

GCS TY SCRAPBOOK CHALLENGE 2020

Your aim is to fill a scrapbook with as many of these challenges as possible.

No need to buy a scrapbook, improvise with what you have at home, the more original the better.

When we are all together again, I'll gather these up and we'll have an exhibition.

Challenges 1-5 must be included; the rest are all optional but the more you complete, the better!

1. Read a book/listen to an audiobook (and write about it!)

Pick a book, any book. Share what you liked or didn't like, any significant messages it had, and your thoughts on the characters, settings and major plot points. Finally, would you recommend it and why.

2. Do something to give back

Send a letter thanking a healthcare worker, make a donation to charity, volunteer to walk an elderly neighbour's dog or do their shopping (but make sure you maintain social distancing!)

3. High, Low, Kudos of TY

Share a high point (a positive memory or experience, something meaningful that you learned or something that helped you grow during the year), a low point (some challenge or obstacle you faced, and if and how you overcame it), and someone/something that you feel deserves special recognition.

4. Share some images that you think reflects your experiences during this time.

Get creative! This can take the form of visual art, photographs or whatever other medium you choose.

5. Make a COVID-19-time capsule

During the time we are out of school, collect pictures, objects and mementoes that you could share with a 16-year-old in 50 years time that serve as a reminder of this time.

6. Get outside!

Whether it's for a walk, cycle or just a breath of fresh air, get out into the open and enjoy the sunshine. OBSERVE SOCIAL DISTANCING AND HSE GUIDELINES AND EXERCISE YOUR SOCIAL CONSCIENCE.

7. Cook a meal for yourself and your family.

Be sure to include the recipe along with any photographs in your scrapbook and ask them to give a star rating !

8. Be active!

How have you been keeping fit and healthy in mind and body, write about it and attach some pics .

9. Teach yourself a new skill

Pick up a new hobby - there are plenty of tutorials online, from learning a new musical instrument to teaching yourself yoga, a language, juggling , whatever you like or ask a family member to pass on their knowledge and teach you a skill.

10. Beg, borrow or steal a roll of toilet paper and make something impressive with it

Try origami, towers, arts and crafts...

11. Make a list of your top 10 movies to watch while quarantined.

Review them! Why did you choose these ones? What star rating would you give them?

12. Build a fort in your house or garden, put all your family in it and take a photo

Take it all the way back to your childhood..

13. Have lunch with one or more friends over facetime, google hangouts, zoom or some other platform

Make use of all the online resources available to keep in touch.

14. Take a photograph of your pet and create a bio for them.

Include their name, age, breed, funny anecdotes and more.

15. Send a letter or postcard to a loved one letting them know you're thinking of them.

Get in contact with your grandparents, extended family, or friends who live far away - social distancing doesn't mean you can't talk to them.

16. The Great Quarantine Bake Off

Challenge your friends to bake the best cookie, buns , cake etc -share through pics, instagram or similar and decide on the winner!

17. Make a social distancing playlist.

18. Make a Covid-19 survival kit (8 items)

EG: Toilet paper, pasta, hand sanitiser...

19. Design a poster to encourage young people to practice social distancing

Check the HSE guidelines for pointers.

20. Write an acrostic poem using the word TRANSITION YEAR

The first letter of each line should spell out TRANSITION YEAR at the end.

Dedicate at least a page in your scrapbook to each challenge. Feel free to take as much artistic license as you like. Drawings and artwork are welcome and encouraged! Include photographic evidence wherever possible - websites like snapfish.ie print and deliver images from your phone and are very cheap to use and many local printing businesses are delivering prints to your doorstep at a reasonable price

Remember, this is as much for your enjoyment as it is for school. Have fun, and try to use your time productively. Most importantly, however, be safe, take care of yourselves and your families.

Best wishes,

Miss O Grady