

# Toynbee



Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

A significant proportion of our teaching staff are NEU members and have indicated that they will be striking. Given the uncertainty of staffing levels for Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February, we will not be able to open the school to all pupils with exception of vulnerable pupils who will be contacted directly. The decision has been taken for health and safety and supervision reasons.

We will ensure that remote learning is in place for all pupils on Wednesday and this will be accessed through Satchel One. There will be no live lessons on this day as this is deemed as covering for striking colleagues, something we are unable to do. The work set will be on the core subjects of English, Maths and Science, and the usual timetable for pupils on this day will be suspended.

I understand that this may cause significant disruption to families, I hope by providing you with advanced notice of arrangements we will be able to minimise the inevitable impact this industrial action will cause.

I would like to thank you in advance for your support and to those of you who have already contacted me with your support. I am sorry that we are not able to open as normal. This is a complex and difficult situation and we have thought very carefully about how to proceed. Ultimately the safety of our pupils remains our priority.

Matthew Longden  
Headteacher.

## Timetable

Next week is **WEEK A** on your lesson timetables

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## Year 7

What a start to the year! It's so lovely to see everyone back and find out what a lovely time they had over Christmas and New Year.

Year 7 have come back with a wonderful attitude, they seem very settled now as we enter our second Term here at Toynbee and it feels as if they've always been here!

Recently we announced the End of Year Celebration Trip to Paultons Park!! It would be lovely to see as many as possible pupils there as it's lovely to spend that time together and end the year in such a fun way!

We also have our semi finals and Final of our year 7 Shoot The Hoop Basketball competition coming up next Thursday, I am really looking forward to seeing who will be our champion! All the tutor groups have been amazing and it's been such a nice activity to do in the mornings with them.

There is lots coming up over the next few months that will be really interesting and great for the year group to get involved in!

Well done on a wonderful start to the year.

Mrs Compton

Year 7 Guidance Manager

## Year 9

I can't believe we are near the end of January already. Year 9 have had a fantastic start to the Spring term and have been very settled and working hard in their lessons. With just 2 weeks to go until half term, I look forward to seeing year 9 continuing to work hard and make every lesson count!

This morning we had our half termly praise event. This was arranged by Mr Turner and a breakfast was held for the top 25 pupils in year 9 who received the highest attitude grades in their most recent progress report. Well done to all those who attended and keep up the great work! A delicious breakfast was enjoyed by all!

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As always, year 9 are continuing to work towards gaining Achievement Points and Proud Points. As a year group we currently have 2746 Proud Points and 4907 Achievement Points. 9Ti are currently in the lead with 458 Proud Points and 9WS with 712 Achievement Points. Next week in assembly I will be awarding canteen fast passes to those pupils who have been nominated recently by their teachers for great attitude and effort in their lessons.

Well done, year 9! Keep up the great work 😊.

I wish you all a restful weekend.

Miss West

Year 9 Guidance Manager.

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## Year 10

It seems like a long time since the Christmas Holidays, but year 10 have come back with a really positive attitude and the vast majority are showing fabulous focus in their lessons. I am so proud of how well the students are doing with both their attitude and progress in lessons, and I am hoping this will continue over the forthcoming weeks.

There has been lots going on already this term with sporting fixtures and the extra-curricular clubs around school, and it is great to see so many getting involved with things. Coming up there is a bake sale, a whole school football tournament and a non-uniform day so please keep an eye out for dates.

We have already had lots to celebrate this term with the first two rounds of Golden Tickets given out on the 13th January. Well done to Finn D, Elaine B, Louise C, William C, Jonathan P, George P, Hope M, Dylan G, Savannah D, Haydan R, Brooke F, Bethany K, Theo P, Charlie M, Ava L, Arran C, Grace P, Leo C, Lewis C, Ellie-Mai B, Klim K, Mya A-T, Mia S and Jennifer P for all their hard work. This week we had a year 10 Celebration Breakfast for the top 25 achievers in attitude, progress and attainment. It was so lovely to get the students together to celebrate their success, they have had such a great start to the year.



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Thanks to everyone who came along to Parents Evening yesterday. It was a pleasure to get the chance to meet so many of you. If you were unable to make an appointment but have any concerns or something you would like to discuss, please do let me know.

Last week we launched the year 10 Celebration trip. This will be on 19<sup>th</sup> July at Thorpe Park and it should be a great way to end the year. You should have received a letter about the trip but if you have any further questions just get in touch. My email address is [l.gentle@toynbee.hants.sch.uk](mailto:l.gentle@toynbee.hants.sch.uk).

Finally, several of the local colleges are holding open days and taster events for year 10's in the coming months. If your child has an idea of where they would like to go please look at the college websites for dates and further information.

Have a lovely weekend,

Ms Gentle

Year 10 Guidance Manager

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## Year 11

### Bake sale:

There is a bake sale during KS3 lunch time and KS4 break and lunch on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> February, this will be in the theatre foyer, led by the prom committee. Any cakes can be sold, and there will be a prize in each year group for the winner, all money raised goes towards the year 11 prom fund.

