

parent/carers News Bulletin

Friday 10 November 2023

Principal's Blog

Dear parents/carers,

I hope your child has had a successful start to Term 2. Hitting the ground running, our welcome back assemblies focused on the importance of good attendance (95+%) and how this resulted in our Year 11 cohort last year achieving 1.5 grades higher in each subject than their peers. Whilst 90% attendance may sound 'ok', it equates to an entire month of missed school at the end of an academic year. Importantly, school attendance also enables students to develop social skills and participate in extracurricular activities.

We have the highest expectations of our students and it was brilliant to see that our Sixth Form Open Evening was well attended again last week, including external applicants. We're proud of our Key Stage 5 students and their school leadership. For example, next week they will be supporting our participation in the nation's Anti-Bullying Week with a number of assembly and registration activities, including inviting students and staff to wear odd socks on Monday 13 November to show our support for the Anti-Bullying Alliance.

Miss G Keenes
Vice Principal

Dates to Remember:

- 13 November** Odd Socks Day
- 15 November** Year 12/13 Media trip to Media City Manchester
- 16 November** Festo Engineering trip
- 22 November** PTA - AGM 6pm
- 23 November** Parent Info Evening - Work Experience (Year 10/12) 5.30-6.30pm
- 1 December** Year 12 Media - Harry Potter Trip
- 13 December** Christmas Concert
- 14 December** Engineering Club (Group 1) trip Cummins Engineering

COLLECTING
STUDENT
information

For safeguarding reasons, if you are collecting your child from school
i.e. medical, illness etc.
we require all parent/carers to come into Student Reception to collect their child.

Thank you.

I Think You Should Know

[Ithinkyoushouldknow@guilbsborough.northants.sch.uk](mailto: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.

We offer parent/carer counselling.
For further information please email Mrs Rowinski
drowinski@guilbsborough.northants.sch.uk



Assemblies - Term 2

- 13 November** Anti-Bullying Week
- 20 November** Creative Arts from around the World
- 27 November** Safeguarding
- 04 December** Human Rights Day
- 11 December** Rewards and Celebration

Reports / Assessments / Exams

- w/c 13/11** BTEC PSA Year 10&11
- w/c 20/11 & 27/11** Year 11 Assessment PPEs
- w/c 4/12 & 11/12** Year 13 Assessments PPEs
- w/c 4/12** Year 8 Reports out
- w/c 11/12** Year 11 Reports out

Did Charles Dickens invent Christmas?

Why was J. B. Priestley so angry?

What on earth is epizeuxis?

If you can't answer these questions... then you need some revision!

As part of our revision support for Year 11, the English Department will be running a series of **three afterschool lectures**. These will consolidate students' learning from Year 10 and will add in some extra detail for their exams.

The lectures will be on:

- **Tuesday 14 November**, 3:30 - 4:15
(Historical context and key themes for *A Christmas Carol*)
- **Tuesday 12 December**, 3:30 - 4:15
(The Art of Rhetoric - English Language GCSE writing non-fiction)
- **Wednesday 16 January**, 3:30 - 4:15
(Historical context and key themes for *An Inspector Calls*)

Lectures will be held in the main hall and are open to all students in Year 11.

Year 11 students can register which sessions they wish to attend via this online form:
<https://forms.office.com/e/UhPVkdpDKa>



Safeguarding

Please contact Mrs Phipp – Senior Leader and Designated Safeguarding Lead or Mrs York – Safeguarding Family Liaison Officer and Deputy Safeguarding Lead in the first instance if you have a safeguarding concern you wish to raise.



Safeguarding

Alternatively, please email safeguarding@guilborough.northants.sch.uk

Safeguarding Team



Mrs E Phipp
Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mr S Frazer
Principal



Mr C Tennock
Vice Principal



Miss G Kaines
Vice Principal



Mr M Harrison
Assistant Principal



Mrs N York
Safeguarding Officer



Mr K Woodruffe
Assistant Principal



Mr D Mills
Assistant Principal



Mrs J Malcolm
Family Support Link

Guilborough Academy is committed to safeguarding & promoting the welfare of young people. If you have any concerns you can speak to a member of our Safeguarding Team at anytime or email: safeguarding@guilborough.northants.sch.uk or: ithinkyoushouldknow@guilborough.northants.sch.uk



SCAN ME



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Year 7 and 8 are doing great in their reading homework and completing quizzes for the books that they have read.

