

# KEY MESSAGES

- Personal Development Curriculum: Focused around Responsibility, Integrity and Empathy
- Assembly Theme: Focused around Online Safety please see below
- Please note that all school letters can be found on **Information, Letters to Parents** on the Toot Hill School website
- Please note that there is no Extended Study on Wednesday 4 December due to Inset Day

## WEEKLY BULLETIN

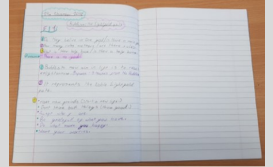
Week Ending: 29 November 2019

### YEAR 7

This week Year 7 have continued learning about the major world religions in their Philosophy and Ethics lessons. When comparing the core values and beliefs in each of the faiths, students have realised there are more similarities to be found than differences, despite what it seems on the surface. Students have focused on Buddhism this week and have considered the Noble Eightfold Path before reflecting on actions they could take in their own lives to become more mindful and fulfilled.

Unfortunately Inter-tutor set cross country was cancelled this week due to the weather. The event will be re-arranged for early 2020 and we will keep you updated with the results.

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

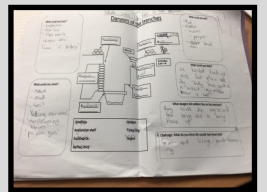


### YEAR 8

Year 8 have been collecting food and preparing for our Reverse Advent Calendar ready to take to the Food Bank before Christmas. In addition, Year 8s have also been studying World War I in History and exploring the lives of the soldiers and the conditions of the trenches.

Other students in the year group have participated in the 'We Will Rock You' trip which took place on Wednesday 27 November and have shared how much fun it was!

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



### YEAR 9

Year 9 PE students have been studying the heart and the double circulatory system this week and have prepared some incredible display work. Students have actively engaged in discussion and have done further research in their own time to improve their knowledge of physical anatomy.

Next week they will look forward to a real heart dissection in lesson, this will allow an even better understanding of the internal structure, as they will see it first hand for themselves. Very impressive!

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



### YEAR 10

Year 10 are looking forward to their upcoming PSHE days centred around careers and creating their CVs. External providers, as well as class teachers will be delivering a range of sessions aimed at preparing pupils for the next steps in their education.

We also have a huge STEM opportunity coming up with John Deere. Engineers from the firm are coming into school to run a competition and we're hoping to have a full size tractor in school for inspiration.

Tutor time has been centred around political observations and discussions as we move closer to the General Election, pupils have been discussing manifestos from all parties and discussing who they would vote for.

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



### YEAR 11

Year 11s have been reflecting on their exams this week and working with their teachers to identify their areas of strength, and the topics that they need to further develop their knowledge.

The Year 11s have also been set a reverse advent calendar challenge, where as a tutor set they will need to collect donations of 24 items in their box to donate to Trussell Trust Food Bank before Christmas. The students have been very keen to do this and to help others.

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



#### Teacher - Pupil Table Tennis Competition Christmas 2019

Is taking place on Thursday 5 December 2019 in the red gym from 3-5pm. £3 pp entry fee includes competition entry, pigs in blankets pizza (or veggie option), roast spuds, drinks, live Christmassy music and a charity donation. Only 32 Team places available. Get in the festive mood and encourage your child to reserve a space **now** by asking their teacher to sign them both up in the staff room asap!

#### Year 11 Careers and Networking Fair - 9 January 2020

All Year 11 students and parents are invited to attend the Year 11 Careers Fair taking place on 9 January 2020 starting at 5.30pm - 8.00pm. There will be a variety of employers, apprenticeship providers, colleges and universities attending. This is an impartial event for students and parents to explore a variety of career pathways. Booking slots are now available - please follow link to book a place: [www.toothillschool.co.uk/careers](http://www.toothillschool.co.uk/careers)

#### Activities Week 2020 (Years 7/8/9) - Information Evening for Summer Residential Trips

There is an information evening for parents and pupils to find out more about our AW20 residential trips to Paris (Les Folies Francais), Barcelona (Destino Barcelona) or Cornwall (Surfs Up!) on Wednesday 4 December from 6.30-7.30 in the concert hall. Pupils from Years 7-9 are welcome to attend. Letters can be collected from Reception.

#### Prep Hall

Please be aware that Prep Hall (4.15pm to 5pm: Monday-Thursday) is now based in Main School Reception. All students attending must sign in with a member of staff at reception, where you will be directed to a quiet working area.

#### Online Safety Assembly

Following the online safety assemblies delivered to students this week, it is important that we continue to engage students in open dialog to keep them safe online. During the assembly we discussed the key questions young people need to be asking before they go online, when they are online and after they have logged off. Further information and support will be emailed to you next week.

