

Term 6 Newsletter 2021 – 2022



Message from Michelle Reysenn – Headteacher

Dear Families

Another term, and another school year has passed. What a year it has been, in so many ways, and I cannot begin to try to summarise all that has taken place. But what I do want to mention is this... THANK YOU to everyone! Staff, pupils, families, visitors, neighbours... to families for supporting the education of your young people, for caring for them, for coming in when needed, for meetings, events, and review days, thank you for sending your child to school as often as possible, for helping keep your child safe; to staff for being educators, care workers, taxi drivers, attendance workers; to pupils for trying your very best to be the BEST version of YOU! We are all part of the NHA community, and we all make this the best place to live and be educated. And Ofsted recognised this too, awarding us a GOOD for education and safeguarding. We are so thankful and grateful to all.

So term 6 highlights... award trips to Thorpe Park, Paulton's Park, Go Karting, Bowood, Longleat; Weekly swimming lessons for primary and year 7 pupils; Water safety lessons at the lakes in South Cerney; a superb range of evening care activities including foot golf, snooker, trampolining, cinema trips and more; plus, an alternative sports day, which we called a wet and wild adventure! Thank you to all who came, in the blistering heat, and we hope you enjoyed the time spent with us and with your child. I'm sure everyone loved their ice cream treat too! For those of you who were unable to attend, we have made the decision to host our 'normal' (!) sports day in September, for some more traditional sporting activities and races, when the weather is hopefully cooler.

Covid disappeared from our setting for a couple of terms, but term 6 saw the return of half a dozen cases per week, resulting in us adjusting our evening plans, to ensure ratios are kept at a safe level. Thank you to all families who helped support us with any last minute decisions regarding children coming home for the night. Safety and safeguarding will always be a priority.

Finally, we say goodbye to colleagues, who are moving on to new challenges and experiences. Tom G, Learning Facilitator, has been with us over 3 years. He has been a wonderful member of the team, and has supported so many of the young people during his time at Notton. We also say goodbye to Niro T, residential childcare officer, who has been with us for two years; he has worked closely with a number of middle school pupils, helping them and caring for them during the evenings. Both staff will be greatly missed, but we wish them the very best in their future pathways.

So for now, I wish you all a lovely summer holiday. Relax, rest, and enjoy time with friends and family. Stay safe, have fun, and always, keep SMILING!

Michelle Reysenn
Headteacher



PS. September 1st and 2nd are staff training days. Pupils return on Monday 5th September.

Term 6 WINNERS!

Green Token Winners

Josh

Cameron

Max

David

Leo



100% Attendance

Theo Brown

Mason John Mizon

Jonah Cox

Junior Msutu

Bennito Dainty

Charlie Stott

Reagan Haddow

Drew Turner Weeks

Leo Duke

Jack Garrick O'Brien

Anthony Glover

Phin Mansley

Connor Marsh

Cameron McConnell

Attendance: 95% & Above

David Adewumi

Owen Bowden

Turrell Ferris

Reuben Gondcalves

Brandon Lloyd-Evans

Leo Newman

Patrik Wolf

Tom Price

Caleb Sampson

Subject Winners

Mathematics: David Adewumi and Phin Mansley

English: Jack Jay

Science: Tom Price

Physical Education: Junior Msutu and Ethan Clabburn

Art: Charlie Stott

Outdoor Education: Brandon Lloyd-Evans

Humanities: Josh Imiolek-Franca

Reading: Leo Newman and Charlie Stott

Animal Care: Theo Brown



PEWSEY & DEVIZES

Term 6 with Sarah, Natalie, Amy, Steve, Thani and Jane.

This term in Primary we have been learning about living things and exploring our local environment, we used natural materials to build dens, with some fantastic results. Patrik completed his school work in his den!

During science we have enjoyed discovering different plants and looking at insects. We collected bugs and flowers and then labelled the different parts.



Our SMSC topic this term has been Egypt. We were lucky to have Piers in school who has visited the Pyramids and showed us his photos, artefacts and to talk to us about them. He set us a challenge to make our own Pyramid which we did out of bricks and paper.



