

Toynbee



22 October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

We have made it through the first half term of the school year and I would like to thank you for all of your help in making sure that this term has been so successful for our Pupils. It has been great to see that they are engaged in lessons, have joined in with our extra curricular activities and have settled into their new year groups well.

As you will have heard in the media, cases of Coronavirus are increasing. We monitor reported cases in the school on a daily basis, and are thankful that we have not reached the threshold set by the DfE for when we have to take action. Whilst the vaccination programme should help us to stay below this threshold, we have decided on some steps to try and limit the spread of the virus within our school.

When pupils return to school after the half term, we would encourage them to wear face coverings in all indoor communal areas – these include the corridors, toilets and in the queue for food at breaktimes. Face coverings do not need to be worn when pupils are outside at breaktimes.

We will also be increasing the number of sanitising stations around the school and would encourage pupils to use them. Pupils are allowed to bring in their own small bottle of sanitiser if they wish to do so.

We have stopped holding assemblies for pupils in a larger group – any topics that were due to be discussed at assemblies are now being delivered during class tutor times or virtually.

We will continue to monitor the situation in school and will keep you updated on any further decisions.

Covid vaccinations

May I remind you that Covid vaccinations are being carried out in school on November 4th. If your child is between 12 and 15 years old, and you would like them to receive the vaccine at school, you **must** fill in the consent form that has been sent home. This form needs to be returned to school by November 1st. Further details on the school vaccination programme can be found on the link below.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-vaccination-resources-for-schools/covid-19-vaccination-programme-for-young-people-guidance-for-parents>

NHS England will soon offer 12 to 15 year olds the opportunity to get their COVID-19 vaccine out-of-school, such as through vaccination centres. This offer will run in parallel to the in-school vaccination programme. Parents of children aged 12 to 15 should receive a letter from the NHS with more information on the vaccination programme shortly, including information about how to book an appointment out-of-school, if this option is preferred, or if your child was unable to have a vaccination at school.

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Lateral Flow testing over half term

Thank you for your continued support with Covid-19 home testing. We know how important it is for you to be able to send your children to school. You should encourage your children to continue testing and report results twice a week, at home, throughout the October half-term school holiday and take a test before returning to school/college. All results should be reported, even if your result is negative or void. Please use this link to report your results

[Report a COVID-19 rapid lateral flow test result - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/report-a-covid-19-rapid-lateral-flow-test-result)

Tests have been sent home so that pupils can continue testing themselves over the half term break. You can help them to take the test and report their results. If you do still require more home testing kits to continue testing over half term, you can order more online through gov.uk or collect from your local pharmacy. By testing your child twice a week over half term, you will help reduce transmission of Coronavirus, keep pupils in school and minimise disruption to their education and to you and your household.

Year 7

Well, we have made it through a very successful half term as a year group! I can honestly say I am immensely proud of every single pupil. It has been such a pleasure leading Year 7 and already building strong relationships with them. Around school they are polite, hardworking, kind and respectful and their uniform is superb. It is amazing to see.

Model Pupil Awards:

Well done to Aarna, Harry, Keira and Freddie for their Model Pupil Awards. They will each receive 5 APs!

VI Peer Supporters:

Charley, Matthew, Callum, Jess, Aarna, Luke, Alex, Eli, Tamsin, Esme, Riley, Jess, Tobia, Ava, Isobel, Arran, Ryan, Neha, Eleanor

A huge congratulations to these pupils who have successfully been chosen as VI Peer Supporters - you should be very proud of yourselves. Mrs Taylor, Head of our VI Department has told me you are all an amazing group of pupils! Please see Mrs Vallance to be awarded a High Five Stamp in your journal for your fantastic achievement.

House Captains

Elise, Charlie, Eva, Rishan, Riley, Jessica, Aarna, Eddie, Daisy, Ayesha, Jacob, Daniel, Freya, Archie, Orla, Brandon

Congratulations to the above pupils who have been appointed the role of House Captain. Let the competition commence! Please see Mrs Vallance to get your High Five Stamp.

