

Term 3 Newsletter 2018 – 2019



Message from Michelle Reysenn – Headteacher

What a busy term. Ice, snow, rain, and more rain. However, this has not dampened our spirits at Notton. We have enjoyed and achieved so much.

Our new indoor fitness suite is in regular use by staff and students. Take a look at the images in this newsletter and on the Academy website.

Also, our new primary sensory room is such a great place to relax and take time to reflect and self-regulate with music and mood lighting.

Near the sensory room, we have our nurture space up and running once more, so that individuals and groups of students can work with trained adults on understanding their difficulties and how they can move forward, by learning new strategies.

Staff and pupils are delighted to have new goals in the sports hall, and the music room, library and pastoral room, are all new spaces our students can go to when they need quiet time or time out.

Our residential care areas are looking and feeling better than ever with some new sofas and furniture, plus some homely soft furnishings.

Last but not least, we better not forget E Sports! Such an exciting addition to the extra curriculum programme and we have started the competition well. #TeamNotton

Over the half term holidays, the preparation will begin to revamp and restyle the dining room. The student council have worked hard to communicate their ideas. Everybody cannot wait to see the final product.

Our outdoor gym equipment is also being relocated so that it can be accessed by students more easily throughout the day, especially at lunchtimes.

Sadly, we say goodbye to some staff members: Steve Thomas, Mandy Anstee, Julie Caswell, Dale Wood, Kev Sibley, and Phil De Scossa, all of which have moved on to new horizons and new ventures. We wish them all the best.

We do, however, welcome many new staff to Notton: Craig Pepper, Lisa Gill and Peter Hawkins

We would like to congratulate Helen Ottway who was on a fixed term contract and has been appointed as a permanent teacher and Steve Woolcott who was a residential childcare officer has been appointed as a Learning Facilitator.

To keep up to date with all the latest news, please take a look at our website. <https://www.notton.learnmat.uk/>

You may also wish to follow us on twitter. @Notton_House



Term 4 will soon be with us, so enjoy reading this newsletter and enjoy time with your loved ones this half term.

Spring is on its way!





Fitness Suite

**Welcome to the Notton House
Fitness Suite NEW for 2019**

**Fully refurbished room with
equipment**

Recently re decorated and reused
our old games room has now
been transformed into a Fitness
suite for boys to use during extra
curricular activities and any time
during the evenings.

Your boys are supervised by staff
in the safe use of equipment and
correct gym usage.

