Link: <http://bit.ly/2XLxhDo>
 - BSc (Hons) Degree in Digital & Technology Solutions (specialising in Network Engineering) upon completion
 - Hands-on experience and the opportunity to develop into a Network Engineer expert
 - Starting salary: £21,500
 - Applicants will need:
 - To be 18 years old or over as of 1 September 2021
 - GCSE English & Maths at grade C or above (or equivalent qualifications)
 - 2 A Levels including ICT or Maths, gained by September 2021 (or equivalent qualifications in similar subjects)
- Year 13: Actuarial Apprentice opportunity - Summer 2021:** This is an apprenticeship for an Actuarial Apprentice within an actuarial consultancy and pensions administration business based in prestigious offices on Blythe Valley Business Park, Solihull. Actuaries help businesses and organisations assess and manage their risks in such traditional fields as insurance and pensions or emerging fields such as climate change. Please refer to the email sent by Safina on Sunday 17th January, or email jbowers@kingshurst.tgacademy.org.uk, and I will send you the details.



Remote Learning Genius Bar

Please remember to contact the itservices@kingshurst.tgacademy.org.uk directly if you have any issues with your passwords or log-in username. They can reply to you directly in order to save time in attending to your request.

“Your mission, should you choose to accept it”...ENGAGEMENT

It is phenomenal that so many of you are now fully versed in attending your lessons remotely and are being so proactive in solving your IT-related challenges. **The next crucial step for you is engagement.** This requires us to exist as more than a blank and muted square within a virtual classroom, and to engage regularly and in your normal respectful manner through either unmuting or making effective use of the ‘chat’ conversation bar imbedded within Teams.

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