Cranmer Primary School

'Creating a community of caring, collaborative, critical and creative thinkers.'

Issue 3 – 25th September 2020

Reading Survey

Thank you so much to those of you have responded to the parents reading survey. We have had over 100 responses to date. The survey will close on **Tuesday 29th September**, so if you haven't had a chance to complete the survey yet, then please do so. It only takes a few minutes. Please see the link below.

Breakfast and After School Club

As you are aware we have not been able to provide breakfast club and after school care this term. Please be assured that together with the governing body, we are working very hard to put a new provision in place in the very near future.

We expect to be able to give you more information in the next couple of weeks. Thank you for your patience.

Secondary School Applications

The deadline date for secondary school applications is **31st October 2020.** Information regarding Merton open days are at the end of this newsletter.

Please note all applications need to be completed online.

If you have any questions regarding the transfer to secondary admissions process, please contact:

School Admissions Team
Civic Centre
Morden
SM4 5DX

Email admissions@merton.gov.uk

Playground Equipment

Your children may have told you that at the beginning of term, each class was given an amount of money to choose and buy some playground items/games for their class to use at break and lunchtime.

The equipment that the classes chose is now beginning to arrive in school, and we can see the children enjoying using them.

We very much hope that this will help to contribute towards playtimes being a really positive experience for all our children.

PE Uniform

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to you to inform you of a change in relation to the wearing of PE Uniform. From Monday 28th September, in line with a number of other local schools, children should come to school in their Winter PE uniform on the day that they have their PE lesson (Please see the table below).

They will stay in their PE uniform throughout the day. The children will need to wear their House PE shirt and plain navy PE shorts underneath their uniform. As you will be aware the Winter PE uniform consists of plain navy jogging bottoms and a navy blue PE sweatshirt with the Cranmer Sports Logo. Please do not worry if you have not bought the PE sweatshirt just yet, we are very happy for the children to wear their regular school sweatshirt/jumper in the meantime. As a result, your child should be warm coming to school.

This change is partly due to Covid-19 restrictions which prevent adults from helping young children to change. In addition to this, the older children need to remain in their bubbles and it is difficult to allow older children to change in communal areas whilst ensuring that the room is sanitised regularly.

We believe that there will be a number of positive benefits to this change, such as less learning time taken up by children having to change, and it will almost certainly lead to a reduction in cases of PE kit being lost which can prove costly for families.

Year	Class	Day
All Year 4 Classes		Monday
Year 2	Moonstone	
Year 5	Starlite	Tuesday
Year 5	Amber	
Year 6	Topaz	
Year 6	Angelite	
Year 2	Amethyst	
Year 3	Quartz	Wednesday
Year 5	Ruby	
Year 3	Turquiose	
Year 2	Coral	
Year 6	Garnet	
All Year 1 Classes		Thursday
Year 3	Opal	

Yours sincerely,

Martin Roughley
Headteacher

Cricket Lessons

The Surrey Cricket Foundation have informed the school that the Pride of Lions cricket courses are available across London and Surrey for the Reception to Year3.

These are great starter sessions to engage your child and nurture their enthusiasm in cricket.

They would love to welcome your child onto a course with. For more information and availability please click here for the Reception and Year 1 category and the Years 2 and 3 category here. If the course that you are interested in is full, then please click on the 'more' button to add yourself to our waiting list. If you require any further information please contact Katie Baker on kbaker@surreycricket.com.

Education and Childcare during Coronavirus Booklet

The Department of Education have produced a booklet explaining what parents and carers need to know about going back to school this autumn term.

This booklet is available in Arabic, Bengali, Chinese (traditional), Chinese (simplified), English, French, Gujarati, Polish, Portuguese, Punjabi, Romany, Somali, Turkish and Urdu.

www.gov.uk/DfE

Chartwells Nutrition Workshops

Our catering company Chartwells are offering fun filled nutrition workshops. All workshops will be arranged on a case by case basis to ensure safety and adherence to current guidelines.

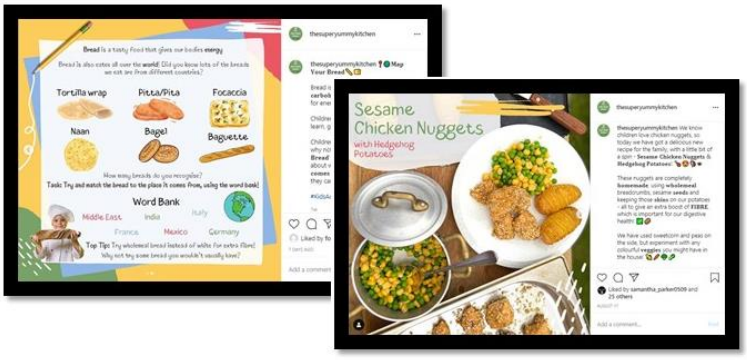
If this is something you would be interested in, please email headspa@cranmer.merton.sch.uk to register your interest.

