

Welcome to our half termly newsletter:

I can't believe Christmas is here already and we are at the end of Autumn two! There have been many opportunities that you have been able to participate in and it has been great to see some students in Team 11 getting involved. It has been a tough half term for you as a year group as you have had to juggle revision, home learning, coursework and being able to cope with your mocks. However, you did it! Your tutors, Ms Malhi and I are very proud of you and looking forward to seeing the results in January. Remember that the mocks will allow you to plan and prepare for your real exams. You will be able to identify areas where you will need to put some extra time into revising specific topics and understand where your strengths lie.



I wish you all a Merry Christmas and see you all in the New Year!

Have a wonderful Christmas!

Thanks Miss Thomas



Careers:

Some of the year 11 students had the chance to visit Staffordshire University to see the Psychology department and receive a talk and tour by a current student at the university who studied Psychology. She spoke about what university life is like, not just about the course but what it is like to live at university. In addition to this, the students were able to ask questions about what psychology entails and were able to use the virtual headsets where the students had to complete a number of challenges.

Some students in Y11 were able to visit the Juniper Training HQ in Telford for an Open Event. This was specifically to see if a smaller, more personable option to college would suit them as Juniper specialises in small class sizes and work-ready activities. Students took part in a personality quiz and listened to the various apprenticeship and BTEC options available to study there.

Message from Ms Burke:

As you are approaching the end of your time at TPS, it can be overwhelming when planning your next steps. It's ok if you don't know what to do next; the most important thing to do is to consider your options carefully and choose the best fit based on what you enjoy doing. Remember... you can always change your mind!

My biggest bit of advice right now is to attend open evenings and **apply for everything you are interested in**. You can apply for as many colleges as you like – they don't talk to each other! You can apply for A levels AND an apprenticeship AND a vocational course if you want to... then just withdraw from the others when you make up your mind.

You need to start thinking about applying for places NOW. Apprenticeships close much later, but most sixth forms will start to close applications mid-Jan as they can get a large number of applications. You can always withdraw later if you change your mind.





Student Leadership

This half term a number of year 11 students submitted their student leaders manifestos and prepared a recording to see if they could be successful in becoming one of the head students. All entries were amazing and each and everyone of the students should be proud of themselves as it shows perseverance and courage.

A massive congratulations to Abigail B, Gabriel M, Ramanpreet K and Noah Jones who were successful in becoming a Head Student.

Also a massive congratulations to Heather W, Amy T and Josephine B for becoming senior students.

Ms Thomas is looking forward to working with you all to start planning the prom, leavers hoodies and many more.



The importance of good attendance

This academic year we have had two attendance challenges where if you are in for a certain amount of days then you are invited to have a non school uniform day. Even though we have these attendance challenges to help promote the importance of attendance, it is vital that you try and attend every-day and not just when the challenges are on. Especially with you being in year 11, every lesson that you attend will help to develop your knowledge and understanding of the topics. When you have days off it extends the gaps in your knowledge and make it harder to catch up. We know that when you are ill you physically can't come in, however, those of you who want an extra hour in bed you need to start arriving on time! Thank you so much to all the students who arrive at 8.30am for tutor and attend everyday. We have some students still on 100% attendance! This is great! Thank you!

Attendance Ladder





Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 10th December, students were allowed to wear a Christmas Jumper to raise money for 'Save the Children' Charity. This is a charity who work in over 100 countries in the world including the UK. They help to keep children safe, healthy and learning. They help on tackling big problems like pneumonia, hunger and protecting children in war. It was great to see students participating in the charity event. Thank you so much if you got involved! Your donations will go towards helping many across the world.



Key staff for year 11

Your Tutors: RSN, MDN/PSS, NCE, MSS, JRS, THN, AQE, YGU

These are the staff you see every morning and are there as your first port of call for support.

Head of Year: Miss Thomas

Miss Thomas is also here to support you in school but also to encourage a positive ethos in Team11.

Assistant Head of Year: Ms Malhi

Ms Malhi a non-teaching member of staff to support and help if you have any issues in school or with attendance.

SLT member: Ms Smith



Children in Need:

For Children in need this year students participated in a cake stall. Thank you to those who baked and brought cakes in to sell. The cakes looked amazing! Also, thank you to those students who donated and bought in a cake. In total we were able to raise £75. This money will go towards ensuring every child in the UK is safe, happy, secure and have the opportunities they need to reach their potential. In addition to the cake stall, students were able to come in cultural wear. It was amazing to see all of the bright and colourful clothing! Thank you to those who decided to come dressed up.



Music event

There have been a number of music events this half term especially around the last two weeks due to Christmas. It is great hearing about how fantastic the students performed at Telford FC, Oakengates lights switch on and at the music concert, especially all the students in Team 11. You should be very proud of your performances!





Rewards

Remember during transitions you have the chance to win a raffle ticket. In addition to this students will also be selected from the Team 11 nominations. Each week 5 students will be selected from the box to then receive a prize from Ms Jordan. Then every half term 5 students will be selected to win a voucher where you can decide to have £5 off your prom ticket or £5 off your leavers hoodie.

Congratulations to these students who are the second winners of the vouchers.



Abigail B
Emily D
Mia M
Nedas B
Jack H

