

22 MARCH
2024



PARENT / CARERS NEWSLETTER



PRINCIPAL BLOG

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week we have been celebrating the one-year anniversary of the launch of Rail Safe Friendly. Harrison's Story continues to be a powerful and poignant message. Over 4000 schools across the country, and over 70 companies, now engage with resources to teach children about the dangers on the railways and how they can keep themselves safe. We were proud to launch Rail Safe Friendly in March 2023, supported by Chris Heaton-Harris and Harrison's mother. As well as becoming the first school in the country to renew the Gold award, students from Year 10 and 11 joined with representatives from over 20 employers to discuss careers in their various companies.

On Wednesday we had a magnificent evening of music with our annual Live Lounge. Our musicians, supported by Mrs Holmes, were amazing and gave a number of moving performances. The confidence of our young people, performing to over 100 people is to be celebrated. At the end of the evening, the students had one extra performance. With Mrs Holmes leaving to take up a new post, they surprised her and performed her favourite song. We welcome Miss Billett who will be joining us before Mrs Holmes leaves to ensure an effective handover.

Mr Frazer



Thursday 28th March, the last day of term, is NON-UNIFORM day!

We respectfully ask students to wear no inappropriate slogans, ripped clothing or anything not suitable for school wear.

All funds raised will go to NGAGE with Aquarius (as requested by our student voice group).

NGAGE is an early intervention substance misuse service for young people in Northamptonshire.

They offer a free and confidential service that provides information, education, advice, and support to young people regarding drug and alcohol use.

NGAGE
with aquarius

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dates for your diary...

- 28 March : Non uniform day
- 29 March : Easter Holidays start
- 15 April : All students return to school
- 25 April : Year 8 Parents' Evening (4.30-7pm)

**Year 9 Options
Reminder**

The options process is open for all Year 9 students. Can students please complete as soon as they have decided on their choices.

**Deadline for completion is
4th April**



SCHOOL FIELDTRIPS

School Trips happening this month...

- 22-25 March : Gold DofE Training Yr 12
- 22 March : Othello trip Yr 12 & 13 (Grp 1)
- 28 March : Othello trip Yr 12 & 13 (Grp 2)
- 28 March : Big Rig Trip Northampton College Yr 10
- 15 April : Holocaust Museum, Newark Trip Yr 12 & 13
- 16 April : Young Enterprise Event Yr 12 & 13
- 17-19 April : Geography - Snowdonia Yr 12
- 22 April : Earth Day Trip - Northampton College Yr 10
- 25 April : Maths event University of Northampton Yr 12

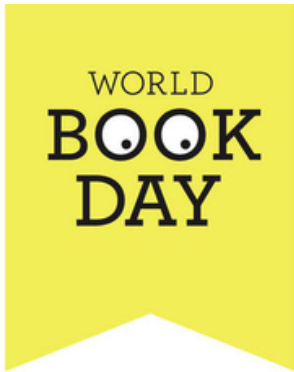
ASSEMBLIES

- 25 March : Neurodiversity Celebration Week (Autism Awareness Week)
- 15 April : Rewards and Celebration (of Term 4)
- 22 April : World Creativity and Innovation Day



REPORTS/EXAMS/ASSESSMENTS

- 21 March : Year 13 Drama exam rehearsal
- 22 March : Year 13 Drama practical exam
- w/c 25 March : Year 13 Reports out
- 25&26 March : GCSE Art practical exam
- 25 March : Year 11 Drama exam rehearsal
- 27 March : Year 11 Drama practical exam
- w/c 15 April : Year 8 Reports out



World Book Day 2024

During the week incorporating World Book Day (Thursday 6th March) we had several competitions running in the library for the students to enter. There was a real buzz in the library with students trying to work out which teacher was hiding behind a book. Some students found this very tricky, and it was amazing to see many persevering and for us listening to them trying to work out who's who just by a little tuft of hair (if any!) and examining their hands and backgrounds.

Unscramble the book titles was also a challenge to most but with determination and a bit of working out there were many who guessed them all.

We also had 'My 6 Word Story' competition by using only six words, the students found this not as easy as it sounds. However, they stuck at it and produced some excellent and funny stories. Miss Keenes judged the entries and decided on the winner!

My 6 Word Story which was won by Arthur B - "What happened next will shock you!"

Unscramble the book titles which was won by Matilda K.

Guess the Teacher hiding behind their book.
There was only one winner and that was...
Sydney E in Year 8.

