

# Term 3 Newsletter 2019 – 2020



## ***Message from Michelle Reysenn – Headteacher***

Dear families,

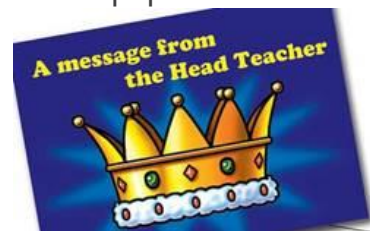
What a wonderful Term 3. So many exciting events and opportunities have taken place. World Number Day was a fantastic event to raise money for the NSPCC. Take a look at the pictures inside! All pupils have enjoyed taking part in Outdoor Education, and this has made a great contribution to the well-being of all involved. Our well-being curriculum continues to be popular every morning, giving pupils the time to get physically and emotionally ready for the day ahead by going to the fitness suite, or having a game of football, or even doing some yoga and mindfulness in the classroom. The new climbing wall and outdoor table tennis are great new additions to the school site which further helps us keep mentally and physically well.

Fantastic learning has been taking place across the school and so many KS4 pupils are completing their qualifications ready for post 16 provision. Many Year 11s already have their post 16 placements confirmed, and we are slowly supporting them with the transition from Notton. Pupils have also been trying hard to wear the correct uniform every day knowing that being part of a school community is so very important.

We have welcomed more new staff this term, all of whom have settled in so well and are loving their time at Notton: Paula and Mark, are both residential childcare officers, Steve works in the kitchen, and Jess, our new engagement worker supports the education team. Jess features inside this newsletter to tell you more about the work she has been doing and what she can provide to support the young people at Notton. I would also like to congratulate Paul Kearley, our KS4 Curriculum Lead, who has been appointed as Deputy Headteacher from Term 5.

You may be aware we have changed our pupil rewards system. We no longer have points being given each day resulting in individual vouchers and awards at the end of term. Instead, pupils in each class work towards achieving 500 stars, and then all pupils can go on a trip together to show how hard they have all worked to get their chosen reward. As headteacher, I am sending a postcard home from myself each week to celebrate individual's successes. I am also sending a £5 voucher to these pupils to say thank you and well done for their improved efforts. Green tokens are still awarded daily for Acts of Kindness, and each week, our assemblies celebrate these, along with the individual pupils of the week, one from each class. Our new system is much fairer to all pupils.

I hope you all have a lovely half term break and I look forward to seeing pupils back on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February. Our next celebration day is Friday April 3<sup>rd</sup>. All families and friends are welcome. Further details to follow next term.



# Notton House Academy Welcomes New Staff



Hello my name is Jess Wilks and I have recently joined Notton House. My role here is to support the pupils and help staff with everyday engagement in education. I have a wide experience working in alternative education in Wiltshire most recently with Kandu Arts as their musical director. I enjoy finding ways to engage individuals with their development and learning in ways that make it fun and easily accessible to every individual.

In my experience music has been overlooked as part of our academic curriculum and I believe it is a really important and rewarding area of study that can energise relax invigorate and help us express ourselves and communicate with each other. To this end I hope that I can provide opportunities for any pupil who has a desire to engage and explore music.

I am classically trained in Piano and oboe and also play guitar (acoustic and electric) bass guitar etc.....there are opportunities for me to teach small groups of beginners, one to one lessons, intermediary and advanced pupils in PIANO, GUITAR, UKELELE, ELECTRIC GUITAR, ELECTRIC BASS, VIOLIN ,FLUTE, DRUM KIT and HAND DRUMS.

With the use of technology we can aim to write a song, explore music history, learn an instrument, join a drumming circle, use computers to create tunes, write and perform an original song etc....or just sing some of our favourites through a microphone and get to know what it's like to record and make music.

Please get in touch if you have any particular interests and bring those old instruments that you once played but have forgotten about.

My teaching also includes general care and maintenance of instruments eg...guitar strings replaced etc.....come and see what you might like to do.

Let's get playing!

