



# WEEKLY BULLETIN

Week Ending: 2 February 2018

## KEY MESSAGES

- In support of the national campaign for mental wellbeing (#*timetotalk*) this week, students discussed different ways to talk with each other
- We will be focusing on the national 'Safer Internet Day' on Tuesday, 6 February 2018

## YEAR 7

The year group have had a lot of sporting success over the past week!

The week began with the boys' hockey team travelling to Nottingham Hockey Centre. The boys remained determined throughout the tournament and showed outstanding team work and resilience against tough competition.

Later in the week, the girls' football team travelled to Becket for a county cup fixture. They performed to a very high level winning 3-0 with Natasha Gupwell being awarded girl of the match.

The Year 7 netball A and B team travelled to Emmanuel School for a tournament. The conditions were awful but the girls were determined to play to a high standard and kept a smile on their faces throughout. We are really proud of them.

We would like to thank all parents for returning their child's 'Adventure 8' letters. We have had a fantastic response and cannot wait for the trip in October. If your child has not handed in their letter but would still like to come, we are happy to extend the deadline for another week to ensure they don't miss out.

*Head of Year 7: Ms N Ward*

## YEAR 8

On Wednesday, 31 January, 150 Year 8 pupils had the opportunity to visit the National Holocaust Memorial Centre and Museum in Laxton, Newark as part of their Philosophy and Ethics unit on 'Prejudice and Discrimination'. This unit involved looking at atrocities like the Holocaust, as well as the Steven Lawrence case and segregation in the USA in the 1950s. During their visit, students had the unique opportunity to listen to the survivor stories of Simon Walker and Rudi Oppenheimer as well as reflecting on all they had learnt in the memorial garden. It was a fantastic, memorable day for all involved.

Options booklets have now been distributed; please take the time to look at possible GCSE courses for your child.

*Head of Year 8: Mrs L Munro*

## YEAR 9

The 9.2 Reports were released on Insight this week. The report includes Attitude, Homework, Current Attainment Levels, and Predicted Grades for each subject. Students should spend time reading their report to identify where they need to focus their revision and identify any booster sessions which they could attend this term.

Thank you to all of the parents/carers who attended the C and D band Parents' Evening this week. Both Parents' Evenings have been very positive and students should be proud of the start they have made to their GCSE journey.

Well done to our Level 1 Sports Leaders who delivered a sports session to students from a local primary school this week. The leaders showed great levels of enthusiasm and confidence when leading. Well done!

*Head of Year 9: Ms V Salt*

## YEAR 10

The Year 10 assessments are now under way. The exams represent a key checkpoint for the year group en route to sitting their final exams in Year 11. In an attempt to ease exam pressure, active tutoring has been designed to allow pupils the opportunity to relax. This week, all tutor sets had a go at some mindfulness techniques.

It is important that pupils keep perspective in this stressful period by allowing themselves time to relax and consider the bigger picture.

Thank you to all parents/carers for their support during the assessments.

*Heads of Year 10: Mr D Lynas*

## YEAR 11

This week's tutor time has been extremely focused on using knowledge organisers to prepare revision resources for Macbeth and we have been very impressed with the level of detail and care that pupils have taken. Alongside this, many of our pupils have been impressing the College team in their interviews. Feedback from the interviews has been overwhelmingly positive with all pupils coming across fantastically. If your child has applied to Toot Hill College but not had their interview invite, please ensure that they have booked an appointment on [www.toothillschool.co.uk/interview](http://www.toothillschool.co.uk/interview).

Any pupils who have not yet applied for a college or apprenticeship must let their tutor know as soon as possible so that we can arrange for them to see Mrs Farmer to support them with their transition.

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

## Harry Potter House Quiz

The Learning Lounge went Harry Potter mad on Thursday, 1 February. At lunch time, we had the 'Harry Potter House Quiz' and after school, popcorn flowed and we showed the 'Deathly Hallows Part 2' movie. Great fun was had by all and Team Slytherin won the house quiz!

