

# Toynbee



03 May 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

## Message from the Headteacher

It has been an eventful half term, and I am pleased to say that our pupils have coped really well with everything that the term has thrown at them – whether that has been mock exams, the beginning of some GCSE exams or changes in teaching personnel due to the impact Covid has had on staff numbers. We have finished the term with our Charities week, which has been a lot of fun for both pupils and staff. I would like to thank everyone that has gotten involved in this, especially our prefects who have done a fantastic job of arranging all of the events.

Sadly this term we say goodbye to Miss Harris, History, and Miss Heron, Learning Support Assistant, EAL Coordinator. I would like to thank them both for all of their hard work and their contribution to Toynbee School during their time with us.

I wish you all a healthy and peaceful Easter, Matthew.

## Tutor time

As a part of Charity Week this week, tutor time was extended on Friday for pupils to learn about and discuss the focus of our charity work: the war in Ukraine.

Pupils looked at both the causes of the war, the history of Ukraine itself and then the impact that the war has had on individual Ukrainians' lives, including refugees, politicians and those inside Mariupol.

Well done to all of Toynbee's pupils for their fundraising efforts this week!

Thanks, Mr Pople

## Year 7

Hello! What a busy time it has been for Year 7!

I would like to start by saying **Thank You** to the pupils who have conducted tours of the school over the last couple of weeks. There are always so many volunteers and every pupil involved so far has been amazing. Thank you to: Ifi, Olivia, Toby, Cameron, Daisy, Imogen, Tamsin and Esme. You all did a fantastic job!

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I would also like to say **Thank You and Well Done** to those pupils involved in the Governors Inclusion Day and how well they presented themselves to our School Governors. Thank you to: Harry, Ruby, Florence, Holly, Devraj, Elise, Freya, Jess and Sam. I am very proud of you all!

## SHOOT THE HOOP!

What a fantastic event this was! The atmosphere in the Sports Hall over the three mornings was so exciting and intense. I didn't realise how competitive Year 7 (and their Tutors) were! Huge congratulations to 7Wd for taking the crown and becoming Shoot the Hoop Champions 2022!



We had our Easter Celebration Assembly this week to acknowledge the successes of the year group, with subject certificates given out to recognise the outstanding work of pupils. 7Sv were celebrated as the tutor group being awarded the most APs since September and 7Wd took the Top Attendance Award for this term.

Pupils who reached the 150 AP milestone were also awarded their badges to wear with pride. Well done to Sam, Matthew, Harry, Joshua, Tamsin, Carly, Archie and Xavier!

We have our first pupil who has also reached the 250 AP milestone. Well done to Ben who was awarded the coveted 250 badge!



The AP cup was awarded to 7Ch today who received a very impressive 387 achievement points for the month of March. Well done 7Ch!

Well done to our Model Pupils - Finley, Miyah, Liam and Eleanor. You have all been awarded 5APs.

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Finally, thank you to all those pupils who have supported Charities Week this week - I hope you had lots of fun. A special thank you to those who had the "pleasure" of witnessing the Guidance Manager's attempt at Teacher Karaoke - something you will no doubt continuously remind me of.... 😊

I continue to be so proud of Year 7. They are developing into confident, funny and hardworking individuals. The sense of us all being part of team grows more and more each day.

For your information, I will be doing a uniform check after the Easter holidays - thank you for your continued support with this.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me on the school number or via my email address [m.vallance@toynbee.hants.sch.uk](mailto:m.vallance@toynbee.hants.sch.uk)

I hope that everyone has a restful Easter break.

Take care, Mrs Vallance

## Year 8

As we finally come to the end of a long term, I know that we are all ready for a rest! The Year 8s have had a very busy term with lots to celebrate.



They have won Gold in Badminton, Handball & Basketball!

We have had a celebration breakfast for our Top Attitude pupils & 13 lovely Year 8s were made ultimate BLUE BANDS.



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We had an Eggstastic assembly on Monday where it was lovely to see so many pupils recognised across the year group.

As we look at options next term this will bring a new focus in lessons, and I am looking forward to this part of Year 8s Toynbee Journey!

It will also be great to actually meet some parents in person at options evening!

