

parent/carers News Bulletin

Friday 14 JULY 2023

Principal's Blog

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is the end of another school year and what a year it has been. There have been reasons to celebrate as well as the challenges caused by the winter snow and the recent flooding. The flooding has left us with considerable building work over the summer and along with other planned works over the summer, it is going to be a busy one for the contractors.

Flooding aside, we have seen a significant increase in the number of, and range of educational visits this year. These have been linked to humanities, DofE expeditions, UCAS and university visits, the Warhammer competition and a number of sporting events as well. Awards evenings have come and gone and it is now time to look to the future. Exciting times ahead as we strive to develop the Academy further. September will see the launch of the new Rewards System and The Guilsborough Way, the new Academy vision and ethos, where each and every student, member of staff and parent plays a crucial part in ensuring that we are the very best that we can be.

We welcome back Year 12 and the new Year 7s on 6th September and all other year groups on the 7th September.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support throughout the 2022-23 academic year and hope you have an enjoyable summer break.

Mr C Hancock, Vice Principal

Dates to Remember:

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| 17 July | Enrichment Day |
| 18 July | Enrichment Day |
| 20 July | Year 12 & 13
World Challenge Build Up Day |
| 21 July | TRAINING DAY |
| 4 September | TRAINING DAY |
| 5 September | TRAINING DAY |
| 6 September | Years 7 and 12 return only |
| 7 September | ALL YEARS return |

Assemblies - Term 6

- 17 July End of Year Celebrations

Reports / Assessments / Exams

- Year 10 Reports out week of 17 July
Year 12 Reports out week of 17 July



The Railway Safe Friendly initiative work we have been doing to improve rail safety awareness in all schools across the UK in partnership with Harrison Ballantyne, **there are now over 900 schools signed up to the railway campaign.**



I Think You Should Know

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.

Educational Visits

- 17 July
Year 8 Drayton Manor

- 18 July
Year 9 Drayton Manor

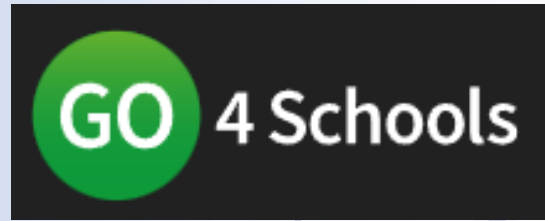
- 19 July
Year 10 Drayton Manor

- 21 July - 12 August
Year 12 & 13 World Challenge
— Cambodia



We offer parent/carer counselling.
For further information please email Mrs Gunn
gunn@guilsborough.northants.sch.uk





From September we will be moving all student timetables, behaviour, attendance, and progress data reporting across to Go4Schools.

To get the most out of the system, parents and carers are encouraged to ensure that they access it, either via the internet or app, on a regular basis.

The figures shown in the table below show the percentage of our students who have at least one parent or carer who have logged in to Go4Schools and the percentage of those parents or carers who have accessed the system in the past 14 days. This table will be regularly published in the Parent Bulletin from September.

Mr C Hancock
Vice Principal

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13
Number of students with at least one parent/carer accessing Go4Schools	93%	96%	95%	89%	96%	91%	95%
Parent/Carers who have accessed account in past 14 days	55%	81%	26%	39%	14%	19%	8%

Figures correct as of 11/07/2023



A big congratulations to Oscar Tyrell in Year 8 who performed with the County Training Brass Band at the Royal & Derngate in Northampton.





The evening of 28 June saw our annual Summer Concert in the school hall. The school's Wind Band, String Group and Rock Academy performed along with soloists from all year groups.

We saw fabulous duets from Hanna Karus (Year 9) and Phoebe Wallace (Year 9), Mariella Burditt (Year 11) and Mrs Dawson, and Isobel Moore (Year 10) and Poppy Hulme (Year 10). We heard lovely vocal solos from Annie Given (Year 9), Charlotte Wealthall (Year 9), Cora Hamer (Year 8), Ava Parton (Year 9), Nye Marshall Cross (Year 10) and Ben Bailey (Year 11). We were treated to two beautiful violin solos from Daisy Forster (Year 11) and Jessica Ideson (Year 7), and a guitar solo from Peter Simmonds (Year 7). Oscar Tyrrell (Year 8) played a beautiful version of Solvig's Song on tenor horn and we were treated to a wonderful trombone solo from Lyall Lambert (Year 10) and a fantastic trumpet solo from Florence Lambert (Year 7).

The concert concluded with an outstanding piano solo from Jenny-li Bailey (Year 13).

Many congratulations to all the students involved! It was a delightful evening and a lovely way to round off a year's worth of music-making.

Mrs D Holmes
Head of Music



Examination Success

Jenny-li Bailey - Grade 7 Piano -
passed with distinction.

Well Done.



Year 10 and 12 **ART**
trip to Oxford...

