



## Week A & B Year 11 Parents Evening Booking system now open Buy your Christmas Dinner Ticket

4th December 2017

### Cold weather reminders

With the colder weather now here, we would like to remind you to wear a coat to school for break and lunch times.

PE lessons are taken outside on the majority of occasions; please be prepared to wrap up warm for PE. You must always have your PE top, shorts, socks and trainers but in cold weather you can also wear base layers: running leggings under shorts or plain black tracksuit bottoms. Grey hoodies are available to order from the Finance Office. Hats and gloves might also be a good idea along with a plain coat.

### Year 11 Parents Evening 11th December 4pm-7pm

If you are unable to access the internet or need to amend any appointments you have made for the Year 11 Parents' Evening, after 2pm please contact Reception on 01805 623531.

Please ensure that you print your appointment sheet and bring this with you on the night. We look forward to seeing you soon.

### Year 11 Leavers Hoodies

Order line open now for your Leavers Hoodie.

[www.leavershoodies.com/shop/thegreattorringtonschool2018shop](http://www.leavershoodies.com/shop/thegreattorringtonschool2018shop)

**Deadline:** 13th December

### Christmas Dinner

Last reminder to order and pay for your GTS Christmas Dinner by Tuesday 5th December, end of break. Numbers or menu choices cannot be altered after this time. If you are entitled to Free School Meals, please order your choice with Mrs Faulkner.

### Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 15th December we're inviting all pupils to take part in Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day. We're asking pupils to make a £1 donation, or whatever they can give, to help save children's lives around the world. You won't have to splash out on snazzy sweaters to join in the fun—simply decorate an old woolly to create your own crafty masterpiece. If you'd like to know more about Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day, simply head to [Christmasjumperday.org](http://Christmasjumperday.org). We'd really appreciate your help to make Christmas Jumper Day a huge success. If you'd like to enter a competition for the most Christmassy person, head to the Library at **lunchtime 1pm**.

### Christmas Concert

Our annual Christmas concert is to be held at St Michael & All Angels Church, Torrington, on Thursday 14th December. The free event, open to the public, will open its doors from 6.30pm to anyone wishing to join the GTS staff, pupils and family members to celebrate the festive season, with the event starting at 7.00pm. We look forward to welcoming you to our festive event.

### Year 7 Reading Challenge

The draw for the box of goodies for the end of term reading challenge will be drawn in House time on Thursday 14th December. There's still a chance to win, just complete a book and take a quiz.

### Cyber security profession... could that be you?

Cyber Discovery is a HM Government's Cyber Schools Programme, is an extra-curricular learning programme for students in years 10-13 across England. Its goal is to ensure that more people enter the cyber security profession in the coming year?

If you are interested in cracking codes, creating new software tools or finding flaws that will help protect our digital lives, they are looking for the next generation of security experts that can stay one step ahead of cyber criminals. Could that be you?

You have the opportunity to take part in the first phase of the programme: CyberStart Assess! You don't need to have any prior knowledge of computer science, as their challenges will evaluate your current cyber skills. If you enjoy solving problems and logically working through challenging tasks, then Cyber Discovery could open the door to some exciting new opportunities.

If you are interested then please see Mrs Leonard or email [leonard@gts.devon.sch.uk](mailto:leonard@gts.devon.sch.uk) and ask to join in the challenge. **For more information:** <https://joincyberdiscovery.com>

### GTS Alumni

Everyone who has been to Great Torrington School automatically becomes a member of the Great Torrington School Alumni. We are delighted to launch our GTS Alumni page on our website and facebook group (@GTSAlumni) so that we can re-engage with our former students; we would love to be able to utilise the skills and experience of former pupils for the benefits of today's pupils. It would be great to know where former pupils are now in their chosen career paths, and be able to showcase their achievements.

If you are a former pupil of Great Torrington School, or know someone who was, we would love to hear from you! Please spread the word!

### Christmas Tea Party

We are hosting a very special Christmas tea party on 13th December, 1.30pm-3.00pm for all past pupils who would have attended the school between 1939 – 1955. You would have been one of the first pupils to enrol at the School. It would be an opportunity for you to look round your 'old' school, reminisce and share your memories with us. If you are a former pupil of Great Torrington School from this period and would be interested in joining us, please contact Mrs Louise Leonard at the school (01805 623531) or email [leonard@gts.devon.sch.uk](mailto:leonard@gts.devon.sch.uk)

Finally, on behalf of all the staff at Great Torrington School, we would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a very happy Christmas and New Year!

