

# HATTON NEWS

DEC 2024



## DIARY DATES

16/01/25 - FOHA Lazer Maze  
22/01/25 - Year 7 Celebration Assembly  
29/01/25 - Prom Outfit Hire Event  
30/01/25 - Year 9 Teenage Booster  
06/02/25 - Year 11 Parents Evening  
10/02/25 - Sixth Form Parents Evening

## TERM DATES

06/01/25 - Teacher Training Day  
07/01/25 - Academy Re-Opens  
14/02/25 - Academy Closes  
24/02/25 - Academy Re-Opens

## TRIPS

w/c 11/01/25 - Ski Trip  
18/01/25 - County Cross Country  
25/01/25 - DofE Training Day  
29/01/25 - CERN

# MESSAGE TO PARENTS & CARERS

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our whole school community for their involvement and support this year.

We value the vital role that families play in working with us to support their child's education and it was wonderful to receive such positive and informative feedback from our Parent Tutor Day. The feedback provided from our parents allows us to continually look towards improving our provision; we encourage parents to maintain open lines of communication to allow us to continue working together collaboratively.

This year, we have already seen so many of our students receive recognition for their hard work and dedication. We can't wait to see the fantastic achievements and milestones in the new year.

As the festive season approaches, we want to encourage our students and staff to relax and enjoy some quality time with loved ones.

We understand that this time of year can be difficult for some families in terms of financial pressures and personal circumstances. Our school community is here to support you, please do reach out to us, so that we can connect you with resources and services to assist you.

Together, we can make next year one of growth and achievement for every student.

Best wishes,  
Mr Mitchell & Mr Salisbury



## ART AND TEXTILES

This November, our Year 10 and Year 12 Textiles students and our Year 11 and Year 12 Art students took part in an inspirational trip to the Victoria and Albert Museum in London. The students were able to see an incredible archive collection of fashion, art, design, sculpture, architecture and history from all over the world.

The trip offered our students a chance to obtain some inspiring ideas for their coursework.



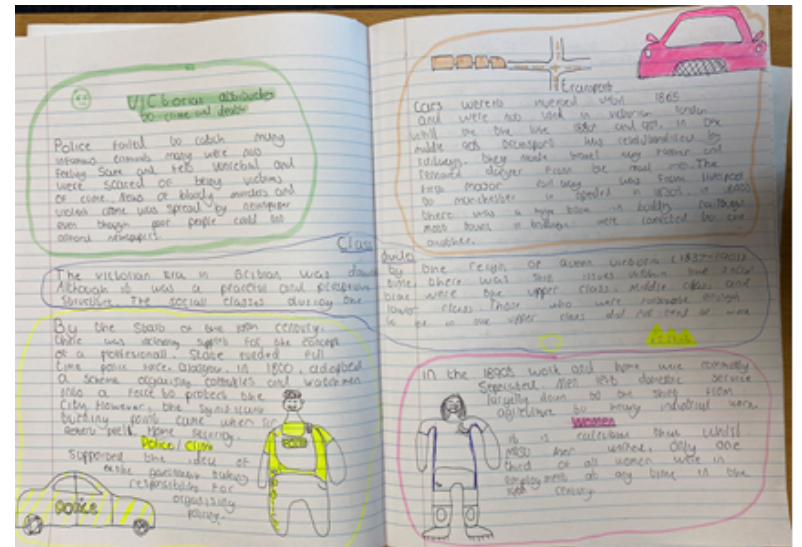
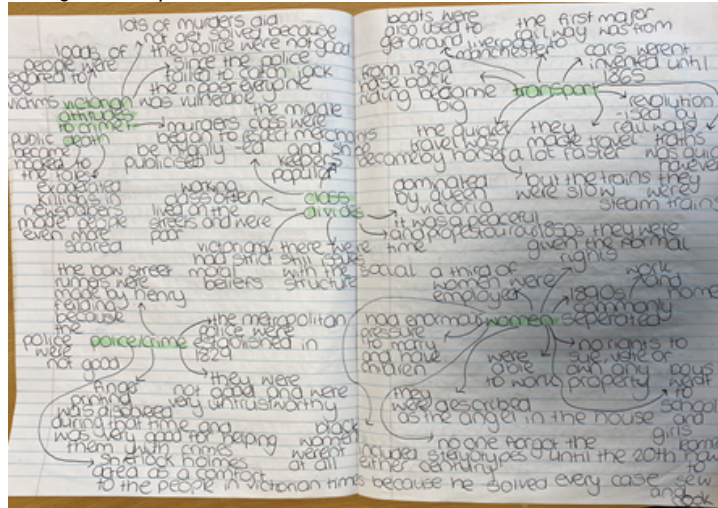
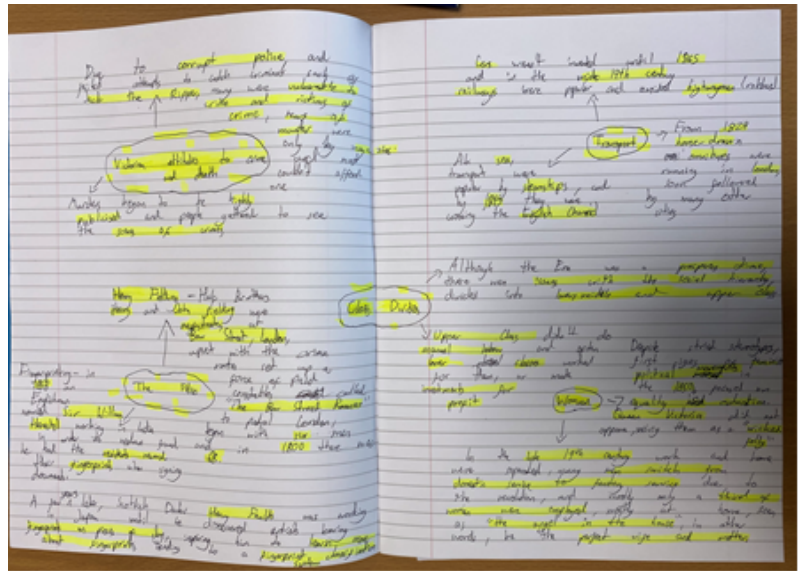
## DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY

Year 12 Product Design students have been working exceptionally hard learning and practising hand wood working skills to manufacture children's toys. These have been made using a range of natural timbers and shaped and finished in the workshop.

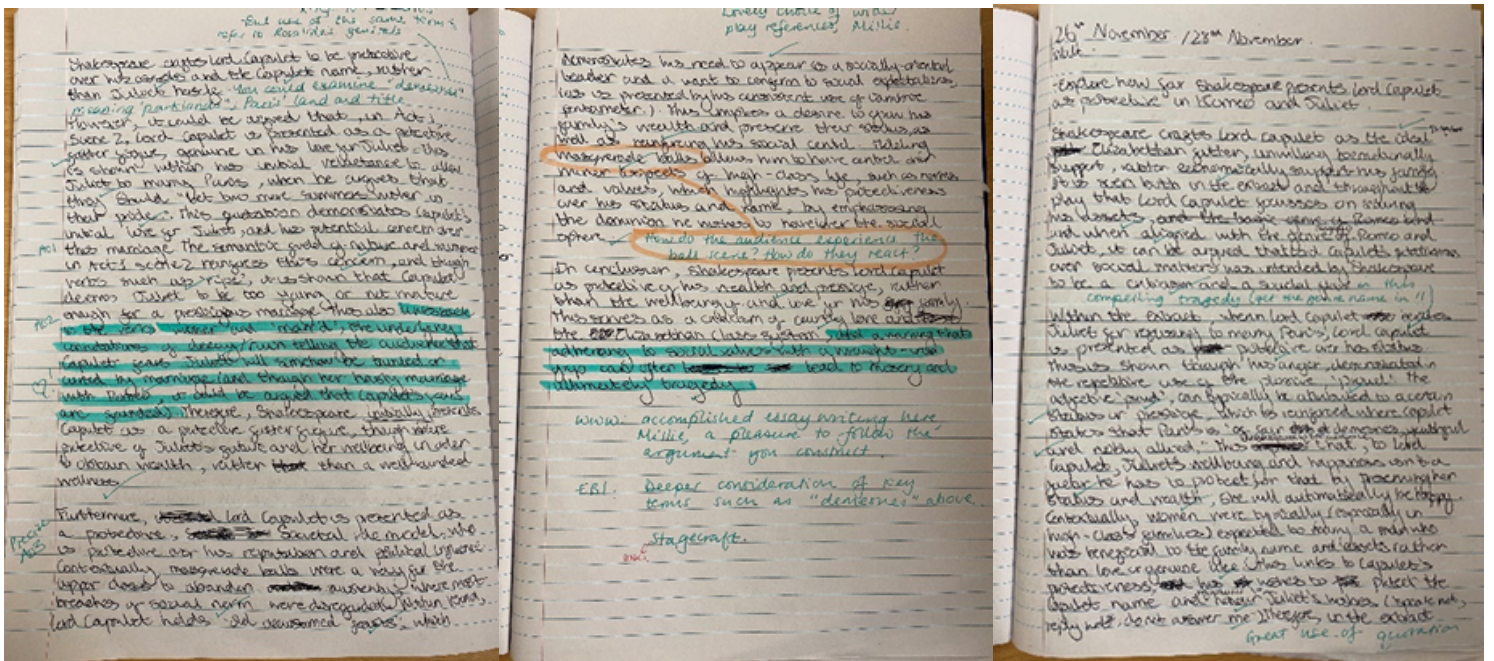


ENGLISH

Our students in Year 8 have been studying Sherlock Holmes in A Scandal in Bohemia and The Speckled Band. Sherlock Holmes' character was incredibly important during the Victorian era and this task guided students to a point in which they could understand why. Year 8 were using their 'Mystery' knowledge booklets to complete research based on life in the Victorian Era and were tasked with producing a fact sheet - here is some of the amazing work they completed!



Year 11 students have been writing about Lord Capulet, and to what extent he is a protective father in Act 3 Scene 5 and also in the play as a whole. Some exemplary essay writing was seen, with students carefully crafting well-evidenced arguments based on their own critical reading of the play. This helped them to prepare for the English Literature Paper 1 mock exam.



## ICT

The CyberFirst Girls Competition aims to inspire girls interested in technology to pursue a career in the cyber security. Students have an opportunity to tackle challenges from cryptography and logic, to artificial intelligence and networking, for the chance to be crowned cyber security champions. The following Year 8 students took part in the competition this year:

