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12 February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you are well and you and your families are safe. We are glad that next week is half term.

Monday 22nd February

Please note that Monday 22nd February is a normal school day, with either remote learning, or in school learning for children of critical workers and vulnerable pupils.

Visually Impaired Department

Keira Mills, one of our Visually Impaired pupils, was involved in a Christmas Campaign run by the RNIB. The advert that Keira was involved in raised a staggering £1.6 million. Well done Keira – we are all very proud of you!

[RNIB on Twitter](#)

“Thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas appeal. Together we raised an astonishing £1.6 million which will make a real difference to the lives of blind and partially sighted people in the UK... now that's something to smile about this #BlueMonday!”



Year 7

It's been a long half term for everyone & I fully appreciate it's been overwhelming and challenging for both pupils and parents. I am very proud of how the Year have adapted to the online learning. With both the enthusiasm and energy that we are coming to know them by!

It's been so lovely to “see” so many of them in my GM TEAMS. They are currently the highlight of my working week. I have resent the pupils today on SMH the “Stuff to do in lock down” (just in case boredom sinks in next week!).

I wish you all a lovely break and I hope that you all continue to stay safe and well. As ever please don't hesitate to contact me should you have any concerns.

Kind Regards, Miss Murchie

Year 8

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I hope this message finds you all safe and well. We have had another fantastic week of remote learning from Year 8. The engagement with the live lessons has been wonderful and the students are working really hard. I also continue to be impressed by the dedication and focus shown by the Year 8 students in school.

I have really enjoyed speaking with lots of families this week and will continue to reach out after half term. However, if there are any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to ring the school or email me at l.ahern@toynbee.hants.sch.uk

We have made it to half term!! I really hope you all have an opportunity to rest, spend some time away from screens and forget about school work for a week.

Take care and best wishes,
Mrs Ahern, Year 8 Guidance Manager

Year 9

First off, I wanted to say just how proud I am of my amazing year group. They have carried on regardless in the face of another ever-changing situation and have done so incredibly well. If anything, the past year will certainly have taught them to be adaptable and resilient given everything that has been thrown their way. The pupils and yourselves as parents/carers have also shown great resilience and support for all the changes that have taken place.

They have continued to engage with their remote learning really well and seem to be enjoying the balance of live lessons and set work. Engagement for the live lessons has been fantastic in year 9 and the feedback I have had from teachers is wonderful to hear and makes me really proud.

Over the past few weeks, I have been delivering a weekly assembly for year 9 which I hope they have found helpful. We have looked at fun activities to do at home, mental health and wellbeing, internet safety, expressing yourself and positive news stories. It has been lovely to have lots of messages from pupils about things they have been doing at home based on the assemblies.

It has been so nice to speak to so many families throughout lockdown. Thank you to parents/carers for their continued feedback and support. I have really enjoyed talking to nearly every individual year 9 pupil on the phone and being able to touch base with them. I will hopefully speak to families I haven't been able to speak to yet after half-term.

I am continuing to send out "Well done" postcards which I will be carry on with after half-term as I have so many to send!

I have also had the pleasure of doing Microsoft Teams sessions with year 9 tutor groups more recently. This has been such a highlight for me this half-term as we have had lots of fun during these and had some very enthusiastic conversations and games happening!

I really, really am missing each and every one of them and am so looking forward to the time when they are back in school. In the meantime, please touch base with me if you need to or need support in any way. I hope that pupils will switch off over half term and enjoy some well-deserved time off to relax and get some fresh air.

Wishing you a restful half-term, stay safe and take care. And again, WELL DONE year 9!

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Best wishes,
Mrs Kalogerias

Year 10

Yay! - We have made it to the end of the half term!

I want to start by saying yet another well done to Year 10 for their fantastic work this half term and for being so resilient in this ever-changing situation. It hasn't been an easy start to the year. Although the majority of students have been at home it has still been a super busy few weeks for them all with completing work and attending live lessons. I am so proud of how the students have been coping and working.

As we approach half term it is really important for the students to take some time to rest and relax and take a break from schoolwork for the week. Hopefully we get some sunshine too so that they can also spend some time in the fresh air. They definitely deserve the break - as I am sure parents/carers do too!

I have had some great entries for the Photography Challenge and will be announcing winners during the first week back after half term. Thank you to all students who have taken part.

