

20 May 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

#### Term dates

Please see below for some important dates for this year.

May 27th – End of term June 6th – Return to school July 7th – Inset day July 21st – End of term, school closes at noon September 1st – Inset day September 2nd – New Year 7 intake only September 5th – All year groups return to school

#### **Toynbee's Charity Week Success!**

Toynbee School's 2022 charity week, the first since 2019 due to the pandemic, ran from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April until Friday the 8<sup>th</sup> April, and was packed with exciting activities for all students to get involved with. We had bake sales and Easter egg sales, sumo wrestling, staff bleep tests, guess the number of sweets in the jar, inflatable football, karaoke and the main event: Teacher Mastermind, won this year by Ms Parker of the Science department! The prefect team, led by Daisy Blatch and the head pupils, sorted logistics, staffing, prizes and publicity to ensure that the



week ran smoothly and successfully, and of course made plenty of money for worthy causes!



The total raised was £1322, with £682 going to the Ukraine appeal. The remaining £640 was grateful accepted by Southampton Sight, a local charity working with residents with visual impairments. As Toynbee has its own VI resource on site, this is a particularly pertinent choice! We were lucky enough to be visited by Kris and Mark from the charity to accept the donation.

Kris talked to us about ways in which people with visual impairments are viewed, and how the stigma can be defeated. He also explained some of the various technologies that visually impaired people are able to use to ensure that their difficulties are not limiting. As the charity's slogan goes, 'loss of sight does not mean loss of life', and Kris reiterated that to us all. Toynbee's donation will go a long way to helping people obtain the support they need to live their lives to the full.

Overall, it was a fabulous week. We're really proud of our pupils' willingness to take part, proud to make a significant donation to such a worthy cause, and proud of our prefect team for organising and running such a slick event. We hope we can be as successful as this in the future!

#### Year 11

I need to start this week's message by saying the biggest well done to every single Year 11 pupil. They have completed their first week of GCSE exams and I could not be prouder of each and every one of them. Their attitude towards their exams has been amazing. They have all arrived on time, in perfect uniform and have given it their all. I hope they enjoy a well deserved rest this weekend alongside their revision. Well done Year 11 - You have smashed it! Keep up the fantastic work.

With 4 weeks of exams still to go I would like to share with you some websites that may be useful for parents and pupils throughout the exam season. Please see below some links for parents/carers and pupils around revision support, exam stress and coping with the exam season.

- Revision | On My Mind | Anna Freud Centre
- Exam Stress | How To Deal with Exam Stress | YoungMinds
- Help your child beat exam stress NHS (www.nhs.uk)
- Coping with exam pressure a guide for students GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

As a reminder - Please see below some important dates for your diary.

• 27th May Pupils to attend school for their Science and Computer Science GCSE exams only. • Pupils will be able to go home after their Science exam has finished. • Pupils that have a



Computer Science exam in the afternoon, will be able to remain in school and work in a supervised revision room.

- 28th May 5th June Half Term
- 6th June onwards Pupils to only attend school for Exams and Lessons in which they have exams still to sit
- 23rd June Final GCSE Exam
- 24th June Leavers Assembly 4pm
- 7th July Prom
- 25th August GCSE Results Day

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me directly if there is anything that I can do to support your child in their final few weeks at Toynbee.

Have a lovely weekend. Miss West

#### **History Club**

History Club continued this week by examining how Southampton has changed since 1945, focusing on the impact of economic changes and migration on the city. Remember, History Club is open to all Year 7 and 8 students and is in H3 (my room) every Friday breaktime.

I look forward to seeing you all there! Mr Pople

#### **School Choir**

Everyone is welcome to join the choir for loads of fun, rehearsing for summer concert and biscuits! Show Chorus 8.15-9am every Thursday morning in Mu2. Full attendance in rehearsals is needed if you want to perform in the concert on the 16th June.

Mrs Osborn

#### LRC

We have an exciting update for the LRC coming just after half term. A new library management system is being installed which will make the LRC a lot easier to access. We will begin using the Oliver LMS week commencing 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022, unfortunately this will mean that the LRC will be closed for borrowing and returning books for the whole week while we migrate all of our data to the new system. I will be sending out details of how students will be able to access the LRC from home once the installation is



complete. The LRC will still be open for booked lessons and at lunchtime/after school for revision and computer use only. I apologise for the inconvenience this will cause during that week.