## We would also like to welcome

Paula Braddon  
RCCO



Mark Groves  
RCCO



Steve Ward  
Kitchen Assistant



# WINNERS

## Attendance

### 100%

Ruben G  
Lee G  
Josh I-F  
Reagen M  
Haruun M  
Junior M  
Maty O'L  
Jack S  
Caleb S  
Harry W

### 95%

Joe C  
Dylan C  
Bennito D  
Leo D  
Rio E  
Kaydon H  
Ross H  
JK-H  
Brandon L-E  
Tyler N  
Tom P  
Josh S  
Drew T-W  
Cody U

## Green Token Winners

JK-H  
Josh I-F  
Rio E  
Leo D  
Reagen M  
Caleb S  
Harry W

Well done to the following pupils for receiving a Headteacher Postcard home this term;

Drew T-W, Josh I-F, Josh S, JK-H, Connor W

I have also sent a £5 voucher to 3 of these pupils for significant improvement in showing the academy values of Safety, Kindness, and Respect.

Well done to Josh I-F, JK-H, and Connor W – enjoy spending your voucher!



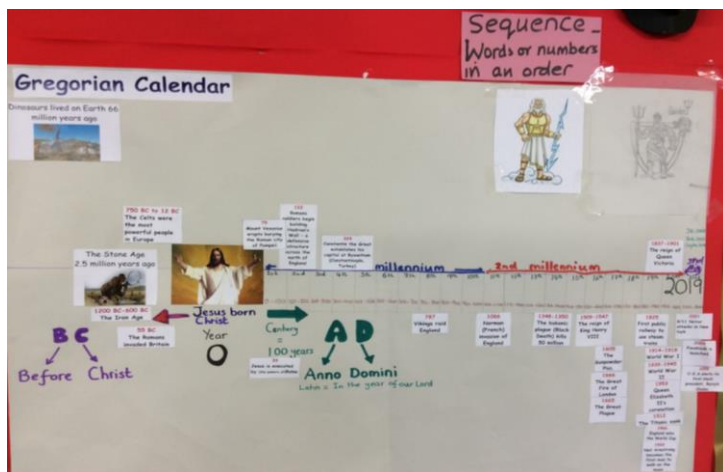


# Primary 1 - Maple Class

This term, in **Maple** class, we have been learning about Chinese New Year. Vas drew some wonderful dragons and the boys helped to paint them. They also wrote their names in Chinese characters on the pictures. The boys have learned about the Chinese zodiac and the lunisolar calendar.



In Humanities, we have been studying the Gregorian calendar and have created a timeline to which we have added significant dates. This has helped the boys to understand BC, AD, millennia, centuries and sequence.



In Maths, the boys are learning about 2D and 3D shapes, nets and angles. In Science, we are studying the characteristics of all living things. Please revise MRS GREN at home! In English, we are learning about poetry and have explored similes and alliteration.

Well done to all the boys for their efforts and engagement. Have a lovely half term holiday!





## Primary 2 - Oak Class



This term has flown by, we have been learning how to care for our own cold water fish. This has been trickier than we expected though as 'Cleatus the Catfish' managed to escape!! (He was rescued and is safe now.) J.K has been researching how to care for our fish and is now the fish expert.



In Literacy we have been writing for a specific purpose. We have learnt about Anne Frank and how to write a diary like she did. We have also been learning how to write and follow instructions. We had fun making fruit smoothies and toast with bananas and then wrote our own instructions for others to follow.



We have been concentrating on learning how to tell the time in Numeracy this term. Some of the older boys have helped us with our learning, being positive mentors and role models.



As a class we are all working hard to earn reward stars towards an end of term trip. We are hoping to go to Lego Land. We decided this together and are all helping each other to be kind, show respect and be the best we can.



Finally, we thought you might like to see how our chicks are growing..... Caroline kindly brought Bob and Chirp Chirp in for a visit. They have grown so much and made loads of mess!!!



# 7/8N Term 3 Newsletter

This term in our class we have been going through writing, giving and receiving instructions in Literacy. We have demonstrated great skill in doing this by playing games in class and using written and practical task sheets to show our understanding of the subject.



In Maths, we've been studying measuring and perimeter throughout the term. The boys have shown their capabilities in using mathematical equipment and their lightning quick arithmetic while solving perimeter problems.



In Outdoor Education we've visited a variety of green spaces to explore and play in, including; Heaven's Gate, Lydiard Park and Victoria Park. Our class have gotten an enormous sense of wellbeing from being out and about. As staff, it is great for us to see the boy's social skills blossom with these outdoor opportunities.

We've been visited by our resident music therapist Matthew every Wednesday morning, which has been amazing for the whole group. Everybody has shown a natural aptitude for playing a musical instrument, special shout outs to Helen on recorder, Caleb on Guitar, Drew on camera and glockenspiel and Maty for singing in front of the group for the first time.

