KEY MESSAGES

Our continued thanks for the excellent level of support you have provided your child, the positive communication we have received regarding remote learning and for your ongoing support during these uncertain times.

WEEKLY BULLETIN

YEAR 7

It has been another great week for Year 7. Students are continuing to work hard in their online lessons and many class teachers have commented on the fantastic work which is being produced. In Science, students are studying living things, cells and tissues and also explaining the difference between respiration and breathing. In Spanish, students have started a new topic 'el instituto' (school) and have been practising their speaking skills. The photos show examples of some of the work which has been produced by Year 7 this week. Well done!

We are also encouraging students to take part in challenges which are running across different departments. Students have been encouraged to enter a PE challenge and the Learning Lounge are also providing the opportunity for students to enter a short story competition. Students can find out more information in this week's assembly which is on their tutor group Team. We are also continuing to post regular updates on our Year 7 Twitter Account (@TootHill2025).

Finally, well done to Ava in 7.2 for her fantastic drama work!

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

YEAR 8

It has been great to see Year 8 embrace National Handwriting Day this week. We have seen so many examples of our students continuing to produce and submit outstanding, well-presented work to their class teachers.

Ahead of the Year 8 options process this term, we encourage all students to engage with Unifrog (<u>https://www.unifrog.org/</u>) to support them to make an informed choice. Unifrog is an impartial, user-friendly platform that provides students with information on courses and career pathways from KS3 to adult life. Students can access their Unifrog account using their school email address. Please get in touch with your child's tutor if they have any issues.

Next week's Personal Development Curriculum focuses on Careers, Mindfulness and Wellbeing. Please check your school emails for more information on the launch of our writing workshop class which students can access from the school website.

Finally, we wanted to share a beautiful piece of work with you by our talented artist, Isabella in 8.1.

Head of Year 8: Mr R Wickens Achievement Coordinator: Mr M Leslie

YEAR 9

Well done Year 9 on a third successful week of online learning. This week, students have been learning about bearings and angles in maths and the real world applications of this.

Well done to all students for high levels of engagement in online lessons - you are doing an excellent job. A special mention for Triston-Jon H, Jake S-E and Benjamin B for your excellent participation in Science this week - awesome work!!!

Please remind your child to reply to their form tutor's email as soon as possible. Many thanks.

This week, why not take a virtual field trip — https://www.goodhousekeeping.com/life/parenting/a32403098/virtual-field-trips-for-kids/

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

YEAR 10

We have had another extremely successful week of online learning and the year group's attendance to live lessons has been fantastic! We are really proud of the continued maturity and resilience demonstrated at this difficult time.

For the Personal Development Curriculum this week students have continued to create a CV, as well as encouraging engagement in mindfulness to improve emotional wellbeing.

It has been really good to see what other activities students have been doing during school closure and we welcome more students sharing details with us; a massive well done to Amy F who has been improving her drawing of clothing.

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

YEAR 11

Year 11 have had another fantastic week of engagement during online lessons. After reports were published it seems to have given many students a new found impetus and energy to their learning as they have been able to discuss progress and set achievable goals.

A & B Band Parents' Evening is due to take place on Tuesday 26 January 2021 and the booking system is 'live'. We are excited to try the new online to meet with parents and for us to be provided with valuable feedback. C & D Band Parents' Evening is scheduled for Thursday 4 February 2021 and the booking system will go 'live' shortly.

The online careers fair has been a great success; a huge thank you to Mrs Farmer and her team for organising a wonderfully informative event with links to many regional and national companies with whom students can engage.

College deadline for applications is Friday 29 January 2021 so please get applications in as soon as possible.

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

Learning Lounge News

National Storytelling week starts from Saturday 30 January to Saturday 6 February 2021. To celebrate this amazing week, the Learning Lounge is hosting its very own short story competition. This competition will run from the Monday 25 January to the Friday 26 February 2021. To enter students must write a maximum 500word story and the story must be based around the character, location and object the Learning Lounge has selected. All this information will be delivered by tutors/English teachers later on this week!

If you want more details about the competition or want to celebrate National Storytelling week even more by listening to author interviews then check out the Learning Lounge's Wakelet.











