

24 MAY
2024



PARENT / CARERS NEWSLETTER



PRINCIPAL BLOG

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach Term 6, it's hard to believe that we're nearing the end of another academic year.

There have been challenging times this term, with the disappointing verdict of the West Northamptonshire Post-16 Transport 2024-25 consultation, as advised in my letter to parents/carers at the beginning of May, ([LINK to post-16 transport 2024/35 letter to parents/carers](#)).

As advised, I will be working with others to see what we can do to mitigate against the proposed increased costs to parents/carers.

The end of Term 5 and Term 6 is always a challenging time for students, with their GCSE and A-level examinations. The amazing focus and determination of our students is why we do what we do. I wish all of our students the very best and encourage them to be mindful of their Mental Health and Wellbeing during this time, we have extended support available.

We have a very busy final term ahead, lots of plans are being implemented for the new academic year and we look forward to welcoming the Early Career Teachers (ECTs) who will be joining us in June, after their final training has finished.

As always, there has been several successful extra-curricular activities which have occurred this term, including: the Year 12 Geography trip to Snowdonia, and the Gold and Bronze DofE award assessments to name a few.

I would like to highlight Year 10 Work Experience, the feedback from providers has been absolutely phenomenal. I would also like to praise our Year 12 Young Enterprise Team 'Ginovate' who reached the Young Enterprise East Midlands Regional Company of the Year Final 2024 at Leicester City Hall. This is an incredible achievement and fully embodies all of the Guilsborough Academy values.

We look forward to a very busy Term 6 and wish the very best to our current Year 11 and Year 13 students who have left today and over the last month, you are and remain in our thoughts now, and always.

Wishing you all an enjoyable and restful final half-term before the summer break.

Mr S Frazer
Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dates for your diary...

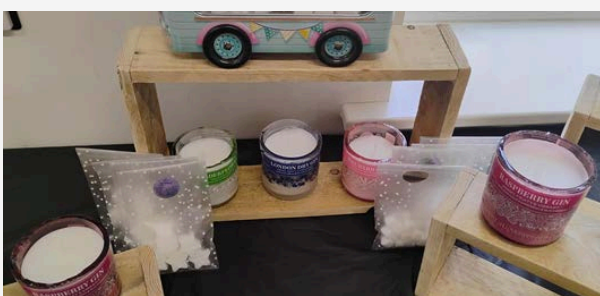
13 June : Year 7 Parents' Evening
Details to follow
w/c 3rd June



Young Enterprise



Young Enterprise



SCHOOL FIELDTRIPS

School Trips happening this month...

- 3 June : National Space Centre - Year 7 (1st half year)
- 4 June : National Space Centre - Year 7 (2nd half year)
- 4 June : Railway Safety Trip - Year 10 and Year 12
- 7-9 June : Silver DofE Training - Year 10
- 10 June : Eco Committee & Science Club Trip to Sealife Centre
- 10 June : Climbing Award - Year 7 (session 1)
- 11 June : Hunstanton Trip - Year 10
- 12 June : STEAM - Uni of Northampton - Year 9
- 13 June : Girls in Maths Trip - Year 10

ASSEMBLIES

- 3 June : PRIDE Month
- 10 June : Healthy Eating Week
- 17 June : Refugee Week

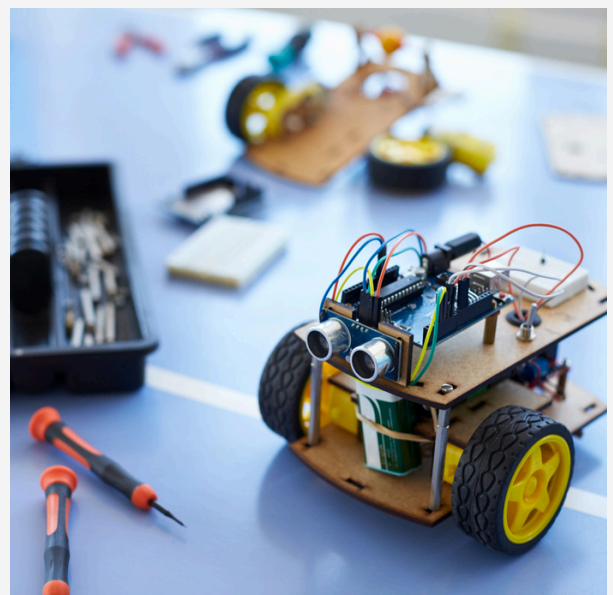


REPORTS/EXAMS/ ASSESSMENTS

- w/c : Year 7 Reports out and analysis
3 June

EXTRA- CURRICULUM CLUBS

Please follow the [LINK](#) to view our extra-curriculum clubs.



