Guilsborough Academy NEWSLETTER

Learning Without Limits

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Dear Parents / Carers

I would like to start this newsletter by sharing my appreciation for the significant number of supportive letters and emails we have received over the past 8 weeks. It continues to be a challenging time with staff and student absence higher than at any time during the pandemic, more on this later. However, thanks to the commitment of all the staff at Guilsborough, many of whom have undertaken duties and responsibilities beyond the norm, we have been able to remain open to all year groups for face-to-face learning.

The feedback from our Year 9 Parents' Evening was very positive. Thank you for sharing your thoughts on how we should host these events. From the feedback received, we know you appreciate the opportunity to meet us remotely and that this gives you greater flexibility. However, I am keen to give those who find these evenings difficult to access, the opportunity to speak to us in other ways. Further information on this will be shared during the new term.

Sharing our Curriculum

We know how important it is to work in partnership with parents and carers to ensure the very best outcomes for all our students. One of the ways we can do this is by sharing with you the learning journeys in each of our subjects. The link below will take you to a summary document containing all of our learning journeys. I hope you will find these resources useful and enable you to keep up to date with the learning taking place in each year group at Guilsborough.

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Attendance

There is a clear link between attendance and attainment with those with the highest attendance often achieving the best outcomes. While Guilsborough attendance is usually above 95%, the last 4 weeks has seen our attendance as low as 88%. This term, COVID has contributed 5% of all absences. This means our absence due to other illness has been significantly higher than we would expect. While I do not wish to give conflicting messages about the need to self-isolate if students have COVID, it is important that the national lockdowns do not normalize being away from school, and students attend as much as they possibly can.

Finally, a big thank you for each of our students. This term we introduced our new 'Attitude to Learning' scores in every lesson and the response to this has been really encouraging. I was able to host a group of Year 7 students for a hot chocolate and some biscuits earlier this week in celebration of the great start they had made. In the coming weeks, we will be celebrating the many ways our students are contributing to the positive atmosphere at Guilsborough.

Have a restful break.

Mr S Frazer
Principal



What's Happening in Design & Technology?

Key Stage 3 students (Years 7 - 9) are back in our DT classrooms learning a variety of skills, it feels great to have our students back in there, we have missed them!

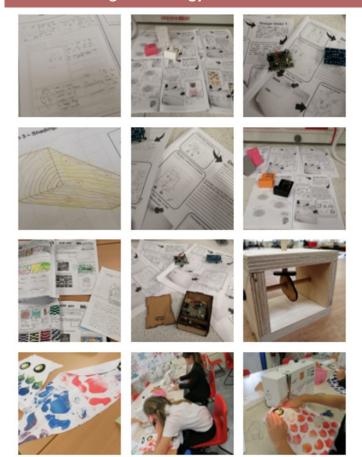
We are seeing ideas being generated across Electronics, 3D, Food, and Textiles – we'll be selecting some work to share in our "Above and Beyond" display board.

We have a STEM club running every Monday, starting 11th October – this is with Mr Tapley and Mr Dixon.

Also, Miss Page has been running a Textiles club every Thursday lunch time with Year 8s this term, they are building up their creative skills making a Koinibori fish wind sock.

It's fantastic to see students create ideas and get involved during their lunch times.

Miss Ayrton
Teacher of Design Technology





After October half term, Miss Page will be inviting Year 7's to try out and show off their Textiles skills.

In Food Technology we have a brand new kitchen for our students to cook in. It's lovely to have students excited about cooking their dishes and it has been great to get them all back to washing up!

Year 7 are focussing on creating dishes for a healthy lunchbox, this includes pasta salad, quesadilla, carrot cake and pizza.

Year 8 are looking at multicultural food with fajitas, curried vegetable rice, and pasta primavera.

In Year 9 we are focussing on the practical skills that many did not get to experience in Years 7 and 8 so our practical is based on student feedback on their favourite recipes from Years 7 and 8 – fajitas, pizza and pasta primavera.

Thank you for supporting your son/daughter with supplying ingredients – can we just ask that their container is named so that we can find them if they forget to pick it up at the end of the day – if they are left for two days we have to bin them and return it to you clean but empty!

Mrs Lauder
Head of Design Technology

DT Transition Days

In the last few weeks of the summer term we welcomed Year 6 students from Naseby, Crick and West Haddon to the Academy to give them a sample of what Design Technology has to offer.

The three days were themed around Textiles, Electronics and Resistant Materials and the students were able to make use of the department's facilities to design and make different projects.

The students worked incredibly hard and we saw some fantastic products being manufactured.

A big thank you to all involved!













