

# parent/carers News Bulletin

Friday 31 March 2023

## Principal's Blog

Well, as we draw to the end of another term, it is time to reflect on what has been achieved and what our next steps are.

This term is always a busy one as the time either side of half term is relatively short but as the nights get shorter and there are glimmers of spring, we can continue our preparation for both our Year 11 and 13 cohorts and their summer exams. With only a handful of weeks left and an additional bank holiday to factor in, a well-planned student will be a successful one so if you're the parent of one of these, please do check on their organisation.

This term we have had Bold Voices working with a large number of our students helping them to understand how to deal with gender inequality. Our Year 12 cohort have been preparing themselves for their UCAS applications and understanding the process.

Our new Careers Team led by Miss Hunt have been hard at work preparing students for work experience in Years 10 and 12, a truly valuable experience for them. Lower down in the school, science week has got students growing their own plants and getting a better understanding of the process this involves. I'm sure when I was growing up it was just cress seeds in cotton wool! Our younger ones in Years 7 to 9 have also been working hard on developing their reading skills which will be hugely important as they progress through the Academy.

As always, we welcome your feedback through our Parent Forum and value your support.

May I take this opportunity to wish you a restful but enjoyable Easter break.

Mr C Hancock  
Vice Principal



## Dates to Remember:



- 17 April** Term 5 - **BACK TO SCHOOL**  
World Challenge Parent Briefing - virtual 6-7pm
- 20 April** Year 11 Information Evening - 6.30 to 7.30pm
- 27 April** Year 8 Parents' Evening
- 28 April** Non-uniform day

## Assemblies - Term 5

- 17 April** World Creativity and Innovation Day
- 24 April** Safeguarding and Wellbeing

## Reports / Assessments / Exams

- 17 April** Year 8 Report Out  
Year 13 Report Out
- 21 April** Year 11 GCSE PE Moderation
- 24 April** Year 9 Assessment
- 24-28 April** GCSE Textiles Exam



## Educational Visits

- Friday 21 April**  
Drayton Manor (2021-22 Reward Trip - selected students Yr8-Yr11)
- Sunday 23 - 25 April**  
Year 12 Geography Trip - Snowdonia
- Thursday 27 April**  
Trip to University of Leicester - (selected Yr 10)
- Friday 28 - 30 April**  
Duke of Edinburgh Silver Practice (Yr10)

## Wednesday 19 April

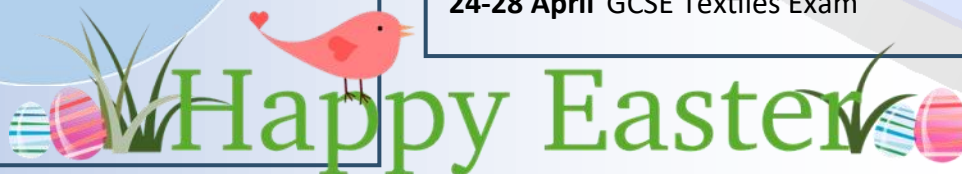
School lecture-style revision sessions  
afterschool (The Art of Rhetoric -  
English Language GCSE writing non-fiction) Hall



## Spotlight on promoting positive behaviour at Guilsborough Academy

Please follow the below link to  
view :

[Guilsborough Academy - Behaviour](#)





## Educational Visit



### Year 9 Trip to Oxford University

On Friday 17 March, we went to Lincoln College in Oxford for a pathfinders trip. We arrived early so were lucky enough to get a tour of the grounds. The library was in a church with really high ceilings and the chapel had one of the oldest set of stained glass windows in the country!

We had two talks then from two professors from Lincoln's Business School. We had to move around the room to different places to look at what managers we might be like and had a Logo quiz which taught us that a brand isn't just about the Logo.

Dinner was in the fancy dining hall with their famous students and chaplains on framed portraits on the wall.

In the afternoon, we went to the archive centre and learnt about paleography and got to read and touch really old books written by people from the college. We had a turn at using old pens that you dip in to ink to try our hand at old style writing. Some of us got a bit messy! I really liked the pen work as it was used hundreds of years ago.

Lastly, we had an astrophysics talk about wandering stars, moons and determining where new planets are. I had fun learning and discovering new things.

By Luke Grainger



## Bold Voices



Please follow the link to view the Bold Voices resources...

[BOLD VOICES RESOURCES](#)

## I Think You Should Know

[thinkyoushouldknow@guilsborough.northants.sch.uk](mailto:thinkyoushouldknow@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.

A competition was run for the run up to World Book Day for our form groups to decorate their form room doors on the topic "Something Bookie" here are some of the results...



## 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



A  
Massive  
Thank You



To the parents of Year 11 Food & Nutrition students.  
You have supported them through a practice and a final exam. They really benefit from the investment in time and money that you have given them.

They have made some amazing food and worked really hard – *Well done to them all*

**Mrs Lauder, Head of Design and Technology**

#### Alteration to Uno Bus 60 Route

We have been made aware of road works due to start to 17 April for 6 weeks on the A5199 Wel-ford Road. The closure and diversion can be viewed here <https://one.network/?tm=133523997>

During this time the bus company are recommending students use the Waitrose bus stop. Thank you.

#### Bus Passes — Reminder

Students must have their bus pass with them at **ALL** times, they are **NOT** able to travel on a bus which they are not assigned to. Students are issued a pass for one specific route. This is to ensure student safety by loading the vehicles to agreed levels. In the event of a breakdown/accident we need to be sure which students are on the vehicle. Replacement passes are obtained through West Northants Council website.