DEVELOPMENT PLANS - MONTHLY UPDATE - MAY 2024

Leadership and Management

As per April's update, the Academy has secured increased external support from a trained Ofsted inspector who is working with leaders to ensure effective Quality Assurance of our work. This work has been ongoing through Term 5 and will continue in Term 6, allowing us to further identify opportunities for development.

There is also ongoing development with regards to building effective teams, training and reviewing workload. We have signed up and committed to the DfE Wellbeing Charter for Education Staff. The charter is a tool for schools and colleges to create and publicly commit to their own wellbeing strategies and encapsulates our commitment to protect, promote and enhance the wellbeing and mental health of all our staff. This is being rolled-out alongside our Carnegie Centre of Excellence for Mental Health in Schools commitment, to ensure that we have a solid audit of measured improvement in student and staff mental health and wellbeing.

Quality of Education

Now that we have completed our training schedule, we have been giving our teaching staff time to embed the good practice. We will be dropping into lessons to see what good practice is happening and sharing this with all our staff. As Years 11 and 13 come to the end of their time at Guilsborough Academy this year, there is extra time to be planning and working together to develop our classroom practice.

Elsewhere in the Academy, we have been looking at additional tools to help our students 'know more and remember more'. This has included the creation of topic journeys that students can use as a 'go to guide' and reference as they progress through a new topic. It will also provide the key knowledge which can be used when completing assessments offering another level of challenge. We have also embarked on a number of visits to other schools to look at how they have addressed gaps in knowledge, methods to know and remember more and also how they adapt their work for students with SEND needs. Whilst we have already implemented many of these things, this has created great opportunities to discuss future plans and share resources.

Behaviour and Attitudes

To promote a positive working environment that enables students to make good academic progress and thrive in an environment conducive to learning, we have been trialling a new type of report card with Years 8-9 this term. The report is called a 'responsibility card' and monitors students' achievements in fulfilling the basic standards of behaviour required to succeed and develop characteristics in readiness for the wider world. Specifically, punctuality, work completion, actioning instructions and manners. The responsibility cards are issued and reviewed on a fortnightly basis and are designed to encourage students to take ownership of their poor behaviour through assertive mentoring with their Form Tutors. As each target of the card is scored to the extent in which it is met, students and their Form Tutors agree on a 'target' score to achieve across the fortnight. We have already received a range of positive student, parent/carer and staff voice regarding the impact of having a numerical target to aim for, which also accounts for the odd occasion where standards may fall slightly short, such as if a student is facing external barriers to positive behaviour. The responsibility cards are issued to students based on their behaviour within the previous fortnight and students must successfully complete the responsibility card to finish the programme. If a student does not successfully complete the responsibility card, it is escalated to their Head of Year and finally the Senior Leadership Team.

The Academy's new 'Empowered' rewards system continues to be celebrated each term and we are thrilled to have recently awarded our first Principal awards. Specifically, 21 students in Years 8, 9 and 10 were awarded their Principal award and 42 students were awarded their Vice Principal award. In addition to the Wednesday Weekly Wheel awards, we look forward to our final celebration assemblies of the year where two iPad minis will be awarded from a prize draw of positive points.

Personal Development

The new RSE curriculum and resources have been introduced, and student feedback on the new content has been positive. Our student voice group have been working on a display board for Guilsborough and British values to help raise additional awareness. In term 5 we have had 'Bold voices' come and lead staff training on sexualised behaviour and language within schools, how to challenge, tackle and support the academy to promote equality. Enrichment week in Term 6 will involve students participating in a range of activities: team building and problem solving through the 'Squashed Tomato' STEM challenge, STEM, a subject enrichment day (DT/English/Drama/Music and Humanities...this is going to have an Olympics theme and look at different countries), a school visit and a sports day.

