

Weekly Bulletin for Families

Message from the Head of School

The whole school community has been lifted by the news that all students will return to in-school provision from next Monday (8th March). I am going to take the opportunity to use this week's Bulletin to summarise and highlight key information regarding our re-opening. Please do use this in combination with the detailed letter issued on Friday via ParentMail.

Arrangements have been made with the aim of ensuring a positive, safe and calm return; once parents/carers have had an opportunity to read through the summary please don't hesitate to contact school with any specific queries or needs your family may have.

We have been busy planning and looking at further opportunities to support our students at SET Beccles. Monday will see the launch of a new tutor support system, with a move from larger tutor groups to a personalised and bespoke Teams structure. All students in Years 7 to 10 have been allocated a School House; Orwell, Waveney, Minsmere or Blyth. Each year group is made up of Teams according to the houses, for example, 7 Orwell or 10 Waveney. Team Leaders will be responsible for between 11 to 16 students in their team. Our school day is changing slightly to accommodate this, every day will start with a 40 minutes Team session.

The Team Leaders will be busy introducing themselves to students this week, preparing to support all students in successfully returning to school. To embed our culture and enable students to be successful at school we have a bespoke curriculum for our first week back. Students will spend time working in their Team group, forming strong relationships, developing an understanding of how to be successful and how to support themselves and each other. Team Leaders will all contact parents/carers over the remaining few weeks of this term, this will allow them to introduce themselves to you and offer you the opportunity to ask any questions.

As a staff body we are incredibly excited about this new opportunity and I look forward to sharing the successes of the first week in the next bulletin. Please do share any feedback you receive from your young people, we will do all we can to facilitate a supported and safe return.

Wishing you a good final week of remote learning,

Mrs H Philpott, Head of School



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Head of School

Return to School Supporting Information

There will be a **phased return** to school with year groups returning as follows:

Years 8 and 11 Monday 8 March

Years 7 and 10 Tuesday 9 March

Year 9 Wednesday 10 March

Children of key workers and those already classed as able to access in-school provision (vulnerable) can continue to attend throughout the phased return period.

Live lessons for all students end on Thursday 4 March; from Friday 5 March and during the phased return, work will be set via Google Classroom bringing a close to students' remote learning.

We will be completing three **lateral flow tests in-school** for consenting students spaced out over the first two weeks. There will then be a system in place for testing using home kits.

Students with negative **test results** remain in school as confirmation of their result; positive results from lateral flow tests will be shared with parents/carers immediately by telephone.

Consent is required for testing in school, the online consent forms need to be completed by **Wednesday 3 March**. If consent has been already been given, this does not need to be repeated. [Online Consent Form](#)

Students and staff are required to wear an appropriate **face mask** in school each day (unless medically exempt) in classrooms for lessons as well as when indoors and moving around the site. Face masks should be stored safely in an individual, sealable plastic bag with hands being cleaned before and after putting face masks on and removing.

Everyone in the school community is expected to follow **coronavirus safety protocols**: regular hand washing, use of sanitizer, social distancing, year group bubbles and no physical contact.

Ready Respectful Safe: Students are expected to follow the school's code of conduct and instructions at all times to keep everyone safe.

Students must **self-isolate** for 10 days if they have any symptoms of coronavirus, have tested positive for coronavirus, someone they live with has symptoms or tested positive or students are instructed to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace.

Symptoms of coronavirus are: a high temperature, new persistent cough, loss of smell or taste.

Parent/ carers need to let the school know as a matter of urgency if their son/daughter **tests positive for coronavirus** via the usual NHS testing regime, this should be done using the school portal. [Coronavirus Portal](#).

Virtual Routes into STEM – for students in Years 9-10

Virtual Routes into STEM is a course provided by the Engineering Development Trust (EDT) and is an exciting opportunity for students to explore the various routes they can take towards their STEM career. It is designed to give them an insight into pathways following GCSEs including study routes via College and University and direct Apprenticeship routes through industry. The course gives a fantastic insight into what life is like in a variety of different STEM settings and gives students the ability to virtually tour multiple colleges, universities and employers.

The course is open to all students in Years 9 & 10 and is suitable for all academic abilities. All that is required is a genuine interest in STEM subjects and inquisitiveness about what the future can hold. The course is held online and runs from 21st May to 6th June It includes a diverse range of live interactive sessions that will be held over the half term week.

