

# Toynbee



17 December 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

We have finally made it to Christmas and I would like to thank you for all of your support during a challenging term. I particularly want to say a huge thank you to all the pupils of whom we are very proud. They have been extremely resilient in adjusting to the new normal and have behaved impeccably. I am delighted that life has been a little more normal and we have been able to focus them back on learning whilst supporting them with their wellbeing.

## International Students at Toynbee



A few weeks ago we set up a drop in club for all the international students at Toynbee, since then the club has grown in size and popularity. On Thursday night we had a Christmas/ End of term party. The party was very good fun, students brought in a selection of food we had a range of food including lots of food from Hong Kong! We also had music and played party games.

It was lovely to see everyone, I hope you all have a lovely holiday and enjoy the rest.

Kind regards, Miss Heron

## Year 7 & 8 Theatre trip - Cinderella

Firstly, we would like to say how delighted we were with the response to the pantomime trip. We were overwhelmed by the number of pupils wanting to go but unfortunately with limited space we could not accommodate everyone. Thank you for your understanding with regards to the ballot. Hopefully we can plan another theatre trip soon!

A fantastic evening was had by all on Wednesday evening! We were treated to magic, a flying coach and horses, Sooty and Sweep and a Strictly vibe, which added to a FAB-U-LOUS production. Laughter was in abundance and we were all impressed with Sweep's rendition of Nessun Dorma!

The highlight of the evening was seeing how engaged and enthusiastic the pupils were! The pantomime was our first theatre outing in nearly two years and to witness the response from the pupils made the wait more than worthwhile!

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We left the theatre feeling quite festive and with big smiles! A big thank you to Miss Parrott, Miss Murchie, Mr Smirk, Miss Savage and Miss Kemp who gave up their time to supervise the pupils. Without staff support we cannot run trips and we are truly appreciative of their assistance.

We send you warm festive greetings and wish you a Happy New Year!

Mrs Riddell  
Drama department

## Junior Chef Programme

Congratulations to Maddy T (year 10) and Aimee T (year 9) for graduating from the Junior Chef Programme at Eastleigh College. The girls have been attending evening classes over the past few weeks and learning a range of cooking skills including how to make bread and choux pastry. Last night for their Graduation dinner, they prepared and served up a three-course meal in the East Avenue restaurant at Eastleigh College, where family and their guidance managers were able to enjoy their culinary skills. A big well done to both Maddy and Aimee for this fantastic achievement!



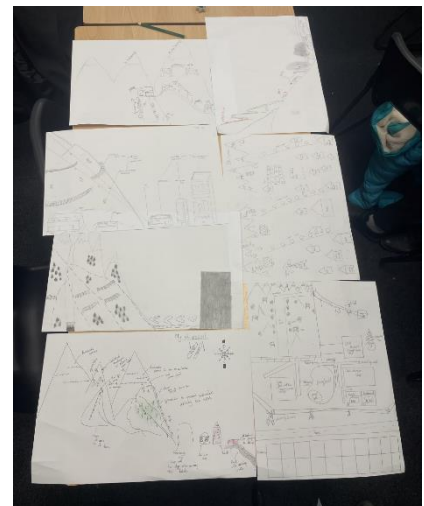
## Year 9 French lessons

A bit of French Christmas karaoke with some Year 9s in their last lesson!

## Horizon Programme

This Wednesday saw the final session of the Horizon Programme in the Geography department! Students delved into the world of Avalanches and explored how mountainous communities can plan and prepare for them. In true Christmas fashion, students then designed and drew their own "avalanche proof" ski resorts using the techniques researched during the session.

It was a brilliant way to end the year and I am so thankful to the students for their enthusiasm, hard work and effort over the last

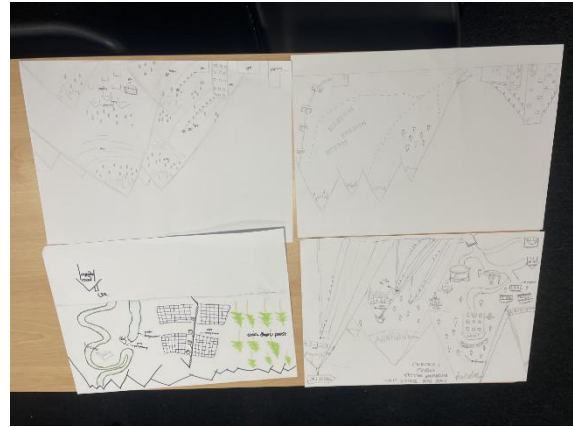
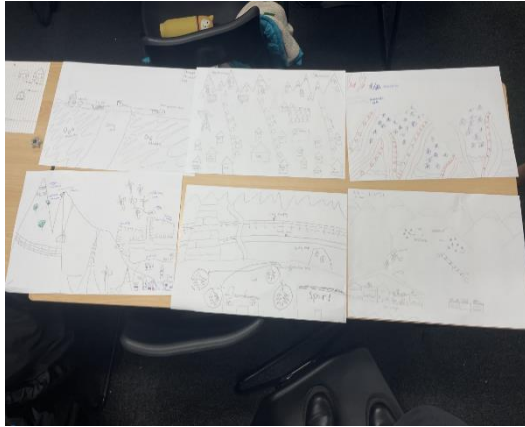




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seven weeks. Have a lovely Christmas and we will see you back in class in January!

