



# WEEKLY BULLETIN

Week Ending: 1 February 2019

## KEY MESSAGES

- The school calendar showing term times and school holidays can be found on the Toot Hill School website. Please do not rely on other websites as they may give misleading information about the length of our school holidays.
- Please remind your child that they are not allowed to sell sweets or drinks at school.

## YEAR 7

Our Year 7 Reading Week, organised by the Learning Lounge, has been a huge hit with the year group. Pupils have had the opportunity to read each lesson, improving their skills and engagement with reading for fun. They have also had lots of opportunities to get involved in activities at lunch time including a poetry slam. We would like to thank all of the pupils for getting involved and hope that they have enjoyed the opportunity to get stuck in to their books.

Some of our Year 7 boys and girls are competing at Wollaton Park in the Nottinghamshire County Schools cross country competition on Saturday, 2 February and we wish them all of the best. Key dates over the next two weeks include: 7 February - deadline for Adventure 8 payments and 11 February - Year group photo.

Head of Year 7: Miss L Hughes Achievement Coordinator: Miss I Ridley

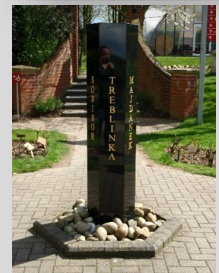


## YEAR 8

Year 8 have had another very busy week of assessments and have now started to think about the Options process that will be taking place over the next month or so. Students have been given a booklet to help inform their decisions when choosing their GCSE subjects. There will also be an Options Evening on Tuesday, 5 February for both parents and students to receive more information to help with these big and exciting decisions.

146 students went to the National Holocaust Memorial on Thursday, 31 January, as shown in the photo, and were an absolute credit to the school. Students listened carefully to survivors' anecdotes and stories as well as asking lots of sensitive and insightful questions. We even had a member of the public comment on how fantastic they were. A huge well done!

Head of Year 8: Miss N Ward Achievement Coordinator: Miss B Marshall



## YEAR 9

Year 9 have continued working through their careers booklets this week. Students have been thinking about their future aspirations and job skills required and are having some great discussions with tutors.

A number of Year 9 students have been involved in the High School Musical rehearsals and we are excited to see the show on 13 and 14 February.

Don't forget that equipment is available for students to buy from the Year Office in the mornings if they need anything.

Acting Head of Year 9: Mr D Mordue Achievement Coordinator: Miss J Smith



## YEAR 10

Year 10 have made an excellent start to their assessments this week. Their behaviour in assessments has been impeccable and the Year 10 team are very proud of them. Revision material and timetables can be accessed on the 'Keep Up Not Catch Up' part of the school website.

It has been a pleasure to walk around Year 10 lessons this week and we have seen a variety of teaching and learning techniques from using cake to model waterfall formation in Geography to mini-whiteboard quizzes in Science. In English, students have been practising their acting skills as they have been reading Macbeth. The students have been engaged and demonstrated a high understanding of the text.

Head of Year 10: Miss V Salt Achievement Coordinator: Miss I Sheldon



## YEAR 11

We are now only a week away from the next round of assessments. Pupils have been reflecting on methods of revision as they prepare for the examination period to start.

Some pupils were recognised for their outstanding progress scores with a 'Pizza Party' this week. It was great to take a moment to celebrate with pupils at such a busy part of the term.

Pupils are also looking ahead as the first round of college interviews gets under way. These will continue over the next couple of weeks.

Head of Year 11: Mr D Lynas Achievement Coordinator: Miss A Hall



## YEAR 11 POST 16 APPLICATIONS

It is great to see Year 11 students applying for their post-16 destinations. If your son/daughter is having trouble finding a suitable career pathway, is interested in an apprenticeship or needs help with their application please ask them to see Mrs Farmer in the Careers Office.

## READING WEEK

Year 7 Reading Week was amazing! Thanks to students, teachers and parents for supporting our reading marathon, lots of fantastic reading activities at lunchtime and Browns Book Bus came on Thursday, 31 January to give students the opportunity to pick books they would like to see in our superb library. Keep Calm and Keep Reading!

