

parent/carers News Bulletin

Friday 26 January 2024

Principal's Blog

Dear Parents/Carers,

Term 3 has already shown itself to be a busy time for the Academy. As part of our safeguarding programme and developing civic values, we welcomed Raising Awareness & Prevention (RAP), K9 Deployment and Northamptonshire Police who delivered protective workshops for Years 7-11 and we look forward to Safeline visiting next week to continue raising awareness of abuse.

To read further details on these external agencies, please visit the 'Latest News' section of our website. With formal examinations fast approaching, lessons continue with Rigour and assessment opportunities to identify students' strengths and areas for development.

Parents/carers of students in Years 7, 9, 10, 12 and 13 will receive progress reports this term and we encourage families to engage in conversations regarding these, including attendance. For further information regarding individual subjects, parents/carers can contact their child's teachers, whilst Heads of Year are available to discuss students holistically as we strive to Learn without Limits.

Miss Keenes, Vice Principal

Dates to Remember:



- 1 February** Year 13 Parents' Evening
- 2 February** Year 9 Teenage Booster / Meningitis ACWY
- 6 February** **Year 11 Poetry Live trip**
- 7 February** **Year 12 University of Lincoln - Social Sciences**
- 8 February** Year 10 Parents' Evening
- 9 February** **Year 12/13 Debate Event, Guildhall Northampton**
- 12 February** Year 11 Performance & Workshop - Macbeth
- 14 February** **Find your Future Trip - Daventry Campus, Northampton College, selected Year 10/11**
- 15 February** Year 10 Maths event - Sir Christopher Hatton
- 16 February** **END OF TERM**
- 17-24 Feb** **Ski Trip**
- 26 February** **Training Day**
- 27 February** All students return to school

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.

Assemblies - Term 3

- 29 January National Story Telling Week
- 05 February LGBTQ+ History Month
- 12 February Safer Internet Day

Reports / Assessments / Exams

w/c 29/01

- Year 10 Reports out
- GCSE Electronics Practical Exams
- GCSE Product Design Practical Exams

w/c 05/02

- Year 9 Reports out

w/c 12/02

- PPE PP students food practical
- Year 12 Reports out
- Year 7 Reports out



Working in Partnership



On Friday 19th January we welcomed officers from Northamptonshire police with a knife arch, along with a representative from K9 deployment with a drug detection dog.

This joint initiative was designed to promote community safety and raise awareness of prohibited items, as detailed within Academy policies.

Launched back in May 2023, Northamptonshire Police joined the proactive countrywide campaign called 'Operation Sceptre'. The campaign includes engagement with people in local communities, hotspot patrols, weapons sweeps, use of the knife arch and knife amnesties.

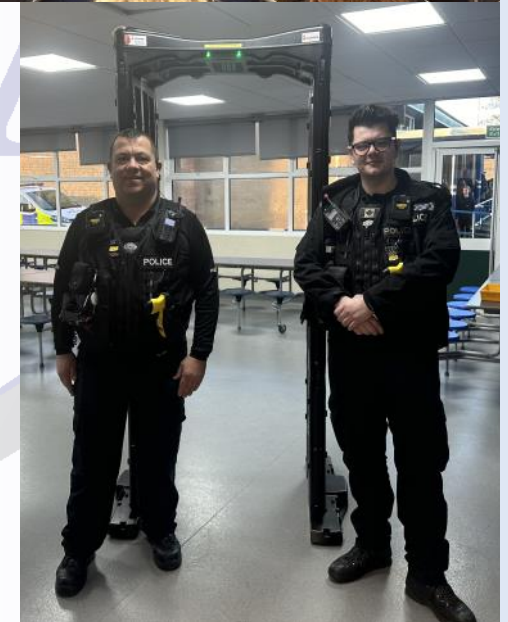
PC Steve Galloway and PC Josh Tyers delivered assembly content to year 11 students, detailing some of their first-hand experiences of working on the front-line responding to reported incidents of knife crime. They answered questions posed by students and staff. Some standout facts to highlight:

- The criminal age of responsibility in the UK is 10 years old
- It has been proven that if you carry a knife, you are more likely to be hurt or threatened by someone else. People are often wounded by their own knife they were carrying, putting them at greater risk

Lester Staples from K9 Deployment and his drug detection dogs Denzel and Beans (springer spaniels) also made a surprise appearance in assemblies for years 7 - 11.

K9 Deployment work nationwide, as an external support service to the police, offering specialist sniffer dog services to detect the presence of drugs and tobacco.

