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### **A Video from our Headteacher**



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**Wednesday 20th July**  
- Leavers Assembly  
- Staff & students finish for summer break

**21st July - 31st August 2022**

Summer Break

**Thursday 1st September - Monday 5th September**

School closed for Teacher Training

**Tuesday 6th September**

Students back to school

**Friday 21st October**

Students finish for half term

## Leaver's Assembly



Today we say goodbye to our leavers that achieved so much over their time with us. It is lovely to see all of our students going off to such a variety of placements. Today we had the leaver's assembly, at which we had heart felt speeches from both staff and students alike. It has been lovely to see the progression of our learners over their time with us on roll. We wish them all the best in their ventures, and very much hope they will keep in touch and let us know how they are getting on in the years to come.



## Sports Day & Summer Jubilee 2022

We wanted to share some super snaps which our student in 6th Form, Ellis, kindly took for us on Sports Day last week.

Thanks again to everyone involved in making this such a wonderful event. Students really enjoyed seeing staff getting involved in the activities (and even some parents!).















## Gretton Jubilee Bunting Competition

We recently held a Jubilee bunting competition, for staff and students to create their own masterpieces.

We had lots of wonderful entries from students and staff.

After lots of deliberating the Judges chose the amazing winners:

- KS2 - Charlie from Upland
- KS3 - Faith from Einstein
- KS4 - Ryan from Darwin
- Staff - Mrs Beardmore

Well done to all that entered!

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## Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award Trip

On Monday afternoon staff and students set off on their over night trip to Gamblingay for the students' Duke of Edinburgh.

Staff did some unofficial and verbal 'awards' for some of the students of note.

Dark horse - Daisy - She surprised us all in so many ways and really shone.

Moaning Myrtle - Oscar NT - although he did eventually go on to say he had enjoyed himself, he did love a little whinge.

Top Chef - Chloe - She was amazing and cracked on with her cooking straight away. Everyone was very jealous of the pork stir fry she'd whipped up and she had multiple courses.

Sportsmanship - Olly - What a great team player. He put others before himself repeatedly; offering to help build his peers' tents and even carrying their bags. He was always checking in and asking others if they were ok.

MVP - Kenzie - he was a real trailblazer, leading the way and was up for anything. He didn't complain once and was in his element the whole time.

Overall, all the students were amazing. They really dug deep and persevered throughout the course of the expedition which was especially amazing considering the hot, humid weather.

Every single student was out of their comfort zone but stuck it out and at one point or another enjoyed themselves. It was really lovely to see them all mix and mingle and socialise outside of the school.

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## Jessica's Jubilee Art Competition

Jessica from Burton Class recently took part in a Jubilee Art Competition run by St Neot's Town Council.

The competition was free to enter and open for ages 3 - 16, entrants created a portrait of the Queen to celebrate her Platinum Jubilee. There were no limits on what they could make their portrait with - be it colouring, painting, sculpting, the possibilities were endless!

The judges then attended St Neots 'Pic Nic in the Park', Street Food Fest and the Town Market collecting designs and entrees. The final winners then went and painted their design at [Crafty Monkey](#) on a plate and will have their work shown in the St Neots Museum - and our very own Jessica in Year 8 was one of them!

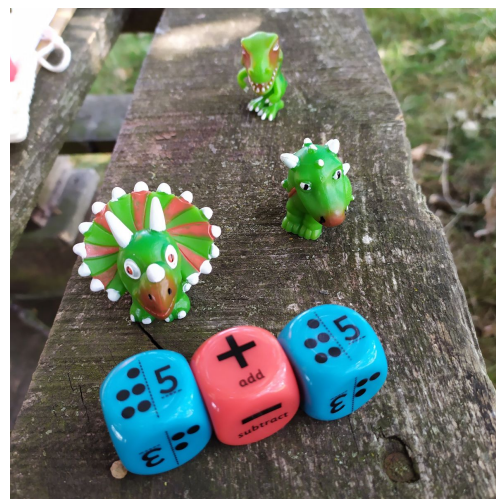
Huge congratulations to Jessica on this wonderful achievement, we are all very proud of you!





## Keeping Cool...

As the entire country endured the sweltering heat this week, during a transition lesson with Applegate Class we tried to overcome the hot weather with a 'Dino Dice' math game outdoors, under a large tree in the meadow.



## LAMDA Exams

Congratulations to Isaac, Freddie, Monte and Jared for giving up part of their weekends to attend their latest LAMDA exams.

Mrs Khairdean was super proud as ever!

Thank you also to the parents for getting them there and for your help with rehearsing! It doesn't go unnoticed.

Thank you also to the Gretton students and staff that came out to watch our open rehearsal last Tuesday: it was lovely to show our work to an audience and the drama department look forward to having more open showings next year!

Happy holidays all!



