

Friday 17th April 2015

Welcome to Edition 131

Welcome back to the summer term.

I would like to introduce myself as the new Headteacher of Tabor Academy. I am looking forward to meeting you over the coming weeks as the opportunity arises.

This will be a busy term for many students, particularly our Year 11 as they prepare for their final examinations. During the recent Easter holiday I was in school on a number of occasions and was impressed at the number of students who were attending the revision classes which were taking place; this showed real commitment on their part. Many thanks for your support in helping this to happen and your continued support over the next few weeks.

As you will be aware, the transfer of the school to the Loxford School Trust went ahead on 1st April 2015, and we are now in the process of consulting parents regarding changes to the timings of the school day for next September; if you did not receive this, please contact consultation@loxford.net

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Bowman for the work he did as Acting Principal, leading the academy through an uncertain period and look forward to working with him, the staff, students and yourselves to ensure Tabor becomes the school we all know and believe it can be.

Elizabeth Robinson
Headteacher

World Book Day Competition – Winners Announced

On Thursday 5th March, World Book Day, Tabor Academy Library launched its annual competition. Students were given the title 'A New Beginning' and they could interpret it in any way they wished, using original work. The first prize was a Kindle.

We had some fantastic entries ranging from love poems to sci-fi stories, first-day-at-school diaries to nature power-points, sketches to paintings. The independent judges were amazed at the diversity of the subject and realized that we have some very talented students but it made choosing the winner that much more difficult because of the high standard.

Eventually they agreed on the overall winner as Caitlin Hannay-Hill, 9ROS, and her beautiful drawing of a new world done in pastels. Caitlyn had attached a short verse which was a perfect accompaniment to her picture;

Calendar

- 28/4/15 – Y7 Parents' Consultation Day – school closes at 1.30pm.
- 8/5, 22/5 & 5/6 – Year 6 Parents' Coffee Mornings
- 8/6 Year 6 Parents' Evening
- 15/6 Y10 Vaccinations
- 19/6 Y11 Prom

*Every new day starts with a new life;
Every new life ends with a sinking sun;
Every sinking sun ends with a rising moon;
Every rising moon ends with the falling
stars;
Every falling star ends with the breaking
dawn;
At every breaking dawn begins a New
Beginning.*



Two runners-up each received an Easter egg; Jessica Benson, 8REA, for her positive 'New Year Resolutions' poem and Jess Pieri, 10STA, for her haunting love story. All three of these entries are displayed in the library.

Congratulations to our three winners but also to everyone who entered the competition.
Mrs Aves, Library Manager.

Tea for Two

The Year 10 GCSE Catering students sat their first exam last term with tremendous success. The most popular choice of exam topic by far was 'planning and making afternoon tea for two' and the practical results were amazing. Students aimed high and have achieved well. Here's a very small selection of the week's outcomes due to space – I really wanted to show you them all. Congratulations Year 10! Miss Ditzel



News from Business & Media Department

First and foremost I would like to welcome everyone back to the school for the final, and certainly the most important, term of the Year. Students across the board of Business and Media this week have been looking at a cutting edge phenomenon called 'Augmented Reality.'

What is 'Augmented Reality'?

This is where you can use your phone camera to present a different form of reality to the one we all accept as normal. One example is an android application called Sky view. This allows you to use the phone camera and the screen will show you what stars and planets or celestial bodies you are currently looking at.

How does this have any relevance to what students are doing in Media and Business?

Business – students often find it difficult to give three or more clear examples of how customers can be interacted with when a product is launched. Using apps like Blippar, new market products are able to be effectively launched, interacted with and played with by the user. This provides, for those that choose to use it, a Unique Selling Point that may put them above their rivals on a competitive market.

Media – Media students will appreciate that a new more interactive point of contact is emerging between broadcasters and their intended audience. Using 'Augmented Reality' will allow the news of tomorrow to be fully interactive and also allow instant user manipulation.



How to get involved at home

All you need to get involved at home is a smart phone with a camera, both Apple and Android products will suffice. As well as a free app called Blippar.

- Download the free app Blippar onto your device;
- Find a picture on line you can 'Blip' (google 'Blippar examples');
- Open the app so the camera films the picture;
- Sit back and watch, comment on or play the results.