Miss Keenes, Vice Principal, said "At Guilsborough Academy one of our core values is 'take **responsibility** for our actions'. Partnering with Northamptonshire Police and K9 Deployment encompasses everything we are trying to achieve, as our number one priority is the safety and wellbeing of our students. We thank both Northamptonshire Police and K9 Deployment for their support, as well as the students for their exceptional behaviour and maturity. We encourage parents/carers to continue these discussions at home, so that we are all working in unity".



FAO Mr Simon Frazer,

I hope everyone at Guilsborough Academy has enjoyed the much-needed Christmas break. I just wanted to offer my final thanks for your support with my national campaign 'The Big Ambition' which will be **closing on Friday 19th January.**

I have been overwhelmed by the response the survey has received. Over 300,000 children, young people, parents and carers have participated, making it one of the largest surveys of its kind!

This is the final push to hear from even more children before the survey closes, it is so important that every child in England has an opportunity to tell policy makers what they want and need ahead of the General Election.

By sharing my survey with your pupils and parents or carers, you can make sure that the children and young people of West Northamptonshire are fairly represented in the results.

Children and parents or carers can complete the survey here: www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition

I am so very grateful for your support, and I am beyond excited to share the findings.

Very best,



Dame Rachel De Souza
Children's Commissioner for England

Notices

Dear parent / carers,

Can you please notify the school when a child has had an injury which will impact them accessing the school site.

For example;

Using crutches –

Any classes located upstairs will need to be re-roomed to ensure the student can access their lesson/s. Additional time may be needed when moving around the school.

Broken bones without the need for crutches – *additional time may be needed when moving around the school.*

Please confirm the following information to info@guilsborough.northants.sch.uk and tutor email addresses:

- Student name
- Tutor group
- Injury details
- Time scales if known

Please follow the [LINK](#) to access all staff emails addresses.

Please do not send students into school with hot water bottles. This is a health and safety risk.

Thank you.



Curriculum Update

Design & Technology

Reminder for students to attend on these days if they have their practical exams for DT subjects:

Monday 29th and Wednesday 31st Jan - Electronic Products

Tuesday 30th Jan and Thursday 1st Feb - 11G and a few from 11F (students will know who) Product Design

Wednesday 31st Jan and Friday 2nd Feb - 11F Product Design

FOOD AND NUTRITION

Also:

Advance notice of Practical exams:

Food & Nutrition 3 hour cooking exam: these will take place week beginning Monday 11th March students will receive a date towards the end of this term.

Mrs N Lauder
Head of Design Technology

Good luck to Thomas Holmes in Year 13.

Thomas is taking part in Royal society of Chemistry Olympiad Competition. This is an international Chemistry competition for the brightest future Chemists.

Well done on all of your hard work and preparation for this. I'm sure it will pay off!

Mrs Taylor
Science Teacher



Chemistry Olympiad 2024

Registration closes 7 January

ROYAL SOCIETY OF CHEMISTRY



MY VOICE MATTERS

The theme this year is "My voice matters" and its all about helping children and young people to be able to express themselves and be listened to.

Throughout the week of 5th - 11th February, we'll be providing several opportunities to hear student voice on Mental Health.

From assemblies, to drop-in sessions, top tips etc. We'll also be providing parents/carers the opportunity to get involved. More info to follow next week...



SEND FAMILY SWIMMING

(BOTH SWIMMING POOLS WILL BE OPEN)

 **28 January & 25 February**
2.30 - 3.30 pm

 **Brackley Leisure Centre, Brackley, NN13 6JJ**

Family ticket - £12
(2 adults & 2 children)
Adult swim - £4.75
Junior - £3.80

Women's engineering visits to Cummins Engineering (October–December 2023)

These past 3 months we have visited Cummins Engineering in Daventry four times; we explored all parts of engineering to open up opportunities and to fully explore what we would like to do when we are older.

On our first visit, we had a full tour of the shop floor and viewed the assembly lines. We learnt how everything was assembled, where the different parts were located and how an engine worked. We also had the opportunity to use a virtual reality headset to fit a bracket on to a Genset, again opening our eyes to how many jobs there are in engineering.

On our second visit, we were taught how to use CAD (Computer-aided design). Components are designed on a computer to ensure the design is proportioned to scale. We also learnt about the importance of communication through teamwork.

On our third visit, we learnt how to communicate and work together to build an assembly line to make a Lego dumper truck in the quickest and the most efficient way possible. We assembled a valve to see who could put it together in the quickest time using real materials that were used on the production line.

On final visit, we were taught about *women in engineering* and how gender equality is developing into more equal career opportunities over the world. We took part in an activity using coding to pick up a Genset, following a path and creating a system of coding to make it go forward turn etc.

Overall, we had an amazing experience at Cummins Engineering. We expanded our knowledge of all the different types of engineering and how important it is in the world. We learnt that everything we use in our daily lives is engineered carefully by experts.