Mr Tapley

Teacher of DT

Sixth Form Geography Visit to Stratford, London

Our coach departed from Guilsborough at seven o'clock and we were on the road for just a few hours. We arrived in East London at about half past nine. The aim of the visit was to compare different areas of Stratford by carrying out 3 sets of surveys. The first survey we completed was a quality of life survey, where we looked at the types of services readily available to the public in the area, such as banking, newsagents or fast food. Another survey carried out was an urban environmental quality survey, where we identified the different factors which affected the local environment such as its air pollution or vandalism. We completed a similar set of surveys in each area we visited so that the data would be easily comparable later. Our field work began in old Stratford, and then we walked to Carpenters' Estate and finally ended in East Village, the old Olympic village.

Firstly, in Old Stratford, we walked to the High Street where we looked at different factors that would affect the quality of life of the residents and the reasons for this, for example, crime prevention on shops and homes, shop closures and housing situations. Once we had discussed this, we split up into small groups to carry out our first set of surveys, designed to allow us to see how the neighborhood had changed in recent years and how the environment affected local people.

We then talked to people on the street to understand their viewpoint of their local area and whether they thought it had improved in the last five years. From the E15 area, our surveys showed that the residents believed that the area was a three or four out of five (one being bad, five being excellent), however they said that the area had recently improved. Whilst in Old Stratford we went back into the market village shopping area to conduct a shopping diversity survey to look at the

different ethnicities of shops and stands. This showed that there was a large number of continental food shops and barbers.

Moving through the E15 postcode we looked at the contrast of housing prices between new, high-rise buildings and low-lying estates. Once in the Carpenters Estate we completed a similar set of surveys with the addition of a housing survey to investigate the types of houses in this area, the year of construction and their price. We learned that they were mostly terraced housing built pre-2000 so were quite old in comparison to surrounding neighbourhoods. Furthermore, this area did far worse on the urban environmental quality survey due to its low lighting and cleanliness.

We then walked through the Olympic Park on the way to east village and were spoken to about how the Olympic Park used to be, now disused, factories producing paints and chemicals. We also learned about how the Olympic Park is an example of urban greening where plants and green spaces have been introduced to counter carbon dioxide production and make a greener environment to be in.

Once in East Village, a high-rise housing estate with large open spaces, we completed our final set of surveys. We conducted an urban environmental quality survey, where the results were more positive due to green spaces and a wide walking area. We also talked to people who thought the area was positive in most factors.

On the return journey we considered the data and discussed the type of questions that it could answer. The field trip was very successful as it allowed us to have a better insight into urban life and how to properly conduct surveys to gather information.

Isaac Beetham-Green, Tom Ainsworth and Jacob Shearing

Sixth Form Geography Visit to Stratford, London

What a successful trip to Stratford Centre and the Olympic Park with our A-level Geographers. An early start, but well worth it to get to Stratford nice and early. The tale of 2 postcodes went very well, and students collected vital data for their studies for Changing Places and Contemporary Urban Environments. We were fortunate that some of the locals were happy to be interviewed and students could recognise a clear difference between old and new Stratford. This knowledge and understanding of the changing nature of place will be so valuable when taking their A-level exams. All students who took part were a credit to Guilsborough Academy.

















Mrs F Commons Lead Teacher- Geography

Geography Sixth Form Ambassadors and The Eco-Schools Green Flag Award

This academic year I have launched a Geography Ambassador programme for our A-level Geographers. I was absolutely delighted that so many of them wanted to be involved. These students will be promoting a love of Geography across the Academy in many different ways. Two students have already done an assembly about recycling and this fits into the strive to get the Academy the 'Eco- schools Green Flag' award. They will also be involved in lessons with our younger students, taking part in open evenings and sharing their passion for the subject with others. Our Ambassadors are wearing their new world map lanyards with pride.



As part of the schools Eco-Schools Award we are looking for involvement from students across the Academy to be part of the Eco-Committee. This will involve termly meetings, creation of an action plan and then helping to implement the 'actions' in order to make the Academy more sustainable. We hope to appoint the Eco-Committee in the next week or so. See here for more information: Secondary & College - Eco Schools (eco -schools.org.uk) We hope to gain the prestigious Green Flag by the end of this academic year. The award can also involve the wider community, so if you have any ideas then please send them my way:

commons@guilsborough.northants.sch.uk

Look out in the next newsletter for our update on how we are getting on!