Chartwells EAT LEARN LIVE

Chartwells INDEPENDENT

EDUCATERING EXCELLENCE AWARDS 2019 Contract Caterer of the Year

AfN ANutr Registered Associate Nutritionist



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NHS Track and Trace – Download it Today!

The NHS COVID-19 app is the fastest way to see if you are at risk from coronavirus and is a vital part in the fight against the virus.

It quickly warns you when you've been in contact with someone who has coronavirus and shows you the risk level in the local area.

The app will be used alongside traditional contact tracing and allows people to report symptoms, order a coronavirus test and check-in to venues by scanning a QR code.

The app can also be translated into different languages.

If you have a compatible iOS phone or an Android phone with Bluetooth, and are over 16 you can download the app today.

Face Coverings

Nationwide, the government is not recommending face coverings are necessary in education settings due to the system of controls within all education environments. At Cranmer, we respect the parents' right to wear face coverings; in the same vain we expect parents to respect other parents' right to wear one and not to infringe upon this right.

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/face-coverings-in-education/face-coverings-in-education

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STAR OF THE WEEK

Every week, one child is chosen from each class who has achieved especially marked results in work, behaviour or kindness.

DATE: 14 September- 18th September 24 2020

CRYSTAL Margo – Aways Super helpful and outstanding all the time.	**EMERALD** Jeevin - Great listening and talking.	**SAPPHIRE** Maahir - Always helpful and always tidying.
DIAMOND Farooq – Always makes the right choices and follows the Bee Rules.	**ONYX** Daniela – For being a Superstar role model for all her peers.	**PEARL** Lexie - For always being a reliable child.
AMETHYST Prince – Great effort towards Maths learning.	**CORAL** Louie – Working really hard in Year 2 and settling in well.	**MOONSTONE** Nathan – For coming into school happily each day and doing his best learning.
OPAL Jenika – Great effort in writing this week.	**TURQUOISE** Yaseen – Participating in Maths and working hard in independent tasks.	**QUARTZ** Riyaa - Amazing participation in all lessons.
AQUAMARINE Jania – For her resilience in Maths.	**JADE** Alexis – Always working her hardest.	**JET** Emily - Working hard and for being a good friend.
RUBY Adam – Working hard on his writing and staying focused in class.	**AMBER** Khalifa - A fantastic start and always being respectful.	**STARLITE** Hamza – Always ready to learn and a good example to his peers.
GARNET Amy – A fantastic start to Year 6 and always being respectful.	**TOPAZ** Esmee – Always enthusiastic about her learning.	**ANGELITE** Ruby – Settling into school so well and showing respect and for always being helpful.

Outstanding Attendance

Congratulations to Opal Class for achieving the top attendance score of 100% for the week beginning 14th th September.

Well done to them!

MITCHAM TOWN COMMUNITY TRUST, NATIONAL LOTTERY AND HEALTHIER DIMENSIONS

Present

AN INTRODUCTION TO MINDFULNESS AND SELF COMPASSION

When: *Oct 5th,12th,19th, Nov 2nd,9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th (8 weekly sessions, term time only)*
Time: *9.30am – 11am*
Place: *secure online platform*
Facilitator: *Hulya Kusella*
Level*: Beginners; personal development*
Free for all participants (but please note places are limited)

'Mindfulness' is being with what is in the present moment. It can help us decide where we choose to focus our attention and increase our awareness to learn to be kinder and loving towards ourselves. Both Mindfulness and Self compassion can bring greater ease to our well- being, increase resilience that can assist us through the challenges and franticness of everyday life.

To book your place on the next programme, please email Hulya at hulyakus@healthierdimensions.com **ASAP**. Please note, that there is some pre-paperwork completion needed before you can be registered on the course and therefore, individuals will need to contact the facilitator directly for their interest.