Keep on reading and let's get more quizzes completed for the November month.

Year 7 Reads!

In October 2023, students have read...

153 Books

6,554,873 Words

for **28** minutes/day!
(individual student average)

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Accelerated Reader®

Year 8 Reads!

In October 2023, students have read...

108 Books

6,002,981 Words

for **46** minutes/day!
(individual student average)

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Royal Society of Chemistry- 'Top of the Bench' competition



On Thursday 2 November, four students represented the Academy and took part in the Royal Society of Chemistry's annual competition. The first round was an online quiz with some very difficult questions that would challenge the brightest chemists. There were two levels of quiz, one competed by two Year 9 students and a different quiz completed by a Year 10 and Year 11 student.

There can only be three winners across the whole of the East Midlands that progress to the next round which will take place at the University of Derby in January 2024.

Congratulations to the students nominated to take part by their class teachers. Only four students could represent the Academy so it is a real honour that you were selected by your teachers to be the most able chemists!

Thank you for representing the school and fingers crossed you make it to the next round.

Mrs S Taylor
Head of Chemistry



We'll be wearing odd socks with the Anti-Bullying Alliance and their patrons, Andy and the Odd Socks, on **Monday 13th November** for Odd Socks Day. Will you?

Odd Socks Day 

#AntiBullyingWeek
#OddSocksDay



Everyone
CAN MAKE A
Difference

Guilsborough Academy is supporting Daventry Food Bank again this year by donating Christmas Food Hampers.

If you would like to support the cause, please provide your child with items listed on the flyer which can be found on our website by Monday 11th December.

Further details can be found at

[Guilsborough Academy - Christmas Food Hampers](#)

Innovate IFG

COOK
VACANCY

We are recruiting for a Cook at Guilsborough Academy, Northampton

This role is working term time plus inset days, 9am-2pm (25 hours per week) paying £11.42 ph.

[TO FIND OUT MORE / APPLY](#)

The Guilsborough Way

As a reminder, we have 4 key expectations that we call 'The Guilsborough Way' and these are:

1. Attend all lessons on time
2. Wear the correct uniform
3. Have the correct equipment
4. Use appropriate language

Parent Teacher Association (PTA)



GUILSBOROUGH ACADEMY PTA

AGM

Annual General Meeting

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Stay informed and get involved.

WEDNESDAY 22ND NOVEMBER
6PM

GUILSBOROUGH ACADEMY NN6 8QE

REGISTER NOW



Parentkind
Member Association

Festive Fiesta
13th December 2023 at
6.30pm in the School Hall
Tickets £3
follow below link
[GUILSBOROUGH ACADEMY Christmas Concert at GUILSBOROUGH ACADEMY event tickets from TicketSource](#)
Festive Refreshments available

There are performances from:
Wind Band
GUILSBOROUGH VOICES
String Group
Rock Academy

And performances from:
Festival Band and lots of soloists from all year groups

You can also scan QR code to purchase tickets

SPORT NEWS

Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, the golf club has been postponed until the New Year.

Further information on the dates and potential refund will follow.

Many thanks

Mr L Cope
Head of Year 11
Teacher of PE



BBC Children in Need is back this year on Friday 17th November 2023



Celebrating the power of Positive Relationships in schools

We know that positive relationships play a vital role in supporting children and young people as they grow. Our new campaign calls on schools across the UK to help us celebrate their impact – with personal stories from stars including **England's Lionesses, Dame Jessica Ennis-Hill, Harry Pinero, Big Zuu, Dame Kelly Holmes**, and many more!

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what's on

Sports Fixtures for Term 2

DATE	FIXTURE	VENUE
Monday 13 November	Year 9/10 Girls Futsal Competition	Sponne School
Tuesday 21 November	Year 7 A/B Netball v Moulton School	Guilsborough Academy
Wednesday 22 November	County Cross Country, Boys and Girls Years 7-13 Year 10 Boys Rugby v Moulton School	Courteenhall Estate Moulton School
Thursday 23 November	Year 8 Rugby v Weavers School	Weavers School