



Guilborough Academy NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers

As is always the case, the start of summer is an incredibly busy time in schools. Year 11 and Year 13 have responded exceptionally well to the commencement of their final assessments with staff working very hard to deliver final revision sessions to ensure students enter each examination feeling confident.

Friday 20th May our Year 13 students continued in a longstanding tradition of celebrating their final day of lessons by attending the academy in fancy dress. There were too many fantastic costumes to list but it is always a fun way to mark the end of a 7 year journey with us!

This year, we are all tremendously delighted we have been able to give our students a proper send off and organise a Prom for Year 11 and a Ball for Year 13. Whilst these events always cause a great deal of excitement amongst our student body, it is worth remembering that for some families, particularly in the present climate, the pressure of providing Prom dresses can be a significant financial burden. At Guilborough we want to do all we can to support families during these challenging times, as a consequence this year we have organised a collection of dresses, ball gowns, suits, shoes, bags and scarves from former students alongside brand new clothing kindly donated by Bea's Bridal Studio. The response has been amazing resulting in a community room full of clothing.

As we prepare to say goodbye to our Year 13 students and some Year 11 students, we also prepare to welcome in a new cohort of Year 7 students. On 4th and 5th July new Year 7 students will be invited into the academy to begin familiarising themselves with the school and staff. We appreciate that the transition to secondary school represents a significant change for students but we're really keen to welcome these students and allow them to quickly realise the wealth of opportunity available at Guilborough.

At Guilborough we firmly believe that improving students' reading improves their ability to access all subjects and ultimately leads to improved life chances beyond school. For this reason, we are proud to announce a further addition to our already extensive reading programme which will include guided reading during tutor time. Tutors will be able to use this time to develop students' vocabulary alongside discussing thought provoking aspects of the texts being covered. In addition to this, our 'reading buddy' scheme, which pairs older students with younger students to support reading fluency, will continue to be a focus. It really is heartening to see students supporting one another in this way and really embodies what it is to be a Guilborough student.

Mr S Frazer
Principal



iDEA

The Inspiring Digital Enterprise Award, known as iDEA is an International Award Winning programme that helps pupils develop digital, enterprise and employability skills.



Congratulations to the following pupils for getting their Idea Award certificates this term.

Silver

Year 9

Daniel Stewart
James Hacket

Bronze

Year 9

Daniel Stewart
Harry Glissmann-Hill
James Hacket
Mirek Rokita
Nathanael Birch

Year 8

Aaron Green
Hayden Masters
Nelson Wang

Year 7

Sophia Smurthwaite

These awards can also be used as proof of pupils' skills within the Skill section of the Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Mr Rawlinson
Head of ICT

Bus Prices

Hamiltons are putting the prices up for their 3 paid services after half term. Letters with this information have been handed out to students by drivers in the last week of term. The price from Monday 6th June are:

G1 Kingsthorpe & G2 Brixworth, £4.00 return / £3.00 single

G3 Daventry, £4.50 return / £3.50 single



Guildsborough Alumni

Guildsborough Academy Alumni Promotes Women in Science

Guildsborough Alumni, Amy Shorley, was interviewed in a programme by the Welsh Government about her experiences as a woman studying a STEM subject.

Amy said to Guildsborough, "I had the amazing opportunity to vocalise why we need women in STEM for the International Day of Women and Girls in STEM. Science should be a collaboration of all voices. Check out what I had to say as a woman studying Marine Biology at Swansea University".

https://m.facebook.com/welshgovernment/videos/354754512928982/?refsrc=deprecated@_rdr

Mr R Bird
Head of Art/Alumni Co-ordinator



My name's Amy, and I'm a third year student studying marine biology.

Reading at Guilsborough

At Guilsborough, why do we place such an emphasis on the importance of reading? Reading is mentally stimulating, it enables us to acquire knowledge, decreases stress, widens vocabulary, and develops analytical skills. Therefore, we are always trying to promote reading in many different creative and inspiring ways. Here are a few examples.

Guided Reading.

Each week all students are engaging in a guided reading session, during tutor time. They will be working through a booklet, with Tutors and peers, which will promote a wide variety of activities. This will include reading extracts, discussing thought provoking questions, learning new vocabulary and much more.

Guilsborough's Library.

