

Term 1 Newsletter 2020 – 2021



Message from Michelle Reysenn – Headteacher

Dear families,

It has been an amazing start to 2020-21 with so many wonderful things taking place on-site, off-site, during the day, and during the evening.

Firstly, I would like to welcome new staff: Marin, Becky, Niro, and Sue, to Care, Kelly and Tiff to education, Claire to Admin, and Jess to Cleaning. Secondly, I would also like to welcome new students: David, TyShone, Anthony, Mason, Charlie, all to Lower School, and Jack, Theo, Tk, Cason, Keegan, Owen, and Connor to Middle School.

I will also take this opportunity to congratulate all Year 11 students who have achieved their qualifications to take them onto their next place of education or training.

Over the summer, there were significant site updates ranging from the installation of raised beds, updating bathrooms, spray painting of care area entrance doors, painting of the external wood of the education block, updating the sensory rooms, creating a new sensory garden, clearing out the orchard to create a forest schools area... the list goes on! There were even some more treats for staff with a freshly painted and carpeted staffroom, meeting room, admin offices, and a refurbished laundry!

The fact remains, that staff and student well-being will continue to be the utmost priority at Notton House Academy and at all the schools in Learn@ Multi Academy Trust. Investing in the environment both inside and out no doubt helps with well-being, by creating comfort, curiosity, and a sense of safety and security.

However, I still feel it is such a shame that we cannot get together to celebrate all of the achievements at Notton House, but we hope that staying apart won't last for too much longer. I have been so very impressed with how students have responded to the changes that have been put in place to keep everyone safe, including regular sanitising and washing of hands, wearing masks in enclosed spaces, keeping distance from others where possible, and having their temperature checked daily.

Finally, I wish you all a restful half term, and the message remains the same: Stay Safe.

Michelle. x

WINNERS

Attendance 100%

Theo	T-Khoda
Dylan	Leo
Rio	Jack G-O
Ruben	Anthony
Josh I-F	Brandon
Junior	Caleb
Connor W	

Attendance 95% and above

David	Lee G
JK	Mason
Tom	Charlie



Subject Winners

Lower School 1

Mason – Literacy
 Charlie – Maths
 Anthony – Overall Primary

Lower School 2

Tyshone – Reading
 David – Maths
 Josh I-F – Science

Middle School 1

Brandon – Resilience
 Thomas – Kindness

Middle School 2

Cason – Maths
 T-Khoda – English

Upper School

Drew – English
 Caleb – Maths
 Connor M – Science
 Connor M – Art
 Caleb – PE
 Josh S – Food

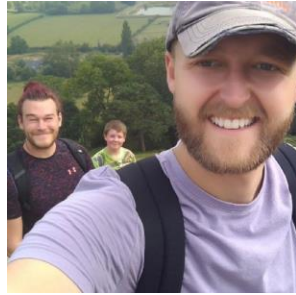
Green Token Winners

Dylan
 Brandon
 Thomas
 Jack G-O
 Josh I-F



SUMMER OUTREACH VISITS

Staff had a great time seeing a number of pupils over the summer. The photos speak volumes!



NEW PUPILS LOVING THE OUTDOORS



David, Charlie, and Cason, are all new to NHA. They are loving the outdoors, spending time with the chicks, and in the poly tunnel. Rio is enjoying being back at Notton, spending time with Caroline on the farm!



BOXING WITH EMPIRE FIGHTING CHANCE

Pupils love taking part in boxing every Monday. What fantastic pics!



YEAR 11 DESTINATIONS

Well done to all pupils! We wish you well!