During outdoor learning sessions we have explored different varieties of wood and enjoyed climbing trees and playing hide and seek. We have shown that we can respect nature and understand that we need to leave things as we find them. We have had picnics and spent time building positive relationships with each other. As you can see, we are all enjoying the lovely weather and hope that it carries on through the summer holidays. We hope you all have a lovely and safe summer.



BROAD TOWN

Term 6 with Helen, Nat & Tiff

We can't believe we have now reached the end of the school year! We have had a great year with Josh, Max, David, Leo, Natal and most recently Cameron and we wish you a very happy summer holiday!

NUMERACY

This term, we have been adding and subtracting fractions with the same and different denominators. We have calculated the percentages of quantities.

Also, we have calculated the mean, median, mode and range of numbers.

LITERACY

This term, we have been looking at advertising. We have played many games to identify logos and slogans. We have designed our own theme parks/games/toys/clothing, stuck to a budget, created a slogan and logo. We have also discussed target audiences.

This term, in Science the class have been developing their knowledge and understanding of the human body. There has been a high level of curiosity regarding body systems and we have looked at the entire internal systems within fish, where the boys did incredibly well to, not only put up with the smell but, also work safely with scalpels and follow detailed instructions. We have then gone on to explore the human circulatory and respiratory systems. Pupils have completed a heart dissection and have been able to identify the key features of the heart. We have completed a demonstration of the lungs seen in the picture below and pupils have also gathered accurate data on their own personal lung capacity. The class have been great at learning the technical names for many of the parts of each system and have also been able to compare the action of the lungs to that of a tree as a means of gas exchange.



BROAD TOWN

Cooking this term has included a variety of dishes including:

- **Pizza**
- **Chocolate brownies**
- **Churros with chocolate sauce**
- **Spicy beef patty**



In Outdoor Education this term, we have been lucky enough to go to the Cotswold Water Park, doing kayaking and paddle boarding



HACKPEN

Term 6 with Ant, Sharon & Ollie

Wow, what a hot one! The weather has played a big part for Hackpen class this term, many visits to the lake perfecting our paddling skills and enjoying bobbing around in the lovely cool water. The slip and slide has been out for a few afternoons for those that have completed their core morning lessons.



Hackpen class continue to excel in terms of PE, the students really dig in to all sports on offer. Thanks to Wimbledon tennis has become a firm favourite with all boys showing tour worthy skills especially Cason Federer.

We can't wait for next week to welcome sports day, class outings and general warm weather activities.



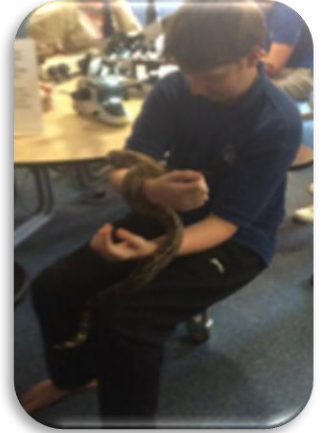
Even with disruption to the class through illness the students were fab! With some Star wars based learning, they knuckled down and really enjoyed the work!

ALTON BARNES

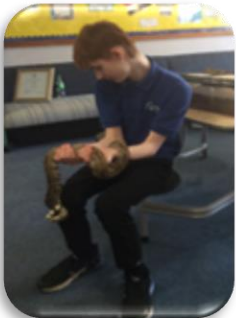
Term 6 with Ron & Kariss



This term in animal care we have been learning about reptiles and jobs related to animals. We had a visit from a reptile academy, which all the boys really enjoyed.



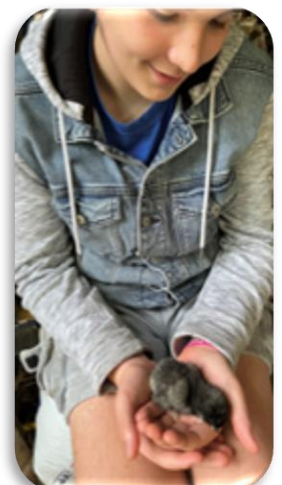
This week Connor and Jess have started a swim challenge. 5k swim in July raising money for Great Ormond Street Hospital. Connor went swimming on Wednesday to the Blue pool in Melksham and did really well he managed to swim 14 lengths, which is amazing. So far 1.5 km completed.



