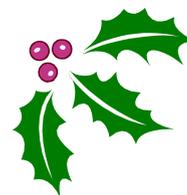


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END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS

A reminder that students are to return to school on Tuesday 11th January 2022.

We would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



TERM DATES 2021 – 2022

Term Starts	Term Ends
Mon 1st November	Wed 22nd December
Mon 10th January*	Fri 18th February
Mon 28th February	Fri 8th April
Mon 25th April	Fri 27th May
Mon 6th June	Fri 22th July

Bank Holiday: Monday 2nd May

INSET Days:

Monday 24th January
Thursday 30th June
Friday 1st July

*Monday 10th January is now a Testing Day. Students return on Tuesday 11th January.

COVID TESTING IN JANUARY

As you are aware, we were recently informed that students are required to have a LFD test before they return to school in January. To facilitate this testing, students will return to school on Tuesday 11th January so that Monday 10th can be used for testing.

Where consent has been given, students are asked to come to the Sport Hall on Monday 10th at the following times:

Year 7	9.00am
Year 8	10.00am
Year 9	11.00am
Year 10	1pm
Year 11	2pm
16+	Between 9.00am and 2pm (they can register themselves)

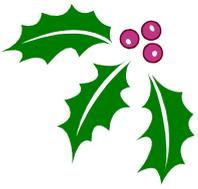
Testing will only be conducted on students in Years 7 to 11 where consent has been given from parents via completion of the online form (before Wednesday 5th January): <https://forms.office.com/r/yuy6KySLTn> Students in Years 12 and 13 will register themselves, so they need to ensure they have their mobile phones with them.

16+ TASTER DAY

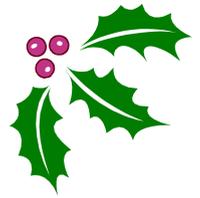
Over the two days of Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th December, all of Year 11 students came off timetable to participate in a program of 16+ Taster Sessions – designed to prepare them for life after Year 11.

Delivered by the 16+ teachers, students undertook in depth lessons in 5 different subject areas to understand and appreciate what learning in the sixth form was like and what different subject requirements and content were.

Clear on the expectations of students in the sixth form, the Year 11 students also competed in their tutor teams to complete an Academic Personality challenge. Not knowing the question, they had to gather information and evidence from a series of clues from around the school to work out the question, then the answer. The winning tutor group completed the task in a record time of 20 mins. Clever delegation that drew on individual strengths led to a great team outcome.



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Students also enjoyed presentations from NTU representatives talking about University pathways, and representatives from EMA discussing the pathway of Higher Apprenticeships. And drawing upon our Alumni, a current Vet Medicine student and a Medicine student reflected upon their time at TLES 16+, offering valuable insight and advice. It was a wealth of experiences for our students to enjoy over the two days, complemented by a group of students visiting Leesbrook Community School to see their 16+ Skills Academy.



THE SHIELD

To finish off the two day 16+ Taster Days, Year 11 students competed in a range of activities against the 16+ students, in the first ever **'The Shield'** competition.



This new competition in the school has been established to promote the increasing level of community activities within the school. A new shield has been created by the Technology team in school and in the years to come, this competition will only get bigger and better.

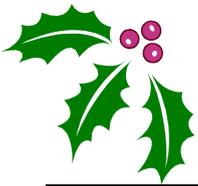
This year, teams competed in 10 different activities. Football, Netball, Volleyball, Anime drawing, Christmas Art design, Puzzles, Math Challenge, Chess, Christmas Baking and a General Quiz – each involving a range of students hoping to earn valuable kudos for the year to come. Played in a competitive but fun atmosphere, the first ever Shield was proved to be an enjoyable experience for all. On this occasion, despite some close competition, the 16+ students claimed victory for 2021. In the coming years, this event will grow, giving more and more students will have the opportunity to use their talents in the interest of community competition.

SIXTH FORM

Year 12 and 13 students now have three designated Private Study Periods in addition to their timetabled lessons. These have been well received and the students are using this time productively, especially in the lead up to the Year 13 UCAS application deadline in January.

This term 16+ students have raised money for the charity Endometriosis UK through a cake sale and dressed in 'Business Casual' attire to raise money for Children in Need.

We have welcomed guest speakers to help students gain knowledge about their future options from The University of Nottingham and ASK Apprenticeships, as well as holding workshops based on the dangers of Drugs and Alcohol.



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PE MATTERS

Hockey

Our resident England International player, Gareth Griffiths, has been running his Hockey Club on a Friday after school, we are very excited to play some fixtures in the new year.

Australian Rules Football

For the first time ever, we have been running an Australian Rules Football Club! This has now finished for the winter, but will resume in the Spring.

Cross Country

We took a group of students to represent the school at the School's Cross Country Competition on West Park. A tough competition saw a couple of students narrowly miss out on qualification for the County competition. Special mention to Charlie and Ben for coming so close to qualification.



Trampolining

Students all competed in the trampoline schools regional round at the weekend and were brilliant. All have made it through to the zonal round, which is a huge achievement for the lack of training they have had.

Year 7 - Myley did brilliantly for her first competition and showed great resilience throughout, especially as she had to miss quite a bit of training due to Covid. Shanay showed some beautiful routines which earned her 1st place and was a whole 3 marks above the 2nd place.

Year 8 - Ethan placed 1st, with two great routines, he has worked hard on his somersaults and his routines at training.

