

# parent/carers News Bulletin

Friday 17 March 2023

## Principal's Blog

### Positive News

This month we had confirmation that we are again oversubscribed and will have a waiting list of young people wanting a place in September 2023. We received the following comments from parents who came for a tour last week:

- "Impressed that the school seemed so calm and clean"
- Liked the new wall art being installed around the school – more of this is coming in the summer
- "The LRC is great with a range of physical books rather than being all IT"

We have also been continuing our Sixth Form Interviews, welcoming all those who are applying to the Sixth Form from other schools. This year, we have broken through the 200 mark for the number of applications, with over 40 from students at other schools. Our Sixth Form continues to offer excellent opportunities to our students, with the Year 12 UCAS visit taking place only yesterday.

Later in this bulletin you will read about the amazing work Mr Flanagan continues to do in driving our Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme. Those taking part in the scheme deserve all the credit they receive.

As I write this, our Year 10 students are setting off on their Geography visit to Birmingham. While this trip is part of their GCSE studies, it is further evidence of our determination to expand our extra-curricular opportunities.

The National Strikes and the closure of the school last Friday due to snow have resulted in the use of online learning for a number of Year groups. We are impressed by the engagement so many of our students have demonstrated. Year 11, who have been in school on each of the strike days have been amazing. I know Year 11 and Year 13 are working hard as they begin the final push towards their exams. Speaking of Year 11, I would like to remind you of the wide range of additional support on offer, including our recently released dates for lectures. A link to this can be found [here](#).

Mr S Frazer, Principal

### Dates to Remember:

20 March SEND Parent Forum

**LIVE LOUNGE has moved to  
29th March 6.30pm in the Drama Studio**

23 March Year 9 Options Evening

23 March Year 9 Td/IVP & Men ACWY  
(Teenage Boosters)

30 March Year 9 Parents' Evening

31 March **EASTER HALF TERM**

17 April **Term 5 - BACK TO SCHOOL**

### 'Spanish Oral' Mock update...

Due to unforeseen circumstances the Spanish Oral Mock, has changed to 16 March onwards.

### Assemblies - Term 3

20 March International Day for the  
Elimination of Racial Discrimination

27 March Autism Awareness Week —  
Rewards/Celebration

### Reports / Assessments

Year 12 Assessments until 27 March

Year 8 Assessments until 20 March



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20 March is

**WEEK 1**



### Educational Visits

**Friday 24 March**

Year 11 English trip - An inspector Calls -  
6-11pm

Yr 12 Media trip to Harry Potter Studios

**Thursday 23 March — Sun 26 March**

Duke of Edinburgh - Gold Assess (Yr13)

### Revision

#### **GCSE Business revision**

Thursday 30 March from 3.30pm – 4.30pm  
Location : (A17)

#### **A Level Business revision**

Tuesday 28 March from 3.15 – 4pm  
Location : (SF3)

#### **Spanish Revision Club for Year 11**

Every Monday lunchtime from 1.35 - 2pm



## Educational Visit



On the 2<sup>nd</sup> March, ten students from Year 12 visited Pembroke College, Cambridge University for an Oxbridge outreach day. This was an incredible opportunity, providing us with a valuable insight into Oxbridge as well as other universities. Our day was very interactive with a variety of opportunities to get involved in. The Q and A sessions gained us all a better understanding of the processes involved and inspired us to be ambitious for the competitive applications. We received a plethora of useful information, specifically on forming our personal statements which gave us an insight into the importance of super-curricular activities that can separate us from other candidates, giving us the best possible chance of getting accepted. Super-curricular activities take the subjects you study further, beyond what you have learnt at school or college, and therefore, are important as they extend and portray your knowledge and passion for the course that you wish to pursue. We were guided by Tom (a current student) around Pembroke College, which is one of the prestigious 31 colleges on offer at Cambridge University. We were exposed to the wealth of opportunities available at Pembroke College, including the supervision in the tutorial system which greatly benefits the academic support available to the students attending the college. We also had the bonus of a free lunch which was very generous and tasty. This was an incredible event that we were provided with, so we are all very grateful to Miss Hunt for organising it and Mrs Stuart for accompanying us.