Anthony visited Lackham College with Steve, to look around the campus ready for his animal care course.



Connor and Rio have been helping Caroline at the farm. Connor held a chick that was only 2 days old. Connor said "I wanted to put it in my pocket and bring the chick back to school, he was so fluffy". Rio has been looking for treasure.



MARLBOROUGH

Term 6 with Ben, Becky & Vas

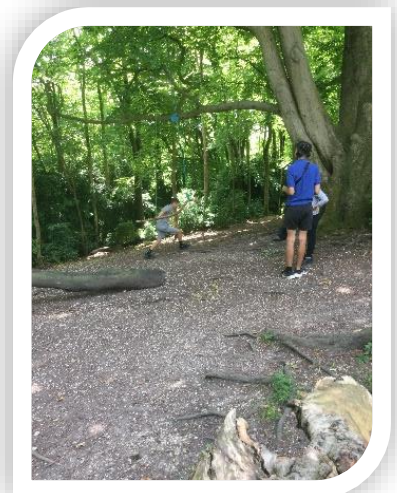


It is Hard to believe that it's time to write the final newsletter of the year!

It's been a successful year; relearning how to work as both a team & individually post covid.

Through both happy & sad times, we've supported each other as a strong team & hopefully our young people are excited for the new challenges that Year 10 will bring.

We wish you all a happy & peaceful summer.



CHERRHILL

Term 6 with Andy, Tom & Pete

Wow - where has this year gone? It is hard to believe that we are now about to start our Summer holiday!

We have had a good few weeks over this last half term. In English, work has been continuing on the preparation for answering GCSE questions and Andy has been focussing primarily on teaching "Tone for non-fiction". For Caleb, Harley, Phin and Maty this has involved such things as writing to the head teacher expressing views on school uniform, preparing a speech to present to the class, using an argument to say why a certain lesson should not be taught in school and then choosing a film and explaining why it is the best/worst film ever made. All members of the class have really made a very good effort with these tasks. Drew has been concentrating on reading and spelling new words and has been doing really well.



In Maths, again the work has been varied. Maty has been working on adding and subtracting fractions and also learning how to simplify them, Drew has been making his way through a selection of Entry Level Maths Exam Papers and doing extremely well, whilst Caleb, Harley and Phin have been studying how to work out angles in parallel lines and polygons, percentage increases and compound interest to name but a few things. There has also been some impressive algebra being tackled - including simultaneous equations - certainly not for the faint hearted!!



Over this term in Outdoor Education we have been travelling to Cotswold Water Park and using the time there to do paddle boarding and kayaking. It has proven difficult to get the students motivated at times, to participate - but over the past few weeks it has been great to see the class starting to engage again and really enjoying time on the lake, whether on a paddle board or in a kayak. After some initial problems with balance and actually standing on the boards they are all now looking quite "professional", floating around gracefully on the lake!

Well done to Caleb who has completed all of his GCSE PE work for the year, and to Phin who is making steady progress with his Art.

Finally, it is with great sadness that Tom has decided to leave Notton to pursue a new career. Tom has been a wonderful member of staff and a great guy to have in the tutor group, always full of enthusiasm and keen to help however he can. He is respected by all the students in our class - and is always up for a good debate or chat (and sometimes hard to shut up!), not to mention turning his hand to various sporting activities - football, cricket, rugby, not to mention his skills in Outdoor Education doing climbing, paddle boarding and kayaking! You will be greatly missed by us all Tom, and we wish you all the very best in your new venture. Take care and keep in touch. We will miss you!



Have a great summer holiday! Hopefully we will be able to enjoy some warm sunshine over the weeks and return in September feeling refreshed and ready to learn. It is going to be an important year with Exams, so make sure you are all in class for lessons!!

Enjoy!!



WESTBURY

Term 6 with Anton & Nathan

In our outdoor education lessons, we have been going to the lakes most weeks. This has been great fun and really good in the hot weather. The boys have been doing stand up paddle boarding and kayaking. BDa and BLe have come on leaps and bounds this term on the water. RDr and CWa have also been working hard on improving their skills.