Our equipment includes: -

Cardio equipment

Pull up bar

Jogging square

Hydraulic resistant machines

Spin bike

Personalised music system and
TV

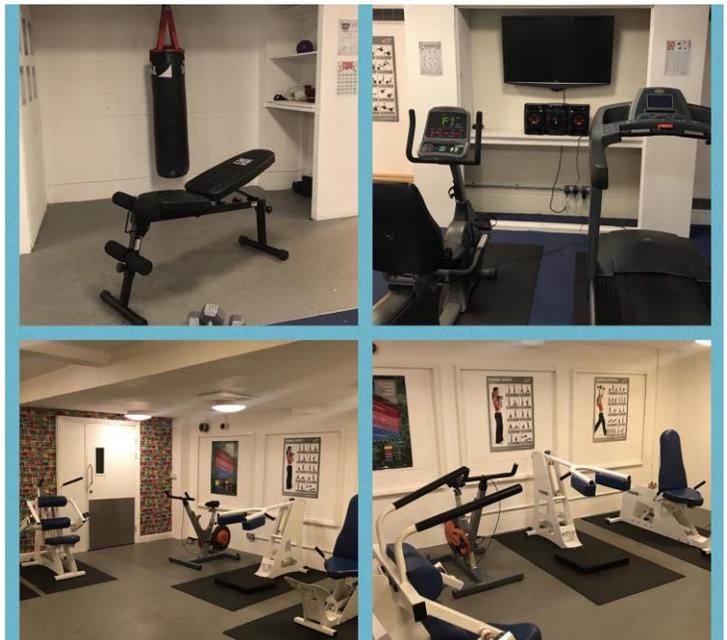
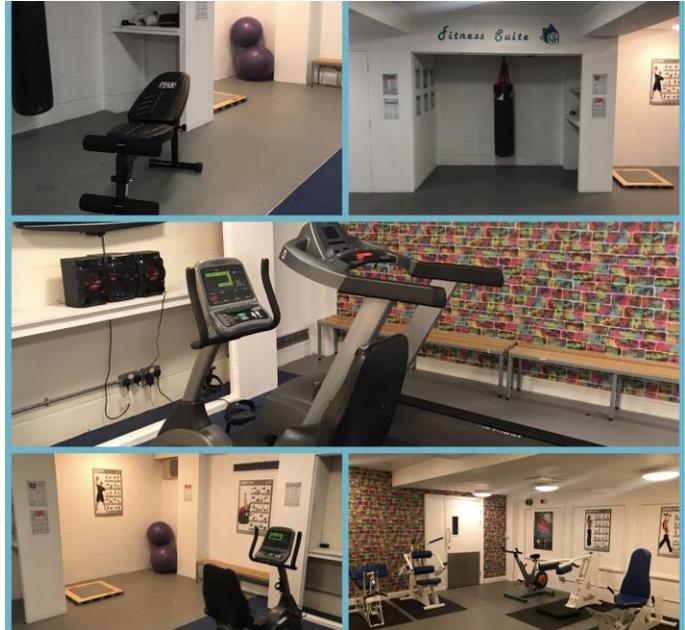
Visual aids and much more

**Further improvements to
include:-**

Cooled water Fountain

Rowing machine

Resistant machine



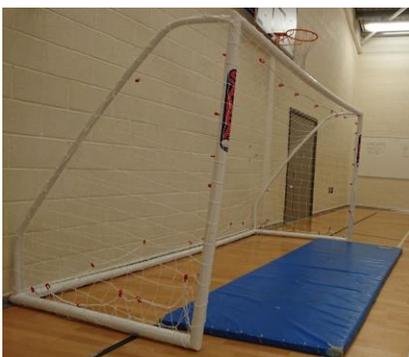
Pictures of some of the new things at Notton House Academy

We have had a new sensory room fitted, gaming computers for our E-Sports fixtures, new goals in our sports hall and lots of new furniture in our care areas, not to mention our welcoming reception area.



E-Sports @ Notton House!

- We are an e-sports academy!
- We will compete in a national gaming competition in Spring 2019!
- British E-sports teams up with PC Specialist and Fierce PC to offer inclusive e-sports tournament exclusively for Alternative Provision Schools
- Eight institutions will take part from across the UK
- PC Specialist and Fierce PC to lend systems to participating schools
- Each school will receive free Rocket League game licenses, courtesy of Green Man Gaming



New things to come...

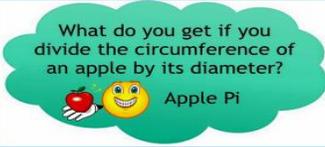
Work will be starting in February Half Term to turn our current dining room in to an American Diner theme. See the pictures below



World Number Day

On Friday 1st February, we celebrated World Number Day, by raising money for NSPCC. Pupils had the chance to guess 'How many sweets are in the jar'. The answer was 57! Well done to Jesse in Year 9 who was awarded the jar of sweets in assembly! Enjoy many sweet moments eating these!

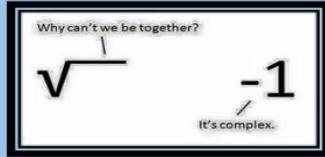
World Number Day 2019



Number Day 2019

There's a fine line between a numerator and a denominator.*

*Only a fraction of you will understand this.


B+B=2

B+C=5

B+C×2=?

