



## Noadswood News:

**Week commencing – 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

### **Week A**

#### **Events coming up:**

20 <sup>th</sup>	Bags2School PSA collection
20-24 <sup>th</sup>	Mock GCSEs (Year 11 only)
21 <sup>st</sup>	Science club A24 3-3.45pm runs until Easter for year 7s

#### **Message from the Leadership Team:**

We were delighted to have all students back in school without any further weather-based disruption last week!

You may also have seen on our social platforms that we had the pleasure of welcoming back the class of 2023. We had over 75% of our alumni join us last Thursday and it was wonderful to hear all about their exciting adventures post Noadswood. The main hall was full of guests, parents, carers, friends, staff and the Chair of our Board of Trustees, all watching as pupils received their GCSE/BTEC/Cambridge National certificates. Each subject presented awards for outstanding achievement, progress and effort as well as some special awards.

These included the Jim Watt Memorial award to Cale, Anderwood award to James, Deerleap award to Ronaldo, Knightwood award to Amy, Wilverley award to Jasmine. Our Year Leader award went to Breanna and our Headteacher's award to Connor. We'd like to say a huge thank you to Miss Rawlinson for her tireless work and dedication as their year leader and in arranging such a wonderful evening! We know that this is a year group that will go onto achieve fantastic things and we feel privileged to have been part of their journey. As Miss Marshall said, they taught us as much as we were able to teach them in terms of how to hold together in challenging times to be a terrific year group - they are much missed.

As we celebrated the successes of the class of 2023, we know that our current year 11 are getting closer to their GCSEs by starting their mocks this week. We would like to wish all of our students the best of luck and remind them that we are with them every step of the way. Please do check the letter sent by Mr Wooster last week for a list of revision sessions, support and future events:

[GCSE Revision Support Letter](#)

If you have any concerns or worries, please do reach out your child's teacher and year leader.

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We will also be hosting our Year 10 Subject Progress Event on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2023**. This is a great opportunity to speak to parents/carers about student progress, and we hope the conversations are useful in setting year 10 up for a very important year for studying the KS4 courses.

We were delighted to write to you last week regarding our festive lunch celebration which will be happening during the week of the 4th of December. A letter was sent to all families on Friday and families can pre-order their child's meal on Arbor. Thank you once more to Miss Rawlinson for arranging this community event.

Work Experience for current Y10 is off to a flying start, after so many of you attended the evening briefing for this last week – thank you for your support of your children's plans for this. Every year it's a transformational event for lots of them, and we know this will be no exception. If you have any worries about it, do let Miss Clews, our Careers Lead, know.

## ☆ SAVE THE DATE ☆

Festive Community Auction: Our student leaders and other members of our incredible student voice group are currently raising funds to put a roof on the bike shed, building on the excellent start made by other students a couple of years ago, and a contribution the school and the PSA will make.



With your help, we can remove the existing shed and build a brand-new one. We have a target of £22,000, and thanks to previous fundraising efforts, we currently have £12,000 in the pot. More information about this event will be provided soon, but we wanted to invite you all to join us for the event on Thursday December 7<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. This event is free, but for health and safety purposes, we

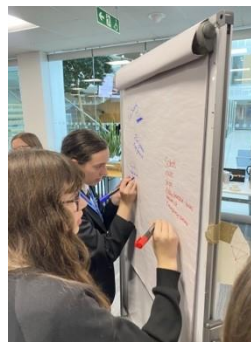


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kindly request that you reserve your seat by emailing [auction@noadswood.hants.sch.uk](mailto:auction@noadswood.hants.sch.uk) with the number of seats you require.

Our 'Lovely Library' continues to go from strength to strength. Our 'Winter Raffle' is back by popular demand, along with making tree decorations. Break-times are getting very busy with a record 52 students in last Wednesday morning which is wonderful to see. Although we have Mocks in the Library for the next few weeks, we will still be open for some break and lunchtimes, as well as continuing to have some lessons in here. We're delighted to have so many students making the most of all that's on offer!

