

13th December 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

As we reach the end of term, I write to thank you for your support. It has been a busy but fruitful three months and I know that everyone is ready for the break. There have been so many positive moments and I hope that you have been able to follow us on social media. You can see what has been happening via Twitter @TottenhamHigh and on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=tottenham%20high%20school>

In terms of some of the highlights, I would like to mention the following:



Remembrance Event

Our school fell silent on 11th November at 11am to reflect, remember and give thanks. We recognised all service people, past and present, across the globe. It was an absolute privilege to see the whole school, on the South yard, fall silent as the Last Post was played. Thank you to Mr Atkinson for playing this so well. Thank you, also, to Mr Burgoyne for reading a poignant remembrance poem. Students were absolutely fantastic and it was appreciated. We were delighted that members of the public stopped on 'the lines' to participate in our remembrance event.



Rewards Pantomime



Key Stage 3 students were invited to come and watch a touring production of Sleeping Beauty in school courtesy of M&M Productions. This was a fabulous production and students really enjoyed the performance: a reward for those who had excellent attendance and attitude data. We are looking forward to the company returning on January 10th to entertain Key Stage 4 students with Beauty and the Beast.

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Transition at THS 🐝



As part of our Transition offer, Ms Parnell is delivering a number of art lessons to some of our primary links in the community: the first being Christ Church, Walshaw.



The topic is based on the Manchester Bee. The focus of the session was drawing and recording from observation. Pupils first looked at the history of the Manchester Bee and they then recorded, from observation, a number of bees using pencil and black pen.

The pupils thoroughly enjoyed this, and Ms Parnell is looking forward to many more lessons where the students can develop their skills.



Netball Stars

Y7 and Y8 netball teams played Phillips High School recently with both Tottington teams putting in a fantastic effort... and winning their matches!

Y7 MVP - Grace Sharples
Y8 MVP - Ellie Chamberlain.
(Chosen by Phillips' team and coach)



Congratulations!

to all involved!



Science Club News

Mr Burke and Mrs Mablesen decided to enter our Science club students in for their Bronze Crest award.

The Crest award is a highly accredited science accolade, which sets out to test a student's ability to plan and carry out an investigation.

The students are investigating the effect of different nutrients on plant growth. For this, they are planting spider plants in conical flasks and will be observing growth over 20 weeks.



Art Competition

This is the fantastic response from three of our students after Bury Police asked schools in the area to design and create a canvas. The canvas had to symbolize the unity between Bury Heritage; Bury Police; The Peel Statue; Bury town centre; schools and communities.

For the last two weeks, students have worked on their canvases every lunchtime, after school and even at weekends. We are so impressed with their commitment, enthusiasm and skill!

Our submissions will now be entered into the main competition, alongside other Bury schools. The winner's canvas will be placed on the wall of the Chief Superintendent's office. The other designs will be featured around the Police station.

Wishing our students
the very best of luck!



Covid Lateral Flow Testing

As you may know, the Government have confirmed that schools will be responsible for testing all students **once** on their return after the Christmas holiday. They have advocated a staggered start in order for schools to manage this safely. We want to reduce any lost time and feel that we can stagger the return within the first few days rather than prolonging the process. With this in mind, the following plan will be in place:

Wednesday 5th January 2022 - Covid training day for staff so no students are in school.

Thursday 6th January 2022 – Years 7 and 11 return to school for their first day of term and they do a lateral flow test at the start of the day in extended tutor time. They will then remain on site unless they test positive.

Friday 7th January 2022 – Years 8, 9, 10 return to school, joining Years 7 and 11, for their first day of term and they do a lateral flow test at the start of the day in extended tutor time. They will then remain on site unless they test positive.

The link for parents to give their consent (or not) will be sent separately, and the deadline for consent is 8am Wednesday 5th January 2022. <https://forms.office.com/r/MqgPnKwwEv>


Up To Date Details For Contact

With all of this in mind, it is really important that we have current contact details for all parents. Please, would you check that we have your up to date phone numbers and personal details so that we can always contact you should the need arise.