- ❖ Ben – Animal Care at Lackham
- ❖ Lee – Animal Care at Lackham
- ❖ Panashe – Media at SGSE
- ❖ Haruun – Public Services at City of Bristol College
- ❖ Jack – Hitz Programme with Bristol Rugby or Internship in Mechanics
- ❖ Kaydon – Foundation Studies at SGSC
- ❖ Cody – Foundation Studies at Swindon College
- ❖ Fabian – Level 1 Construction at SGSC
- ❖ Kade –Learn@ MAT ALP
- ❖ Anthony – Impact Mentoring Bespoke Programme
- ❖ Jason, Joe, Kyle – Learn@ MAT Post 16 Provision

WE ARE IN THE FINALS!!!



Well done to EVERYONE! Notton House Academy has been shortlisted for Special School of the Year 2020!

A virtual awards ceremony will take place on Friday 13th November.

SITE DEVELOPMENTS



The start of our sensory garden installation, O's and X's and a Music station to follow this term, plus a new permanent canopy to cover the grassed area

Admin areas and staff room have been updated with new décor and carpets



A new chicken house and run ready for the chicks to arrive

The start of our new forest school area, more exciting new developments to follow in the October half term



The outside of the education block has been painted

The polytunnel has had a new cover and raised planters built ready for each class



Doors to all the care areas have had a makeover

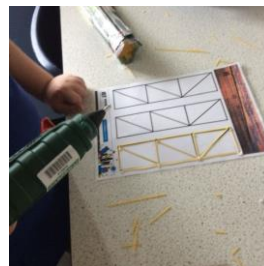
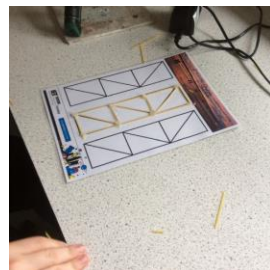
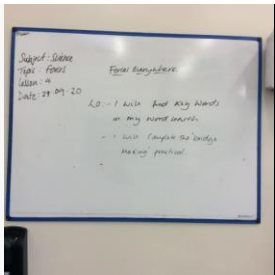


THE CHICKS ARE BACK!

Pupils in lower school are loving the return of the chicks and ducklings! Some are so much bigger than others, but they are all the same age! Charlie - great hiding place!




SCIENCE AT NOTTON



AGAT MATHS AT NOTTON

Maths Skills Session:



Leo and Caleb joined Paul and Ant for a morning session of maths. They learnt how to find Pi and how to follow a problem solving strategy: UNPACK. Both were awesome (Leo and Caleb) and worked really hard to solve new and challenging problems.

I am going to UNPACK these Maths Problems!

Underline important information in the question.


Understand what the question is asking me.

What maths/ Processes will I be using?

My Answer to the question.

Have I Checked my work?

I Know my answer makes sense.



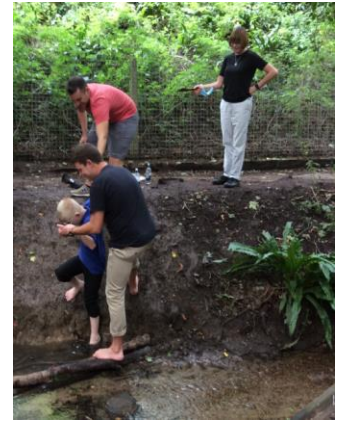
LOWER SCHOOL

Term 1 with Sarah, Natalie, Amy, Steve & Thani

This term we have been spending time getting to know each other and exploring our local area.

We have been working as a team outdoors....

We had fun finding clues and following directions to solve our dinosaur hunt...



We have been working together to talk about what different emotions look and feel like, to help us understand our feelings.

In class we have been looking after some baby chicks, Caroline has been teaching us how to care for them. We enjoyed holding the chicks and designing new homes for them....



We are all looking forward to term 2 leading up to Christmas, where we have planned lots more exciting adventures!