Logic Time

You have 5 cows, 2 dogs and 1 cat.

How many legs do you have??

/EduuncleIndia www.eduncle.com

How many sweets are in the jar?



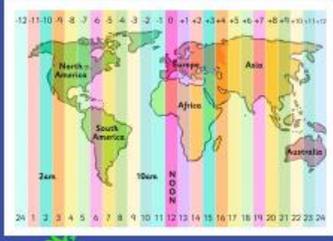
New Year

During the first week back of this term, we reflected on what it means to celebrate the new year and what we can all do to make a big difference by changing something small. We also considered what the classic song of Auld Lang Syne means and why we sing this every year as a tradition. Have you made a new year's resolution? If so, what is it? Have you managed to stick with it?

Different Times to Celebrate

- Not every place in the world welcomes in the new year at exactly the same time because different places are in different time zones.

Kiritimati, Christmas Island and Kiribati are some of the first places to celebrate with Honolulu, Hawaii being one of the last.



Making New Year Resolution

- New Year's Day is on January 1st and is often seen as a fresh start.
- Many people like to make new year resolutions which are personal goals that they aim to work on throughout the year.
- Anyone can make a new year resolution and some make more than one!
- Some examples: Getting homework in on time, keeping your bedroom tidy, doing more exercise or eating more healthily.
- Have you made any? What are they?

World Laughter Day

On Thursday 17th January, we celebrated World Laughter Day. Laughing is infectious and it's great to see Notton staff and pupils smiling and laughing.

But who won the prize for the funniest joke....?

"There was a fight in the fish and chip shop, all the fish got battered"

By Riley W, primary.

He won a giant tennis ball!

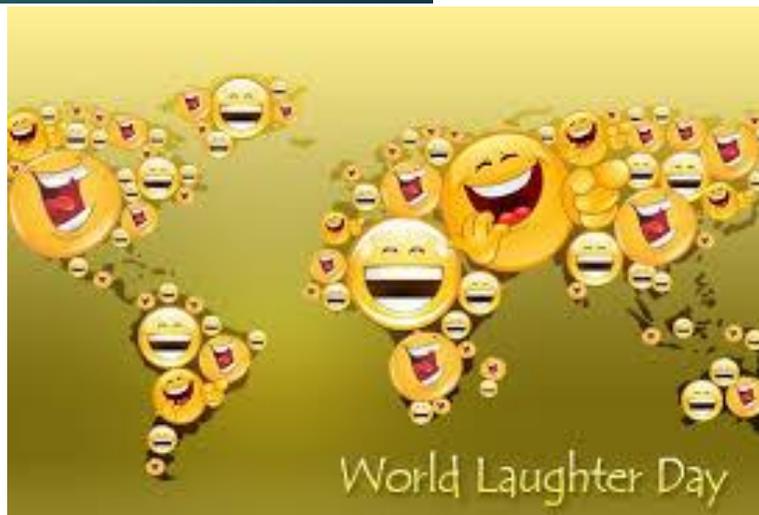


Knock, knock.
Who's there?
Cows go
Cows go who?
Cows don't go who,
they go moo!

Knock, knock!
Who's there?
Goat.
Goat who?
Goat to the door and
find out.

Knock, knock!
Who's there?
Alli.
Alli who?
Alligator, that's who!

Knock, knock!
Who's there?
Dinosaur.
Dinosaur who?
Dinosaurs don't go who,
they go ROAR!



Learning Support



Lego Based Therapy

Lego Group is led by Anne-Marie Cray, our Speech and Language Therapist on a Thursday morning.

The students work in groups of three taking on the role 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...

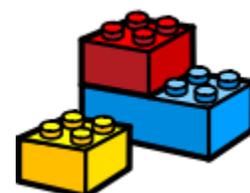
To find the bricks that I have been asked to look for by the engineer and give them to the builder



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

All students have enjoyed this group this term.



