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#### KEY MESSAGES

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nal Development Curriculum: Focused around Aspirations. Careers and Destinations

#### YEAR 7

The Year 7 team are pleased to inform you that for the first time In Toot Hill School history, we have qualified for the English Schools Table Tennis National finals. Both the Under 13 boys and Under 13 girls have made it through to the final four teams in the country which is an incredible achievement!

Jamie Millward, Ben Firth, Ollie Nicholson, Zac Hardy, Oscar Pennick, Sally Atkinson, Evie Ferrar, Phoebe Tomlinson and Gabriella Cooke will be receiving some additional coaching at school to prepare them for the finals.

We hope you all have a lovely half term break.

Head of Year 7: Mrs L Munro Pastoral Lead: Mr M Leslie

#### YEAR 8

We would like to say well done to Year 8 on a great half term. You have completed your exams and have begun your journey for the selection of your GCSEs. We have had sporting successes with our football and table tennis teams and have begun our Be Kind agenda. Year 8 this week have completed their taster days forms and we look forward to supporting them through the rest of this process after the break.

A reminder that parents evenings are now live on insight.

Head of Year 8: Miss L Hughes Achievement Coordinator: Miss I Ridley

## YEAR 9

The Year 9s have had a positive end to the half term. Both PSHE days on Tuesday 11 February and Thursday 13 February have involved providers delivering sessions to the year group on a range of topics including health and wellbeing as well as the justice service. All groups were praised for their maturity and engagement in the sessions and students have fed back that they really enjoyed the day.

Finally, congratulations to both the Year 8 and 9 Netball teams, who won against Magnus to finish the season on a high, well done girls!

Head of Year 9: Miss N Ward Achievement Coordinator: Miss B Marshall

## **YEAR 10**

Many thanks to the English department for taking 88 pupils to see An Inspector Calls at Nottingham Theatre. The trip was hugely successful with staff from the theatre complimenting pupils on their conduct throughout the evening. Hopefully all pupils that attended have improved their understanding and can put the experience towards their GCSE studies.

Thirteen pupils also went to Nottinghamshire College on a Health and Social Care trip to look at post 16 pathways and the pupils loved the experience. We have a Hair and Beauty trip running as well as a Hospitality and Catering trip after half term.

Thanks to Miss Smith for guiding 10a1 through the dissection of an eve ball this week; hugely interesting and a fantastic practical lesson.

Head of Year 10: Mr D Mordue Achievement Coordinator: Miss I Sheldon

#### **YEAR 11**

Year 11 have had an excellent end to the term! It was great to see so many parents at the Year 11 information Evening on Thursday. The evening covered how to support your child at home with their revision and subject specific information from English, Maths and Science. In addition, your child has received a pack of information with their Summer Examination dates and half term booster sessions. Please can you take some time to look over these with your child and contact your child's tutor with any queries

We also wanted to make you aware that there have been some reports of fake flyers advertising work for young people. Please can you reiterate the message to your child of not accepting these and speaking to you.

Head of Year 11: Miss V Salt Achievement Coordinator: Miss A Hall

#### Careers Update

Year 8 - KS4 Options - Making an Informed Decision

Year 8 will have the opportunity to attend an Option Taster Day on Wednesday 4 March. Students will be able to select two subjects that they have not studied in Year 7 and 8.

Taster se sions will be held in Media, Citizenship, Sociology, Fashion and Textiles, Computer Science, Business Studies, Economics, Religion, Philosophy and Ethics, Product Design, Engineering and Food Preparation, Nutrition and Catering. Please encourage your child to attend enabling them to make an informed decision.

Nottingham College are holding their Apprenticeship Fair on 1 April from 5pm - 7pm. If you son/daughter is in Year 11 and is interested in an apprenticeship this will be a great opportunity to go along to meet the employers.

Brackenhurst will have open days on the following dates for Post 16 and 18 prospective students. Saturday 22 February 2020 Saturday 21 March 2020

Year 10 Nottingham College trips We will be running the following taster days at Nottingham College for Year 10:-03 March 2020 - Hair and Beauty 11 March 2020 - Catering and Hospitality 13 March 2020 - Motor Vehicle 19 March 2020 - Construction - bricklaying

If your child is interested in exploring this career pathway and would like to go on the trip please contact ffarmer@toothillschool for details. These trips will take place during the school day. There will be further trips to employers taking place soon - details to follow.

So far this term Student Services has raised £52.11 towards Red Nose Day with the charity bag drop off. Big thank you to everyone that contributed. The charity bag drop off will continue next term