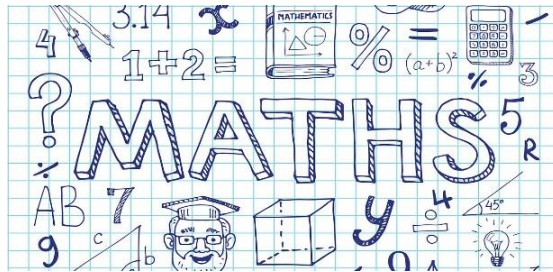
MIDDLE SCHOOL 1

Term 1 with Anton & Nathan

The Vertical Middle School group is delighted to share with you details about all the exciting ways we have been learning and the extracurricular activities that we have done. This term 'reading and phonics' has been a real success.



Our students have engaged really well with their learning, and many of them have been awarded 'student' of the week for their endeavours. Well done to Thomas, Brandon and Dylan for the efforts in their reading and spelling. Congratulations to Thomas, Rio, Dylan Jack and Brandon for the work that they have put into their Maths, with myself and Nathan.



SCIENCE NEWS

In science pupils have been looking at 'Forces' and we began by building towers out of spaghetti and marshmallows, and discussing how forces affect objects.



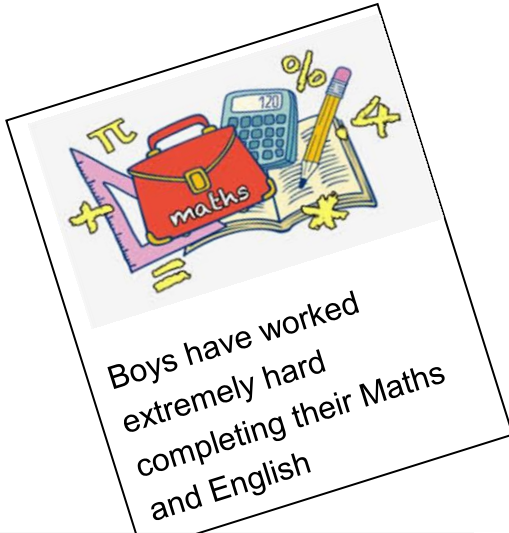
Students investigated forces by performing a bridge building practical and seeing how much mass their bridge could withstand, and then investigated air resistance by building parachutes.

MIDDLE SCHOOL 2

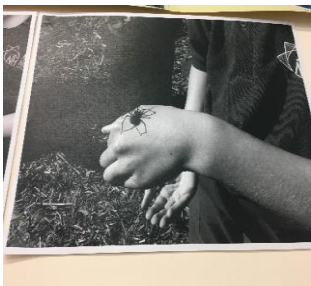
Term 1 with Helen, Vas and Tiff

We have had a great start to the term and welcomed, Leo, Cason, Tkhoda, Theo and Jack to the class.

We have enjoyed getting to know each other and playing lots of games in our Wellbeing lessons. A favourite game at the moment is Dinkee and Pictureka.



The Outdoor Learning with Paul has included clearing the orchard and learning all about making fires to burn the rubbish. We also went off site to collect wood from a nearby field ready to fill up the log store. Theo recently found a very scary spider!!



Music has been a big hit in the class, with weekly visits from Matthew and Jess! We have been learning to perform as a group and showing lots of respect.

All classes in the school have been allocated a raised bed in the polytunnel area, we are looking forward to growing our own flowers and vegetables



MIDDLE SCHOOL 3

Term 1 with Ant, Ollie & Kelly



A great start to term for our tutor group (Mid 3). Connor has joined our class, and has settled in really well, he has already won his first green token prize for contributing to our maths WOW work board. We have started our outdoor education project (including fire lighting) and planted parsley,



cauliflower and onions ready for us to monitor as they grow. We have also been enjoying the nicer weather and enjoyed doing some outdoor learning around our school site. We look forward to another new student Owen starting soon and are ready to welcome him into our class.



WE ARE NOW A REGISTERED D OF E CENTRE



It is fantastic that we can now run the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme at Notton House, for pupils to achieve even more qualifications.

<https://www.dofe.org/>

UPPER SCHOOL 1

Term 1 with Andy, Tom and Pete

Caleb, JK, Maty, Ruben and Cameron have had a promising start to the school year.