The year group have also really got involved in lots of clubs in school which is great! Please refer to the Year 7 Induction and Tutor Evening link on the school website for information on these.

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Anime Club is now on! This is open to Years 7 and 8 and takes place in the Library, Thursday lunchtimes.

I have already received some shoe boxes for the Christmas Box Appeal - thank you! Please encourage your child to take part in this worthy cause. The closing date is Thursday 18th November. If you need further information on this, please do not hesitate to contact me in school or visit www.christmasbox.org Lets do the school proud with an amazing donation of boxes!

Watch this space: I will be looking to appoint Tutor Representatives (2 from each tutor group) after half term. The successful candidates will meet with myself and Mr Lawrence (Deputy Headteacher) regularly and will be the "pupil voice" for the year group. I will keep you updated on this exciting opportunity.

Finally, please can I thank all of you for your amazing support so far. I genuinely think this year group are fantastic and I am looking forward to continuing our journey together.



Have a restful half term. Mrs Vallance 😊

Year 8

It has been a long half term for everyone and I know that all the Year 8s are ready for a week off! They have made a fantastic start to Year 8 and continue to develop and grow as a year group. We have had much success, both in and out of the classroom, and it has been a pleasure to see them continue to shine at Toynbee. I have loved seeing the year group come together in both sporting and musical extra circular activities. Here are the Year 8 football team celebrating this week after playing against local rivals Thornden. The game was decided on a last-minute penalty and the final score was 2-1! We have an abundance of talent and enthusiasm, which is lovely to see.



This week we have another group of **Blue Band** pupils to celebrate so congratulations to; Arun - 8PH, Harry - 8TU, Zac - 8PI, Matthew - 8PI Fia - 8TU Maddie - 8TU, Jess - 8TI, Kayley - 8TU, Kalia - 8LP, Alya - 8LP

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STAND UP TO CANCER

Year 8 Inter Tutor Football Fundraising Tournament

Tuesday November 9th at 3pm

HOT DOGS FOR SALE

7 to play each game with a minimum of 2 girls per team! (no limit to team size) & If you don't want to Play then come along & support your Tutor Group!!! APs for Playing, watching & cheering!

BANNER COMPETITION

YEAR 8 BAKE OFF!

HOT CHOCOLATE STAND

TRAINERS NO STUDS

Looking ahead to next half term. I am looking forward to starting NUTURE with a new group of pupils. We also have a Year 8 Football Tournament in November, which we are doing as fundraiser for Stand Up To Cancer.

After HT, we will be looking at ways to engage the Year 8 Pupils in Home learning, which is so important to compliment the work completed in lessons. I will be promoting active participation in Homework club for those who persistently

fail to complete Homework. I would appreciate parental support in helping with this.

I hope everyone has a nice week off and those that are poorly remain as well as possible. As ever please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any concerns, worries or feedback.

Kind regards, Miss Murchie

Year 10

As the half term is coming to its close, I wanted to say what an extremely positive start to the new academic year the year group have had. It has been wonderful to see all of our pupils settling back in with such positive attitudes and they have adapted exceptionally well into our new routines and structures. They have demonstrated excellent focus in their lessons so far and I have been exceptionally proud of them all. They have been committed, dedicated and seem to have really taken ownership of their learning this year.

The year group have been really engaged with extra-curricular clubs this half term and it has been lovely to see so many of them utilising the library facilities now that it has fully re-opened. The VI Peer Mentors and Anti-Bullying Ambassadors have been doing a brilliant job working alongside the year 7's in tutor time.

The following pupils have received 'Model Pupil Awards' for this half-term. Well done to all of them for making a fantastic start this half-term!