We've also been undertaking a decent amount of cooking in Creative Arts and Humanities. All boys have shown that they are a dab hand in the kitchen making a variety of dishes including, vegetable soup, pizza and even oriental spring rolls in aid of the Chinese New year theme for PSHE.



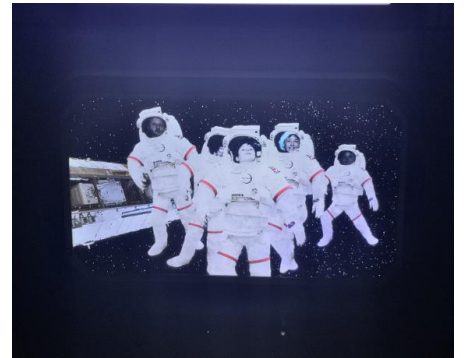


# Middle School

It has been a busy start to 2020 so far in Middle school with everyone doing lots of fun things. Inside the classroom we have managed to get lots of great work out of all of the boys. We have done some amazing humanities with Linda where all of the boys have worked really hard and learnt lots about different religions, especially Sikhism. A special mention to Dylan who has worked amazingly and been stand out in the classroom throughout these lessons. The boys have also learnt lots about poems this term, reading lots and beginning to write our own.



On outdoor learning we have been doing some amazing things. We visited 'We the Curious' in Bristol which the boys loved. They really enjoyed seeing all of the different exhibits and loved playing around with them. The stand out things were



the 3D planetarium though, where we went on a trip around the solar system.

We have also been visiting the local parks in the area where the boys have been able to run around and let off some steam.



# Esports 2020

So far this academic year, Notton House pupils in years 9-11 have represented the school in Esports against a wide range of schools and colleges from around the country. Next term, we are also competing against 13 other Alternative Provision schools, including KnowleDGE!

I am sure the interest levels will increase when this fixture comes around.



## College Destinations

In a small school, we have many great opportunities to provide personalised support to all of our boys. This is very true of the excellent support they receive when applying for colleges and post 16 courses.



So far this year, we have already supported students on visits to providers in and around Bristol, including Access Creative College, Farleigh College, City of Bristol College and South Gloucester and Stroud College.



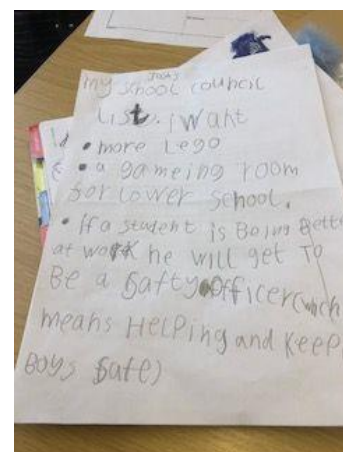
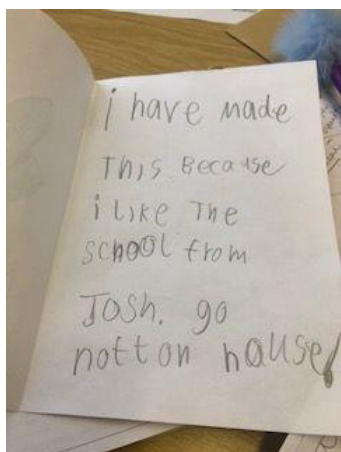
Applications and interviews will continue throughout term 4 as we help our year 11 students secure the best post 16 opportunities available to them.





# Pupil Voice

It is lovely when pupils ask to see me and suggest ideas. Look at what Josh in lower school has suggested.



## We have a climbing wall!

We have a new low level climbing/ traversing wall to help our young people keep a healthy mind and healthy body.



## Middle Eastern Art

Staff, pupils, and families, enjoyed workshops in cooking, drumming, and art as part of our SMSC celebration day.



# Delicious Christmas Meal

Staff and pupils enjoyed a fabulous Christmas meal. Thank you to Sam, Paula, and Theresa for making this happen!



