



Noadswood

Noadswood News:

Week commencing 13th November - Week B

Events coming up:

13th – 1st November Year 11 Mock GCSE
16th November - Year 10 Subject Evening

Message from the Leadership Team:

We would like to take a moment to express our thanks to all members of our community for their resilience and understanding in contending with the challenges brought upon by storm Ciaran and the subsequent water shortage.

We would like to remind everyone that we have recently launched Class Charts, a new platform that will help enhance communication and streamline the sharing of important information between teachers, students, and parents. We encourage everyone to familiarise themselves with this system and make full use of its features.

Furthermore, we would like to remind you that Thursday, November 9th, is "Wear Something Different Day." This event aims to raise funds for our year 11 prom. Please note that the event details are now live on Arbor, and the payment deadline of £1.00, for those wanting to partake, is Wednesday 8th November. The PSA will also be on the gates on Thursday morning to accept cash donations. This is optional; students can choose to wear normal uniform, normal uniform with 'something different' or full non-school uniform. We do ask that whatever your child chooses is weather appropriate.

We extend our thanks to all those who attended our Noadswood PSA AGM. We would like to thank June, our treasurer and Kirsty our co-secretary for their dedicated work during her tenure. We have welcomed new members last night and if you are interested in learning more about how to get involved, please email psa@noadswood.hants.sch.uk. In support of our student voice team's proposal, the PSA will be organising a raffle to raise funds for a new bike shed. If you or your business would like to contribute by donating unused gifts or experiences, please get in touch with us. A huge thank you to all who attended our Work Experience Evening arranged by Miss Clews. We'd also like to thank our History Department for a superb First World War online event with Year 9.

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This week, Mrs. Rollett, Mrs. J Eldridge, and the Lead Practitioner team had the pleasure of visiting house time and attending lessons. It was brilliant to see the high level of student engagement and commitment to learning.

Miss Marshall has held her first rehearsal of this year, with her year seven and eight choir – what a great sound they made on their first ‘sing through’ of this year’s song, *Best Day of my Life!* The children will be performing their song at our concert on 13th December, wearing their new choir t-shirts, proudly displaying the motto, ‘This is me’. This refers back to the song the now year eights sang last year, but is also reminding them how gutsy they are, stepping up to sing in front of other people. It feels good to do it, but it takes courage, nonetheless. More to follow!

Miss Marshall and the Finance Team are also preparing for the school’s external financial audit next week that takes place each year at around this time. A big shout out to Mrs Drabble, our Finance Manager, Mrs Cardwell, our strategic financial consultant, who supports us incredibly, and our Trustees for all they do to support Miss Marshall with all things finance and compliance for your children’s school. It takes a village to keep an academy running well and running according to all the rules and regulations we’re governed by, by law, and their work doesn’t go unseen.

Lastly, we would like to emphasise the importance of school uniform. It is sometimes questioned why this takes priority in schools, including ours, when there is so much for young people to be dealing with and focusing on, now more than ever. We think that a consistent dress code fosters a sense of unity, pride, and professionalism within our school community.

If you are unsure about any aspect of our school uniform or equipment requirements, please click on this link:

<https://www.noadswood.hants.sch.uk/uniform-and-equipment-0>

If you require any assistance or financial support with acquiring school uniform, please do not hesitate to reach out to us at finance@noadswood.hants.sch.uk.

Thank you once again for your support and all you do to help us to work together to create a positive learning environment for all.

Best wishes,

The Noadswood Leadership Team

Safeguarding:

Noadswood work closely with the Mental Health Support Teams and many of our students benefit from 1:1 sessions, with their dedicated practitioners.



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You can find out further information on this service here:

<https://hampshirecamhs.nhs.uk/issue/mental-health-support-teams/>

We continue to work very closely with a number of students for whom regular school attendance is a challenge. We know that school can be a difficult place for some young people and would encourage you to reach out to us if you are worried about your child in any way. The following guidance provides some useful information and strategies for parents and carers of young people struggling with Emotionally Based School Avoidance - those for who extreme worry and anxiety is leading to non-attendance at school.

<https://documents.hants.gov.uk/childrens-services/EBSA-Parents-and-Carers-Information.pdf>

Please do get in contact with us via your child's tutor or Year Leader, if you are concerned about your child's well-being.

Department News:

Music:

Here in Noadswood Music Department we are busier than ever!

