

## COVID-19 TESTING



L-R: Vicky Stokes (Attendance & Student Support Manager), Paul Foster (Headteacher) and Louise Runge (MAT Operations & Facilities Manager)

Staff at Warlingham School & Sixth Form College were incredibly busy at the start of term, implementing mass COVID-19 testing of staff and students. In one week alone, they conducted and processed nearly 3,000 tests. By the time students were welcomed back into school, all had undertaken two COVID-19 tests.

Staff from all sections of the school pitched in together to deliver the challenging timetable. As well as carrying out the tests, staff have been guiding and reassuring the students. Vicky Stokes, Student Support Manager at the School said, "The best part has been rediscovering how amazing our colleagues really are, and I have so enjoyed getting to know and working with really great people who I've been crossing paths with for years but only having time to share a quick "morning" in a busy corridor."

Meanwhile, Headteacher, Paul Foster was interviewed by the press as part of a story on masks, coronavirus testing and the return of students to schools in which he said, "The students have responded brilliantly to testing in the same way as they have all of the challenges and new routines thrown at them during the pandemic and it is exciting to see the school buildings coming back to life with the return of more of our students."

You can read the story on In Your Area, by [clicking here](#).

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## LAPTOPS FOR BLETCHINGLEY



Bletchingley Village Primary School benefited from a donation of 20 refurbished laptops from NSSLGlobal, a satellite communications provider based in Merstham. The School was delighted with the laptops; Headteacher, Debbie Gregori said, "We are very grateful to NSSLGlobal for the donation of these laptops; it's so encouraging to have a local company responding to help us. The past 12 months have been exceptionally testing for teachers, pupils, and parents, as we have all adapted to the changes in education. These laptops will enable us to connect more of our pupils, as we continue to deliver lessons at home and school."



L-R: Debbie Gregori (Headteacher, Bletchingley Village Primary School) and Sally-Anne Ray (Group CEO, NSSLGlobal)

The story was covered on In Your Area, a localised news site and can be accessed by [clicking here](#).



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## ZOOLAB: LIVE LESSONS AT TATSFIELD



Pupils at Tatsfield Primary School have participated in ZOOLAB Live Lessons this term.

Year 6 took part in an online live lesson on 'Charles Darwin and the Voyage of the Beagle'. The lesson included five different live animals: Brian the Giant African Snail, Rosie the Chilean Rose Tarantula, Toothless the Bearded Dragon, Jeremy Fisher the White Tree Frog and Hunter the Royal Python. The children learnt about how these animals have evolved which they will be continuing in their Science and English work this term.

The session was very engaging and interesting. One of the children said: "I really liked it because she showed us some fantastic animals and taught us about where Darwin went and all about the Voyage of the Beagle." and "I definitely learnt lots and I really enjoyed seeing the animals."

Year 5 also had a wonderful Zoolab session all about the animals of the rainforest. From frogs to snakes and even geckos, they got up close and personal with them. Chris, their guide was very passionate and informative. It is interesting that so many of these beautiful creatures live in the continent of South America (which was their Geography topic for last half term)! They learnt so many new facts: Safiye said that the most interesting fact was that the hissing cockroach eats almost everything including plastic.

## NEW WEBSITES

The Trust has commissioned new websites for all its schools and for the Trust itself. We see our websites as an important part of our communication channels with parents, as well as with students, staff, governors and people in the wider community, so we want to make the most of this opportunity to rejuvenate them.

We value the opinions of all our parents and would like to invite your feedback. Should you have any comments about the current websites, such as features you'd like to access, or any other ideas, please do email us: info@tandridgelearningtrust.co.uk

## LEXIA CORE 5

All our Trust schools are now using Lexia Core 5, which is an English Language Development computer program that addresses reading, spelling and writing skills and uses automated assessment and differentiation in order to provide personalised support, intervention, consolidation and mastery across the English Curriculum.

In January, Hamsey Green Primary School introduced Lexia Core 5 across every year group with superb home and in school engagement. The implementation has helped Hamsey Green's pupils to identify and address areas for focus as part of the Recovery Curriculum. Where children struggle in a particular area, Lexia Core 5 simplifies the exercise to meet the needs of the pupil and flags development next steps to their teacher. Scripted intervention lesson plans and consolidation exercises



are automatically generated in order to help teachers to provide early support.

Thanks to Lexia Core 5, the School has begun to see early improvements in phonological awareness, reading fluency, comprehension and enhanced vocabulary and recall. In Year 6, some children have even advanced onto Lexia's High School programme – Power Up. Hamsey Green is looking forward to continued success with Lexia.

## FAREWELL TO NICHOLA RICHES

At the end of this term we say goodbye to Nichola Riches, as she relocates to Dorset with her family.



Nichola has been an outstanding head at Woodlea Primary School and will be missed by staff and children not only at Woodlea but also across the Trust. She will be remembered for her passion in ensuring every child achieves the best they can. She has had a huge impact on the lives of the children at Woodlea, particularly in teaching them the importance of resilience. Anyone who has had the privilege of working with Nichola will know how supportive, caring, professional and dedicated she is and she will be greatly missed.

We wish her the best of luck for the future!