*Written by Jemima Lambert*



## Bold Voices



Following on from the previous session, students will have their 2<sup>nd</sup> on-line presentation from Bold Voices on the **21<sup>st</sup> March.**

**Year 9, 10, 11 Talk - *The Power of Gendered Language: From Insults to Actions.***

**Sixth Form Talk - *Misogyny, Language & Violence: Making the Connections***

*If any parent wishes for their child to not be part of this talk, please let their tutor and Head of Year know.*

*Thank you.*

**Mr K Woolridge  
Assistant Principal  
Head of Year 7**

**Assistant Head of Physical  
Education**

## I Think You Should Know

[Ithinkyoushouldknow@guilsborough.northants.sch.uk](mailto:ithinkyoushouldknow@guilsborough.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.

# Guilsborough Academy Prom Lounge

*Have you something  
gorgeous to donate?*

Pre-loved ball gowns, formal dresses, suits, bags or accessories are being collected for Year 11 and 13 students to attend the prom and give them an opportunity to re-use and up-cycle and attend their magical milestone in style.

Please drop items to reception,  
all sizes and styles welcome.

**Drop off by Friday 28 April**

Thank you



## Mobile App

Our Mobile App allows you to share key information with students and parents using their preferred device.

Free push notifications help you keep in touch about attendance, homework and detentions, too.

Are you using the Go4Schools App? If not, download it via Google Play or Apple Store, log in with the same login you use online and see what it offers:

### Behaviour:

Continue to scroll down the app to the Behaviour information. This will display a bar chart of both negative and positive behaviour points over time, the chart can be scrolled across throughout the year. Positive points are shown in green and negative points in red with a total points count.



### Behaviour detail:

If you tap the 'details' button or tap in the white space around the behaviour chart you can then view the detailed event record for your child including the date, the subject, the event type and the associated points.

Date	Event	Points
Yesterday	Out of Class Incident	-5
Thu 13 Dec	Star Student Physics, 11NT/Ph, 118	5
Wed 12 Dec	Star Student Biology, 118	5
Tue 11 Dec	Star Student French, 11Z/Fr1, 103	5
Fri 07 Dec	Star Student Biology, 118	5
Fri 30 Nov	Star Student French, 11Z/Fr1, 103	5
Fri 09 Nov	Star Student French, 11Z/Fr1, 103	5
Fri 02 Nov	Star Student French, 11Z/Fr1, 103	5
Fri 12 Oct	Star Student French, 11Z/Fr1	5
Wed 10 Oct	Star Student Physics, 117	5

This is useful to see if positive or negative behaviour are occurring in certain lessons.

# Female REFEREE COURSE

Wednesday 7th June 2023  
Sunday 11th June 2023

6:30pm - 9:30pm  
9am - 5pm

Kettering Buccleuch  
Academy, NN16 9NS



Book on here!

£50  
PER LEARNER

### Year 11 Lectures

Following the success of the initial English lectures, we are looking at rolling out a bigger programme over the remaining few weeks prior to the summer exam series.

[Guilsborough Academy - Year 11 Lectures](#)

Please can your child register which sessions they wish to attend via this online form by Sunday 19 March.



Students made the most of the day of Snow Day!

## MUSIC NEWS...

### NMPAT Spring Festival of Music

March is a very busy month for our musicians in the county! Having recently competed in the regional heats for the National Concert Band Festival, March started with a lot of great music-making involving several of our Guilsborough students.

5 March saw the Orchestra Spectacular at the Derngate theatre in Northampton. Daisy Forster (Year 11) performed with the NMPAT County Training String Orchestra. Daisy had also been involved in a wonderful fundraising event on 25 February at Spinney Hill Theatre, raising funds for Macmillan Cancer Care in memory and celebration of a much-loved and long serving member of the string team at NMPAT, Stephen Hague.

Just a day later, the Derngate was taken over by NMPAT for the Big Sing. This event saw two of our students in leading roles in the NMPAT production of 'School of Rock', Neirin Marshall-Cross (Year 10) and Ben Bailey (Year 11). Each event was an absolute sell-out and a complete triumph. Many congratulations to the two boys for their fabulous singing.

On Sunday, 12 March, the County Junior Wind Orchestra, County Training Wind Orchestra, and the County Youth Concert Band took to the Derngate stage in a fabulous evening of wind band music. Holly Godley (Year 12), and Emily Richardson (Year 12) performed in the outstanding County Youth Concert Band, Bella Godley (Year 9) in the County Training Wind Orchestra and Lizzie Wilson (Year 8) in the County Junior Wind Orchestra.

