

# TOOT HILL ALUMNI

Newsletter

June 2018

## DEAR ALUMNUS, WELCOME TO THE ALUMNI UPDATE FOR 2018

### Achievement Evening – September 2017

We were very pleased to welcome Amy Brodie (Class of 2010) back to Toot Hill to speak at our Achievement Evening in September.

Amy joined Toot Hill from Carnarvon Primary School. After completing her GCSE examinations in 2010, Amy stayed at Toot Hill College to do A Levels, leaving in 2012. Amy went on to study Law at Keele University where she secured a First Class Honours Degree.

She initially worked for the Ministry of Justice and is now working at the UK Department of Health in London as Senior Policy Manager for Mental Health. Amy gave an insightful and inspiring talk to students and parents during the evening. Thank you Amy for coming back to share your experiences with us.

### Class of 2009 returns

We were very pleased to welcome the Class of 2009 back into School to meet with Sandy Paley, Head Teacher, Ash Rahman, Executive Head Teacher and John Tomesevic, Chief Operating Officer of the Nova Education Trust.

Class of 2009 met with Sandy and former teachers throughout the day, had a tour of the School and new College building and did some networking with both Year 10, 12 and 13 students. This was followed by a celebratory reception where members of the Alumni got the opportunity to meet up with former teachers. Thank you to the following members of Class 2009, you are inspiring!



Victoria Sherwin  
Fellow of Royal Geographical Society,  
Assistant Land Consultant



Annie Godley  
Graduate Project Manager  
Diversity and Inclusion at BAE Systems



Jonathan Allcock  
Trainee Project Manager at JHC



Sophie Woodward  
Visitor Services, Roman Baths Museum, Bath



Jonathan Chandrakumar  
Consultant at Sphere Group



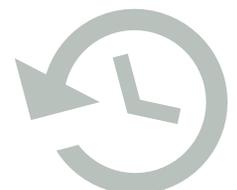
Safia Zerdazi  
Sports Development Officer,  
London South Bank Uni.



Elliot Sayers  
Area Sales Executive,  
Hako Machines Ltd.



William Collinson  
International Law Graduate



### Achievement Evening Speaker/Alumni Reunion

If you are interested in coming back to Toot Hill as a speaker for the Achievement Evening in October 2018 (expenses paid and an opportunity to meet up with some of your former teachers) please get in touch.

We are also happy to organise a reunion for your year group. If you are still in touch with 10-20 peers from your year group and you would all like to come back to Toot Hill to see how it has changed, meet with former teachers and meet some of our current students please get in touch.

Both these events are a chance to celebrate what you have achieved and we would love to see you back in School.

# Interested in a Career in Teaching

## Did you know that

The Nottinghamshire Torch SCITT is a teacher training provider? The organisation trains teachers in both Primary and Secondary around over 30 schools in Nottinghamshire and Nottingham City.

That each year on average there are 3-5 former Toot Hill students on the programme? Many of them now are leading departments! This could be just the thing for you! The profession needs bright, new teachers...contact us at

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### What qualifications do I need to train to teach?

- Minimum of grade C in English and Maths (and C in science if primary)
- A degree grade 2:2 or better, some exceptions for a 3rd class degree
- Some school experience (recommended 10 days minimum)

### What can teachers earn?

- After your degree there are bursaries and scholarships in some subjects to fund training fees and 'pay' you whilst training.

Currently:

- £26,000 for sciences, geography, languages and computing.
- £20,000 + £10,000 for Maths.
- £15,000 for English
- £12,000 for D&T
- £9,000 History.
- £6,000 for Primary Maths
- £0 for Primary and all other subjects

Once trained the starting wage for teachers is: £23,000, progression and promotions can be quick.

On average a teacher earns £37,400 a year with some senior leaders and Head Teachers earning up to 3 x that amount (and beyond). Teaching is a secure job with a lot of opportunities.

### What personal qualities and skills do you need?

- Well organised, good at planning and a good communicator.
- A strong interest in 'teaching' and leading others to success.
- Creativity, energy and a love for your subject.
- A keen interest in helping children (at the age you wish to teach in)



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# Latest News from Toot Hill

This term we said goodbye to two long-standing members of our school community; Marion Mills, our Reprographics Manager, who has worked with our school and wider community for over 20 years, and Avril Bear, who was actively involved as a School Governor since 1972. We sincerely thank Marion and

Avril for their commitment to our school and wish them well in their retirement.

