



Key Messages

Welcome back. We hope you all had a great Christmas and New Year and are sufficiently rested for the new term ahead. Last half term was an exciting period packed with various events, assessments and university applications. All of these are outlined in our calendar which can be found on the Toot Hill School website, by clicking on the College Information tab. We also have a section for new college applications, all the information from the parents evenings and any letters that have been distributed. If you still have a query then please do not hesitate to call on 01949 863072.

Year 12

Year 12 assessments were held in the week commencing 31st October 2016. Parents received reports at Parents' Evening on 7th December 2016. Information was also given at parents evening with regards to the process for applying to drop a subject. Information regarding this is also available on the website.

The Year 12 Mentor programme in Autumn term focused on supporting student wellbeing and included time management, financial health and emotional wellbeing.

Year 13

At the beginning of November, Year 13 sat their first set of formal assessments and reports were sent out the following week. Parents' Evening was held on 28th November 2016 which saw high attendance from parents and we thank you for your continued support.

The UCAS deadline was 15th January 2017. All applications were submitted. We wish students every success in their choice of university and are excited to hear about the many offers coming through.

Mock interviews have been held on Fridays with Mr Waterland, Chair of Governors. The aim is to give students the opportunity to experience a practice formal interview and how to conduct themselves. Feedback from the students has been very positive and Mr Waterland has commented that the quality of interviews has been outstanding. Well done to all involved.

At present the Year 13 mentor programme is covering life after College. They have been focusing on subjects such as sourcing accommodation, food costs and cooking healthy budget meals. Hopefully these will help students make informed choices when the time arises.

Huge congratulations to Nuala McKenna who achieved her black belt in Tae Kwon Do over the summer. Here's what Nuala had to say about her experience;

'Jonathan Radford (year 11) and I recently went to Liverpool to complete our black belt grading in Tae Kwon Do. We have both been training at East Bridgford Martial Arts club for 9 years. The grading consisted of weapons demonstrations, fighting and a series of Tae Kwon Do patterns. The last component of the grading was wood breaking. Although the day was very tiring, it was well worth it and very rewarding.'



Year 12 and Year 13

Fantastic performances from all students that partook in Grease at Newark Theatre. Lots of talented students to watch out for in the future!



College students remembered The Fallen by writing messages in remembrance to those who died in WW1, WW2 and subsequent wars since. On 11th November 2016 we all observed a two minute silence.



The Student Union organised some great events to raise money for Children In Need. These included a Bake Sale and a very popular 'Soak the Teacher'! A great time was had by all (even the staff) and we raised a fantastic £80.00 for the charity. Well done and thanks to everyone who donated.

The start of the festive season saw a variety of events for the students to get involved with.

On the 12th December 2016 we invited 90 children aged 5-7 years from a primary school in Nottingham city centre. They played games, enjoyed arts and crafts, met Santa and his helpers and enjoyed a light lunch. All the students involved did a tremendous job entertaining the children for nearly two hours. The feedback from the primary school was very positive and we received some fabulous letters from the children with details of their favourite moments from the day.





The annual Tea Dance took place on 14th December 2016, and again we had a great turn out. Young and old alike enjoyed music from the Toot Hill Big Band which included the Colleges' very own Mr Travis playing the saxophone. Refreshments were prepared and served by the sixth form students, and we all enjoyed a spin on the dance floor.



The last of the Christmas celebrations took place on 15th December 2016. Students and staff enjoyed a traditional Christmas Lunch served by the fantastic ladies in The Curve Café. The afternoon continued with Christmas songs, quizzes and festive films.

We would just like to say a huge thanks to all students, parents, grandparents and staff that donated gifts for the Christmas events. Without your generosity none of these occasions would have been as successful as they were. Thank you!

Upcoming Events

20th January 2017

Deadline for College applications for Sept 2017

23rd January—3rd February 2017 Sept intake College Interviews

26th January 2017

6pm-8pm Careers and Networking Fair for Years 11.12 and 13
book a place online at www.toothillschool.co.uk/careers or call for further details

31st January 2017

College photographs