



WEEKLY BULLETIN

Week Ending: 19 January 2018

KEY MESSAGES

- Polite reminder: the cashless system is limited to a £5 daily spend
- In order for us to maximise the school day, please ensure your child arrives on the school site by 8.25am and is in registration at 8.30am

YEAR 7

The Year 7 students have just began their first exam week at Toot Hill. This can be a daunting time for many students, however, we have been very impressed with how well they have all conducted themselves and taken it in their stride. Students have been working on revision techniques and managing stress during PSHE with their tutors and I feel this has helped them prepare and try their best.

This week we have also launched 'Adventure 8', the new Year 8 residential that will take place in October 2018. This is an exciting and fantastic opportunity for the year group to enjoy as well as taking part in activities they do not experience every day. This is the only residential trip which is open to just Year 7 and therefore we would love as many students as possible to attend. This is not only a trip for students to enjoy, but they will also develop other skills such as teamwork, organisation and confidence.

Head of Year 7: Ms N Ward

YEAR 8

Assessments have begun this week so students have focused on completing these to the highest standards. Please continue to support your child with their assessments by looking at the Keep Up Not Catch Up page on the school website.

Information regarding the Options process will be shared shortly with students on Friday, 2 February and at the Parents' Information Evening on Tuesday, 6 February. During active tutoring and PSHE this term, we will continue to look at making informed decisions.

There are lots of Harry Potter activities taking place within the Learning Lounge this term - please see the school website for more details.

Head of Year 8: Mrs L Munro

YEAR 9

Year 9 have been focusing on careers in active tutoring this week. They have been reflecting on their skillsets and have been creating their CV. They have also been developing their employability skills and many pupils have commented on how confident they feel with this.

Thank you for booking appointments on Insight for Parents' Evenings on Wednesday, 24 January (A+B band) and Thursday, 1 February (C+D band). Please contact your child's tutor if you need any help with booking an appointment. We are very much looking forward to meeting you and discussing your child's progress.

Head of Year 9: Ms V Salt

YEAR 10

Preparations are now well under way for the upcoming assessments. In tutor time, pupils have been completing a revision timetable designed to help them with their preparations. In lessons, pupils are working hard to ensure that they are well prepared.

The BTEC Sport pupils are pictured here participating in the multi-stage fitness test. This is an important part of their six-week training programme which represents a key part of their coursework. It was interesting to see how fit pupils were following the Christmas break!

Heads of Year 10: Mr D Lynas

YEAR 11

It has been another busy week for Year 11, with many of our pupils sitting their Geography mock exam. The behaviour in this exam was exemplary from all pupils involved. As well as mock examinations, we have had another fantastic turn out at Parents' Evening on Thursday, 18 January 2018 for C and D band, and we are thoroughly grateful for all of the support you are giving to the pupils.

The Year 11s have been continuing to focus on their destinations, with many pupils finishing their applications for the Toot Hill College. In tutor set, pupils have been looking at their network of contacts, readying themselves for the next steps.

There is a Careers and Networking Fair on Thursday, 25 January from 6-8pm. We hope to see many pupils at the Fair which gives them the opportunity to talk to local colleges, employers, apprenticeship providers and universities.

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

Careers Update

Years 7, 8, 9 are working on developing their employability skills this half term. They are researching and exploring a range of careers during Active Tutoring. Students will bring their Careers and Employability Work Books home to complete some research for homework. We would appreciate you talking to your child about their future aspirations.

Year 11 are self evaluating their employability skills, are researching Post 16 and Post 18 career pathways with a view to making a well informed decision at the end of Year 11. Please speak to your son/daughter about the decisions they are making. One to one careers advice and guidance is available - please contact ffarmer@toothillschool.co.uk.

NCS 18: Year 11s

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CAREERS AND WORK EXPERIENCE

Careers and Networking Fair

Thursday 25 January 2018
6.00pm - 8.00pm at Toot Hill School

Talk to local colleges, employers, apprenticeship providers and universities about a variety of career pathways. Find out what employers look for when recruiting staff. Further details of who will be attending to follow soon.

Everyone welcome
Years 11-13 (students and parents)

See Mrs Farmer in the Careers Office for more details.

To keep up-to-date on latest opportunities: www.toothillextra.co.uk @ToothillExtra

