

parent/carers News Bulletin

Friday 13 January 2023

Principal's Blog

A very Happy New Year and welcome to our new fortnightly Parents' Bulletin.

A number of parents have given us feedback suggesting the termly Newsletter was a little bulky and they would appreciate more regular, but smaller, notices from the Academy. Therefore, we have introduced this bulletin as a way of keeping you informed of the amazing things the students are doing and the many achievements which can get lost during a busy term. Only this week members of our environmental group approached me to discuss how they can raise funds to improve the biodiversity on our site.

Thank you to those who have already completed the Parent survey we sent out on 10 January [link here if you have not already completed it](#). Your feedback and constructive comments are important to us and through this, and the academy parent forum, we hope to work together with you for the benefit of all our students. May I take this opportunity to remind all parent/carers that the work our students are doing in every subject is now available for you on our website, and has been since September; a number of responses on the survey suggested this was not available. You can find it [here](#).

I look forward to sharing news of our students' achievements and successes in future editions.

Best wishes
Simon Frazer

Dates to Remember:



- 19 January** Year 13 Parents' Evening 4.30-6.30
- 23 January** SEND Parents' Evening 5-7
- 27 January** GCSE Performance Recording Day
- 30 January** 6th Form Interviews begin
- 8 February** Life Skills - Health & Wellbeing
- 9 February** YEAR 10 PARENTS' EVENING
- 10 February** HALF TERM
- 20 February** Term 4 - BACK TO SCHOOL

Reports / Assessments

- Mon 16 January** Year 7 Assessment
- w/c 30 January** Year 11 Reports
Year 9 Reports



Educational Visits coming up

- 7 February** Year 11 English Trip to Poetry Live!
@ Royal & Derngate,
Northampton

w/c 16 January is
WEEK 1

Bold Voices



Students will participate in some training and educational presentations next term by an external company, Bold Voices. These sessions will be highly important in our drive to raise awareness and educate students around a range of topics:

Wednesday 1 February 2023

- Year 9/10/11 - Thinking Big About Gender Inequality
- Sixth Form - Preparing Our Teens for the Unspoken at University

Assemblies - Term 3

- 16 January** Life Skills -
Health & Wellbeing
- 23 January** National Story Telling
Week
- 30 January** Holocaust Memorial Day
- 6 February** Safer Internet Day

I Think You Should Know

Ithinkyoushouldknow@guilbsborough.northants.sch.uk

This email address has been established to encourage students to report incidents and issues they may feel uncomfortable raising face-to-face. The emails are only accessed by Mr Woolridge who then liaises with key staff to take appropriate action to address the concerns raised.

Timings of the School Day

Morning Registration	08:45
Period 1	09:10
Period 2	10:10
Break	11:10
Period 3	11:30
Registration & Period 5	12:30
Lunch	13:30
Period 5	14:15
Dismiss	15:15

Student Information

View our Extra Curricular Timetable [HERE](#)



Please click [HERE](#) to find out more about Guilbsborough Academy Rugby Camp



2023 RUGBY CAMPS
February Half Term

Study update

PE update

What are we studying in PE this term?



What PE kit is needed?

All information regarding what activities are being studied throughout the year can be found on this link under the heading "[Our Curriculum](#)". This can also be found on the PE curriculum page of the VLE.

Miss S Boyer
Head of Physical Education

Notices

- Please do not block the entrance to the staff car park at the front of school during drop off and pick up. This gate is in constant use and therefore needs to be available should an emergency vehicle need access to the school site. Thank you.
- **UNIFORM and PE KIT**
The full uniform and PE kit list can be found on the [Guilbsborough Academy website](#).

**Did Charles Dickens invent Christmas?
Why was J. B. Priestley so angry?
What on earth is epizeuxis?**

If you can't answer these questions... then you need some revision!

As part of our revision support for Year 11, the English Department will be running a series of **three afterschool lectures**. These will consolidate students' learning from Year 10 and will add in some extra detail for their exams.