## Bus Behaviour & Vandalism

It is with regret that we must inform you that a number of acts of vandalism have occurred recently on various school buses. The bus companies have raised concerns with us regarding the behaviour of a minority of students who have caused the following acts:

- Releasing the emergency hammer
- Ripping seat covers
- Slashing seat belts
- Vaping
- Offensive graffiti
- Scratched and broken windows
- Pushed out window frames
- Throwing items such as water bottles on the bus
- Liquids such as yogurt and water spilt on seats
- Students standing and moving around the bus
- Significant amounts of litter



We are sure you will agree that this is disappointing news and we would like to emphasise that the vast majority of our students travel sensibly and contribute positively to the experiences of their peers. We would like to thank these individuals and their parents/carers for supporting the Academy with information regarding poor conduct on the buses, which you can share directly with Mr Sutherland (Director of Behaviour) via the email address [sutherland@guilbsborough.northants.sch.uk](mailto:sutherland@guilbsborough.northants.sch.uk).

It is important to note that the bus companies reserve the right to refuse students to travel on their services and that parents/carers may be required to pay for any damage caused by vandalism. Further information can be found via the hyperlink [Mainstream and public transport code of conduct | West Northamptonshire Council \(westnorthants.gov.uk\)](#).





# SPORT NEWS

The Year 10 football beat DSLV away in a snowstorm and freezing conditions, showing huge commitment and really impressive spirit.

They played the top team in the County/Region (Moulton) who were stunned when we scored first and made it to half time 1-0 ahead. Even though they rallied and fought back to win 4-1, they were full of admiration for the way our boys played. They were excellent.

In particular, I would like to give a shout out to Charlie Frodsham who played like Messi in Midfield/Attack creating chances and playing some beautiful through balls. Zack Currie scored our goal with a brilliant header in the six yard box from a wide left free kick. Zach Miller has become a superb leader and captained the team very well. Harry Matthews was solid in defence, keeping two dangerous attackers in his pocket throughout. Ben Hession showed his class by pocketing another attacker. Archie Marshall-Heard was immense in goal in the first half and then played very well in midfield second half. Josh Fletcher pulled off some truly spectacular and heroic saves in the second half as the expected onslaught was faced. Noah Cooksley was solid in defence and made their attackers look weak and unskilled. The whole team were just brilliant.

Well done...

Archie Marshall-Heard	Harry Lowry
Alex Burns	Matthew Northover
Noah Cooksley	Mackenzie Smart
Zach Miller	Charlie Frodsham
Harry Matthews	Lyall Lambert
Reuben Helm	Joshua Fletcher
Archie Varney	Ben Hession
	Zack Currie

*Mr S Flanagan*

*Head of Life Skills & Enterprise*

*Duke of Edinburgh's Award Lead*

On Tuesday 28 March, the students taking part in World Challenge had a training day at Guilsborough Academy with the staff leaders and led by the World Challenge Leader, Matt Loynd.

Matt talked to the students about the itinerary, code of conduct, the conservation project and discussed their kit. Students also took part in team building games / activities and had the opportunity to put up a hammock (*which they will be sleeping in for 4 nights whilst on the jungle trek*).

Students had the chance to ask questions.

The students are looking forward their World Challenge trip to Cambodia on Friday 21st July.



## STUDENT LEADERSHIP



On Tuesday 28 March the Year 8 and 9 Student Leaders took part in a leadership training session with Commando Joes focusing on leadership skills, confidence and communication.



## Holiday Activities and Food' funded school holiday clubs return to Northamptonshire this Easter

Since the Summer of 2021, both North Northamptonshire and West Northamptonshire Council have been funded by Central Government to deliver the Holiday Activities and Food programme (HAF) in the main school holidays – Easter, Summer and Christmas. Known locally as HAF Northants, the programme works with local groups and organisations to provide funded places for eligible children. Local charity, Northamptonshire Sport, has been commissioned by both North Northamptonshire and West Northamptonshire Council to deliver the programme and Summer 2022 saw over 37,000 places made available across the county.

This Easter holiday, starting on Monday 3 April to Friday 14 April 2023, over 15000 funded places are available across the two council areas, with over 100 activity clubs and days. Activities include go karting, climbing, outdoor adventure, game coding, arts and crafts, dance to name just some of the great activities that are available.

The HAF programme is available to eligible children across every local authority in England and aims to relieve the pressure some families experience during school holidays, in particular, increased costs to cover childcare and food.

HAF Northants responds to the issues faced by some families by providing a programme of consistent and easily accessible enriching activities, providing nourishing food and involving children and parents in food preparation. The holiday clubs are free of charge for young people who qualify for free school meals and those considered to be vulnerable. For more information on the HAF scheme in Northamptonshire please email:

[haf@northamptonshiresport.org](mailto:haf@northamptonshiresport.org) or visit [www.holidayactivities.org](http://www.holidayactivities.org).



If you have received a missed call from Guilsborough Academy, Can you please listen to the voicemail before phoning main reception and then your call can be directed accordingly.



Thank you

# 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**

# NON-UNIFORM DAY

Please help to contribute to our

## Race For Life

by paying **£1 on FRIDAY 28th APRIL.**

AN ITEM OF CLOTHING MUST BE WORN THAT IS:  
**PINK - PURPLE - BLUE**

Hazel, Lilybo & Olivia.  
11-MAS

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## ELITE FOOTBALL COACHING

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AGE	TIME
6 - 14	9AM - 3PM (EARLY DROP & LATE PICK UP AVAILABLE)

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