

NOTTON HOUSE ACADEMY

December 2017

MESSAGE FROM LINDSEY HULL – HEADTEACHER

Happy Christmas from Notton House Academy and Learn@ MAT.

As we look forward to 2018, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce the addition of two new Deputy Headteachers, Michelle Reysenn and Simon Raisey. Michelle will be leading on Curriculum, Standards and Progress. Simon will lead Behaviour, Personal Development and Welfare across the school. We welcome them to Notton House and they look forward to meeting you in the new term.

This year has seen some significant improvements to the school and living accommodation. We are due to finish the refurbishment of Avon and Clifton areas by the end of January 2018. This will bring the addition of 3 new ensuite bedrooms and a new shared bathroom in both areas. Thank you to Bristol City Council for their support with this important work.

We have a new options timetable with more KS3 students accessing vocational courses at our partner schools. Some of our KS4 and KS5 students continue to study at different colleges, notably at Wiltshire College, Lackham where we have 5 students studying Animal Care or Lands Based Studies. These students regularly receive glowing reports from their tutors on these courses. Moving into 2018 we at Notton House hope to develop our educational links to the countryside further. We are in discussion with Jamie's Farm, in Box to plan some joint work in order to begin to build into our curriculum a "farm to fork" initiative. This is in the ideas phase at present, but we shall keep you posted as this develops.



We are working hard with our design team to create our new school logo and website, which we know will allow parents and carers to access school information more easily. It will also display the fantastic work our staff and students do to our wider community.



We have enjoyed seeing many more parents and carers at our coffee mornings and end of term global themed celebration assemblies. All of our parents and carers are warmly welcomed to into Notton House to celebrate the achievements of our young people. Our students have made some fantastic artwork this term that proudly decorated our newly decorated dining room and corridors.

We pledge to keep working hard to build strong links with our parents and carers to provide the right support and challenge so that our students receive the best education and opportunities in life.

From all the staff at Notton House we wish you a Happy New Year and look forward to seeing you all in 2018.

OUR NEW LOGO

We have been working with e4education to produce our new school logo and website. We are pleased to introduce our new logo and colour scheme to you.

This design is inspired by our rural setting and the idea of Notton House being a warm and welcoming environment where students can achieve their potential.



The next stage of this process is building our new website. Once our students are wearing their new uniforms, a professional photographer will come and photograph our students in action. These images will then be used on our website to promote our academy to other prospective students, staff and visitors. The website will also hold key information for families such as term dates, policies and contact information. If you have any suggestions for elements you would like to see on our website, please get in touch with Claire Preece.



We went through many different drafts of this logo and have received lots of feedback to help us come to a final decision.

Students also had the opportunity to vote for the colour of their choice.

This logo will soon be available as a school uniform, so we recommend that you hold off purchasing any of our green uniforms as in the New Year you will receive two T shirts and one sweatshirt to replace your existing uniform set.



DIARY DATES

Wednesday 3rd January 2018 –
Inset Day

Thursday 4th & Friday 5th January
2018 – Annual & Curriculum
Review Days

Monday 8th January 2018 –
Students back to school

Friday 12th January 2018 – Inset
Day

Friday 9th February 2018 – Break
up for half term

WELL DONE TO KLAVELL WILSON

Klavell was the sole representative for Notton House at the latest Dallaglio Foundation tournament that saw a number of schools from South Wales and the South West competing against each other playing touch rugby.

Klavell joined with Star College Taunton, as they were a player short and was an absolute credit to himself all day. His

performances got better throughout the day as he became visibly more confident and by the tournament end was fully immersed in the team. Scoring 3 of the teams 5 tries, Klavell's work rate and dedication was amazing and received numerous comments from the Star College staff, opposing staff and the tournament officials.



Above is an image of Klavell proudly clutching a signed rugby ball from the Welsh national team, awarded to him by the organisers of the tournament for his attitude throughout the day. They picked

Klavell out of 56 boys to win this award, which is a tremendous achievement. They were amazed at Klavell's ability to turn up and not only join a team, but become a key member of it, having never met them before, showing fantastic leadership and social skills.

