

Toynbee School

a specialist humanities school

Headteacher Weekly Newsletter

Week 1

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to our Year 7 pupils who have made a great start at settling in. This has been very impressive and I am delighted that they have joined Toynbee.

I hope you all had a fantastic summer and a relaxing break.

It has been a great start to the term for all year groups. Behaviour and uniform has been impeccable. Thank you for all your support making sure our students are smart, prepared and equipped to start the new academic year. It is noticeable that students are focussed and eager to learn.

I am delighted that students have responded so well to the mobile phone ban. They have been remarkably mature and sensible.

Parking

When dropping off/collecting your child on the roads surrounding the school, please can you ensure you park considerately and do not obstruct residents' driveways/garages or wait on double yellow lines. The dropping off/collecting should be carried out outside the school gates.

Canteen Balance

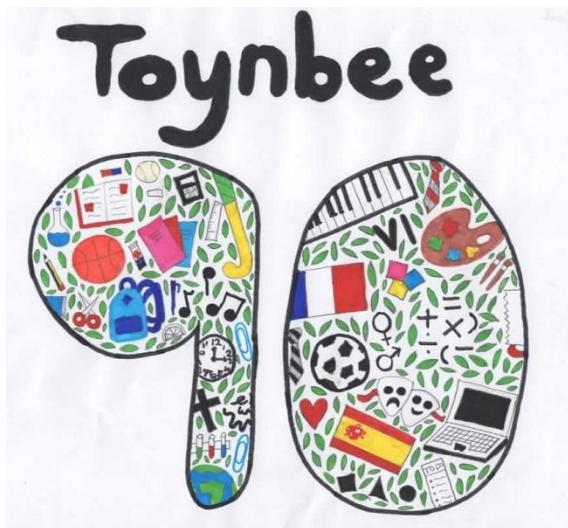
As a gentle reminder, our Catering Provider, Catering Academy is no longer able to allow pupils to go in to an overdraft balance. Please could we remind all parents that children are able to top up their canteen balances by using the machines in the canteen and in the main block hall way and online via SCOPAY. If you are topping up via SCOPAY please note that it can take several hours for the balance to be updated. The link is on the front page of the school website.

Lunch Time Supervisor Vacancies

If you are interested in becoming a Lunchtime Supervisor, please either visit www.toynbee.hants.sch.uk or www.hants.gov.uk/jobs/education-jobs.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Toynbee's 90th Birthday



Toynbee School is 90 years old this year! Help us prepare for our celebrations by getting in touch with your memories...

Did you go to Toynbee School? When did you start and who was your favorite teacher? Do you have any old photos? We would love to hear from you.

Have a look at the Toynbee 90th Birthday facebook page for updates.

<https://www.facebook.com/Toynbee90thbirthday/>

The G&T Newsletter

Starting from September 2019, Year 9 members of the Toynbee Gifted and Talented (G&T) programme will be publishing a brand new termly newsletter to inform parents about upcoming G&T events in and out of school.

The year 9 newsletter team consists of:

Interviewers – **Zach, James**

Journalists – **Daisy, Ben, Kurtis, Tom**

Designers – **Owen, Isaac**

Editors – **Ella, Josie, Sophie**

The Future of the Gifted and Talented programme at Toynbee

The Gifted and Talented pupils are tracked throughout their time in Toynbee to ensure that they continue to progress at the expected rate. This starts in year 7.

In the past pupils were selected for the G&T Programme based on their KS2 results, choosing the top 10%. There are now new criteria to identify the Gifted and Talented students where the top 5% performers in terms of grades are chosen as well as pupils that are working at a higher standard in specific subjects.

As well as these changes, regular after school meetings will now occur, starting with the year 7s. These meetings include activities like problem solving and talking to teachers and other representatives who come into school. Increasing the amount of time our G&T students spend together is the perfect way to increase challenge and improve the outcomes for students.

An explanation of the new changes written by Mr May will be available on the Toynbee School website in September.

Important dates

26th September – Year 11 G&T trip to The University of Southampton

26th November – Year 9 G&T trip to The University of Southampton

10th December – Year 11 G&T Revision session with The University of Southampton ambassadors.

16th January – Year 8 G&T trip to The University of Southampton

27th February – Year 8 G&T Options session to help students select their options subjects.

3rd, 4th March – Year 10 G&T Global Challenge

25th, 26th, 27th March – Year 7 G&T Residential trip to Kingswood Activity Centre

6th May – Year 7 G&T trip to The University of Southampton

Due to limited capacity on some trips those students attending will be selected. In most cases selection will be based on attendance, attitude to learning and progress.

VI Resource Centre

The VI Resource Centre are collecting stamps to help the local charity ***Hampshire Association For The Care Of The Blind*** in Eastleigh.

We are saving any used stamps, British or foreign, so they can raise funds from them, as they help many people with sight impairment in the local community. They are also trying to raise awareness in secondary schools about the importance of having an eye test.

With this in mind, we would appreciate any donations of stamps from you, your family and friends. There is a labelled jar in reception and an orange box just inside the door in VI Resource for any stamps to be donated.

Dates for your Diary:

11 September – Year 8 Information evening 18:30

12 September – Year 9 Information evening 18:30

17 September – Year 11 Information evening 18:30

18 September – Year 7 Information evening 18:30

19 September – Year 10 Information evening 18:30

(These will be held in the Theatre)

27 September – INSET DAY – School closed to pupils

3 October – OPEN EVENING – Early closure 12:30

Have a nice weekend.

Regards

Mr Matthew Longden
Headteacher

