

Dear Form VI,

I hope this week's email finds everyone well and I hope that you are all looking forward to making the most of the weekend's sunshine and slight relaxing of the 'lockdown' restrictions.

Online Courses:

The beginning of June brings a wave of new online courses that become available. In particular, I would like to highlight 'Live Smart: Your Essential Guide to Living At University' - which was delayed from last month, but which has now come online. This is another course that is being supported by Dollar Academy staff, so please do let us know if you are taking part in this course, so that you can take part in the group discussions and 'live' sessions. A number of new courses will appear on Firefly this week, so please, keep checking back to <https://dollaracademy.fireflycloud.net/form-vi-summer-term-programme/form-vi-summer-term-programme-2020/online-courses> for the latest courses and updates.



Teddy Bear's Picnic

As you may or may not be aware - every Summer, Form VI pupils bring their favourite teddy to school and enjoy a 'Teddy Bear's Picnic', usually outside in the sunshine, with our P1s. It really is a lovely occasion and often a highlight of the end of term programme. However, as with all things this term, this is not something that can go ahead in its usual form, but is something that we hope to do 'virtually' via Zoom. If you would like to help out at this event you need to be available on 3 dates:

- **Thurs 11 June at 2pm**
- **Mon 15 June at 11am**
- **Thurs 18 June at 2pm**

If you can commit to these three dates and times, and have a teddy bear; would like to help out, and put a smile on some P1 faces - then please let us know by completing this short form by the end of this week, Friday 5 June:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=xIB1eyt3zE6qOveGlrZezBF33vkl9dF&EamCfr-rRw5UREY2VU5SUkZZMFk3RlRGRjkyMzE0RzhZNy4u>

Mrs Barbour will be in touch with anyone that is able to take part.

Work Experience Talk #6: Law

Next week's Work Experience Talk will take place on **Thursday 4th June at 12:30pm** and will be of interest to any pupil considering **Law** as a possible career destination. We are very privileged to have three very experienced Lawyers joining us:

Jamie Andrew (graduated from Dollar in 2009 and is now Telecoms, Media and Technology (TMT) Senior Associate at Clifford Chance in London), **David McKie** (senior partner of Glasgow law firm, Levy & McRae. Formerly Head of Media Law at Glasgow University, he is a litigation lawyer with a wide media practice including The Herald, STV, Channel 4, Channel 5 and he acts for high profile individuals in both civil and criminal cases) and **Ruth Croman** (a managing partner at Macnabs in Perth, specialist in Family Law and Child Law. She is the Chair of the Tayside branch of Consensus Collaboration Scotland, and is accredited as a Family Law Arbitrator. She is often appointed by the Court as a Child Welfare Reporter, Curator ad Litem and as a Safeguarder.)

They will be 'live' online, to share their experiences and answer questions related to their careers. As usual, any pupils wishing to attend this Work Experience Talk should sign up here:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=xIB1eyt3zE6qOveGlrZezBF33vkl9dF&EamCfr-rRw5UMEZYWUs2TkVCRThHQUpERUNaVlhINzFaOS4u>

Please complete this form by 11:30am on 4 June 2020.

PSE session – 'Soft Drugs? Cannabis, Vaping, Ecstasy: mental health, addiction and school grades'

Dr Aric Sigman will be returning to Dollar Academy, albeit virtually, on **Thursday 4 June at 7:00pm** to present to parents and pupils on the topic of **'Soft Drugs'**.

Dr Sigman has been to Dollar on a number of occasions, delivering well received presentations on both the dangers of alcohol and managing discretionary screen time. This time he will be talking about the different, yet serious, effects of cannabis, vaping and ecstasy on mental health and performance in schools.

This information evening is open to Form VI pupils as well as parents. If you are interested in attending this information session next week – please sign-up using this form: [Parent Information Evening – Aric Sigman – Sign-Up Here](#)

Please register by midday on Wednesday 3rd June. You will then receive a Zoom link and information on how to access this online event 24 hours before the session is due to start.

Jennifer Dunsmore Travel Scholarship

The closing date for the Jennifer Dunsmore Travel Award has been extended to **Wednesday 3 June 2020**. This scholarship is awarded to a pupil for a travel project that includes some business experience. Application is by letter to Mr Moore by email - Moore-MC@dollaracademy.org.uk setting out your travel plans. Further details, if required, are available from Mr Moore.

Macrobert Arts Centre



The Macrobert Arts Centre in Stirling is hosting a number of interesting Film/Stage/Art events online. In particular - for any budding Flim Makers they have a competition entitled '60 seconds in lockdown' - with a deadline of 19 June, and 'Lets Put On Some Shorts' series of Tuesday evening Shorts has something for everyone, and its free.

Week 8 Challenge:

And this week's challenge comes courtesy of the music department who are looking for material for their 'radio station'. They have asked, if anyone would like to create a 'podcast' suitable for sharing with the Dollar Community, they would love to hear from you. Anything goes really - your imagination is the only limitation - Instructions and ideas are all available on Firefly.

All the best everyone,

Simon Burbury
Assistant Rector