This year we have made a further commitment for all students to engage in learning outside of the classroom. On offer will be a wide range of in-school enrichment, day trips and residential trips. We want to provide our students with the opportunity to explore new environments, cultures, and perspectives, broadening their horizons and making some wonderful memories along the way. Year 9 families will have received a letter regarding an active adventure type residential trip abroad to the Ardeche region of France, Year 11 families will have had a letter regarding a 'Leavers 2024' trip to Disneyland Paris. Other year groups will hear more shortly. Please rest assured, that whilst we know that residential trips are fantastic experiences, we do know that they are not for everyone. Therefore, alongside those residential trips there will be an offer of day trips to. More details nearer the time! If you have any queries regarding financial assistance, please email [finance@noadswood.hants.sch.uk](mailto:finance@noadswood.hants.sch.uk). In this vein, we were thrilled to see our Year 9 students participate in a Geography trip to the Ordnance Survey last week. They represented our school well and made us proud. Thank you to the Geography team led by Miss Skinner for so many wonderful enrichment opportunities. more details on this visit at the end of our newsletter.



Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to sharing more 'Noadswood News' next week.

Best wishes,

The Leadership Team





## Safeguarding:

CAMHS Mental Health Support teams are offering a free online session to explore more about the service and support available. This might be particularly useful if your child is currently on the CAMHS waiting list.


Booking information on the infographic below.




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 **HAMPSHIRE PARENT CARER NETWORK**

Additionally, we'd like to share details of a new NHS online resource available to young people, parents, carers and professionals to support young people with body image and disordered eating concerns. This can be found here: [Be Body Positive - Support for Young People, Parents, Carers & Professionals](#)





## Be Body Positive

Designed as an early intervention, Be Body Positive promotes building a positive relationship with food and your bodies

[bebodypositive.org.uk](http://bebodypositive.org.uk)

### Celebrations:



### Fireworks, Candles, Lights

At this time of year, we remember anyone in our school community who is celebrating.

### PSA News:

In our most recent AGM, the PSA were delighted to welcome two new members- Mrs Western and a parent member- Mrs Steele. We were also excited to fund the following things for our students:

**Year 11 Prom Donation:** We were delighted to donate £500 towards Prom. This, in conjunction with the 'Wear Something Different' proceeds, will be used to lower the cost of the prom ticket and to fund all of the wonderful extras that make that night so special.

**Bike Compound:** We are delighted to support the fundraising of our students by donating £500 towards their fundraising for a new Bike Shelter. We will be also supporting their fundraising efforts throughout the year.

**Year 10 Geography Enrichment:** The PSA has funded a Guest Speaker to enrich the 'Economic World' unit at GCSE. The speaker is a former employee of ESSO, and he will be delivering a tailored STEM lecture for our students to help develop their knowledge and understanding of how the oil refinery works and its environmental impact.

**Year 10 and 11 History Enrichment:** The PSA was delighted to fund the visit of an author, Adele Jordan, to come to school to teach our Year 10 and Year 11 pupils about the processes of historical



research and how to become a successful author. This will enrich their understanding of where History can take them should they choose to follow this further!

**Year 10 and 11 Photography:** The Art department will use their donation to continue to add and enhance photographic equipment in this growing subject area. This will include additional DSLR cameras, new lighting and give them the opportunity to expand the types of creative work that can be produced by those who opt for the GCSE.

**Football kits for both boys and girls football teams and netball dresses:** The PE department will use their donation to purchase new football kits and Netball dresses. Mr Shearsmith says that some of our football kits have been at Noadswood longer than he has and some of you may appreciate how long that is!! With our current uplift in Netball, the PE department felt it was really important to invest in some new netball dresses. Bibs over the top of our PE kit is not the image that reflects the standard and status of Netball here at Noadswood so the PSA's investment will really showcase our improving netball standard.

### **Bags2School:**

On Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November we will have a Bags2schools collection. You can drop bags from 2.50 on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November and before 9.00 am on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November. Bag2School is the UK's leading textile recycler and fundraiser working with schools and since its inception in 2001 it has now paid out over £36 million.