The library is a busy and an inviting place. It is open every day, during break and lunch time, for all year groups. Students benefit from the knowledgeable and helpful staff as they select books and get help with homework. There are a wide variety of board games available from Battleships, Connect 4 and the ever popular Uno. Everyone enjoys assisting with the 1000-piece jigsaw and there is great triumph when it is completed.

On Thursdays we encourage a quiet reading environment and on Fridays there is the competitive chess club. Students of all years gather to see who can check-mate in the least number of moves. Recently we have been able to modernise the library with several pieces of stylish comfy seating and lots of new fiction books.



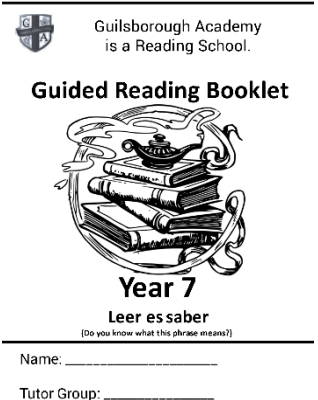
I like to set the students a challenge that I am able to find a book that each individual student would enjoy. Why not encourage the students to test this out?

Reading Buddies

A group of Year 7 students come to the library on a Wednesday and Friday, during tutor time. They are paired up with a Year 10 student who will be their 'book buddy'. The Year 10 students encourage them in their reading by talking about their book and listening to them read. It really is a delight to see students working so well together to promote reading.

On Thursday mornings we have also been running this scheme with the Year 8 and 12 students. In their last reading assessment, we have seen a 64% increase in their reading ages from these students who attend the scheme. We really appreciate the level of commitment and enthusiasm shown by pupils involved.

Mr Medhurst
LRC Manager



Work Experience



Are we training your future employees?

Our students are the workforce of the future. Can you help give them the skills and experience they need to be successful?



Our Y12 students are currently seeking work experience for 18-21 July 2022. If you can offer a placement, or support our careers education in any other way, please DM us or email hunt@guilsborough.northants.sch.uk



Our Year 10 students are also seeking work experience for 4-6 July 2022. Enquiries can be directed to Mr Flanagan (Head of Careers and Enterprise) Flanagan@guilsborough.northants.sch.uk in the first instance, or directly to Careers Consult info@careersconsult.uk



Music

Dates for your Diary:



Congratulations to the following students in their brass exams earlier this year.

Grade 2

Noah Starr—Trumpet
Lyll Lambert—Trombone

Grade 3

Nathan Bishop—Cornet

Grade 7

Mary Herbert—Baritone

Mrs Holmes
Head of Music



MAY

Fri 27th School Closes

JUNE

Mon 6th School Opens

Mon 27th 6th Form Induction Day

Mon 27th 6th Form Induction Evening 6-7pm

Tue 28th 6th Form Induction Day

Wed 29th 6th Form Induction Day

JULY

Mon 4th Yr 6 Induction Day

Tue 5th Yr 6 Induction Day

Tue 5th Parents Transition Evening

Thu 21st School Closes

Donate your used stamps appeal

AGAINST
breast cancer



We're raising money by recycling used stamps.

Whether they're British or overseas, new or used, please send them to reception and we will send them to 'Against Breast Cancer' and they will turn your old postage stamps into funds to support breast cancer research.

Please cut the stamp off the envelope. When cutting, leave approximately 1cm of envelope bordering each stamp.

The rest of the envelope can be discarded.

Thank you

Design & Technology

At Guilsborough Academy, we have A Level Textile Design and A Level Product Design

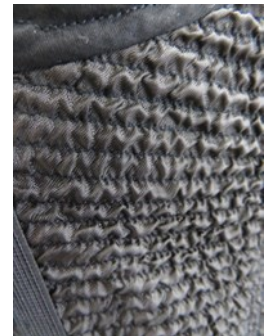
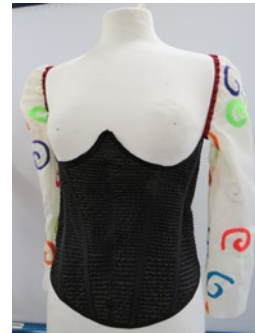
Textile Design

Year 12 Textiles worked on a project called "Beasties".

The theme gave our students an opportunity to explore and present their interpretation of the theme, with inspiration from a number of artists and designers.

Their skills in textiles led them to creating a corset each, building up their techniques and learning about shape & structure.

Beautiful work!

