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PARENT / CARERS NEWSLETTER



PRINCIPAL'S BLOG

Dear Parents/Carers,

The start to the New Year is always an extremely busy one and students are already more than halfway through this academic year! We value your support following the final Ofsted report being published. We held the first Ofsted parent / carer forum meeting at the end of January, and we have committed to using this newsletter to providing monthly updates. We will share the first monthly update with you following our return from half term.

We have kicked-off 2024 with some amazing curricular and extra-curricular activities, to name a few: The RAP project, Army Workshop, working in partnership with Northamptonshire Police and K9 Deployment, and the Careers Fair.

We hope all the students from Years 8-11, and staff, who are attending the Skiing trip in the Alps during half-term, have an amazing time! Check out our social media for updates throughout the week.

Wishing you all an enjoyable and restful half-term.

Mr Frazer

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Dates for your diary...

- 26 February : Training Day
(school closed to all students)
- 27 February : All students return to school
- 7 March : Year 9 Options Evening
(4.30–6.30pm)
- 14 March : Year 9 Parents' Evening
(4.30–7pm)



"Well done to the 7 students that participated in the Year 10 Maths Feast at Sir Christopher Hatton on Thursday 15 February.

They completed rounds in logic, polyhedron construction, calculator crosswords and number puzzles. All students challenged themselves to complete maths in new ways and learn new elements of maths, such as logic.

A huge congratulations to the team in the picture above who managed to score highly in every single round."

Miss Heritage

SCHOOL FIELDTRIPS

School Trips happening next month...

- 4 March : Year 10 History Trip
The Doctors Show
- 5 March : Pathfinders 4
(selected Year 10 & 11)
- 7 March : Year 12 Pembroke College,
Cambridge Trip
- 8 March : Year 13 Spanish Trip,
London
- 13 March : Year 12 Apprenticeship
Show in Milton Keynes
- 15–17 March : Year 12 & 13 Geneva Trip

ASSEMBLIES

- 26 February : Rewards & Celebration
(of term 3)
- 4 March : National Careers Week
- 11 March : British Science Week



REPORTS/EXAMS/ ASSESSMENTS

- w/c
26 February : Year 11 Assessment PPEs
- w/c
4 March : Year 11 & 13 Assessment PPEs
- 4 March : Year 10 English & Maths PPE
- w/c
11 March : Year 13 Assessment PPEs
GCSE Food & Nutrition
practical exams

MENTAL HEALTH WEEK UPDATE



During week commencing 5 February, Guilsborough Academy took part in Mental Health Week. Please see below some of the activities students were involved with around the school.

Follow the below link to find out more about Child Exploitation and Online Protection
[CEOP Safety Centre](#)

Please click on the link below to view top tips for **[Safer Internet](#)**.



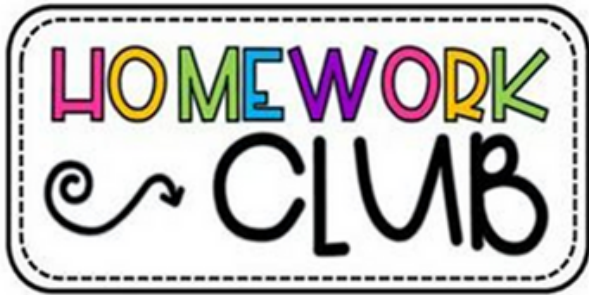
The 2024 Read for Empathy collection is **[here!](#)**

My VOICE MATTERS CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK... **Place2Be's CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK 5-11 FEB 2024**

- ASSEMBLIES**
LGBTQ + History month.
ALL WEEK - ACROSS ALL YEARS
- MANDALA COLOURING SESSION**
Mrs Lauder running a Mandala colouring session.
MONDAY LUNCHTIME
- LYRICS TRAINING SESSIONS**
Miss Unsworth running lyrics training sessions. It is basically Karaoke but as a game, you can play with or challenge friends.
TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIME
- DROP-IN COUNSELLING**
Miss Rowinski running sessions.
ALL WEEK - ACROSS ALL YEARS
- POSTERS AROUND SCHOOL**
New posters around school.
WEDNESDAY
- STICKY NOTE THERAPY**
Miss Wright had a board, some post-it-notes and some pens for sticky note therapy. All students could fill the board with expressions of how they were feeling.
TUESDAY LUNCHTIME
- HOME ACTIVITY - WHAT MATTERS TO YOU?**
We want to hear our young people's voices, and what matters to them. Positive points for all who enter and a prize for the most thought-provoking/creative.
MONDAY - FRIDAY, YEARS 7,8 & 9
- SAFER INTERNET DAY**
Some top tips for students, parents/carers.
TUESDAY [READ MORE](#)



WHAT'S ON



Homework club for the Year 7 will now be held every Thursday 3.15-4.15pm in S3.

Students will have access to laptops, textbooks and there will be a member of staff available to support.

LOST PROPERTY

If your child has lost any property, please ask them to visit Student Reception.

Please label your child's possessions so they can be easily identified and returned.

Thank you

POSTER COMPETITION IS NOW OPEN!

BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK 2024

The theme this year is 'Time' - there are loads of STEM topics that were explored!

Students could create a poster showing how a certain type of technology has changed over time, or even the advancement of time-telling technology itself.

Budding poster makers could also go futuristic show us how they think the world might look in years to come, or perhaps look at nature - lifecycles, lifespans, evolution and hibernation - nature is full of timely topics.

British Science Week 2024 marks the Week's 30th anniversary, with the inaugural celebration happening in 1994.

STUDENTS COULD THINK ABOUT SCIENTIFIC INNOVATIONS SINCE THEN, OR EXPLORE 1994 ITSELF - WHAT WAS LIFE LIKE 30 YEARS AGO?

Google: Poster competition - British Science Week
For more information and/or help submitting your entry, please speak to Mrs S Taylor in the Science department.



LOST AND FOUND

If your child has lost any property, please remind them to visit Student Reception and look through the many unclaimed items.

Please label your child's possessions so they can be easily identified and returned.

SPORT NEWS

It's fantastic to hear about our ex-students and their achievements following their time at Guilsborough Academy.

If you would like to share with us, please send to info@guilsborough.northants.sch.uk

Thank you



**FANCY A NEW CHALLENGE?
NEED TO PERFECT THAT SWING?**

GOLF CLUB

Who? YOU!
What? 3 x golf lessons
Where? Cold Ashby Golf Centre
When? Wednesday 13th, 20th and 27th March (collection 4:30pm from Cold Ashby)
How? First come first served 14 places available



Contact Mr Cope for more information

ATHLETICS ACHIEVEMENT

GUILSBOROUGH EX-STUDENT,
LOUIS STARR WAS CROWNED WELSH UNDER
20S INDOOR 800M CHAMPION (1.57)



Well done!



LOUIS EVEN HAD HIS GUILSBOROUGH PE HOODIE ON
AFTER HE PICKED UP HIS MEDAL