In 2 people visited this week and spoke to all students about Equality and Diversity. The presentation engaged students in educating and raising awareness of the negative effects of micro aggressions, hate crime and the importance of respect. New extra-curricular activities have also been introduced such as Dance, Cookery and Lego building in Term 6.



Virtual Workshops to Support Parents and Carers

Join us for virtual workshops to help you support your children. We currently have two workshops on offer – Online Safety and Knife Crime awareness. Knife Crime sessions are free of charge (during the Summer Term) and Online Safety sessions cost £5 per person. Sessions help adults support their young people by starting conversations on how to stay safe as young people become more independent.

The sessions are run via Zoom and last 45 Minutes. Resources will be shared after the session to the email provided when booking.

Please note – sessions are for adults, some of the content is not suitable for children to watch or participate in.

Online Safety

These Online Safety sessions have been specially designed for parents and carers to support children and young people as they explore the online world. The sessions are perfect for those who want to understand more about keeping their whole household safe online whilst still enjoying using devices.

The session includes:

- Up to date, key research findings and statistics concerning online safety for children.
- Risks faced by children: oversharing, live streaming, grooming, social media, gaming, cyberbullying, sexting.
- What parents can do – including setting parental controls, monitoring apps, conversations, and family agreements.
- Where to go for help.

Tuesday 21 st May	Online Safety	7.00pm – 7.45pm	£5pp
Tuesday 9 th July	Online Safety	7.00pm – 7.45pm	£5pp

Scan here for more information or to book a place.



KNIFE CRIME WORKSHOPS



Knife Crime Awareness

Are you concerned about Knife crime? Do you have children developing independence and going out on their own? This Session from the Safety Centre would like to support Parents and Carers with early conversations about Knife Crime. The session looks at some of the facts and misconceptions about Knife Crime in England, how it can impact a child's life, as well as signposting where you can access support.

The Session Includes:

- What is Knife Crime?
- Laws and consequences around Knife Crime.
- Why young people carry knives, reasons for getting involved, including exploitation and county lines.
- How to support young people - identifying it is happening, places of support, conversations to have.

Scan here for more information or to book a place.



Friday 17 th May	Knife Crime	12.30pm – 1.15pm	Free
Thursday 13 th June	Knife Crime	7.00pm – 7.45pm	Free
Friday 12 th July	Knife Crime	12.30pm – 1.15pm	Free



TEXTILES DEPARTMENT DONATIONS OF FABRIC REQUEST

Do you have any unwanted (clean) woven fabric, denim fabric, or work in an industry with fabric off-cuts?

The Textiles department are always grateful for donations of fabrics that can be used for our students.

Please drop off any bags of fabric in Reception addressed to the Textiles department.

Thank you

CURRICULUM UPDATE

Last week two students, performed in the European Youth Brass Band Championships Youth Development Section which took place in Lithuania! William Speed-Andrews (Year 12) on Euphonium and Oscar Tyrrell (Year 9) on Tenor Horn.

They competed against three other Youth Brass Bands, two from Norway: Smoras Skolemusikk (96points), Ytrebygda Skolekorps (94 points), and one from Lithuania: Brass Band Aukstyn (93 points).

They achieved 4th place with 92 points; however, they beat hundreds of other Brass Bands in the initial stages to get through to the live judging, and so performing in the competition, regardless of position, is a fantastic achievement.



Follow the [LINK](#) to Youth Brass 2000

Well done.

Ms N Billett
Lead Teacher of Music



R. Wilson and C.Cox former GA students, both collected their Gold D of E award on the 10th May at Buckingham Palace.

Well done.

Miss C Ayrton
Head of Year 10



We encourage all students and staff to sign up to complete 30 Days Wild.

It is The Wildlife Trusts' annual challenge event, where everyone involved does one wild thing a day throughout the month of June.