## Transitions Support

Our therapy team have gathered a few resources that may help parents/carers and students over the summer holidays. We appreciate that the summer break, as well as being fun and restful, can also be difficult to adjust to changes in routine. It is also a time where students may be feeling worried about returning in September, or moving to a new college.

### National Autistic Society - Preparing for summer holidays:

This page includes support in helping to prepare for change, and preparing for holidays or days out.

Advice on the use of visual support as a communication tool.

Information, strategies and tips for coping with sensory differences.

Advice on various transitions.

Personal stories and experiences to support with the summer break

<https://www.autism.org.uk/advice-and-guidance/professional-practice/summer-holidays>

### Anna Freud Centre - Mentally Healthy Schools Self-Care Summer:

The Anna Freud Centre for Children and Families have provided packs which feature a range of creative activities based on self-care strategies to help young people stay mentally healthy over the summer break. There's also some here for staff too!

<https://www.annafreud.org/schools-and-colleges/self-care-summer/>

### Beacon House - Supporting Transitions :

Beacon House is a specialist therapeutic service supporting young people who may have experienced trauma and loss. This resource provides some top tips to parents/carers and staff in



supporting young people's transitions, particularly for children who may have experienced difficult transitions in the past.

<https://beaconhouse.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Supporting-Transitions-2.pdf>

### OT Toolbox - Summer Occupational Therapy Activities

The OT Toolbox provides a range of resources, tools, ideas and activities designed to support children and young people. This resource provides some fun activities to help keep children and young people regulated throughout the summer holiday.

<https://www.theottoolbox.com/summer-occupational-therapy-activities/>

### Sensory Integration Education- Free online course

Sensory Integration Education provides access to a free short course for parents and carers, "Understanding Sensory Processing and Integration in Children". The 1 hour short course helps parents gain insight into how sensory issues can impact on behaviour and engagement, alongside providing strategies to help support children.

<https://www.sensoryintegrationeducation.com/courses/understanding-sensory-processing-and-integration-in-children-a-guide-for-parents-and-carers>

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## Artwork

During the Autumn term lots of cross-curricular Science space projects will happening.

KS3 students will be making Alien Marionette Puppets. **Please could you save any little yoghurt pots**, wash them out and please pass them on to Mrs Easton.

Toby's rainforest box:



Alex's rainforest box:



Adam's rainforest box:



Elliot's rainforest box:



Jonas rainforest box:



## RENAISSANCE®

### A message from Mrs Broad:

I have set up free access to myON online reading for every student over the summer holidays. They can use it to access books whenever they wish. We will turn off quizzing on accelerated reader over the summer so they can just enjoy reading for fun.

The details are found below:

**All your students and staff can follow the same login process:**

Go to <https://www.myon.co.uk/login/index.html> and enter your login information:



1. **School Name:** Read On England
2. **Username:** Gretton
3. **Password:** Gretton123

Click on the **Sign In** button, select a book, and start reading!

**Important notice: Please share these details with all relevant teaching staff as not all contacts will receive this email.**

We hope you and your students enjoy using myON! Your Account Manager will be keeping an eye on your reading progress and will check in with you to see how you and your students are getting on.

If you have any technical queries or problems accessing the site, please contact our [customer service team](#). They are available from Monday to Friday, 8am to 5pm throughout the holidays!

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At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

# 12 Ways to Champion EQUALITY ONLINE

In terms of the esteem it's held in, women's football has made impressive progress in a short space of time. That's a bit like the online world: it's come a long way, but that doesn't mean we should stop trying to make it even better. The Women's European Football Championships are underway, and that's a timely reminder of how important it is to give everyone the respect they deserve online – regardless of gender, race, sexual orientation, religion or anything else. In partnership with the Global Equality Commission, we've produced a special guide to help young fans kick online discrimination into touch!