Year 9 - Matilda gained 5th place and qualified for the next round as an individual. Lily gained 9th place, Amy 10th place and Carmen 16th place. As a team, they did amazing and placed 1st. They haven't had long to prepare, but worked so hard. We are incredibly proud that they all performed so well.

Amy placed 4th in the elite category, which was a great achievement in such a competitive category.

Badminton

We have reached the county finals for Badminton, after getting through the inter-schools competition for Erewash. Good luck to all those involved for the next round.

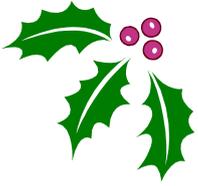
Netball

All Netball fixtures/tournaments have been arranged and are going to be played in March. Good luck to all those involved.

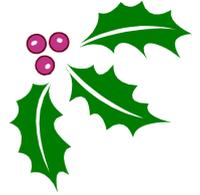
Football

Year 9

It has been great getting the Year 9 football going this year, and although numbers were low, spirits were high. The first game since coming out of lockdown was against St John Houghton CVA in the county cup. Although it was not the result we wanted, I cannot fault the players for their efforts, and a mention to Milly. who scored an absolute beauty into the top corner. Year 9 also competed in a 7 a side tournament. Again, not the result we wanted, but the quality of football had certainly got better. Jayden, with an Ederson like performance, sweeping up from the back and distributing to his team confidently. And Milly scoring again, this time from the halfway line!



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Year 8

The numbers for Year 8 have been incredible, with over 30 players coming down to train. Out of them, thirteen talented young footballers took on Kirk Hallam in the county cup. Kirk Hallam may have taken the win, however, two great goals from outside the box from Ratthasat and Kian certainly showed some quality in front of goal. Credit to Kian, who covered every patch of grass on the field.

Year 10 Volleyball

Recently, we have put on volleyball club for Year 10. The team have been preparing well and they have made it through into the county tournament. They would train every day if they could! Hopefully all the hard work pays off.

BIKE SECURITY

We have a number of students who bring their bikes onto the school site without locking them, so please ensure your child has a suitable lock. The school is not responsible for bikes on the premises and although we make the site as secure as possible, students need to protect their property by locking up bikes.

NOTIFICATION OF SCHOOL CLOSURES

In the unlikely event of school closure due to bad weather, we would like to let you know the ways in which we will inform you. Our primary way of communication will be via the school website, so please check this regularly. Although we will text and email parents, there have been issues in the past with the length of time it has taken for these messages to be delivered, due to the large amount of traffic on mobile networks. Please ensure the school is informed of any changes to mobile numbers and email addresses. DCC have a website that will publish all schools that are closed:
www.derbyshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures

ATTENDANCE ON SCHOOL GATEWAY

Parents that use the School Gateway App may notice that there are sometimes unexplained absence notifications which are not accurate. The App usually synchronises twice a day, but sometimes a manual update is done during a time when registers have not been completed. We could be waiting for manual registers or calling classrooms to see if a child has been moved. **Please ignore any notifications relating to the current day.** Our system will have been updated with the correct attendance, but the update won't show until the next synchronisation. **If your child is not in school once all registers have been completed, we will send you a text or a message via the App.** If you have a notification regarding an unexplained absence from previous days, then please respond accordingly.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch time	Badminton Year 10, 11 (HVB) Meditation 1.30-2.00 T6F (ANS) Drama Improve Club All Years welcome - A2G (DOW)		Circuits All Years + Staff (LBT) Cartoon Imagery Club E8F All Years welcome (EWO) Keyboard Club A3G All Years welcome (MJA) Spanish Speaking Club L3F All Years welcome (MDO/FLC)	Badminton KS3 (PTW) Music Club A4G Years 10 & 11 (EMB) Science Club S5G Years 7 & 8 (NEL/GCA) MFL Language Ambassadors L5F All Years welcome (GRH)	Volleyball 16+
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After school 3 – 4pm	Basketball All years (MAC) Year 10 Football (BMJ) Warhammer Club T7F – all years welcome (ANS) Arts Homework Club A4G – all years welcome (EMB) Technology Catch-up T6F KS4 (ANS/PEP) Hair & Beauty Catch-up SF6F – Year 11 (LMD) Creative Writing Club – E6F – all years welcome (ADT) Science Surgery S2G - Years 11, 12 & 13 (Various Science Staff) Biking and Skateboarding All Years welcome (PRA)	Football Year 8 (PTW) Cheerleading All Years (AOB) Netball Year 7,8,9 (HVB) Recreational Football - All Years welcome (LBT) Hooked on Books, Library – Year 7 (ABR) Food Technology Catch- up T1G Years 10 & 11 (CPA) Coding Success IT3F – Years 7 & 8 (TTA/CSH) Humanities Homework Clinic H3G – Years 7-11 (Various Humanities Staff) School Production - A3G All Years welcome (Various Arts Staff)	Trampolining (AOB) Football Year 9 (PTW) Football Year 7 (GDA) Art Clinic A5F/A7F Years 10 & 11 (GMW/EBU) Crochet Club T7F All years welcome (CSM/ANS) Hooked on Books, Library – Year 8 (ABR)	Enrichment	Aussie Rules Football All Years (LBT) Hockey All Years (GG) Humanities Clinic H3G/H5F – Year 11 (Various Humanities Staff) Hot House Music Group All welcome Music Dept Mr Chambers