Primary – Maple Class

In Literacy this term, the boys have been enjoying learning about Greek myths such as Persephone and the Pomegranate Seeds, Theseus and the Minotaur and the Trojan Horse. They will soon be learning about the Legend of King Arthur, and will be designing their own sword.

In Maths, we have been studying measurements and fractions. The boys have applied their knowledge in Food, using scales and jugs to measure ingredients accurately. They are now making savoury dishes, such as curry and risotto, in Food Technology so the kitchen has been filled with mouth-watering aromas!

In Science, the boys have discussed renewable energy such as wind, solar and geothermal. We also talked about the importance of recycling so please could we encourage families to keep up the good work at home?!

In Outdoor Education, we had a lovely trip to the sweet shop in Chippenham where we met 87 year old Rita on her birthday. The boys very kindly took her a small cake and a rose then sang her 'Happy Birthday' in the shop. She was delighted. We had fun talking about all the old-fashioned sweets, such as barley sugar, that have been in existence for many years. We were then joined by Terry, a man who grew up in World War II, who told the boys a story about his childhood; he also explained rationing to them. On another occasion, we paid a visit to Chippenham Museum where we had fun looking at all the old toys and antiquities. The boys also enjoyed trying on hats and costumes from different historical periods.



Anna and Nathan would like to wish the boys and their families a lovely, relaxing half-term holiday.

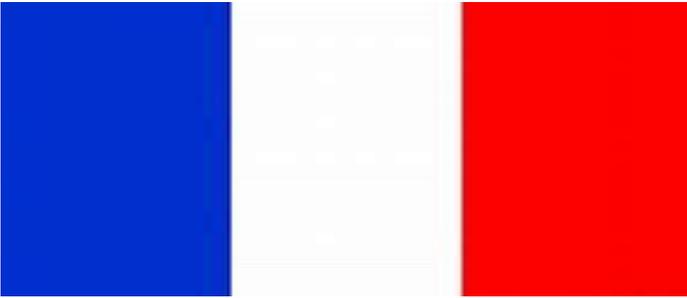
Year 7/8 with Helen and Tom



This term in Literacy, we have based all our learning around Superheroes. We have looked at fact files, created our own superhero, described characters and have written our own comics.



In numeracy, we have focused on fractions of quantities, reading and drawing pictograms and graphs.



In SMSC, we are looking at France. We have looked at the famous landmarks, people, sports, and learned some basic vocabulary.



In outdoor learning, we are working towards an accredited course called the John Muir award. We have had great fun exploring a wild space, making tracks and playing games in the woods.

Art and Design

This term we are learning about Surrealism, Photography and Drawing. We learned that contemporary Drawing means many things, even taking photographs. Year 10 have taken some fabulous photos of the grounds at Notton and will be using these to create lots more Artwork.

All years have created some very nice Batik designs, the year 8 and 9's are designing a poster for a game. We are also completing the large student / parent collaborative Middle East themed Batik from the Celebration Day at the end of last term.



Food Technology

This term all groups have been learning about using vegetables in season and using up store cupboard essentials, making some fabulous French Crêpes and Italian Mushroom Risotto in keeping with the European theme. Our next European dish will be delicious French onion soup and Valentine's cakes.

For our International dishes, all years made an authentic Mughlai Chicken Korma and learned about its origins in the mountains to keep people warm and it's prestigious status as favoured by the Shah's and served in the Taj Mahal. Continuing the international theme this week, all groups will be making onion bhaji and naan bread.

Our beautiful displays and classrooms.

It is wonderful to see how staff really value everything our pupils do and achieve and this is clearly shown in the amazing displays that are updated each term.



Important information

We have a new School Nurse, Marie Bowden. Marie is in school every Thursday. The students can access Marie for advice and support on physical, emotional and sexual health.



VACANCY: We have a vacancy for a parent/carer to join our Academy Council.

