

Summer Extended Learning Project 2021

Chace Community School

“I belong”



“Don’t blend in, when you are born to stand out!”

“True belonging doesn’t require us to change who we are. It requires us to be who we are.”

Dear new student,

By now you should be ready to be “one step older” and embark upon your secondary school journey.

Starting secondary school opens up wonderful opportunities, such as studying new subjects, using more specialist equipment, extracurricular activities, making new friends and meeting new people.

So first enjoy this summer & let your imagination fly!

You should read all the information carefully before choosing your favourite option from this booklet. You could ask a member of your family or a friend to read this with you to help you choose!

Teamwork is always a great option!

Remember to bring in your project with you on your first day.

We are looking forward to meeting you in person on Friday 3rd September at 8.40am.

Learning doesn't only happen in the classroom. We learn some of the most important life skills at home and from other experiences.

As a new Chace student this challenge is an opportunity to demonstrate your strengths, your abilities and to manage a task imaginatively and independently.

Being curious, creative and learning from outside of the classroom are skills that will ensure future success. So, let's get started!



You will need to select one option that you feel works to your strengths and let your imagination run wild!

I cannot wait to see what you can produce. All challenges revolve around the phrase "I belong". As every student deserves to celebrate their uniqueness.

All entries must be returned on the first day of term:

Friday 3rd September

The best work will be exhibited in our library for you and staff to see. Winners and certificates will be allocated in the first half term. Good luck and enjoy! I can't wait to see what you come up with.

Option 1: Become your family historian



Have you ever looked at the people in the old photos of your family album and wondered who are these people and how are they related to me?

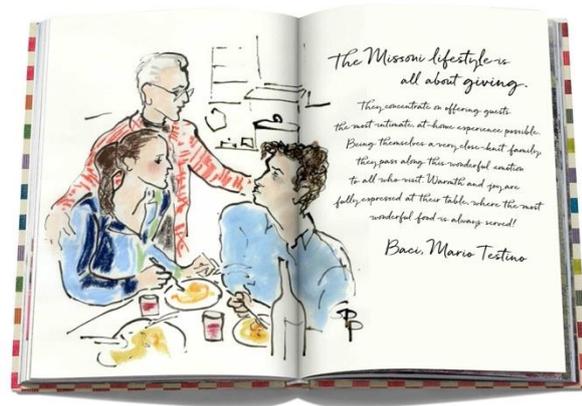
Finding the answers to these questions is what a genealogist does. When you have done your research, you will have followed the same beginning steps a genealogist would take and you will be your family's historian!

Instructions: **You need to create a family tree.** You will need to either write, film or record an interview with your parents, grandparents and other relatives when you talk to them about their school days, career, journey with all different types of work they have done.

Or perhaps you want to be like a reporter and explore places where your ancestors went to school or worked or lived.

Don't forget to share these with you family!

Option 2: Heritage cookbook



I don't know about you, but I
LOVE cooking (more so eating)!

There are always those dishes that no one makes quite like your family. They always seem to have a “secret ingredient”.

Family recipes come from family members sharing experiences and tips they have picked up throughout their lives, depending on where in the world they have lived or visited!

Your task: Create a cookbook of your family's favourite recipes!

Invite your family to submit their favourite recipes from their own family or one passed down from a distant ancestor.

Ask them to include details on, memories of and a photo (when available) of the family member best known for the dish. If you can get a photo of the dish, amazing! (I'd likely eat it too quickly).

I can't wait to see all the delicious dishes! Bon Appetite!

Option 3: Young innovators challenge.



“The true sign of intelligence is not knowledge but imagination”

Creativity vs covid...

Innovation has been at the heart of the human response to covid 19. Software engineers have developed cutting-edge track and trace systems; scientists have researched and made a vaccine at lightning speed; volunteers have been mobilised by smartphones. Peoples innate thirst to innovate has punctuated the battle to save lives.

Now it's your turn

Submit your boldest innovation, whatever form it takes. Do you have a creative product design? Are your ideas unique?

Your innovation must:

- Have a name
- Be in the form of a short video or piece of text
- Explain the following
 - What the innovation is
 - What problem it has solved
 - How it works



Option 5: Board game designer



Do you think you've got what it takes to make the next family favourite board game?!

Playing games bring family and friends together. It is a great way to spend a rainy afternoon and some games even help us to learn at the same time. Does anyone play board games alone? No. Obviously not. Board games means cooperation. It brings people together and strengthens relationships. This is vital for everyone to feel like they belong!

Task: Make a board game that a group of people of any age can play!

You will need to include instructions on how to play, this can include images. You must tell me what it will look like...if you are feeling extra brave, you can make it! Make it as complicated and difficult as you want to, or you can play it safe and keep it simple.

Top tip: Try not to have too many rules!
Let's see how creative you are.

Option 6: My own story!



"I design my life and write my own story"

Stories about your life are important and writing them is easier than you think!

Write about your successes, your thoughts, the events in your life so your own story is recorded and kept as part of your family's history.

Task: In this activity you are going to write a personal narrative story. This is a type of story where you describe something that happened to you; something that is important to you.

You can write about anything you want and in your very own words...it's your story. It will have such interesting and exciting descriptions that everyone will really enjoy reading it.

I cannot wait to learn all about you.

Feel free to add anecdotes from your family and friends. Even throw in a photo. **Happy story telling!**

Option 7: Terror and Wonder: *The Gothic* Challenge



What Lurks in Your Imaginations?

It's a real thrill to announce the latest writing challenge at Chace. Below you will find an intriguing introduction to the Gothic tradition. Have a read through, brood a little, and then start drafting your thrilling, chilling short story

A Gothic introduction: A dark medieval castle, terrifying spectres, mistaken identities, battling knights and a general air of doom – these are some of the key elements of the first Gothic novel, published 250 years ago. Gothic dealt imaginatively with themes of imprisonment and escape, of the younger generation attempting to free itself from the constraints and injustices of the past.

There's nothing better than reading a thrilling story, one that grips you so tightly and puts your senses on alert simply through the power of words...

So, let's embark on a spine-chilling adventure!

Your task: Create a small book for your spinechiller short story, or if you are feeling adventurous how about a short film? Or are you feeling artistic, create a comic strip! The choice is yours.

A few handy tips...

Tip 1: You could consider writing down your greatest fear and use this as a basis for their short saga.

What would they feel and do if your greatest fear became reality?

Tip 2: The idea of **good vs evil** has inspired many a brilliant novel, like Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde or like in stories of Marvel characters.

In all of those, there are lots of themes in your plot which would make excellent story ideas:

- Do we all have good and bad in us? Jekyll and Hyde – two different people in one body, both battling for dominance.
- Science and the supernatural don't usually mix but you could choose to write your own original mini saga where these two cross paths again?
- The importance of your character's reputation; showing people what you think they should see rather than the real you...
- Starting with your central character, too often silent, unable to express him/herself verbally...

Take one of the themes and develop it into your own short story utilising **suspense, tension, and atmosphere** to create your original piece of work.

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Due Friday 3rd September 2021

Important: Make sure your name is on all items you are submitting.

“Imagination and creativity can change the world”...so let’s start now!

Have a wonderful, creative, and imaginative summer.

We look forward to meeting you in person soon!

From everyone at Chace Community School.