Jack W 10BT, Chloe O 10BT, Charlie S 10RD, Guarav B 10RD, Emma M 10DS, Jack P 10DS, David G 10MK, Carly S 10MK, Charlie W 10BDF, Isobel J 10BDF, Rhys B 10GO, CJ R-S 10GO, Ben C 10SL, Catrin I 10SL

Year 10 information evening link was sent out today and the presentation will also be added to the website for your reference at any time throughout the year.

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I hope you and your families have a wonderful half-term.

Best wishes, Mrs Kalogerias

Learning Resource Centre

I wanted to say a big thank you to all of the students who have made the LRC reopening a huge success, it is an absolute pleasure to work here with all of the students using the space to read and complete work for school.

Please encourage your child to continue to read through the half term break using our e-book platform. They will need the beginning part of their school logon e.g 01999 and the password is Toynbee.

I will be sending out information about an exciting opportunity for your child to become a pupil librarian after half term. Watch this space!

If you have any questions regarding the LRC, the e-book system or the books we have in general, please feel free to get in touch.

I hope that you have a restful half term and keep reading!

Mrs Nicholls, Library Manager

Geography Department trip to Barton Peveril.

A link has been established between the Geography Departments of Toynbee and Barton Peveril. Pupils submitted an essay titled "Are volcanoes a natural hazard". The group travelled to Barton where they had a tour of the school and a taster session based on their essay with Michael Wood. They were able to use higher level thinking skills and explore A-Level concepts. Michael marked all the essays and Josie M was given 1st place with special mentions to Daisy B and Joudy S.



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SPITFIRE HOUSE



As the Head of Spitfire House, I am delighted to announce the following pupils as Spitfire House Captains.

I am really looking forward to working with all of TEAM SPITFIRE to ensure we keep hold of the House Cup!!!

7WD - Orla & Brandon, 7RL - Jacob & Daniel, 8TI – Jess & Henry, 8HA- Eddie & Grace, 9DL – Leo, Joe & Mya 10MK – Faye, Molly & John, 10GO – Sophie, 11PT – Elina 11SK – Robin, Zach & Hattie.

Miss Murchie

History Club

What a fantastic start to Toynbee History Club! It has been great to see so many keen historians attending, and to be a part of some great historical discussion and debate.

Toynbee History Club continues next term, with our focus being "Who is History about?". We will be looking in detail at different groups through time and how they have experienced historical events, including: women, Black Britons, children, miners and many more.

I look forward to seeing you at History Club when we return next month.

Thanks, Mr Pople

PE Department

Enrichment

A fantastic term of PE enrichment with 46% of the school attending a club or fixture. Numbers at clubs are at and in some cases beyond pre covid times. Even with 25 fixtures being cancelled or postponed for various legitimate reasons by ourselves or the opposing school, we completed 43 fixtures across five sports this term. Next term sees basketball, handball and trampoline fixtures to the diary. As the time for clubs to finish is after sunset from half term, it is imperative that arrangements are put in place for the pupils to get home safely, from being collected, to having lights for their bikes, or monitoring of the walk home.

PE kit

PE kit is black shorts and Toynbee PE shirt with either red socks for outside sports or a change of socks for indoor sports. Tracksuit trousers and leggings are at the discretion of the member of staff of a lesson by lesson basis. For outdoor lessons, pupils can wear the rugby shirt. As lessons gets colder pupils may wear layers under their Toynbee outer top, these layers do not have to be Toynbee kit. As pupils bring more kit into school, it is important that the kit is clearly named. Studded footwear and gum shields are

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necessary for rugby in order for students to safely experience the contact elements of the game. Studs can also be used for any activity on the astro and gum shields can be used for hockey. Gum shields can be purchased from the PE office for £2, assistance will be given if moulding the gum shield in school.

Mr C French

Timetable

WC 1st November is WEEK B on your lesson timetables.