On Tuesday 27 June, 60 Year 10 and 12 students visited Oxford to support their GCSE and A Level course-work.

We visited St Michael's at the North Gate, to take a trip up Saxon Tower, the oldest standing building in Oxford. From here we got to see great views of Oxford's skyline, and take some photos to work with in our lessons. The church itself was full of interesting details linking to our GCSE 'Twisting and Turning' project.

Our second visit was to the Ashmolean museum. A really impressive building from the outside, and housing art and artefacts from many different countries and eras. The Japanese prints, casts of ancient sculptures, and the fine art sections were particular highlights – we could have spent all day in the museum!

To end the day we had lunch in University Parks, taking the opportunity to reflect on the day, look through our hundreds of photos, and complete some sketching.



Mrs J Tibbles
Teacher of Art & History



DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY Transition Days

In the last few weeks of the summer term, the DT department welcomed Year 6 students from Crick and East Haddon to the Academy to give them a sample of what Design Technology at Guilsborough has to offer.

The two days were themed around Electronics and Food Technology 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



Analytical Chemistry



2023 RSC Schools' Analyst competition

Well done to Year 12 Chemistry students for participating in the Schools' analyst competition run by the University of Newcastle. After completing a series of analytical tests on samples, students submitted their results and findings.

Unfortunately for us, a school in Newcastle-under-Lyme won the Midlands region.

A special congratulations goes to Emily Richardson, Sophia Groves and

Lucy Petrie for being the Guilsborough Academy winners.

Well done!

Mrs S Taylor



[Junior Rowing Taster Session \(Saturday\)](#)

We are forming a new competition squad. We are looking for talented young people who will be in Year 8 in September 23 to join us!

www.eventbrite.co.uk



An Eco-committee Year

September

Selected Eco-committee and carried out Environmental review. Students chose a committee Chair (Connie) and leads for the group (our 6th Formers, Jemima and Emma).



December

Christmas themed Bake sale focus to support 'Trees for Station Road' in Long Buckby. Students created posters which went on social media and around the site (we then decided putting up posters is not very sustainable). Raised approximately £221 from the bake sale which would be sent to them.



October

Environmental review and chosen themes. Initially we chose Energy, but this involved too much work with site and there was no Site Manager around at the time. We chose, Global Citizenship, School grounds and Litter. Students supported at the first Green Welford Kidsfest event.



January

Term focus on 'School Grounds' through the collection of indoor plants from various sources. Students then decided to create their own post from old plastic bottles to recycle. Students started to bring in spider plants and reproduce their own plants. Students asked the Principal about having a non-uniform day later in the year (agreed). Contact DPD and the School Business Manager about the purchase of coloured bins in house colours to encourage students to put litter in the bin and recycle.



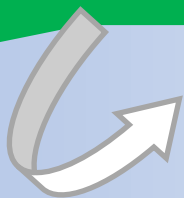
November

Gathered information from School Business Manager, accounts and site about the energy use around the Academy. Talked about creating a green roof. After initial investigations we realised that as students it would be difficult to move on this.



February

10th February, Green Non-uniform day to raise money for Global Citizenship, eco charities - £880 raised. Liaise regarding bins. Messages to staff about use of correct recycling for paper outside classrooms. Distribution of plants. Students put notes through doors in their village, whilst others went to Dobbies to obtain pots for the indoor plants. Mrs Commons visiting Gambia in February half term to deliver medical aid to Penyem Village.

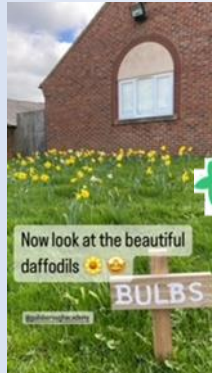


An Eco-committee Year



March

Signed up to great big school litter pick.
Organise bags and gloves to litter pick.
Assembly PPT to students to re-educate where students and staff should be placing litter.
Cleaning litter from bio pond.



Well done

June

8th - Tree planting information and ceremony with Station Road Trees (Maria Summerscale) 10th - Green Welford KidsFest and questions with local MP. Students filmed their videos for why we should look after the environment and have the importance of an eco-committee. 14th - final bake sale, raised approximately £85 for Northampton Trustee Fund.

Videos of students for The Eco-schools green flag. Completing and submitting the application.



April

Eco Committee members plus many students in Year 7/8 and 5 boys in Year 10 did a great job on the 'Keep Britain Tidy - great big litter pick'. 9 bags were collected in just 20 minutes of tutor time.



May

6th Form students gained funding from Cummins in Daventry and placed an order with Patch Plants for some lovely indoor plants for around the Academy. When they arrived all the committee distributed the plants.

Form tutor reminder to all students about correct recycling re-educating staff and students about which bins to use and why the eco-committee is important and what we do.



SPORT NEWS

Annual Sports Day

Each year group will participate in the annual sports day towards the end of term. Information has been sent to tutors and will be shared with tutees.