Lead Teacher- Geography

Guilsborough Medical Society

Guilsborough Medical Society is a Sixth Form led group that welcomes students from all year groups who have an interest in medicine, dentistry or allied health professions. We talk about current medical news, different medical careers, how to get into medical careers, and interesting aspects of medicine, all whilst developing skills in research, presenting, leadership and debating. We meet every other week in the new Sixth Form block on a Wednesday lunchtime. Our aim is to support and inspire students interested in medicine no matter their age or background. If that's you, please contact Miss Hunt or Katie Culbert via email to be added to the Team and email list.



The society also aims to support Sixth Form students who will be applying to university in the following years. If you are applying to a medical field in the next couple of years and need some medicine related volunteering, helping within the medical society is a great thing to put on your personal statement. Please contact Miss Hunt or Katie Culbert if you are interested in helping to run the society.

Recently the Guilsborough Medical Society has also expanded its social media team on Instagram and we are looking to add some more members to our team. Again, this is targeted at Sixth Form students in Year 12 and 13 as it is valuable evidence of volunteering for your personal statement and Duke of Edinburgh. If you are:

- frequently using Instagram
- have a hobby of graphic design
- constantly coming up with events for fundraising or fun
- have an interest for marketing
- are familiar with social media outside of Instagram and want to help us expand our social presence to other platforms

...we would love to hear from you. Please contact Miss Hunt, Katie Culbert or Emily Leather if you are interested and we will arrange to meet with you to discuss the roles available in more depth before you join us.

Contact details:

Miss Hunt: hunt@guilsborough.northants.sch.uk

Katie Culbert (Year 13 Student, President of the Medical Society): 007253@guilsboroug.northants.sch.uk Emily Leather (Year 13 Student, Head of Social Media): 007323@guilsborough.northants.sch.uk

DM us on Instagram at @ga medsoc

Guilsborough Academy Science Department Homework 2021-2022

This year all students from year 7-11 will be set a programme of homework using Educake (www.educake.co.uk).

The following information explains what Educake is and how it can help support a student's learning journey in Science.

Educake makes doing homework and revision easy and effective

Students have been issued an Educake username and password which they can use to log in and do their homework and revision anytime, anywhere on any device.

Educake tests are made of short questions, designed to improve your knowledge and understanding.

Students will be set science homework on Educake. In Years 7 and 8 this will be set weekly on a Monday and is due in on Sunday and follows the topics they will be studying in lessons. In Years 9-11 the Heads of Subject will set one homework in each area of the curriculum; one each in Biology, Chemistry and Physics covering the topics that are been taught or for revision of topics taught previously. This will be set fortnightly on a Monday of Week One and is due in on the Sunday of Week Two.

Students can also set themselves revision tests to improve your knowledge.

The advantages of using Educake for student learning

- Get instant feedback on your homework
- Get instant feedback after every question
- To reinforce the things you understand
- Correct the things you don't understand.

Set yourself revision tests

Educake can create revision tests really quickly for you. Just choose the topics you want to revise and how many questions you want in the test. Educake will create a revision test for you instantly.

See how you are doing on every topic
Educake shows you your strengths and weaknesses in

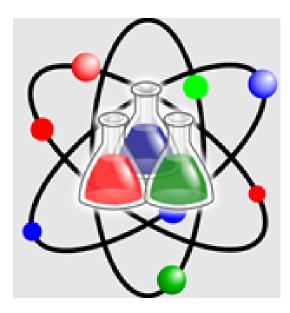
an easy to read red-amber-green table, so you can focus on the topics that need more work. Click on any topic to take an automatically-created revision test.

The Science teachers will use the results to gain insight into students' strengths and weaknesses and will be able to see what topics to focus on, whether it's a question a class has struggled with or a student who hasn't performed as expected.

Whilst the majority of our students have really got to grips with using Educake there are a small number who seem to have not completed their homework. The teachers of these students should be in contact with parents and carers over the next few weeks to offer support. There is a homework club on a Wednesday morning from 8.15-8.35 in C6 to help. If your child has forgotten their Educake log in details please email their science teacher.

If you have any further issues then please contact me directly on

broadhurst@guilsborough.northants.sch.uk



Dr C Broadhurst Head of Science

Bravo Board

Congratulations to the following students who have made it onto the first PE Bravo Board of the new academic year .

Members on the PE department are asked to select 3 students across KS3 and KS4 who they feel deserve a mention.

The criteria for nomination could in includes any one of the following.

-Being a good role model in PE

-Making excellent progress towards targets in PE

-Working with continued effort and enthusiasm in lessons.

Pupils can choose either an email, phone call or postcard home to let parents and guardians how well they have been doing.

The new location for the Bravo Board can be found outside of E block by the PE office window. Come and

take a look, could you feature on it next time?



Bravo Board Nominations...