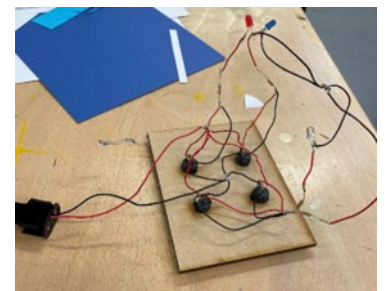


Product Design

Year 12 Product Design students spent the first part of the year doing a lighting project.

Students were asked to design a form of lighting for a client of their choice. There were a wide range of materials and processes used on the student's projects, including laser cutting, 3D printing and smart materials.

The project followed a similar structure to the Non-Examined Assessment project that students have recently started and will be worth 50% of their A Level mark.



Miss C Ayrton
Teacher of Design & Technology



PE Bravo Board

Congratulations to all the students who made it on the PE Bravo Board this month.

As we approach the last half term we are looking forward to seeing you excel in Athletics, Rounders and Cricket. Remember we have extra-curricular clubs running for all the activities so if there is something you enjoy or would like to get better at, come and join us.

The extra-curricular timetable is posted on the PE office door. Here is how you could feature next month.....

The 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.

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

Miss Boyer

Isabella Goulding
Nathan Bishop
Frankie Miller

Mr Cope

Cody Moratelli
Harvey Fairholm
Eleanor Anokorang

Miss Vickers

Cleo Parker
Owen Thomas
Brandon Timms

Mr Jefferies

Lydia Finch
Alfie Weeks
Archie Tyrell

Mrs Dean

Teacher of PE

Mr Mills

Evie Philips
Ollie Howe
Josh Kaudeur

Mr Woolridge

Olivia Osborne
William Stott
Katie Battams

Mrs Dean

Olivia Harries
James Hackett
Archie Varney



Current Interhouse Standings after Round 4

The round 4 competitions took place in the last week of term prior to the Easter Holiday.

The total points for the year are as follows;

1 st	Everdon	4375
2 nd	Whittlebury	3900
3 rd	Salcey	3725
4 th	Rockingham	3650

Mr A Jefferies
Teacher of PE

PE Kit

In case you want to order PE kit in preparation for September we wanted to share this information with you. The full PE kit list can be found on the Guilsborough Academy website highlighting the PE items that can be purchased from Scallywagz, 63 High Street, Daventry, NN11 4BQ Telephone: 01327 700069

Website: www.scallywagz.co.uk

Essential items to be purchased from Scallywagz

AKOA Vortex polo or the Vortex crew neck

Vortex reversible top long sleeves or the long sleeve quarter zip sweatshirt

Essential items that can be purchased from other retailers

Plain Navy football socks

Plain Navy Shorts

Shin pads (compulsory for football and hockey)

Gum shield (compulsory for football, rugby and hockey) – these can be purchased from PE

Trainers

Football boots (recommended for football, rugby and activities on the field in the winter).



The following items are not essential

Plain Navy multisport skort instead of shorts

Plain Navy Pro track pant

Plain Navy Girls leggings

Miss S Boyer

Head of PE

Rugby

Congratulations to Molly Gill who recently represented the England Deaf Rugby team.

A huge congratulations and best wishes for the start of a prosperous rugby career.

Miss S Boyer

Head of PE



Sporting News . . .

Year 9 Football

On Wednesday 23rd March, the Year 9 Football Team travelled to Sponne School, Towcester. The last time we had played Sponne was in March 2020, when we lost 3-1 on a very windy afternoon. The following week we were in lockdown! This time around, the boys put on a terrific display of attacking football and defeated Sponne 1-3. An amazing reversal over three years, demonstrating the excellent progress this team has made as individuals and corporately. Goals were courtesy of a long range left-footed top corner worldie from Ben Hession, a scrambled goal-line goal from a corner for Oliver Britton and a 20 yard pile-driver from Zach Currie who also played as Captain. Man of the Match was shared by Josh Fletcher (Goalkeeper) and Ben Hession (Midfield/Forward) for their outstanding contribution.

