

Year 10 Newsletter

We have finally arrived at the Christmas holidays! I cannot remember ever having worked a school term such as the one we have just reached the end of - so many changes, new rules and protocols to keep us safe. The students have done a fantastic job of making this term a successful one; they have demonstrated impressive levels of resilience and we are very proud of everything they have achieved so far. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We are looking forward to seeing the Year 10s, well rested and raring to go, again in 2021.

With best wishes,

Miss Marshall, Mrs Johnson and the Year 10 team.

Golden Tickets



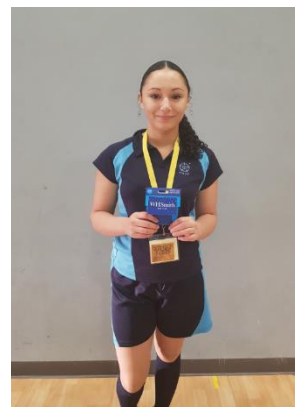
A big congratulations to our top Golden Ticket winners for the fortnight whom all received 4 or more Golden Tickets in lessons across the two weeks:

Chloe W	6
Khogesta S	5
Andrea Q	5
Deon N	5
Kaylia	4
Barira	4
Lucy D	4
Max Q	4
Maisy M-H	4

Well done to all of you and also to all of our Year 10s who received a Golden Ticket in their lesson last week and this week- we appreciate and commend the efforts you make in class to prioritise your learning!

This week we also offered two very special prizes for Golden Ticket winners.

For one of the special prizes a draw was done by Miss Marshall and contained the names of every golden ticket winner this half-term. The winner of a £10 voucher was – Sienna S 10RD2 congratulations Sienna!



The next prize will be awarded by Mr Devenney and will go to the student in the year group with the most Golden Tickets overall for this half-term. If there are multiple students all with the highest number of Golden Tickets then Mr Devenney will pick a name from a hat.

We are looking forward to celebrating more Golden Ticket moments with our Year 10s in the New Year

Christmas Hampers

A big thank you to all those who have donated to their form group's hamper this year. We will be donating to HomeStart Sutton, based in Carshalton. The students have worked extremely hard on these and I hope you will agree, look absolutely amazing!



Parenting Teens in times of uncertainty presentation

Just before half term a workshop was carried out for parents titled 'Parenting Teens in Times of Uncertainty'. Many parents asked for a copy of the presentation and some who couldn't attend also got in touch.

Please follow this link which will take you to a recording of the presentation.

<https://youtu.be/HcW-3Dnh9sI>

FSM Christmas Vouchers

The Government's 'Winter Support Grant' is funding free school meal vouchers for the Christmas school holiday period via the Local Authority (Sutton). The vouchers are for £30 to cover two weeks (Monday 21 December 2020 – Friday 1 January 2021).

The £30 vouchers will be distributed using SchoolVouchers.com (also known as Wonde). Parents/carers have been sent an email from the school via School Comms to explain the process.

If you have not received your Christmas school holiday voucher(s) by Monday 14 December, please contact us via fsm@girlslearningtrust.org and our finance team will assist you.

The local authority website contains further information on the support available during the COVID pandemic and can be visited here <https://www.sutton.gov.uk/covid-19>.

Student Council

Last Wednesday student council held our first meeting, covering a wide range of topics such as improving student's behaviour in lessons, Covid protocols, canteen food, house names and other general inquiries. We discussed the Covid protocols in depth to allow the school to keep students, teachers and parents/guardians safe. We were very impressed with lots of aspects, such as the way the school enforces the government guidelines and the fact that the school provides students with free, practical hand sanitizer bottles and stations. However we raised some concerns in the meetings about the lack of social distancing in the classrooms or the crowding in corridors and offered solutions such as letting students out of lessons at staggered times to avoid crowds. These concerns and solutions will now be raised again in SLT meetings to put these ideas into action.

