



WEEKLY BULLETIN

Week Ending: 1 December 2017

KEY MESSAGES

- Please can you ensure that if your child is unwell at school, they must report to Student Services who will phone parents/carers
- On Friday, 15 December, pupils can pay £1 to support Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day by replacing their blazer with a jumper

YEAR 7

Year 7 students' reports are now available on Insight for you to access. Although this is early in the year it will give you a good first impression of how your child is getting on in lessons.

Students have now been equipped with a revision resource that will help them to record the topics that will be covered in the January Assessments. This has been provided early in order to allow students to prepare for the assessments and revise over the next few weeks. Although this is the first time we will be doing formal assessments for the year group it is nothing to worry about and just part of the school year allowing us to monitor students' understanding and progress.

Students have also been given a letter from the Languages department this week. Now that the students have accessed all three languages on their timetable rotation, they are being asked to select a first and second choice as to which language they would like to continue to study. Please discuss this with your child.

Head of Year 7: Ms N Ward

YEAR 8

During their Science lessons this term, Year 8 have been improving their scientific investigation skills. They have been making predictions, interpreting data, creating graphs and drawing conclusions. We put their skills into practice by conducting an experiment with cupcake cases. Whilst there were no actual cakes in the cases, the students enjoyed testing how fast they would fall from a given height!

As part of our Christmas Achievement Assembly we would like to celebrate what our students have achieved since September, both academically and personally. Please encourage your child to share this information with their tutors so that we can include it in the assembly.

Head of Year 8: Mrs L Munro

YEAR 9

Year 9 have had an excellent first assessment week. They have approached their exams with great courage and commitment in order to perform as well as they can. Their behaviour in assessments has been impeccable and this will stand them in good stead for their external examinations at the end of Year 11. Well done Year 9!

Ava Harris, Finlay Hutchinson and Ellie Winters have been selected to run a stall at the YouNG Market in West Bridgford on Saturday, 2 December. This is a phenomenal achievement as the pupils had to go through a rigorous 'Dragon's Den' interview before being selected.

Head of Year 9: Ms V Salt

YEAR 10

The focus in Year 10 this week has been on preparing pupils for the upcoming PSHE days.

In active tutoring, pupils have been creating a draft CV that will form an integral part of the PSHE day itself. Looking ahead, pupils are already excited about the Mock Interview day in February next year which is always a fantastic experience for everyone within the year group.

We would like to acknowledge Olivia Whitelaw (pictured right) for recently being shortlisted for Junior Sportsperson of the Year as part of the Rushcliffe Sports Awards. She has been nominated for her continued success as part of the GB Equestrian Squad. Well done Olivia!

Heads of Year 10: Mr D Lynas

YEAR 11

Year 11 pupils have been busy this week reviewing their assessments and readying themselves for mock results day on Tuesday, 5 December.

Alongside results day, we have been looking at destinations and ensuring that pupils are starting to apply for their post-16 provision. Toot Hill College online applications are open until Friday, 19 January, 2018.

Woody Snapper has been fund raising for Cancer Research UK, culminating in a head shaving event next week to reach his target of £1000. We look forward to this and are proud of all that he has done so far.

Year 11 Parents' Evenings are coming up on Tuesday, 9 January and Thursday, 18 January 2018. Booking will be online so please ensure that you can access your Insight account.

Joint Heads of Year 11: Miss L Hughes & Mr R Wickens

Year 11 Careers Update - Police Cadets Recruitment

Nottinghamshire Police are currently recruiting Senior Police Cadets. This is open to any Year 11 student and they are recruiting in Newark, Carlton, Mansfield and Clifton. It is a two-year programme, term time only, from 7pm-9pm on Wednesday evenings. Uniform is provided and reasonable travel expenses are paid. If you require further details please contact ffarmer@toothillschool.co.uk.

All Year 11s - National Citizen Service (NCS) Summer 2018

All Year 11s - sign up for NCS before 31 December 2017 and pay just £35! (rather than £50) by using code 'EARLYBIRD18'. Call 0121 386 6910 or visit www.ncsingeus.co.uk to sign up. Enquiries to mtinsley@toothillschool.co.uk.

