



WEEKLY BULLETIN

Week Ending: 26 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 7s have officially finished their very first set of assessments today. They should all be very proud for getting through this busy time and conducting themselves in a calm and sensible manner. The assessment process has shown that our students can be organised, pro-active and resilient.

Students have started to think about their future career choices in PSHE and we are very excited to say that we have some ambitious individuals aspiring to be astronauts, dancers and bakers!

Our upcoming residential 'Adventure 8' continues to be the talk of the year group. This week the Year 7s have discussed more information on the different activities that range from abseiling to orienteering. If students have misplaced their letter they can pick up another from the Year 7 office any day next week.

Head of Year 7: Ms N Ward



YEAR 8

Four of the Year 8 Teaching and Learning ambassadors have been working hard this week to find out what types of assessment for learning they find beneficial within lessons. Yasmin Rahman, Emma Tomlinson, Bella Findlay and Reuben Willis facilitated discussions with a group of Key Stage 3 students from a wide range of tiers. Their discussions were extremely positive and this information has been shared with teachers to inform their practice. The findings showed that pupils love having creative and practical lessons and they enjoy spending time annotating their work with purple pens to improve their understanding and knowledge.

A big thank you to our Year 8 Prefects who assisted in recent Parents' Evenings for Year 9 and 11. Your hard work, politeness and commitment was commented on by many.

We have come to the end of our two weeks of January assessments. Well done Year 8! You have made an exceptional start back to the term.

Head of Year 8: Mrs L Munro



YEAR 9

The first Year 9 Parents' Evening (A and B band) took place this week. Parents had some very productive conversations about their child's progress and the pupils have commented that they were given clear targets to ensure they achieve the best that they can.

Active tutoring this week focused on careers. The pupils reflected on their current networks and were thinking about contacts that they can gain in order to secure work experience.

The next Parents' Evening takes place on Thursday, 1 February 2018 for C and D bands. Please continue to book appointments on Insight and let your child's tutor know if you need any help with booking an appointment.

The Year 9s won 2-0 at Magnus on Monday, 22 January 2018 to reach the final of the Forest Vase! The final will be played at the City Ground on a date tbc. We hope to see as many staff, pupils, parents and members of the local community there as possible.

Head of Year 9: Ms V Salt



YEAR 10

Pupils are now fully focused on the assessments that start on Monday, 29 January 2018. We encourage all parents and carers to encourage pupils to relax through a demanding couple of weeks.

A special mention for Willem Hayes who was part of the Toot Hill team who took part in the Regional Society of Chemistry Top of the Bench Competition at the University of Derby competing against 13 other schools from all over the East Midlands. After having qualified for the elimination rounds, they finished in a very respectable third position. Thank you to Dr Thornton for her involvement.

Heads of Year 10: Mr D Lynas



YEAR 11

It was great to see so many parents and pupils at the Careers Fair on Thursday, 25 January. The evening was a great success with students having the opportunity to speak to potential employers, further and higher education employers.

Year 11 Product Design students are now well into the process of manufacturing their products. Models have been refined and the skills being developed are testament to their hard work and effort during lessons and booster sessions. A wide variety of products and material areas are being explored with so many students developing new skills in the workshop areas, from costumes and fancy dress outfits in textiles to lighting, furniture and designer inspired products using woods, metals and plastics. One context has encouraged a student to develop and manufacture a range of items to help support children learn new languages. We look forward to seeing the products when they are fully complete. Watch this space!

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



Jobs update

East Bridgford Garden Centre is seeking friendly and motivated individuals to join them at the new Garden Centre. This is due to be opened by the Blue Diamond Group in March. There will be 9,500sqm of retailing space, three restaurants and a play barn. There are vacancies over a range of departments for both part-time and full-time staff suitable for 16+ years including adults. To apply for any of the vacancies visit the website: <http://www.bluediamond.gg/careers>

Visit by Author of Web of Darkness, Bali Rai - Monday, 12 February 2018

Web of Darkness: "When the incredibly attractive Benedict befriends Lily online, she is thrilled. He is so much more mature than boys her age and he seems to know exactly how she's feeling. She finds herself opening up to him, telling him things she wouldn't tell anybody else. And she needs someone to confide in more than ever before as a spate of apparent suicides rocks her school - and her group of friends. But is Benedict the kind, charming person that he seemed to be initially? Lily soon realises that now, with half our lives spent online, you can be found - even if you try to hide . . ." The book is available to buy for £7.00 in the LL; meet the author in the Learning Lounge and have it signed on Monday, 12 February 2018.