To mark Rob Whiteley's career and time at Toot Hill School he very kindly presented and dedicated an oak tree to Toot Hill on Thursday 26 April which has been planted near the Toot Hill College building.



## BBC News School Report

On Friday 15 March, 13 dedicated pupils got to feel what it would be like to be journalists around Toot Hill School for the day. They spent the day off timetable, interviewing staff about gender equality, interviewing our Head about the policies in place for tackling racism and reporting live about fake news. Before the day itself, these pupils spent months planning articles on topics that interested them, including: gender inequality, physical education in schools and how racism is tackled in the education

system. These reports can be seen on the Toot Hill BBC News School Report website.

The group worked diligently on their topics like professional journalists—making appointments with staff and students and running around desperately to meet the 3.00pm deadline. It was an incredibly successful day for the pupils and they all enjoyed it immensely. Please see our website for more information.



## Year 11–13 Careers and Networking Fair 2018

In January we welcomed 70 providers (employers, colleges, universities and apprenticeship providers) into school to network with Year 11–13 students. This was a great opportunity for students and parents to research a variety of Post-16 and Post-18 destinations. The providers were impressed with the enthusiasm and maturity of our students.

The Alumni are always welcome to attend to promote their employer.



## Year 10 Mock Interview Day 2018

In March, 28 employers came into school to interview Year 10 students.

The employers were impressed with the preparation and research that students did prior to the interview. All students were exceptionally smart, had a copy of their CV and were professional. Thank you to the parents/carers who supported their child in preparing for the day. Students commented: "It was an amazing day", "I was given really good advice" and employers commented: "Such bright stars" and "A great bunch of young people with a range of interests and talents".



# Enrichment News

A wide range of enrichment activities are taking place at school and all pupils are encouraged to get involved with the things they enjoy doing—whether it be sports, arts, drama, music or one of the many other activities on offer. Download the 'Enrichment Guide for Families' from [www.toothillsextra.co.uk](http://www.toothillsextra.co.uk) for more information.

**NCS Summer 18:** Applications are still welcomed from all Year 11 pupils—don't miss out!

**Activities Week and T-Festival 18:** Planning is well underway and thank you to all parents and pupils who returned their AW18 forms—further information will be released immediately after Easter. The chosen charity for T-Fest is Framework Nottingham—helping homeless and vulnerable people.

**D of E:** Over 100 bronze, silver and gold participants are preparing for expedition season and pupils are reminded to be proactive with their admin on eDofE. Many thanks to the D of E Staff Team for their support. Last year 95% of pupils completed their

award which is significantly above the national average—we can do the same again this year!

**Adventure8:** 287 Year 7 pupils are already signed up to our brand new expedition 'Adventure 8', which takes place in October 2018. Places are still available—if your child would like to take part please contact Miss Ward, Head of Year, ASAP.

**Army Cadets:** The thriving Toot Hill Army Cadet Detachment (ACF) is now working out of the drama studio every Tuesday evening from 18:30–20:30 hrs. The additional storage capacity means the cadets are able to offer even more activities! If you would like your child to join, please contact Detachment Commander 2Lt Sarah Parry: [2231parr@armymail.mod.uk](mailto:2231parr@armymail.mod.uk)

**Far Frontiers 18:** 36 Year 12s are looking forward to their journey to Morocco where they will be carrying out a community project in villages based in the High Atlas mountains followed by a trek to test their teamwork skills, resolve and fitness.



## STEM Update: British Science Week 2018

The Toot Hill STEM initiative has been in full flow this term culminating in British Science Week with Years 7–11 all playing their part.

**Year 7 STEM launch:** All Year 7s got their first information about the STEM programme and registered their interest ahead of forthcoming STEM activities.

**Year 8 and 9:** Our STEM club were invited to Birmingham to exhibit their project at the National Finals of the Big Bang Competition. The judges gave some great feedback and while we didn't win the national prize, it was a tremendous achievement and rewarding experience.

**Year 9 and 10:** 60 more students also travelled to

Birmingham for The Big Bang Fair; the UK's largest STEM event. This was a fantastic opportunity and the students both enjoyed, and gained an insight into, STEM opportunities.

**Year 11:** We are excited to have three students make it to the interview stage of their Arkwright Engineering Scholarship applications. This is a prestigious award and most students don't get this far, so fingers crossed for their imminent interviews.

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**Thank you for taking time to read our Newsletter and if you are interested in coming back to Toot Hill please get in touch with Fiona Farmer [ffarmer@toothillschool.co.uk](mailto:ffarmer@toothillschool.co.uk)**