

Toynbee



28 May 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Year 11

Well, the time has arrived, and the final farewells have been said.....What an emotional rollercoaster it has been for everyone. I am immensely proud of each and every Year 11 and how they have coped in such strange and challenging times. I am so sorry to not have been able to make the memories that we would have liked, but I can honestly say that my time spent with Year 11 has been an absolute pleasure.

Each and every pupil, with their own characteristics and personalities, has brought so much to the year group and I will certainly miss seeing familiar faces around school after half term - it will feel very strange indeed. I would like to say a big thank you to every parent and carer who has shown their support over the years - it has not gone unnoticed and has been very much appreciated.

A final message to Year 11 pupils: You are all amazing, hold on to your dreams, be the best you can and have THE very best future.

Lots of luck to you all.

Mrs Vallance, Guidance Manager, Year 11

The Toynbee School Day September 2021

As the COVID restrictions hopefully draw to an end, we have reviewed our plan for the school day for September. While the staggered day has brought some compromises, all pupils are now able to access the canteen and pod safely. Therefore, we are proposing to continue with the staggered day, re-align the start and finish times for all pupils, and move the KS4 Tutor time to the start of the day. This will take effect from the start of the new academic year in September.

Year 7 & 8		Year 9, 10, 11	
0835	Warning Bell	0835	Warning Bell
0840 - 0855	Tutor Time	0840 - 0855	Tutor Time
0900 - 1000	Lesson 1	0900 - 1000	Lesson 1
1000 - 1025	Break	1000 - 1100	Lesson 2
1025 - 1125	Lesson 2	1100 - 1125	Break
1125 - 1225	Lesson 3	1125 - 1225	Lesson 3
1225 - 1255	Lunch	1225 - 1325	Lesson 4
1255 - 1355	Lesson 4	1325 - 1355	Lunch
1355 - 1455	Lesson 5	1355 - 1455	Lesson 5

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Pupil Uniform

We expect all Year 7 – 10 pupils to be in the correct uniform when they return after half term. Hoodies and leggings are not acceptable and will lead to the Guidance Manager following up and contacting parents. Full details on the uniform expectations can be found here www.toynbee.hants.sch.uk/uniform

From September 2021, the incoming Year 7 pupils will have a new uniform. Please click this link: [New Year 7 Uniform](#) for more details/pictures. All year groups will now wear the black & grey tie. Everyone will be expected to follow the new uniform code from September 2022, with pupils able to adopt the new uniform early if they wish.

Inset days

Please note that there are two remaining Inset days for this year. These will take place on July 7th 2021 and July 15th 2021. Please do not send your children to school on these dates.

The first two Inset days for 2021/2022 will be held on 2nd September 2021 and 21st September 2021. School starts for Year 7 on Friday 3rd September 2021, with all other year groups returning to school on Monday 6th September 2021

Year 7

The Year 7s have had a busy few weeks & continue to engage positively in their learning and other areas of Toynbee life. I cannot believe that we are almost at the last stage of the Year 7 journey as it has passed so very quickly. Having delayed the Football event in the hope of better weather we ended up getting badly caught in the rain! The year 7s showed their ongoing resilience and just played & cheered their way through it. It was a lovely event that involved so many pupils! I was immensely proud of them all. We look forward to that being the first of many enrichment activities for the year group. Please remind your Star Bakers to pick up their tins from my office. I know we are all ready for a week off with hopefully some sunshine! Miss Murchie, Guidance Manager, Year 7



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Year 8

I hope all of our Year 8 students and their parents/carers have a fun and relaxing half term holiday. Hopefully when we return from the break, our students will be re-energised and ready to throw themselves into the last 7 weeks of their time in Year 8. I would love to see all of our students return to school in full school uniform with no trainers or hoodies and am very grateful to parents for supporting us with this so far.

Mrs Ahern, Guidance Manager, Year 8

Year 9

Since coming back after Easter, Year 9 have been considerably more settled and have continued to show great resilience. I am mindful that during this half-term it may have become apparent any repercussions from the period of time out of school emotionally, socially and academically. Given the circumstances, I feel that year 9 have been coping extremely well emotionally and have been accessing support from myself should they need it and benefitting from any interventions in place for them. Socially, it has been great to see many of them socialising across the year group, continuing to develop new relationships and widen their friendship circles. Academically, they have continued to engage well with their learning this half-term. They have been working hard on a number of assessments more recently and are due a much-deserved break. The data that you will receive regarding your child will provide a much-needed insight into this aspect.

It has been fantastic to see so many year 9's getting involved again with extra-curricular activities. It was great to see both the girls and boys cricket teams play last week...(and win!)

This half-term the anti-bullying ambassadors completed a half-day virtual training event delivered by an anti-bullying expert from The Diana Award. The training event involved a series of engaging group activities and discussions. All of the pupils were fantastic and did a brilliant job of representing Toynbee. We will continue to work alongside The Diana Award to implement ideas at Toynbee and work towards a number of badges.

