

Toynbee School

a specialist humanities school

Headteacher Weekly Newsletter

Week 12

Dear Parents/Carers

Presentation Evening

Last week it was wonderful to welcome back our ex Year 11s with their parents, for the presentation of their GCSE Certificates. We were also able to celebrate over 50 subject awards for pupils who gained the highest of grades against national benchmarks in their exams. Mr Magee and Mrs Vallance welcomed the year group back and were particularly pleased to celebrate all of their achievements in their five years at Toynbee. The highlight of the evening was the presentation of our special cups and shields, donated to the school by notable staff who have now left the school. Pictured below.



Carol Service

Our Annual Carol Service will be taking place at the Chandlers Ford Methodist Church at 7pm next week on Thursday 5 December. Please do come along to celebrate the Christmas message. There will be a raffle and of course our wonderful pupils who have been rehearsing their musical pieces since the start of term.

VI Department

On Wednesday 13th November our pupils with VI were very surprised and pleased to receive a donation of £400 from the masons of Southampton New Temple. Phil Burner and his wife Mary came to our VI council meeting during lunchtime to hand over a cheque. The resource and its pupils are extremely grateful to receive such donations and will use the money specifically to enhance the learning of pupils with VI by purchasing some new and updated VI technology.

The photo shows Jenna Maunder, chair of VI council and Bobbie - Jack Spencer - Sallis, vice chair of VI council receiving the cheque on behalf of the resource and Toynbee school.



Medical Appointments

If your child has a medical appointment during school hours, please telephone the absence line (line 1) or email beforehand with the date and time of the appointment. Please understand that if we have not been notified of an appointment in advance, we cannot allow a pupil to leave the school premises until a parent/guardian has been contacted. When collecting your child for an appointment, please ensure you come into the school reception to collect your child.

Road Safety

We have received several reports of a small number of pupils displaying poor road awareness on cycles 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!**

Year 10 Work Experience

A message to all Year 10 parents and pupils. What have you done to go about arranging your work experience placement for 6 - 10 July 2010? You will be surprised at how quickly the time goes and how much time is needed to check and ensure your placement is safe. Please help us to help you and get your placement arranged as soon as possible. Once you have a promise of a placement, get a contact name and email **Mrs Thwaites**, our Careers Lead on **c.thwaites@toynbee.hants.sch.uk**. Remember any pupil who do not manage to find a placement will be attending school as usual.

Dates for your Diary:

5 December – Carol Service 19:00 at The Chandlers Ford Methodist Church

6 December – INSET Day (School closed to pupils)

12 December – Polling Day (School open as normal)

20 December – Christmas Jumper Day

20 December - Early Finish – 12 noon

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

Have a nice weekend.

Regards

Mr Matthew Longden
Headteacher