Lilla Egyed	Sara James-Oliver
Raphaella Everton	Shrina Patel
Akua Appiagyei	Rishika Fisher
Zuzanna Bukowska	Tanya Gupta
Isobel McGoldrick	Nadia Kaczorowska
Megan Njiri	Kaiya Jacobs
Imogen Earp	Albany Parkes



Their efforts have resulted in the Academy securing one of the top spots within the East Midlands.



All KS3 students and Computer Science students in KS4 and KS5 recently took part in the annual UK Bebras Challenge. The Challenge is designed to encourage logical thinking and problem-solving skills appropriate for their age group.

The following students have been placed in the top 10% nationally and as a result have been successful in reaching the next round, What a fantastic achievement!

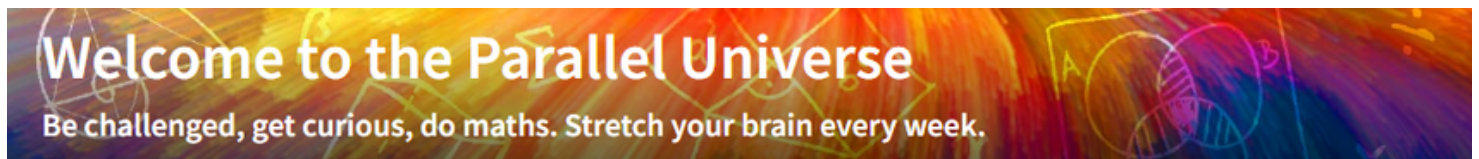
Joseph Mulqueen	Oliver Whitworth	Alexandra Burridge	Kareem Ali
Jessie Saddington	Naomi Teh	Michal Novak	Joel Blackburn-Elliot
Charlie McMahon	Piotr Wojciechowski	Zayan Ali	Oliwier Michalik
Karol Strojny	Nina Bocian	Robert Bloomfield	Amelie Brown
Mia Wilson	Rainer Clark	Elliott Gross	
Jayden He	Raphaella Everton	Jake Warner	
Charlotte Townsend	Wojtek Augustyniak	Mia-Bella l'Anson	
Alisa Ivailovska	Chidike Alozie	Syed Hanan	

