

Toynbee



23 July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been quite a year and I am sure you will agree we have had huge challenges to overcome. I would like to thank the staff, pupils and also you for all of your support and understanding during these difficult times. I am extremely proud to be the headteacher and truly believe that Toynbee is a very special community.

I am excited that there are many changes taking place over the summer holidays and we look forward to using the new refurbished Art, Technology, Drama and Music departments. We are creating an environment which will enhance all of our pupils learning experience and enable our staff to deliver the new curriculum. I will send you some photos of all of the new spaces in the Autumn term.

I have attached some newsletters that we have been sent from Eastleigh Police, The School Nurse Team and a free delivery code for online orders from Skoolkit. I hope you find them useful.

We say goodbye to the following staff and wish them well in their future ventures;
Miss Burnett who is going on secondment as an Assistant Head Teacher
Mrs Kainth who is leaving us to take up the post of Assistant Head in a school in Poole
Mrs Pugh who is retiring
Mrs Gardner who is moving to a teaching post in another school
Miss Folmi who is moving to a teaching post in another school
Mrs Ahern is sadly leaving us to take up a pastoral role at a college.

We also say goodbye to the following Teaching Support Staff;
Miss Ezekude, Mrs Thomas, Miss Harman, Miss Styles, Miss Johnson and Mr Thomas.

And finally we say goodbye to two long serving members of the support staff who have helped a huge number of pupils over the years. We are very sad to lose Mrs Thompson who has been our Student Welfare, and Ms Bell who was our Exams Officer.

Helpful Hounds Visit

On Tuesday we had a visit from our friends at the Helpful Hounds charity. The charity regularly visits to check on Scoot's welfare and to see how he's getting on at 'work'. They were very pleased with Scoot and the work that he's doing, having a great impact on lots of our pupils at Toynbee. We were very pleased to let the charity know that the money raised on our non-uniform day will be donated to their charity. Even though it was a bit hot for everyone, Scoot was pleased to see his friend Raffi again! 🐾

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Information from the Department for Education

The DFE have sent out the following guidance for Parents over the summer holidays.

Results days - support for parents and carers

The National Careers Service is providing a series of webinars for parents and carers whose children are receiving results this August, to give advice on options and tips for helping their child prepare for results day. Visit www.nationalcareers.service.gov.uk for more information

[Friday 30 July, 12pm](#)

[Tuesday 3 August, 4pm](#)

[Wednesday 4 August, 12pm](#)

New website for parents to boost child's learning and wellbeing this summer

We've launched a brand new site, designed especially for parents, with the support, information and resources they need to help their children enjoy the summer holidays and prepare for the next academic year.

The site features links to programmes, activities, resources and videos to boost children's learning and wellbeing aimed at parents of 0-19 year olds, with extra information for parents of SEND children. Please share this site with families and carers in your school community.

Visit educationcatchup.campaign.gov.uk for more information

Year 7

I can't actually believe it's the end of Year 7. It was not the Year I expected as we have had many disruptions for the pupils. However they have shined as superstars throughout! I have made a video of the Year 7 story so far!! I will upload to SMH so those at home can see it.

I will leave today as a very proud Guidance Manger & wish you all a lovely summer break 😊
Miss Murchie

Year 8

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What an incredible year! Thank you to all of the fantastic year 8 students for your perseverance, determination and continued commitment to your education. This year group is full of the most exceptional, talented and kind young people, who I have no doubt will thrive as they move forward in Year 9.

As most of you know, today is my last day at Toynbee and above all I will miss seeing the wonderful children every day. They have been such a huge part of my life over the last 2 years, and I am grateful to have got to know them and had the opportunity to support them during their time in lower school.

Thank you to everyone for your lovely messages and generous gifts and I wish you all a fun and restful summer!

Best wishes, Mrs Ahern

Year 9

It has been a very busy term and an eventful year in general. Year 9 have continued to put a great deal of effort into their learning during what has been an unpredictable year in their educational journey. They have taken it all in their stride and I could not be more proud of the way they have handled all that has been thrown their way this past year. I have enjoyed visiting Year 9 classes this term and seeing some fantastic websites in Creative imedia, lots of amazing artwork, great dance choreography and lots of impressive work in other subjects whereby year 9 have really demonstrated their commitment and enjoyment of their subjects and learning.

Anti-bullying ambassadors

The anti-bullying ambassador team have been meeting regularly and working hard this term to put together a PowerPoint presentation to support with the year 6 transition. They have been brilliant at instrumenting organising this and have worked really well as a team. This presentation will give the new year 7's an idea of what they can expect from their anti-bullying ambassadors and how they can help them during their first year at Toynbee school. The work they have done for this will go towards a community badge they are working towards through the Diana Award. I am so proud of how well they have come together to complete their first task as the anti-bullying ambassador team and am really looking forward to more exciting things to come from them in the new academic year. Feel free to take a look at the presentation they have done, which can also be found on the Toynbee school website year 6 transition page:

<https://www.loom.com/share/6149627f12c54a3d8b5950ee6eea292c>

The Young Voices Big Sing World Record Attempt

On Tuesday 15th June at 2pm, 29 year 9 pupils took part in a Guinness World Records™ attempt for the Largest Simultaneous Sing-Along!

