



DOLLAR ACADEMY

Mr Burbury: Update to Form VI - 17 April

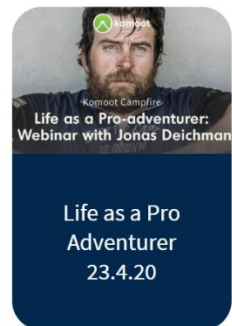
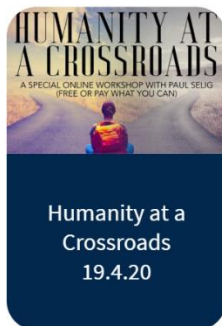
Dear Form VI,

I hope your first few days of our virtual world have allowed you to explore some of what is available to you through Firefly.

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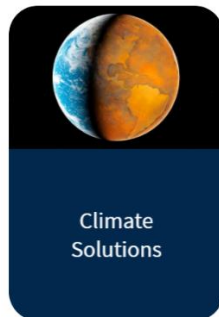
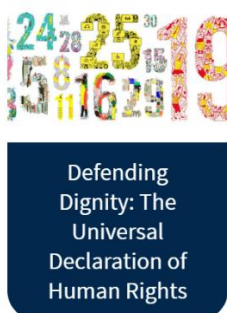
Please continue to visit these pages because the resources and opportunities keep growing. Each Friday I will try to highlight some of the key courses, events, challenges and deadlines.

Firstly, we are going to try and highlight a **Webinar a day** - something a little different that you might want to tap in to and/or try. Some of these Webinars are created by guests we were inviting to Dollar for the Post-Exam Programme, others by Dollar Teachers and Parents, and some that are hosted by Universities, Charities and a wide range of People from around the world:



Online Courses:

The range of online courses is growing. Please keep checking back on Firefly to see what is available. I would like to highlight two today, both with closing dates next week:



The first of these courses, **Defending Dignity: The Universal Declaration of Human Rights**, is an online course by **Amnesty International**. **Mrs Taylor** will lead participants through the course and conduct online discussion groups and debates as the course progresses. You must sign-up to this course by next **Wednesday 22 April**, via the online Form on Firefly, and then the course will begin on Mon 27 April 2020.

The second highlighted course, **Climate Solutions**, offers a simple and quick way to gain significant understanding of one of the most important issues of our generation: climate change. This course was originally designed for Business Leaders and Industry professionals, but is currently being developed for Individual Pre-University study. If you take on this course you will be one of the very first to complete this training. Pupils that complete the 4 modules will receive a certificate of completion endorsed by the University of Edinburgh, University of Stirling, the Royal Scottish Geographical Society and the Institute of Directors. Again, there is an online form to complete if you wish to take on this course, with a deadline of **24 April 2020**. **Mr Burbury** will lead participants through this course and conduct online discussion groups and debates as the course progresses.

Week 1 Challenge:

Thank you to those pupils that have already attempted the Bed-Time Story challenge. Keep these coming, we will keep accepting videos up until the end of next week.

Week 2 Challenge:

Next week's challenge is currently in creation - visit Firefly on Monday for more information - but we are aiming for a Form VI, 'virtual' rendition of 'Will your Anchor Hold'.

Competition



I would like to highlight this Playhouse 'design' competition to any budding designers, artists, architects, creatives etc. The deadline for the first wave of entries is next Friday 24.4.20. Again, all the details are on Firefly.

Volunteering and fundraising

A few ideas have come in as to how Form VI can get involved in Volunteering and Fundraising initiatives, whilst in isolation etc. - I will aim to share some of these ideas throughout next week. However, if anyone out there has any good ideas, creative ideas, wacky ideas please share them with me.

Personal Tutors

Finally, please remember that your personal tutors should be in touch with you next week to find out how you are all getting on. Please make sure that you have had a good look at the opportunities available to you, and be prepared to speak to them about what you hope to get out of this term. What are you signing up for, what are your goals, what are you involved with, how is isolation for you, and how are your plans shaping up for life beyond Dollar?

All the best everyone,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Burbury', with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

Simon Burbury
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