

# #Hazel Wood Way



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Mrs. Holden and all the Staff



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To Hazel Wood High School and local community

I am sure you have all been learning about the Second World War and, with May 8<sup>th</sup> fast approaching, specifically the significance of VE Day.

We had so many wonderful community events and celebrations planned across Bury, Tottington and Ramsbottom that have sadly had to be cancelled to help manage the impact of coronavirus. Instead, lots of new and creative plans are being arranged to allow us all to celebrate this significant milestone and make the most of this Bank Holiday.

As your community MP, I was given the honour of making The Nation's Toast on behalf of Bury, Tottington & Ramsbottom. The Toast is made with the deepest gratitude to that stoic Second World War generation, many of whom fought (and died) to ensure the freedoms we enjoy today. The Toast will be featured on the Council website, on my social media and in the Bury Times. Here's a sneak preview:

"Victory in Europe Day on May 8<sup>th</sup>, 1945 marked the formal acceptance of Nazi Germany's unconditional surrender to Britain and her Allies.

The 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day marks a historic moment for our great country to come together to honour the service and sacrifice of the Second World War generation.

At 3pm on Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, please raise a glass and join me in a toast.

**To those who gave so much.**

**We thank you."**

**However you decide to celebrate VE Day, please remember to pay tribute to that brave, courageous, determined generation who delivered British victory for us all.**

**God Save The Queen.**

Best regards,



**James Daly MP**

## Good Morning

Please email us if you would like to include any local item in the newsletter [enquiries@hazelwoodhigh.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@hazelwoodhigh.co.uk) and we will ensure to include it in our next edition.

To contact school, use the number above, alternatively, you can use the following emergency mobile numbers between 9.00am. - 3.00pm where you urgently need assistance that only school can provide.

**07872 183707 / 07872 183600**

Thank you to Year 7s for the posters so far that are going up on the school gates – please send yours to Mrs. Holden – [j.holden@hazelwoodhigh.co.uk](mailto:j.holden@hazelwoodhigh.co.uk).

## School FSM Voucher Update

Please let us know TODAY using the enquiries email if the voucher has not arrived at your house and you were expecting it. Thank you all for your patience whilst this this new system has developed – it's been a frustrating time for us all, **the company that process these vouchers have said they have been overwhelmed by the numbers that have supplied – hence the delays.**

**The free school meals voucher scheme has now provided over £29M worth of support to parent/carers so far.**

**We have written to some families who have until now not engaged with the FSM scheme – just to check that all the numbers and email details we have for you are correct and to ensure you have chosen not to accept the vouchers on offer.**

**Those families whose vouchers are still delayed are being supported by our brilliant Admin. Team and pastoral colleagues – we are sorting this out as fast as we can.**

**Just so you are aware the quietest time on the computer system is during the night and our team are logging on at midnight to try to resolve some of the issues we are facing. Thank you to all the team!**

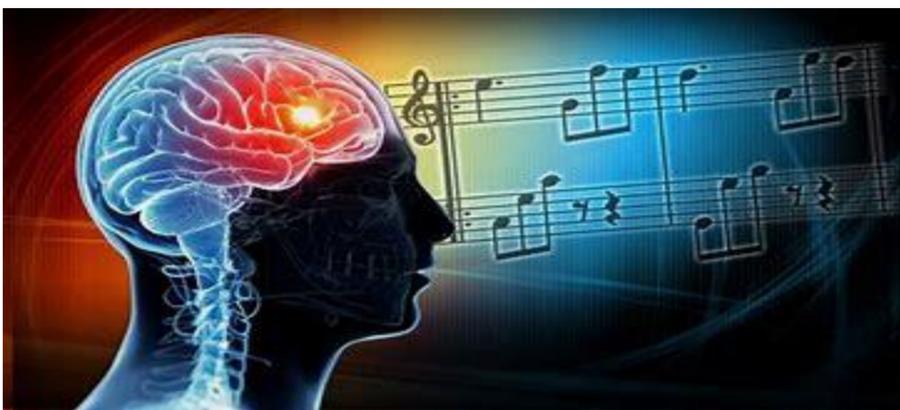


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## Message to all pupils from the Alpha Music Team and Mrs. Newton

We've been exploring a range of platforms and approaches that will allow us to upload musical activities and content that can be accessed by our HWHS at home.



I've attached the link to our new YouTube channel here [UCism3Wm8-0-gWpPhxRH7OJA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCism3Wm8-0-gWpPhxRH7OJA) with some upbeat and popular tracks by way of introduction to pupils and staff.

We aim to upload a variety of musical activities and new songs/actions to keep music fun, interactive and engaging throughout this challenging period.