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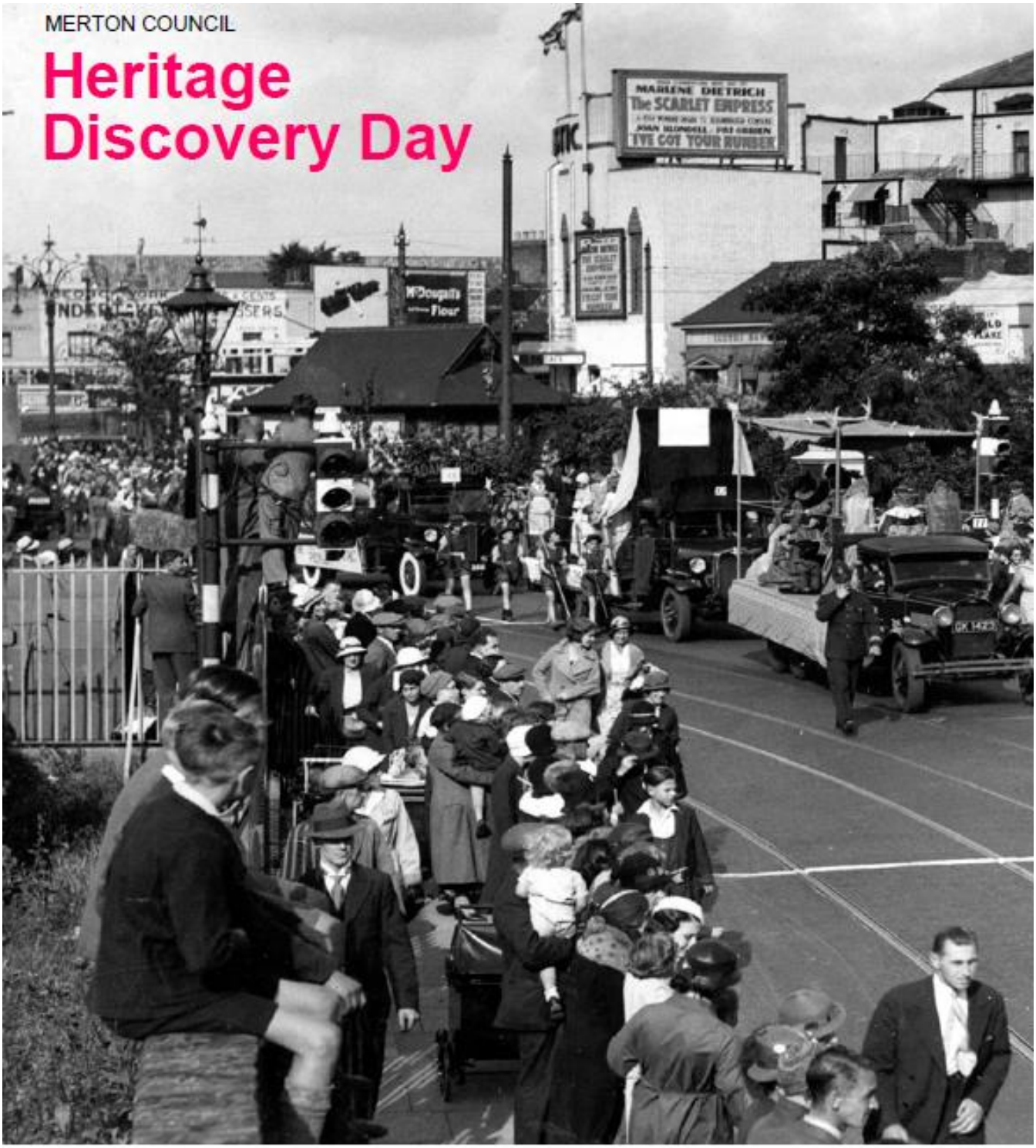
Heritage Discovery Day



26 September, 10.00am – 4.00pm

A free showcase for Merton's heritage, featuring local trails, photographic exhibitions, zoom talks and an online programme of displays, archive film, puzzles, and children's resources.

merton.gov.uk/heritage

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DAUGHTERS & DADS

Active & Empowered

Are you a father or father-figure who wants to spend quality time, strengthening the bond with your daughter through our online physical activity programme?

Join our virtual programme packed with learning and fun physical activity sessions. Together, you'll learn how to improve your sports skills, confidence and resilience through our education sessions.

We are looking for fathers/father-figures (step-dad, grandad, uncle, brother) and primary school-aged daughters (5-11) to participate in our **FREE** 11-week online programme.

Starts Friday 2nd October

6pm-7pm

Online via RingCentral

To register your interest and for more details visit fulhamsoccerschools.com

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Jigsaw4u

Helping children and young people put the pieces back together

Who's In Charge?

Reclaim respect and calm in your family!

Does your child threaten you?
Does your child hurt you?
Does your child intimidate you?
Do you feel you are losing control?
Do you want to handle conflict better?

If the answer is YES, then Who's in Charge is the programme for you.

