

Thursday 21st May 2015

Welcome to Edition 135

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a busy six weeks since Easter with a number of highlights on the sporting field, such as Year 11 winning the District Cup and the success of the Year 9 football team. We have also seen successes in other areas such as public speaking, Music and Drama amongst others. I have been very proud to see the talents of our students displayed in such a variety of areas.

Year 11 are now following a revision timetable as we enter the busiest period of the examination season – we wish them the very best of luck as they take their exams. They have worked extremely hard and deserve to do well.

I hope you have a restful break over the half term.

Kind regards

Elizabeth Robinson
Headteacher

Music in and Around the Town

With so many new music venues popping up in Essex over the last year, one of our own pupils here at Tabor Academy decided to approach such venues to see if she was able to get a gig.



Megan managed to book herself a Saturday slot at a local Braintree venue very close to us here at school. One Saturday back in March, Megan performed at 'The Basement Coffee Lounge' on the High Street for over three hours.

As always she sang beautifully with real power and passion. I spoke to the owner of the Basement who was very keen to book her again in the future for a second performance. Megan has sung in school many times both in concerts and in front of the whole school for the Remembrance Assembly, but this was a new experience for her. She was very nervous when talking to her but you would never have believed it once you heard her sing.

This story serves to highlight just what our fantastic pupils here at Tabor Academy are capable of. No matter what your passion is, if you have the drive to do it, like Megan did, you will achieve it.

WE NEED YOU!

After half term we will see the return of the Tabor Singers. Students are encouraged to come along on the first Monday back after the break to see what it is all about. Mr Lovell, Head of Music

Calendar

- 22/5 & 5/6 – Year 6 Parents' Coffee Mornings
- 8/6 Year 6 Parents' Evening
- 15/6 Y10 Vaccinations
- 17/6 District Athletics
- 19/6 Y11 Prom
- 2/7 Sports Day

Jack Petchey “Speak Out” Challenge

A wonderfully exciting night out was had by students, parents and staff alike at the Jack Petchey “Speak Out” competition held at Maltings Academy, Witham on Wednesday 13th May.

“Speak Out” training is designed to boost confidence and self-esteem in young people and helps them become better communicators. Fiona Whytehead, from the Jack Petchey Foundation, came to Tabor on 9th March and coached our contestants for a full day. At the end of the session Millie Mayes, 10MCG, and Sophie Prudence, 10CON, were chosen to attend the North Essex Regional Final.

The atmosphere in the hall was electric as Miss Arruda, Mrs Smith, Mrs Collop, Mrs Aves and both students’ families took their seats. The Master of Ceremony, student Christiana Moon from Maltings Academy, introduced the judges and then began to call up the students, one-by-one, to give their speeches.

Twenty one students from eleven senior schools across the district took part. The audience were fantastic and there was cheering, clapping and general encouragement for each and every one of them. Diverse subjects such as ‘Who Am I?’ and ‘We Are All Beyoncé!’ were eloquently spoken about by the competitors.

Millie’s speech was entitled ‘The Revelations of Resolutions’. Her speech was very animated and it was a joy to witness her performance. Every one of us could relate to the scenarios of December 31st that she described! Sophie’s speech was called ‘How to be Popular’ and she vividly characterised the stereotypical student groups within school. She made us all realise that you can be ‘popular’ whoever you are.

At the end of the evening Janet Money, Mayor of Witham, praised the contestants and said how much she had enjoyed their speeches. She then presented each one with a framed certificate. It was a great end to a most entertaining evening. Julia Aves - Library Manager

National Vegetarian Week

Vegetarian week was promoted in Year 9 Food lessons this week with our two visitors from Animal Aid. Katrina and Debbie cooked up a storm in the kitchen, making a marvellous vegan chilli for everyone to try. They promoted the healthy lifestyle of reducing meat in your diet and challenged everyone to follow Paul McCartney’s lead of trying a Meat Free Monday! Pictured are six of the class (Rebecca, Amy, Sam, Brandon, Hayden and Kian) with Katrina and Debbie, about to tuck into their vegan culinary treat. Why not give Meat Free Monday a try at home? Miss Ditzel, Head of Design



For more info check out these websites:

<https://uk.meatfreeweek.org/home>

<http://www.jamieoliver.com/meat-free-monday/#KfahTiG0WPJMZdrH.97>

<http://www.nationalvegetarianweek.org/>

Reminders

- **Year 10 DTP/Meningitis C Booster Immunisations** – These will take place on Monday 15th June. Please can you return the consent form by Friday 22nd May. The form still needs to be returned if you do not wish your child to have these immunisations. Thank you.

Attachments

- Tabor Singers Lunch Time Club Poster

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. Thank you for reading this 135th edition of the Tabor News.