

Term 5 Newsletter 2020 – 2021



Message from Michelle Reysenn – Headteacher

Dear Families

Another busy, yet amazing term. The evenings are lighter; the weather is warmer... ok, it is still rather wet too!

Ofsted visited.... And this truly was an excellent experience. Janet and Wendy, HMI inspectors, spent three days with staff and pupils inspecting the effectiveness of residential care and safeguarding. Although we cannot yet share the final outcomes with families, the process was thorough and useful, giving us some helpful feedback to further improve.

This term, we have seen an increased use of the wonderful outdoor spaces including the forest schools area, and the poly tunnel and gardening raised beds. Take a look at some photos inside of staff and pupils enjoying the great outdoors. Plus, the chicks are back in lower school. A few have hatched and we welcome Bob, Cluck, and Amy to life at Notton. The chicken house and run is ready when they are!

In regards to staff, we wish Helen, middle school teacher and KS2/3 Curriculum Lead, and Billie, residential childcare officer, lower school, our love and best wishes for a speedy recovery from operations. We look forward to seeing them back at Notton when they are fully recovered. We welcome new staff, Sam and Som, to residential care, and say goodbye to Jodie, Team Leader. We also welcome Reagan and Patrick, as new pupils who started this term.

Finally, I would like to thank every staff member, pupil, and visiting professional, over the past few weeks, months, and years, for all their effort, support, hard work, determinations, and resilience. The journey we have all been on has been **remarkable**. Your support and unwavering commitment to each other, the pupils, and their families, has been second to none. So much has been achieved, and we will continue to work together to give all stakeholders the best possible place to be educated, to live in, and to work at. Improvement never ends. Below are a few comments that are from the draft Ofsted report. Enjoy reading them!

“strong, trusting, warming relationships.”

“individualised care of pupils.”

“the well-being of both staff and pupils is at the heart of the school.”

“warm, welcoming, personalised spaces in care, and in the dining room.”

“pupils are proud of their spaces.”

“independence work is a real strength of the provision.”

“behaviour is well-managed.”

“leaders and managers are ambitious.”

“young people’s needs and well-being is prioritised.”

“staff are well-supported.”

Michelle

WINNERS

Attendance 100%

David	Harley
Dylan	Junior
Reagan D	Caleb
Leo D	Charlie
Josh I-F	Adam
Connor M	Patrik
Mason-John	Ben

Attendance 95% and above

Theo
Connor W



Subject Winners

Primary

David – Maths
Josh I-F – Science
Anthony & Patrik – Gardening
Mason – Caring for Chicks
Charlie – Forest Schools
Charlie – Food

Secondary School

Harley & Maty – English	Theo – Outdoor Education
Harley & Maty - Maths	
Turrell – Sports Science	
Junior – PE	
Drew & Connor M – Science	
Connor M – Art	

Green Token Winners

Connor M	Drew
Harley	
Owen	
Junior	
Leo N	





LOWER SCHOOL



Term 5 with Sarah, Natalie, Amy, Steve, Thani & Nat



This term we have been spending lots of time outdoors. We have planted seeds and plants and tended to our raised beds in the poly tunnel. We are hoping to grow runner beans, carrots and sunflowers!

We use lots of resources to help us with our learning and enjoy taking part in practical and creative activities.



For Outdoor Classroom day primary had a plan to build a race track for Hot Wheels cars in the forest school area. First, we designed the track using bricks, tin cans and reading books and practised with cars in the classroom. Next, we drew a plan and then marked out and started to dig the track outside. Our next steps will be to make the track permanent using cement and gravel which we will colour to look like tarmac.



Other activities we enjoyed during the day included, making tin can bug hotels, cutting wood for a fire and playing hide n seek. We had a really fun time!

Whenever the weather has been nice, we have taken the opportunity to get outside and have fun exploring our local area. When out and about the boys have shown that they can play and get on well together. They use their manners, share and take turns. Their sensible behaviour is a positive reflection of Notton House Academy. We are very proud of them!



