



#### **MARCH 2020 FEATURING...**

**VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONS** 



# ETONE COLLEGE SMASH EXPECTATIONS IN RAF MIGHTY MINDS CHALLENGE!

On February 10th 2020, Etone College was visited by the Royal Air Force to take part in a robotics challenge aimed to inspire the next generation of engineers and computer scientists. This challenge, RAF Mighty Minds, tested 60 hand-picked individuals from years 7 and 8 who were chosen based on their exceptional computer science skills demonstrated within lessons. They were briefed that due to the shortage of engineers and computer scientists, currently a problem in the UK; it is now up to them to figure out and fix some of the world's leading issues.

One current issue is surrounding Search and Rescue missions helping areas of the world hit by natural disasters and armed conflicts. Robotics are commonly used to inspect areas hazardous to humans such as poisonous gas or risk of explosion, or rescue civilians stuck in debris. The 60 students were placed into groups of 3 and had to program their very own robot, LEGO mindstorm, to complete many tasks simulating an area struck by a disaster such as: navigating a track from one end to the other, collect bricks (debris), rescue LEGO civilians all in the name of teamwork and points!

The event itself was so positive in fact, the members representing the RAF praised the student's for their ability to: think for themselves, work as a team, calculate a mathematical problem in their heads before programming it into their robots and maintaining respectful behaviour for the whole school day. However, the highlight of the event came at the every end. 1st place winners: K. Kissi Baah, J. Korzeniewski and Z. Choonara achieved a score of around 150 points whilst 2nd place winners: D. Andrews, S. Naylor and A. Isak achieved a score of around 130 point both "far outclassing" 4 other secondary schools within the West Midlands area who also took part in the RAF Mighty Minds; earning a place in the national robotics competition!





## WORK EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITIES

Our Year 10 pupils have the opportunity to experience the world of work from Monday 6th July to Friday 17th July 2020 to support their aspirations for their future careers. We are currently looking for companies who would be willing to offer placements to allow pupils hands-on experience of the workplace.

If you are able to offer a placement or indeed would like to come and give an aspirational talk to pupils about your chosen career, please contact Natalie Waite on 02476 757300 or email careers@etonecollege.co.uk

You can use Springpod to find work experience opportunities in the local area. Springpod is free for schools and students. Students can apply directly to this and work experience opportunities from Atkins, BBC, BMW, Airbus, BAE Systems, Deloitte, Boots, Royal Air Force, Rolls Royce EY and more.

To find out more visit the website: www.springpod.co.uk/schools-colleges/

## MOTHER'S DAY COFFEE MORNING

**MONDAY 23RD MARCH 2020** 

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

We invite all mothers, aunties, grandmothers and carers to a Mother's Day coffee morning at Etone college on Monday 23rd March. All money raised from the coffee morning will be donated to two local Nuneaton charities: George Elliot Special Care Baby Unit and Doorway.

Cakes and refreshments will be available in the hall at Etone from 9.30am until 11.00am. Year 7 and 8 pupils will be allowed out of lessons to join you for coffee and cake. Please complete and return the reply slip to confirm your attendance. Reply slips can be found under school letters on the school website.





## LGBT HISTORY MONTH

February was LGBT History Month! We have used this month as an opportunity to celebrate the strength and spirit of the LGBT community. We have been posting a variety of LGBT icons, animals and historic events over on our Twitter account and website!





Homosexuality doesn't occur exclusively among humans. In fact, Scientists have observed many animals displaying homosexual relationships. Swans being one of them! #LGBTHM2020 #LGBTanimals



LGBTQ+ people have often been left out of history. But people of certain ethnicities, religions and social classes are even less likely to be featured. This year, we are focusing on learning about LGBTQ+ people across the social spectrum.

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### RU PAUL

ENTERTAINER

RU PAUL IS A DRAG QUEEN, TV PERSONALITY, MODEL, SINGER AND ACTOR

RU PAUL HAS BEEN PAVING THE RUNWAY AND THE WORLD FOR TOLERANCE AND EDUCATION OF THE LABTA+ COMMUNITY. HE IS A PROMINENT FIGURE AND HAS SUPPORTED LGBTQ+ RIGHTS AND HAS FOUGHT FOR EQUALITY THROUGHOUT HIS CAREER.

IN 2018, HE WAS THE FIRST DRAG QUEEN TO EARN A STAR ON THE HOLLYWOOD WALK OF FAME.

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NICOLA ADAMS OBE IS THE FIRST FEMALE IN OLYMPIC HISTORY TO WIN A GOLD MEDAL IN BOXING.

NICOLA HAS ALSO BEEN NAMED NUMBER ONE IN THE DIVA POWER LIST
FOR THE UK'S MOST EMINENT LESBIAN AND BISEXUAL WOMEN PROVING SHE IS AMONG THE GREATEST ROLE MODELS FOR YOUNG WOMEN AND MEMBERS OF THE LGBT COMMUNITY.











A big thank you to Luke from @AstonUniversity for coming to @EtoneCollege and sharing his experiences of living and working abroad with our pupils! Informative, inspiring and enlightening!













### TWEET, TWEET

## THE LATEST NEWS FROM OUR TWITTER ACCOUNTS





Lovely to welcome new students to tonight's after school club. Remember you do not need to sign up for the half term, you don't need to come every week... just keep a look out for the weekly recipe and join us when you can! <a href="tel:@EtoneCollege">@EtoneCollege</a>



#### **VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONS!**

A huge congratulations to the following pupils on an absolutely incredible result at this years North Warwickshire Volleyball power league and Warwickshipe Volleyball Cup.