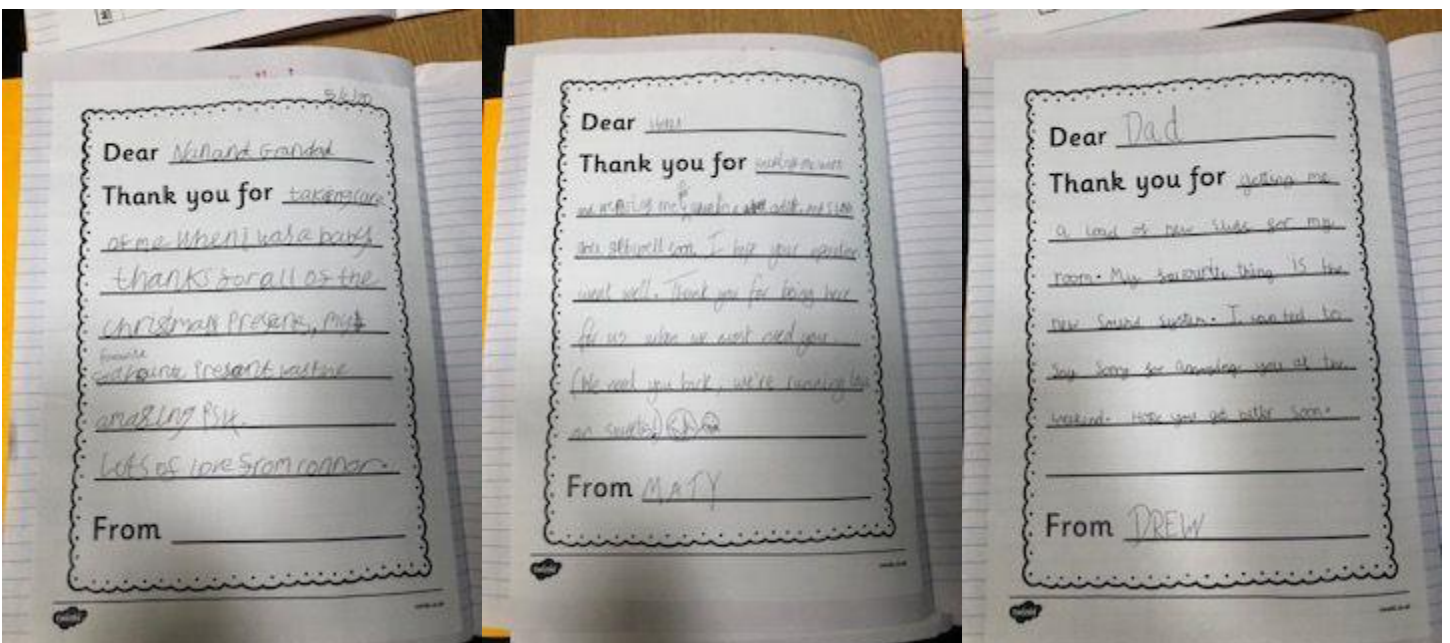
# Christmas Wreaths

Students took part in a Christmas Wreath Making Workshop. Don't they look fabulous?!



# Wonderful Writing!

Pupils in middle school have been writing thank you letters.

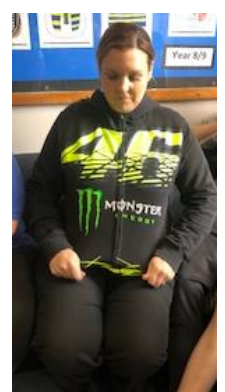




# Number Day 2020



Staff and pupils wore an item of clothing with a number on today to raise money for the NSPCC.





# NOTTON CARE

What are we doing to improve what we offer as individualised activities for boys?

“We are bored; we have nothing to do”

Notton care team, strive to offer various activities and broaden horizons of an evening. We welcome any feedback from parents, carers and most importantly, the boys, so please contact the school with ideas and we can hopefully make your suggestion the next big thing to happen!

Here at Notton house we are always looking at what we can offer in the way of activities or things to do to keep the boys entertained.

We have an excellent new Climbing wall.



We have also recently had installed a new table tennis table outside – mainly for those summer months – but it's already been put to good use!



Remember if you have an idea on something we may be able to introduce onto the activity plan, be sure to let us know!



Smart devices promise to make our lives easier. And in many cases - they do. But these new technologies present risks too. Whether you're using a digital assistant to record your shopping list or you're controlling your lights through a smart system, many smart functions can be 'hacked' and controlled by someone outside your home. This guide will help you identify some of the ways you can stay alert and protect yourself.

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### KNOW THE RISKS

The success of any smart device relies on it communicating with other devices using the Internet. It's an unavoidable part of using smart devices, but it does expose you to numerous risks. Attackers could use the Internet connection to steal your data for identity fraud or to make unauthorised purchases through your devices. There is even potential for more sinister exploitation, such as child grooming or cyber-bullying.