Mrs Harris



## HiVis club

HiVis club ended this term with a plethora of festive fun! Students enjoyed making 3D Christmas Trees, covering artwork and themselves with glitter and generally having a wonderful time. I would like to thank our students and their families for their support with all our activities in the Autumn term. Watch your emails for the schedule for the next half term coming soon. Have a wonderful festive break with your family.



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## **Toynbee Choir**

CONGRATULATIONS to our fantastic choirs who sang at the Winchester Cathedral Christmas Market on Friday. They went down a storm with the Christmas shoppers and families. Thank you so much for your passion and commitment choristers and to parents/carers for all your support! Really looking forward to starting some uplifting pieces with you next term. Happy holidays to you all, Ms Osborn



## **Year 7**

Well, it has been an amazing term for Year 7. I am so proud of how well they have settled into and embraced Toynbee life. It has been wonderful getting to know pupils and start building relationships with them.



## **Model Pupil Awards**

Well done to Amin S, Freya W, Emilio P and Eve C for their Model Pupil Awards this week.

## **The Christmas Play**

I cannot stress enough how proud I am of every Year 7 who took part in the play. The live performances to the rest of the year group were amazing. It was such a pleasure to witness how hard the pupils had worked with an amazing performance given. Well done to all the cast, Mrs Azor and Miss McKie!



Just a polite reminder regarding school uniform. Please can you ensure trainers are not worn to school and that hoodies are kept at home. Please refer to the School website for guidance on this. I will be carrying out uniform checks in the new year. Thank you for your ongoing support with this.

It was lovely to be able to celebrate the year groups achievements all together in our Christmas assemblies this week. There were lots of certificates and prizes given out and the atmosphere in the Theatre was full of Christmas cheer!



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## Tutor Reps

A huge congratulations to our newly appointed Tutor Representatives! You should all be very proud of your new role. I have been told your speeches were extremely impressive. Mr Lawrence and I look forward to working with you in the new year.

It just remains for me to say, I hope you all have a wonderful, safe Christmas. Thank you for your amazing support throughout this first term - it is truly appreciated. Year 7 have continued to amaze and impress me, and I am looking forward to our continued journey in January.



Merry Christmas. Mrs Vallance

## **Year 8**

Wow half way through year 8 already!

I would like to take this opportunity to say how proud I am of each & every one of **YOU** Year 8s! The spirit, enthusiasm & energy is so very lovely to see & be part of.

**YOU** have so much to celebrate both in the classroom!

Starting with **YOUR** hard work & lively discussions in lessons.

**YOU** are there outside on freezing nights playing for the school or supporting your friends by watching **YOU** welcomed several new pupils to Toynbee **YOU** go to so many after school clubs I have lost count!

**YOU** worked so hard at open evening **YOU** are the schools top library borrowers



**YOU** were superstars in the Christmas play &



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YOU made the Christmas House videos special 😊❤️ & **YOU** all deserve a lovely break from school.

Thank you for being so Great as Year 8!

Happy Christmas  
Miss Murchie



## Year 9

It's hard to believe that we are through the first term of Year 9 already! Since I started at the beginning of this half, it has been nothing short of amazing getting to know the students as much as possible in that time. It's really exciting for me to see how much potential we have in our year group for success, and I cannot wait to see what the next term has in store for us all here!

A huge congratulations goes out to Elodie L, Adam P, Mya AT, Grace P and Jessica S for getting the most achievement points in our year so far – keep up the brilliant work that you are doing in lessons, guys!

Tutor mentions of the term go to: Tom H 9MA, Ella F 9MA, Rohan J 9FP, Zach T 9FP, Chloe D 9DG, Will W 9DG, Olivia S 9CL, Logan G 9CL, Aimee W 9WM, Sarah P 9WM, Elodie L 9DL, Joe B 9DL, Ben C 9DW, Arran C 9DW, Barney H 9FG, Katie W 9FG.

These students have showed a fantastic attitude to school this term, are polite and kind to others, have showed up in the correct uniform day after day with the correct equipment also, and I am so very proud of each of them. Well done all!!!

As an extra mention, I have heard a lovely story just this week about how Bethany K and Bella F in 9FG make an elderly woman's morning every school day by going out of their way to be kind and say hello to her. Well done girls, that was so lovely to hear!

Finally, thank you for all of the support I have received from you as parents since I started this role, it is highly appreciated and I hope you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year J

Miss Massey

## Year 10

This term has been a challenging one for many and all pupils will no doubt have been affected by the disruptions of this year, some more than others. The year group have embraced all of the challenges this term has presented. Despite these struggles, whether academically or personally, they really have been amazing in the way that they are able to continue to show such tremendous resilience. The pupils have displayed a wonderful attitude and worked really hard this term. They have shown real commitment to their learning and have begun to take on board the reality of their GCSE's. The year

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group is full of so many different characters and personalities and I continue to enjoy supporting them through their journey at Toynbee.

