VECENTRAL 2019

- **KEY MESSAGES**
- Please be reminded that parking in the disabled parking bays is restricted to registered blue badge holders only
- Extended Study sessions recommence w/c 4 March; however, please note there are no sessions on Wednesday, 6 March
- From the Governors and staff at Toot Hill, we would like to wish all parents, carers and pupils a
 restful half term break
- Next half term starts on Monday, 25 February 2019

YEAR 7

We would like to wish all our Year 7 pupils a fantastic and well-deserved half term break, after what has been a very busy time for them. Some of our year group took part in our High School Musical production and we are very proud with their commitment to rehearsals and their performance.

This week in English, Year 7 have been studying Romeo and Juliet. They have been looking at the themes within the play and how the language differs. We have been very impressed with their ability to engage with the old Shakespearean dialect. We hope you all have a relaxing half term and look forward to seeing you on Monday, 25 February.

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

YEAR 8

What a fantastic half term! It has been a very busy time with assessments, extra-curricular activities as well as a variety of department-specific trips. A special mention must go to our aspiring actors and singers this week who have taken part in the amazing school production of High School Musical. The attached picture shows our students ready for the second show on Thursday, 14 February.

They blew the audience away with their smiling faces and incredible confidence. Alessio Corah (8.5) made the whole audience giggle with his numerous funny one-liners. We want to take this time to wish you all a very happy half-term and we look forward to seeing you back at school on Monday, 25 February.

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

YEAR 9

The Year 9 B football team were victorious against the Year 10 B team. The Year 9s won a hard-fought victory with goals from Jordan Hatton and James Mayfield helping them to a 2-1 success.

We have had two excellent PSHE days this week with external providers and teachers leading some inspiring and aspirational topics. Topics related to employment were of particular interest and helped to raise a lot of careers-based discussions. Huge thanks to Miss Harper for organising.

There will be Year 9 Parents' Evenings in March when we look forward to meeting parents and guardians to discuss progress and success.

Have a fantastic half term!

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

YEAR 10

The Year 10 team are extremely proud of our fantastic students who took part in the 'Scholar's Programme'. The students had a PhD tutor and worked conscientiously in their own time to produce an extended piece of writing on 'Post-Colonial Identity in Midnight's Children'. They attended a graduation ceremony on Wednesday evening, 13 February at the University of Nottingham to celebrate their very well deserved achievements. We are tremendously proud of you!

The Year 10s have also been preparing for Mock Interview Day on 21 March 2019 and have been told to get their Curriculum Vitae finished and sent to their tutor by Monday, 25 February 2019 as it is essential that they have this for the day. The students have also been advised to be booking their Work Experience Week from 21-25 October 2019.

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

YEAR 11

Well done to the year group on completing their English and Maths assessments. We are confident that their conscientious approach will be rewarded with some fantastic results.

It is great to see such a large proportion of the year group making the commitment to Extended Study. The expectation is that pupils should go to at least two sessions on a weekly basis. Thank you to all parents/carers for your support in encouraging pupils to go tin.

It is really important that the year group take time to relax over half term and we look forward to seeing them after a week off.

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

FOR YEAR 10-13 ONLY - WORK EXPERIENCE

Nottinghamshire Fire Service are offering work experience from 8-12 July 2019. There are 10 places available and this has been promoted to all schools in Nottinghamshire. If your son/daughter is interested, please ask them to email ffarmer@toothillschool by Monday, 25 February 2019

YEAR 10 ONLY - WORK EXPERIENCE WEEK - 21-25 OCTOBER 2019

Work Experience has been launched in tutor time this week. All students have been provided with the log in details for a database that provides contact details of employers who have taken work experience in the past. Students have also been asked to talk to their own network of contacts too. All employers **must** have Employers Liability Insurance. Work experience cannot take place at any other time in Year 11 and the deadline is end of July 2019.

YEAR 10 MOCK INTERVIEW DAY - 21 MARCH 2019

Students have been informed that this will be taking place on 21 March. Students will all have a 10 minute interview with an employer. All students must have a CV and they will be preparing for the day during Active tutoring.

YEAR 11 NATIONAL CITIZEN SERVICE (NCS)

Year 11s can now sign up to complete NCS in summer 2019. There are two dates to choose from: 1-19 July 2019 or 29 July-16 August 2019. Places are limited so reserve your place for just £50 by signing up at <u>www.ncsyes.co.uk</u> If you have any questions please email Debs: <u>dmason@nova-ncs.co.uk</u>