Next term, we are looking forward to our weekly swimming lessons starting again and thinking about transitioning and moving on to our new classes. We are also excited to start planning our end of year activities, class trips and even a camp out!

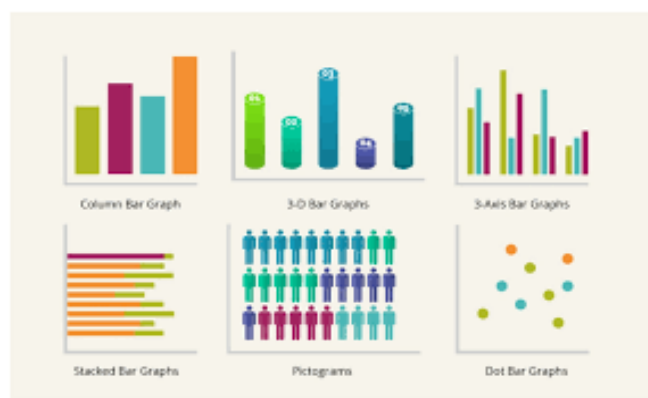


MIDDLE SCHOOL 2

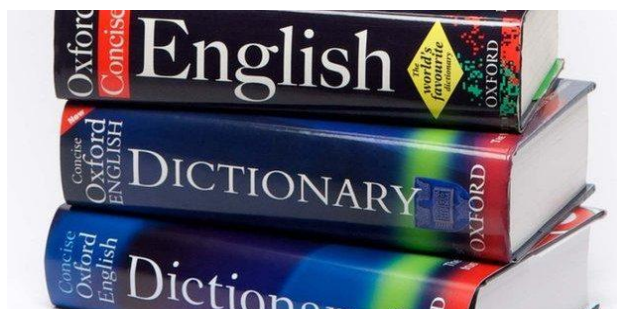
Term 5 with Helen, Vas & Tiff

Term 5 has flown by, with the class doing lots of activities and learning great things!

In Maths, we have been collecting and recording data through tally charts and graphs. We have had great fun doing this as challenges. We have had the Chocolate, Crisps, Sweets and Biscuit Challenge – the boys had to guess what they were eating. We then had a discussion on what was everyone's favourite and then drew a tally chart to record our results.



In English, we have been focusing on spelling patterns. We have been learning about Homophones. We have practiced this through various games and activities. We have also looked at alphabetical order sets of words and have been practicing using the dictionary to play games and find words.



hair hare
wait weight
write right
whole hole



Boys have enjoyed doing some extra cooking, dishes include chocolate chip muffins and a sausage plait.



We have also been doing cooking on outdoor learning, we had our very own Greek Chef cooking Greek food for the boys on the homemade firepit!



On Outdoor Education we visited Clanger Woods in Westbury, it was a beautiful day, the bluebells were just coming out and the boys enjoyed climbing trees.

MIDDLE SCHOOL 3

Term 5 with Ant, Oliie & Kelly

Yet another busy term. Students have really enjoyed P.E as they got to use the trampoline. All of them were really good and have learnt some more skills.

As it has been a mix in the weather these past few weeks we have managed to go outdoors for outdoor education. We visited Cherhill White Horse and also went to Caen Hill locks which the boys found interesting as we saw a barge coming down the canal using the locks.



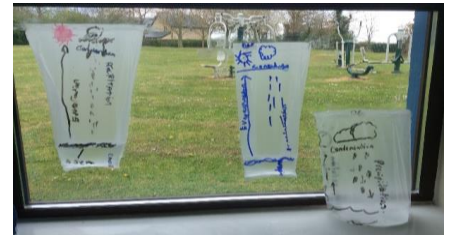
We also built more camp fires!

Across the school many trees have been planted, we contributed to this by planting some silver birch near the poly tunnel and we look forward to seeing them grow.

The students have been working towards getting their John Muir award which encourages children to connect with, enjoy and care for wild places.



In science we have learnt about the water cycle, students made their own water cycle in a plastic bag and some planting in the poly tunnel.