As well as raising vitally needed funds for our PSA, it also helps the environment by helping to divert unwanted textiles away from landfill. A recent DEFRA report has shown that textile collection schemes are helping to reduce the volume of textiles discarded as municipal solid waste. However, it is a fact that as a nation we still send 350,000 tonnes of textiles to landfill every year.

By getting involved in our Bag2School collection, you have an opportunity to sort through your cupboards and wardrobes and donate unwanted textiles in the bag provided – this can include adults' and children's clothes, shoes (tied together please), hats, belts, handbags and soft toys. (Please refer to <http://uk.bag2school.com/> for full details). In addition to raising much needed funds, it will also raise awareness amongst the children of the benefits of recycling and reuse. Don't forget to ask grandparents, friends and neighbours to have a sort out as well!

### **Careers Update:**

This week has been Green Careers Week which highlights the importance of careers that tackle climate change. During tutor time, students have explored different jobs that develop sustainability.

### **Year 10:**

We recently welcomed parents and carers of Year 10 into school for a briefing about work experience, CV writing and mock interviews. All information from the briefing has now been emailed out to Year 10 parents and carers.



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CV and cover letter writing drop-in sessions will be held on Week A Mondays in M15 at 3pm-4pm.

Key dates for Year 10 students:

25<sup>th</sup> January 2024 – Deadline to hand in CV and cover letter

29<sup>th</sup> February 2024 – Mock Interviews

31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 – Deadline to hand in work experience placement form

8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> July 2024 – Work experience week

## **Year 11:**

College applications are now open. Please check the college websites for their application deadlines.

College application drop-in sessions will be held on Fridays in M15 at 3pm-4pm.

Some colleges have upcoming open events that may be open to either year 10 or 11 students. For more information, check the student noticeboard, the college websites or speak to either Mr Lewis or Miss Clews.

## **Road Safety:**

As part of our ongoing efforts to improve safety on Water Lane and surrounding roads, we would like to better understand the reasons why parents/carers drive to school to drop off/pick up children. We hope that with a better understanding of where the issues lie, we will be able to work together as a community to improve road safety for Noadswood and Orchard families, as well as the wider community.

Please could all families that drive their children to school, even if only occasionally, complete the short survey linked below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/bt7hKYKE8m>

## **Department News:**

### **Geography Enrichment:**

On Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November a group of year 9 students were invited to visit the Ordnance Survey in Southampton for a GIS (Geographical information Systems) workshop. During the afternoon the students were given the opportunity to see how various data is presented on digital maps and how this is used in a variety of ways from deciding the location of housing developments to providing information for emergency planning. The students were then given the chance to use the 'gridpoint gb' app to explore the grounds and collect data. They were then shown how this data could be



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presented in Excel and imported into Digi maps, which is the digital version of OS maps. The students also played a game of Pictionary to refresh their knowledge of OS map symbols.

I would like to thank all students for their excellent behaviour and engaging in all the activities. They were particularly great at answering plenty of questions and earning themselves an OS pen.



## Citizenship:

### UK Parliament Week 2023

Last week saw us mark UK Parliament Week 2023 which is a dedicated week in the calendar of Citizenship in where we teach our students about all things 'Political' & help them to develop their knowledge of the UK Parliament.

Topics ranged from The Houses of Parliament, the difference between The House of Commons & The House of Lords to finding out about the role of a MP and in particular who our local MP is. We move on this week in Noadswood to support an ex-student from last year's leavers. Briannah Butler is standing for election to become a member of the UK Youth Parliament. Our current students are going to be looking at the work of the Youth Parliament in Tutor time and will be encouraged to support Briannah by casting their votes electronically for her. We are extremely proud of Briannah and Ella Maher also a past pupil of Noadswood who already stands as a member of the Youth Parliament. I'm sure you will agree, an amazing achievement for 2 of our students to be associated with such a great cause and I would encourage any of our current students to throw their support behind members of our alumni and maybe in the future get involved themselves.