I hope you all have a lovely break & I will see you after Easter ready for the summer term (Miss Murchies favourite term)

Miss Murchie, Guidance Manager, Year 8

## Year 9

Hello everyone

I would like to say another massive well done to all year 9 students who received an Easter treat and/or subject award certificate this week in our Celebration Assembly on Wednesday! Please do keep the certificates safe as they are so helpful to build a portfolio of all of your academic achievements and I hope you're so proud of yourselves, as I am certainly proud of you!

Also, thank you to everyone in the year group for being so very kind to each other during the assembly – it was enlightening to see you all showing support for your peers' achievements and it was a really nice vibe all round!

I hope that you all have a lovely 2 weeks holiday, stay safe, make memories and come back feeling refreshed and ready for the Summer term.

Best wishes, Miss Massey

## Year 10

What a fantastic term Year 10 have had! They have really knuckled down with their learning and are more engaged than ever. I have spent some time during this term visiting classrooms and have been so impressed by their focus. I have seen lots of wonderfully presented books, amazing art portfolios, fantastic maths presentations and very impressive Creative imedia work.

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We had a very excitable Celebration Assembly this morning and it was brilliant to see them all so animated for it. It was a pleasure to give out so many certificates for all their hard work and effort this term and celebrate their successes across the curriculum. Thank you to Lucas P, Mr Davis and Mrs Makewita for choosing names at random to win the Easter eggs- well done to Emma M for winning the big Easter egg! A big well done to my 'Model Pupils' for this term- Bayleigh-May D, Finlay S, Daisy, S and Alex B! Also, a big congratulations to Taygan S and Kyle L for being the Highest 2 Pupils with Achievement Point in Year 10 at the moment! Well done to 10RD for winning the Highest Tutor Group Achievement Points prize! The top 30 pupils with the highest attitude will be joining me in the first week back for a Celebration Breakfast in the library which I am really looking forward to celebrating this success with them.



Thank you to all of the Year 10's that have taken part in Pupil Panels this term- you really made me proud and I was so impressed by your professionalism! Also thank you to those that have taken visitors on tours this term. The number of Year 10 pupil's taking part in extra curricular activities has been fantastic this term and please keep it up next term! I cannot encourage taking part in extra-curricular activities enough as the positive impact that it has on mental wellbeing is so important.

Please can you ensure that during the Easter break, any school uniform issues are rectified in time for the pupils return.

After Easter we will be starting to look at preparing for mock exams which are now in September. We have numerous assemblies planned to support pupils with understanding their learning styles, setting goals, how to revise and revision timetables as well as learning about strategies to ensure they are looking after their emotional wellbeing and mental health during this period.

I hope you enjoy the photos of the Anti-Bullying Ambassadors promoting 'Support Squad' Club to Year 7 during tutor time, Seb R, Bogdan P and Lucas P at a basketball match, and Holly P's amazing artwork on display!

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A HUGE well done to the year group again and as ever, I am super proud of all of them and look forward to what the summer term brings. Thank you to you as parents/carers this term for your continued support as well, it really is appreciated.

Wishing you and your families a lovely Easter break!

Best wishes,

Mrs Kalogerias

Year 10 Guidance Manager

## Year 11

What a term this has been for Year 11. I cannot believe we are now just 3 school weeks away from the start of their GCSE exams. This term has been filled with hard work, revision, and mock exams, along with lots of fun things along the way.

Last week I was able to go and watch the Year 11 Boys Football Team compete in the District Cup. They played a fantastic game and won 6-4! This team won the same cup back in Year 7 and are now champions again in Year 11. Well done boys! What a great end to your Toynbee football career.

This week in school it has been Charity Week and the School has been raising



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money for Southampton Sight and the Ukraine Appeal. I would like to say a huge well done and thank you to the amazing Year 11 Prefects who have co-ordinated everything for this week. There have been bake sales, inflatable football, bleep tests, teacher karaoke and many more brilliant activities. It really has been a fun filled week and lots of pupils and teachers have got involved throughout the week. Thank you also to the pupils who are on the prom committee who have been helping me with organising all the finer details for prom, you have all been amazing. There are a few fundraising activities coming up next half term to help raise money for prom and we will keep parents and pupils updated on when these are going to be.



On Wednesday, this week the Under-16 boys' basketball team also won the Plate Final of the Southampton Schools League. There are several Year 11 boys who play on this team. Massive congratulations to you all!