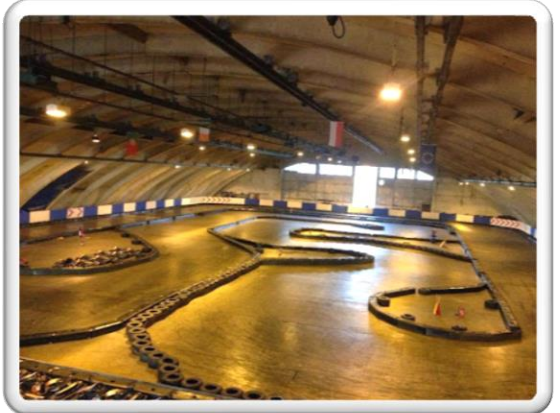


We have also visited Morgans hill. When exploring the area we found a rope swing which we all had great fun playing on.

For a reward trip, as a class we went to M4 Karting. All the boys loved this and had a fantastic time. The



boys were really well behaved whilst out and were really polite to the staff. All the boys were really good at driving but CWa came through as the fastest boy with some very decent lap times. RDr also did really well for his first experience in a go-Kart.



SITE TEAM

With Ben & Steve

Plenty of work scheduled in for the site team over the summer! Including:

- **Complete refurb of a bedroom in Avon (care area)**
- **The sensory room in Lower school will be re-decorated**
- **New doors being fitted in the sports hall**
- **A new tutor base is being set up**
- **All care and education areas paintwork will be refreshed and spruced up**
- **The playgrounds will have new floor markings painted**
- **6 new CCTV cameras will be installed in key locations across the school**



All of these jobs will help to ensure the school looks the best it can whilst being as functional as it can possibly be, helping to create even better surroundings for our young people!



14-16 College Courses

With a big key stage four group next year (years 10-11), we have more pupils than ever making use of the day per week vocational college courses available through our partnership with Wiltshire College.

All pupils in current year 9 (who wish to access college) have now chosen options and enrolled onto one of the following courses:

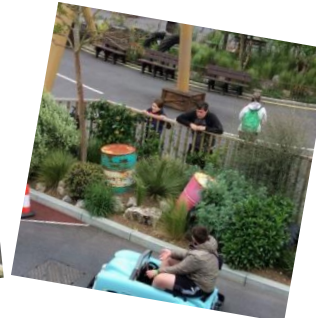
- Welding
- Animal Care
- Vehicle Maintenance
- Construction
- Health & Social Care
- Public Services

These courses run at either Chippenham, Lackham or Trowbridge Campus and are a fantastic way of pupils developing independence, learning about college life and widening their qualifications. The feedback this year from pupils has been fantastic and the staff who work with our pupils at the various college sites have really enjoyed getting to know our pupils.



PAULTON'S PARK!

Broad Town class had a fantastic time at Paulton's Park for their well-deserved end of term 5 trip!



NHA JUBILEE CELEBRATION!

Thank you to everyone who made our Jubilee celebration a day to remember. With special thanks to Ron for the art, Cason for the scones, Ben for the cricket, Becky for the tennis, and Andy for the board games.



The Reptiles come to Notton.....!!

On Wednesday 29th June, The Reptile Academy visited Notton.

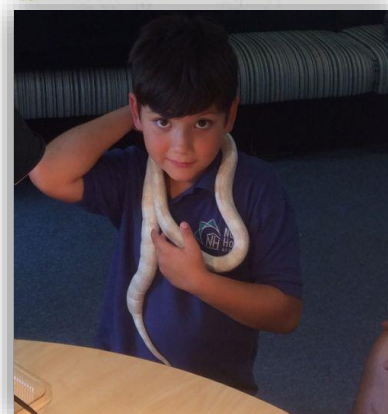
Pupils in Marlborough class and Alton Barnes Class have been learning about Reptiles as part of their ASDAN work for Animal Care. Boys studying Animal Care at Wiltshire College, Lackham also came along.



Salvador, the Argentinian tegu, was the naughtiest reptile who visited. He found his way under our bench seating and had to be rescued by the estates team! The boys enjoyed taking him for a walk outside, although it was more the case of him walking the boys!