All have produced some excellent work in English and Maths. The starter activity in English is to make as many words as they can from nine letters in five minutes. Within lessons they have been working on comprehension - reading a passage and answering questions about it. We are now moving onto group discussion work where a topic is given which the group have to research. Once the research is done, the group will sit down and discuss it.

In Maths some students have been working on Sumdog using the computer whilst others have been learning multiplication and division. Soon they will move on to long division!!

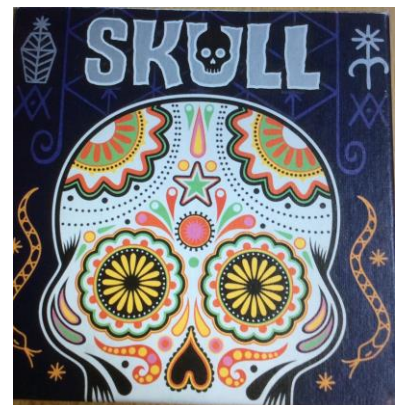


Our chosen country for SMSC is Hawaii and we have been finding out lots of interesting facts about this interesting group of islands.

We have some fantastic cooks too! In Food Tech the class have made pizza, spaghetti bolognese and vegetable soup. The vegetables for the soup were skillfully chopped using a knife and different cutting techniques. This week some lovely sponge cakes were baked with students working independently by following a recipe.



To ease into the day in Tutor Group we normally start with a game of "Skull". It is a very old card game using skulls and roses! It is simple to learn but very difficult to win!! We have some budding experts now, but Andy is the most difficult person to beat! If you haven't played it you need to get it!



Well done lads! Enjoy half term and come back refreshed ready for more learning next term!

UPPER SCHOOL 2

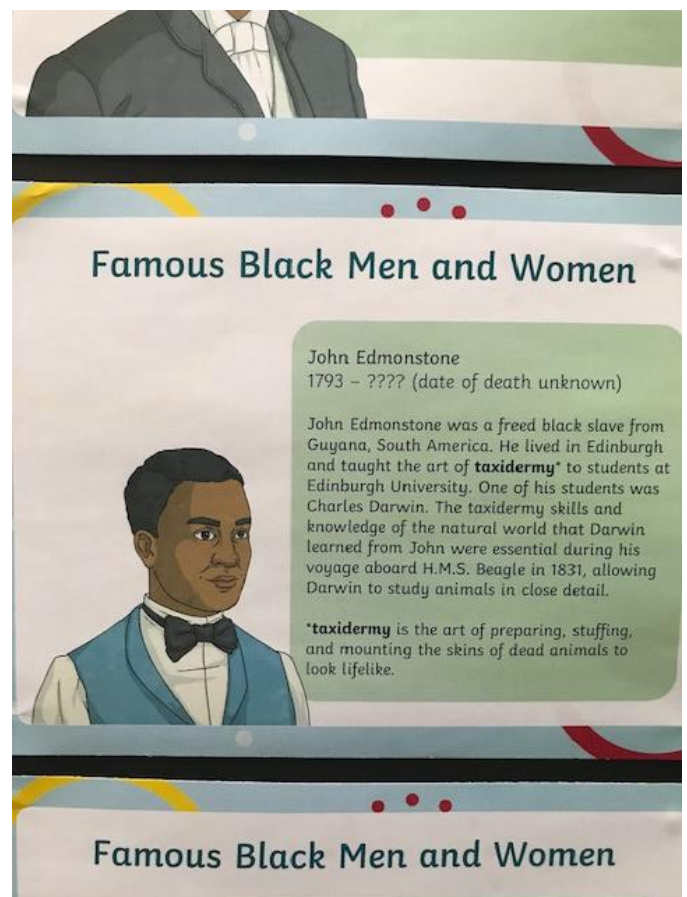
Term 1 with Ben & Becky



YEAR 9'S FOCUSED DISPLAY THIS TERM IS ON

'BLACK HISTORY MONTH.'

