# WEEKLY BULLETIN

Week Ending: 24 November 2017

### YEAR 7

Year 7 have continued to excel in representing the school ethos of 'Work Hard Be Kind'. Last Friday the whole year group took part in a Danceathon in support of Children in Need. Their enthusiasm and determination to raise as much money as possible was incredible. It quickly became apparent that as well as enjoying the dancing and fun atmosphere, the students were excited about raising money as a year group. As a result, an amazing £135 was donated in just 40 minutes - a fantastic achievement!

Many of our students also baked cakes and helped on the cake stalls over break and lunch times to raise money – another example of Year 7s going out of their way to help others.

As Christmas approaches, so does our festive Activity Day. Please can any students who have not already returned a letter of confirmation do so as quickly as possible so we can ensure as many of us take to the ice as possible.

Head of Year 7: Ms N Ward

## YEAR 8

During their music lessons, all Year 8 classes have been working on a group performance of a song of their choice. 8i and 8g were named as those the 'most improved presentation and singing', whilst 8c were chosen as the 'best communicators' and 8a had the 'best instrumental backing'. 8b were chosen as the overall winners and were rewarded with a pizza party this week. Well done!

With their assessments rapidly approaching in January, students will be given resources during tutor time next week to help them think about ways of revising effectively and will be encouraged to start collecting revision packs from their teachers. Assessment timetables will also be available shortly.

Head of Year 8: Mrs L Munro

### YEAR 9

Year 9 have been busy preparing for their assessments this week. They begin on Tuesday, 28 November and the revision materials can be found on the 'keep up, not catch up' section of the school website. We have been working with your child during tutor set to ensure that they are fully equipped. If your child still requires equipment, please ask them to speak to their tutor.

In History, pupils have been working hard for their assessments. Sam Pooley (pictured right) produced some excellent revision work this week.

Head of Year 9: Ms V Salt

### YEAR 10

In active tutoring, Year 10 have been focusing on recognising how social media can affect young people. The theme is very topical and the year group have shown real maturity when discussing some sensitive issues. The pupils are now looking ahead to PSHE day which provides another valuable opportunity to consider some key issues within society.

The Year 10 BTEC Dance group have been able to attend a fantastic workshop at Brooksby College this week as part of their qualification. Thanks to Miss Hall and Mrs Saward for organising the event,

Year 10 PSHE day is on Friday, 1 December for C/D band, and Friday, 8 December for A/B band.

Heads of Year 10: Mr D Lynas

### YEAR 11

Over the last two weeks, Year 11 have been sitting their GCSE mocks. The students have been a credit to themselves in terms of how they have approached the assessments and it has been great to see so many revision timetables.

Mock results day is on Tuesday, 12 December. Students will receive a results envelope, just as they will in August 2018 when they receive their actual results. The 11.2 Report will be given out to students and uploaded to Insight on Wednesday, 13 December.

On Friday, 17 November 2017, Robert Jenrick MP for Newark and Bingham visited Toot Hill School as part of UK Parliament Week. The event was solely organised by Year 11 student, Jack Kellas, as part of his wider promotion of politics across the school. We are incredibly proud of Jack.

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

#### **Newark Academy Trip**

The Toot Hill News Team was lucky enough to be invited to a talk on journalism at Newark Academy on Thursday, 23 November. The talk was given by Editor and Director of the Newark Advertiser, Chris Prime - an inspiring and interesting talk!

#### Author Visit - 'Emma Pass'

Emma Pass, author of ACID and The Fearless, visited the Learning Lounge on Wednesday, 22 November 2017. Thirty students from Toot Hill and Newark Academy were treated to an inspiring creative writing session. At lunch time, Emma signed books that the students had purchased prior to her visit.

#### All Year 11s - National Citizen Service (NCS) Summer 2018

All Year 11s - sign up for NCS before 31 December 2017 and pay just £35! (rather than £50) by using code 'EARLYBIRD18'. Call 0121 386 6910 or visit www.ncsingeus.co.uk to sign up. Enquiries to mtinsley@toothillschool.co.uk.

#### KEY MESSAGES

- Please be reminded that pupils should be wearing the correct uniform. Blazers and skirts must be worn correctly otherwise tutors will be placing pupils on report or into Head's Detention
- We are proud of our anti bullying ambassadors this week. We will continue with our anti bullying focus in tutor set











