



KEY MESSAGES



WEEKLY BULLETIN

Week Ending: 24 March 2017

- Fidget Toys: The use of fidget toys, and fidget spinners in particular, has become increasingly popular in lessons over recent weeks. These items can distract other students from their learning. Consequently, such items are NOT permitted in class unless a student has been given clear permission by their Head of Year to do so. Any student using a fidget toy without this permission will risk confiscation of the item in question. We recommend that such items are not brought into school
- Reminder that students must not bring hot liquids into school for health and safety reasons
- Spring term ends Friday, 31 March and Summer term starts on Tuesday, 18 April

YEAR 7

Students approached their 'Dance-athon' challenge for Red Nose Day with enthusiasm and confidence; thank you for your support at home with sponsorship and please look out for photographs appearing shortly.

Another student showing confidence this week is Liam Parkes; he recently achieved first place in a gymnastics competition showcasing great skill on the floor and the vault. Well done Liam!

The Year 7 football team have now secured their position in the semi finals of two cup competitions after their 1-0 victory over Rushcliffe school. 'Man of the Match' goes to Billy Sampey for the skill and leadership he showed throughout the game.

Head of Year 7: Mrs L Munro



YEAR 8

Congratulations to the Year 8 cricket team who won the Indoor County Cricket Tournament and will now represent Nottinghamshire in the regional finals. Well done to Joseph Smith, Kieran Donnelly, Ewan Butterfield, Jay Butterfield, Sam Derry, Thomas Wilson, Fynn Purnell, Daniel Mclean and Sam Hart.

On Friday, 31 March, we will have our annual 'good eggs' assembly where staff have nominated students in the year group. There are currently 257 nominations so please discuss with your child what they could do to be nominated.

Thank you for your positive feedback from Parents' Evening. It is fantastic to know that you feel supported by the school. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch with your child's tutor.

Head of Year 8: Mr A Modi



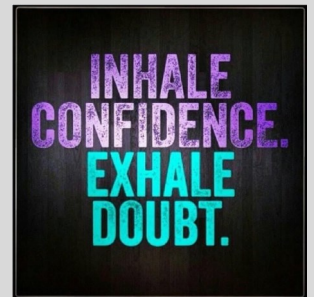
YEAR 9

In line with the 'Developing Character at Toot Hill' initiative, pupils have been considering how to improve their 'confidence' which is this term's focus word.

In lessons, pupils are beginning to look ahead to the next set of assessments which will take place in May.

For Red Nose Day, pupils wore something red and sold cakes and ice pops to raise money. Pupils from every tutor set also volunteered to take part in a 'Rowathon' with all proceeds going to charity.

Head of Year 9: Mr D Lynas



YEAR 10

We are incredibly proud of our Year 10 students this week, following their Interview Day on Tuesday. All of the external providers were absolutely 'blown away' by the way in which they presented themselves and represented the school. It was clear to everyone how well the students had prepared themselves for the day and this allowed them to confidently carry out their interviews.

Following the issuing of Year 10 reports last Friday, we ask that you spend time going through these together, identifying any key areas for students to focus on. If you are unable to access reports on Insight, please let tutors know and they will be able to assist you.

Head of Year 10: Mr R Wickens



YEAR 11

After weeks of rehearsals and after school boosters, the GCSE Drama students had their practical performance assessment this week. The pupils produced very high quality performances, making the audience gasp, laugh and, at times, cry! A personal highlight was watching the pupils support each other through last-minute nerves and utilise the work we have done on breathing control and confidence. The level of camaraderie between pupils and staff was remarkable; it was a truly memorable day.

As we near the countdown to the end of Year 11, the Prom Committee has sent out letters outlining the arrangements for the Prom. Please encourage your child to attend the Prom as sometimes pupils can feel that 'it's not for them', however it really is a highlight of five years at school and such a lovely end to the year. They will need to return their slip with a £15 deposit by Friday, 31 March.

Head of Year 11: Mrs J Gray



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