Young Voices Biggest Sing was the flagship event of Children's Mental Health Week. Hundreds of thousands of children, their teachers and families came together all over the UK, the US and the rest of the world in the safety of their schools and/or home to sing the iconic song 'Lovely Day' by Bill Withers with special guest artists to raise vital funds in support of Place2Be.

We sang the Bill Withers classic 'Lovely Day' with Billy Ocean, Yolanda Brown & Ruti, streamed LIVE from The O2 arena.

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In a time where music and singing could not be more important for the mental health of our children, it really was a fantastic event to be a part of and for Toynbee pupils to be part of the largest children's choir on Zoom. Take a look at the highlights video here: <https://youtu.be/KSAHdfQSUiM>

Staff vs Pupils Rounders match / Tutor challenges

Year 9 have been taking part in a number of inter tutor challenges more recently. This included a spelling bee, basketball shoot out, penalty shootout, general knowledge quiz and a three-legged race. It was fantastic to see them all getting involved in the challenges and being as ever very

competitive! The spelling bee and quiz were close calls, but 9SL won the penalty shootout, 9BT won the basketball shootout and MK smashed the three-legged race!!

The winning tutor group was 9BT, who were then rewarded with a rounder's match against the Toynbee staff team, captained by myself! We had fantastic weather for it and it was a brilliant match. In the end the final score was 9BT 9 ½ rounders and Toynbee staff 12 ½ ...winning the match!

VI Peer mentors

16 Year 9 pupils have been chosen to be VI Peer mentors moving into year 10. They have taken part in some training this term and will be working alongside the year 7 VI pupils starting in September.

A number of year 9's had a brilliant day at Thorpe Park on Tuesday and I enjoyed getting drenched on some of the rides alongside them! The remaining year 9's took part in the sports afternoon on Wednesday and despite the heat, all got involved and were very determined to be scoring points for their houses!

The summer holidays are an opportunity to take some time to relax and refresh and I really hope they all enjoy the break. It is with mixed feelings ending the year as it has, with only half of year 9 in school and half of the year group having to isolate, and unfortunate we were unable to end it altogether. It really is hard to believe they will be in year 10 in September, but very exciting at the same time. The year group will start thinking about colleges and careers in year 10 and I have no doubt this will give them all a renewed focus on their learning.

Once again, a huge well done to all of year 9 for finishing another school year successfully! Thankyou so much for your support over the past year, it has been as always, very much appreciated. Wishing all my lovely year 9's and families an enjoyable summer and I look forward to welcoming them back in September.

Best wishes, Mrs Kalogieras, Year 9 Guidance Manager

8 TIPS FOR STAYING SAFE ONLINE

1. Don't post personal information online—like your home address, email address or phone number. 2. Think carefully before posting. Once you've put a picture or video online most people can see it and may be able to download it, it's not just yours anymore. 3. Keep your privacy settings high. 4. Never give out passwords. 5. Don't befriend people you don't know.

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Year 10

We have made it! Summer is here... What a busy year it has been for Year 10. It has been a pleasure to see the year group work hard throughout the past year. I have been particularly proud the last couple of months seeing how focused they have been with their mock exams and revision. I have every faith that this year group will go on to be amazing throughout Year 11 too! They are going to smash it!

Reflecting back on the year, although they haven't spent all of it physically in school, we have still managed to squeeze a lot in throughout the year. We had a really busy first term getting the pupils settled back into school life after so long out, then another lock down... but then full steam ahead after March with prefect applications & appointments, revision sessions, mock exams, rewards trips, mock results and they even managed to get a sports afternoon in this week after so long of not being able to have a sports day. It was great to see the pupils enjoying some very competitive games. I even got shouted at to get off the football pitch encase I got in the way!

Today during tutor time pupils received certificates for their achievements in individual subjects. We have also given prizes for attendance and achievement points. Well done to 10SK who came 1st for achievement points with 1007 AP's. Well done to 10LD who came first for attendance with 97.4% since March.

Moving forward into Year 11 we already have a lot to look forward to. I am going to try and rearrange the college taster days so that pupils get that experience before starting to apply for colleges/apprenticeships. We will also be launching the recruitment process for our Pupil Leadership Team including the recruitment of Head Boy & Head Girl.

I hope that you and your families have a lovely summer break. I hope the pupils enjoy some time to unwind, relax and enjoy being teenagers again after so long not being able to do the things that they enjoy. Stay safe and I look forward to seeing everyone return in September ready to take on Year 11!

Best wishes, Miss West

All that is left for me to say is that I hope you have an enjoyable, happy and safe summer, and let's hope that the Autumn term is as near normal as possible.

Best wishes, Matthew