

KEY MESSAGES

 We have a brand new defibrillator at the School - thank you to everyone who helped fund raise for this valuable piece of equipment.

YEAR 7

Our Year 7 Diplomats were selected before the Christmas holidays. This is an opportunity for students to develop their leadership, teamwork and communication skills. One of their first responsibilities this year has been to run the first Year 9 Parents' Evening - students were polite, knowledgeable and very professional on the night. Thank you and well done Jamie, Evie, Amelia, Stan, Niamh and Mia.

It has been fantastic to see so many students signing up for the Hagg Farm Residential trip in October 2017. To secure a place please pay a deposit of £25 by Friday, 10 February.

Please be reminded that there will be a whole year photograph on Tuesday morning.

YEAR 8

The Year 8 girls participated in their first rugby tournament of 2017 against four other schools. It was a huge success and the girls represented themselves and the school excellently.

As you are aware there are a number of key dates coming up. Please ensure you have returned your child's Parents' Evening letter to their tutor. All students will start making appointments from Monday, 6 February.

A big thank you to Frankie Berry and Ava Harris in 8.12 who are creating 'Toot Hill's Big Think' question each week. This is where all students have an opportunity to select one of two options and vote for their favourite topic via Student Services.

YEAR 9

Thank you to all parents/carers for making the effort to attend Parents' Evening on Wednesday. It was extremely well attended and provided the perfect opportunity for staff, pupils and parents to reflect on the year so far. Pupils are becoming increasingly aware of their current academic position. It was a really positive atmosphere and we look forward to welcoming the other half of the year on Thursday, 2 February.

Pupils produced some fantastic work in Miss Sheldon's GCSE PE lesson this week. Sian Ashburn and Drew Breedon are pictured right with their work on bones, muscles and joints.

YEAR 10

Miss Ward arranged for Katy Taylor from the WE Project (partnership with Boots) to come into school last week to work with 25 Year 10 students. The project helps young people review their position in the community and supports them to make a positive contribution to the lives of local people through fundraising, volunteering or raising awareness. The students thoroughly enjoyed Katy's workshop and we are really excited to see these projects in action over the next few months.

All students were given their assessment timetables this week. Assessments begin on Monday, 30 January and revision materials have been distributed - please contact subject teachers if you have any questions.

Well done to Mr Jepps' BTEC Sport class! Mr Jepps was impressed with the design of their training programmes this week and the quality of the drills they have developed.

YEAR 11

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Many pupils have been enquiring about how they can improve their Maths grade. We would strongly recommend purchasing a Maths Revision Guide for £4 which are available directly from their Maths teacher.

The Careers Fair that took place on Thursday night was a resounding success! There were so many different stands from colleges, apprenticeship providers, universities and employers. Two Year 11 pupils commented: "I've applied for an apprenticeship tonight!" and "The Fair has given me a lot of confidence that there are lots of opportunities available even if I don't get into Toot Hill College".

The Year group photo will be taken on Tuesday, 31 January. This will be their final year group photo and you will be able to purchase a copy. Please remind your child that they need to have perfect uniform, blazer and tie for the photo session.



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