We have encouraged the students to read during our Drop Everything And Read lesson (D.E.A.R). We are still reading our class book 'The World's Worst Teachers' by David Walliams. Some students have done independent reading or watching audio books.

In Maths this term we have been learning about collecting and understanding data, recording data in the form of tally and converting the data into bar graphs, tally charts and pictograms.



In Art we have been doing clay work and the students have been making models of derelict buildings. At first by using cardboard then making this model using clay.



UPPER SCHOOL 1

Term 5 with Andy, Tom & Pete

We have had another very good term and once again there has been lots of good work being produced in all lessons, which is good to see. We also welcome a new student to our Tutor Group.

In English we have been making a start on preparing for Functional Skills/GCSE work and introducing the use of verbs, nouns, adjectives, adverbs not to mention similes and metaphors! We have been introduced to PETER paragraphs which picks out a Point, Evidence, Technique and Effect on the Readers. We will continue to work on this so that it becomes second nature when it comes to answering exam style questions.

In Maths the group have been studying statistics and there has been lots of independent work being done which is great to see.

During the PSHE lessons we have been looking at various types of relationships and what these relationships actually mean generally and to us as individuals. This has led to some very interesting conversations and it is good to hear the group speaking and putting across their points of view.

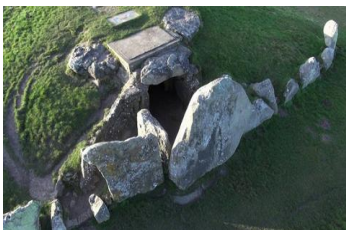
During Food Tech there have been some tasty dishes produced. It is lovely to see the group enjoying



cooking and learning new skills which will enable them to be able to make meals that do not cost too much. A couple of things stood out this term – sausage plait which makes a very tasty main meal and strawberry cheesecake which looked amazing!



During outdoor education we have visited The West Kennet Long Barrow which is a Neolithic tomb, built on a prominent chalk ridge, not far from Silbury Hill and Avebury in Wiltshire. We were all amazed at how this was built over 6,000 years ago with no mechanical aids and on top of a hill!!



In SMSC we have been looking at the continent of Asia and learning about Bahrain which is the 5th richest Arab country.

We have also visited the golf driving range a couple of times and have some budding “Tiger Woods” in our group!

The group have made some good progress this term!

Well done all! Keep up the good work!

UPPER SCHOOL 2

Term 5 with Ben & Becky

Upper School 2 have been brilliant this term and a lot of this is due to the return of their most favoured tutor. After having Ollie for 2 terms, Upper 2 welcomed back Ben from his operation. The joy and happiness from the students was heart-warming.

With Ben back, PE has been so much fun with tennis being a particular favourite for most of the boys. The centre court at Notton has seen some epic rallies and some outstanding shots, with J playing some of the sneakiest drop shots ever to grace the tennis court.



As well as tennis, the trampoline has been wheeled out and T has found this especially fun, improving his back pull over and back somersault. T is also aware while on the trampoline it is a somersault - not a flip.



In outdoor education the group have made use of the new on-site facility, they have really enjoyed creating fires with the wood they collected and using the flint and steel to spark it.



We have also continued the quest to visit every white horse in Wiltshire, with a trip to Westbury White Horse, the tally is now up to 4, with 4 more to visit, the finish line is in sight.



All in all, a great term for Upper 2 and we look forward to more of the same during term 6.

THE LOVELY OUTDOORS

Staff and pupils are loving the great outdoors, both on-site, gardening, and planting trees, and off-site, at the farm!



YEAR 11 (& 12) LEAVERS 2021

It's been a challenging year for our leavers. Applying for colleges whilst only viewing online. Having interviews over Teams or Zoom and now gaining qualifications through a combination of Teacher Assessed Grades, coursework/portfolios and a couple of actual exams!



