

KEY MESSAGES

- Today's Christmas Jumper Day raised over an amazing £500 for Save The Children.
- There will be no Extended Study next week. It will restart after the New Year.

WEEKLY BULLETIN

Week Ending: 10 December 2021

YEAR 7

Year 7 have been so busy in lessons and it has been a real pleasure to visit them in various subjects and see how engaged they are. The photo attached shows a metal work key ring in the shape of a football boot that one of our students has been designing/making with Mr Walters in Engineering. It shows that the students are learning new skills and producing a really high level of work across all subjects.

The amount of food we have collected for the Trussell Trust foodbank appeal has been phenomenal, we are not sure how the tutor team are going to carry it all to our central collection point, the students and their families have been so generous in support of others.

On Thursday Brian Conaghan, the author of Cardboard Cowboys, visited the school to meet Year 7s and discussed our tutor set reading book, it was such a privilege to meet him and talk through the key themes of the book that the Year Team are trying to get across to students. The messages of anti-bullying, kindness and friendship are so important.

And of course, Friday was Christmas Jumper Day to raise money for Save the Children.

In PSHE lessons next week, Year 7 students will discuss harassment.

Support link: <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/a-z-guide/abuse/>

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, another great week. This week during our Personal Development we have reflected on the half term and students have considered what they are proud of and what targets they will set for next half term. We have also shared information on 'Save the Children' charity and it was great to see so many students supporting this by wearing Christmas jumpers on Friday. Thank you to all students who have donated £1 to support this.

Thank you to students and their families who have also donated to our reverse advent calendar food bank appeal. We will be donating the food on Tuesday 14 December, if you have not yet donated and would like to please can we ask that you bring this in on Monday 13 December. We have had lots of donations in Year 8, thank you to everyone who has supported this.

We have also been pleased with the work which we have seen in lessons this week. In languages students were using their mini-whiteboards to practice the speed and accuracy of their writing. Students were required to listen carefully to a description before writing this accurately on their whiteboards. We were also impressed with the work on percentages in some of our maths lessons. Students were applying their subject knowledge to practice questions where they were working out different percentage increases/decreases. There were also high engagement levels in Science, well done!

We have had lots of Year 8 students who represented school in sports fixtures this week. Well done to all of our Cross-Country runners, a fantastic effort in cold conditions! Well done to the Year 8 girls who represented school in a Netball fixture. The girls have been working hard at the Netball Extended Study sessions and it was great to see them apply their skills to a competitive match. Our Year 8 Girls Football team also played in their last competitive fixture of the term on Thursday. After a weekly Central Venue League tournament this half term, the team were involved in a County Cup match against a strong opposition on Thursday afternoon. The girls played well as a team and were unlucky to lose 1-0. Well done to all of the Year 8 students who have represented school in sports fixtures this half term.

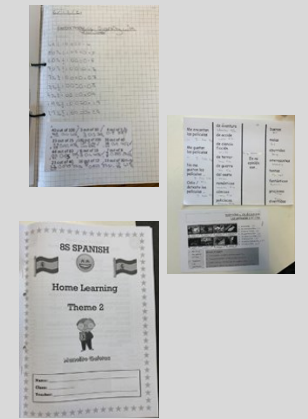
We look forward to sharing our Achievement Assembly celebrations with you next week.

In PSHE lessons next week, Year 8 students will develop their understanding of viewing harmful content online.

Support Link: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/inappropriate-explicit-content/>

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



YEAR 9

It was lovely to hear about Year 9s recent trip to the Good Food Show - they even had a photo-op with Great British Bake-off contestant Jurgen! It was wonderful to hear such a positive update from Mr Surridge, and everyone else involved in the trip. They represented themselves, and the school, fantastically.

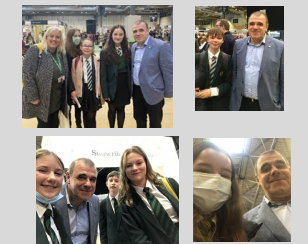
This week several students had interviews for our Year 9 prefects - good luck to all of those involved and we can't wait to see who is successful in leading the student voice of our year group.

In PSHE lessons next week, Year 9 students will develop their understanding of sexually transmitted infections

Support Link: <https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/friends-relationships-sex/sex-relationships/sexually-transmitted-infections/>

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



YEAR 10

As we raise money today for Save the Children and get into the holiday spirit with Christmas Jumper Day, it is also an opportunity for us, and our Year 10 students to reflect on the successes and achievement of this term. The first term of some sort of 'normality' in a while, and each student has embraced this opportunity to further their studies. We will celebrate all these successes in our Achievement Assembly next week.

Year 10 students are also revising for upcoming assessments in a number of subjects, including Maths, English and Science. Please do get in touch with your child's teachers if you have any questions. Students have been provided with revision materials to support revision.

Over the last two weeks, Year 10 students have engaged with a relationships and sex education lesson focused on respectful relationships and consent. We will be delivering this content on a rotation during PE lessons, so each student in Year 10 will have the opportunity to engage in these important conversations.

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



YEAR 11

Year 11 have continued to show great maturity and growing resilience with the days getting colder and darker as we approach the Christmas break. During tutor set, students have discussed a variety of topics such as how to be a global citizen and wellbeing. On Wednesday 19 January there is a Careers and Networking Fair taking place at Toot Hill school, students have been discussing their aspirations and next steps in tutor time too.

An extra special mention must go to Lewis W 11.6 this week who achieved four personal best times in his swimming heats. He qualified for three Junior National Finals and converted two of these into bronze medals as well as breaking the 18-year-old Nottinghamshire Senior County record in 100 metre backstroke. We are all incredibly proud of Lewis and his exceptional achievements. A huge well done from us all!

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



Movie night was a huge success! Students enjoyed Goodnight Mister Tom whilst munching on bags of popcorn! Next Movie Night will be Tuesday 14th December...Christmas theme.

We had a fantastic visit from author Brian Conaghan on Thursday 9th December. He spoke to all year 7s about the book Cardboard Cowboys, signed many books and held a creative writing session in the LL too. What a treat before Christmas!!

