

KEY MESSAGES

- Next half term starts on Monday 26 February 2018
- From the Governors and staff at Toot Hill, we would like to thank pupils for their hard work and focus this half term

YEAR 7

Year 7 are now halfway through their first year at Toot Hill. What a fantastic year it's been so far - we are so proud of how well the year group have settled into Toot Hill life.

We have had many successes this week including the girls' football team playing against Bramcote. It was a tough game with terrible weather conditions but the girls fought hard and were pleased to come out with a 1-0 victory.

The year group have been working hard with their 'Castles' homework project for History. As well as many others, Esosa (pictured right) has created a wonderful castle that has taken a lot of time and dedication. Well done!

We are thrilled with the amount of students in the year group who have signed up to Adventure 8! The pupils will enjoy many activities throughout the three days as well as socialising with friends and becoming confident and independent individuals. Thank you to all the parents who are supporting the trip and have returned reply slips.

Head of Year 7: Ms N Ward

YEAR 8

Year 8 have had a fantastic opportunity this week to experience taster sessions in GCSE subjects that they don't currently study in Key Stage 3. This included Engineering, Fashion and Textiles, Citizenship, Media, and Business. Feedback from one of the teachers who led two of the sessions was wonderful to hear. She commented on "how amazing Year 8 were in the taster sessions I took today" and that she "doesn't teach or know much about Year 8 but they really did do you proud today!'. I hope students went away really thinking hard about what options are right for them.

Insight is now open for booking for Parents' Evening. Students' reports are also available - these include their scores from recent assessments and a written comment from each of their teachers.

Head of Year 8: Mrs L Munro

YEAR 9

Year 9 have had an excellent last week of term. The pupils enjoyed the PSHE day and learnt about a range of topics such as mental health, Positive Thinking and reducing the amount of sugar that they eat. The external visitors running the sessions commented on how engaged the pupils were and how impressed they were with their maturity. In addition, some Year 9 pupils went to a creative writing session run by Bali Rai (see pictured). It was a valuable experience for the pupils as they learnt about Bali's experience as an author.

The deadline for data collection slips was 16 February 2018. Please can any that have not yet been returned be brought to Reception by your child as soon as possible.

Head of Year 9: Ms V Salt

YEAR 10

It has been a busy half term for Year 10. Pupils have been reflecting on their recent exam results in lessons.

Looking forward, the focus is on interview day and pupils are also looking ahead to work experience in Year 11.

Heads of Year 10: Mr D Lynas

YEAR 11

Year 11 pupils have been spending the last week preparing for their mock examinations that will take place after the half term break. All pupils have been provided with an examination timetable and we request your support in helping them organise their revision around this.

The Poland trip group departed on the morning of 16 February 2018 to visit Auschwitz to carry out a walking tour of the Jewish Quarter, as well as having the opportunity to speak to a holocaust survivor. We wish them a safe journey and a great experience whilst they are there.

We look forward to seeing many of the pupils in Year 11 who will be attending boosters over the half term break; a timetable has been emailed to all parents/

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









Year 7/8/9 Activities Week 2018

Please ask your child to bring their AW18 forms back to your tutor asap! The final deadline for returning your form is Monday, 12 March 2018.

Year 9 PSHE Day

This week was PSHE day for Year 9. Students enjoyed workshops on mental health, positive mindset, internet grooming, first aid (CPR), careers, fire safety and LGBT. Please take time to ask your child about the day.