



WEEKLY BULLETIN

Week Ending: 6 November 2020

KEY MESSAGES

- Assembly this week focused on 'School Standards' and what is expected from students.
- Please can we ask parents/carers to be mindful when dropping off students on Tithby Road as there is currently a lot of congestion; also please remind students to take extra care when crossing the road.
- Please make sure students bring in correct equipment daily as due to the current climate we are discouraging parents/carers on school site!

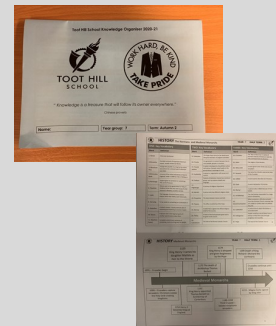
YEAR 7

It has been great to welcome our Year 7 students back after the half term break; they have made an excellent start back. During our Personal Development Curriculum students have started a new topic as part of our 'Topical Thursday'. This half term's focus is on Geography and students have been learning about, and discussing, the causes of Climate Change.

Students have also been given their Half Term 2 Knowledge Organisers this week. The Knowledge Organiser provides subject specific information which is relevant to their learning this half term. Please encourage students to use their Knowledge Organiser as part of their home learning routine.

On Wednesday morning students received their first Year 7 Report. Students also spent time with their tutors completing a reflection task which can be found, along with their report, in the student planner. We have been very proud of the start Year 7 have made at Toot Hill and this has been reflected through the number of Attitude to Learning scores which are above 4. Well done!

Head of Year 7: Miss I Sheldon **Achievement Coordinator: Mr A Surridge**



YEAR 8

This week Year 8 students have adapted well to timetable and location changes. I am pleased with how quickly they have settled into these new routines and continue to engage positively in their learning.

In English, Year 8 are currently reading three Sherlock Holmes short stories. The theorising and reflections from our students has been inspiring and I personally, have taken these books home to read!

Active tutoring next week: Virtual Assembly focusing on Be Kind and Anti-bullying, Remembrance Day, Environment of Russia, stress and managing stress.

Head of Year 8: Mrs L Munro & Mr R Wickens **Pastoral Lead: Mr M Leslie**



YEAR 9

It has been wonderful to welcome back Year 9 following the half term break. This week students have received their reports and have been given time in tutor set to reflect upon their attitude and homework scores.

Students have also been raising their awareness around the issue of stress through National Stress Awareness Day.

Next week, student will recognise Remembrance Day and World Diabetes Day.

Head of Year 9: Miss L Hughes **Achievement Coordinator: Mr K Roebuck**



YEAR 10

Year 10 have settled back into school with great maturity and have shown growing resilience regarding the new restrictions this week. During tutor set, students have been reminded of the importance of being kind to each other especially during the current circumstances.

It has been a joy to see students enjoying their lessons and engaging in social interaction during break and lunch time too.

Next week we will be highlighting the importance of Remembrance Day and students will be taking part in discussions to recognise the service and sacrifice of so many – this will be the first year that we are unable to do collections but we still hope to see lots of poppies!

Head of Year 10: Miss N Ward **Achievement Coordinator: Miss B Marshall**

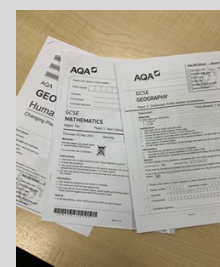


YEAR 11

Mock exams have been in full swing this week and many staff have commented on the maturity of Year 11 in relation to their exam conduct. With new seating plans and other safety measures around school they have adapted so well to procedures without letting it effect their exam mentality.

During tutor time the students have had a chance to reflect on their key data from last half term such as their credits, negatives and attendance; reports were given out which show attitude to learning and homework scores and the students have begun to look at world Geography and specifically Eurocentric maps and their bias.

Head of Year 11: Mr D Mordue **Achievement Coordinator: Miss P Gordon**



Year 7-13 Careers - Interactions with Employers, Universities, Guest Speakers

As the Careers Department cannot run trips or invite guest speakers into school we are promoting many virtual opportunities via the weekly Careers Newsletter. We are keen to record all the interactions that your child has with external providers e.g. virtual work experience, virtual guest speaker talks and virtual university open days/university talks. This also includes attendance of webinars either independently or via Unifrog. If your child takes part in any of these types of activities could you email the details to ffarmer@toothillschool.co.uk We will be keeping a record of all the opportunities that your child accesses and this will be recorded on Unifrog for student/parent information. This will be invaluable when preparing CV's, applying for College and University. This will be a record of every activity that your child has taken part in from Year 7-13. If you have any questions please get in touch.