The lectures will be on:

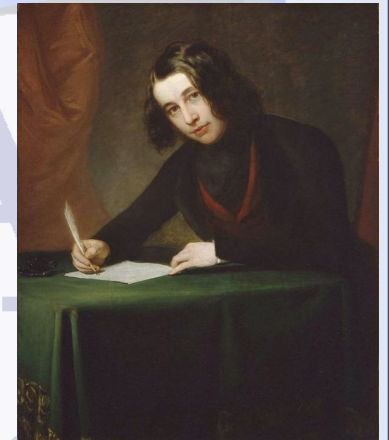
- **Wednesday 18 January; 3:30 - 4:15** (Historical context and key themes for *A Christmas Carol*)
- **Wednesday 1 February; 3:30 - 4:15** (Historical context and key themes for *An Inspector Calls*)
- **Wednesday 19 April; 3:30 - 4:15** (The Art of Rhetoric - English Language GCSE writing non-fiction)

Lectures will be held in the main hall and are open to all students in Year 11.

Year 11 students can register which sessions they wish to attend via this online form:


<https://forms.office.com/e/UhPVkdpDKa>

Dr Massie, Director of English and Media Studies



Students of the Term

Congratulations and well done to the following for being our 'Students of the Term' for Term 1 and 2 in business and economics department. Well done all, we are proud of you! Keep up the good work.

Term 1	Term 2
Baylee Hilton	Olivia Joyce
Amelia Choudhury	George Cater
Oscar Davies	Eva Smith
Daisy Courage	Jacob Shearing
Edward Batho	Aidan Bannerman
Caden Vorster	Harry Welek
Ethan Clarke	Sonny O'Dea
Ameyla Goodfellow	George Patmore
Oscar Davies	Jenny-Li Bailey - Economics
Bethany Critchlow	
Ella Collins	
Ole Sutton	

Eco-Committee

The Eco-committee raised **£217** before Christmas for trees in our local community. We are looking forward to handing the money over and having a celebration of our efforts in Long Buckby. This was towards our 'Global Citizenship' aim. The main areas that we are focusing on for this year are:

- Litter
- Global citizenship
- School Grounds

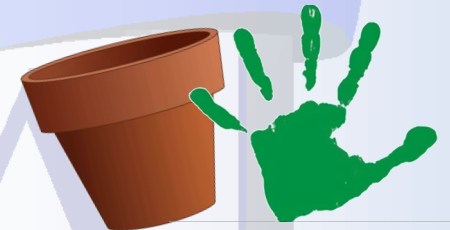
This term our main focus is on the School Grounds and we are trying to introduce as many indoor plants to the school environment as possible. This is a huge task with well over 100 rooms to get at least one plant in.

Do you have any indoor plants you could donate? Or, any old ceramic/plastic decorative small plant pots that you could donate to us?

If you do, please get them to Mrs Commons or main reception.

We are looking forward to introducing plants, and improving the school environment over the rest of the academic year.

**Mrs Commons
Eco Committee**



Year 11 Beliefs and Ethics Class Send a Cow to Africa for Christmas

During the GCSE Religious Studies Course, students are required to consider ways Christian organisations help to alleviate poverty around the world. Our class was inspired by the Send a Cow Charity (a case study they have to know) which sends animals and gives agricultural training to improve agricultural productivity in rural communities. They have wanted to send their own cow to Africa and raised £75 to send a young calf and a young donkey to poor farmers supported by the scheme. The payment was made at the end of term so it was a "mission accomplished": someone received a young cow for a Christmas present. Very well done Year 11 Beliefs and Ethics.

Mr J Ditchburn
Teacher of Geography and Beliefs & Ethics



This Life-Changing Calf charity gift supports families in rural Africa with nutritious milk and manure for fertiliser.

Families who receive a cow from Ripple Effect promise to pass on the first-born female calf to another family in their community.

In time, this cow will produce nutritious milk for the families' children, along with a supply of manure which acts as an excellent fertiliser to help crops grow and thrive. Surplus milk and crops can also be sold for vital income so the family can afford household essentials and to keep their children in school.