



WEEKLY BULLETIN

Week Ending: 29 January 2021

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.

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YEAR 7

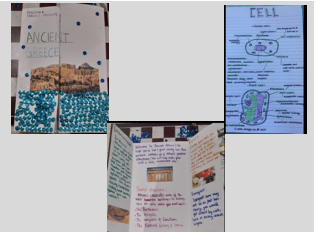
Well done Year 7 on another fantastic week of online learning. Students are engaging well with their lessons and are continuing to submit excellent work. It was fantastic to hear so many students completed an optional learning task for English where they created a brochure for Ancient Athens; this links to their work for a Midsummer Night's Dream.

We were also pleased to see how many Year 7 students participated in the PE Challenge last week. Amazing work Year 7!

Last week we shared another challenge which is being launched by the Learning Lounge. Students can enter by writing a short story, no more than 500 words. The details for this challenge can be found in last week's assembly. We also have an exciting competition in our next assembly which includes a range of prizes to be won so please look out for this!

Another great week Year 7!

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



YEAR 8

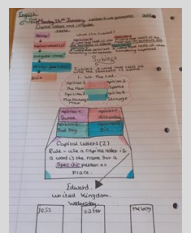
This week we have been celebrating the lockdown successes of Year 8 students. In our weekly assembly students' exceptional work has been highlighted as well as celebrating the high levels of engagement in live lessons. Keep an eye out for a prize recognising the excellent effort we see across the year group!

This week we are sharing the amazing work Connie (8.11) produced for English with Mr Hargreaves. Very well done Connie!

Through our assembly, we have also advised the pressing importance of students continuing with a 'normal' school routine of getting up ready to learn for 8.25 am and going to bed at a reasonable time in the evening. Habits are hard to break so maintaining a good habit of routine is so important.

Next week's Personal Development Curriculum focuses on Children's Mental Health Week, Careers and UniFrog. Following the message from last week, please continue to encourage your child to log in to UniFrog and explore the careers guidance and information.

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



YEAR 9

Hello to all Year 9 families! This week, Year 9 students have been investigating infectious diseases in their Science lessons and were given the opportunity to research a disease of their choice. In Art, pupils have been developing their photography skills - please see the amazing results attached.

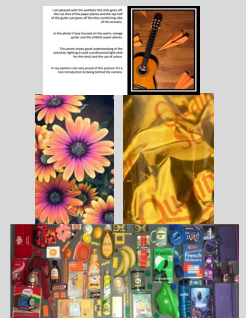
Also this week, in our assembly, students were asked to complete an 'interests quiz' - this is designed to help guide students when looking at potential future careers (Unifrog).

Well done Year 9 - keep up the hard work!

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

This week, why not take part in Big Schools Bird Watch <https://www.rspb.org.uk/fun-and-learning/for-teachers/schools-birdwatch/>

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



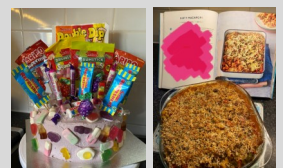
YEAR 10

Another very busy but very rewarding week in Year 10!

As we continue with remote learning it has been a real joy to see Year 10 take this all in their stride and continue their efforts to work as hard as they possibly can.

A special mention must go to Teigan S 10.2 this week. On top of her academic studies, Teigan has been enjoying spending extra time on her catering work during lockdown. As you can see from the picture she is a fantastic and very creative chef. We are incredibly proud of how Teigan is using the current circumstances so positively and we might even request one of those delicious cakes for ourselves! A huge well done from us all.

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



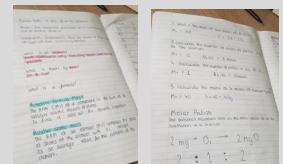
YEAR 11

The first ever Year 11 online Parents' Evening was held this week and there has been lots of positive feedback from students, parents and teachers. Thanks to everyone involved for your positivity and adaptability; the conversations that took place will be influential over the forthcoming weeks. C & D Band have their Parents' Evening on Thursday 4 February 2021 from 3:15pm until 6:30pm and we are looking forward to more informative discussions.

The Toot Hill College application deadline of Friday 29 January has prompted a flurry of applications and we are so pleased by the numbers applying to join our successful college team.

This week as part of the Personal Development Curriculum, Mrs Millington has created an amazing reading programme for Year 11. Members of staff are taking it in turns to read aloud a fantastic book called Hidden Figures, the link is published to students via Teams and email so they can listen and read along each week. One of our new Year 11 prefects, Naomi, has also created a PowerPoint on mental health which will be published to all students to read and take tips from. It is a fantastic gesture by Naomi who has put a lot of time and effort into supporting others.

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 Monday 25 January to Friday 26 February 2021. To enter, students must write a maximum 500-word 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](#).

Message from Mrs Millington

As you will already be aware, reading for pleasure is so beneficial for our wellbeing and our progress. During the last school closure, I shared suggested reading lists and resources with you so this half term we wanted to ensure that our students were still enjoying reading whilst making it more of an 'experience' for them. With this in mind, I have organised a 'tutor read aloud'. This means that each week a member of staff will read a chapter of a novel for students to listen to. The link will be shared with them on Teams, via their tutor page. Years 7 & 8 will be reading A Monster Calls and Years 9-11 will be reading Hidden Figures. I really hope they enjoy this opportunity to enjoy a shared reading experience.