On Friday we had our end of term Year 11 celebration assembly. The next assembly like that will be their leavers assembly! It was brilliant to end the term on such a high and recognise all the hard work that Year 11 have put into their studies over the past term. Well done to 11PT who won the prize for the most AP's. Year 11 have a grand total of 4261 achievement points so far this year. Keep it up Year 11!

Over the Easter Holidays I am sure your child will be spending time revising for their upcoming exams. However, it is also important that they take some time to relax and have fun! It has been a very busy term and I am sure they all need a well-deserved rest too. It is important that they get the balance right. At the start of the holidays, it may be a good time for them to re-visit their revision timetable and amend anything if they need to, their timetable needs to be manageable and work for them.

We still have so many exciting things to look forward to before Year 11 leave us. A letter has been sent to Year 11 Parents/Carers this week outlining the plans for Year 11's final months in school, please

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ensure you read this as it contains some important dates. And finally, I would like to say a huge thank you to all the Year 11 Parents/Carers who are on this journey too! I really appreciate all the support you have given the school and to your children, and I know they appreciate it too. I hope you all manage to have a rest over the holidays too!

Have a lovely break and I look forward to welcoming Year 11 back after the Easter Holidays ready for the final countdown... You are almost there Year 11, I could not be prouder. Keep it up! 😊

Best wishes, Miss West

## Physical Education

As the Winter season of school sport closes to be replaced by the summer season, it's time to reflect. 67% of the school have participated in a sports club or fixture so far this academic year. We have fulfilled 180 fixtures. This is the numbers of fixtures completed during the last full academic year, pre covid, so we will smash this by the end of the summer term. We have selected 43 different A and B teams across 15 different sports. Football, rugby, netball, basketball, handball, hockey, badminton, volleyball, indoor athletics, cross country, trampoline, cricket, golf, skiing, judo.

I would like to thank firstly all the pupils for their effort and the way they represent Toynbee. Secondly the parents/carers that have supported us not only through cheerleading at home and away games but also those that have assisted in transporting the pupils around the county for fixtures to happen.

## Successes

Hants/Wilts/Dors Champions - Handball - U13 Boys

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Hants/Wilts/Dors Bronze medallists - Handball - U15 Girls

Hampshire Champions - Badminton - U13 Girls

Hampshire Finalists - Football - Y9 Boys (final yet to be played)

Hampshire Cup semi final - Basketball - U14 Boys (yet to be played)

Hampshire Cup semi final - Basketball - U15 Boys (yet to be played)

District Cup Winners - Football - Y11 Boys

District League Winners - Football - Y11 Boys

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District League Winners - Football - Y9 Boys

District League Winners - Basketball - U14 Boys

District League Champions Final Winners - U14 Boys

District League Plate Final Winners - Basketball - U16 Boys

Hampshire Championships - Trampoline - two performers qualified to compete at the regional finals

17 Pupils qualified to represent Eastleigh & Winchester at the Hampshire Cross Country Championships

Hampshire Schools Football - one Y9 boy and one Y11 Boy selected to play for Hampshire Schools teams

District Schools Football - one Y8 boys selected to play for E&W Schools

Shortlisted for the Eastleigh SPAA (sport and physical activity alliance) Awards - Team of the Year (Y7 boys football team - now Y9)

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## External Success

International Representation - Dan Y11 & Maria Y8 Badminton, Lacey Y9 BMX, Beth Y11 Sprint Kayaking

National Finalists - Snooker - Ollie Y11 (U23) and O'Shay Y8 (U14)

Cricket representative selection - Wilfred Y7, Dan Y8, Tristan Y9, Albert Y9, Jacob Y10, Sam Y11

National bronze medallists - Team Gym - Anna Y10, Medi Y7

## Fixtures Update - Away Fixtures

To improve the way in which we communicate away fixture details, for EVERY away game parents/carers will receive a school comms form that will include the details (date, times, location, additional information) and a tick box granting permission. School clubs finish between 4pm and 4:30pm and home fixtures finish between 5pm and 5:30pm (cricket can sometimes be later). We still expect ALL pupils selected to play unless parents/carers withdraw the pupil from the fixture in writing.