That said, our leavers are securing some great destinations for work, training and further study:

- Several Y11 staying on at the Central ALP
- Construction courses at a range of colleges and adult training centres
- An apprenticeship in Construction
- A Public Services course at Wiltshire College
- Impact Mentoring whilst gaining Functional Skills qualifications in English and maths
- Supported internships
- Ongoing employment following successful placements
- A place at Bristol City Robins to study Sports Diploma at level 3 (see below)



Reagen joined Notton just after me in summer 2018 as a year 9. We decided to move him into a year 10 group as he was doing really well in English and maths along with other subjects. This became a longer-term reality for Reagen and resulted in him gaining GCSEs in English, Maths and Physical Education all one year early. He has done exactly what has been asked of him at Notton and taken every opportunity available and learnt from each experience. In the independent house he has proved himself to be trustworthy and, well independent; where he has enjoyed the increased freedom and responsibility. This year has been an interesting one and has led to a huge leap forward in independence. Despite still being in Y11 (and classed a pre-16) Reagen was fortunate enough to be accepted on a post 16 Level 2 Public Services course at Wiltshire College. This was going to involve about 50% practical, with a promise of 10 days work experience with the British Army, loads of sports and fitness work. This was great, all the stuff that Reagen enjoys! However, the pandemic and remote working led to him completing the course through 100% theory, by handing in assignment after assignment. Not to be deterred, Reagen set about completing every piece of work to the absolute best of his ability and has just completed the course with a Distinction overall. What a great achievement! As a result of having some great GCSE results in the bag and a distinction this year, Reagen has been accepted onto a Level 3 Diploma in Sports with Bristol City Robins. I am sure this course will be exactly what he is after and I am equally sure there will be lots of practical learning over the next two years.



To all our leavers – all the best for your future.
Keep working hard and keep in touch.



SCIENCE

Term 5 with Anton & Nathan



In science this term students have been learning a range of concepts including experimenting with combustion, modelling the water cycle using plastic bags and bottles, to studying the nervous system and mapping skin temperature to planting trees.



PLAYGROUND LITERACY

Jack seems to be enjoying learning his spellings outside with Jane. Great work Jack! We see you are very bendy and flexible too!



AN AFTERNOON OF GOLF!

With thanks to Tom, Pete, Ben, & Sharon.

Pupils from Upper School really loved their afternoon at the local driving range, learning new skills, and enjoying some fresh air! Not sure what Josh is up to you, but he's going to miss that ball by a mile!



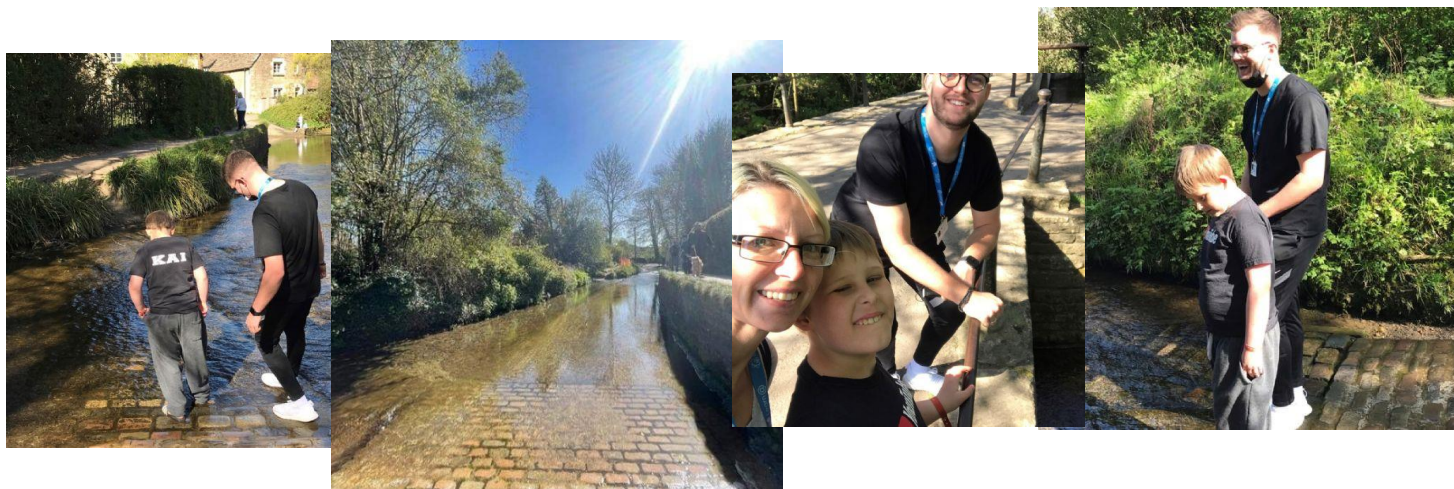
MORE OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Boys in lower and middle school love their outdoor education lessons, embracing nature, and being amongst animals.