# MATHS

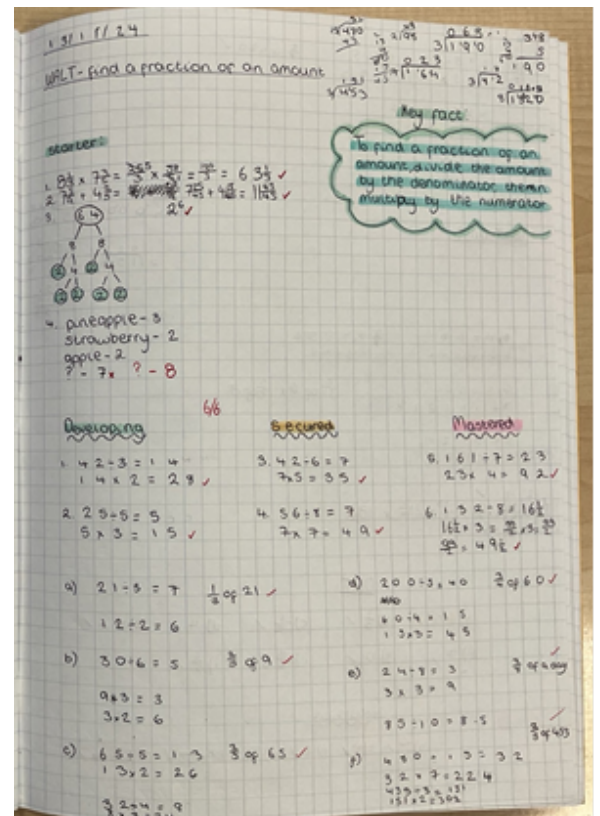
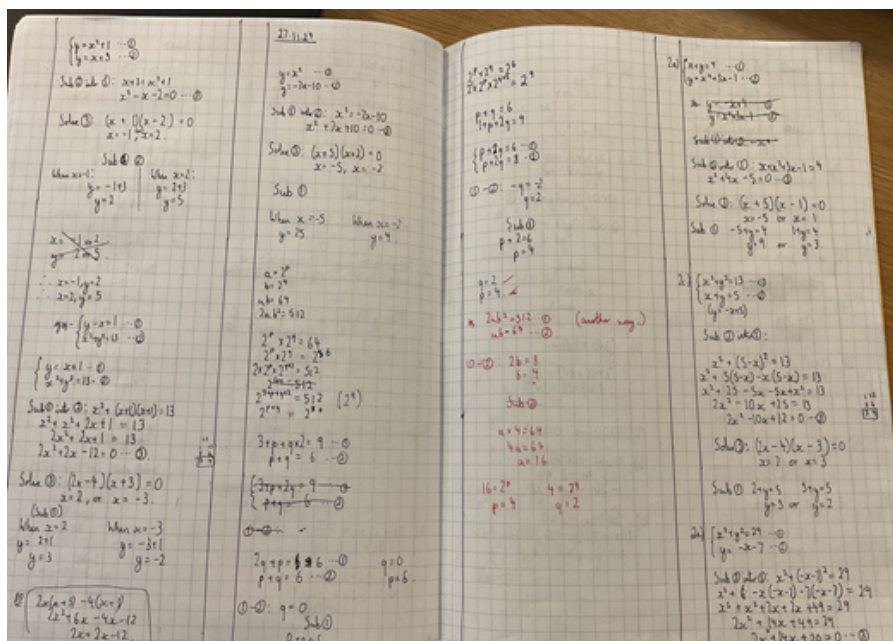
A number of our Year 7 students have signed up for The Parallel Academy tutoring project. This project is aimed at increasing the number and diversity of excellent young mathematicians; giving them the opportunity to develop their reasoning and problem-solving skills.

Applicants were required to undertake an entry test in their own time. The following students have successfully gained a place on one of the programmes:

- Shengze He
- Amelia Howard
- Gracie Gordon
- Heer Shah
- Jonas Baliah
- Joseph Mulqueen
- Krish Rathod
- Louisa Herrington
- Jessie Saddington
- Mihai Stanciu



Here are some examples of high quality work from Year 10 and Year 7 students in maths. It shows great clarity of communication for a complex topic with students writing their own key notes that can be used for revision.



## MFL

In German, students have been involved in a Christmas exchange project with Raphaelsschule in Dormagen (Germany). Students in Year 9 have sent information about their Christmas holiday traditions to each other to learn about different cultures and customs and to practise their written language skills!

- In Polen essen wir zu Weihnachten eine traditionelle Rote-Bete-Suppe mit Knödeln. Ich liebe das Essen, das wir in Polen haben. Mir gefällt auch, dass wir am 24. und nicht am 25. Feiern!