Please follow the **LINK** to find out more.

If you register on their website you can get a planner you can complete and free seeds. Please share any "wild" activities you do with the Eco Committee and Dr Sheldrick (fsheldrick@guilborough.northants.sch.uk)



192 mile walk for cancer



Josh Fletcher and Will Lacey are walking across England in the hope to raise money for Cancer Research UK. They will be walking a total of 192 miles and hope to finish it within a 2 week period starting on the 11th July.

100% of the money raised will be given to Cancer Research UK.

If you wish to donate, please follow the below link to their fund me page;

<https://gofund.me/71d193fa>



PARENT/CARER WORKSHOPS

Following the success of the Mental Health & Wellbeing Parent/Carer Focus Groups, we will be running some **West Northamptonshire Local Authority** workshops at the academy.

- Safeguarding Team. Online safety – Safeguarding children and young people online.
 - ~~Monday 3rd June~~
 - ~~5-6pm~~
 - TO BE RESCHEDULED**
- Educational Psychology Team – Emotionally Based School Non-Attendance.
 - **Monday 10th June**
 - **5-6pm**



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BOOK NOW →

Some of the Eco Committee will be helping at the below Kidsfest event.



Green Welford
PRESENTS
KIDSFEST
SATURDAY 8TH JUNE 2024
10AM-3PM

A FUN DAY OF **FREE** ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES TO SHOW HOW WE CAN LIVE AND PLAY MORE SUSTAINABLY TO HELP TO SAVE THE PLANET AND ALL THOSE ON IT

A PLANET TO SHARE

- SMOOTHIE BIKE
- GARDENING & COMPOSTING
- SENSORY PLAY WITH FAIRY EMMA
- FACE PAINTING
- FUN AND INFORMATIVE GAMES & WORKSHOPS
- ARTS, CRAFTS AND SCIENCE ACTIVITIES
- COFFEE VAN
- PIZZA
- KARMA KIDS YOGA
- TACOS
- FOREST SCHOOL

FEATURING SPECIAL GUESTS!

JULES HOWARD – ZOOLOGIST, AUTHOR AND SCIENCE WRITER
HELEN HILL – A MERMAID ON A MISSION

THE GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK

@WYCC AND WELFORD PLAYING FIELD (NN6 6HL)
FOR MORE INFO EMAIL GREENWELFORD@GMAIL.COM

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CREATING SUSTAINABLE PLACES

Plastic Waste Reduction at Guilsborough Academy



On 4th June we will be launching a range of exciting new drinks which will greatly reduce our use of plastic and encourage the use of reusable bottles at school.

Schools of a similar size to Guilsborough Academy throw away around 120,000 plastic bottles and cans each year! In terms of harmful CO₂ generated, that's the volume of one Olympic sized swimming pool each school day. Many bottles still do not get recycled, and even those that do get recycled are creating more harmful CO₂, into our environment at each recycling process.

The generation Juice Drinks Hubs are being introduced, which will allow students and staff to purchase a variety of drinks dispensed into their own reusable drinks bottles.

These chilled drinks are mixed to order and then dispensed into the drinks bottle and are school compliant, vegan, gluten free, without sugar and use natural ingredients.

Students and staff will help themselves, using the modern touch screen, to any of the 6 different drinks. These include water flavour-fusions such as Raspberry Peach, Lemon & Lime and Watermelon together with the popular Tropical, Apple and Cherry juice drinks. All drinks are fast-pour and deliciously chilled. Even better news is that the drinks will cost only 80p for a 500ml portion and 60p for 250ml.

From 4th June students and staff will need to remember to bring a reusable bottle (minimum size 500ml) to school, so that we can all cut this plastic use and waste, offer better value and enjoy great hydration with the delicious new chilled drinks.

At schools already serving generationJuice, student feedback regarding drink variety, fast delivery, taste and value has been really positive and they fully support the way we can all reduce our carbon footprint and help the environment, one drink at a time.