Students: Katie, Bella, Eliana, Faye, Maddy (Year 10)

Cummins Engineering Club



On Thursday 24 January, Nick Roberts, a ranger at the Long Buckby Green space and wildlife expert, spoke with the Eco Committee and other interested students about human impact on the environment and what we can do to support wildlife. He talked to us about what has caused extinction events in the past and how humans are now contributing to this. We then considered what we can do positively to help wildlife, including rewilding in places like Scotland, changes to our own gardens and behaviours. He gave us lots of great practical ideas of what we can do in school to develop more wildlife areas.

Nick kindly gave copies of his book "The Butterflies of Long Buckby" to members of the Eco Committee and for us to have in the library. These will be very useful later in the year when we will join in the national butterfly count.

We are keen to visit the Long Buckby Green Space ourselves and they often have volunteer days when people can help if any of you are interested.



Dr F Sheldrick

Doughnut sale

We raised £70 from the doughnut sale and so far we have bought bird food and feeders. This will help support the local birds and enable us to do the RSPB Big School Bird Watch. We have also donated to the Wildlife Trusts project to reintroduce beavers to Northamptonshire.






RSPB Birdwatch 2024

For more information visit <https://www.rspb.org.uk/>

Choose an hour between 26th-28th January



Only record the birds that land in your patch



Record the highest number of each bird species you see at any one time



Tell us what you saw (even if that's nothing at all)! You can submit your results online or by post.

Thank you



This is to certify that you have **adopted a beaver**

Eurasian beaver. Scientific name: Castor fiber. Family: Castoridae.

The Eurasian beaver, a native species to the UK, is an industrious architect of the natural world with a unique set of skills. With powerful jaws and sharp teeth, they can cut down trees, construct intricate dams, and manipulate waterways.

Beavers vanished in the 16th century due to hunting for fur, meat, and scent glands. Their disappearance also meant losing the remarkable landscapes they shaped, including lakes, meres, mires, fens, and bogs. The Wildlife Trusts are committed to bringing these fantastic mammals back to Britain.



M. J. Jackson
Matt Jackson, Director of Conservation

Year 11
Performance &
Workshop



MACBETH

*"A great modern-day interpretation
with excellent audience participation.
The students will have benefited from
seeing the actors bringing it to life."*

*"I loved it! I personally think that all
schools should experience this. What I
liked the most was how the actors used
people from the audience in the story."*

12 February
On site, school hours
Book via ParentPay

SPORTS NEWS



Congratulations to all the students who made it on the PE Bravo Board this term. We have been really pleased by the enthusiasm and commitment shown by the pupils especially as the weather gets wet and cold!

Hopefully you have all had a chance to spot the new location for the board outside E block.

Here is how students could feature next term...

Criteria for nominations could include 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.

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

Mrs Dean



Mr Flanagan
Paula Namua
Barnes Simpson
Callum Paterson

Miss Boyer
Bella Selley
Lilia Bridge
Aaron Yeboah

Mrs Dean
Florence Shakespeare
Jessica Ideson
Charlotte Slack

Miss Amena
Jessie Lodge
Megan Rowe
Grave Davies

Miss Vickers
Beth Waine
Eleanor Parton
Mia Bells

Mr Jefferies
Aaron Green
Amber Jenning
Ashton Winterburn

Mr Woolridge
Monty Croft
Fred Todd
Sam Eldred

Mr Mills
Aggie Dunkley
Kaelyn Cowe
Drew Harrison

Mr Cope
Stanley Webb
Jack Moore
Luke Silk



LOOK GOOD IN WHITE? PERFECT.



Haddon Cricket Club is on the hunt for **cricketers** of all age groups and standards to join our ever growing cricket community.

Teams

MENS TEAMS | LADIES TEAM | JUNIOR TEAMS

Become part of a close-knit cricketing family

INTERESTED? CALL IAN ON 07590 477 454

INFO@HADDONCC.CO.UK

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 their 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 Thursday 28th March

Thank you



GRAND UNION
Teacher Training Partnership
TRAIN TEACH INSPIRE

TRAIN TO TEACH
**OPEN
EVENT**

Tuesday 13th February 2024

Open evening 5pm - 7pm

GUTP House, Sponne School, Towcester, NN12 6DJ

Please email gutprecruitment@sponne.org.uk with your name and subject of interest to register your attendance

WE OFFER PGCE COURSES WITH QTS IN:

- Business Studies
- English *
- MFL (French, German, Spanish)*
- Computing*
- Geography*
- Science (Biology, Chemistry, Physics)*
- Design-Technology (including Food)*
- History
- Maths*
- PE

*Bursaries available, eligibility criteria applies

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