



# WEEKLY BULLETIN

Week Ending: 5th November 2021

## KEY MESSAGES

- Covid-19 vaccinations for eligible 12-15 year olds took place in school on Wednesday 3rd November.
- There will be a second session offering the vaccine and more information will follow once a date has been confirmed with the School Aged Immunisation Service.

### YEAR 7

Year 7 have started the new half term extremely well. Following on from October our attendance is excellent and the number of positives students are receiving is a reflection of their hard work and fantastic attitude to learning. Miss Sharp the tutor of 7.5 set an optional home learning task over half term involving Halloween and the pictures attached are an awesome attempt at some topical food challenges.

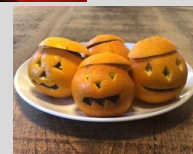
Parents Evening is fast approaching for Year 7, please look out for communication on how to access the event as it will be online. The first event is Wednesday 17th November (T & S band) and the second event is Thursday 25th November (H band).

In PSHE lessons next week, Year 7 students will continue with developing their understanding of healthy friendships.

Support link: <https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/friends-relationships-sex/friends/friendships/>

Visit the NSPCC for support with talking about difficult topics: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/talking-about-difficult-topics/>

**Head of Year 7: Mr D Mordue** **Assistant Head of Year 7: Miss L Jordan**



### YEAR 8

Well done Year 8 for a positive first week back. We have enjoyed welcoming students back to school this week and have been pleased with the uniform and equipment standards. We have been impressed with the number of positive points which have been achieved in Year 8 this week and several students have received credits for high levels of focus, good manners and kindness to others.

During tutor set, our Personal Development Curriculum has focused on 'Work Hard, Be Kind, Take Pride' whilst also covering our new theme of 'Give' on Wellbeing Wednesday and the Geography of Russia on Topical Thursday. The engagement levels during tutor set are high and it is fantastic to hear in depth discussions around a range of topics.

In Technology students have been working hard during Graphics. Students have been learning the technique of one point and two-point perspective drawing. This has required high levels of focus and the Technology Department have been impressed with the level of engagement and quality of work produced (see photos).

Our Extended Study provision starts again on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November. It was great to see so many Year 8 students attending Extended Study sessions last half term. We encourage students to try to attend sessions to further develop subject knowledge or try something new!

Well done Year 8, a very positive start back, keep up the fantastic work!

In PSHE lessons next week, Year 8 students will begin our series of lessons about risks online.

Support Link: <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/parents-guide-to-cyber-security/>

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**Head of Year 8: Miss I Sheldon** **Assistant Head of Year 8: Mr A Surridge**



### YEAR 9

We are thrilled to see our year group back after what we hope was a restful half term break. We have enjoyed seeing our student return to focused learning this week; in particular, Year 9 have been reflecting thoughtfully on the issue of human rights through different case studies regarding racial and gender discrimination. They have been studying the 'right to be forgotten' whilst studying Anthony Walker's murder and the implications for women after the takeover of the Taliban in Afghanistan.

We are looking forward to some purposeful conversations and celebrations of achievement once the reports are shared with our students, so watch this space! We're also excited to see how students' oracy in lessons develops following the introduction of SHAPEing our answers.

In PSHE lessons next week, Year 9 students will discuss ending intimate relationships.

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**Head of Year 9: Mrs L Munro** **Assistant Head of Year 9: Miss C Thomas**



### YEAR 10

Welcome back Year 10! After a long half term, we hope that you had a wonderful half term break.

It was fantastic to end last half term with our Achievement Assembly and to celebrate the many successes across the Year Group.

We have had a busy return this week, with a visit from Chris Hemmings to discuss healthy empathy and masculinity with all our students and our Student Voice being enacted with students voting for their Tutor Reps. I was blown away by the detail and thought put into the manifestos of all the students on the ballot paper. This student voice will truly provide our Year 10 students with an opportunity for us all to work together to make our school a better place.

Can I please ask for your support in checking that your son/daughter leaves the house meeting our uniform expectations? Since half term we have had an increase in painted nails and earrings in school. Please ensure students return to school on Monday without these.

PDC next week: Discussion around sharing images online, multiculturalism in Nottingham and World Kindness Day

**Head of Year 10: Mr R Wickens** **Assistant Head of Year 10: Mr K Roebuck** **Achievement Coordinator: Mrs C Hallam**



### YEAR 11

We have had a positive and settled start back in Year 11. Students have been continuing to work hard in lessons to prepare for their assessments. We would encourage students to look at their subject revision lists in preparation for next week's assessments and begin to identify which extended study sessions they are going to attend. In sport this week, the year 11 boys took on Newark Academy in a thrilling contest.

This week during tutor set students have considered the value of student voice and have been voting for student representatives to raise any concerns or queries on behalf of their tutor group. Congratulations to the successful candidates who will represent the year group.

We hope all students had the opportunity to attend Toot Hill open evening on Thursday, which hopefully provided an introduction to college life and specific college courses.

**Year 11 Pastoral Lead: Miss B Marshall** **Year 11 Achievement Leader: Miss P Gordon**



Don't forget Movie Night in the LL on Thursday 11th November from 3.15 - 5.05pm watching Goodnight Mister Tom. Bring 50p for popcorn! Brian Conaghan Author Visit - Thursday 9th December. Brian Conaghan will be running a Creative Writing session in the LL on period three on Thursday 9th December. If you are interested in joining the session, please sign up with Ms Marris or Miss Jones in the LL. Places are limited to 30, so book NOW!