Innovate Generation Juice

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GET JUICED™

Generation Juice

SAVOUR THE FLAVOUR

JUICE STATION

250ml 60p
500ml 80p

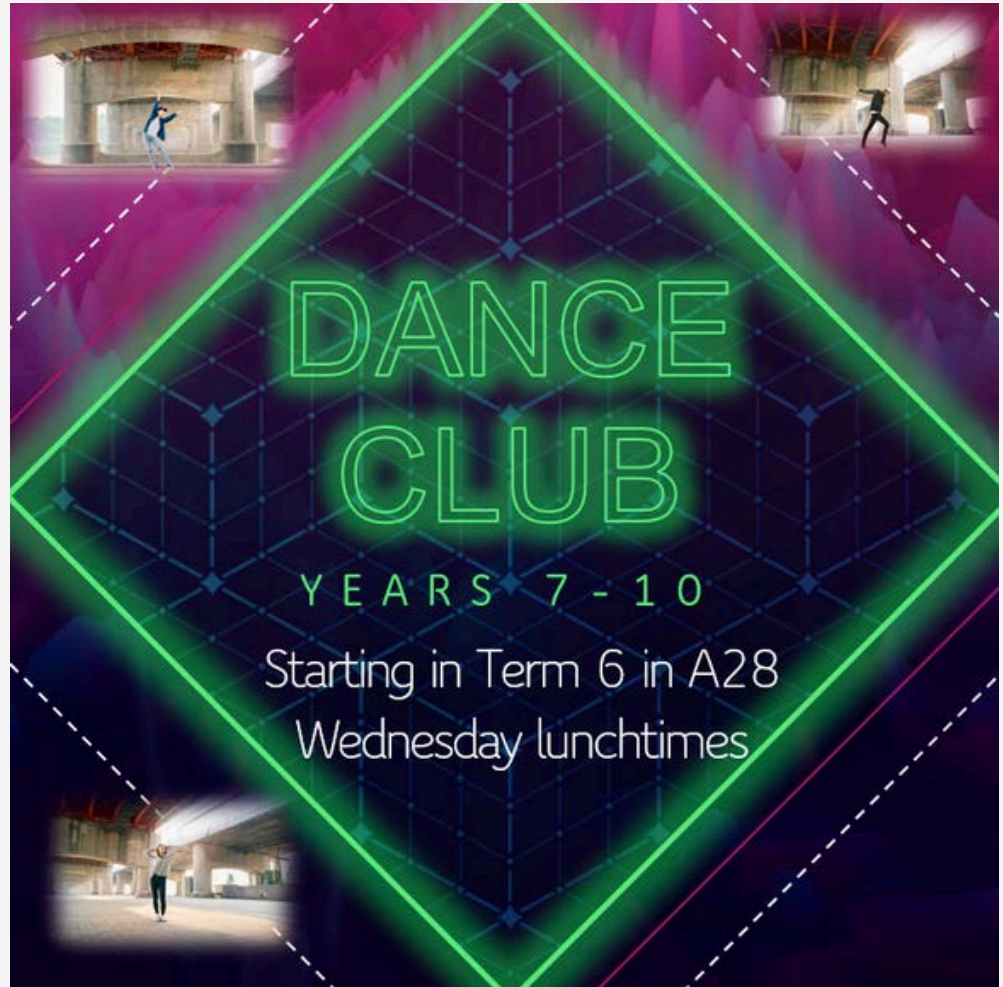
Thanks, preparing your drink

hydrate feel great

REDUCE AND RE-USE

THANK YOU FOR HELPING TO REDUCE WASTE

School Club / Workshop Update



Year 9 & 10
Theatre Workshop
DNA
by Dennis Kelly

Starting Term 6 Running on Tuesdays' afterschool 15:15 to 16:30.

Students are welcome to attend to workshop the play. Come along if you are interested in any of the following:

- Acting
- Directing
- Set Design
- Costume Design
- Lighting
- Sound

UPDATES

REMINDER

Could you please remind students that aerosols are banned and to refrain from bringing them into school.

This is also causing a problem for those students who have asthma.



STUDENT CONTACT DETAILS



If you have any changes to your child's student records' i.e. change of home address, change of parent telephone numbers/emails, if a parent contact is to be removed etc. Please remember to email info@guilborough.northants.sch.uk

Thank you. ”



NHS SCHOOL NURSE



Did you know that every school has an NHS School Nurse team?