New Staff Welcome

I am delighted to welcome the following staff from January 2022:

 Mrs R O Driscoll – Head of Year

 Mr R Baron – Head of Year

 Mrs C Cable – Data & Examinations Officer

 Ms N Raji – HR Officer



Uniform

I am sorry to have to give the same reminders to all parents yet again. I totally appreciate that the very vast majority of parents are clear about our expectations. Nonetheless, every time we return we have a small minority who return with inappropriate uniform standards. This then causes additional work and unnecessary friction. As the weather becomes more inclement, a reminder that hoodies are not allowed. Please ensure that your child wears a coat which is worn over the blazer, not a hoodie. Coats are then removed once students enter the building. Our uniform expectations are clearly displayed in our planner and on our website. However, for clarity, they are accessible for your information, via <https://tottington.bury.sch.uk/about-our-school/school-uniform/> Thank you for your support.

Bus Behaviour

The school buses are put on to support students in getting to school on time. The service is not mandatory. We are monitoring bus behaviour following some complaints from the company. On occasions, staff travel on the bus but this should not be necessary. Students should be able to travel safely and sensibly on the bus unaccompanied. I must issue a reminder about this along with the caveat that, should behaviour not meet our expectations, then students will not be able to use this facility and parents will have to make other arrangements. Thank you for your support.

Punctuality

Punctuality to school and to lessons is vitally important. Please, ensure that your child is on time every day. Thank you for your support with this. For your information, here are the timings of the school day.

		From		To
AM Registration	Warning Bell (Students should move to class)	08.35	08.40	09.00
Period 1			09.00	10.00
Period 2			10.00	11.00
Break			11.00	11.15
Period 3			11.15	12.15
Period 4	Warning Bell (Students should move to class)		12.15	13.15
Lunch			13.15	13.45
PM Registration / Period 5			13.45	14.45

Homework

We have relaunched our homework expectations this half term and we have made some changes to the way we issue homework. Please, let us know if you feel that your child is not receiving adequate homework and please check Classcharts for up to date information on homework, attendance, punctuality and attitude to learning data.

It's Beginning To Look A Lot Like Christmas



This week is our final week of term and we will have a non-uniform day on Friday. Students are invited to wear a Christmas jumper if they have one but this is not essential. We will be asking for donations in support of The Lighthouse Project which supports people who are in temporary accommodation and people who are jobless.

We will have a normal, teaching morning on Friday, followed by year group celebration assemblies and form time activities during the afternoon.



Last minute reminders!



On Wednesday of this week we have our Christmas dinner.



This year, we are really pleased to be supporting Porch boxes as our Christmas charity.

Porch Boxes is a registered charity based in Bury, Greater Manchester, providing crisis packs of food and toiletries to local agencies to distribute to local people in urgent need. We will be accepting donations of the following items:

- ❄️ Tins (beans/custard/tuna/spaghetti/canned meals such as spaghetti bolognese/rice pudding)
- ❄️ Packets (Pasta sauce/Savoury rice/Instant noodles)
- ❄️ Biscuits
- ❄️ Hand wash/sanitiser/soap/shower gel/shampoo/toothpaste/toothbrushes
- ❄️ Chocolate
- ❄️ Tea bags
- ❄️ Tinned fruit
- ❄️ Hot dogs



If you feel you can support us, please send donations in with your child. Form tutors have been collecting and have given a deadline date of Wednesday 15th December. The form in each year group who collect the most items will win a prize. Alternatively, you can donate to the main office with your child's name and form attached.



Thank you in advance.



Spreading Christmas Cheer
to all in their 6th Year...



We are looking forward to visiting our local primary schools this week. We will be delivering our handmade decorations and Christmas cards to current Year 6 students.



Sending Best Wishes



Jack Barfoot, one of our talented GCSE students, created this lovely watercolour study of Father Christmas. This seasonal artwork was one of the fantastic designs created by our young artists for the Shaw Education Trust Christmas Card Competition.





Christmas Showcase

We look forward to seeing you at this event. In the interests of safety, please would those families attending do a lateral flow test prior to coming and please wear a face covering unless you are exempt. Thank you for your support with this. We have to do all we can to stay safe, but we really do want to try and ensure that events go ahead where possible.

This coming Wednesday and Thursday evening we have our Performing Arts Christmas Showcase. Tickets are £2.50 and they are available online via <https://forms.office.com/r/gazNnu0Lxv>

On behalf of all students, staff, Academy Council and Trust colleagues I should like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

With very best wishes,

Mrs Brett