For more information please contact Mr Budden, Lead Practitioner for Science, at tbudden@seckfordeducation.org.uk

Creative Wow Factor

Each week, the creative department selects one piece of work that we feel has the "Wow factor."

Congratulations to Charley for some outstanding print work this week.



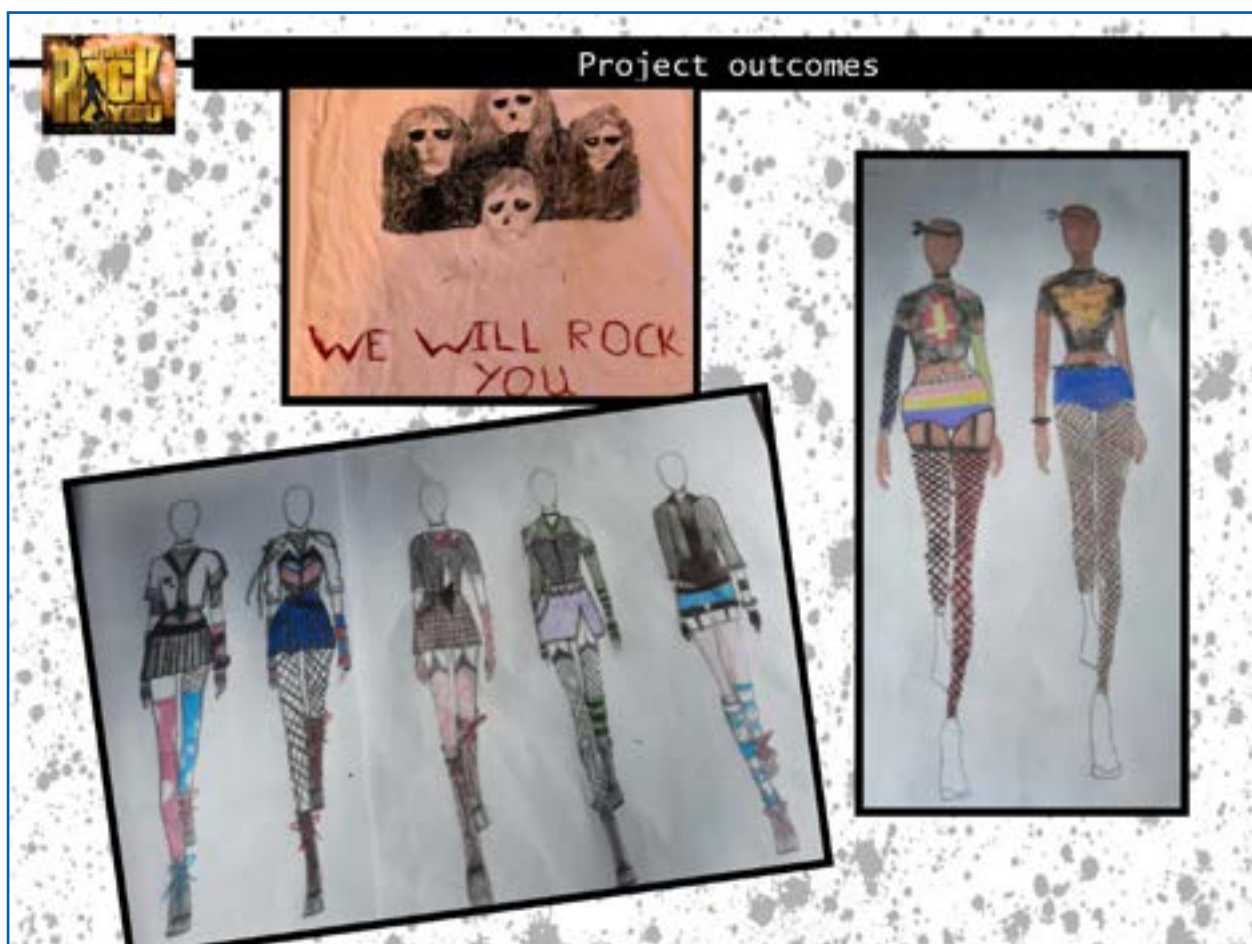
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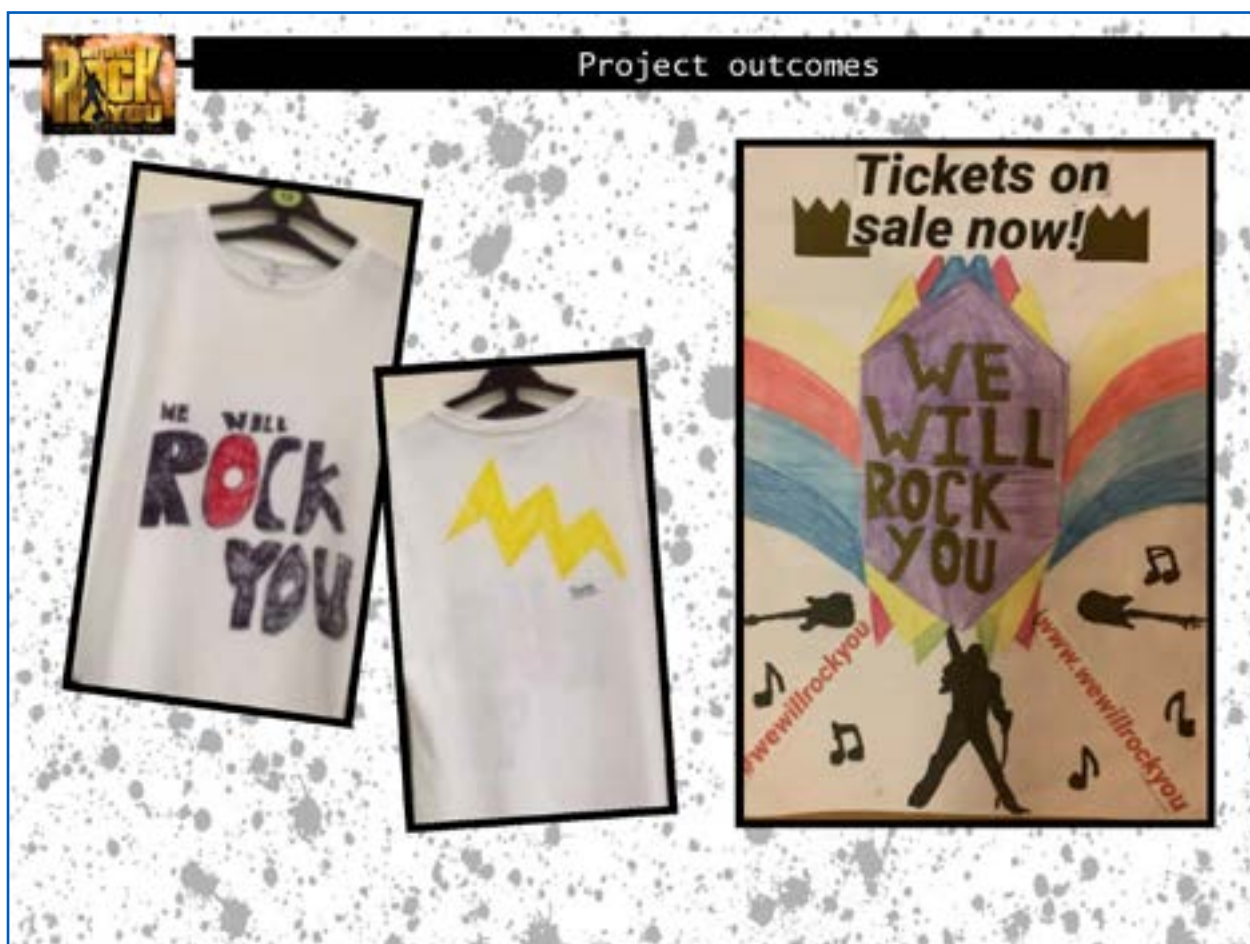
