



S^t George's

Sixth Formation

LOCKDOWN EDITION 2020



Welcome

Welcome to Sixth Formation, lockdown edition. With exams being cancelled and schools being closed for two months due to the Coronavirus, the resilience and work ethic of the Sixth Form despite these challenges came to light. Unfortunately, our time in the common room was cut short, however thanks to technology this was not much of a barrier and we still managed to finish this academic year in good spirits.

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Online learning

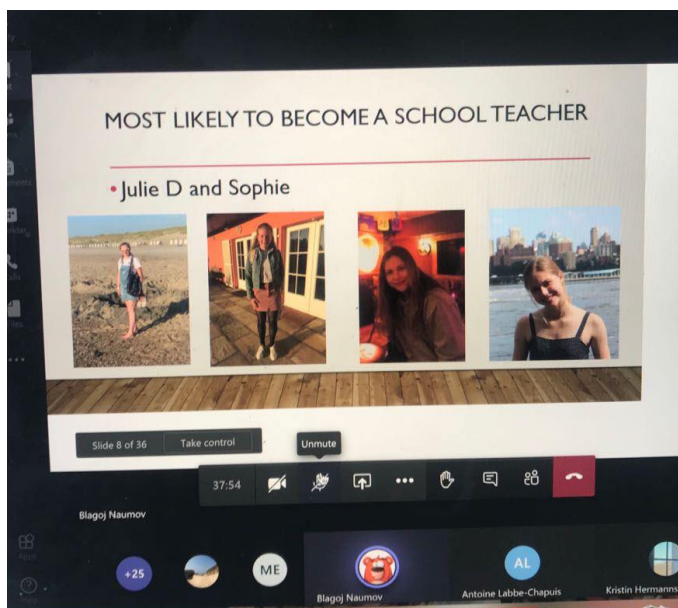
For much of the spring and summer terms, the Sixth Form had to adapt to online learning which they did to the best of their abilities. Here are some of the positives they took out of those lessons.

I liked online learning because...

- It 'helped me to manage my time by getting up early to be on a call. It is also very fun being on calls with your friends and teachers'.
- It 'was easier to manage time and the Kahoot assemblies were very entertaining'.
- It gave the 'freedom to organise your schedule as you wish, and to factor in other activities that you did not have time to do before'.
- It 'forced us to be creative with how we socialised, so the Year 13s "most likely to" call was fun!'.



- 'I'm normally scared to put up my hand and ask questions in class, so I found it a lot easier to ask questions via Teams chat so I asked when I didn't understand which I often didn't do in class'.
- It 'saved travelling time'.
- 'Teachers were engaging and showed enthusiasm for continuing to teach'.
- It 'was more flexible and relaxed'.



Good News!

During these unpredictable times, it is difficult to focus on the positives, so here is a list of some good news from the Sixth Form students!

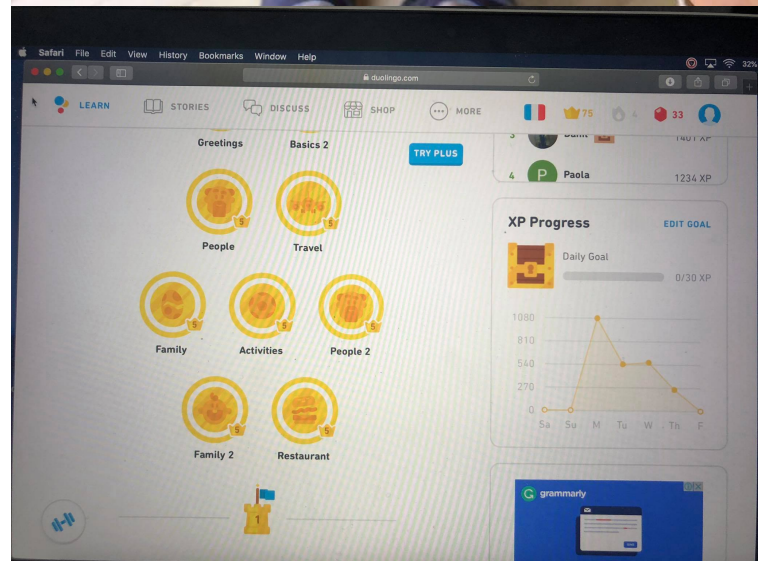
- 'I got into Conservatorium van Amsterdam!'.
 - 'I got to go to Holland and see my family which was nice because I had not seen them in 6 months!'.
 - 'I am going on holiday with my friends which has been a dream of mine since forever! I've grown my own sunflowers, which are one of my favourite types of flowers, in my garden. I've also been doing a lot of self-education, which has been challenging but fun!'.
 - 'I've played ping-pong with my siblings pretty much every day since the beginning of quarantine, I think I am reaching Olympic levels'.
 - 'Excited to go on holiday with my friends soon!'.
 - 'I have been talking to potential university friends and getting to know them!'.
 - 'I thought I would not be able to see the whole of Year 13 again before leaving to university, but we all met up for a picnic and the teachers came along too which was so nice'.



Life after school

After a year of hard work, the Sixth Form are enjoying this slightly extended summer holiday through many different activities!

- 'I've met up with my close friends, organised a virtual graduation with my family and attended a few online events. I also have been trying to cook something new every week to improve my cooking skills'.
- 'I have been working full time at school in primary'
- 'I got a job in a supermarket! I'm working full time for a month'.
- 'I am trying new hobbies such as music and started exercising more'.
- 'I have been having picnics, facetime sessions, Netflix parties and attending online university seminars'.
- Many have been having 'fake graduations and fake proms'.
- 'I'm working at a company and learning Luxembourgish'.
- 'I have been playing chess, tennis, learning French and meeting up with friends'.



2019-2020 Sixth Form highlights

AVIGNON – The Sixth Form bonding trip to Avignon had many fun activities such as canoeing and high ropes courses through which we got to know each other.



CAREERS LUNCHES – The Sixth Form had talks from many inspiring individuals on their careers. For example, Erik Abbott spoke about his experiences in acting and Mrs. Hudson answered student's questions about going into law. Thank you Lieuwe T. for organizing these talks throughout the year.

WOMEN'S DAY – The Equalities Committee delivered an assembly on International Women's Day that addressed intersectionality, tampon taxes and wage differentials. They also collected drawings of inspirational women such as Ida B Wells and hung them around the school. Thank you to the team for organizing this day.



ENTERTAINMENTS – The sale of the school hoodies in a variety of colours to raise money for prom was a success, thank you Hannah N. for the design and Euan J. for organising the orders. The Christmas Fayre that had a raffle, a popcorn stand and much more was also a huge success.



COBIS DEBATE TRIP - The debate team travelled to Marbella for a debate competition where they discussed issues such as the ethics of Reality TV. They were undefeated in the groups so were put in the cup against the top 8 teams and came 2nd overall. This is the furthest St Georges has reached in a competition, so congratulations to all those involved!



DRAMA – Both Year 12 and 13 performed at FEST 2020 which is an English Theatre festival. Well done to all involved!



MAASTRICT TRIP – The Year 12s had the opportunity to visit Maastricht University to help them with their university application process next academic year.



Thank You

The 2019-2020 academic year has been eventful but one we will never forget. Thank you to the teachers for supporting the sixth form throughout the year but especially during lockdown, your kind messages never went unnoticed. Sixth Form students, be sure to thank you friends for looking out for you this year. Finally, thank you for supporting the newsletter and thank you to those who have sent me pictures or segments to put in it.