We are a team of Qualified School Nurses, Community Staff Nurses, Healthy Child Practitioners and School Nurse Assistants. We work all year-round Monday to Friday (excluding Bank Holidays).

We are happy to provide information, advice, and guidance on a range of health needs from reception to Year 13.

WE CAN BE CONTACTED:

- By phone 0800 170 7055 option 4
- Live Chat: <https://www.nhft.nhs.uk/0-19>
- www.nhft.nhs.uk/childrenshub
- Chat Health (our text-based School Nurse messaging service) for parents and young people aged 11 and over. Monday to Friday
- 8.30 -4.30 pm - 07507 329600
- On "X" (was Twitter) SchoolNursesNHFT

YOU CAN ALSO CONTACT US FOR ANY SCHOOL AGED IMMUNISATION QUERIES.

- By phone: 0800 170 7055 option 5
- Website: [Children's resources, tips and advice hub | NHFT](https://www.nhft.nhs.uk/childrenshub)





District Athletics update...

Last week a number of students represented the school and attended the District Athletics event in Daventry.

On a very hot and sunny day, they were all fantastic and were a credit to the school and themselves. Congratulations to all that took part and a special mention to those who have qualified for the next round, the County event in Corby in June (the top two students in each event qualified).

Under 15

Peyton Almond – 1st in 800m

Maisy Lauder – 2nd in 200m

Maisie Wood – 1st in Long jump and High jump

Olivia Walsh – 2nd in 100m

Lily Dedman – 2nd in 300m

Under 17

Bella Banks –

1st in Long Jump
and hurdles

Ernest Kisel –

1st in 100m and 200m

Kaelen Cowe –

1st in 1500m

Faye Platt –

2nd in Discus

Archie McHarg –

2nd in shot

Raffi Oliveti –

2nd in 800m

Ronnie Barrow –

2nd in Long Jump

Mr K Woolridge
Assistant Principal

SUMMER RUGBY TRAINING

FITNESS / TOUCH!



The rugby sessions will continue on a Wednesday after school throughout term 6.

We are lucky enough to have some fantastic coaches supporting our school Rugby from Long Buckby RFC.

**COME ALONG AND KEEP UP YOUR SKILLS AND
FITNESS FOR THE NEW SEASON...**

4.30PM PICK UP

Mr K Woolridge
Assistant Principal

SPORT NEWS

On the 2nd May the Year 8 boys took on NSB at football in the County Cup final but unfortunately fell short at the final hurdle and lost the game 5-1, which flattered our opposition. This is the first football team Guilsborough have had in the County cup final for approximately 10 years now and the boys well and truly did the Guilsborough badge proud.



Despite the result and the game not going the way we would have liked, the Guilsborough boys fought hard until the very end of the game and had chances throughout the game to paint a different picture. All the students demonstrated a resilient, hardworking and tenacious attitude and did themselves and the school proud.

Heads up boys and we aim to go one better next year.

Mr L Cope
Head of Year 11
Teacher of PE

CONGRATULATIONS from all at



Guilsborough Academy

Guilsborough Multi Academy Trust

A huge congratulations to our student, Oakley, who has been promoted from Level Y1 - Level Y2 in the England Youth Refereeing Pathway.

Northants FA Referee Committee announced that this promotion is a direct result of his hard work, determination, and commitment throughout the season.

To be accepted for the Promotion pathway, he had to pass certain assessments, theory and practical throughout the season! This is a huge achievement, and the school community is very proud! **Congratulations!**



SPORT NEWS

On Wednesday 15th May, the Year 8 Girls Football team represented the school at Sixfields in the Northampton Town Community Trust tournament.

The girls performed very well, finishing a very respectable 3rd place out of 11 schools. Broken down into two phases of group stages, the girls won their group in the first phase placing them through into the "Trophy" group stage where the top three from each group were placed.

The second group phase saw Guilsborough come up against better opposition where they finished 3rd but from their 10 games, the girls scored 12 goals and kept an impressive 7 clean sheets.