C. JARWAA
P. MASSER
L. HUNT
T. APPLETON
M. COTTRILL

G. BIDWELL B. MCNEAL

B. MARSTON





## E-SAFETY ADVICE FOR PARENTS

PARENT FACTSHEET - JANUARY 2020

### Keep your child safe from cyberflashing

#### What is it?

Cyber-flashing is when a stranger sends an explicit picture, uninvited, to your phone via Wi-Fi or Bluetooth. It's sexual harassment.

It's most likely to happen on public transport or in crowded places.

The file-sharing app AirDrop for iPhone and iPads is most commonly associated with cyber-flashing, but there are lots of different file-sharing apps out there.

With AirDrop, it's easy for anyone to send you images. The automatic preview feature means you also see images without actually opening them.

#### 3 steps to keep your child safe

#### 1. Restrict who can send files to your child's phone

Most file-sharing apps allow users to restrict who can send files to them by Wi-Fi or Bluetooth. Find out which apps your child uses, then make sure your child knows how to use these settings.

For AirDrop on iPhones:

- Open 'Control Centre' (swipe up from the bottom of the screen or down from the upper-right corner, depending on the model)
- Press firmly on the network settings card in the upper-left comer. This will open more connectivity controls
- > Tap the AirDrop icon
- > Select 'Contacts Only', or 'Receiving Off' (to not receive AirDrop requests)

Or, do this by going to Settings > General > AirDrop.

Some of the other most popular file-transfer apps include:

- Google Drive
- Dropbox
- Microsoft OneDrive
- > AirDroid
- Zapya

Make sure your child knows to only accept files from people they know.

#### 2. Turn off Bluetooth when not using it

Otherwise, it's easy for strangers nearby to send images to your child's phone.



To do this on **iPhone**, open 'Control Centre' (see above), then tap the Bluetooth icon (it looks like a 'B'). The icon dims when it's off.

On **Android**, swipe down from the top (you might need to do this twice or scroll across). Then tap the Bluetooth 'B' icon to turn it off. It'll be grey when Bluetooth is off.

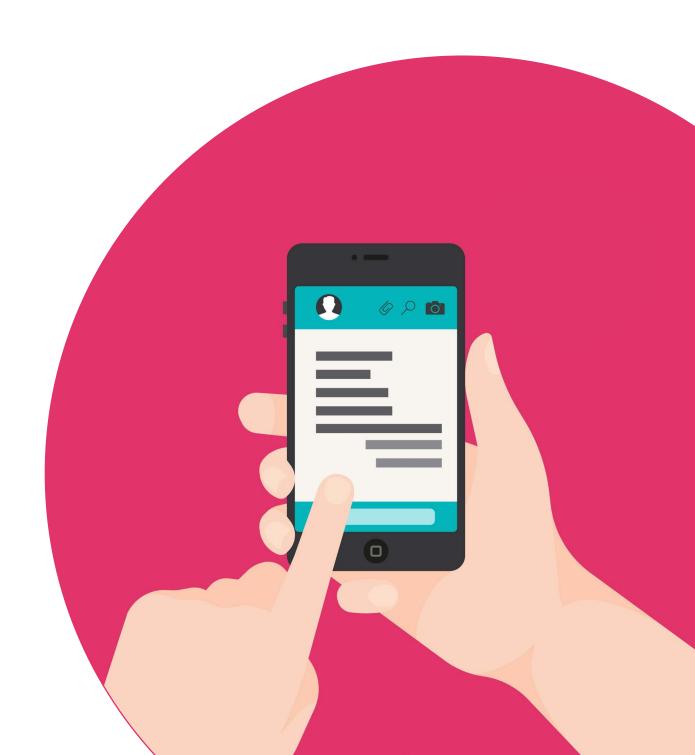
#### 3. Make sure your child knows what to do if it happens to them

If your child doesn't feel in immediate danger, they should take a screenshot and report the incident to the police using the non-emergency numbers:

- If it happens on public transport, text 61016 or call 0800 40 50 40
- If it happens anywhere else, call 101

If your child feels scared or in immediate danger, they should call 999. They should also move to a safe place – find someone in authority to talk to like platform staff, a security guard or a shop manager.

If it happens in school, your child should talk to a trusted adult immediately.





# **Coronavirus**Prevention Update

There is currently no vaccine to prevent **COVID-19**. The best way to prevent infection is to avoid being exposed to the virus. There are general principles anyone can follow to help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses.









#### **SYMPTOMS**



Cough



Fever



Shortness of breath



Headache



Confusion



Sore throat

#### **PREVENTION**



#### WASH YOUR HANDS FREQUENTLY

- before leaving home
- on arrival at school
- after using the toilet
- after breaks and sporting activities
- before food preparation
- •before eating any food, including snacks
- before leaving school



Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer

Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue





Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth



Avoid close contact with people who are unwell



Disinfect frequently touched objects



If you feel unwell you should stay at home and should not attend work or any education or childcare setting.

If you are worried about your symptoms or those of a child or colleague, please call NHS 111. **DO NOT** go directly to your GP or other healthcare environment

See further information on the Public Health England Blog and the NHS UK website.





## NEW YEAR, NEW CAREER?

If you are interested in a career in teaching, get in touch to hear more about our train to teach opportunities.



WHAT WILL YOU MAKE OF YOUR FUTURE?

# ETONE COLLEGE CAREERS FAIR

ETONE COLLEGE SPORTS HALL
THURSDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2020 | 12.30<sup>PM</sup> - 4.00<sup>PM</sup>

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