

WEEKLY BULLETIN

Week Commencing: 31 October 2016

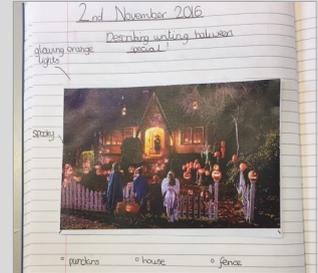
KEY MESSAGES

- You are invited to our next Parents Forum at 7pm on 22 November in the Concert Hall. Main topics for presentation and discussion are:
 - The new GCSE Grading System
 - New Measures for Schools
 - Student organisation and homework
- Expectations revisited this week in assemblies
- In line with national guidance, we safely removed the commonly-used chemical 2, 4-DNP from the Science Department on Wednesday after school. As you may have seen in the media, this is standard procedure currently being carried out by many schools across the country.
- Toot Hill Student and Parent Portal www.toothillschool.co.uk/behaviour/ contains documents you may find useful.

YEAR 7

Visiting lessons this week has shown that Year 7 students have returned to school in a focused and positive manner; many English classes are continuing with descriptive writing work (with a Halloween twist) and our year group received 311 credits on Monday alone! This Friday two tutor sets received a celebration breakfast for having the best attendance and the most credits. Well done to 7.8 and 7.12!

This week we launch our Christmas activities trip to Waterworld, a trip designed to celebrate completing a successful first term at Toot Hill School. Please see the letter for further details.



YEAR 8

A huge well done to the twelve Year 8 students involved in Grease this week. A truly professional performance by all of the staff and students involved.

The 'My Gap Year' homework projects in Geography are truly outstanding. Will Swann, pictured on the right, is one of many students in Year 8 who have produced fantastic homework projects.

Finally, the application process for the Year 8 Diplomat positions will be launched next week in assembly. Please encourage your child to get involved in wider areas of the school community.



YEAR 9

The theme of "caring" for others will provide the focus this term. Children In Need will provide a timely opportunity for the year group to show their compassion for others. The year group will be supporting a number of other charitable organisations this term. Alfie Rains and Abby Holgate are pictured here selling poppies at lunchtime.

Academically, 9.1 reports will be issued soon and the assessment period is only three weeks away. Pupils are already busy preparing in lessons and at home for the upcoming examinations.



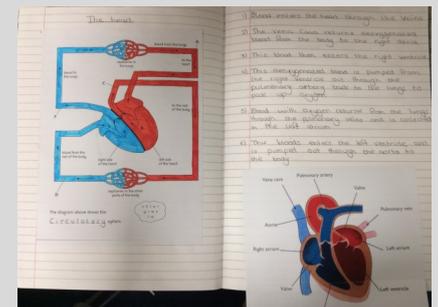
YEAR 10

Year 10 have been working hard this week, having returned from their half term break. Many of our students have been involved in the fantastic production of *Grease* - well done!

We have started our focus on caring this term, with the production of our leaves for our giving tree! Each student has been tasked with completing a leaf to share an act of caring that they will carry out for another individual!

This week has been busy for the Year 10 science students who have been carrying out some incredible work on the heart, culminating in carrying out heart dissections! When she visited the class, Miss Hughes was particularly impressed with 10A3's efforts and attitude.

(Work by Emily Cottier 10C2)



YEAR 11

PC 11.1 pupil reports have been sent to parents via Insight. Please discuss your child's report with them.

Mock exam week commences on 14 November. Timetables have been issued to students this week and they should be revising for two hours each night.

Well done to all those involved in this week's outstanding performances of *Grease*. We have received a lot of fantastic feedback.

Work Experience Week ran effectively with lots of positive comments by employers and pupils alike.

Toot Hill College is hosting an Open Evening on Tuesday 8 November 2016 with all spaces allocated.



PSHE

In PSHE this term, we are supporting the 'caring' theme with work on positive relationships. Year 7 will focus on building strong relationships with their tutor and look at bullying. Year 8 will look at how we develop great friendships and how to deal with conflict. Please ask your child about these lessons - any feedback is welcome. (Mrs Fender)