Extra-Curricular PE

Toynbee PE Department				
WC 1 st Nov	Early Clubs Breakfast 7:45am	After School 3pm-4:30pm	Fixtures Full details on team notice boards Captains to check teams	
Monday	BADMINTON 7,8 Recreational TU	RUGBY Boys 7,8 TU M DANCE 7,8 DG FOOTBALL Girls JRP CH VOLLEYBALL All FR		
Tuesday	TRAMPOLINE £ Southampton TC coach Registered students	RUGBY Girls All TU DG BASKETBALL £ Boys 9,10,11 coach FR	Y10 BOYS FOOTBALL (A) FR	
Wednesday	BADMINTON All Competitive FR	FOOTBALL Boys 7,8 JRP early finish – Football match NETBALL Y7,8 HW MINDFULNESS £ pre-registered pupils RM	Y11 BOYS FOOTBALL (H) JRP	
Thursday	BADMINTON 9,10,11 Recreational HW	NETBALL GCSE HW WD RUGBY Boys 9,10 TU DANCE GCSE – Strength & Technique DG GYMNASTICS All BE RUNNING CLUB All CB	Y8/9 & Y10/11 DISTRICT XC TRIALS (A) FR Early leave U14 BOYS BASKETBALL (H) JRP/TR	Y11 Parents Evening
Friday	BASKETBALL 7,8 FR, JP	HOCKEY All FR HIGH VIS VI students & guests LD HS		

Toynbee Extra-Curricular Music

Show Chorus Choir every Thursday at 8.15am in Mu2. FULL attendance if you want to perform at Christmas!

Show Case Choir every Thursday 3-4pm in Mu2. FULL attendance if you want to perform at Christmas!

ALL song words are on SMHW on the notice board 😊

Monday Lunchtime Year 7 & 8 Boomwhacker Club (Music 1).

An easy and fun music club using plastic tubes that you hit on chairs! All welcome.

Monday 3pm-4pm GCSE Music Drop In (Music 1).

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For GCSE music students to come and use the macs for composition work, or to have extra support with theory.

Tuesday 8am–8:30am Ukulele Group (Music 1).

For all year groups, no experience necessary. School ukuleles available to use.

Tuesday 3pm–4pm Toynbee Band (Music 1).

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.

Tuesday 3pm-4pm Rock Band (Music 2).

For all year groups. Drum, guitar, bass guitar, keyboard/piano players and singers of any standard.

Tuesday 4pm-5pm Music Theory (Music 1).

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.

Thursday 8:15-9am Show Chorus (Music 2).

A choir for all year groups and abilities singing a variety of genres. No audition, just come along if you like singing!

Thursday 3pm-4pm Show Case (Music 2).

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.

Friday Lunchtime Year 7 & 8 Keyboard Club (Music 2).

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.

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Catering

WEEK TWO MENU						
	MAIN MEALS	VEGGIE MAINS	GRAB N GO	SIDES	VEGETABLES	BAKERY
MONDAY	Ham carbonara	Tomato pasta bake	Stone baked pizza selection	Sauteed potatoes Garlic bread	Garden peas	Doughnut Choc crunch
TUESDAY	Chicken korma curry	Katsu vegetable curry	Cheese burger Vegetable burger	Boiled rice Jacket potato	Spinach	Shortbread Choc crunch
WEDNESDAY	Cumberland sausage	Vegetable turnover	Jumbo hot dog Quorn hot dog	Mashed potato	Carrots	Flapjack Choc crunch
THURSDAY	Kebab burrito	Roasted pepper tortilla bake	Breaded chicken burger	Spicy baked wedges	Sweetcorn	Choc chip cookie Choc crunch
FRIDAY	Battered cod Fish finger bap	Battered Quorn sausage	Chicken & chips	Oven chips	Baked beans Garden peas	Cake of the day Gingerbread

SEASONAL KITCHEN

Sept
Butternut
Squash

Oct
Blackberries

Nov
Pumpkins

Dec
Fond
Rhubarb

Food Allergies & Intolerance
 If you require information on allergens or suffer from a food intolerance please speak to a team member before you order your food or drinks.

I hope that you and your families have a restful half term, and I look forward to seeing all of our pupils back in school again on November 1st.

Matthew