

Key Dates

Students return to school- 7/01/2020 **8.40am**
Presentation Evening- 9/1/2020
CAMPS International Assemblies- 17/1/2020
CAMPS International Parents' Evening- 22/1/2020 5pm
NEW Year 11 Prom- 18/06/2020 2020

Friday 20th December 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

On Wednesday we held the staff and student lunch plus 'wear a Christmas jumper to school' day. Students wore either a Christmas jumper of their choice over their school uniform for the day, or a Christmas accessory, with a £1 donation to air ambulance and Leeds Hospital all arranged by our student librarians. We raised over £280- well done to our librarians for their hard work!

Students went for lunch in staggered sittings and were served a roast dinner with all the trimmings and Christmas pudding or mince pie for dessert, the day was enjoyed by all and got us into the Christmas spirit, a perfect precursor to our Christmas concert 'Have a Holly Toddy Christmas' which took place last night including a mince pie and carolling reception from 6pm. Lots of our parents, carers and families turned up to the show to bring in the festive season with us while showing support for our talented students. Many thanks to Miss Brockman, Miss Patchett-Byrne and a number of other staff who were involved in the organisation of the show- their hard work and dedication were apparent in the quality of the event! Today our students will be visited by Santa Claus before they depart at 1pm, as a reward for a fantastic first term.

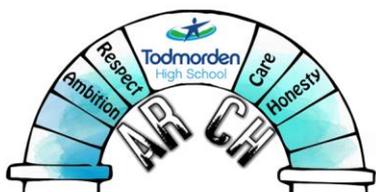
For those of you whose children take an interest in sporting activities Northern Powerhouse Boxing Academy are hosting an Open Day on Sunday 12th January 2020, 10am - 4pm. They are the UK's first female-led boxing club and provide girls and women, boys and men access to coaching sessions, in a safe, welcoming environment. All levels of fitness, all genders, all ages (12+) are welcome! At the open day there is the option to:

- 10.30am - Sample fitness classes including Boxercise, Circuits and Bootcamp
- 11.30am - Watch our boxers sparring in the ring.
- 12.30pm - Boxing Basics - Come and learn the basics of boxing
- 1.30pm - Sample fitness classes including Boxercise, Circuits and Bootcamp
- 2.30pm - Mothers' and Daughters' Boxercise class.

To find out more, call the academy, visit their website or Facebook page. Call: 07818 661 223, Facebook: Northern Powerhouse Boxing www.northernpowerhouseboxing.org.uk.

Our profile this week centres on some amazing homework made by our History students this term. Students were given a brief to create a Motte and Bailey castle and they did not disappoint. The students went above and beyond to create accurate and creative structures to reflect their studies on Norman England. We encourage our students to engage in home learning as a way for them to develop independence and further their studies at home. Well done to all students involved in this project, these set a fine example of an ambitious and unique piece of work.

We remain vigilant in school regarding online safety and students are repeatedly reminded about how to best keep themselves safe online. I know that many parents have apps on their phone allowing them to monitor their child's online activities and this is a great support to our young people who might sometimes make unwise choices as they learn about the adult world. We have become aware that, in some cases, parents have not known about additional fake accounts that young people have set up for themselves, which are consequently not monitored. We would urge all parents to reassure themselves about this within their own families as well as reminding themselves about the age restrictions on many common apps. Should you need any further information around this topic, our website has a wealth of information about online safety, and is updated regularly. Additionally, you can contact your child's relevant learning manager for any additional help and support you might need.



This week a group of students went on a trip to Turf Moor with Mrs K, focusing on self-confidence, aspiration and social action.. This was an opportunity for students to work on the Turf and take part in several inspiring activities. Our students thoroughly enjoyed the trip and many thanks to Mrs K for organising and Mr George for driving the bus and assisting on the day. Feedback from the day was as follows;

- Students engaged in fantastic engaging activities, role play, and received premier league lanyards which they got to keep. Students spent time in the changing rooms, press room where they role-played the journalists, around the football field, and in the shop.
- Students demonstrated brilliant behaviour, were enthusiastic, partook in a celebratory atmosphere, and really enjoyed the day making sure that they asked a number of sensible questions.
- Students took part in project work, were fantastic in their team working, and were all very engaged and enjoyed every minute of it.
- Mr George came along and was very supportive and the BFC team were brilliant and had so many things for the students to do.
- It was a very well-deserved treat that all of them want to repeat and will definitely be put in place again for next year.

School will close for the Christmas break today at 1pm, students will go to their lessons as normal before Eat 1 and then will attend lesson 4 instead of going for Eat 2 at 12.20pm. Students will be dismissed by staff from 1pm onwards, children who have a free school meal will be able to pick up a packed lunch. We hope you have a wonderful Christmas and New Year and we will look forward to welcoming our students back for a fresh start on Tuesday 7th January 2020 at 8.40am. Merry Christmas.

Kind regards,

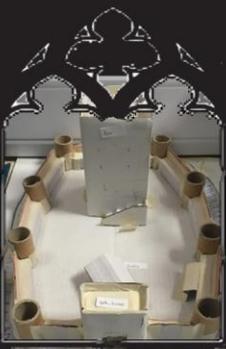
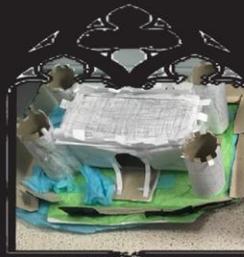
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Miss G Shirt
Headteacher

Student Profile

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IN HISTORY, PUPILS WERE ASKED TO CONSTRUCT A MOTTE AND BAILEY CASTLE AS PART OF THEIR STUDY INTO NORMAN ENGLAND. THE INSTRUCTION WAS TO BE AS CREATIVE AS POSSIBLE, AND CLEARLY PUPILS TOOK THIS MESSAGE ON. THE CREATIVITY AND DETAIL SOME PUPILS SHOWED, NOT TO MENTIONED HARD WORK AND EFFORT HAS JUST BEEN AMAZING. PARTICULAR HIGHLIGHTS WERE THOSE VIRTUAL CASTLES AND THOSE THAT WERE EDIBLE. THE PUPILS SHOULD BE VERY PROUD OF ALL THEIR HARD WORK.



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