We then fed back these ideas directly to our forms. We will also present them to student voice that will deliver them to their forms. We gained lots of ideas and constructive criticisms to put forward in our next meeting, and the whole experience was very effective. We had ideas about changing the cartons of water to bottles, using a card or other non – contact ways to pay for food, investing in taking students temperature to check for symptoms and wearing leggings as well as joggers as part of your PE kit for convenience. These ideas are only from one form so far, so we will have many ideas for the next meeting.

Over all the experience was very positive and gave us a sense of value at the school. We look forward to the next meeting.

Lily C and Jessica A

Buisness

What an incredible term it has been for our business students! Our Year 10 business students came back with great enthusiasm and worked hard to readjust to life back in the classroom. The business team have been impressed with how well they have adapted to workbooks and we are excited for the year ahead. It has been so great to have our students back in the classroom and we were particularly impressed with their entrepreneurial skills – resilience, determination and an ability to adapt to a changing environment.

We are looking at the last topic in Theme 1 'Understanding external influences' as the business world continues to face huge challenges. We would encourage them to continue to follow unfolding news that impact business directly and indirectly through these unusual times. Looking forward to seeing our business students grow in confidence and appreciation of the business world. #teambusiness #teamchsg

Jewellery

A polite reminder that students are not permitted to wear earrings in any part of their ear other than their ear lobe.

Our policy is clear that students may wear a small (5mm) plain gold or plain silver stud, one in each ear lobe.

Please do not buy your daughter a piercing as a Christmas gift if it will not conform to the school jewellery policy. Facial piercings of any kind are also not permitted.

Students with piercings in other parts of their ear (or any kind of facial piercing) will be expected to remove it or remain in isolation until it is removed.

Plastic studs and plasters are not permissible.

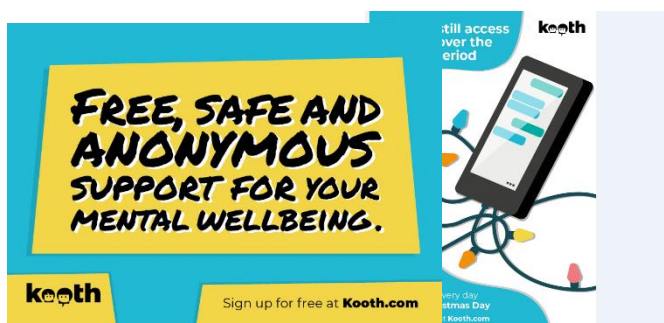
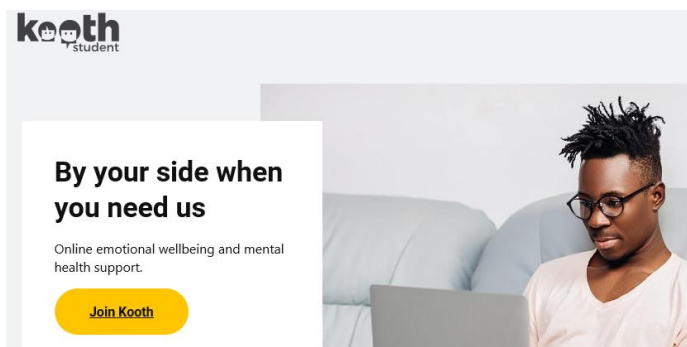
For further information about our Uniform Policy please refer to our website:
<https://www.chsg.org.uk/page/?title=Uniform&pid=339>

Wellbeing support for our young people

As we approach Christmas, the holidays can be a source of great anxiety for some of our young people and their families. There is a lot of support available online which is confidential and free of charge.

Have a look at the video link below to learn more about Kooth, which is an amazing online emotional wellbeing and mental health support.

<https://www.kooth.com/video>



Dates for your diary:

- A reminder that school returns on **4th January 2021 at normal time.**
- Please note that the INSET Day that was on the school calendar for Monday 22nd February will now be cancelled and it will be a normal teaching day.