We are counting down the days now until our Christmas Concert - this will take place on Wednesday 13th December in the school hall from 5:30pm. Solo performers and ensembles will come together to show how talented pupils at Noadswood are. Auditions will be held in the next few weeks and we are all so excited!

We have many extra-curricular groups at Noadswood, from Brass Band (Monday) to Music Tech Club (Tuesday) to our Choir (Thursday) and Rock Band (Friday) - come along to any of these and you'll be welcomed by myself or Mr Watkins.

Our incredible choir are lucky to, once again, have been asked to perform at the Hythe Dementia Huddle's Christmas party. We always love this event and are thrilled to be able to spread the festive joy to people of our community.

We have a school trip to go to see *Everybody's Talking About Jamie* at the Mayflower Theatre in Southampton. Years nine, ten and eleven have been sent a letter via Arbor to secure a place. The

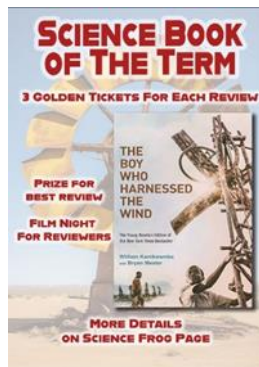


musical covers lots of different topics which we also cover in RSHE and has an absolutely phenomenal soundtrack. It will be a bright and colourful show; the cast look incredible. Finally, we're in the planning stages of our school musical. We're hoping to get back into the throes of musicals with a very popular one - *Matilda the Musical Jr* - a condensed version of the musical, which will take place in the summer term. Keep your eyes peeled for more information in the coming weeks about auditions.

As ever, let us know if your child would like to get involved in any of our projects, or if you'd like for them to start instrumental or singing lessons!

Science:

This term, the Science department are inviting all avid readers to enjoy *The Boy who Harnessed the Wind*. Students, who read the book and write a short book review, will be awarded three golden tickets and invited to a movie night, where we'll watch the adaptation of the book. There will also be a prize for the best review! More information and an example book review template can be found on the Science Frog page. We hope you enjoy the book and are excited to read all your wonderful reviews!



Math's:

What's new?

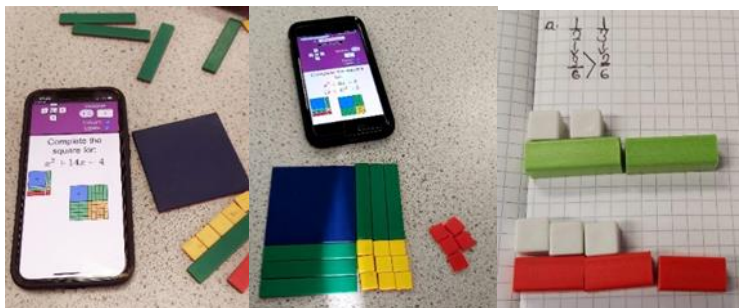
In 2021, the Department for Education published new guidance for the teaching of Mathematics at Key Stage 3, written by the National Centre for Excellence in the teaching of Mathematics (NCETM).

The aim is to bring a greater coherence to the curriculum, linking the pupils' experience back from KS2 and to the future. Over the past two years, we have been developing our Mathematics curriculum at KS3 to teach for mastery. We wanted to build on the learning experiences pupils have had in their primary school.



Within each topic, we aim to bring together a group of the core concepts; these are coherence, variation, fluency, mathematical thinking, structure and representation. Each topic is broken into small steps with these concepts in mind. Regular discussions and a detailed schemes of work within the department ensures that all pupils have similar experiences.

Pupils are encouraged to identify relationships and develop strategies they can apply across the curriculum. Representation has been an area we have built on and are now extending this into some of our KS4 teaching. We have invested in some concrete materials that have really helped pupils to understand some of the concepts. These have included counters with a red or blue side to help with negative numbers. The use of algebra tiles to help with the algebraic expressions and factorising. Using graphical calculators to explore functions, investigation links between the radius and the circumference of a circle and dienes rods to help with the fraction equivalent s and solving equations.



This half term will see all groups have their first large assessment to help monitor progress. For year 11 this will be their mock exams. Year seven to ten will have theirs between the week beginning the 12th November to the 27th November. Their teacher will inform them of the exact date and they will be taken in the classroom.