

parent/carers News Bulletin

Friday 26 MAY 2023

Principal's Blog

Well, we have once again worked through another term heading into the May break. Year 11 and 13 are well into their exams and whilst support is ongoing for them, we are now planning for the new year.

It has been a busy term with many different careers events and events focused on diversity and inclusion. We want to ensure that our students recognise what is right and wrong and are good citizens both inside and outside of the Academy. This work will continue into the new school year.

We are looking at new and different ways to really spruce up our learning environments and make them a welcoming and engaging space across the school. Student Voice have been involved at various points and continue to be a source of knowledge and inspiration for us all.

We must remember that our learning and outcomes are closely linked to attendance and punctuality and we will be having a real drive after the half term break on ensuring our students are in school, punctual to lessons and ready to learn and that also includes uniform being correctly worn. Following the recent communication about uniform in September, we want to use the summer to get the basics right on some key areas including blazers, ties and shirts. Of course, if it becomes too hot, we will of course relax the blazer requirement. This is all part of our positive, growth mindset where each element comes together to create the big picture. The Guilsborough Way will play a big part in the Academy moving forward with our Values at the heart of this all; Respect, Aspiration, Responsibility, Equality. We look forward to working with your support to ensure Guilsborough is a learning environment in which we expect all our students to work hard and make progress

I hope you have a fantastic half term, enjoy the sunshine and send your young ones back to us revitalised and ready to have one last push this school year.

Mr C Hancock
Vice Principal

Dates to Remember:

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| 5 June | Return to school |
| 7 June | SEND Transition Coffee Morning for Year 6 parents/carers |
| 15 June | Year 7 Parents' Evening |

Assemblies - Term 6

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| 5 June | PRIDE Month |
| 12 June | Healthy Eating Week |

Reports / Assessments / Exams

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| 5 June | Year 7 Report Out |
| | Year 8 Assessment |
| 12 June | Year 10 Assessment |
| | Year 12 Assessment |
| | Year 8 Assessment |



NOTICE



Dear parent/carers,

Just a reminder that you should not be using the Doctors car park for drop off or pick ups or for prearranged collection point for driving lessons.

Thank you.

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

Tuesday 6 June

Cummins Engineering Trip Year 10

(selected students)

Wednesday 7 June

Hunstanton Trip - Year 10 Geography

Friday 9 June

Textiles Sealife Centre Trip - Year 10 + Year 12

Wednesday 14 June

Warhammer World Trip - Warhammer Club

Thursday 15 June

University of Northampton Trip

- Year 9 + Year 12





Be smart on the internet

S SAFE Keep safe by being careful not to give out personal information – such as your full name, email address, phone number, home address, photos or school name – to people you are chatting with online.

M MEETING Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Only do so with your parents' or carers' permission and even then only when they can be present.

A ACCEPTING Accepting emails, IM messages, or opening files, pictures or texts from people you don't know or trust can lead to problems – they may contain viruses or nasty messages!

R RELIABLE Information you find on the internet may not be true, or someone online may be lying about who they are.

T TELL Tell your parent, carer or a trusted adult if someone or something makes you feel uncomfortable or worried, or if you or someone you know is being bullied online.
You can report online abuse to the police at www.thinkuknow.co.uk

THINK UK KNOW

www.kidsmart.org.uk

KidSMART Visit Childnet's Kidsmart website to play interactive games and test your online safety knowledge. You can also share your favourite websites and online safety tips by Joining Hands with people all around the world.

Safeguarding

Most parents say they would like their children to be able to talk to them, especially about online harm, but it can prove daunting to have the 'difficult conversation'. This can be really difficult when you are also managing a multitude of other traumas.

For this reason the Marie Collins Foundation have produced this guide specially for Ukrainian parents is to support those families displaced as a result of the ongoing conflict in their home country.

Follow the below link to

[Meeting the needs of children abused online | Marie Collins Foundation](#)



Mrs E Phipp
Vice Principal



Навіщо потрібна ця брошура?



DofE - May 2023 - Silver Practice Expedition

We had great weather for our Practice Expedition which took place over a long weekend in the southern Peak District. The route was a relatively easy one with some short, sharp hills and the campsites were busy due to the bank holiday weekend.