### Week A—W/C 4th December Dinner Menu—Week 3

#### **Monday 4th December**

Indoor Sports Athletics, Sports Hall Year 6 ECDL Exam (11M/Ec1, 11M.Ec2 & 11M/Ec3) Year 11 Reunion Tea & Award Ceremony, 6.15pm

#### **Tuesday 5th December**

Last order for Christmas Dinner Ticket, order by end of break time TODAY.  
Film Club Lunchtime

#### **Wednesday 6th December**

Frankenstein Performance, Drama Studio, Noon North Devon Inclusion Volleyball Competition ECDL Exam (11M/Ec1, 11M.Ec2 & 11M/Ec3) Yr. 11 Football at home V Kings College Small Schools Cup. KO 2.30pm

#### **Thursday 7th December**

Endeavour Assembly in the Dining Hall  
Yr. 10 Workshops—Drama Studio  
Year 11 Mock Results Day, Dining Hall  
Film Club Lunchtime:  
Yr.11 Resistant Materials & Engineering Open Workshop every Thursday 3.10pm-4.45pm

#### **Friday 8th December**

Yr.7 Bikeability Forms—Hand into Mrs Leonard

### Week B—W/C 11th December

#### Dinner Menu Week 1

#### **Monday 11th December**

Year 11 Parents' Evening, 4pm—7pm

#### **Tuesday 12th December**

Badminton Yr10 & Yr11 at Chulmleigh All day Return 3.10pm.  
Film Club Lunchtime:

#### **Wednesday 13th December**

Deadline for Year 11 Hoodie  
Yr.9 Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Deadline

#### **Thursday 14th December**

Yr8 Boys Football B Team V Park Return 6.30pm  
Christmas Lunch  
GTS Christmas Concert at St Michael & All Angels Church 7pm.

We Will Rock You Musical Rehearsals 3-5pm  
Yr.11 Resistant Materials & Engineering Open Workshop every Thursday 3.10pm-4.45pm

#### **Friday 15th December—Last day of term**

Christmas Jumper Day

### Parents Evenings

Year 8	5th February, 4.00pm-6.30pm
Year 9	26th March, 4.00pm-7.00pm
Year 10	21st May, 4.00pm-7.00pm
Year 11	11th Dec, 4.00pm-7.00pm

### Parent Forum Date

Please note that the Parent Forum meeting that was scheduled to take place on Tuesday 5th December has been postponed. A date will be announced for the new year soon.

### Term Dates

Term will finish on Friday 15th December. Please may I also remind you that school starts after Christmas on Wednesday 3rd January 2018.  
Half Term 12th—16th February and the last day

## Extra Curricular Sports Timetable – From December 2017

Clubs run from 3.15-4.15/30pm approx

Lunch clubs					
	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
Astro					
Sports Hall					
Gym/Dance Studio		<b>Street Dance</b> All years	<b>Street Dance</b> All years		
M6	OCR Sports Science catch up		OCR Sports Science catch up		OCR Sports Science catch up

## After School

Astro	Boys Football Year 7				Girls Football All years
Sportshall		Netball All Years	Badminton All Years	Trampolining All years	
Field		Boys Football Years 10 & 11	Girls Rugby Years 7-10	Boys Football Years 8	
		Boys Rugby Year 8	Boys Rugby Year 9	Boys Rugby Year 7 and 10	
GYM	Gymnastics All years <small>A cost applies to this activity</small>				
Other area		Table Tennis All years - Dining Hall <small>A cost applies to this activity</small>			

Table Tennis & Gymnastics £10 for the term - (January to Easter). You may pay online via parentmail or pay by cash or cheque to the Finance Office. All cheques to be made payable to 'Great Torrington School'. All places first come, first served.



## Duke of Edinburgh's Award Year 9

Thank you for attending today's assembly. If you are interested in the Bronze DofE programme, please hand in your letter of interest addressed to Ms Anstee into Reception after 8.50am on Wednesday 13th December.

Please carry out some research on what is a Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Please have a think about what you would do for each of your DofE Sections and give an indication in your letter of application.

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



## Year 9 & Year 10

One space has become available to attend the Performing Arts New York Theatre & Sightseeing Tour.

Please see Mrs Faulkner for a copy of the letter

Depart: Monday 28th May

5 Days / 4 nights