Well, done to all who entered!



WHAT'S ON



Students are invited to decorate a hard boiled egg to represent any historical figure.

- Hand in your entries to any history teacher
- Ensure to include your name and tutor group
- Top 5 will win prizes!
- Deadline- Monday 25th March
- Available to ALL Years (7-13)

HAPPY DECORATING!

History Department
Presents...

Decorating Eggstravagaza



NMPAT

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Northamptonshire Music and Performing Arts Trust
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NMPAT Careers Fair
Saturday 25th May 2024

- 2.00-5.00pm at NMPAT, Northampton
- Representation from colleges and universities
- Professionals working across the music and performing arts industry
- Designed to help you make informed decisions about your future
- Find out what it's really like, to study and work in music and performing arts...

Scan the QR code or use the link to let us know you're coming...

<https://bit.ly/NMPATCareers24>



WEBINAR



Webinar for Educake – Science

Science use the platform Educake for homework – but this can also support with revision.

Educake are hosting a parents Webinar. The 30-minute session will explain the basics of the student side of Educake, including ways their child can revise for exams independently.

The webinar will take place on **Monday, 25th March at 6:00 PM**, and there will be a chance to ask questions. This will allow you to engage with this to support your child as they prepare for exams.

[LINK TO WEBINAR](#)

REVISION STRATEGIES

Good revision skills are needed for students in all Year groups of the Academy. Teachers are using Dual Coding in their lessons to support learning, and this is also an excellent skill to use when revising for in class assessments through to external examinations.

Form tutors will be going through this strategy with the students, as well as subject teachers using in class – but parents and carers also benefit from being able to support with how to revise effectively.

Each month will introduce a new strategy, building on the core strategies of **Retrieval Practice** (Low stakes assessment which is desirably difficult) and **Space/ Interleaving** (Scheduling past content and mixed material).

March's new strategy is **Imagery for Text** (Pairing text with images for mental models).

The detail of how to use this is included on our website, please follow the LINK opposite to support you in helping your child to revise effectively.

[LINK TO MARCH REVISION SKILLS](#)

SEND UPDATE

If you have a query or a question about your child,
please initially direct this to your child tutor.

If this is relating to a SEND specific area please email
SENDAdministrator@Guilborough.northants.sch.uk

DROP OFF UPDATE



NO PARKING

Please refrain from using the Sixth Form student carpark
as a drop off and pick up point.

We are aware this is happening more frequently
which is putting students at risk.

Only authorised personnel are permitted to enter
the school via the bus gates.

Thank you

DONATION APPEAL

Year 11 Prom takes place 5 July
Mercure Daventry Court Hotel;
NN11 0SG

Year 12 & 13 Summer Ball takes place 12 July

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 their 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 THURSDAY
28TH MARCH**

*Thank
you!*

POST 16 TRANSPORT

Further to the letter which went out to all parent/carers at the end of February 2024 regarding the Post 16 Transport Policy Consultation, please **have your say** and complete the survey and give your thoughts to the consultation (**link in below ad**).

Dear Parent/Carer of Year 11 and Year 12

Following the consultation regarding Post 16 Transport the Local Authority are offering 2 drop in sessions on the **27 March 2024 at 3.45 and 4.30pm**.

Please complete the short survey to book a time to attend the drop ins. Times are **3.45pm** and **4.30pm**.

<https://forms.office.com/e/BfJjH3RJw4>

Post 16 Transport Policy
Consultation Drop in Sessions 27
March 3.45-5pm



West
Northamptonshire
Council

POST-16 TRANSPORT POLICY STATEMENT CONSULTATION 2024

PLEASE REMEMBER TO COMPLETE THE
SURVEY AND GIVE YOUR THOUGHTS TO
THE CONSULTATION

Have your say on
Post 16 School Travel

Contact

If there are any queries, comments or if students, parent or carers require a copy of the questionnaire in another format they can contact us by using the contact details provided below, or by telephone on 01604 364403.

Email at:
schooltransportpolicy@westnorthants.gov.uk

PUBLIC / PRIVATE BUS SERVICE

If you have not already done so and your child uses the public / private bus, could you please complete the below questionnaire.

Thank you.



PUBLIC / PRIVATE BUS SERVICE

We are reviewing the information we hold relating to the use of the paid bus services to our Academy.

Could you please complete the below questionnaire. Please complete for each child you have at the Academy.