Our students found the experience quite challenging and the thunderstorm on the Saturday night added to the challenge! However, despite the early starts and the hilly terrain the vast majority overcame their "Personal Everests" and succeeded in completing the Expedition carrying their full packs. We will go again in June!

Mr S Flanagan

Head of Life Skills & Enterprise

Duke of Edinburgh's Award Lead

Early morning on the campsite! (Silver)



One team arriving at camp! (Silver)

DofE - May 2023 - Bronze Qualifying Expedition

In mid-May we facilitated the first cohort of Year 9 students in this year's 100+ cohort through their Qualifying Bronze Expedition.

As always, the route is fairly level and modest length for Bronze and not too challenging to navigate. There were lots of individual stories about overcoming personal barriers as well as physical ones.

We were immensely proud of our students and how they dealt with these challenges.



One team taking a break in Avon Dassett! (Bronze)



Dear Parents/Careers

Public Uno 60 Kingsthorpe Bus

The company running the Public Uno 60 Kingsthorpe Bus have informed us that there has been a number of recent incidents where students are failing to show proof of tickets.

They have therefore stated that after half term any students regularly boarding without proof of a ticket will be either charged or refused travel!

Please can you ensure students using this service have proof of tickets purchased.

Thank you.



Congratulations

First Gold Award Completions for Guilsborough Academy

I'm delighted to report that Guilsborough Academy has had its first Gold Award completion (possibly this century?). Joseph Flanagan, (now at Manchester Metropolitan University studying BSc. Physical Geography) completed and attended the Gold Award Presentation at Buckingham Palace on Friday 19 May. It was a proud day for us as a family and for the Academy.

Current Year 13 student Tom Ainsworth has also completed his Gold Award recently and is looking forward to his Presentation, hopefully this Autumn.
Congratulations Tom!

To complete a Gold Award is hard! These guys were direct entrants, meaning that they had to complete 18 months of activities covering Volunteering, Skill, and Physical areas. In addition, they completed five-day residentials away from home and friends furthering their interests. To top it all, they have completed a practice and assessed four-day expedition, in the Peak District and then Cumbria. It's no wonder that some have called the Gold Award an "A-Level in character!"



Joe Flanagan at Buckingham Palace 19 May 2023



Tom Ainsworth with his team-mates at the end of their Gold Assessed Expedition.



The successful female team at the end of the Gold Assessed Expedition (also amazing)!

Mr S Flanagan
Head of Life Skills & Enterprise,
Duke of Edinburgh's Award Lead

Completions to Date
(1 September 2022 -
24 May 2023):

Bronze: 71

Silver: 24

Gold: 2

Upcoming Events:

- Bronze Qualifying Expedition 2 (3 to 4 June) – North Oxfordshire/South Warwickshire
- Silver Assessed Expedition (23 to 25 June) - Dark Peak District (Hope Valley and Edale Area)
- Gold Practice Expedition (8 to 11 July) – Snowdonia

We are all immensely proud of our students' achievements this year. Completions are still happening as we draw towards the close of this year's ventures. I'd like to say a massive thank you to parents and carers who have been incredibly supportive throughout and following a global pandemic. Without you championing and supporting these young people they would struggle to come through and achieve like they have. As a fellow parent who happens to also be a member of staff, I think we deserve a certificate ourselves! My wife certainly deserves a "DofE Widow" certificate for all the weekends she has let me out!

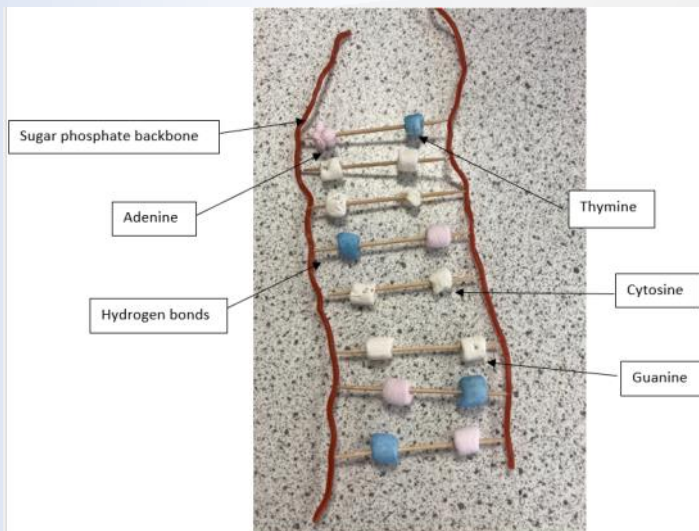
Special thanks to the staff volunteers who have given up weekends to support and encourage our students through these experiences. Your efforts are never wasted. Thank you also to the SLT members who have sat by phones all weekend just in case, waiting for updates from me!