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## Was ich an Weihnachten am schönsten finde



Weihnachten ist mein Lieblingsfeiertag. Es ist die beste Zeit das Jahre. Ich finde Weihnachten wirklich cool, weil es gibt schöne Dekorationen. Mann kann im Schnee spielen. Es macht sehr viel spaß! Dieses Jahr kaufen ich viele Geschenke für meine Freunde.

Christmas is my favourite holiday. It is the best time of the year. I find Christmas really cool because there are beautiful decorations. You can play in the snow. It's a lot of fun! This year I am buying many presents for my friends.

## YEAR 10 CAREERS DAY

In the pursuit of excellence, our Year 10 cohort dived enthusiastically into their annual Careers Day, which started with a personalised message from ITV's Alison Hammond and Dermot O'Leary. Students engaged in talks from our local educational establishments including presentations from Northampton College and the University of Northampton, learning about courses on offer and the potential career paths that these could lead to. These sessions were followed by a careers escape room challenge and students also had time to research their next steps for KS5 and beyond.

Students excitedly moved onto an afternoon of employer workshops from a range of exciting industries including banking, logistics, marketing, animation, carpentry, plumbing, electrical, health care, police, fire, town planning, education, tourism, film and media.

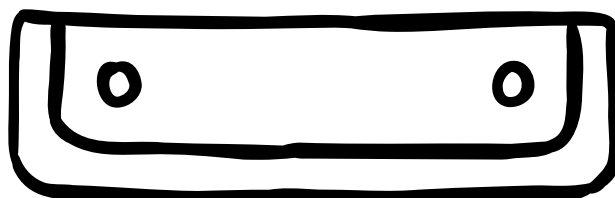
We would like to thank the following employers for their dedication and commitment to raising the aspirations of students at "Team Hatton":

- Ben Baal Bowler from Northampton College
- Nina Antell from the University of Northampton
- Michelle Warner form Yussen Logistics
- Chris Lock from LockSmith Marketing Consultancy
- Megan Wilson from Marrons
- Rachel Packman and Neil Goosey from Northants Police and Fire
- Ganesh Baliah, Jenni Harris, and Charles Watson from Allied Health Care
- Karen Edwards, Mark Dunnill, Jaiden James, David Watts from Tresham College
- Noel Fombanu and Connie Wrigley from Weatherbys Bank
- Agne Jurkenaitė from FreeLance
- Sean Condon from NME Electrical
- Lee Georghiou from ITV
- Natasha Bolton from Chester House



## YEAR 10 CAREERS DAY REVIEW

REVIEW



Throughout the day there was lots of opportunities to get to understand the different types of careers out on offer and to also get involved in many workshops that we were allocated to us.

Throughout the day we got to complete:

- Escape Room – to build up knowledge on Careers and to understand the skills when working
- Research Task – to understand the skills and qualities of types of jobs
- College and University talk – to understand the two places of study and what is on offer from both of them
- Workshops- to get to understand the types of job in a certain sector, understand the skills and qualities needed and to what it is like to work there

The ITV camera workshop was very interesting as you got to learn what the job was like, a day in the life of this job, what skills and qualities you need, the equipment used and to see if I had an interest in this sector. This was interesting for me as I got to understand the equipment used and also got to find out what it is like to work for this sort of job. I also was able to get 'hands on' with some of the technology used. The Travel and Tourism workshop was very informative in my opinion as there was a lot of talking about what jobs there are in the sector and what you need for those sorts of jobs.