THERE ARE MANY INSPIRATIONAL BLACK MEN & WOMEN FEATURED ON THERE- INCLUDING A MAN CALLED JOHN EDMONSTONE, A FREED BLACK SLAVE, WHO TAUGHT TAXIDERMY TO STUDENTS IN HIS HOME CITY, EDINBURGH. ONE SUCH STUDENT WAS THE WORLD-FAMOUS SCIENTIST, CHARLES DARWIN!



UPPER SCHOOL 3

Term 1 with Ron & Sharon

Our new year 11 boys have got off to a fantastic start, they have settled well going into a new school year, setting mostly good examples for our younger boys and starting to think about their post 16 options, they come around very quickly indeed and before they know it those pesky GCSE's will be upon us, so lots of things for them to think about, and to be the best they can now and in the future.

Josh S is our green token award winner for this term and has been very proud of himself.

Turrell has made a good start back and his humour keeps us laughing, along with Harry W who also keeps us entertained, both boys keep us on our toes at all times!

Reagen is no stranger to year 11 after already completing his GCSE's this year with great results, which has led him to Trowbridge college to begin his journey into The Royal Marines, by starting a level 2 Prep for Military course, a fantastic achievement.

Myself and Ron are very proud of our boys and we are always here to help and listen with any concerns, and always give lots of encouragement so that they can all become the best that they can be.

Well done Year 11.

OUTDOOR EDUCATION



A fantastic start to the term for outdoor education.

We have been very busy in our new bush craft area with clearing and tidying the location. All the children have been accessing the area with upper/middle school boys beginning to work towards their John Muir Discovery Award. We

have big plans for the next half term with the boys all contributing to ideas of what their vision for the area is to be. We have the parachute shelter beginning to be erected over half term plus plans to build an outdoor classroom with a

pizza oven. We have enjoyed hunting for bugs and little critters, looking also at how we can best conserve the area. The boys have all now joined in with fire lighting and fire safety, showing great maturity and commitment to maintaining safety

and learning.





LEARNING SUPPORT

Lego Based Therapy with Jane & Amy



Students work in groups of two or three taking on the role(s) of either the engineer, the supplier or the builder.

My job title is...

Engineer

My role is...

To look at the instructions and tell the rest of the group which bricks they should be using and where they should go.



My job title is...

Builder

My role is...

To follow the instructions that I have been given by the Engineer and put the pieces together



My job title is...

Supplier

My role is...

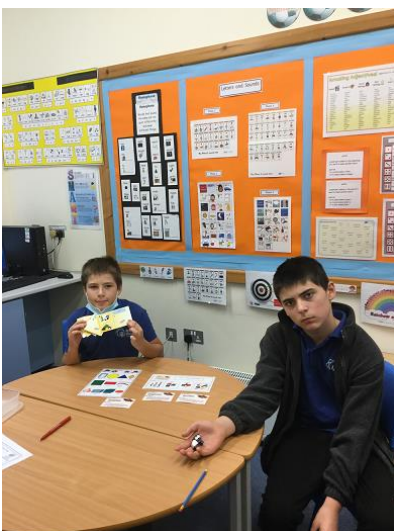
To find the bricks that I have been asked to look for by the engineer and give them to the builder



Aims of Lego

Group include:

- Turn taking
- Encouraging students to work together
- Communication skills
- Promotes problem solving
- Supports listening skills
- Encourages joint attention
- Helps them to learn a range of concepts such as positional language, colour, shape, size
- Being able to use their describing skills to communicate effectively



Students have enjoyed this group.





COMPETITION TIME!



All participants welcome Spooky Halloween prizes to be won!

Care staff are challenging you and your adults to a pumpkin carving competition – who can come up with the scariest, spookiest, most inspirational designs? Above are a few that can be done, but we want to see what you can come up with. Please email pictures into Notton House Academy along with who has created the design – even better, why not take a picture of you with your pumpkin for us all to see!