Nominations by Mr Jefferies

- Lily-Rose Leach & Nanami Westerby both excellent effort and application in badminton
- Rory Charlick- Excellent leadership in Rugby
- Louis Starr- Two parkrun wins and new 5k PB of 17:44

Nominations by Mr Cope

- Sam Eldred- great attitude to all lessons and effort is excellent
- Louis Davies- fantastic effort levels in lessons
- Lucas Hawkins- always willing to help and great effort levels

Nominations by Mr Woolridge

- Fraser Batho
- Zak Currie



Nominations by Miss Vickers

- Beck Cooper
- Nathan Hill
- Cameron Keubeng

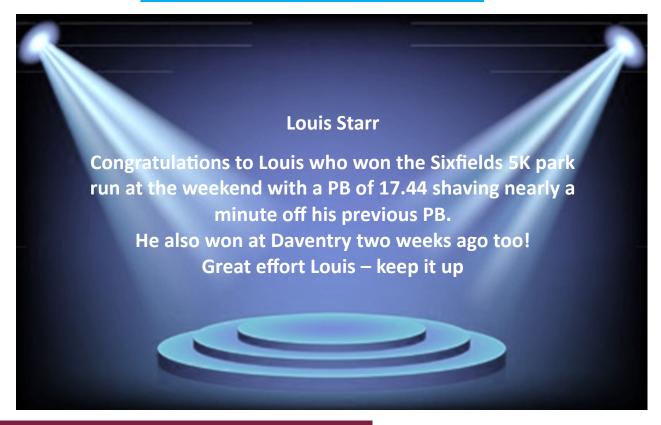
Nominations by Mrs Dean

- Emily Kraftl –excellent attitude and effort in lessons
- Connor Peccioli Great effort and commitment
- Liz Preece excellent role model on and off the pitch.

Nominations by Mr Mills

- Ben and Toby Kiff
- Tom Munnelly
- Milly Longrigg

PE Department's 'In the Spot light'



Congratulations to the following students on passing their piano exams!

Jenny Li Bailey -125 merit grade 6 ABRSM piano

and

Lydia B Stamp—111 merit grade 3 piano



We know our students do lots of fabulous things outside of school and we would therefore like to trial a system whereby you are able to notify us via email and allow us to recognise and celebrate these achievements.

Please email goodnews@Guilsborough.northants.sch.uk

Please Note: The goodnews email is monitored on a weekly basis during term time.







CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

This school has been nominated to become a

MUSIC MARK SCHOOL

in recognition of a commitment to providing a high-quality music education for all children and young people.

2021 - 2022



Bridget Whyte Chief Executive of Music Mark

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THE GRAND UNION TEACHER TRAINING PARTNERSHIP ASSESSMENT ONLY ROUTE TO QTS

Are you an unqualified teacher/TA/HLTA meeting teaching standards but yet to achieve QTS?

Have you at least 2 years of experience teaching at either primary or secondary levels?

If yes, The GUTP may be able to help you to achieve QTS on our 12 week Assessment Only route. Please email Kate Martin for more details.







Cleaners Required

Job Description

Would you be interested to join a leading cleaning company with a reputation for excellence?

Easy Clean is currently recruiting for a Cleaner to join our passionate and driven team in Guilsborough Academy on a permanent basis.

20 hours a week

Monday to Friday 2.30pm-6.30pm

Contracted hours can be negotiated to suit your availability.

Your primary responsibilities will include:

 Cleaning of desks, vacuuming, dusting, removal of waste, cleaning of toilet areas and other associated tasks. Putting away Stock Deliveries

About You:

Previous experience as a Cleaner is preferred but not essential as full BICS training will be provided.

Benefits:

- Paid Holiday.
- Paid Travel allowance (to be discussed)
- Bi weekly pay
- £9.50ph. pay rate.

To apply for this vacancy please telephone our job line on 01733 794079 and leave a clear message giving your name and telephone number a description of the job you are applying for or send a text message to 07377096925 and recruitment will contact you back



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Exam Invigilator

Casual Contract - £10.08 per hour

We are looking to recruit a small number of Exam Invigilators to join our experienced team who work at examination times to run external exams during May and June and pre-public exams at other times of the year. Experience is not essential as full training will be provided.

The hours of work vary, but our exams start at 8.55am and either 1.00pm or 1.30pm with each exam length varying between 1 and 3 hours.

For a job description, further information and an application form, please visit our website.

Closing date: 26th November 2021

We occasionally close vacancies early in the event we receive a high volume of applications. Therefore we recommend you apply early.

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. We are also committed to meeting the requirements of disability discrimination and other legislation.

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Guilsborough Academy Sixth Form

Different. Exciting. Engaging.

