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04 March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you had a good half term break, and that the storm on the last day of term did not cause you or your families too much trouble. The school did suffer some damage which we were able to repair during half term without causing any disruption. Our new catering offer has started at Toynbee, and the wider selection of products to choose from at break and lunchtimes is proving to be popular amongst pupils.

History

History Club recommenced this week, starting our new enquiry "Who is Ukraine?". In light of recent events, we will be looking at the history of Ukraine, both as its own independent nation and as a part of the Soviet Union, to give students a more thorough and informed understanding of what is happening in the region at the moment, and why there is a war there currently. Remember, History Club is for all Year 7s and 8s every Friday lunchtime in H3 (my classroom).

I look forward to seeing you there, Mr Pople

LRC

We are currently celebrating several exciting events in the LRC, the first is International Women's Day on 8th March 2022. We have a range of books displayed by female authors, books celebrating the achievements of inspirational women and books with interesting female characters. For every one of these books taken out during the month of March, students will receive an Achievement point, if they write me a review of the book the get 5APs!

We are also celebrating British Science Week - 11th - 20th March 2022, the theme for the week this year is Growth. There are a range of interesting science books displayed at the back of the LRC and for each science book read during March 5APs will be given. Every year the organisation runs a poster competition along the years theme, it would be wonderful to see some entries from our talented students.

Our book prescription service is up and running, so if your child is struggling with what to read next, send them to the LRC and I will endeavour to help them find a book from the LRC by getting to know their likes and dislikes, they will receive 3 APs for using this service.

There are 2 Toynbee competitions running in the LRC at the moment, the opportunity to design the new Learning Resource Centre Sign (details are posted on Show My Homework) and a competition to design a house bookmark (1 for each school house) which will be used to hand out to our new Year 7's





in September and to any other pupil who would like one in the school. House points and AP rewards are available for both competitions!

Finally, we will be trialling "No Tech Tuesdays" in the LRC, computers will be off limits (unless required to print homework) during break and lunch every Tuesday, we hope that this will encourage more reading and use of the LRC to borrow books. Any student who is seen reading in the LRC on a Tuesday will receive an AP reward.

Have a wonderful weekend full of wonderful books!

Mrs S Nicholls, Library Manager

Timetable

Next week is WEEK A on your lesson timetables.

Vacancies at Toynbee

We have the following non-teaching vacancies at Toynbee. Please see our website for more information on these roles.

Examinations Invigilator

We are looking to recruit reliable and trustworthy exams invigilators to support the Examinations Officer. You will need to work flexibly according to the examinations timetable throughout the academic year. As an invigilator you will be required to support the examination processes. You must follow the required guidelines and regulations for the integrity and security of examinations and procedures during invigilation.

Minibus Driver

We are looking for a reliable, dependable, and courteous driver to transport our home-to-school pupils and extracurricular activities. You will have a good local knowledge and be able to use your initiative to resolve any situations, such as traffic problems, that may arise during transport. As part of the role, you will be required to carry out minor maintenance and daily vehicle checks, re-fueling of the vehicle and ensuring the vehicle is serviced and has an annual MOT as required.

You must have a clean driving licence and be over 21 having held your licence for at least 2 years. If you passed your driving test after 1st January 1997, we would fund all costs for the successful candidate to obtain a D1 licence, this will include a theory and practical test plus medical examination. All successful candidates will be required to complete the MiDAS (Minibus Driver Awareness Scheme).

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The right candidate has the flexibility to start between April and September 2022. This role is term time only, but there may be an opportunity for additional hours as and when required.

Examinations and Data Officer

An exciting opportunity has arisen at our school for a permanent Examinations and Data Officer to start ASAP. We are seeking a highly-skilled, motivated and experienced person who will be responsible for the administration, organisation and smooth running of the schools' external and internal examinations.

Toynbee Extra-Curricular Music

Monday Lunchtime Year 7 & 8 Boomwhacker Club (Music 1).

An easy and fun music club using plastic tubes that you hit on chairs! All welcome.

Monday 3pm-4pm GCSE Music Drop In (Music 1).

For GCSE music students to come and use the macs for composition work, or to have extra support with theory.

Tuesday 8am–8:30am Ukulele Group (Music 1).

For all year groups, no experience necessary. School ukuleles available to use.

Tuesday 3pm–4pm Toynbee Band (Music 1).

For all year groups. Woodwind, brass, string, percussion players of any standard. We play a mix of genres including classical, pop, jazz and film music.

Tuesday 3pm-4pm Rock Band (Music 2).

For all year groups. Drum, guitar, bass guitar, keyboard/piano players and singers of any standard.

Tuesday 4pm-5pm Music Theory (Music 1).

For any pupils wanting to learn about music and take the Grade 5 Theory exam. Useful for GCSE music students. A fee is payable, and spaces are limited. See Miss Parrott or Ms Osborn for more information.

Thursday 8:15-9am Show Chorus (Music 2).

A choir for all year groups and abilities singing a variety of genres. No audition, just come along if you like singing!

Thursday 3pm-4pm Show Case (Music 2).

A choir for all year groups singing a variety of genres. You will need to be part of show chorus and audition for this group.

Friday Lunchtime Year 7 & 8 Keyboard Club (Music 2).

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For any year 7 and 8 pupils who want to come and use the mac computers out of class time to learn songs of their choice on the keyboard.



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