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### WHAT IS THE INTERNET OF THINGS?

This is the term given to all the devices connected to the Internet in your home. It includes a new digital doorbell connected to your smartphone, your kettle that boils when you tell it to on your tablet or your heating that comes on when you swipe on your smart watch. The Internet of Things (IoT) is designed to make life easier, but it also opens up your home network to potential cyber-attacks. It doesn't mean you can't enjoy the benefits, but it does mean being aware of the potential negatives.

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### SECURE YOUR DEVICES

If you do use apps on your smartphone to control devices in your home, make sure your smartphone is secure. At the very least makes sure the pin function is enabled, as well as any biometric authentication you have. Where possible, it's also a good idea to download some anti-virus software for your smartphone.

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### KEEP YOUR SOFTWARE UP TO DATE

Manufacturers constantly update and improve software used in smart devices. Some will automatically alert you to an update, but not all do. To be on the safe side, it's a good idea to set reminders in your calendar. Check the manufacturer's website for any updates and run them if necessary.

### CHECK ENCRYPTION SETTINGS

Whenever data is sent over the Internet, it is 'encrypted'. This makes it harder to read if it's intercepted. You should look to use a strong encryption setting, such as WPA2, rather than WPA or WEP. Again, you can check your router manual for how to do this.

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### RENAME THE 'GATEWAY' TO YOUR HOME

Your Internet router is the virtual gateway to your home network. It needs protecting. To do this, you should change the default name (the SSID) and password. You can usually find steps to do this in the instruction manual. Don't use your family name. Choose something more obscure. Make the password complicated too, using upper and lower-case letters, numbers and symbols. Do this for your router and any other smart devices connected to the Internet.

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# 14 Top Tips To Get Smart About The DEVICES In Your Home



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### USE A SEPARATE NETWORK FOR GUESTS

If your router has a feature that allows you to set up a separate network for guests, you should use it. That way, when guests use your Wi-Fi they won't have access to your devices.

### TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS

If you ever feel something is wrong or your network is being exploited, visit the manufacturer's website or ring their technical support department. It's better to be safe than sorry.

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### SAY GOODBYE TO SIRI AND ALEXA

It's a good idea to change the activation words on your smart devices so they are unique to you and your family. This makes it that much harder for people to break into your smart devices.

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### DEACTIVATE ANY UNNECESSARY FEATURES

Though it's a fun idea, you probably don't need to control your kettle from outside the house. In fact there are often many unnecessary features included on smart devices. Where possible, you should look to disable these. Doing so reduces the ability for people to hack your devices. And, when someone sees you've actively taken steps to increase security, they're less inclined to try to compromise them.

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### BUILD A WALL

You could also purchase a dedicated 'firewall' device. This is something that plugs into your network and stops cyber threats reaching your router. Some routers do have a firewall element included, but they are no replacement for the real thing. A firewall device thoroughly analyses information coming into and out of your network and helps stop malicious attacks. A security device is strongly recommended to anyone who works from home or deals with sensitive information.

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### REGULARLY AUDIT YOUR DEVICES AND CONSOLES

Every now and then you should check through all of your smart devices (including games consoles connected to the Internet). Turn them off at the mains and disconnect them from the Internet. In fact, it's good practice to disconnect any devices that aren't in use. It's a small thing but really does help. Even when you think a device might be in sleep mode, if it's connected to the Internet it could still be listening or streaming data.

## Meet our expert

Emma Davis was a secondary school Computer Science teacher for more than decade. Since leaving education, she has been working in a cyber security firm delivering cyber awareness training to businesses and carrying out network testing. She is a mother of a five-year-old, she's had vast experience of controlling and managing how children access online services and use apps.



SOURCES: <https://www.ncsc.gov.uk>, <https://www.getsafeonline.org>

[www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com)

Twitter - @natonlinesafety

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# FIFTEEN APPS

## PARENTS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

### MEETME



MEETME IS A DATING SOCIAL MEDIA APP THAT ALLOWS USERS TO CONNECT WITH PEOPLE BASED ON GEOGRAPHIC PROXIMITY. AS THE APP'S NAME SUGGESTS, USERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO MEET EACH OTHER IN PERSON.

### GRINDR



GRINDR IS A DATING APP CEARED TOWARDS GAY, BI AND TRANSGENDER PEOPLE. THE APP GIVES USERS OPTIONS TO CHAT, SHARE PHOTOS AND MEET UP BASED ON A SMART PHONE'S GPS LOCATION.