Find out more about lessons in Guilsborough Academy Sixth Form at our Open Evening.



Open Evening Thursday 4th November 2021

6-8 pm

Book your slot at tiny.cc/xrvjuz



ARE YOU AGED 9-14? DON'T FORGET:

I MATTER TOO!

WELLINGBOROUGH VICTORIA CENTRE: 25TH & 26TH OCTOBER 2021

NORTHAMPTON CASTLE HILL CHURCH: 27TH & 28TH OCTOBER 2021

10AM-2PM



FAMILY SUPPORT LINK INVITE YOU TO "I MATTER TOO" THIS HALF TERM.

IT'S 2 DAYS OF ACTIVITIES FOR ANYONE AFFECTED BY A LOVED ONES DRUG OR ALCOHOL USE.

DO YOU WANT TO HAVE FUN AND A CHANCE TO MEET OTHER YOUNG PEOPLE?

CALL: 01933 224632 OR EMAIL: contactus@family-supportlink.co.uk

FOR MORE INFO!

Sporting News...

Reminder

Following PE lessons, all students should be changing back into their school uniform. This includes the end of the day and after lunch time extra-curricular practices, unless already agreed with staff for special circumstances. All students should arrive to school in their normal uniform and change into their PE kit prior to or during their lesson.

Year 11 Netball v Pitsford

The year 11 team had a successful first game of the year v Pitsford, despite the rain which meant we had to move indoors during the first quarter. There was excellent play by both teams throughout the match but Guilsborough came through string winning 17-14. Player of the match was awarded to Jemima Lambert by the opposition. We look forward to the return match soon.

Year 8 and Year 9 Netball v DSLV

The girls first netball league had a wet and windy start, it was great to see the girls playing again for the first time in nearly two years. The year 8 team increased in strength as the game progressed, but it wasn't quite enough to hold off DSLV. The year 9's also looked strong and demonstrated some lovely passing and sequencing play which resulted in a 6-6 draw. The end result was mixed for Guilsborough, but great to have the fixtures calendar starting again.

Yr8 lost 4-1

Yr9 drew 6-6

Miss S Boyer

Head of Physical Education

Year 10 Rugby v Sponne

Year 10's had their first school Rugby match in nearly two years this week. It was away against Sponne in some very horrendous conditions! The team showed great resilience and effort in a narrow 22-17 loss. They came back from behind twice to be drawing with only a few minutes remaining but lost in the last minute. A great team effort and well done to all that played, special mention to new players Hayden Quantrell and Josh McIntyre.

Mr K Woolridge

Head of Year 7

Assistant Head of Physical Education

Term 2 Tuesday Night Extra Curricular PE

Throughout term 2 we will open up the PE facilities for all students to come along and participate in various different activities including handball, trampolining, badminton . . .

All you have to do is arrive in E block and we will direct you to which activity is available for the evening. All activities will run until 4:15pm and everyone is welcome along!

Year 8 Football v Bishop Stopford won 2-1

v Brookvale Groby lost 4-1

V Sponne won 4-1

Mr L Cope

Head of Year 9

Teacher of PE

PE Extra Curricular 2021

Day	Activity	Year	Staff	Venue
Monday	Netball	7-9	BYR/SVI	Courts
	Volleyball	7/8	DEA	Sports hall
Tuesday	Football Football	11 7 & 10	CPE JFF	Fields Fields
	Hockey	7/8	svi	Courts
Wednesday	Running	All years	BYR	Fields
	Rugby	Year 9	COL	Fields
	Rugby (after school)	Year 7/8	WLG	Fields
	Basketball	Year 9/10	CSU	Sports hall
Thursday	Netball	KS 4	BYR	Sports hall
	Football	Year 9 7 and 10	FLG JFF	Fields
Friday	Football	Year 8 6 th form	CPE MIS	Fields

Badminton tbc





Are you a graduate and interested in a career in teaching?





If so,

The Grand Union Training Partnership would like to invite you to come to our

OPEN EVENING

on

Monday 1st November 2021, 5pm-7pm at

The GUTP Training Centre, Sponne School Towcester, NN12 6DJ

Check our website for further details www.gutp.co.uk

To register email Kate Martin with your subject of interest and mobile phone number: gutprecruitment@sponne.org.uk

Tel: 01327 350284 ext. 253

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Dates for your Diary:



NOVEMBER

Monday 1st - School Opens

Thursday 4th - Sixth Form Open Evening

(6 - 8 pm)

Friday 5th - Sixth Form Applications Open

Friday 26th - Sixth Form Applications Close

DECEMBER

Monday 6th - Training Day

Wednesday 15th - Christmas Concert

Friday 17th - School Closes