We hope you have chance to watch/share and that you enjoy the performances here from our music leader, Joe Nelson, who has also written a special 'Happy Birthday' song for those children celebrating with the challenges of social distancing.

During this period we Alpha Music are offering:

- A virtual choir every Tuesday at 6.00pm, ALFA@HOME Community Choir. Feel free to join us if you can.
- A series of accessible themed musical activities and resources for use in school or at home
- Developing our media platforms to make support more accessible and connect with our students/teachers/partners: ALFA Facebook - ALFA Education Page, Instagram (new): [alfaeducation2020](#) Twitter acc: [@alfaeduc](#) YouTube acc.: [alfaeducationltdyt](#)

We look forward to hearing from you and send you, your staff and pupils our best wishes.

Stay safe!  
Carolyn Hudson  
ALFA Education Ltd

## Contact Details – Mobile / Landline and Email

**As we work with our families throughout the year and at this challenging time it has become clear that we need to communicate as a community really effectively and share information that is important to us all.**

From helping with vouchers, assisting families with work at home and calls homes with Form Tutors and Year 10 Mentors it is clear that not all the numbers we have in our systems are accurate or up to date.

As we work through this current crisis and the challenges this brings for us all we need to move forward and resolve the issue of accurate contact details.

We will be contacting you and checking our contact details over the coming weeks, we may ask you to check the details we have on a contacts form.

You may have a new mobile phone number, have recently moved house and not updated us, or we simply have information from Year 7 that is now no longer correct.

**Together** we can get this problem resolved quickly for the safety and care of your children now, and when they return to school.





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## On Line learning – free for family members

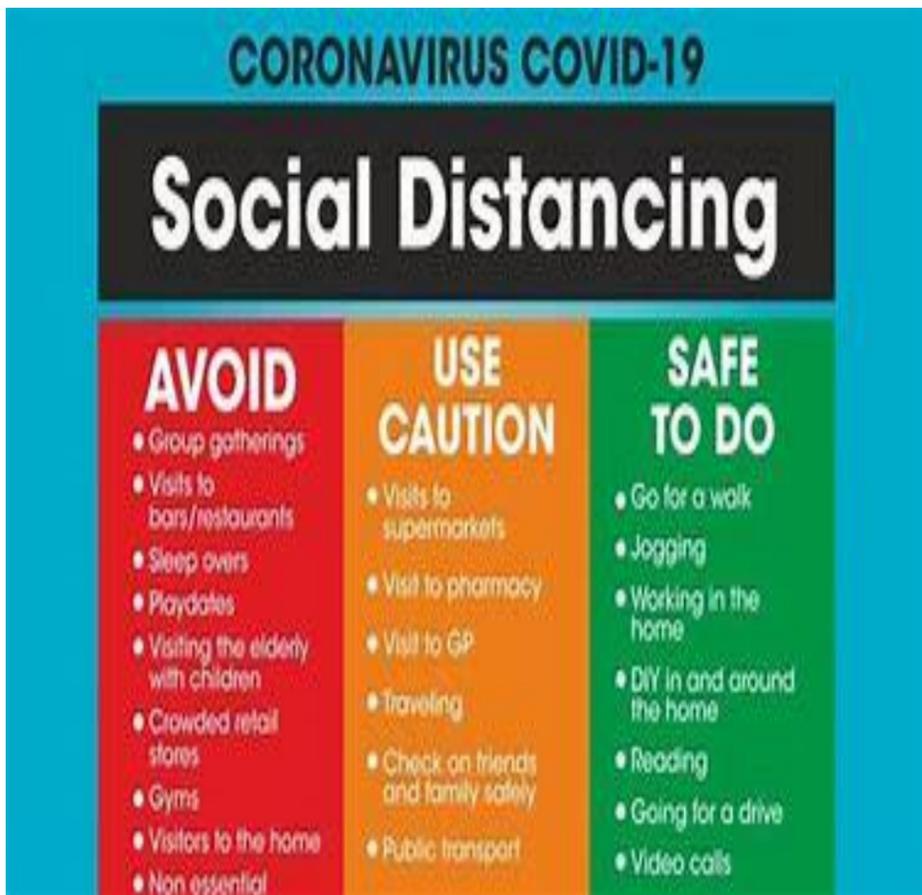
An online learning platform to boost workplace skills launched

free courses, these are available through the new online platform, the Skills Toolkit. This platform signposts to free, high-quality digital and numeracy courses to help people build up their skills, progress in work and boost their job prospects and confidence whilst at home. Courses on offer cover a range of levels, from everyday maths and the use of email and social media at work to more advanced training.

All courses are available online and are flexible so that people can work through them at their own pace.

The Skills Toolkit can be accessed here:

<https://theskillstoolkit.campaign.gov.uk/>





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