May I also take this time to wish all students across the school the very best in their subjects and urge them to do their very best in this most important of terms. Mr Halstead

Awards News

Well done to the following Year 7 students who received Bronze and Silver awards last term:

7CAR

James Moore 498 merits = Silver
Alisha Fortune 275 merits = Bronze
Ben Carpenter 262 merits = Bronze
Molly Nice 255 merits = Bronze
Taonga Dokowe-Jumbo 323 merits = Bronze
Tamica Hara-Bryson 331 merits = Bronze
Charlotte Smith 305 merits = Bronze

7COU

Matthew Dixon 346 merits = Bronze
Rebecca Wright 289 merits = Bronze

7DRU

Christy Burke 317 merits = Bronze
Alistair Finbow 257 merits = Bronze
Summer Watts 651 merits = Gold

7FOR

Emily Thomas 260 merits = Bronze
Ewan Bainton 341 merits = Bronze

7FRE

Archie Braithwaite 286 merits = Bronze
Maisie Jane Coleman 257 merits = Bronze
Madison Fox 313 merits = Bronze
Cameron Hansell 328 merits = Bronze
Esme Scott 590 merits = Silver

7HUH

Dawid Blaszczyk 483 merits = Silver

7JEF

Scarlett Dawson 303 merits = Bronze
Yazmin Freshwater 259 merits = Bronze
Skye Longland 264 merits = Bronze
Dija Sulgaite 339 merits = Bronze
Abbie Thomas 325 merits = Bronze
Sophie Hewitt 505 merits = Silver

9REN

Katie-Louise Rayner = Bronze

9AVE

Oliver Downes = Bronze

Put the Spray Away



School settings such as sporting changing rooms, buses, classrooms and toilets are environments where use of aerosols, deodorants, body sprays and hair sprays are often used. Many people with asthma find that these products trigger their condition. Students at Tabor Academy have asked that those that do not suffer from asthma are more understanding of how those with the condition are effected by the sprays.

Please support us in providing spaces where all students can breathe a little easier by using alternatives to aerosols. Let's all **'put the spray away'**

Parentpay News

We have added our latest Tabor Catering menus to Parentpay to enable you to see the vast array of delicious food prepared fresh each day for our students; visit www.parentpay.com . If you would like to start using Parentpay to add credit to your child's account or to view their menu choices you will require a login. Please request this service via the school reception.



Until next time

If you have any questions or opinions on any of the items in this newsletter, please email us at: tabornews@taboracademy.com. Thank you for reading this 131st edition of the Tabor News.

CALENDAR DATES 2014-2015

AUTUMN TERM Thursday 4 th September – Friday 19 th December 2014 Half Term: 20 th October – 31 st October (incl.)
SPRING TERM Tuesday 6 th January – Friday 27 th March 2015 Half Term: 16 th February - 20 th February (incl.)
SUMMER TERM Monday 13 th April – Wednesday 22 nd July 2015 Half Term: 25 th May – 29 th May (incl.), May Bank Holiday – 4 th May 2015

APRIL 2015

14/04	Year 8 Girls HPV Vaccinations
28/04	Year 7 Parent/Carers' Evening

MAY 2015

04/05	Bank Holiday
08/05	Year 6 Parent Coffee Morning 9.00am-10.00am
22/05	Year 6 Parent Coffee Morning 9.00am-10.00am
22/05	Year 9 Vegetarian Cooking Demonstration
25/05	Bank Holiday

25/05 – 29/05

HALF TERM

JUNE 2015

05/06	Year 6 Parent Coffee Morning 9.00am-10.00am
08/06	Year 6 New Intake Evening
15/06	Year 10 DTP/ Meningitis C Vaccinations
19/06	Year 11 Prom
22/06	Primary District Sports Day
25/06	Year 6 Induction Day
26/06	Year 6 Induction Day and Uniform Sizing
30/06	Sports Award Evening

JULY 2015

02/07	Sports Day
06/07 - 07/07	Year 4 Taster Workshops (06/07 – 07/07)
08/07,09/07,10/07	Year 5 Taster Day (08/07 – 10/07)
23/07	Inset Day
24/07	Inset Day
24/07 – 06/08	Year 11 Namibia Trip

Dates of events listed are subject to change therefore please look out for further information from the school confirming dates/times of individual events. Details will be published on our website www.taboracademy.co.uk.

**Government Policy is "Parents should not take their children on holiday during term time.
Unauthorised absences for pupils can lead to fines for parents."**