Well done girls, you can be very proud of how you represented yourselves and Guilsborough Academy.

Mr L Cope
Head of Year 11
Teacher of PE

ALUMNI NEWS

Ex student, Louis Starr has accepted a place at Charleston University, USA to develop his athletics career.

Well done.

If you would like to share with us, any sporting news, please email to
info@guilsborough.northants.sch.uk

Thank you





BRAVO BOARD

Congratulations to all the students who made it onto the PE Bravo Board this term.

The PE Bravo Board helps recognise those students who, each term, work really hard in PE either by being a good role model, making excellent progress towards their targets in PE or working with continued effort and enthusiasm in lessons.

PE staff select their top three students from across KS3 and KS4 and once nominated the students receive a special praise award worth 25 achievement points and a phone call, email or postcard home. The new display recognising their achievements can be found outside of E Block near the double doors to PE.

The nominations this term are as follows...

MISS MOBSY

Bethan Sheldrick
Olivia Simmons
Phoebe Wilkins

MR WOOLRIDGE

Kaden Pearce
Ashton Lee
Charlie Todd

MR COPE

Noah Stockley
Harry Cutler
Coby Devonshire

MR MILLS

Ben Hardwick
Raffi Olivetti
Jack Pinchback

MISS VICKERS

Emma Dudgeon
Heidi Robertson
Lottie Sukhu-King

MRS DEAN

Chloe Wright
Evie Jupp
Matilda Lendacka

MR FLANAGAN

Ryan Ward
Elliott Brown
Charlie Hudson

MR JEFFERIES

Ollie Batchelor
Toby Askew
Ollie Wilson

MR HARVEY

Bethan Sheldrick
Phoebe Wilkins
Olivia Simmons



INFORMATION SESSIONS



Daytime Activities, Overnight Breaks and Respite for Children with Disabilities (Short Breaks)

Information Sessions for Parents and Carers

We recently announced that the new organisation to deliver daytime activities, overnight breaks and respite (short breaks) for children with disabilities will be Action for Children. We understand that change can be a worrying time for all of those involved in the service so the sessions below are an opportunity for parents and carers to meet with Action for Children and the Commissioners. We want to update you on the plan to prepare for the change over to the redesigned service, introduce you to Action for Children and answer any questions that parents / carers may have.

Date	Time	Location	Link to sign up
Monday 10th June	11:30am – 1pm	Montagu St Children's Centre, Kettering, NN16 8RX	Click here to book
Tuesday 11th June	10am - 11:30am	Guildhall, St Giles' Square, Northampton NN1 1DE	Click here to book
Tuesday 11th June	7pm – 8:30pm	Virtual via Microsoft Teams	Click here to book
Wednesday 12th June	1pm - 2:30pm	Virtual via Microsoft Teams	Click here to book

To view all the events, you can scan the QR code with your phone/tablet camera and tap the banner that appears:



Please sign up using the Eventbrite links. If you have any questions, please email Sufficiency@NCTrust.co.uk

FIND ADVENTURE ON THE WATER




**Outdoor fun for the whole family?
Try sailing at our friendly local Club!**

Whether you're a newbie or returning enthusiast, join our **FREE RYA Discover Sailing** sessions this Summer.

SCAN THE QR CODE, BOOK ONLINE + JOIN THE FUN ON: SAT 11 MAY, 22 JUNE, OR 31 AUGUST 2024.

SCAN ME



FREE SESSION!

HOLLOWELLSCLUB.ORG.UK

DISCOVER SAILING AT HOLLOWELL

FREE SESSION!

JOIN THE FUN ON SATURDAY, 11 MAY



Are you looking for a new way to get active outdoors or find something you can enjoy together with the family?

We're inviting the local community to come down to have a go at sailing, see what Hollowell Sailing Club has to offer and get involved. Who knows, you might just get hooked!

Whether you're completely new to the sport or looking to get back on the water, RYA Discover Sailing, which takes place from May, is the perfect time to give it a go.

Visit the website for all the info + to book. HOLLOWELLSCLUB.ORG.UK