The boys all enjoyed meeting the snakes and monitor lizards. Jamie and his team from The Reptile Academy were impressed with the boys knowledge and the level of questions they asked.



Term 6 PSHE



Personal, Social, and Health Education

Young Carers – taught to all pupils

A young carer is someone who looks after another person. Caring for someone might involve things you do every day like cooking and cleaning. Or you might have to do much more if your family member can't do some things themselves.

A young carer might look after someone because they're sick, or have a disability or mental health issues. Or, if a parent or family member has an alcohol or drug problem, they may be unable to care for themselves or anyone else.

Day of the African Child – all pupils

A time to celebrate the energy, strength and creativity of children across Africa. And a time to reflect, take stock and renew our commitment to giving African children a chance of a future they deserve.

Gang Violence and Knife Crime – KS3 and 4

Gang violence and knife crime are caused by young people's social background factors in association with individual risk factors which result from poverty, deprivation and associated social problems.

Protected Characteristics – all pupils

It is against the law to discriminate against someone because of:

- age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation

Hazing and Upskirting – KS3 and 4

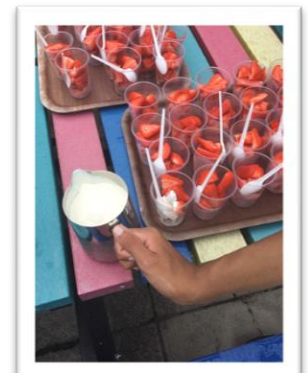
Hazing is a ritual that involves risk, pain, or harm, typically as part of initiation into a group.

Upskirting is where someone takes a picture under a person's clothing without their permission. It is now a specific criminal offence in England and Wales.



IT'S WIMBLEDON WEEK!

Staff and pupils had a wonderful time this week, with our very own Wimbledon! Rain stopped play just before the final match, but sunny skies will be back with us soon, to announce the winner!



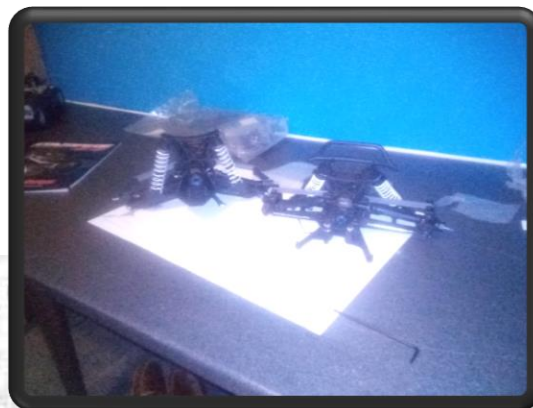
ENGINEERING PROJECT



This term Rio has been working hard on assembling a very technical radio-controlled car as part of an engineering project. Here is the progress so far:



The front and rear assemblies are now complete and he will be able to move onto the final stages of adding the motor and drive shaft soon.



Projected completion date – hopefully before the end of term to enable essential testing!



With thanks to Vas and Steve, along with pupils, who made this AMAZING den on the field. What an achievement!



Patrik loved doing his schoolwork in the den!



Evening Care Activities Term 6


This term the young men here at Notton house have been able to enjoy a variety of different off-site activities in the evenings including:

- **Freedog trampoline and Soft play**
- **Bowling**
- **Laser quest**
- **Foot golf and crazy golf**
- **Bike rides**
- **Cinema**
- **Trips to local parks**
- **Skatepark**
- **Rock climbing centre (the Arc)**
- **Fishing**

Plus, on-site activities such as pizza making, baking, BBQ's and many many more.....



Compliments GALORE!

We love  having so many visitors coming to Notton, including families, professionals, and prospective pupils, so we have decided to try to capture their thoughts and feelings about their experience with us.

Have a read for yourself... below are just some of the comments.