Students should come to school in their Guilsborough PE kit on their respective sports day, bring plenty of water and dress accordingly for the weather, i.e. suncream and sun hat / Guilsborough PE jumper if a little overcast. Medication will need to be held by the student or their tutor on the day.

Year 10 – Friday 14 July

Year 9 – Monday 17 July

Year 8 – Tuesday 18 July

Year 7 – Wednesday 19 July

Miss S Boyer
Head of Physical Education

Congratulations to the Year 7 athletes that represented South Northants at the County event held in Rockingham on 3 July.

- Maisie Lauder
- Maisie Wood
- Ellie Corless
- Sophia Muelle
- Ashton Winterburn
- Jensen McAuley

Congratulations!

Maisie Lauder and Maisie Wood – 1st

Sophia Muelle and Jensen McAulery – 2nd

Ashton Winterburn and Ellie Corless – 4th

Table Top Gaming & Role Playing Club

This year the TTG & Role Playing club were given the opportunity to visit Warhammer World at the HQ of Games Workshop in Nottingham twice!

14th June:

On the first trip, students had the opportunity to learn the rules for small scale combat game Kill Team. All the students worked really hard to prepare for the day and had a chance to play a few games. The club was given an award in recognition of the student's effort and participation in the event.

29th June:

For the second visit, students spent the day learning the brand new rules for Warhammer 40k. They spent the morning learning how to play, with excellent support from Games Workshop staff, before independently running their own games in the afternoon. Even Mr van Asch had a chance to play some of the students!

On both days, students were able to have a look at the museum and exhibitions, showcasing painting and modelling from the GW team and they got a chance to flex their own modelling and painting skills. The gigantic "Battle for Angelus Prime" diorama is always a favourite amongst the students and they spent a very long time looking for a special model hidden in the battle. If they find it they get to keep the model.

The trip on the 29th was also the last chance for many of our Year 11 members to visit Warhammer world as part of the club. They organised and played a huge battle that took most of the day to complete.

A very special thank you to everyone involved, especially Mr van Asch for organising the trip and to Mrs Linyard for helping out with the second trip.

Mr Tapley

The TTG & Role Playing Club meet on Thursdays after school until 4:45pm. Newcomers are always welcome.



to WARHAMMER World 2023



GIRLS FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT CAMP

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SUMMER CRICKET CAMPS 2023

Steelbacks In The Community have a variety of Cricket Camps on throughout the Summer holidays! All listed camps run from 10am - 3pm with the options of early drop-off and/or late pick-up for supervision only. All cricket activity is delivered by ECB qualified and DBS vetted coaches.

MIXED HARDBALL CAMPS

Develop your hardball cricket skills in batting, bowling and fielding. Daily or Multi-day booking available. For children in school years 6 to 9.

PER DAY **£25** 3 DAYS **EARLYBIRD* £60 / £65**

ALL HARDBALL CAMP VENUES WILL RECEIVE A PLAYER VISIT

From either a Steelback, Sunriser or Northamptonshire Womens cricketer

DATES	LOCATION
24/7 - 26/7	Burton Latimer CC
2/8 - 4/8	The County Ground
9/8 - 11/8	Middleton Cheney CC
21/8 - 25/8**	Wellingborough Town CC
29/8 - 31/8	Gullsborough CC

*Earlybird Price available until 21st July
 **The cost of the Wellingborough camp is in the booking link

GIRLS HARDBALL CAMPS



PER DAY **£15** 2 DAYS **£25**

DATES	LOCATION
28/7	Thrapston CC
7/8 - 8/8	Northampton Saints CC

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STEELBACKS SKILLS CAMPS

Steelbacks Skills Camps are softball based cricket camps that will improve your cricket skills. Earn Bronze, Silver or Gold Awards in batting, bowling and fielding. One day or Two day bookings available. For children in school years 2 to 6.

PER DAY **£20** 2 DAYS **EARLYBIRD* £30 / £35**

DATES	LOCATION
24/7 - 26/7	Burton Latimer CC
2/8 - 3/8	The County Ground
9/8 - 10/8	Middleton Cheney CC
16/8 - 17/8	Earls Barton CC
21/8 - 25/8*	Wellingborough Town CC

*Earlybird Price available until 21st July
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STEELBACKS SIXES CAMPS

New for 2023 - Sixes Camps are a fun progression from Steelbacks Skills Camps that offer competitive softball cricket throughout the day. For children in school years 2 to 6.

PER DAY **£20**

DATES	LOCATION
29/8	Kettering Town CC
30/8	The County Ground
GIRLS SIXES DAY	
31/8	Wellingborough OC's CC

GIRLS DEVELOPMENT CAMPS

PER DAY **£15**



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DATES	LOCATION
2/8	Kettering Town CC
21/8	Overstone Park CC

The focus of the Girls Development Camps is to help girls develop from Softball to Hardball Cricket. For children in school years 2 to 6.

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