



# KEY MESSAGES



## WEEKLY BULLETIN

Week Ending: 17 November 2017

- Please note the school will be closed on our INSET day on **Monday, 27 November 2017**
- Please be reminded that pupils should be wearing the correct uniform. Blazers and skirts must be worn correctly otherwise tutors will be placing pupils on report or into Head's Detention

## YEAR 7

We are so proud of the kindness and generosity of the year group this week that has resulted in 119 shoe boxes being collected for the Samaritans' 'Operation Christmas Child' appeal. John Eagles from the local church collected the shoe boxes and was overwhelmed with how many we had donated. A special thanks to tutor sets 7.1 (Miss Gunn) and 7.10 (Miss Zaffarese) who collected the most in the year group.

This week we have also been celebrating Anti-Bullying Week where the students have been reflecting on this year's theme 'All Different, All Equal'. Students have been decorating the classrooms with blue paper chains containing individual comments to celebrate everyone's differences.

Please can I take this opportunity to remind you to return your child's letter regarding the Christmas Activities Day in Nottingham Ice Rink on Thursday, 14 December 2017. We would really like every member of the year group to be able to celebrate the end of their first term at Toot Hill School with us and their tutors. Reply slips need to be handed in no later than Friday, 24 November.

Head of Year 7: Ms N Ward



## YEAR 8

This week has been one of sporting success with our Year 8 girls' netball team entering a tournament and for the first time won 3 out of 3 matches, whereas our Year 8 boys' B football team faced a nail-biting match where they won on penalties. What a fantastic achievement!

Many of our students have chosen to attend a Q&A talk with Robert Jenrick MP. During this talk, students found out more about the world of law and politics before getting the opportunity to pose their own questions.

To help raise money for Children in Need, a cake sale took place over both lunch times with the total raised to be announced next week.

Head of Year 8: Mrs L Munro



## YEAR 9

Year 9 have been enjoying participating in our whole-school theme of anti-bullying and kindness this week. On Monday, 13 November 2017, pupils in Year 9 debated kindness scenarios and have been making paper chains in tutor set throughout the week to celebrate the 'all equal; all different' theme for anti-bullying.

We have been very impressed with the pupils' approach to their revision for their assessments commencing on 28 November. Please ask your child to see their tutor if they need any support.

We are very proud of the Year 9 and 10 boys' hockey players as they won the Central Venue League last night. A big well done to the players who have shown excellent commitment this term!

Head of Year 9: Ms V Salt



## YEAR 10

The first academic report of the year has now been issued. Please ensure that you have logged onto Insight and spent some time reflecting on it with your son/daughter.

It has been an extremely busy week in tutor time. Anti-bullying has been the focus for the first part of the week with pupils making paper chains to show their unity against bullying.

Children in Need was the whole-school focus at the end of the week with pupils donating cakes and sweets to sell. Ben Walster is pictured right having bravely offered to have his head shaved to raise money for a diabetes charity. A special mention is due for Ben along with all parents and carers who have donated this week.

Heads of Year 10: Mr D Lynas



## YEAR 11

Year 11 have had an incredibly busy week of examinations and we are proud of how they have conducted themselves during this period. As the pupils continue to do their assessments next week, it is important that they ensure they are correctly equipped. For all science, maths and geography examinations, it is essential that pupils have a calculator with them to enable them to answer all of the questions.

Pupils are now able to apply for Toot Hill College via [https://www.toothillschool.co.uk/forms/college\\_apply\\_2018.php](https://www.toothillschool.co.uk/forms/college_apply_2018.php). They will need their predicted grades to do this, but it is a good opportunity to look at the application form in preparation for this. We had an excellent range of odd socks for Children in Need today and we are pleased with the contributions pupils made.

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



## Careers Update - Debating Club

The University of Nottingham Law students would like to help Toot Hill School start a Debating Club. This is likely to start in February 2018 on Wednesdays after school. If your son/daughter is interested in joining the Club please email [ffarmer@toothillschool.co.uk](mailto:ffarmer@toothillschool.co.uk). It is not essential for your child to be taking Law but a keen interest in debating is important.

## All Year 11s - National Citizen Service (NCS) Summer 2018

All Year 11s - sign up for NCS before 31 December 2017 and pay just £35! (rather than £50) by using code 'EARLYBIRD18'. Call 0121 386 6910 or visit [www.ncsingeus.co.uk](http://www.ncsingeus.co.uk) to sign up. Enquiries to [mainsley@toothillschool.co.uk](mailto:mainsley@toothillschool.co.uk)



## Year 7/8/9 Activities Week - France, Barcelona and Cornwall (Surf's Up)

Residential visits are running to France, Barcelona and Cornwall (surfing) during next year's Activities Week. Pupils should collect a letter from Reception and return it by 21 November 2017.