Students still have until half term to submit their Desert Island Books sheets to receive 5 achievement points. Sheets are available for collection from the LRC, the response so far has been great so please keep them coming!

Have a restful, book-filled weekend! Mrs S Nicholls, Library Manager

### PE

#### Excused pupils

With the GCSE exam period underway using the indoor PE spaces, all PE lessons will be outside. The aim is for lessons to continue unless the weather is really wet. As stated in previous newsletters, excused pupils are expected to change into PE kit. Should it rain whilst the pupils are outside, changed pupils will have a dry uniform to change into. The exception to this are pupils in casts etc who struggle to change.

#### Away fixtures information

The new policy for ensuring that parents/carers are aware of the full details for away fixtures, seems to have started well. Please do complete the permission form to save us from contacting you prior to leaving the school site.

#### Art Clubs

KS3 Theatre Set Design Club started this week with Miss Goldsmith, a great start to the school stage set production! There are three more sessions remaining if your son or daughter would like to join us.

- Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> May 3-4pm
- Mon 6<sup>th</sup> June 3-4pm
- Mon 13th June 3-4pm

#### Summer Term 2-Coming soon in the Art Department for KS3

- 3D Clay Club with Miss Moss 3-4pm-Dates TBC
- 'How to make your own sketchbook' with Miss Savage 3-4pm-Dates TBC



#### **Vision Impairment Resource**

On a sunny Friday last week, the year 7 students from the VI Resource attended a Fly Fishing day. All 8 students, accompanied by their key workers were invited to travel to East Meon and experience this new activity. All students were guided by an expert in the fine art of catching rainbow trout and were even able to sample their catch on the day and take their bounty home to their families. I think the photos show from the smiles what a great time was had by all!

Mrs Lloyd



**Flying Start Hampshire** – The Flying Start Hampshire website has been updated, ready to support this year's Year 11 pupils bridge the gap between leaving school and moving on to their next steps. This is a free website and contains information on planning for their future, progression & wellbeing support. There is a brand new 'Study and Employability Skills' programme for all students to access. They have also updated the section for parents and careers. Please visit www.sunoutreach.org for more information



### **Road Safety**

Following a couple of recent accidents in the local community where pupils have had near misses with cars and pedestrians, can I please remind pupils of the need to wear a helmet if they are cycling to and from school, and to be aware of their surroundings. Your safety is very important to us, so please can you do everything you can to remain safe on your way to and from school.

#### Timetable

Next week is WEEK B on your lesson timetables.

#### Vacancies

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

- Senior Administration Assistant
- Learning Support Assistant
- Learning Support Assistant Vision Impaired resource

#### Attendance

A reminder to please ensure you email <u>attendance@toynbee.hants.sch.uk</u> or send a message via school comms on the first and any subsequent days of absence for your child.

Mrs K Reynolds, Attendance Officer

#### **Free Online Courses for Parents**

To book any of these courses, please type in the following link https://shop.hants.gov.uk/collections/library-courses

| Course Title:                           | Dates:                       | Times:      |
|---|------------------------------|-------------|
| Positive Parenting                      | Mondays 13 June – 11 July    | 18:30-20:00 |
| <b>Building Resilient Teenagers</b>     | Tuesdays 14 June – 12 July   | 18:00-19:30 |
| Let's Get Ready for School              | Wednesdays 15 June – 13 July | 10:00-11:30 |
| Raising Resilient Children              | Wednesdays 15 June – 13 July | 18:30-20:00 |
| Starting Secondary School               | Thursdays 16 June – 14 July  | 18:00-19:30 |
| How Children Learn to Read<br>and Write | Thursdays 16 June – 21 July  | 10.00-11.30 |