The Year 9 Pupil Council recently met with me to organise a range of inter-tutor activities that will take place next half-term. They enthusiastically all put forward a number of ideas and eventually we decided on a range of activities they would all enjoy and met the interests of all pupils. They can all be very competitive at times, so we are really looking forward to getting started on this!

Please see below the link to Children's Calm Zone which is an online platform to support young people. There are a number of resources on the website to promote calmness and find what strategies work for you. This is a really useful platform that I know would be of benefit to a number of pupils.

<https://www.childline.org.uk/toolbox/calm-zone/>

I will be posting the Action for Happiness calendar for June on Show My Homework, which always has some wonderful ideas on there for pupils to try to support their wellbeing.

My Year 9 Stars for this half-term are:

9BT - Sammy F & Victor I

9GA - Kye N & Lexi L

9GO - Leila D & Michael M

9KA - Abi S & Thomas L

9MK - Jacob U & Erin L

9RD - Evie L & Tyler B

9SL - Victoria S & Zach B

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I wanted to mention the year 11's who are now finishing their time at Toynbee and say a huge well done to them all over the past few months for continuing to work so hard under such challenging circumstances. I want to wish them all the very best for their future and I will really miss seeing lots of familiar faces around the school!

Thank you for your continued support as ever. I wish you and your families a lovely half-term and lets hope the sun is here to stay!

Mrs Kalogerias, Guidance Manager, Year 9

Year 10

It has been a really busy half term in school for Year 10 pupils with lots of preparation and revision for their mocks. I am sure they are looking forward to a restful half term with some revision ready for those first exams! I am really proud of how well they are all working towards their exams.

Thank you to all pupils who have expressed their interest in attending the Barton Peveril Taster Day on 30th June. If your child expressed their interest, please complete the permission form and subject choices that has been sent to you by 4th June.

Well done Year 10 for a brilliant half term! I wish you and your families a lovely break.

Miss West, Guidance Manager, Year 10

Science Stars of the Week

The pupils below have been awarded Science Star of the week for their respective year groups. Well done!

Ayva 7HA
Jasmine 8DW
Isobel 9GA
Simon 10BC
Laura 11DS

Covid home tests

So far, over 40 million LFT tests by staff and students have now been conducted as part of the education testing programme. Please can you continue to test and record your results during the half term break, and especially before returning to school.

Timetable

Week commencing June 7th is **WEEK B** on your lesson timetables.

NOC Virtual Open Day 2021 - Celebration of World Oceans Day

To celebrate World Oceans Day the National Oceanography Centre is providing a free digital day of educational talks, hot-topic discussions and virtual tours, which will replace our usual on-site Open Day. The team of speakers are excited to share their latest science and technology with classrooms and homes across the world. Whatever your interest, education or time zone they have something for you. They have live and on-demand talks, downloadable factsheets and colouring in, a scavenger hunt, and an interactive education and career zone.

If your child is interested in the Marine Environment, please click on this link to register. [National Oceanography Centre Open Day 2021 \(vfairs.com\)](https://www.noc.ac.uk/open-day-2021)

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Inspiring Careers



10:00-10:45 & 15:00-15:45
THE ROLE OF THE OCEAN IN OUR CHANGING CLIMATE
Dr Ben Moot and Dr Alejandra Sanchez-Franks

11:00-11:45 & 14:00-14:45
SCIENCE AT THE COAST
Dr Jenny Brown and Julia Rolant

12:00-12:45 & 15:00-15:45
YELLOW SUBMARINES FOR GREENER OCEAN SCIENCE
Dr Kristian Thaller

Find out how our ocean is reacting to the changing climate, learn about our cutting-edge technology and find out what inspired our oceanographers to pursue a career in marine science.

Whatever your interest, education or time zone we have something for you. As well as live talks we have on-demand videos, downloadable factsheets and colouring in, a scavenger hunt, and an interactive career exhibit.

Mental Health Awareness Week 2021 (10th-16th May)

In the Toynbee Art Department part of Mental Health Awareness Week 2021, all students in Years 7-9 entered an Art competition to decorate a tulip, the symbol of hope for Mental Health for this year. Famous award winning artist Paul Cummins MBE donated his drawing of a tulip to decorate.

<https://mentalhealth-uk.org>

I have been delighted to see the unique and creative designs and have witnessed some very thought provoking and mature conversations surrounding the importance of mental health for young people. Thank you to everyone who participated! Congratulations to all of the winners for each year group category, selected by Mr Longden.

Ms A. Goldsmith
Head of Art, Design and Craft

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Year 9 - Ignacia P



Year 8 - Katherine C



Year 7 - Thomas G

I hope that you all have a relaxing and enjoyable half term.

Matthew.