Year 11's also have the opportunity to have their photos done next week for the prom committee, the timings are below for your child's tutor group:

Date	Time	Tutor group
<b>30<sup>th</sup> January 2023</b>	13:25-13:40	11MK/11GO
	13:40-13:55	11SL
<b>31<sup>st</sup> January 2023</b>	11:00- 11:15	11DS /11RD
	11:15-11:25	11BDF/11BT
<b>31<sup>ST</sup> January</b>	13:25-13:40	Anyone who missed above slot due to absence.
	13:40- 13:55	

Miss Sherrell

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## Attendance Reminder

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.

Thank you.

## Model UN

Model UN convened again this Monday to practice debating issues as our assigned countries, including the Russian invasion of Ukraine as well as the migrant crisis at the US' southern border. Students were mature, articulate and intelligent in their arguments and counterarguments. At our next meeting (Monday 6th February), we will be putting together a draft resolution on our current issue: climate change.

I look forward to seeing you all there!

Mr Pople

## Charity Week

Charity Week will take place at Toynbee from Monday 6th February to Friday 10th February, including a wide range of activities student will be able to take part in/watch to help fundraise for our chosen charity: the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance. On Wednesday 8th February, there will be a non-uniform day, and the details of other events will be shared with students in assemblies next week. If you have any questions, feel free to ask me or any of the Senior Prefects.

Here is the link to the Just Giving page you can use to donate for our non-uniform day (and to donate in general if you like!)

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/toynbee-school>

Best wishes,

Mr Pople



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## HiVis Club

This half term we are loving getting really sporty! Last week we had visiting coaches from Hampshire Cricket provide a VI Cricket taster session for our students. It was a resounding success and we are really looking forward to working with our colleagues from the Ageas Bowl again soon. We have also signed up for Virtually Boccia 2023. This is a national initiative where schools can sign up to compete virtually from January to June this year. We will be set a series of challenges to complete and upload our scores onto a national database. We will complete these activities during HiVis clubs on Fridays.

This Friday, there is a more chilled option for those who would prefer not to play football - students are welcome to bring in any board games they would like to share with their friends for this session. I am also collecting any boxes, tubes etc that you are throwing out at home for our Marble Run competition the following week. Any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch and thank you as always, for your continued support.



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## Wellbeing

We would like to remind you of the resources available free to you through an online counselling service, Kooth. Kooth provides a safe and secure means of accessing online emotional health support from a professional team of qualified counsellors and emotional wellbeing practitioners for ages 11-25 in Hampshire.

Kooth offers wellbeing support 365 days a year, via a range of self-help materials and peer to peer support which young people are able to contribute to. Kooth also has an online wellbeing team from 12pm-10pm on weekdays and 6pm-10pm on weekends, offering 1:1 text-based online counselling via live chat or messaging.

Kooth is free to access via any internet-enabled device, you simply need to visit [www.kooth.com](http://www.kooth.com) and click 'join kooth'. Kooth also provides parent/carer sessions, a pre-recorded session can be found here [Parent Carer video 15min.mp4 on Vimeo](#) and a selection of parent/carer resources can be accessed following this link [Shared assets \(brandmaster.com\)](#)

Thanks,

Mrs Howbrook.

## Chess Club

We have started a new Chess Club in the LRC. It is held on a Tuesday 3pm-4pm.

It has been running for about 4 weeks now and is proving to be very popular with pupils: we have 29 pupils attend Chess Club this week!

However we have a very limited amount of Chess sets for pupils to play on, so please could I put out a plea to parents. If you have a chess set at home that is no longer needed, please could you donate it or loan it to us? This would enable pupils to enjoy, engage and participate in the club more fully.

Many thanks

Mrs Stirman

## **Learning Resource Centre update.**

January has been a busy month for the Learning Resource Centre, there has been voting on the Royal Society's Science book awards by our year 9 judging panel, pupils have been updating their reading logs with all of their holiday reading and Sora our digital eBook reading app has gotten off to a flying start. I would like to thank my Year 9 judging panel Jay, Tilda, Naomi, Ethan & Maria, they expended a lot of effort reading and reviewing the shortlisted books, and had some wonderfully insightful comments during our voting meeting. The overall winner from all votes will be announced by the Royal Society in March, and I will update you in due course.

The winner of our £20 Waterstones voucher for logging on to our eBook app over the holidays was Tej in Year 7 - congratulations to him for some excellent digital reading!

On the 1<sup>st</sup> February we will be launching our Blind Date with a Book promotion in the Learning Resource Centre. Our pupil librarians have been hard at work selecting titles and identifying genres and key words to add to the wrapped books, pupils will then be able to select a wrapped book based on these key words only. We hope that this will encourage pupils to pick a book that they might not otherwise select. There will be a 1 proud point reward for borrowing the book, when they have finished reading the title if they give me a written or verbal review, they will receive a further 5 proud point award. The promotion was incredibly popular last year and the Learning Resource Centre was a very exciting place to be while students opened their selections.

As always please remind pupils to return any overdue books, I will be sending letters home at the end of the month for those books that are in excess of 50 days overdue. At this point we assume they are lost and request the cost of the book be paid, if the pupil still has the book, they can still return it to the Learning Resource Centre with no cost involved.

If your child needs assistance logging onto our eBook system, please do not hesitate to contact me at [s.nicholls@toynbee.hants.sch.uk](mailto:s.nicholls@toynbee.hants.sch.uk)

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Nicholls