### National Festival of Music for Youth

Musical March continues next weekend with the regionals of National Festival of Music for Youth. On 18 March William Speed-Andrews (Year 11) will perform with the County Youth Brass Band alongside Isaac Beetham-Green (Year 13), and Neirin Marshall-Cross (Year 10). County Flute Choir perform on the same day with Holly Godley and Emily Richardson performing (Year 12). On 19 March, Daniel Heilbuth and Benjamin Bailey will perform in the heats with the County Youth Choir, and the County Youth Concert Band will participate too with Holly Godley and Emily Richardson (Year 12) performing with them as well.

All in all, a wonderful, if rather packed month of music-making! Congratulations and well done to all the students involved.

**Mrs Holmes, Head of Music**



We have 57 certificates to hand out and another 18 being printed ready for Friday. There are a further 12 that are close to full completion and just tidying up their evidence. Not bad for a first year and recovering from a pandemic! Thank you to all for your support in making these achievements possible. That's 75 confirmed completions and 12 on the way this term – phenomenal achievement from our students and the community supporting them.

We should have a good number of Gold completions in the next few months also – more trips to the Palace to meet the new Duke of Edinburgh!

# SATURDAY TRACK CLUB

Rugby & Northampton Athletics Club are pleased to announce a new 5-week athletics course for young athletes in Northampton and surrounding areas. It runs from **Saturday March 18<sup>th</sup> to Saturday April 15<sup>th</sup> April.**



This course will give an introduction to the track and field events – running, jumping and throwing and is suitable for all – from total novices to more seasoned athletes – no experience required – just lots of energy. The emphasis will be on fitness, skills and fun with all sessions being led by a qualified club coach.

## When

Saturday mornings 10-00 until 11-15

## Where

The sessions will take place at the Moulton College athletics track

## Who

The sessions are open to both club and non- club athletes **NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY**

## Costs

R&N members – free

Non-club athletes – £15 per 5 week block

Ages – MINIMUM AGE is Year 3 at school (aged 7+) – MAXIMUM is Year 10 at school.



On completion – all course members will be invited to participate in the MOULTON TRACK INVITATIONAL EVENT to be held on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April.

- Places are limited and will be assigned on a first come, first served basis.
- To register or for further information, please contact the address below.

The first session is due to take place on SATURDAY 18<sup>th</sup> March.

[contactus@rugbyandnorthamptonac.org](mailto:contactus@rugbyandnorthamptonac.org)



## Sporting News

The Year 7 and 8 Rugby team have played two matches this term. Although these both resulted in defeat it was great to see the team come together. I was extremely pleased to see the improvement in performance from the first game against Sponne to the second, against a tough and well drilled Moulton team. The Year 8's led by example, Harry Chapman, Will Munn and Lucas Draper and were supported by the year 7's who grew in confidence.

It was also pleasing to see some new faces arriving to play their first game for the school.

Well done to all that took part.

The Year 10 Boys Football team beat DSLV 4-1 in a blizzard on the evening of Wednesday 8th March.

***They were outstanding!***

### Year 10 Rugby squad

The year 10 Rugby team were crowned champions at the U15 Northants schools Rugby 7's tournament this week. They played NIA, Sponne and CBA to be overall winners. The squad of 12 performed exceptionally well and were convincing in all games, with the final being stopped at 50 points to nil. Well done to all that played.



Year 7 won 6-5 v Champion  
Player of the match Bella S  
Year 8 lost 12-2 v Champion  
Player of the match Eleanor A

**Miss S Boyer**  
**Head of Physical Education**

Congratulations to the girls mixed 7/8 netball teams who both won their games 12-2 and 5-2 respectively on International Women's Day. They played with pride, passion and supported each other throughout.

Players of the matches were Bella S and Enaisha B

**Miss S Boyer**  
**Head of Physical Education**

## Sports Fixtures For Term 4

DATE	FIXTURE	VENUE
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	U16 Girls Football v Duston School (County Cup Semi-Final)	Duston School
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Year 7/8 Netball v Elizabeth Woodville School	Guilborough Academy
	U12 Girls Football v Moulton School	Guilborough Academy
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 10 Rugby v Bishop Stopford	Bishop Stopford