



# WEEKLY BULLETIN

Week Ending: 3 February 2017

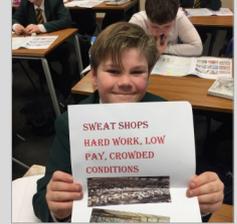
## KEY MESSAGES

- We are delighted to announce that we are the first school in the country to be awarded Gold Champion by the National Citizenship Service
- Please talk to your children about how they are getting along with their school-related New Year's Resolutions

## YEAR 7

After their assessments, students have settled back into their lessons in a positive and focused manner. In English, students have begun looking at the use of language within poetry, whilst in Geography there have been insightful discussions regarding the ethics of 'sweat shops' outside of the UK. Wyatt Cooper-Smith and James Belcher (pictured right) impressed with the knowledge they had gained from researching this interesting issue.

Congratulations to Layla Murphy-Paszowski, the youngest member of the Toot Hill archery team, who helped her team to victory over Bilborough School.



## YEAR 8

The options booklet (pictured right) has been provided to all Year 8 students. The options form allows students to select their options, and it should be handed in at the beginning of March. As you are aware, there are two Options Information Sessions running on Tuesday 7, February from 6-7pm (tutor sets 8.1 to 8.7) and 7.30-8.30pm (tutor sets 8.8 to 8.14). This will be a great opportunity for parents to come into school and listen to the information provided about the curriculum next year. To ease the pressure on seating and car parking, we would prefer you to attend your child's allocated session but we understand that this will not be possible in all cases. To avoid parking issues, we recommend that you park within the bus park.

Students will choose taster sessions during tutor time next week and the taster sessions will take place on Wednesday, 22 February.

Thank you for your support during the Year 8 assessments. It was great to see so many students who had prepared thoroughly and organised themselves with the correct equipment.



## YEAR 9

Letters have gone home this week in preparation for PSHE Days that will take place on 21 and 23 February. The days will provide another timely opportunity for the year group to reflect on some topical issues.

In GCSE Food Technology, pupils in Miss Leeson's lesson were experimenting with their shortbread recipe.

The 'control' theme continues this term will all pupils being encouraged to consider the importance of being calm and how it can positively impact on their daily lives. There is a fantastic app available to download and pupils will be having a taster session in school next week!

Year 7 Diplomats are pictured right during Year 9 Parents' Evening for C and D Bands on Thursday.



## YEAR 10

Congratulations to Sam Richards who, with a total score of 196, came second in the latest Toot Hill vs Biberough College archery competition. This score cemented a 3-1 lead over the College.

Last week Miss Robinson took Hannah Branson, Lauren Preece and Charlotte Georgiades to the English Speaking Union Competition. As main speaker, Hannah gave a very bold speech on social justice; Lauren was the team questioner who quizzed the other team's speaker with such accuracy, she had her stumbling over her words; and Charlotte was the team chair who opened and closed the event. The girls were excellent role models for Toot Hill and we came first runner-up and Lauren Preece won the overall award for Best Questioner - well done girls!

Assessments have started this week. Please contact your son/daughter's teacher if you have any subject specific questions.



## YEAR 11

A range of subject teachers are putting on intervention sessions during February half term to ensure coursework and/or preparation for the assessments are a key focus. We hope you will support these valuable sessions. Year 11 assessments will begin on Monday, 6 March and students should be making the most of the revision and booster sessions available to them.

We have spent the last few weeks of active tutoring focusing on 'emotional control', looking at triggers and coping strategies for stress and anxiety. We have particularly focused on using different breathing techniques to help refocus and relax when feeling stressed and also to help with sleeping patterns and getting the recommended 9 hours of sleep. Please have a look on our twitter account @toothill2017 for more tips and techniques.

Congratulations to two of our most talented archers. Lukas Burton and Eleanor Bentley both competed, and shot two golds each, as part of a Toot Hill team against Bilborough securing a strong win of 966 to 612.

As the Year 11 students are coming to the end of their 5-year journey at Toot Hill, they had their final year group photo and it has been amazing to see how they have grown not just in height but in character and personality. The photo will be available to purchase shortly.



### Recommended Reads:

- Year 7: *'Cage of Roots'* by Matt Green
- Year 8: *'River of ink'* by Helen Dennis
- Year 9: *'I am Legend'* by Richard Matheson
- Year 10: *'Animal Farm'* by George Orwell
- Year 11: *'The Alchemist'* by Paulo Coelho

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

KS3					
What is the value of $1/25 + 0.25$ ?					
A 0.29	B 0.3	C 0.35	D 0.50	E 0.65	

KS4					
One third of the animals in Jacob's flock are goats, the rest are sheep. There are twelve more sheep than goats. How many animals are there altogether in Jacob's flock?					
A 12	B 24	C 36	D 48	E 60	