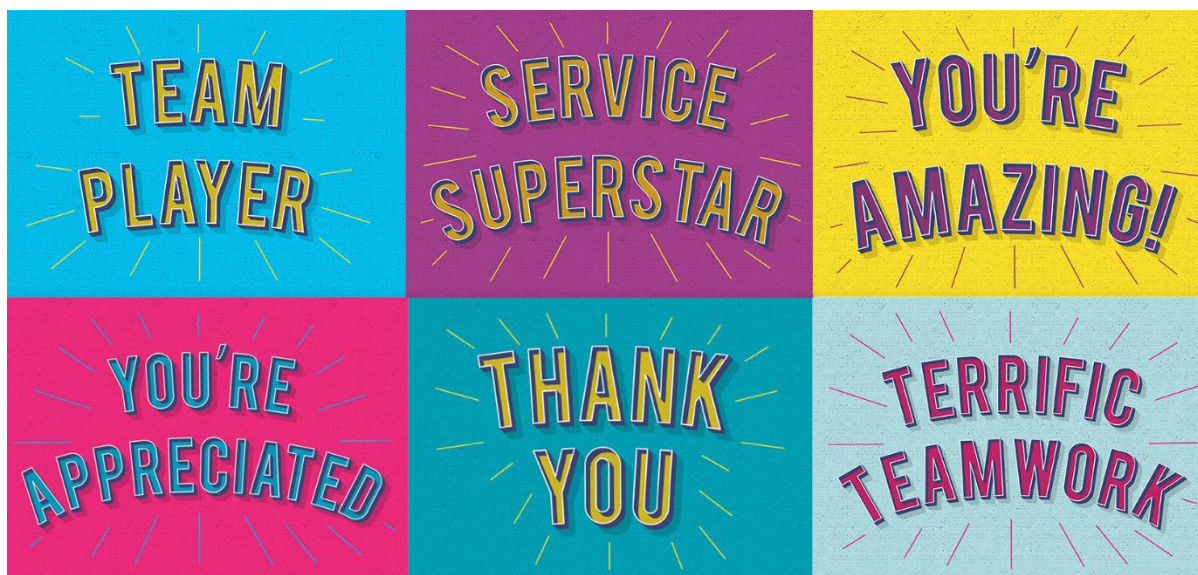
'Reception staff are very welcoming.'

'What an amazing school, amazing facilities, and such an important role and purpose they have at Notton.'

'A very happy environment.'

'A great team of staff.'

'Staff are highly committed to pupils.'



Education Ofsted Visit: May 2022

Outcome: Notton House remains a

GOOD School



With thanks to all pupils, staff, families, professionals, and the local community, in helping and supporting Notton House Academy to remain a GOOD school.

The Ofsted inspectors spent two full days with us, meeting staff and pupils, in and outside of lessons, looking at pupil work, their learning, and progress, listening to pupils read, and seeing how staff support and guide the young people with their learning, in order to become safe, kind, and independent individuals.

Below are a few comments from the report, but the full report can be found on the academy website via;

<https://www.notton.learnmat.uk/page/?title=Ofsted+and+Performance&pid=40>

There is a clear, shared ethos, which is focused on improving the lives of the pupils, staff work with. Parents and carers agree that pupils are supported well and that the school has a positive impact on their child.

Pupils are encouraged to be ambitious about their future. Leaders ensure that pupils have what they need emotionally, socially and academically so that they can work towards these aspirations. Pupils are fully involved in how their learning is designed to meet their aspirations.

Pupils are fully involved in how their learning is designed to meet their individual needs. Pupil voice is an important part of all that Notton House does. Pupils know the difference they can make to the school.

Staff have high expectations of pupils' behaviour. They model positive relationships to support pupils to meet these high expectations.

Pupils show respect for the key adults they work with. Staff show empathy and have a calm and respect for the key adults they work with. Staff show empathy and have a calm and consistent approach to support pupils when they are struggling. Pupils are not concerned about bullying. They feel it is managed well by staff when it happens.

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 2022-2023



School Holiday



Bank Holiday



Pupil Day



Inset Day



Pupil Inductions/Annual Reviews

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Learn@ MAT INSET Days: Monday 31st October 2022; Friday 7th July 2023

NHA INSET Days: 1st and 2nd September 2022; 2nd December 2022; 20th February 2023; 2nd May 2023; 5th June 2023