

Chenderit School Summer Assignment

REVOLUTION 2017 “For a Better World”

Your summer assignment this year is designed to ensure that you make the most of your time off school. This is about getting you ready for life at school next year, about helping you meet your potential and at the same time giving you an opportunity to make a positive impact on your community and on the world in general. The Chenderit Summer Assignment is about working hard to become a better person and helping make the world a better place. It's about celebrating the qualities that make each individual special.

Your Challenge

Over the summer holiday, your mission is to respond to **each** of the **five** challenges listed overleaf. Each challenge can be approached in whatever way you feel most appropriate. The examples given are not exhaustive: if you have a better idea how to complete one of the challenges, go for it!

It is important that you engage with each of the five challenges. You can complete them in any order you want, but all five should be complete by the time you return to school in September. Select an approach that is appropriate to you as an individual. Choose a path that won't be too easy for you to complete. Challenge yourself. **Aim high**. The harder you work, the better your reward is likely to be.

Growing up is about making choices and becoming the best person you can possibly be. The things we choose to do, the actions we take, the values that we demonstrate, all begin to define us as we move through childhood into adulthood. The kind of adult that we grow up to become is determined by the choices we make in childhood. Sometimes this happens by chance or through circumstance and sometimes this happens through determination and effort. We each make choices that make us who we are.

This assignment encourages all Chenderit students to begin to think about their own character, encouraging them to develop their best attributes and features. Students are encouraged to respond to each challenge, because doing so will help them become more considerate, more knowledgeable, more focussed, more generous and more understanding. As a school and a community, we are committed to the development of each of these attributes and recognise their importance for each of our students in reaching their potential. This assignment is an important step on that journey.

Over the summer, use this booklet to record your responses to each of the challenges listed. There are copies of this document on Show My Homework just in case you need them. You will pass your completed booklet to your tutor in September. Your tutor will read these and pass the best on to your Head of Year or a member of the school's Senior Leadership Team. The best responses will be acknowledged with special Letters of Commendation from Heads Of Learning, Deputy Head Teachers, or even Mrs Cartwright herself. There will be a cash prize for the student in each year group whose response is the most effective, as well as smaller prizes for the tutor group that has the best group response. Those students who really engage with these assignments though will also benefit in a much more significant way: they will have made the first steps to becoming a better person.

What you choose to do in response to the challenges listed is up to you, but the quality of evidence that you submit will demonstrate the nature of your character.

For Parents:

We hope that students find the challenges listed overleaf both beneficial and rewarding, as well as memorable. The challenges should all be possible with little or no input from adults, and with little or no resources. (Perfect if anyone is ever bored over the next six weeks!) If parents or siblings want to join in, then all the better.

Imagine what a difference we could make to our community if we all attempted these challenges...

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~ For yourself ~

Your first challenge to complete over the summer is to become an expert in something.

You could decide to become an expert in anything you want- something that has caught your attention in school (*become an expert in Britain in the 1920s or in Photosynthesis or in kicking a penalty in rugby or in the paintings of Vincent Van Gogh or the novels of George Orwell. Anything you want.*) or you could decide to become an expert in something connected with a hobby you already enjoy (*become an expert in trout fishing or in building Lego sports cars or in growing tomatoes or in astronomy or Harry Potter. Anything you want.*)

Find out all you can about your chosen subject. Specialise. Read some books about it. Follow a blog. Join a forum. Train. Write about what you know. Teach it to someone else. Write to someone who is already an expert. Practise. Put your knowledge to the test. Learn everything you can about your chosen subject so that you could have this as your "specialist subject" on TV's Mastermind.

~ *The more you develop your understanding, the more you will enjoy learning.* ~

~ For your family and friends ~

Your second challenge to complete is to do something that will benefit your family or friends.

Show the people around you what they mean to you. Do something that will make your family or friends smile, help them realise how important they are to you: Bake a cake for someone; do someone else's chores; write a thank you letter; organise something nice; cook a meal; plant flowers; spend time making someone something special. Treat those around you how you would wish to be treated.

~ *The more you help others, the more you will find that others help you.* ~

~ For your soul ~

Your third challenge to complete over the summer holidays is to engage in a cultural activity.

We are surrounded by culture, we can't help but engage in cultural activity! Your challenge though is to try something new and unexpected. You could consider taking part in a cultural event: visiting a museum, gallery, concert or performance. You could investigate what others feel are important cultural activities: watch a film that was made before you were born; listen to your parent's favourite cd or your grandparents' favourite record; read that book that your neighbour recommended to you. You could even create a piece of artwork yourself: paint a canvas; write a poem; get your friends together and start a band; write a play, practise it and perform it. Be open to new cultural experiences. The more you can engage with a variety of art forms, the more interesting the world becomes.

~ *The broader your cultural experience, the more you will understand and enjoy the world.* ~

~ For your community ~

Your fourth challenge to complete is to do something that will benefit your community

Do something for your community or that would benefit people that you haven't yet met: Organise a litter pick; Organise a charity event; Help someone in need in your street or village or town; Write a letter to your MP about something affecting your community; bake for a neighbour. Do something nice for someone you don't know. Decide how you can make the world around you a better place.

~ *The more you can contribute to your community, the more proud you will be to be a part of it.* ~

~ For your future ~

Your final challenge is to start thinking about your own future by investigating a career.

Investigate the sort of job you would love to one day have. What do you need to do to get there? What subjects will you need to study? What qualifications will you need? What sort of thing will you need to include on your application to make you look brilliant? Write to someone who already has this job and ask their advice. Take those first steps in achieving your dream. Want to be a film director? Then make a film. Want to be a journalist? Then send an article you've written to the local paper. Want to be a chef? Plan your menu and invite your friends round. Your ambition can only become a reality through your own hard work and commitment. Decide what you want to achieve. Begin your journey.

~ *The more you understand your goals, the easier it will be to achieve them.* ~