QUESTIONNAIRE

THANK YOU

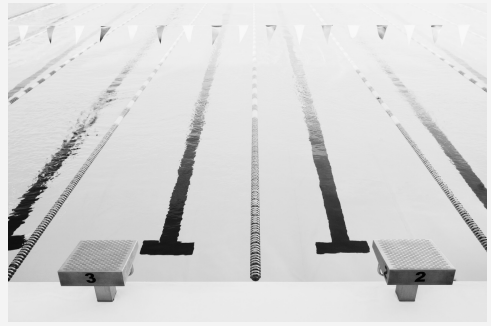


SPORT NEWS

Congratulations to Edun in Year 11 who has just achieved a British Olympic Consideration Time in the 200 Fly with a time of 2 minutes and 10 seconds.

This is a fantastic achievement in one of the toughest events in swimming.

Well done.



SPORT NEWS



Congratulations to Peyton Almond in Year 9 who attended the district event with the school at Courteenhall and qualified through to the County Champs stage.

She then came 2nd in the County Champs at West Glebe and qualified through to the Anglian Champs where Peyton came in 10th overall and 2nd home for Northants. She has been selected for English Schools, which takes place in Pontefract.

Peyton also finished the last of the 5 races in the West Midlands Cross Country League, where she finished 5th overall. She was top finisher for all year 9's.

She also recently qualified for the National Indoor championships over 800m, running a new personal best of 2:25.

Well done.

Congratulations to Florence and Jemima in Year 8 who competed for Northamptonshire at the National Inter Counties U13 Cross-Country race on Saturday 9th March at Wollaton Park, Nottingham.

Well done.



SPORT NEWS

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

Thank you



Congratulations!

YEAR 9 RUGBY TEAM

The year 9 rugby team recently played a tough game against a strong and experienced Moulton team. Although they lost it was extremely pleasing to see a number of new faces and players that haven't played before.

Special mention to the year 8 players who joined the team and added their experience. The team have another fixture soon and hope to build on this performance and continue to develop.

Well done to all.

YEAR 10 RUGBY TEAM

A fantastic win over Moulton this week.

It was good to see a few new faces and a special mention to Harry Chapman who played up an age and scored a fantastic try.

The first half finished 19-10 but a much stronger second half and an improved team effort saw them run away to win convincingly.

Well done to all that played.

UNDER 13'S INCREDIBLE ACHIEVEMENTS AT THE INAUGURAL MAIDWELL HALL 7'S TOURNAMENT!

A phenomenal performance from the Long Buckby Under 13's rugby team in their first-ever games of 7's! Their talent and determination shone brightly throughout the tournament, with victories in 5 out of their 6 matches, an achievement that truly exceeded all expectations!

Well done to the following Guiltsborough players:
Toby Askew, Ollie Batchelor, Joseph Clarke, Henry Foley, Toby Lewis, Elliott Roan, Peter Simmonds, Jesse Tzanos, Ashton Winterburn

Well done.

Mr Woolridge
Assistant Principal



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

Eleanor Parton
Nevaeh Bradley
Charlotte Hunt

MR WOOLRIDGE

Ronnie Smith
Alex Benwell
Mikolaj Jasica

MR COPE

Monty Croft
Kenny Hill
Jakub Rosik

MR MILLS

Aggie Dunkley
Dougie Jones
Ben Hardwick

MISS VICKERS

Esmea Brown
Olivia Simmons

MRS DEAN

Lexi Innes
Ria Mcdermott
Madison Sansome

MR FLANAGAN

Finley Castro
James Noden
Fred Todd

MR JEFFERIES

Ellie Shearing
Alfie Wilson
Bebe Lewis



Please follow the link below to view the menus for the Spring Term.

LINK to Spring Menus



Innovate

Before / After School Canteen Provision

The below Breakfast menu is now available to ALL year groups from 8.00 in B Block canteen.

There is also a selection of reduced items available for ALL year groups after school from 15.15 to 15.30 in the Year 11 canteen.

BREAKFAST	
Small Bacon Bap	£1.40
Small Sausage Bap	£1.40
Toast With Spread/Jam	£0.35
Croissant/Pain Au Chocolat	£1.55
Student Porridge	FREE
Staff Porridge	£1.05
Toppings	£0.40

We are open
AFTER SCHOOL
 (in Year 11 Canteen - 3.15pm - 3.30pm)
 Selection of Reduced Items
 Cookies £1.15
 Chilled Drinks
GRAB A BITE BEFORE THE BUS OR WALK HOME

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