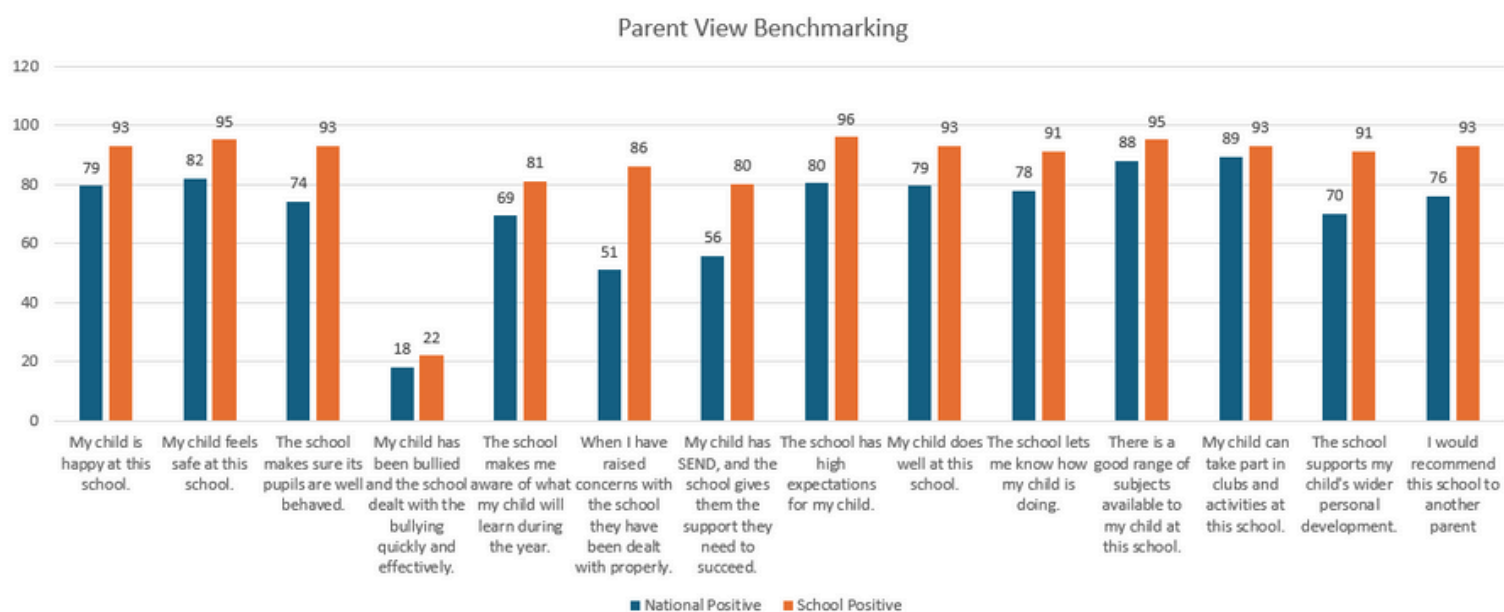
My favourite part of the day was the College and University Talk because it has given me information that can help shape my future depending on the job I pick, and it also informed me a lot about the difference between the two and gain an understanding of the different pathways for myself depending on my chosen career route.

Luke Roberts

## PARENT TUTOR DAY

Our annual Parent Tutor Day took place on 28th November, with over 70% of our school community engaged in the day. These events are vital in supporting students success and building effective home school partnerships.

Every year, we ask our school community to complete our Parent and Carer Questionnaire, to support with our evaluation of the Academy. The results of our questionnaire compared to the national benchmarks can be found in the chart below.



## UNIFORM SWAP OR SHOP

Our second Uniform Swap or Shop Event was a great success and it was lovely to see a larger uptake of parents making use of the swap function.

We raised £245, which will be used towards purchasing further uniform and supporting some of our disadvantaged community. We are hoping to hold another event later on in year.

Don't forget that we are happy to accept uniform donations that are in a good, clean and wearable condition at any time. Donations can brought to the Main Reception.



## PERIOD POVERTY

Periods are a natural part of life, however, for some students the lack of access to menstrual products can create barriers that can impact education and well-being. Over the last few years there have been a number of initiatives to address the growing concerns worldwide and within schools.

### WHAT IS PERIOD POVERTY?

Period poverty refers to the inability to afford or access menstrual products such as pads, tampons, or menstrual cups. It often results in missed school days, decreased participation in activities, and feelings of shame or isolation. For some students, it's not just a matter of inconvenience but a significant barrier to equality in education.



## HOW WE ARE ADDRESSING PERIOD POVERTY

The Academy believes that period products should be accessible for all, without shame or embarrassment. We are part of the Government's period product scheme for schools and colleges, meaning we receive an annual budget where we can purchase certain items to help students who may be struggling with period poverty.

### WHERE CAN YOU GET FREE PERIOD PRODUCTS AT THE ACADEMY?

We have boxes of products available for students across the school site, they are also available at the Main Reception, the Sixth Form Centre and with the Head's of Year.

If any student feels uncomfortable in asking for period products or requires a larger supply of products to cover them over any of the holidays, please get in touch with us at [info@hattonacademy.org.uk](mailto:info@hattonacademy.org.uk).