Jigsaw4u's Who's In Charge? group is a 9-week programme for parents or carers of children (aged 8 to 12 years) living in Sutton or Merton who are beyond control, violent or defiant.

The group aims to:

- Provide a supportive environment for parents to share experiences and ideas
- Reduce the guilt and shame which most parents feel
- Offer ideas to help parents develop individual strategies for managing their child's behavior
- Explore ways of increasing safety and well-being
- Help parents feel more in control and less stressed

Starting: Thursday 8th of October 2020, from 10:00am to 12:30pm
Location: TBA
Please note that we are aiming to run this group face to face (adhering to social distancing guidelines), however if this is not possible then we will run this group virtually, online- using Zoom.

Enquires:
Please call or email Gemma Sidaway – Family Support Lead:
Telephone: 0208 648 2621
Email: familysupport@cranmer.merton.sch.uk

*Please note that we will be running this programme for the next 2 years. Some groups will be for parents of 13-17yr olds. Other groups will be for parents of 8-12yr olds.

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Free Family Learning online—short courses—on Zoom

Themed courses with activities—ideal for families with and without young children *—Be creative and have fun together or finding some me time to—keep happy and feel positive. "Our online groups are small, friendly and relaxed"*

Monday—mornings—28th Sept to 19th Oct– 10am to 12

Beginners Knitting —Craft and cultural histories—for grown ups. You will develop / learn knitting skills, including—casting on/off as well as your basic knit and pearl stitches. Not only will you learn to knit either a cushion, scarf or stoll, you will also be introduced to the creative culture and history of knitting around the world. *Learn a skill and make a gorgeous gift!*

Monday—after school —5th Oct to 9th November— 4-6pm

How to Help with Homework for Key stage 1 and 2 parents.

This course will provide crucial support for parents who may lack confidence when helping with their children's homework. There will be time each week for Reception/Year 1&2 curriculum content and an time for Years 3-6. The course content will evolve over time, depending on specific needs of the participants, but a broad outline of content will cover the English and Mathematics curriculum.

Tuesday mornings—29thSept to 20th Oct 10 am-12:00 **World Story Bags**

Create resources and develop your crafting skills inspired by two stories from different cultures around the globe.
Books may include—Handa's Hen, Granny went to Market or Walking through the Jungle.
For parents with our without their children. Get creative - decorating a bag and sewing using resources from around the home.

For all of these courses you will need a smartphone or computer with Internet access.
For more information or to book a place please text or email,
– Hayley on 07810 836811 or Hayley.holliday@citylit.ac.uk

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Tuesday- after school —29th Sept to 20th Oct 4p to 6pm

Fun with Food Have fun together after school with your children. Learn to follow recipes, weigh ingredients, chop fruit and veg and get creative with your food. Healthy cooking on a budget. Making things such as—Blueberry Muffins and Chickpea Curry.

Ideal for families with primary age children. Have fun together after school and pick up some tasty, healthy and cost effective tips.

Wednesday mornings—30th Sept to 21st Oct - 10am to 12

Music and Story Telling

—for preschool children with their parent /carer Join us on Tuesday mornings, meet other families, help your little ones to socialise on line (due to current Covid-19 situation). Build your own and your child's self-confidence, have some fun singing and develop your story telling skills.

Wednesday—mornings—30th Sept to 21st Oct – 10am to 12:30

Me time—feeling good, feeling positive On this short course you will look at ways to feel more relaxed, calm and positive. Learn how "me time" will help keep you feel positive and calm, even when life is a bit challenging. We will practice some relaxation techniques, be creative and have some fun.

Thursday mornings—8th Oct to 12th November - 10am to 12:00

Introduction to Digital Skills—feel confident on line. This course is perfect if you want to build up your confidence in using digital technology and feel less isolated. We will look at what IT resources you have access to and how to use them. Particularly useful in our current Covid-19 situation for work, accessing online courses and meeting family and friends on line. To do this course you will need one of the following devices: laptop, desktop, tablet or mobile phones.

For all of these courses you will need a smartphone or computer with Internet access.
If you can - download the Zoom app.
For more information or to book a place please text or email,
– Hayley on 07810 836811 or Hayley.holliday@citylit.ac.uk

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Secondary School Admissions Information

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Open Evening Information – 2021 Intake

Due to the current situation regarding COVID-19, Merton schools have decided to replace their traditional open evenings with virtual events. Please check each school's website for up to date information.

The following table gives the information currently available together with the website address for each school.