| Followings   | Toynbee PE Department |                  |  |   |
|--|-----------------------|------------------|--|---|
|  | wc                    | Early Clubs      | After School                           | Fixtures  |
| @ToynbeePE @teamtoynbee  | 23rd Apr              | Breakfast 7:45am | 3pm-4:30pm                             | Full details on team notice                           |
|  |                       |                  |  | boards. Captains to check teams                       |
| Personal Best  | Monday                |                  | DANCE All DG<br>TRACK STARS All TU     | U13 CRICKET (A) TR M<br>Y9/8 BOYS ATHLETICS (A)       |
| Results/Announcements  |                       |                  |  |   |
| Last week's results  |                       |                  |  |   |
| Y7 district league cricket – postponed     U15 Hampshire Cup cricket - postponed     Y8 field events friendly – 35 attended     Toynbee placed 6th in the Hampshire schools & colleges       | Tuesday               |                  | CRICKET 7,8 M                          | Y9 BOYS FOOTBALL (A) TR FR<br>HAMPSHIRE CUP FINAL     |
| team golf championships<br>Announcements   |                       |                  |  |   |
| <ul> <li>So far this year 106 fixtures / festivals / tournaments since<br/>September across 15 sports for 43 different teams</li> </ul>  |                       |                  |  |   |
| <ul> <li>61% of the pupils have attended at least one club/fixture</li> <li>South Central Region handball champs U13 Girls – Champions –<br/>qualify for national finals</li> </ul>          | Wednesday             |                  | ATHLETICS All HJ DG HS TU LG BE        | Y7 BOYS ATHLETICS (A) FR<br>Y7 GIRLS ATHLETICS (A) FR |
| <ul> <li>South Central Region handball champs U13 boys –<br/>silver medalists – qualify for national finals</li> </ul>   |                       |                  |  |   |
| <ul> <li>South Central Region handball champs U15 girls 5th place</li> <li>Hampshire Track K/O 1st round</li> </ul>  |                       |                  |  |   |
| Hants/Wilt/Dors Champions – Handball – U13 Boys     Hants/Wilt/Dors Champions – Handball – U13 Girls     Hants/Wilt/Dors Bronze medalists – Handball – U15 Girls                             | Thursday              |                  | ROUNDERS All WD HJ BE<br>DANCE GCSE DG | Y7 BOYS CRICKET (A) TR<br>Y7 ROUNDER (H) HJ           |
| <ul> <li>Hampshire Champions – Badminton - U13 Girls</li> <li>District Cup winners – Football - Y11 Boys</li> </ul>  |                       |                  | FLIGHT CLUB All FR                     | Y8 ROUNDERS (H) HJ                                    |
| <ul> <li>District League winners – Football – Y9 Boys</li> </ul>   |                       |                  |  | Y11/10/9/8 ATHLETICS (A) TU                           |
| <ul> <li>Southampton Basketball league Winners – U14 Boys</li> <li>Southampton Basketball league Plate winners – U14 Boys</li> <li>Hampshire Cup Runners Up – U14 Boys Basketball</li> </ul> | Friday                |                  | HIGH VIS VI students & guests LD HS    |   |
| Winner for Eastleigh Sports Awards – performer of the<br>Year Maria Mitchell - Badminton   |                       |                  |  |   |





### **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.





Catering

| Freshly prepare   |   | MAINS<br>WEEK ONE   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Monday  | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday  |
| Quorn Enchilada<br>served with salad                        | • Vegetarian<br>Lasagne<br>with garlic<br>doughballs &<br>salad | Cauliflower<br>Cheese Bake<br>with garlic bread<br>& sweetcorn                                  | Veggie<br>Sausages &<br>Mash<br>served with<br>vegetables of<br>the day & gravy | • Tomato Pasta<br>served<br>with garlic bread<br>and cheese |
| Hunters<br>Chicken<br>with herby<br>potatoes &<br>sweetcorn | Lamb<br>Meatballs &<br>Spaghetti<br>in a tomato<br>sauce        | Pulled Chicken<br>Yorkie<br>served with roast<br>potatoes,<br>seasonal<br>vegetables &<br>gravy | Chefs' Choice<br>Curry<br>served with pilau<br>rice and Naan<br>bread           | Choice Fish   |
|   | OVegetarian OVegan  | All menu items are subject to change, based upon availability in                                | the event of unforeseen circumstances.  |   |

Personal Best



