



TOOT HILL COLLEGE



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Welcome—Sarah Fox, Head of College

It is my pleasure to welcome all students back to College after the Christmas break—I hope they had a merry Christmas and a happy new year! Year 13 begin this term with their second set of formal assessments, alongside external vocational examinations; it is also an exciting term for Year 13 as university and apprenticeship offers continue to come in and they begin to plan for the year ahead. Year 12s, meanwhile, also have formal external vocational examinations and begin the term focusing on the organisation of their summer work experience placements; furthermore, in their mentor period this term they will be completing their first 'Destinations' module, which begins to outline possible pathways they may be interested in exploring further. As always, we wish them the best of luck in the next busy term ahead!

Year 13—Cath Roberts, Y13 Achievement

Year 13 have hit the ground running, returning after the Christmas break rejuvenated to begin their internal assessments. Some vocational students have also had external exams so hopefully these have gone well despite the threat of Australian influenza on the horizon! The Christmas party now seems like a distant memory but a big thanks goes out to the catering staff who put on a great feast for us all, and to Karen and the Student Union for selling tickets, making the Curve look very festive and also organising the quiz. University offers are now coming in thick and fast so well done everyone who has received offers and good luck to those with interviews looming. Mentor periods are now focused on leaving home with interesting information about how to budget on a student income, cooking basic meals and finding accommodation. For those students interested in looking at careers options for the future we have the Careers Networking event fast approaching, with Fiona Farmer in the driving seat (the person to see for further information). The Year 13 team would just like to say a big good luck to the Year 13 students for the term ahead and thanks to all their mentors for all their hard work preparing all of those UCAS references.

Year 12—Philippa Coates, Y12 Achievement

Year 12 have returned to school refreshed and invigorated after a long Christmas break; thank you to all students that helped to organise and run the Christmas Party and the Tea Dance, both events were a real success! It was really great to see so many year 12's being charitable in the run up to Christmas!

As we launch work experience next week in mentor period it is important that all students begin to think about what they want to pursue after college. Work experience will run in the final week of term in July and we want all of our students to find a valuable placement that will help them achieve their aspirations whether that be University or employment.

Myself and Miss Rev would like to wish Y12 good luck this half term as they continue to study hard in preparation for the next round of internal assessments after the half term break.

Student Destinations Programme—Spencer Lawrence, Destinations

Year 13 have put tremendous amounts of time and effort into their UCAS applications this year, and it has shone through in the high quality applications that have been submitted to their universities of choice. This year, 123 of our Year 13 cohort have submitted applications to higher education courses; it is so pleasing to hear of the many offers they have received as a result. In addition, we would also like to mention our congratulations to Sam Wilson, a pupil from last year's Year 13 cohort currently working with us as a study support mentor, who has received an offer to study Physics at St. Peter's College, Oxford University. With his grades already achieved last year, this now gives Sam an unconditional place at the university. Similarly, congratulations to Seb Rolley who has received an offer from Oxford University to study English Literature next year. Year 13 continue to attend scheduled mock interview sessions with Peter Waterland, and Fiona Farmer is working closely with Year 13s exploring alternative pathways, particularly the excellent and growing industry around apprenticeship routes. Finally, we are excited to begin working with the Year 12 cohort on destinations as we begin our focus on work experience, and our mentor period