

# Year 11 Student Update



Caludon Castle School

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## Year Team Message

Hello year 11!

The summer half term is traditionally when year 11 students across the country stop having lessons and the main exam season starts! Obviously, you won't have the exam season this summer but we will still be using the May half term holiday as the period in which we will say goodbye for now as your compulsory time at Caludon ends.

From Friday, staff will stop setting work for you, although you can still access any 6<sup>th</sup> form transition work on firefly as mentioned in previous newsletters. There will be no more newsletters although we will be communicating with you with any developments regarding possible plans for prom, year book and of course exam results day and enrolment into the sixth form. Owing to social distancing, events involving the year group will be very different to every other year in history.

You've been a fabulous year group with fantastic attitudes, great behaviour and some highly amusing personalities! Those of you moving to the sixth form will still see us, but if your destination is elsewhere we wish you the very best and hope you don't forget about us any time soon!

Look after yourselves and take care in these strange times.

Mr Stokes, Mrs Maroke and Mrs Mitchell

## The 'Quiz you can't google' quiz

Thank you for your entries to the quiz! We had nearly 100 and some people did really well!

The worst answered questions were 'What musical instrument does Ms Brooks play?' and 'What country was Mrs Maroke born in?' Most of you thought that Ms Brooks plays the flute though actually it's the drums; less than 20% got the answer right. And half of you thought that Mrs Maroke was born in the UK; the actual answer is Kenya and only 12% got it right!

Strangely, most of you got Mr Owen's favourite toast spread and the musical that Mrs Howells has never performed in. Mrs Dudgeon has won multiple swimming medal although not recently apparently and whereas Mr Stokes has met the Queen, he has never met David Beckham!

Two students got 88% so it went to the tie breaker question: 'How many miles has Mr Stokes ridden on his bike since Jan 1<sup>st</sup>?' The answer was 1105 and the winner guessed 1000. So, Natalie Spencer, you are the winner of our quiz! If and when we ever get a prom or an assembly, there will be a prize waiting for you!

Hope you enjoyed our silly bit of fun; we certainly enjoyed putting the quiz together for you.

## Mental health and well-being

Hi Caludon Year 11 students!

Why don't you have a go at engaging with Mental Health Awareness Week this week and maybe into half term? It could be one simple idea or something every day. This year's theme is Kindness. Click this [link](#) to see why and how kindness is so important for good mental health. Also see the tasks below to give you some wellbeing challenges.



## Tutor memories

I have too many happy memories to talk about as each and every one of you has brightened up my day in some way or another. When we took over the year group at the end of Year 7, you all looked so young and almost as if you wanted to stay with Mr Holland because you didn't want the change. However, here you are at the end of Year 11: amazing young people with everything to look forward to. The Year 9 Graduation was an event that could never be forgotten, with your parents present and you being presented with your new KS4 ties, and to top it, you had your photos taken almost as proof of having completed all the challenges put before you. Year 10 and 11 have whizzed by and you're all making choices about your future which I'm sure you've put so much thought in to. Remember we're all still here for you should you need any help. Please keep safe, be happy and follow your dreams.

Much Love, Mrs Maroke.

Lots of happy memories for me and it's been wonderful seeing you all grow. I particularly enjoyed the year 8 graduation karaoke and seeing lots of amazing singing and dancing and also witnessing what all your tutors said about you at the year 9 graduation. In the last couple of years, it's been amazing to see the progress you've made and it's just whizzed by. Wishing you all the best for your future hopes and dreams. May they all come true.  
Mrs Mitchell.

11.1

I started Caludon the same day as you (when I had to give you a tour of a school I didn't know and we got lost together)! There have been so many memories over the past 5 years that it is impossible for me to try and pick just one! From my daily nagging about why tutor is 'a tutor lesson!' to the snippets of gossip and funny stories you would share with me, I am proud to be your tutor and have watched you grow on your Caludon journey. The memory I will share here is... I will always remember your eagerness for a Year 7 photo and then the moaning (that got louder each year) as I dragged you all together for an annual tutor photo! Hope you are all safe and well; keep in touch 😊 Miss Brooks.

11.2

What can I say 11.2 I've been with the majority of you for the last 4 years and have enjoyed every minute of it. We've had our ups and downs but we've always come out stronger. I wish each and every one of you good luck in whatever you choose to do but do feel free to keep in touch as it's always nice to know what you're doing next and exactly where you want to be in a few years. As you may know now I have a baby son Arlo; he is the reason I couldn't be with you in the last week or so. I have however had positive feedback from everyone as to how fabulous you have all been for them. I miss all of you. Mrs Harborne.

11.3

My favourite memory of 11.3 is being the absolute best tutor group in year 9 with our assembly of 'The Chase'. I will also never forget the struggle of trying to get you all to take your shoes off every day to come into the dance studio...very hard work! Miss Lester.

11.4

It's hard for me to pick just one memory I have about 11.4. I do remember the first day you started at Caludon, when you asked me if you could take your blazers off and took out your shiny new pens. Those were the days! I've been most proud of you on the many times when you've shown kindness and creativity, through charity fundraising, supporting each other with work, sharing your musical and sporting talents and insisting on Secret Santa every year. I'll miss you making me laugh when I'm trying to tell you off, giving out **my** shiny new pens when you lose yours, your complaining that the classroom is up two flights of stairs, your cringing when I dance along to the BBC News theme tune ... but most of all I'll miss each and every one of you. It's been a real pleasure and privilege to be your tutor - thanks for making it such a joy.

P.S. I'm probably not going to miss having to watch Newsround. Miss Knight.

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Respect to all, from all

11.5

I remember my first day meeting you all very vividly..... walking into G1 to meet my new year 9 tutor group. My first memory was thinking how tall George was. I have a series of wonderful memories of 11.5. Calling Max Postman Pat and Paul Scholes, Daniel and his political rants, the many great discussions I would have with Ray, Ellie, Chloe, Cameron, Lauren, Hina and Megan on the front table as well as always having a genuine good time during tutor time. However one of my favourite memories was the paintballing trip at the end of year 10. I can remember Liam running around like a headless chicken, but even more impressive was the raid on the opposition's team Shay and I led on. If I remember rightly, Mr Morgan was on the receiving hand of one of the smoke grenades I purchased. My first tutor group at Caludon Castle will struggle to be beaten. Mr Owen

11.6

Remember when I first came to introduce myself as your new tutor? None of you spoke to me - none of you! But I soon cracked you by just talking at you incessantly so you had to speak to me! Good times. Take care, Mrs Howell.

11.7

When thinking about tutor memories over the last 5 years, it really has highlighted how quickly time has flown! It made me think about the experiences we have shared as a group both inside and outside of our tutor room: I really hope you all feel that you have taken away many valuable memories from your time at Caludon Castle. I have really enjoyed the experiences I have been able to share with many of you not just inside of our tutor room but also outside of it...A few standouts would have to be the sports days over the years in the summer and seeing a lot of your competitive natures come out, the trips I have been on with some of you to the Wimbledon tennis championships and skiing in Austria. And, of course, not forgetting our last trip together as a group last year to Drayton Manor when our return coach didn't show up and we had to wait around for over an hour at the end of the day! Mr Moffatt.

11.8

You always used to complain about how all of your old tutors would leave at the end of the year; we may be in the middle of a pandemic and not in school, but this doesn't count! See you soon for the send-off that you deserve! Mr Riding.

11.9

My best memory of 11.9 goes back to Y9 when they completed their sponsored silence for Alzheimers' Society. They raised close to £100 between them and were so determined to make it through the whole of tutor time as silent as possible which for some in there was a real challenge! Ms Pettipher.

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