### SKOUT



SKOUT IS A LOCATION-BASED DATING APP AND WEBSITE. WHILE USERS UNDER 17-YEARS-OLD ARE UNABLE TO SHARE PRIVATE PHOTOS, KIDS CAN EASILY CREATE AN ACCOUNT USING A DIFFERENT AGE.

### WHATSAPP



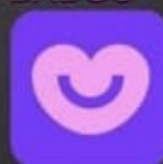
WHATSAPP IS A POPULAR MESSAGING APP THAT ALLOWS USERS TO SEND TEXTS, PHOTOS, MAKE CALLS AND VIDEO CHATS WORLDWIDE. WHATSAPP USES AN INTERNET CONNECTION ON SMART PHONES AND COMPUTERS.

### TIKTOK



TIKTOK IS A NEW MOBILE DEVICE APP POPULAR WITH KIDS USED FOR CREATING AND SHARING SHORT VIDEOS. WITH VERY LIMITED PRIVACY CONTROLS, USERS ARE VULNERABLE TO BULLYING AND EXPLICIT CONTENT.

### BADOO



BADOO IS A DATING AND SOCIAL NETWORKING APP WHERE USERS CAN CHAT, SHARE PHOTOS AND VIDEOS AND CONNECT BASED ON LOCATION. WHILE THE APP IS INTENDED FOR ADULTS ONLY, TEENS ARE KNOWN TO CREATE PROFILES.

### BUMBLE



BUMBLE IS SIMILAR TO THE POPULAR DATING APP 'TINDER' HOWEVER, IT REQUIRES WOMEN TO MAKE THE FIRST CONTACT. KIDS HAVE BEEN KNOWN TO USE BUMBLE TO CREATE FAKE ACCOUNTS AND FALSIFY THEIR AGE.

### SNAPCHAT



SNAPCHAT IS ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR APPS IN RECENT YEARS. WHILE THE APP PROMISES USERS CAN TAKE A PHOTO/VIDEO AND IT WILL DISAPPEAR, NEW FEATURES INCLUDING 'STORIES' ALLOW USERS TO VIEW CONTENT FOR UP TO 24

### KIK



KIK ALLOWS ANYONE TO CONTACT AND DIRECT MESSAGE YOUR CHILD. KIDS CAN BYPASS TRADITIONAL TEXT MESSAGING FEATURES. KIK GIVES USERS UNLIMITED ACCESS TO ANYONE, ANYWHERE, ANYTIME.

### LIVE.ME



LIVE.ME IS A LIVE-STREAMING VIDEO APP THAT USES GEOLOCATION TO SHARE VIDEOS SO USERS CAN FIND OUT A BROADCASTER'S EXACT LOCATION. USERS CAN EARN 'COINS' AS A WAY TO 'PAY' MINORS FOR PHOTOS.

### HOLLA



HOLLA IS A SELF-PROCLAIMED 'ADDICTING' VIDEO CHAT APP THAT ALLOWS USERS TO MEET PEOPLE ALL OVER THE WORLD IN JUST SECONDS. REVIEWERS SAY THEY HAVE BEEN CONFRONTED WITH RACIAL SLURS, EXPLICIT CONTENT AND MORE.

### WHISPER



WHISPER IS AN ANONYMOUS SOCIAL NETWORK THAT PROMOTES SHARING SECRETS WITH STRANGERS. IT ALSO REVEALS A USER'S LOCATION SO PEOPLE CAN MEET UP.

### ASK.FM



ASK.FM IS KNOWN FOR CYBER BULLYING. THE APP ENCOURAGES USERS TO ALLOW ANONYMOUS PEOPLE TO ASK THEM QUESTIONS.

### CALCULATOR%



CALCULATOR% IS ONLY ONE OF SEVERAL SECRET APPS USED TO HIDE PHOTOS, VIDEOS, FILES AND BROWSER HISTORY.

### HOT OR NOT



HOT OR NOT ENCOURAGES USERS TO RATE YOUR PROFILE, CHECK OUT PEOPLE IN THEIR AREA, AND CHAT WITH STRANGERS. THE GOAL OF THIS APP IS TO HOOK UP.



## 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 2019-2020



School Holiday



Bank Holiday



Pupil Day



Inset Day



Pupil Inductions/Annual

September 2019						
Mon		2	9	16	23	30
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