



WEEKLY BULLETIN

Week Ending: 9 February 2018

KEY MESSAGES

- Occasionally a vacancy on the THS Governing Board arises and we are keen to hear from parents who may be interested in such an opportunity should it arise. If you would like your name held on our contact list for further information regarding this, please email our Clerk to the Governors, Karen Murphy-Ryan on kmurphy-ryan@toothillschool.co.uk

YEAR 7

It has been another very exciting few days at Toot Hill. This week many of our Year 7 students have been taking part in a food tasting project in their language lessons. Spanish students have had the opportunity to try chorizo, tortilla Española (Spanish omelette), churros con chocolate (a chocolate doughnut delight), amongst many other tasty treats, whilst our French students have indulged in delicious breakfast choices from chocolate brioche to warm croissants. It has been a pleasure witnessing the Year 7 pupils being so proactive and excited by this experience. They have all really enjoyed learning more about the culture, whether this be the food, customs or music choices of their chosen country. This excitement will continue over the course of the year when students will be able to talk about where they would like to visit in the future, as well as keeping up with the music charts in the country of choice! We are all really impressed with the maturity and level of interest that Year 7 pupils have shown in such an exciting project this week. Well done!

This is a final reminder for anyone still needing to return an Adventure 8 slip. We need to determine final numbers before half term so if you still need a letter, please collect one from the Year 7 office.

Head of Year 7: Ms N Ward



YEAR 8

Over the past two weeks, the Year 8 Prefects and Business Ambassadors have been working hard to source a product for Valentine's Day. They have decided to sell sweet cones filled with marshmallows, jelly strawberries and other gummy treats. They have been visiting tutor sets to take orders and payments for the sweet cones and they will be delivered to pupils on Valentine's Day with a personalised message. On Wednesday this week, the pupils went to Bingham Market and sold their product to members of the public.

Thank you to those pupils and parents who attended Options Evening this week. Pupils have selected their Taster Day choices this week and they will be trying out some of their potential options next week. Their Options forms cannot be handed in to tutors until after Parents' Evening. The bookings for Parents' Evening will open on Monday, 12 February and should be booked via Insight.

Head of Year 8: Mrs L Munro



YEAR 9

Year 9 have been working hard in tutor set this week to reflect on their 9.2 report and set targets to work towards for their 9.3 report. They have been recording these in their careers booklets and they will be able to compare their progress throughout the year when the 9.3 report comes out later this academic year.

The year group are looking forward to the PSHE days next week: Tuesday, 13 February for A and B band and Thursday, 15 February for C and D Band. Please ask your child to return their reply slip and £3 for their PSHE day.

Head of Year 9: Ms V Salt



YEAR 10

As the Year 10 assessment period comes to an end, I would like to congratulate all the pupils for their efforts over the last couple of weeks. I am confident that their hard work will be reflected in their scores.

The focus in the year group has been on improving attendance over the last three weeks. Tutor set 10.2 was recognised for having the highest overall attendance and pupils were treated to a reward breakfast on Friday morning, 9 February to celebrate.

The next Year 10 focus will be on recognising the tutor set with the lowest number of negative behaviour points. Good luck to all pupils!

Heads of Year 10: Mr D Lynas



YEAR 11

Over the last three weeks, we have had positive feedback from the College Team on the quality of interviews with Year 11 students. This is a credit to the preparation and planning the students have put into the interviews. If you have applied for Toot Hill College and have yet to book an interview slot, you will need to do so by Friday, 16 February.

Mock exams start w/c Monday, 5 March. Your child will receive the timetable this week so they can effectively plan their revision timetable. Students should be spending around two hours per night revising in preparation for the summer examinations. Please speak to your child's tutor if you need any support or advice.

Joint Heads of Year 11: Miss L Hughes & Mr R Wickens

Work Experience - Nottinghamshire Fire Service: 9 - 13 July 2018

Nottinghamshire Fire Service has opened up applications for its work experience programme for this year. The closing date is Friday, 16 February 2018. If your child is interested in applying, please contact ffarmer@toothillschool.co.uk.

Pathways into Nottinghamshire Police - update

There has been a little uncertainty about the pathways into the Police recently, but it is thought that the following will be the pathways for the future:

- Obtaining the Policing BA Degree through self-funded university
- The Policing Apprenticeship where you go to university to obtain the Policing Degree but get paid
- Degree direct entry for those who already hold degrees, but not necessarily in policing

Confirmed information will be available soon.

Joining the Army as a Medic/Dentist/Nurse/Physio etc

If your son/daughter is interested in joining the Army as a Medic, please contact ffarmer@toothillschool.co.uk for further information.