Good luck and get carving over the October half term. Winners will be given certificates and prizes next term. We look forward to seeing your 'Spooktacular' efforts!





Know Your Symptoms

Covid-19

- Fever
- Dry Cough
- Fatigue
- Shortness of Breath

Flu

- Fever
- Dry Cough
- Runny Nose
- Headache
- Sore Throat
- Muscle and Joint Pain

Cold

- Cough
- Sore Throat
- Aches and Pains
- Watery Eyes
- Sneezing
- Runny or Stuffy Nose

Allergies

- Sneezing
- Coughing
- Itchy Eyes
- Runny or Stuffy Nose

Please check [gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk) for up to date information regarding Covid-19 information.



Ways a Parent Can Help with **READING**

1

Let your child see you reading!

Have magazines and books in your home.

2

Help your child find appropriate reading and word games online.

Keep a dictionary on hand. Help your child look up new words.

3

Read mysteries with your child and try to figure out the clues together.

4

Movie version coming out?

Read the book together first, then talk about which you each liked better.

5

Set aside a time and place for your child to read -

like a comfy chair and a reading light in a quiet place

6

Visit your public library regularly.

Look for and read together the books that were your favorites when you were a kid.

7

Encourage your child to write -

letters, thank you notes, emails, journals, lists, stories about their own trips, events, and daily life

8

Ask your child questions about what her or she is reading, such as:

- What is the story about?
- Who are the important people in the story?
- Where does the story take place?
- Why do you think that person made that choice?
- What do you think will happen next?
- How did you know about...?
- Would you recommend this book to your friends?

9

Ask your child to draw a comic strip about what happens in the story.

Provide word searches, crossword and other word games and puzzles, or help your child make his/her own



Share with your child about what you're reading... and encourage your child to do the same

10 FREE LEARNING WEBSITES {FOR KIDS}

Here's a list of some fun, educational, and safe websites for your child to visit and explore on those hot summer days!

<p>Switcheroo Zoo www.switcheroozoo.com Watch, listen and play games to learn all about amazing animals!</p>	<p>Fun Brain www.funbrain.com Play games while practicing math and reading skills</p>
<p>Nat Geo for Kids www.kids.nationalgeographic.com Learn all about geography and fascinating animals</p>	<p>PBS Kids www.pbskids.org Hang out with your favorite characters all while learning!</p>
<p>Into the Book www.reading.ecb.org Go "into the book" to play games that practice reading strategies</p>	<p>Star Fall www.starfall.com Practice your phonics skills with these read-along stories</p>
<p>Seussville www.seussville.com Read, play games, and hang out with Dr. Seuss and his friends</p>	<p>Storyline Online www.storylineonline.net Have some of your favorite stories read to you by movie stars!</p>
<p>ABC YA www.abcy.com Practice math and reading skills all while playing fun games!</p>	<p>Highlights Kids www.highlightskids.com Read, play games, and conduct cool science experiments!</p>

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 2020-2021



School Holiday



Bank Holiday



Pupil Day



Inset Day



Pupil Inductions/Annual

September 2020						
Mon		7	14	21	28	
Tue	1	8	15	22	29	
Wed	2	9	16	23	30	
Thu	3	10	17	24		
Fri	4	11	18	25		
Sat	5	12	19	26		
Sun	6	13	20	27		

October 2020						
Mon		5	12	19	26	
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November 2020						
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December 2020						
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January 2021						
Mon		4	11	18	25	
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February 2021						
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March 2021						
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April 2021						
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May 2021						
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July 2021						
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August 2021						
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Learn@ MAT INSET Days: 12th October 2020 and 5th February 2021; Possible additional Learn@ INSET 4th January 2021

NHA INSET Days: 1st September 2020; 7th & 8th September 2020; 1st April 2021; 25th June 2021