

# Toynbee School

a specialist humanities school

## Headteacher Weekly Newsletter

Week 15



Dear Parents/Carers

### **Last Day of Term Arrangements**

School will close early for the Christmas holidays at **12:00 noon** on 20 December 2019

### **Debbie Matthews VI LSA**

It is with great sadness that I have to let you know that Debbie Matthews has passed away after a long battle with cancer. Debbie was a VI LSA for many years at the school. She was an incredible person who was kind, selfless and a beautiful soul. Her contribution to the school and the lives of everyone she worked with and met, was very special. She will be sorely missed by staff, pupils and parents. Our thoughts go out to her family and loved ones.

### **Year 7 Boys Football**

The Year 7 Boys Football team have reached the last 32 of the National Cup. Results so far are:

Beat Brighton Hill 15-1

Beat Glenmoor Academy 2-1

Beat Melksham Oak 3-2 (aet)

Beat Highworth Warneford 4-1

The boys are now away to Winston Churchill Sports College in Woking in the last 32

Alongside this the boys have reached the quarter finals of both the District Cup and the Hampshire Cup

Much to look forward to in the new year!



### **Road Safety**

When dropping off/collecting your child on the roads surrounding the school, please can you make sure that you **do not** park in the **bus stop, in front of the school gates**, on **double yellow lines** or **across residents' driveways**. We would like to maintain our good relationship with our neighbours. Thank you in advance for your support!

We are still receiving reports of a small number of pupils displaying poor road awareness on their way home from school. The roads around school are incredibly busy at both the start and end of the school day.

As a matter of urgency and safety to both the student and other road users, please take extra care when travelling to and from school. **YOUR SAFETY IS PARAMOUNT!**

### **Used Stamps Appeal**



Toynbee school in Chandlers Ford has the only purpose built secondary resource that is fully equipped to support the needs of pupils with a vision impairment in Hampshire. The pupils are fully integrated into mainstream school and enjoy all aspects of the curriculum with support from specialist Learning Support Assistants, including PE, Technology and Science.

The Toynbee VI Resource Centre are collecting **used** stamps - British or foreign - for **Hampshire Association For The Care Of The Blind** in Eastleigh, to help them raise funds to support many people with sight impairment in the local community.

**Please place any used stamps you have in the jar on the reception desk or in the box in the VI Resource Centre.**

**Many thanks for your support.**

### **Helpful Hounds**

Just to make you aware, Helpful hounds is now one of the “Good Causes” supported by the BH Coastal Lottery. The tickets are £1 per week and 50% come back to Helpful Hounds. Plus, participants have the chance to Win a top prize of £25,000. We would be delighted if you would support this, yourself but, even more importantly can you promote this to friends, family and people at work.

<https://www.bhcoastalottery.co.uk>

**Peter Rufus**

**Trustee and CEO (Volunteer)**

**Helpful Hounds Assistance Dogs**  
**admin@helpfulhounds.org.uk**

**Registered Charity in England: No.1181017**



### **Home /School Communication**

May we request that parents adhere to our communication policy and respect the work/life balance of teachers. The policy can be found on our website pages under ‘Parents’ but essentially parents should not be sending emails or expect a reply to an email sent after 4pm.

In addition, please note that should you need to see a member of a staff, an appointment would be necessary. Unfortunately, we are unable to assist with walk-ins. Your co-operation in this is much appreciated.

**Dates for your Diary:**

20 December - Early Finish – 12 noon

6 January – Late start – 11:15 (All pupils to tutor groups)

I would like to take this opportunity, to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Peaceful and Happy New Year.

Regards

**Mr Matthew Longden**  
**Headteacher**

