

## Calendar

- 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

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2015

### Welcome to Edition 132

I would like to draw your attention to the reminder about E-Safety which is contained in the newsletter this week. We have been asked by the school's link police officer to draw it to your attention; should you have any concerns of this nature please do not hesitate to contact your son or daughter's Pastoral Manager.

Thank you to all those parents who attended the Year 7 Parent's Evening; it was a pleasure to meet so many of you. I hope you found the evening informative and useful. Over the last two weeks Year 11 have completed practical exams in Art and Photography. These are both 10 hour exams, and the students involved showed real dedication and commitment over this time, and should be congratulated on this. Revision classes are also continuing for our Year 11 students – thank you for your support in ensuring they are able to attend these.

Finally, congratulations to our Year 9 football team who have had a very successful season, and represented the school extremely well, showing real team work and commitment.

Kind regards

Elizabeth Robinson, Headteacher

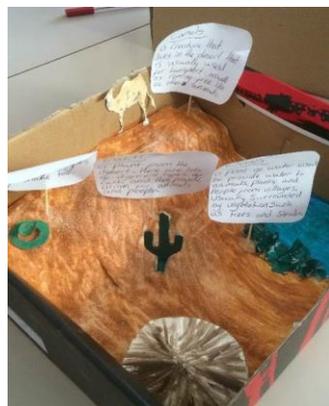
### E-Safety

In the ever growing world of social media, young people can unintentionally put themselves at risk. It has come to our attention this week that an older, unknown male has been sending unpleasant messages to some of our students. This has been reported to the Police. Please remember to be vigilant about your child's use of social media and the internet, and monitor their use of it carefully.

### News from the World of Geography

Students across the year groups are currently working hard at a variety of topics and in a many different ways.

Year 7 have been learning about settlements, and many students have cleverly designed and built models of their own sustainable cities after studying Masdar in the United Arab Emirates. There have been some fantastic designs and ideas. Well done to Year 7.



The Hot Desert Biome,  
Amber Taylor 9LER

Meanwhile Year 8 are studying globalisation with a particular focus on working conditions in sweatshops and how fair trade benefits people at a local scale in LEDCs. Students will be shortly reaching their own conclusion on whether globalisation is a positive move for the world.

In Year 9, Asia and India has been the most recent focus. For a recent homework task students in 9b/Gg1 had the opportunity to create a model of an Asian biome. Molly Goddard, Amber Taylor and Charles Rennie took to this challenge well and Molly's Tundra cake was extremely popular with everyone.



The Tundra Biome Cake,  
Molly Goddard 9ROW

## Attendance and Punctuality

Education is important. We expect students to attend school for more than 95% of the time. Students should be at school, on time and ready to learn, every day the school is open. Missing out on lessons leaves students vulnerable to falling behind and achieving less.

We are monitoring student attendance on a regular basis. During our regular monitoring of attendance we identify any student whose attendance causes concern, including those students who arrive late to school on a number of occasions.

Being late to school can have a considerable impact over the whole school year. When your child is late for school they are missing out on vital parts of their education.

If your child arrives 30 minutes after the register has been taken, they will have an 'unauthorised' late mark – this is the same as an 'unauthorised absence'. If your child accrues 12 or more unauthorised absences you may be issued with a Penalty Notice fine of £120 per parent, per child (reduced to £60 if paid within 21 days).

Students are expected to be in form time by 9.00am. They are required to inform the Attendance Officer of the reason for their lateness.

## Exams News

Our Year 11 students will soon be entering the exam phase. Some have already sat some option exams. The exam schedule (students' timetables have been issued to all students) gives details for every exam period. The first exam takes place on 5<sup>th</sup> May and runs through to 18<sup>th</sup> June 2015.

This is a testing time for all our current Year 11 students, however they must approach the exams full of confidence and resolute in the fact that they have prepared for these exams in the best possible way. Students should have already prepared themselves by developing their own revision timetable depending on the exams that they are taking.

All students are expected to arrive to the exam with the correct equipment for that particular exam, in a clear case, and in full school uniform. Water bottles must be clear plastic bottles. Individualised timetables have been given out to students. Students have been asked to note that the start and finish times may differ from the formal timetable published.

Students have been given information about their preparation for their forthcoming examinations, including remembering to:

- check the time and location of their examination and seat number;
- arrive in plenty of time for their examination;
- bring all of their required materials: pen, pencils, calculator, dictionaries etc;
- leave mobile phones or any electronic devices in their lockers;
- behave in an exemplary fashion and in accordance with exams requirements.

We wish them all the very best for each and every exam. There are no secrets to success. It is a result of preparation, determination and hard work.

## English and Maths Saturday Revision

Some of our students have been invited to take part in Saturday revision for English and Maths. The small group of 42 students have been tutored by Justin Craig Education. We have been delighted with this group of students

who have sacrificed their Saturdays and worked hard during these sessions to help them aim to achieve the top grade at GCSE. The final session will take place this Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May from 9.30am to 4.30pm.