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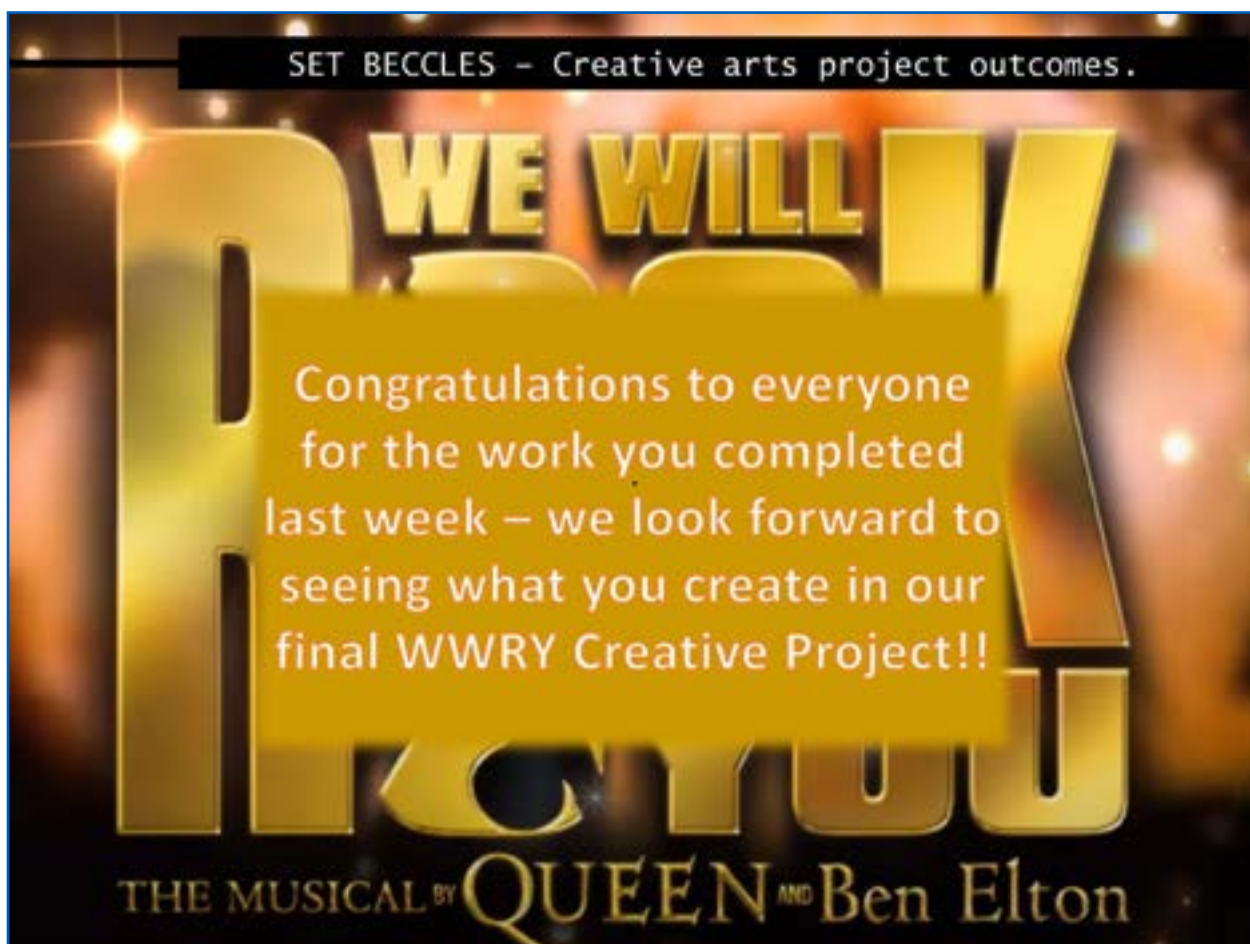
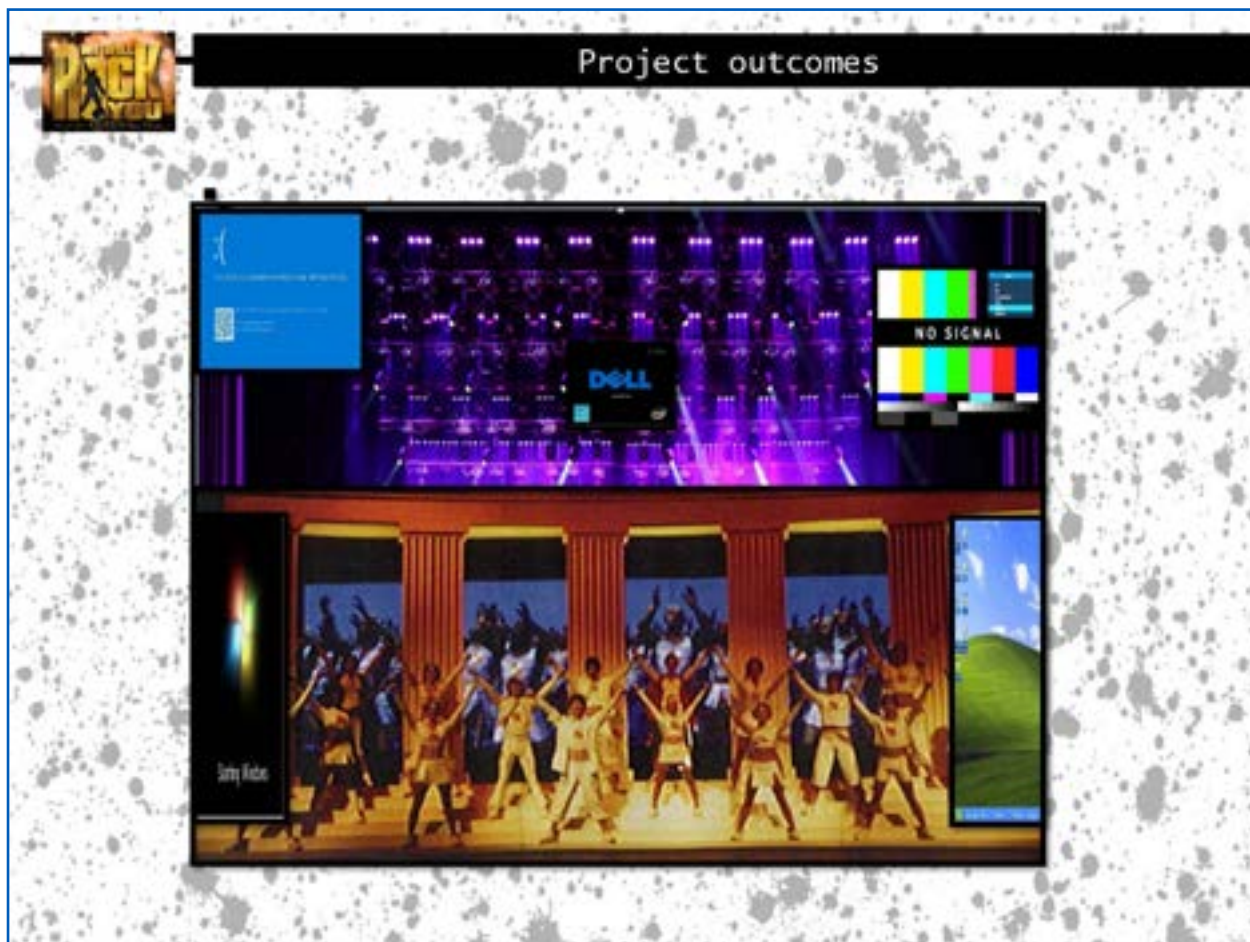
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SHOWCASE