Merton School	School web address and 2020 open event information
Harris Academy Merton	www.harrismerton.org.uk for more information
Harris Academy Morden	www.harrismorden.org.uk for more information
Harris Academy Wimbledon	www.harriswimbledon.org.uk for more information
Raynes Park High School	www.rphs.org.uk Information will be available on the school website from 24th September 2020.
Ricards Lodge High School	www.ricardslodge.merton.sch.uk A virtual event is planned for Friday 2nd October 2020 from 4.00pm via the school website. The event will be available for viewing until close of applications.
Rutlish School	www.rutlish.merton.sch.uk Information will be available on the school website from 21 September.
St Mark's Church of England Academy	www.stmarksacademy.com for more information
Ursuline High School	www.ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk Virtual open event on 17 September 5-9pm, to include a head teacher's talk, an opportunity to download the school prospectus, a virtual tour, a live Q&A session and a range of department videos where staff and students will share more about the life at Ursuline. To register for the virtual tour, please visit www.ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk/admissions/sign-up-for-virtual-tour-2020/
Wimbledon College	www.wimbledoncollege.org.uk for more information

Open evening dates for schools outside Merton are available from individual school websites.

Important dates

The key dates for the Transfer to Secondary process can be found in the following table.

Please ensure that you meet the date for submitting your online application. Submitting a late application could seriously jeopardise your chances of being offered a place at one of your preferred schools.

Date	Activity
September to October 2020	Online applications can be made.
23 October 2020	Recommended date for parents to submit their application if they are applying using a paper form.
31 October 2020	Closing date for supplementary forms for Ursuline High School.
31 October 2020	Closing date for supplementary forms for Wimbledon College.
31 October 2020	Closing date for applications. Applications received after this date will be regarded as late.
10 December 2020	Last date to amend applications following selective school testing
11 December 2020	Closing date for applications that have been classified as 'late for good reason'. The reason and evidence must also be included with the application. For more information on late applications visit the website.
1 March 2021	Offer day. Letters are posted to applicants who applied using a paper form. Parents who applied online will be able to view the outcome of their application from the evening of 1 March.
May to June 2021	Admissions appeals.
July 2021	Students transferring to Merton secondary schools spend a day at their new school.

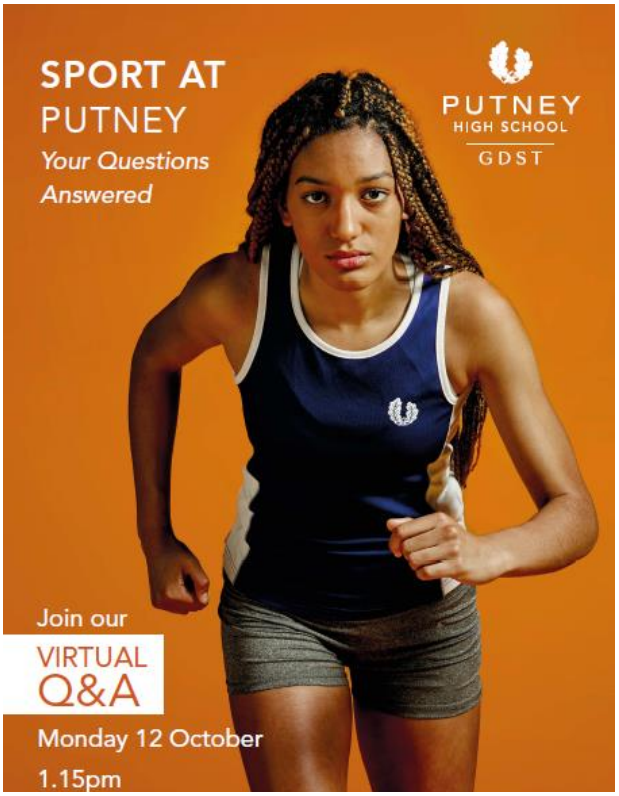
Harris Academy Merton Year 6 Virtual Open Event

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are pleased to present the Harris Academy Merton Virtual Open Day and thank you for your interest in your child joining our Academy's community in Year 7, September 2021. We are sure that you have many questions now and will do throughout the year, so we have compiled this handy FAQ booklet (here) to which you can refer.

If you need further clarification on anything, please do not hesitate to contact Ms A White, Assistant Principal - Year 7 Lead at the Academy. Information regarding the admissions process can be found on the Academy website.

Putney High School Virtual Open Days



Our entrance test will be **Wednesday 6th January 2021**. The deadline for applications is **Monday 2nd November 2020**.

Our Virtual Open Days & Scholarship Q&As are available to book via the school website admissions page https://www.putneyhigh.gdst.net/open-days/

We very much look forward to continuing to work with you as we move into the autumn term and would be delighted to talk more with you. I will be in touch shortly, or please do contact us on admissions@put.gdst.net

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