Mr Flanagan

Year 9 Football Coach

PE Extra Curricular Activities

Day	Activity	Staff	Time/place
Monday	Rounders 9/10	VIC	Lunchtime – bottom field
Tuesday	Cricket – all years Rounders 7/8 Basketball Athletics – all years	WLG/CPE/JFF DEA STH PE staff	Lunchtime - Sport shall Lunchtime – bottom field Lunchtime – courts After school – 4-15pm pick up
Wednesday	Tennis Flag football	MIS STH	Lunchtime – courts Afterschool - fields
Thursday	6 th form fitness room Flag football	MIS STH	Lunchtime – fitness suite Afterschool – fields – 4-15 pick up

Cricket

Congratulations to Jodie Grewcock on securing a contract with Sunrisers.

We wish her the best of luck on her journey into professional cricket.

Miss S Boyer
Head of PE



Summer PE Sessions

With the warmer weather upon us, please remember on PE days to bring with you a water bottle, medication and sun lotion.





Prom/Ball Donations

We received a fantastic response to the donation request which provided the Year 11 and Sixth Form students with a wonderful collection of pre-loved clothing to view/try and take away an outfit for their magical milestone.

The Community Room was filled with the amazing donations of formal dresses, ball gowns, suits and a large selection of shoes, bags and scarfs.

Thank you to everyone who donated and to Bea's Bridal Studio for the brand new dresses. All your support has been gratefully received and we hope to be able to repeat this again next year!



Rugby & Northampton Athletic Club



Rugby & Northampton AC is a community based athletics club catering for athletes of all ages and standards in the Northampton area

Some of you will have taken part in District School Athletics Championships and will be doing athletics in PE lessons so an ideal time to introduce yourself to the athletics club. Some of you may be taking your first steps in athletics, whilst others will be making strides to compete in the County Championships or beyond – we are here to help – whatever your event, level of experience of ability!

We have regular training from highly experienced coaches as well as competitions and events suitable for all

When

Tuesday and Thursday 600pm onwards (also some weekend morning sessions)

Where

The sessions will take place at the Moulton College athletics track

If you are interested

Please contact us directly at the Email address below for further information or to arrange a free trial to see if the club is for you.



contactus@rugbyandnorthamptonac.org

B E S M A R T

Keeping your child safe online

Parent Workshop

With Simon Aston—Online Safety and
Wellbeing Officer with NCC

> Wednesday 8th June 2022

> 18.30–19.30pm

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://northamptonshire-gov.zoom.us/j/68960404230?](https://northamptonshire-gov.zoom.us/j/68960404230?pwd=TFd5Y0NzOU9uOWN5aVhFSzQ2aUJidz09)

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Meeting ID: 689 6040 4230

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Children's Trust



Long Buckby Village Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration



- Long Buckby (and surrounding villages) Vintage & Classic Car Meet
- BYO Picnic
- Bouncy Castles & Children's rides
- Cream Teas, Cakes & Ice Cream
- Pimm's, Prosecco & Food Trailers
- Jack Speak Rum & Gin Cocktails
- Stalls from local Crafters & Traders
- Fun Stalls & Games, Face Painting
- Tag Rugby & Bernie from Northampton Saints
- Music throughout the day with LIVE music in the evening from 'Vintage Appeal'
- Bar Open all afternoon and evening



Friday 3 June - 12 noon till late
Long Buckby Sports Field, Station Road

PLATINUM JUBILEE PUDDING or CAKE COMPETITION

Steamed, Baked, Layered, Rolled, Pie or a Crumble.....

Your entry can be submitted for the Guilsborough version of Her Majesty's search for the best dessert for a family celebration.

TWO CATEGORIES:

- 14 years of age and under
- 15 years of age to "it's rude to ask"

All entries will be sliced, scooped, served and tasted by two independent judges and the winners announced at 2:00pm on Sunday, 5th June 2022.

HOW DO YOU ENTER:

- Email: mandy.manning@hotmail.co.uk to advise that you will be submitting an entry (or just tell her if you see her walking the dog, drinking gin or you can text or Whatsapp).
- Please state the category you will be entering.
- Please advise if you would like to donate your entry to the Village Hall Bake Sale or if you'd like to collect your entry after the winner has been announced.
- Deliver your pudding or cake to Sue McGlasson or Emma Codd at: Garage House, The Green between 12:30pm noon and 1:00pm. Ensure that your name is written "underneath the serving platter" to ensure it is anonymous judging (they wont know who you are anyway).
- Collect your pudding or cake at 2:15pm if you are not donating it to the Village Hall Bake Sale.

GOOD LUCK EVERYONE - please do enter as it will provide a colourful display, wonderful smell and huge dollop of British Festivity to our celebrations.



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Adult £2.50

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