LACOCK ABBEY CHRISTMAS TREE COMPETITION

Every year Notton House are invited to decorate a Christmas tree in Lacock Abbey. This year's theme was 'traditions'. Students and staff worked together to decorate the tree with wreaths. The tree becomes part of a Christmas tree trail in which attracts thousands of visitors to the Abbey who are then able to vote for their favorite Christmas tree.



WHAT IS SMSC?

SMSC stands for **spiritual, moral, social and cultural** development. All schools in England must show how well their pupils develop in SMSC. To support our students' development in each of these areas much of our curriculum is planned with SMSC in mind. We also have a dedicated SMSC global project that each class participates in for one lesson a week. Each class chooses a country that forms the basis of their research project. At the end of the term we celebrate our work through a cultural celebrations day.

Spiritual	Explore beliefs and experience; respect faiths, feelings and values; enjoy learning about oneself, others and the surrounding world; use imagination and creativity; reflect.
Moral	Recognise right and wrong; respect the law; understand consequences; investigate moral and ethical issues; offer reasoned views.
Social	Use a range of social skills; participate in the local community; appreciate diverse viewpoints; participate, volunteer and cooperate; resolve conflict; engage with the 'British values' of democracy, the rule of law, liberty, respect and tolerance.
Cultural	Appreciate cultural influences; appreciate the role of Britain's parliamentary system; participate in culture opportunities; understand, accept, respect and celebrate diversity.

AFRICA CELEBRATIONS DAY

Thank you to everyone who attended our Africa Celebrations Day. We all had the chance to experience an African drumming workshop and to collaboratively paint an artwork that now is hung proudly in our corridor. We look forward to seeing many more families at our Asian Celebrations Day, where we will have another artwork to make, an indian dance workshop, quiz and a delicious Chinese lunch.



Below you can see some of the SMSC research Class 8N have been working on this term;

SMSC – TERM 2: Class 8N.

Continent of Asia: Our chosen country – The Philippines

This term our class has been studying The Philippines. It is a country of great beauty, but unfortunately, also great poverty.

Did you know ? The Philippines

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The Philippines was the first country in Southeast Asia to gain independence after World War II, in 1945.

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Current president Benigno Aquino III is the first president of the Philippines to be a bachelor and he is the son of ex-president Corazon Aquino, making him the second president to be a child of a former president.

By Alfie Steadman

The entire landmass of the Philippines is made up islands, making it the second-largest archipelago in the world. In fact, the Philippines has approximately 7,500 islands with only 2,000 of them inhabited and nearly 5,000 still unnamed on global maps.



By Turrell Ferris

The country is prone to typhoons



Causes for poverty are

- low to moderate economic growth for the past 40 years;
- weakness in employment generation and the quality of jobs generated;
- failure to fully develop the agriculture sector.

Research done by Turrell Ferris



These children are fishing for food!

WHAT IS PIXL EDGE?

Term 1 & 2 has seen the start of the PiXL Edge timetable for a number of boys across Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4. The purpose of this programme is being to develop key skills in leadership, organisation, resilience, initiative and communication, all being achieved in a programme and environment out of school.



The boys have spent the majority of term 1 and 2 at The Wild Place Project where they have undertaken a number of different activities including; low ropes course and climbing, archery, zorb football, rope walking, axe throwing and orienteering challenges. The focus on these tasks largely centred on leadership and communication and solving problems in a group.

They have also had the opportunity to build on skills they first learned on the John Muir award by pursuing bush-craft activities in the form of shelter building, safe fire lighting, whittling and conservation.

The boys have taken well to this relatively new opportunity and term 3 gives an opportunity to develop these skills further by engaging further with the community (museum trips and interactive learning opportunities) and continuing the progress they are making.

“ Employers look for young people who are rigorous, rounded and grounded, with not only skills and knowledge, but also the wider behaviours and attitudes that are needed for success in life and work. Programmes such as The Edge that support and encourage this wider development in young people as a part of their school journey are a welcome step towards ensuring that all young people can fulfill their potential.”

Neil Carberry, Director for Employment and Skills, CBI

