



WEEKLY BULLETIN

Week Ending: 16 October 2020

KEY MESSAGES

- Assembly this week focused on 'My Character Counts'
- Students who are repeatedly late to school or late to lessons are being booked into after school detentions, please check MCAS to check your child's punctuality.
- E-safety talking point; <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/globalassets/thinkuknow/documents/thinkuknow/parents/pdf/parent-pdf/activity-sheet-livestreaming.pdf>

YEAR 7

During our Personal Development Curriculum, students have covered a range of topics including ADHD Awareness Month and World Obesity Day.

On Tuesday students listened to an assembly on 'My Character Counts'. They are able to access their 'My Character Counts' account by clicking on the Personal Development Curriculum tab on the school website. They can then submit evidence for how they have achieved each badge including 'My Future', 'Keeping Safe and Happy' and 'My Scholarship'. We will also be supporting students to complete their evidence during tutor set and PSHE.

In lessons, students have shown high levels of engagement. It was fantastic to hear students learning how to play the violin in music and use the grid method for drawing in Art. In Geography students have been developing their knowledge of the UK and Nottingham.

Well done Year 7, keep up the great work!

Head of Year 7: Miss I Sheldon Achievement Coordinator: **Mr A Surridge**



YEAR 8

This week we have launched 'My Character Counts' which is designed to give our students the opportunity to log and record their experiences outside the school curriculum. This will link to the 'Torches' program they completed in Year 7 and offer the opportunity for our students to start creating a positive Curriculum Vitae (CV) and portfolio.

As we move into the final week of term, the Personal Development Curriculum continues to reflect on academic and personal achievements, positive mental health and art therapy. Alongside we are also considering the advantages and disadvantages of mortgages and renting.

Our tutors will also deliver our Year 8 Achievement Assembly which will recognise and celebrate individual achievements from this half term.

Head of Year 8: Mrs L Munro & Mr R Wickens Pastoral Lead: **Mr M Leslie**



YEAR 9

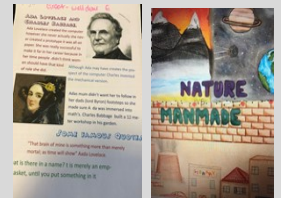
As we move closer to the end of half term one, Year 9 have continued to display our school values of 'Working Hard, Being Kind, Taking Pride' within their lessons and around our site - well done!!

This week students have been reflecting on their successes so far this academic year and have been discussing what "Character Counts" means at Toot Hill.

Next week students will enjoy their Achievement Assembly, in which students will be recognised for their efforts and successes since September.

Another great week Year 9!

Head of Year 9: Miss L Hughes Achievement Coordinator: **Mr K Roebuck**



YEAR 10

Whilst this week has brought some challenges for the year group, I am proud to see the mature attitude of our students. Whether they are working at home on Teams or engaging in lessons in school, they have demonstrated great resilience, independence and intrinsic motivation to continue their learning.

During Science lessons students have discussed 'Ada Lovelace Day' and looking at her contribution to STEM. They have also improved their knowledge of careers and T-Levels during the Personal Development Curriculum as well as actively contributing to discussions on Black History Month.

We look forward to students returning next week before we break up for half term.

Head of Year 10: Miss N Ward Achievement Coordinator: **Miss B Marshall**



YEAR 11

Ben Paling has recently sailed at Weymouth in national sailing events in his new boat and is looking to qualify for a squad place in the Youth 29er Class. The step up into the new class of boat is significant with Ben and his helm being one of the youngest crew in the class. He now finds he is racing against his coach who is part of the Olympic squad. They achieved some good results in very difficult conditions; we are so hopeful that will get a squad place - the whole of Year 11 wishes him well!

This week in tutor set students have covered more on economic sustainability and Black History Month as well as looking at effective revision in preparation for their mocks.

Head of Year 11: Mr D Mordue Achievement Coordinator: **Miss P Gordon**



Learning Lounge

Year 7 watched shows during lunch this week to celebrate Black History Month; from Horrible Histories to Dengineers.

Ele Fountain, author of Boy 87, will be doing a virtual author chat for all Year 7. She is currently asking for Year 7 questions. If Year 7s have a question for Ele please let Ms Marris or Miss Jones know.