### **Football News**

The Year 9 football team participated in the North West Essex District Football Cup Final against Notley High School. The Year 9's have had an excellent season winning against Rickstones Academy 10-0, drawing with Honywood 0-0, beating Heddingham 3-0 and winning 7-0 against Alec Hunter. Being a final, the game against Notley was always going to be our sternest test of the season, especially considering Notley had scored 30 goals in just 4 matches and had averaged just over 7 goals a game. The Tabor Year 9's are a really vibrant, hard working group and will give any team a competitive game, so it was all set for a good spectacle.

#### **First Half**

The game kicked off and saw Notley put Tabor under some pressure quite quickly. However, the defensive quartet of Rohan Soor, Sam Ermetici, George Smith and Alex Silvey made some excellent clearances to nullify the Notley attack. Tabor were struggling to get themselves into the game, and were saved from going a goal down after a fabulous save from James Whitfield in a 1 on 1 situation. As the half wore on, the boys began to frustrate Notley and started to pass the ball better around the pitch. The game went into a bit of a lull period, and it was turning into a case of cancelling each other out. Jacob Cornwell was breaking up play effectively in centre midfield, and it was certainly a very tight match to observe. Unfortunately the 0-0 scoreline turned into a 1-0 lead for Notley halfway through the first half. A ball was cleared from the Tabor defence, a ricochet saw the ball land at a Notley players feet 25 yards from goal, and he smashed one of the best shots I've seen from a youngster into the top corner of the goal. Tabor needed to find some fluency in their play, but they were punished on the counter-attack. A ball over the top saw the Tabor goalkeeper come out well, however the ball fell nicely for a Notley attacker who hit the ball towards an empty goal to make the half-time scoreline 2-0 to Notley.

#### **Second Half**

Tabor were playing a little within themselves and could have let their heads go down. However, this bunch of lads do not do such things and made sure they made a game of it in the second half. Zach Benedict began to get on the ball more and look to make things happen, Shaye Ellis and James Alderton were looking to get in behind the Notley defence more often, and it was creating some half chances for the Tabor boys. A few shots were taken from the edge of the box and it was certainly increasing the confidence levels of the boys. Once again, James Whitfield excelled in the Tabor goal with a couple of great saves to deny Notley extending their lead. Bailey Last had a couple of shots which narrowly missed the Notley goal, as well as Zach Benedict seeing his angled shot just skim around the Notley post.

A couple of changes were made, with two of the Tabor boys pulling up injured, yet the changes only seemed to galvanize Tabor. Joel Soraf produced a fantastic second half performance in centre midfield, Charlie Perry and Kian Culham were determined and relentless on the right side, and James Alderton went from right wing to centre midfield to centre back proving himself as Tabor's versatile and reliable team player. Brooklyn Musto made some strong runs past the Notley defence, and on a couple of occasions, it was just the final pass that was missing from the boys. As the boys were looking more likely to get back into the game, a third goal arrived for Notley after a long throw was sent into the Tabor box, the ball bounced over everyone and the Notley player planted the ball into the bottom corner.

In these situations, a 3-0 deficit can lead to teams feeling demoralised and dejected, but the boys dug in really well and actually played some of their best football in the final 15 minutes of the match. Some great inter-change play between Bailey Last and Joel Soraf sent Charlie Perry away down the right, his excellent cross was attacked by Brooklyn Musto who pressured the Notley defender to deflect the ball past his own goalkeeper and give Tabor a deserved goal for their second half display. James Alderton and Sam Ermetici continued to intercept flighted balls from Notley in defence, and Joel Soraf demonstrated some skillful touches to set Tabor away on frequent

attacks in the last few minutes. Despite the best efforts of the boys, the referee brought the game to a close and unfortunately the boys had to settle for a runners-up spot for 2015.

### **Final Score – Tabor 1 – 3 Notley (NWESSA Year 9 District Football Cup Final)**

**Team:** James Whitfield, James Alderton, Sam Ermetici, George Smith, Alex Silvey, Kian Culham, Charlie Perry, Jacob Cornwell, Zach Benedict, Bailey Last, Brooklyn Musto, Joel Soraf, Rohan Soor, Shaye Ellis.

This year group have consistently shown a brilliant attitude regardless of the outcome of matches. They illustrated outstanding personal attributes during the game today, and even when things became difficult, nobody gave in. They battled individually, but more importantly, stuck together as a team admirably and encouraged one another throughout the game. They finished 2nd out of 10 district schools which is a great achievement. Each member of the team deserves acknowledgement for their efforts, and they have certainly represented their year group and the school in a bright light this season. Well done to the year 9 boys!

### **Until next time**

If you have any questions or opinions on any of the items in this newsletter, please email us at: [tabornews@taboracademy.co.uk](mailto:tabornews@taboracademy.co.uk) Thank you for reading this 132<sup>nd</sup> edition of the Tabor News.