As always, if you have any questions or if there is anything, I can do to support your child please contact me at the school or email h.west@toynbee.hants.sch.uk

I hope you and your families have a lovely, well deserved half term break.

Miss West

Year 11

Well, what can I say... Year 11 have shone throughout this half term. The resilience and motivation they have shown, as well as adapting to this new way of learning, proves them all to be a credit to the school.

I am been overwhelmed at the number of "Well Done" postcards I have already posted home - there are definitely more to come!

Live lessons have been a huge success and there has been an influx of positive feedback from both parents and pupils. As I have already mentioned, please encourage your child to attend these lessons - they are, without a doubt, proving invaluable.

It has been lovely to speak to parents and pupils throughout the weeks - hearing how hard you are all working fills me with pride. Year 11 are all managing incredibly well, in their own way. In times like these, it is evident that pupils cope in different ways. No matter what you do, please remember you are doing the very best you can, and that is all we ask of you.

Something exciting on the horizon - Leavers Hoodies! I am talking with the company on a daily basis and there will be a letter sent home with information regarding this very soon. I am also keeping the year group updated on Show My Homework too, as I know leavers hoodies are always well received and, particularly now, it is important to help keep spirits high 😊

As always, please remember I am here to help and support. My virtual door is always open - please contact me with even the smallest concern or question on 02380 269026 or email me on m.vallance@toynbee.hants.sch.uk It only remains to say, have a restful half term. Please stay safe and I look forward to supporting you and working with you in your child's final few months at Toynbee.

Mrs Vallance

Children's Mental Health Week

Following on from Children's Mental Health Week, we know that during this lockdown period some pupils are finding it really tough and we want to do all we can to support their Mental Health and Wellbeing. Please do contact your child's Guidance Manager or Mrs Hill (e.hill@toynbee.hants.sch.uk) if you think your child would benefit from emotional/wellbeing support or is struggling with their learning.



The Children's Mental Health Week website has extra tools and resources should you like to find out more information [Children's Mental Health Week 2021](#)

5 ways to mental wellbeing

Connect with other people

- Take time each day to be with your family, for example, arrange a fixed time to eat dinner together
- Try switching off the TV to talk or play a game with your children, friends or family
- Make the most of technology to stay in touch with friends and family. Video-chat apps like Skype and FaceTime are useful, especially during lockdown

Be physically active

- Try walking wherever possible
- Home exercises on YouTube can be a great way of being active
- Skipping is an excellent way to keep fit and can be done anywhere at any time.

Learn new skills

- Try learning to cook something new
- Try new hobbies that challenge you like trying a new sport

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- Work on a DIY project

Give to others

- Saying thank you to someone for something they have done for you
- Spending time with friends or relatives who need support or company
- Offering to help someone you know with DIY or a school project

Take notice

- Get a plant for your workspace
- Have a 'clear the clutter' day
- Take notice of how your relatives or friends are feeling or acting

Relationship & Sex Education Policy

As part of the statutory consultation, the draft Relationship and Sex Education Policy is now available for parents to view in the policies section of our website. Please can any comments from parents be returned to the school via admin@toynbee.hants.sch.uk by 12th March.

Toynbee English Department's Book-Face Challenge

We challenge you to put your face in a book!

Directions:

Find a book cover with a face or some other portion of a body.

Use the book cover you choose to create a striking image by replacing the book's cover with parts of yourself.

Get someone to snap a clear picture.

Here are some examples:



TIPS & TRICKS

- If the face on the book cover is the same size as your face, hold the book close.
- If smaller than your face, hold the book further away.
- Get others involved, to hold the book, take the photo, or to pose with you with their own book-face.
- Dare to be different: let your creativity soar!

Students can either upload their entries to Show My Homework or email them to a.bradshaw@toynbee.hants.sch.uk.

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Staff and parents are strongly encouraged to enter (via email) too!
Closing Date: Friday 26th February.

Winning book-faces will be shared on World Book Day – Thursday 4th March!

Fuel vouchers available through the Citizens Advice Service

We have been contacted by connect4communities to make you aware of some financial support for families in our community who are struggling with energy bills over the Winter period due to COVID-19. I have attached some more information on this funding if you are interested.

It has been a difficult term, but one where we have been incredibly impressed with the effort and dedication that our pupils have put into their school work – whether that is at home, or at the school. I hope that you all have an enjoyable and restful half term - I think all of the staff are looking forward to a break. As always, thank you for your support, we really couldn't do this without your help.

Matthew