### **KEY MESSAGES**

Assembly Theme: Next weeks assemblies will be celebrating the students achievements

Please speak to your children about road safety as we have had a number of concerns raised regarding children running across busy roads putting themselves and drivers at risk

# YEAR 7

It was fantastic to see Year 7 really embrace and enjoy reading week. The idea is for students to read a book of their own choice for the first 10 minutes of every lesson during the week.

We also had author, Simon James Green visit us and deliver a creative character workshop in the Learning Lounge for a group of students who signed up to attend this session.

Head of Year 7: Mrs L Munro Pastoral Lead: Mr M Leslie

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# YEAR 8

Students have been considering what options they will take in preparation for Year 9 and their learning journey into Year 11. Mr Garner has recorded the Options Evening which will soon be uploaded for parents and students to watch if they wish to check anything over or if they were unable to attend. Toot Hill Website also provides information on Options and Subject information.

Year 8 Parents Evening will begin very soon, we recommend students not to complete their Options Form until seeing their teachers. The forms will need to be handed in by Friday 13 March. You will be able to book appointments for Parents Evening online from Tuesday 11 February.

Head of Year 8: Miss L Hughes Achievement Coordinator: Miss I Ridley

# YEAR 9

Year 9 have been discussing the importance of E-Safety every day this week and as a result have thought carefully about different issues and solutions to potential difficult situations. We have been proud to overhear many mature conversations both amongst friendship groups and amongst tutor sets

A special mention must go to Kieran Evison 9.7 this week, for his improved behaviour and attitude in BTEC sport over the last two weeks. The work he has completed has been excellent and he has been really focused in every one of his lessons. His teacher has even nominated him for a hot chocolate with Mrs Paley- keep it up!

Head of Year 9: Miss N Ward Achievement Coordinator: Miss B Marshall

## **YEAR 10**

This week the Year 10 Brilliant Club celebrated their graduation with a ceremony at Nottingham University. The parents of pupils and staff who have worked with the pupils, taking their lead from Miss Middleton, were extremely proud of all of their achievements. Pupils have dedicated a lot of time and effort into the club completing additional work and higher level thinking.

There was a also a trip for 10 students to West Nottinghamshire College for those interested in a career in medicine. Toot Hill students worked with other schools in three sessions covering diagnostics, medical ethics and emergency treatment. Each session was led by 3rd Year medical students from the University of Nottingham and were both practical and informative.

Head of Year 10: Mr D Mordue Achievement Coordinator: Miss I Sheldon

# **YEAR 11**

Year 11 have been completing their core mock exams this week. They have worked hard for these examinations and have shown real dedication to achieving as well as they can. The students are looking forward to planning the prom and the venue will be Nottingham Rugby Club on 19 June 2020.

We will be having our Year group photograph on Monday 10 February. Please make sure that your child is dressed smartly and that they are wearing their 2020 tie. We also have the Year 11 parent information evening on Thursday 13 February. This will inform you of the protocol for the examinations, subject specialists advice on how to answer the exams and allow for any queries that you have to be answered.

Head of Year 11: Miss V Salt Achievement Coordinator: Miss A Hall

#### Learning Lounge News

Reading Week has been amazing! Students and staff have enjoyed the reading time at the beginning of lesson and we had reading related lunchtime activities that included Poetry Slam, silent reading and Bookheads quiz. Also, we had a fantastic, inspiring visit from author Simon James Green who had students creating characters through a drama related session. Next year Reading Week will be for Year 7 to 9.

#### Careers Update

National apprenticeship week runs from the Monday 3 February to Friday 7 February. For more information about apprenticeships and what they can offer please click on the link https://m

Brackenhurst will have open days on the following dates for Post 16 and 18 prospective students.

### Saturday 22 February 2020 Saturday 21 March 2020

Year 10 Nottingham College trips We will be running the following taster days at Nottingham College for Year 10:-12 February 2020 - Haith and Social Care 03 March 2020 - Hait and Beauty 11 March 2020 - Catering and Hospitality 13 March 2020 - Motor Vehicle 19 March 2020 - Construction - bricklaying

If your child is interested in exploring this career pathway and would like to go on the trip please contact ffarmer@toothillschool for details. These trips will take place during the school day. There will be further trips to employers taking place soon - details to follow.













