

# KEY MESSAGES

- The Staff and Governors would like to wish all parents/carers the very best for 2017.
- **Improper use of bus passes:** It has come to our attention that a small number of students have purposefully defaced their bus passes to hide their photographs so that their friends can attempt to use the same pass. This is classed as fraud and is being treated seriously by both the school and bus companies and could result in students being banned from using the school buses. If a photograph is no longer visible on a bus pass, the student should apply for a new one at the School Reception where a £5 charge will be issued for a replacement.
- **Charity boxes:** please donate any unwanted pet, food or children's items into the boxes in Reception.

# WEEKLY BULLETIN

Week Ending: 13 January 2017

## YEAR 7

The settled start to this term has been fantastic. Within the first three days of term, Year 7 collectively achieved almost 1,200 credits! By just Wednesday Daisy Green, Stanley Woodward and Eden Cudd had each gained eight credits for their excellent classwork, focus in lesson and participation to classroom discussion. Well done!

Year 7 Internal Assessments begin on Monday, 16 January and the timetable is now on the school website. Please support your child during this time by checking Insight and the school website for additional revision resources and where possible giving your child a quiet space to revise.

## YEAR 8

As we start 2017, the character word focus for this half term is 'control'. During active tutoring, Year 8s will be learning about mindfulness, as well as having the opportunity to learn new strategies to develop self control.

The Year 8 assessments will begin on Monday, 16 January so please ensure your child has all the necessary equipment for his/her exams.

Tutor Set 8.10 was the worthy winner of the Christmas Tree competition (see right). Thank you for all of your support in providing recyclable materials for the trees.



## YEAR 9

Pupils in Year 9 have received a report card sticker which is now in their planners and enables them to confidently know their current grade in each lesson along with their GCSE grade average.

On the football field, the Year 9 B Team have been in action, narrowly missing out on a place in the last eight in the country! After a long journey up to Sandbach, the boys lost 3-1 but should be very proud of their achievement. Many thanks to Mr Jepps for his ongoing commitment to Year 9 sport.

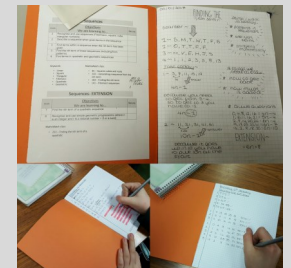


## YEAR 10

This week in tutor set students have been making personal, short-term school and long-term school New Year resolutions to get 2017 off to a flying start.

Please be aware that Year 10 assessment week starts w/c 30 January. Students will receive their exam timetable w/c 16 January, but subject teachers are already distributing revision materials. Please contact subject teachers if you have any questions.

The theme for this term is 'control' and the topic of 'mindfulness'. Activities covered will range from meditation and yoga to revision techniques.



## YEAR 11

Following the recent 11.2 reports, all students in Year 11 will be having a meeting either with a member of Senior Leadership or the Year 11 team. These meetings will focus on students' current progress, how to secure their predicted grades and the next steps after Toot Hill School.

Please be reminded that Parents' Evening for Bands, C, D and E is Thursday, 19 January and the deadline for applications to Toot Hill College is 20 January.

The Christmas Tree competition was jointly won by Tutor Sets 11.5 and 11.6 with their imaginative effort (see right).



### **Year 10, 11, and 12 Work Experience - Nottingham Playhouse**

Work experience roles offered during 3-7 July or 10-14 July incl stage manager, lighting designer, marketing, any backstage/support (not acting).

If you are interested please see the website. Closing date is 31 May. You will need your Head of Year approval if you are successful.

### **Year 11, 12 and 13 Careers and Networking Fair: 6-8pm, 26 January**

The fair will be attended by a variety of employers, colleges, apprenticeship providers and universities. Book a place online at: [www.toothillschool.co.uk/careers](http://www.toothillschool.co.uk/careers)

### **Recommended Reads**

Year 7 - 'Holes' by Louis Sachar

Year 8 - 'A Study in Scarlet' (A Sherlock Holmes novel) by Arthur Conan Doyle

Year 9 - 'The Valley of Fear' (A Sherlock Holmes novel) by Arthur Conan Doyle

Year 10 - 'The Perks of Being a Wallflower' by Stephen Chbosky

Year 11 - 'The Help' by Kathryn Stockett