LOWER SCHOOL EVENING WALK

Kai, along with staff, had a lovely sunny walk to Lacock during the evening.



EATING SWEETS & TELLING THE TIME?!

Pupils in lower school have loved learning how to tell the time, but they probably enjoyed eating the sweets even more!



WELCOME NEW STAFF

We also welcomed new staff to Notton, Sam, Som, Hazel and Louise.



Welcome New Pupils!

Term 5 also saw the arrival of new pupils. Patrik to lower school, and Reagan to middle school.

And one Goodbye....

We say goodbye to Jodie, Team Leader for Residential Care, and we wish her all the very best in her new career, working with vulnerable adults.



T-SHIRT COMPETITION

The Multi Academy Trust held a T-Shirt competition, students and staff were able to enter. The Trust received some fantastic entries so the T-shirt with the most votes, won. The winning entry would have their T-shirt produced.

James Graham, one of our Nightwalkers, won the staff entry. Pictured below James receiving his produced T-shirt from the Trust's CEO, Peter Evans.

Well done James.



STUDENT COUNCIL

It used to be that school decisions were made by teachers and other grown ups because they have more experience and are better qualified. Not anymore. The Student Council provides a platform for students to have their say in the running of their school.

Meet the team.



The student councillors will do their best to represent their class and their school, seeking out the views of their classmates and reporting back to the student council to discuss and decide what to do next, to respect the views and ideas presented by their peers.

The student council has convened (when possible) to discuss, debate and deliberate upon the all the wonderful changes a foot, at Notton House Academy. Pupil Voice is a big deal at Notton House Academy and at the start of the year the boys got to feedback to the senior management team on all the site updates that they influenced the year before. As a result, the boys now have an ever-evolving forest schools area on-site, equipped with and outdoor classroom, parachute awning, and even a stone baked pizza oven.



To promote wellbeing the sensory garden was totally revamped with new equipment, creating a dynamic outdoor space. The sensory rooms also had a face lift with the introduction of light tubes. The polytunnel was renewed and raised beds created. Most would agree, that these changes influenced by the student council, have benefitted the whole school community.

What next I hear you say? Well, the boys were enthralled by the prospect of future site developments and historically (with the fact that NHA has its very own collection of BMX s donated by local business) the idea of a BMX track/ bike trail was floated...watch this space.





Feeding the Nation

#ItsMoreThanOurJob

More visits this term to Morrisons, Chippenham to collect food supplies.

Thank you again to Sarah, Morrisons Chippenham Community Champion, for supporting Notton House Academy and their families.



SAFEGUARDING TOPIC TERM 5

Each term, staff focus on a different aspect of Safeguarding, and complete additional training. During Term 5, staff completed training on the topics of **Foetal Alcohol Syndrome (FASD)**, **Gender Based Violence (GBV)**, and **Homelessness and Poverty**.

Sometimes, depending on the topic, and the relevance with pupils, we cover this within our **PSHE (Personal, Social, Health Education) Curriculum**.

Take a look at the information pages on the Notton House Academy Website, link below.

<https://www.notton.learnmat.uk/page/?title=Safeguarding&pid=50>

There are also some posters in this newsletter regarding these topics that might be of use for you to read.

