



WEEKLY BULLETIN

Week Ending: 30 November 2018

KEY MESSAGES

- As per last year, we will again be supporting Save the Children's Christmas Jumper day on Friday, 14 December. Pupils are invited to donate a minimum of £1 to wear a Christmas jumper instead of their blazer; please note that **pupils should still wear the rest of their uniform**
- To increase site security during Extended Study time, we have been trialling the closure of our school gates. We apologise for the inconvenience this may cause some parents/carers. The bus park gates will be open from 4.10pm until 4.30pm from Monday to Thursday and 3.10-3.30pm on Friday. Outside these hours, students can be collected from the Leisure Centre car park
- The last Extended Study and Prep Hall sessions this term will be on Friday, 7 December. They will recommence on Monday, 14 January 2019

YEAR 7

As we draw to the end of a really busy half term, we would like to thank all parents and carers for their attendance and engagement with Parents' Evening over the last two weeks. Pupils have responded positively to the feedback that they have been given.

As we move towards the end of the first term, pupils have reflected on their progress so far and our continued emphasis on the 'Work Hard, Be Kind, Take Pride' ethos. This is demonstrated by their donations to the 'Operation Christmas Child' activity.

We look forward to seeing the Year 7 cohort at their Christmas Concert on Tuesday, 4 December 2018.

Head of Year 7: Miss L Hughes Achievement Coordinator: Miss I Ridley



YEAR 8

Year 8 have had an exciting week preparing for the upcoming festive season.

During tutor time we have been voting for our favourite Christmas film which most of the year group will be watching on Thursday, 13 December. This will provide an opportunity to celebrate the successes of the term and enjoy a special afternoon together. Students will be working hard to ensure they are invited to the film afternoon that will take place straight after our half-termly Achievement Assembly where we will be congratulating students who have gone above and beyond both in and out of their lessons.

Attendance at homework club has been fantastic over the last few weeks. Students have been giving up their Tuesday lunch time to get themselves organised and it has become a place where students can help, support and encourage each other. The photo shows two of our students hard at work. Well done!

Head of Year 8: Miss N Ward Achievement Coordinator: Miss B Marshall



YEAR 9

Year 9 have had a fantastic week.

Toot Hill School's debating team travelled to Loughborough Grammar School on Tuesday, 27 November to compete in the ESU Regional Debating Competition. Unfortunately, the team did not make it to the next round but for their first ever outing they stunned veteran debaters and were complimented on their skills. 'Til next time!

The boys' cross country team were in the national finals at the weekend after travelling all the way to Suffolk. The team finished 19th in the country which is a fabulous achievement.

The girls' cross country team ran in the local championships at Berry Hill in Mansfield winning the team event overall - another great achievement. The boys' A football team continued their remarkable unbeaten run with another two wins this week over Minster and Retford.

Acting Head of Year 9: Mr D Mordue Achievement Coordinator: Miss J Smith



YEAR 10

Year 10 A and B band had an excellent PSHE day on Friday, 30 November. The external providers commented on how polite and engaged the groups of students were throughout the sessions and how the pupils are a credit to our school. Sessions ranged from learning about careers in the Army and RAF to writing CVs so that the pupils are well prepared for their interview days later on in the school year.

The English department is running a trip to the Theatre Royal in Nottingham on Tuesday, 22 January 2019 to watch Macbeth. If your child would like to join the trip, please ask them to collect a letter from Miss Salt and Miss Sheldon to be returned to Reception as soon as possible.

Head of Year 10: Miss V Salt Achievement Coordinator: Miss I Sheldon



YEAR 11

Following the end of the assessment period, pupils are still busy in lessons completing coursework in a variety of subjects.

Good luck to all Art and Fashion pupils who will be sitting their mock exams on Wednesday and Thursday, 5 and 6 December.

Pupils are now actively looking ahead to life after Year 11. Our recent College Open Evening was incredibly well attended. It is great to see that so many pupils are keen on continuing their education at Toot Hill College. Applications are now open for September 2019.

Head of Year 11: Mr D Lynas Achievement Coordinator: Miss A Hall



Year 10 - Applications for Police Work Experience

Thank you to all Year 10 students who have applied for work experience with the Police. I have had an overwhelming number of applications of a very high quality. A decision will be made by 7 December on who has been successful. Unfortunately, we only have 6 places available. Well done Year 10. (Miss Farmer)

Year 11 National Citizen Service (NCS)

Year 11s can now sign up to complete NCS next summer. There are two dates to choose from: **1st - 19th July** or **29th July - 16th August**. Places are limited so reserve your place for just £50 by signing up at www.ncsyes.co.uk! If you have any questions please email Debs: dmason@nova-ncs.co.uk



CAREERS
FOR ALL

Careers and Networking Fair



Thursday
10 January
2019

6.00pm - 8.00pm at
Toot Hill School

Come along to find out about a variety of career pathways.

- Talk to employers about what they look for when recruiting
- Talk to employers about your A-level choices
- Find out about Apprenticeships, Internships, Awards/Certificates and Degrees

Further details of who will be attending to follow soon.

Everyone welcome
Years 11-13 (students and parents)

See Mr Farmer in the Careers office for more details.
To keep up-to-date on latest opportunities:
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