For more info please read information on the school website.

<https://www.notton.learnmat.uk/page/?title=Academy+Council&pid=60>

You can also contact Louise Shepherd, Clerk to the Council on 0117 953 2011 ext 2224

Mobile Phones/ I pads – A polite reminder!

Please can we remind all families that students are to hand their mobile phones in to staff when they are checked in on a Monday or at the start of each day.

Failing to do so, puts pupils and staff at risk.

We urge all families to support this measure and help us to keep all pupils safe whilst at Notton House.

We teach E Safety as part of our ICT and PSHE curriculum. If you would like more advice/ information, please contact Martyn Watkins, or read the information which can be accessed via the website link below.

Many thanks.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>





Family Support at Notton House Academy

Notton House offers families support . . .

We run regular coffee mornings offering information and help to access services available to you in your local area.

We also offer family support on a 1:1 basis.

Suzie Sylvester is a Family Liaison Worker at Notton House Academy. Suzie works with many of our families at Notton and is always on hand to answer questions and offer support.

Please contact her on:



01249 730 407 or



direct on 07775026336 or



suzie.sylvester@notton.learnmat.uk



What is on offer?



Family Support



We are here to help working together to support your family's journey.



Coffee Mornings



This is a great time for getting together, a chance to make new friends and an opportunity to learn new skills.



1:1 Advice



Individual time to discuss any worries or concerns.

Notton House are proud to offer a warm and welcoming open door for all families.

The safety, happiness and well being is at the heart of everything we do.

It takes a community to raise a child.

We are here to help you . . .

Who can I share my problem with?

Who can I talk to?

I am worried . . .



Independent Listener 
Alan Aldersley-Byrne
07471 029913

ALL adults at Notton House can help you . . .

If you tell an adult something, they cannot promise to keep it a secret . . .

they will pass it on so they can help you more . . .

Safeguarding leads



Darren Ewings
Executive Principal



Louise Gardiner
Head of care



Michelle Reysenn
Head Teacher



My Keyworker

My Tutor

Learning mentor

Emma Kelleher



Family Support

Suzie Sylvester





PSHE Themes/ Topics	
Term 3	Term 4
New Year Resolutions	Chinese New Year
World Laughter Day	St David's Day
Holocaust Memorial Day	World Book Day
National Army Day	Autism Awareness Month
World Number Day	World Maths Day
FGM Awareness	World Water Day
World Cancer Day	Mother's Day
Children's Mental Health Week	St Patrick's Day
Internet Safety	Asia Celebration Day – last day of term. All welcome!
Darwin Day	

PSHE is Personal, Social and Health Education. This also covers Sex and Relationships Education.

At Notton House, we cover a wide range of topics to educate our pupils about national and international events, days, celebrations, and topics that might be tricky to discuss and to fully understand.

The main aim is to keep everyone safe.

For more information, please go to the link below on the academy website.

<https://www.notton.learnmat.uk/page/?title=Personal%2C+Social+%26amp%3B%26%23160%3BHealth+Education+%28PSHE%29&pid=56>

Dates to remember

Monday 25th February – Start of Term 4

Friday 22nd March – Inset Day

ALP Annual reviews will be taking place throughout Term 4

Year 9 & 10 Annual reviews will be taking place in Term 5

Primary and Middle school annual reviews will be taking place in Term 6

Friday 5th April – End of Term 4. End of Term assembly will take place on this day - Details of this to follow soon



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 2018-2019



School Holiday



Bank Holiday



Pupil Day



Inset Day



Pupil Inductions/Annual

September 2018						
Mon		3	10	17	24	
Tue		4	11	18	25	
Wed		5	12	19	26	
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Sun	2	9	16	23	30	

October 2018						
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November 2018						
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December 2018						
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January 2019						
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February 2019						
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March 2019						
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April 2019						
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May 2019						
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June 2019						
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July 2019						
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August/September 2019						
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