



# WEEKLY BULLETIN

Week Commencing: 28 November 2016

## KEY MESSAGES

- The school is closed for Inset on **Monday, 5 December 2016**
- Year 9 students should bring all the equipment they require for their upcoming maths assessments
- Students are collecting resources for the Christmas Tree Festival
- Reminder that correct school uniform should be worn at all times
- Carol Concert on 6 December - tickets are still available from Reception
- Christmas Jumper Day on Friday, 16 December: students may wear a Christmas jumper if they pay £1 in advance in aid of charity

## YEAR 7

Students have been showing their creative sides this week: Mrs Santamaria's drama group showed great promise rehearsing for their upcoming assessment piece with an extract from Peter Pan, and Mrs Carter's and Mrs Cassidy's art groups showed off their artistic talents drawing biscuits and sweet wrappers to practise their blending skills.

Next Thursday, 8 December is our whole year trip to Water World to celebrate a successful first term. Children should remember to bring a packed lunch and £1.50 for the locker.



## YEAR 8

World War I (WWI) Day with Mr King has proved to be an exciting experience for Year 8 students. They were able to look at extracts from survivors, be involved in different scenarios and hold and investigate the different weapons. The students really engaged with this one-off experience which will aid their learning in class and help with the completion of their six-week 'Trenches' homework project.

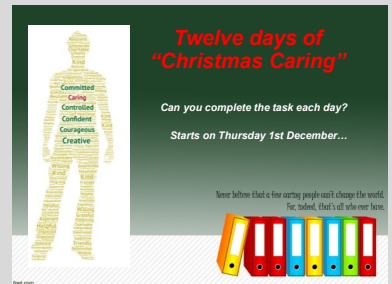
Creating Christmas trees for people in the community is this year's Christmas activity. This will take place on Thursday, 8 December so please encourage your child to bring in items that can be used to make the trees. We will be announcing the winner of the Best Tutor Set Christmas Tree during the final week of term.



## YEAR 9

Year 9 internal assessments are now underway. Behaviour in the exams so far has been exemplary and we are sure this trend will continue. We are confident that outcomes for pupils will reflect their positive start.

As we approach the Christmas holidays, the focus on the theme of 'caring' continues to gain momentum. Staff and pupils have embarked on the 'twelve days of caring' where they are encouraged to be kind in some way every day. This could be as simple as holding the door open for someone in school or offering to make a cup of tea for a loved one at home.



## YEAR 10

It has been a busy week in Year 10 this week with pupils making excellent progress! A particularly big well done to Mr Elliott's Maths group who have worked really well with Standard Form. The students were rewarded for their hard work with some of Mr Elliott's exceptional baking! Alongside the excellent work that Year 10 have been doing in class, our Duke of Edinburgh students have been settling in to their new groups, with a kit check this week.

On Friday C and D band have been working on their CVs during PSHE which will be particularly important as they prepare for their interview day later in the year.

HUGE congratulations to Mary Sowter, Jack Kellas and Sulaiman Raoof who, on Thursday night, won the Environmental Champion Award at the Nottingham Post Students Awards. We are so proud of all three of them and is a great reflection of Year 10.



## YEAR 11

Our first group of Year 11 GCSE food technology pupils cooked up a storm on Tuesday. They spent the day in the Design & Technology kitchens cooking three different dishes. The standard and presentation of food was exceptional! Many pupils had written their own original recipes and were making all elements from scratch to show higher technical ability.

As we move closer to college application deadlines, all students will be receiving results from their assessments on Mock Results day on Tuesday 13 December. Students will then have an extended tutor period the following day to focus on choosing a college and how to apply.



### PSHE Days (2 and 9 December 2016)

Careers focus: preparing a CV and getting ready for interviews.

Many thanks to the RAF for supporting us with workshops.

### KS3 and KS4 Maths Puzzles - credits will be awarded for the first correct solution submitted per class

Which of the following is closest to zero?

- A  $6+5+4$     B  $6+5-4$     C  $6+5 \times 4$     D  $6-5 \times 4$     E  $6 \times 5+4$

Which of the following fractions is closest to 1?

- A  $\frac{7}{8}$     B  $\frac{8}{7}$     C  $\frac{9}{10}$     D  $\frac{10}{11}$     E  $\frac{11}{10}$