## VAPING

Vapes, electronic devices that allow nicotine to be inhaled in vapour form, were originally introduced to support adults to reduce tobacco smoking. They have now grown into a huge industry and a lot of the marketing has been criticised for being appealing to children with bright colours and exciting flavours. Studies from NHS England show that 25% of secondary-aged children have tried vaping and that 9% vape regularly. This introduces their developing lungs and brains to a range of health issues. In addition, some vapes are sold at a much higher strength than are legal, and contain illegal substances: these pose even greater risks.



- Nicotine is addictive, meaning that if your child starts vaping they may struggle to stop.
- Nicotine can affect brain development, meaning students may struggle with learning, memory and attention.
- Students who vape are more likely to suffer from anxiety, mood disorders and sleep disturbance.
- Risks to the lungs include wheezing, coughing, shortness of breath and over time can lead to scarring of lung tissue.



- It is illegal for under-18s to buy vapes; or for anyone else to buy a vape for someone aged under-18.
- Some vapes contain illegal substances. One of these is THC, which is a form of cannabis. It is illegal to buy/sell or possess this. If students are in possession of THC vapes on the Academy site, we have the right to permanently exclude the student for bringing drugs onto site.

“PLEASE PICK UP THE PHONE, DROP US AN EMAIL, OR ARRANGE A MEETING IF YOU FEEL THAT THERE IS ANYTHING WE SHOULD BE AWARE OF OR CAN SUPPORT WITH”

## FESTIVE RISKS

Whilst here in the Welfare team we wish you a restful and enjoyable winter break and a Happy New Year we are aware that this is a time where certain risks can increase. If you feel that you need some signposting or support before we close for the break, please do reach out to us:

Risks can include:

- Increased feelings of isolation
- Increased risk of festive scams such as linked to bogus online purchases
- Alcohol (mis)use
- Feeling an increased impact of bereavement or separation
- Parties around the New Year where drugs or alcohol may be present

Domestic Abuse. Studies show that there is a rise in domestic abuse incidents over the festive period. Please note the helplines below should you know of anybody who may need to access these during the break:

- 0808 2000 247 (run by Refuge – for women)
- 0808 8010327 (run by Respect – for men)
- 0800 999 5428 (run by Galop – for members of the LGBTQ+ community)



### External Agency Focus: School Nursing Team

Our School Nursing Team are available to support students with a range of issues but can run sessions on vaping; both educating on risks and helping students to quit. If you think this may be of interest for your child please contact us.



Vapes are increasingly sold online and through social media platforms such as TikTok; covered in this month's online safety newsletter. Look out for the upcoming online safety newsletter or access our online safety page for further information:

[www.hattonschool.org.uk/page/?title=Online+Safety&pid=239](http://www.hattonschool.org.uk/page/?title=Online+Safety&pid=239)



**Mr Shackleton**  
Vice Principal:  
Safeguarding Lead



**Ms Pereira**  
Deputy  
Safeguarding Lead



**Miss Andrews**  
Wellbeing and Welfare  
Support Officer



**Mrs Ali**  
Family Support  
Worker



**Mrs Nicholls**  
Attendance  
Officer

***"Don't suffer in silence – even if we can't help you directly we are likely to be able to signpost you to an agency that can."***



Website:

<https://www.hattonschool.org.uk/page/?title=Safeguarding&pid=186>



Contact:

01933 226077  
(Ask for the Welfare Team)



Email:

[safeguarding@hattonacademy.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@hattonacademy.org.uk)

# NETPRO TASTER SESSION

**JAN 10**  
U12 - U16

**Wellingborough School**  
NN8 2BX

**6:30pm - 8pm**  
£15

**netpro.netball@gmail.com**



## PR FESTIVAL OF FOOTBALL

STUCK FOR IDEAS TO KEEP YOUR CHILDREN ENTERTAINED AND ACTIVE THIS WINTER?

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**Rushden NN10 8HN**  
4 - 14 YEAR OLDS ALL ABILITIES WELCOME

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### SEN FESTIVAL OF SPORT

**Friday 3rd January 2025**  
**10am - 2pm**  
**Chelveston Road School, Rushden**  
£17 per day or free HAF funded place

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## DODGEBALL & NERF HOLIDAY CLUBS

**ST MARYS PRIMARY SCHOOL- LATIMER CLOSE- BURTON LATIMER**  
**30TH DECEMBER & 2ND JANUARY**  
**7 - 14 YEAR OLDS**  
**10AM-3PM**  
FROM £15 PER DAY - FREE HAF HAF FUNDED PLACES ALSO AVAILABLE

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