



WEEKLY BULLETIN

Week Ending: 16 December 2016



KEY MESSAGES



- In January, we will be sending out letters about changes to the way we record attendance.
- Please be reminded that school uniform trousers and skirts must bear the school logo.
- From the Governors and staff at Toot Hill, we would like to wish all parents, carers and pupils a fantastic Christmas break and a successful year ahead!

YEAR 7

It has been wonderful celebrating different types of achievement this week. Students have been rewarded for having 100% attendance, achieving an average of 5 (out of 6) for attitude and homework in their most recent reports and for having the most credits for this term. They should be very proud of what they have achieved in a short space of time.

We have also celebrated individual extracurricular achievements. Well done to Oliver Hoyland (pictured right) who came first in the Nottinghamshire Schools Cross Country Competition!

Many congratulations to Year 7 Head of Year on her wedding over the Christmas break. Miss Pilkington will be known as Mrs Munro from January.

We are very proud of Chloe Terzza and Evie Klyman who have been and are performing in the junior chorus of 'Jack and the Beanstalk' at the Newark Palace Theatre from 7-31 December 2016.



YEAR 8

During assembly this week, Year 8 students reflected on their excellent achievements this term including an impressive 110,147 positive points total.

In History, students produced some fantastic work within their 'Trench' projects. Ruby Ryan built a trench out of chocolate paying great attention to detail (pictured right).

Year 8 students have been given their assessment timetable. Please take a few minutes to identify specific days and locations for the different exams.

We are very proud of Charlotte Lewis and Issy Mason who have been and are performing in the junior chorus of 'Jack and the Beanstalk' at the Newark Palace Theatre from 7-31 December 2016.



YEAR 9

Congratulations to Year 9 pupils following the completion of their internal assessments. Their commitment has been admirable and they are already looking forward to receiving their results in January 2017.

As this term's whole school focus on the theme of 'caring' comes to a close, pupils are being asked to donate items after Christmas to a number of charitable causes. To this end, pupils are encouraged to bring in any unwanted food, pet-related items and any spare children's gifts. There will be three boxes placed in Reception in preparation for this initiative after Christmas. Thank you to all parents and carers in advance for your support with this.



YEAR 10

We have had a fabulous last week of term with Year 10.

On Thursday the tutor sets created an interesting variety of Christmas trees as part of our Christmas Tree Festival Competition with winners being announced on Friday during Christmas assemblies.

Miss Hughes took a group of students to the DEAR University Conference at Nottingham Trent University. The group had the opportunity to attend talks by different universities on the opportunities available to them and how to plan for later education.



YEAR 11

On Tuesday students received their 11.2 school report as well as their mock GCSE results. This was a very positive event in which many pupils felt real pride in seeing their predicted grades on a mock certificate. This was followed on Wednesday morning by 'destinations' planning during which pupils spent time researching different colleges and the entry requirements for Level 1, 2 and 3 courses. Please speak to your child's tutor or see Mrs Farmer at Parents' Evening if you have any queries or need any guidance.

Pupils should be finalising their Parents' Evening appointments taking place on **Tuesday 10 January for A and B bands** and **Thursday 19 January for C, D and E Bands**. In order to fully support your child emotionally and academically through their GCSEs, it is vital that every parent/guardian attends Parents' Evening. Thank you for your support.



National Citizenship Service (NCS)



Year 11s signing up for NCS in December get a discounted rate of just £35 (rather than £50 full price). Use **EBSU17** [here](#). Two start dates to choose from: 25 June or 24 July 2017. More info from Mr Tinsley.

KS3 and KS4 Maths Puzzles - credits will be awarded for the first correct solution submitted per class

KS4
How many of these five expressions give answers which are *not* prime numbers?
 $1^2 + 2^2$ $2^2 + 3^2$ $3^2 + 4^2$ $4^2 + 5^2$ $5^2 + 6^2$

KS3
What number is twenty-one less than sixty thousand?
 A 59 979 B 59 981 C 57 900 D 40 001 E 39 000