Modelling in Science...

Year 8 students have been studying the 'genes' topic in Science. The aim of one particular lesson was to learn the structure of DNA.

To help understand the double helix structure of DNA, we made models using a combination of cocktail sticks, strawberry laces and marshmallows. The use of different coloured marshmallows were used to help students learn the base pairing in DNA.



The Tuesday lunchtime art group have been given the exciting opportunity to have their work displayed in the Janet Bassett art gallery [\(LINK\)](#).



I set them a theme of 'Our World' and gave them a 20cm x 20cm canvas each. The work they have created is awesome and they are going to look amazing displayed together.

The exhibition is running from 10 June until 16 September.

Please pop along to the gallery and see our young talent.

Miss Page
Art & Design Technician



B Janet Bassett Gallery **New Exhibition Starts 10th June 2023**
Art in the Heart of Rothwell

Midsummers Art's Dream.

Its midsummer and we have all the art you never knew you wanted. Great art at dream prices! Featuring a presentation of work from the talented students of the Guilsborough Academy Art Group.



Follow us on Instagram @ rothwellartsheritage
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Brookside Summer Experience

Fun Activities for Children with SEN and Disabilities

Mondays & Thursdays in the summer holidays
Full days & half days



Learn new skills, Make friends, Build Confidence

What are we learning?

Please follow the LINK below to view what students are learning:

[Guilsborough Academy - What are we learning?](#)

SPORT NEWS

PE KIT Expectations...

The PE kit list can be found on the website, using the following link:-

[PE KIT—FULL LIST](#)

For further details please visit our website:-

[Guilsborough Academy Uniform](#)



2023 RUGBY CAMPS

June Half Term

Our girls rugby camps cater to all experience & abilities. Whether they are picking up a rugby ball for the very first time or looking to take their game to the next level.

Loughborough University 30th May
Ipswich RFC 31st May
cinch Stadium at Franklin's Gardens 1st June
Amphill RFC 2nd June

AGES 11 - 17. BOOK NOW AT www.southnorthants.com/community/camp-finder

Congratulations to all students that took part in the District Athletics competition last week.

We took a large number of students to compete in the Under 15 and Under 17 event at Daventry athletics track.

A number of athletes qualified to represent South Northants at the next round in Corby later this month;

Nate Tilt – 300m

Rhys Roper – Javelin

Arthur Tilt – 1500m

Ernest Kisel – 100m

Louis Davies – Javelin

Ollie Britton – 200m

Bella Banks – Hurdles/Long Jump

Aaron Yeboah – Long Jump

Peyton Almond – 800m

Jack Gospel – 800m

Congratulations to the Year 7 rounders team who competed in their first competitive match against The Parker Academy and won 11.5-10.5 rounders.



After a slow start in the first innings they came back strong showing great commitment and teamwork.

Player of the match voted by the opposition was Maisie Wood.

Congratulations to the Year 7 rounders team who won their second competitive match. The team are growing in strength each time we play and displayed some excellent team work and tactical play against a good Magdalene side. The final score was 12-10 to Guilsborough

Player of the match voted by Magdalene players: Maisie Wood.

Miss S Boyer
 Head of Physical Education

Sports Fixtures for Term 6

DATE	FIXTURE	VENUE
Tues 6 June	Year 7 Rounders v DSLV	DSLV
Wed 7 June	U12/13 Athletics Event	Daventry Athletics Track
Tues 13 June	Year 7 Rounders v Sponne School	Guilsborough Academy
Tues 20 June	Year 7 Rounders v Caroline Chisolm School	Guilsborough Academy
Tues 27 June	Year 7 Rounders v Champion School	Guilsborough Academy