

Newsletter 1 – June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers of The Swanage School,

As you may or may not know, over the past few weeks the school has been electing a new team to be the Student Council. The newly formed group had our first meeting last Friday. As the Public Relations Officer of the new council, my first job is to tell you who we are, what happened in our meeting, and what our aims are for The Swanage School.

The Student Council is made up of students from every year group. We have already come up with some plans and ideas that will hopefully benefit the students, staff, community, and parents. In our meeting, we discussed these ideas and decided on some that we will hopefully bring forward to when everyone arrives back at school. Some of these ideas include opening classrooms at lunchtimes for GCSE study and introducing healthier snacks to the school kitchen.

As well as these post-quarantine plans, we have some ideas that we will go about introducing before everyone goes back to school. We tried to think of some ideas for the school, and some for the community. One of our plans for the benefit of the students is to organise a lockdown yearbook, where we will compile photos, quotes, recipes, exemplary schoolwork and wonderful memories from all staff and students. The yearbook will be on sale from the school office once completed.

The first of our community lockdown plans is introducing an anti-litter campaign. As I am sure you've noticed, along with the heatwave we had last week, many people flocked to Swanage beach, leaving litter behind. We have brainstormed some ideas on how we can stop this problem. These include making posters for shop windows, a Student Council led beach clean, and possibly a reward system for anyone who helps collect the litter. Our other quarantine community plan is to battle loneliness in the elderly. Those who are vulnerable and/or alone at this time must be taking the lockdown harder than many others. Because of this, we have talked about organising a system that allows those who would like it, to communicate with someone else. One way we could go about this is a pen-pal project, matching students from The Swanage School with residents who would just like a friend to talk to every now and then.

Thank you very much for reading this newsletter, I hope you found it interesting! If you would like more information about the Student Council at The Swanage School, keep posted for my newsletters and check the school Facebook page and website: <https://www.theswanageschool.co.uk/School-Council>

- Rose Starmer, Student Council Public Relations Officer.

