

Thursday 4th June 2015

Welcome to Edition 136

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back. I hope you had a restful and enjoyable break.

I would like to welcome Miss Dumbrill who joined us as Deputy Headteacher at the start of this half term; she has worked with the Loxford Trust for a number of years and will be overseeing Key Stage Four.

Thank you for your continuing support in ensuring students arrive on time to the start of the school day. It has been pleasing to see a sustained reduction in the number of students who are arriving during tutor time over the last half term.

Students in Years 7, 8 9 and 10 will have internal exams this half term, and the dates for these are later in the newsletter. Students in Years 7 and 8 will have exams in core subjects, and class teachers will share these dates with students. For those in Years 9 and 10, timetables will be issued shortly. Please encourage students to revise for these exams.

Kind regards

Elizabeth Robinson
Headteacher

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 Beyonce!' were eloquently spoken about by the competitors.

Calendar

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





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

Academy Ambassadors

All Year 8 students will be undertaking community service in school. Each student will have the opportunity to become an Academy Ambassador for two periods during the school day. Students will undertake this once between now and the end of term. Duties will include showing visitors around the school and assisting staff.

Mr Porter

Y7 Awards

The following students were presented with awards on Friday 22nd May during assembly:

Callum Corken 7DBA – Double Gold 1003 merits

Zach Seear 7DBA – Gold 651 merits

William French 7FOR – Bronze 260 merits

Gemma Ketley 7FOR – Silver 624 merits

Reminders

- **Year 10 DTP/Meningitis C Booster Immunisations** – These will place on Monday 15th June. If you have not already done so, please can you return the consent form as soon as possible. The form still needs to be returned if you do not wish your child to have these immunisations. Thank you.
- **Exam Dates for Year7-10**
 - Year 7: week commencing 8th June
 - Year 8: week commencing 8th June
 - Year 9: week commencing 22nd June
 - Year 10: week commencing 29th June

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 136th edition of the Tabor News.