The year group have been taking part in some Christmas challenges over the past week, notably the one they most enjoyed was the 'Snowman Challenge' where we saw pupils dressed and accessorised as snowmen! Pupils are having a Christmas celebration in tutor time today. After Christmas we will be celebrating pupil's successes and achievements across the curriculum.

The anti-bullying ambassadors have shown real commitment to the role this term and have been supporting each week in year 7 tutor groups. During anti-bullying week they were just fantastic with organising and supporting activities that were taking place and managed to raise over £100 for charity from the very successful bake sale!

The VI peer mentors have been going in to all of the year 7 tutor groups this term and have been brilliant at supporting their pupils as well as getting to know all of the other pupils in the tutor groups.

It has been a tough few months for everybody, but now is a much-needed opportunity for rest. I want to thank all of the year 10 families for their support. I hope that you all have the opportunity to recharge and refresh and wish you all a very merry Christmas and a healthy and happy new year!

Best wishes,

Mrs Kalogerias

## **Year 11**

What a term it has been for Year 11, one of the hardest and busiest in a long time. There has been lots going on both in and out of lessons and once again I have been in complete awe of how hard the year group have worked over the past few months and the start they have made to Year 11.

The Prefect Team have had their first full term in position, and they have done a fantastic job! From helping at open evening/mornings to holding their first virtual assembly, they really have given everything 110%. They now have a great presence around the school, and it is great to see some of the change's pupils want to see being implemented. Thank you all for your hard work this term.

I would also like to say a massive thank you to Lewis S (11PT) and his team of helpers who have worked tirelessly to re-vamp the quad area outside the Maths/English rooms. Lewis has organised a small group of pupils to help him with the project and they have been out there come rain or shine and have made great progress. I will be sure to share pictures with you once it is completed. It will be lovely for this to be an area for pupils to enjoy again. Thank you to all pupils who have been involved in this - You are doing a fabulous job!

As mentioned previously, throughout December Year 11 have been taking part in Christmas related activities during tutor time. Well done to 11CP who won the Ultimate Christmas Quiz last week which saw 4 rounds including a question round, logo round, music round and film round. It was great to see all the pupils getting stuck in and involved during tutor time. They are all still very competitive when it

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comes to inter-tutor competitions! This week pupils have been battling it out to work out Christmas anagrams and brain teasers.

This term the Year Group have achieved a massive 2505 achievement points. Well done to 11PT who gained the most this term with 416 points. I will continue to award prizes each half term to the Tutor Group who achieve the most.

I wish you and your families a restful Christmas break. I am sure you will agree that the pupils deserve a well needed break as I am sure you do to! Thank you once again for your continued support, it is very much appreciated.

Have a very Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year!

Best wishes,

Miss West

## **Timetable**

The first week after the Christmas break is **WEEK A** on your lesson timetables.

## **Arrangements for the start of Spring term**

Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	INSET day; school closed for staff training.
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 7, 8 and 9CL, 9DL, 9DG, 9DW attend school for testing and then return home
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 10, 11 and 9FG, 9FP, 9MA, 9WM attend school for testing and then return home
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	All pupils return to school.

We will require that pupils work at home on Wednesday and Thursday. They will be able to access their lessons remotely via Show My Homework.

## **Testing schedule for 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> January**

Pupils should go to the Sports Hall at their allocated time, where staff will meet with them and guide them through the testing process. Pupils will not need to wear school uniform when attending for their Lateral Flow Test. **In line with Government guidance, if your child has tested positive for Covid in the previous 90 days please can you remind them NOT to attend the school for testing, and to remain at home and access their school work via Show My Homework.**



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Date	Year Group	Tutor Group	Time for Testing
<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January</b> Pupils to attend school for their LFT and then return home	Year 7	AZ, CH, PK, RL	9.00am
		HS, MY, SV, WD	10.15am
	Year 8	HA, LP, TU, WS	11.30am
		PH, LK, PI, TI	1.00pm
	Year 9	CL, DL, DG, DW	2.15pm
<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January</b> Pupils to attend school for their LFT and then return home	Year 9	FG, FP, MA, WM	9.00am
	Year 10	RD, GO, MK, SL	10.15am
		BT, DS, BDF	11.30am
	Year 11	PT, PD, LD, SK	1.00pm
		BR, CP, FR	2.15pm

## Lateral Flow tests at home

Pupils should now have enough LFT tests to ensure that you can continue to test over the school holidays. Please can record your results on the NHS website or by using this link. [Report a COVID-19 rapid lateral flow test result - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#).

## Toynbee Extra-Curricular Music

### 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).

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).

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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.

All that is left to say is that everyone at Toynbee wishes you and your families a merry Christmas, and a safe and happy new year. We hope you enjoy some special time with family and friends, and look forward to seeing you in the new year.

Merry Christmas, Matthew