## Summer Term

- Lessons move to the summer activities of athletics, cricket, rounders and tennis.
- Kit is - black shorts, black Toynbee polo shirt, sports socks (different to uniform socks, sports trainers)

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- Note - paper or email are required for pupils to be excused from PE lessons
- Excused pupils are to change into PE kit
- Excused pupils without kit will be given kit to wear

Follow the PE department's news on Twitter @ToynbeePE and Instagram @TeamToynbee

## Whole School Extra Curricular Provision

As part of my role on SLT, last week I had the pleasure of presenting to Year 7,8,9,10 assemblies regarding the importance of extracurricular clubs.

Since September **Toynbee staff have put on 124 different clubs** across all areas of the curriculum and beyond. **70% of the pupils have attended** at least one totalling **over 10,000 visits**

I quizzed them about their evenings and the majority admitted to spending most of their time looking at a screen scrolling through the same few apps over and over or gaming. I stated that they could still do this if they left school at 4pm-4:30pm having attended a school extracurricular session. Statistically pupils that engage in the school longer than the five one-hour lessons achieve higher GCSE grades than average.

I also spoke about the importance of having these extra activities on their personal statement for college or employment interviews.

This year there have been new clubs such as Lego club and squash club and film club and chess club will be starting after Easter and I am looking into a golf club and also organising an external provider to qualify pupils in First Aid soon.

Mr French, Head of PE

## **Scopay**

We have been made aware that some parents are having trouble topping up pupils account on Scopay. If this has happened to you please can we ask you to

- Contact your bank to check that there isn't a problem with your card
- Try an alternative card
- Contact the School to let us know – we will ensure your son/daughter can access lunch if needed

Please be assured that if your child does not have sufficient funds on their account we can arrange for a temporary overdraft to be set up to ensure that they can still have a meal at lunchtime. If this is

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required please ask your child to come to reception so that this can be arranged for them so that they do not go hungry during the day.

## Attendance

A reminder to please ensure you email [attendance@toynbee.hants.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@toynbee.hants.sch.uk) or send a message via school comms on the first and any subsequent days of absence for your child. Alternatively please follow this link to our website to report any absences. [Contact - Toynbee School](#)

Mrs K Reynolds, Attendance Officer

## Vacancies

We have the following non-teaching vacancies at the school. Please visit our website for more information.

- Senior Administration Assistant
- Learning Support Assistant - Visual Impairment Resource
- Examinations Invigilator

## Timetable

Week Commencing April 25<sup>th</sup> is WEEK B on your lesson timetables.

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## Toynbee Extra-Curricular Music!

### **Monday Lunchtime Year 7 & 8 Boomwhacker Club**

An easy and fun music club using plastic tubes that you hit on chairs! All welcome. Music 1.

### **Monday 3pm-3:35pm GCSE Music Drop In**

For any GCSE music students to come and use the macs for composition work, or to have extra support with theory. Music 1.

### **Tuesday 8am-8:30am Ukulele Group**

For all year groups, no experience necessary. School ukuleles available to use. Music 1.

### **Tuesday 3pm-4pm Rock Band**

For all year groups. Drum, guitar, bass guitar, keyboard/piano players and singers. Music 2.

### **Tuesday 4pm-5pm Music Theory**

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. Music 1.

### **Thursday 8:15-9am Show Chorus**

A choir for all year groups and abilities singing a variety of genres. No audition, just come along if you like singing! Music 2.

### **Thursday 3pm-4pm Show Case**

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. Music 2.

### **Tuesday 3pm-4pm Toynbee Band**

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. Music 1.

### **Friday Lunchtime Year 7 & 8 Keyboard Club**

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. Music 2.

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**Freshly prepared**

## MAINS WEEK ONE

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<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
<b>Quorn Enchilada</b> served with salad	<b>Vegetarian Lasagne</b> with garlic doughballs & salad	<b>Cauliflower Cheese Bake</b> with garlic bread & sweetcorn	<b>Veggie Sausages &amp; Mash</b> served with vegetables of the day & gravy	<b>Tomato Pasta</b> served with garlic bread and cheese
<b>Hunters Chicken</b> with herby potatoes & sweetcorn	<b>Lamb Meatballs &amp; Spaghetti</b> in a tomato sauce	<b>Pulled Chicken Yorkie</b> served with roast potatoes, seasonal vegetables & gravy	<b>Chefs' Choice Curry</b> served with pilau rice and Naan bread	<b>Chefs' Choice Fish and Chips</b> served with peas

Vegetarian Vegan All menu items are subject to change, based upon availability in the event of unforeseen circumstances.