A virtual celebration of the arts at the
Seckford Education Trust

Open to all art forms

Deadline for submissions is Fri 2nd April 2021

Dates For Your Diary

Year 7

Monday 10 - Friday 14 May: KS3 examinations

Thursday 24 June: Progress Checkpoint 4 - reports sent home

Year 8

Thursday 29 April: Progress Evening

Monday 10 - Friday 14 May: KS3 examinations

Thursday 24 June: Progress Checkpoint 4 - reports sent home

Year 9

Monday 10 - Friday 14 May: KS3 examinations

Monday 21 June: Year 9/10 "Is University for You?" Evening

Thursday 24 June: Progress Checkpoint 4 - reports sent home

Year 10

Thursday 22 April: Progress Evening

Tuesday 4 May - Friday 14 May: Mock Examinations

Monday 21 June: Year 9/10 "Is University for You?" Evening

Thursday 24 June: Progress Checkpoint 4 - reports sent home

Parents' and Carers' Open Forum

Tuesday 16 March: 9.30 – 10.30am

Tuesday 4 May: 9.30 – 10.30am

Friday 25 June: 9.30 – 10.30am

Year 6 Into 7 Transition

Wednesday 16 June: Transition Evening/ Meet the Tutor (5.00 - 7.00pm)

Tuesday 29 - Wednesday 30 June: Transition Days