Safeguarding is the number 1 priority at Notton.

The Designated Safeguarding Leads at Notton House Academy are:
Michelle Reysenn, Headteacher, with Deputy DSL **Linda Hawkey**, Sendco.
The Academy Councillor responsible for Safeguarding is **Trystan Williams**.



Criminals are targeting the homeless

You may be offered work, food and a home.

It sounds like a good deal - a way for you to get off the streets. But accept and you may be exploited, forced to work long hours for little or no pay and housed in substandard accommodation.

We exist to protect vulnerable workers and prevent labour exploitation and abuse

If you have seen or heard of anyone offering homeless people work and/or accommodation, please let us know. We need your information to stop people - like you - being exploited

For help, advice or to share your information with the GLAA call **0115 959 7049** or email intelligence@glaa.gsi.gov.uk

We're here Monday to Friday 08:00-17:00.

You can leave a message outside of these hours. Interpreters are available.

To remain anonymous phone our confidential reporting line:
0800 432 0804

If someone's safety is at risk call 999



**Gangmasters &
Labour Abuse Authority**

Pressure

Do not disrespect your family.

Auntie T
26 Missed calls

Dad
You must marry him.
Do not bring shame upon us.

Duty

Mum
I will never talk to you again

You should feel ashamed.

Honour

The marriage has
been decided.

Forced marriage includes
all forms of pressure.

Forcing someone to marry isn't always physical,
but it is always against the law.

For help and support, contact the
Forced Marriage Helpline on 020 7008 0151
or visit [gov.uk/forcedmarriage](https://www.gov.uk/forcedmarriage)



HM Government

I didn't
want to but
I felt I had
no choice

He buys me
things...now
I feel like I
owe him

They promised
to give me work
then they took
my passport and
my freedom

I work all week
and the boss takes
most of my money

Child Sexual Exploitation, Sex Work, Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking It's happening here, it's happening now



If a child or adult is at immediate risk of harm, call the police on 999. If someone is affected by exploitation, slavery or trafficking, call the police on 101.

Avon and Somerset Constabulary

Working together to make the communities of Avon and Somerset be safe and feel safe
www.avonandsomerset.police.uk

@ASPolice /avonandsomersetpolice YouTube /ASPolice





Please can I remind all families of the Uniform Policy:-



Uniform:

School Uniform

A compulsory Notton House polo shirt (Royal Blue)

A compulsory Notton House sweatshirt (no hood) or grey fleece

Black or Grey Trousers (No tracksuit bottoms allowed except for P.E. lessons)

Black Shoes (no other colours permitted)

P.E. Kit

Students are permitted to wear their own PE kit but this must not include items with large logos.

Trainers (no black soles are permitted for indoor P.E. lessons)

Trousers can be purchased from supermarkets such as ASDA or Tesco.

School polo shirts, sweatshirts and fleeces are available for purchase directly from school. All the garments offer excellent value for money and are made from hard wearing, machine washable fabrics, embroidered with our logo.

Price List

Item	Size	Cost
Polo Shirt	9/10, 11/12	£6.50
Polo Shirt	S/M/L	£8.50
Sweatshirt	12/13	£7.00
Sweatshirt	S/M/L/XL	£8.50
Fleece	Youth L/XL	£11.00
Fleece	S/M/L/XL	£13.70



ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2020-2021



School Holiday



Bank Holiday



Pupil Day



Inset Day



Pupil Inductions/Annual

September 2020						
Mon		7	14	21	28	
Tue	1	8	15	22	29	
Wed	2	9	16	23	30	
Thu	3	10	17	24		
Fri	4	11	18	25		
Sat	5	12	19	26		
Sun	6	13	20	27		

October 2020						
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November 2020						
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January 2021						
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March 2021						
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July 2021						
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Learn@ MAT INSET Days: 12th October 2020; ~~5 February 2021~~; 16th July 2021;

NHA INSET Days: 1st September 2020; 7th & 8th September 2020; 1st April 2021; 25th June 2021;