- 1 KNOW IT WHEN YOU SEE IT**  
Expressing views based on prejudice about a part of someone's identity – their race, gender or a disability, say – counts as online hate.
- 2 WHEN "BANTER" ISN'T FUNNY**  
Discrimination is sometimes disguised as humour: some memes, clips or gifs that certain people try to pass off as "funny" might actually be offensive.
- 3 BE YOUR OWN PERSON**  
Set a good example through your own online communication. Think whether you'd say a thing in real life before posting or sharing it online for the world to see.
- 4 SEEING SHOULDN'T EQUAL BELIEVING**  
Sneakier, less obvious types of online abuse can stay on the internet for longer, so don't assume that something's OK just because it's not been taken down yet.
- 5 SEXISM CAN BE ILLEGAL**  
As well as being extremely hurtful to a person or a group, online sexism and prejudice against women (known as misogyny) can be recorded as a hate crime in some cases.
- 6 ONLINE HATE, USED AS BAIT**  
Sadly, it's not just that being exposed to prejudice online is upsetting – some extreme organisations even try to recruit young people to their cause.
- 7 GET SOME DISTANCE**  
If you see messages online that upset you, it's probably time to give yourself some space from that site or app. Talk to a trusted adult about how you're feeling.
- 8 TURN OFF THE HATERS**  
If someone you follow on social media is posting sexist content, you could always mute them or block them – or unfollow them altogether.
- 9 PLAY IT BY THE BOOK**  
If you see someone discriminating online, you don't have to challenge them yourself. Screenshot their post and report them to the app or site you saw it on.
- 10 EXPLOITING 'PACK MENTALITY'**  
Sexist messages aren't always sent to a target directly: sometimes, they're posts designed to provoke misogyny among other people.
- 11 POSITIVITY ALWAYS WINS**  
Go the extra mile and spread some positive vibes! Instead of just reacting to a post and scrolling past, you could add a message of support and encouragement, too.
- 12 CREATE THE WORLD YOU WANT**  
Remember, you're the boss of your online world. Engage with posts or accounts that celebrate equality and understanding; block or unfollow the ones that don't.

**GLOBAL EQUALITY COLLECTIVE**

**NOS National Online Safety**  
#WakeupWednesday

**FURTHER SUPPORT**  
If you've been affected by any of the issues mentioned in this guide, there are some excellent resources that can offer further help and support.  
NOS Mental Health Guides: [nationalonlinesafety.com/guides](http://nationalonlinesafety.com/guides)  
Minds: [www.youngminds.org.uk](http://www.youngminds.org.uk)  
Stop Hate UK: [stophateuk.org](http://stophateuk.org)  
Ditch the Label: [www.ditchthelabel.org](http://www.ditchthelabel.org)  
Childline: [www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk)

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Ambitious about Autism has launched an online platform for autistic young people:

For young people with autism (16 to 25) a safe and moderated online space to help them understand their autistic identity and reduce isolation and loneliness

Young people can also be involved in peer support sessions and WBL, including volunteering, WEX, employment

[Ambitious about Autism](#) | [National charity for autistic children and young people](#)



# Where KIDS EAT FREE or for Less in Summer 2022 🙌

## KIDS EAT FOR FREE OR LESS DURING SUMMER 2022



### MORRISONS

Spend £4.99 to get a free kids meal after 3pm daily, normally all day during half term.

### ASDA CAFE

Kids eat for £1 every day with NO need for a paying adult from 25th July - 4th Sept, 2022.

### DUNELM

One free mini main, two snacks and a drink for every £4 spent in the in-store cafe.

**YO!** Kids eat free from 3pm-5:30pm Mon-Thurs for every £10 spent on food.

### BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Free breakfast for two children under 16 with every paying adult.

### HUNGRY HORSE

Free kids breakfast with an adults breakfast from 9am-12pm daily.

### IKEA

Get TWO kids hot meals, fruit, drink and jelly for £5 in their Swedish restaurants (subject to availability).

### BELLA ITALIA

Kids eat for £1 with each adult meal from 4-6pm on Mon-Thurs.

### DOBBIES

Kids eat free with an adult main meal.

### TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 get a free breakfast with one paying adult every day.

### CAFE ROUGE

Kids eat for £1 with an adult meal excluding Saturday.

### MORE TO COME!!

M&S, TESCO and more expected soon, see websites for latest information.



## Our FREE online events and groups

Just a reminder that the Pinpoint team will be taking a break over the summer holidays to spend time with their families.

However, they have a very full timetable of events lined up in September and they are really looking forward to seeing you all again then. Check out our [events page](#) for details.

Sessions are currently all online and booking is easy via the [events page](#). Upcoming events for September:

**9th September 10am-12pm Pinpoint parent carer Tii Hub.** [Book here.](#)

**12th September 10am-12pm Why is school so difficult for my autistic child?** [Book here.](#)

**16th September 10am-12pm Pinpoint parent carer Tii Hub.** [Book here.](#)

**19th September 10am-12pm Autism - does my child need a diagnosis?** [Book here.](#)

**21st September 10am-12pm What is ADHD? Exploding the myths.** [Book here.](#)

**22nd September 10am-12pm Supporting your child's sensory needs.** [Book here.](#)

**23rd September 10am-12pm Pinpoint parent carer Tii Hub.** [Book here.](#)

**26th September 10am-12pm Preparing for adulthood - what I need to know when my child leaves school.** [Book here.](#)

**28th September 10am-12pm Responding to your ADHD child with 1,2,3, magic.** [Book here.](#)

**30th September 10am-12pm Pinpoint parent carer Tii Hub.** [Book here.](#)

All of these sessions will be held online. Zoom links to join will be sent from Eventbrite 2 days before and again 2 hours before the start of each session. Please do check your junk mail as they sometimes end up there! Thank you.



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