

Thursday 11th June 2015

Welcome to Edition 137

Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to draw your attention to the information later in the newsletter regarding letters that will be sent home on a weekly basis regarding Behaviour and Achievement. This is part of our work to ensure that you are informed about the behaviour and attitude to learning that your son or daughter demonstrates, in a timely manner. The intention is that the letters enhance our communication with you and keep you informed on a more frequent basis.

It was really impressive to see how engaged our Year 8 and 9 students were when watching the French play on Monday, they were a credit to themselves and the Academy. There are more details about this activity later in the newsletter. We also hosted a Quad Kids sport activity for some of our local primary schools, and the feedback from our guests was very positive; I would like to thank those students who took part in this. Kind regards

Elizabeth Robinson
Headteacher

English Department News

During this year many of you should have noticed the increase of reading taking place by your son or daughter. It is the aim of the English team to develop a love of reading in our students. Every lesson begins with reading and for the Year 7 and 8 classes they have a dedicated reading lesson every week that takes place in the school library. This allows us to monitor and manage reading practice and allows teachers to help students select books that are difficult enough to keep them challenged, but not too difficult to cause frustration. I would ask that you encourage your son or daughter to continue reading at home to develop skills for life.

Alongside our success in reaching the final stage of the local area 'Speak Out' challenge, a Year 7 student received the Jack Petchey Award for his impeccable manners and very kindly donated his award to the English Faculty. Thank you Dawid Blaszczyk! This gift has allowed the Faculty to purchase three Kindles which will be used in every lesson. Students will be nominated by staff from the Faculty and these fortunate students will be able to use the Kindle for half a term.

Thank you for your continued support with the development of reading across the whole school. Mrs Gillett, Head of English

Performances Françaises

On Monday this week we were lucky to have the opportunity to sit back and be entertained by a wonderful french theatre company.

The play was performed entirely in french, and involved some pupils being invited onto the stage and participating, so well done to those pupils for being so brave!

The story of two hotel owners who had had no clients for two years, was brilliantly performed by only two actors. The mistaken

Calendar

- 15/6 - Y10 Vaccinations
- 17/6 - District Athletics
- 19/6 - Y11 Prom
- 25-26/6 – Y6 Induction Days
- 2/7 - Sports Day
- 22/7 Last Day of Summer Term



identity of the one and only hotel client, a man in disguise dressed as a woman, a hotelier with a bizarre laugh, an over-reacting woman, an escaped prisoner and a man who we thought had been knocked out but hadn't all came together with lots of fun and laughter, whilst being immersed in french. Charlie and Katrina in Year 8 said "We really enjoyed the performance and had fun. The French was challenging but with the hand gestures it helped understand it. The actors were hilarious and we would like to watch it again". Que on est passé un après-midi fabulueux !! Mrs D'Arcy-Hulusi, MFL Department

Harry is a Swimming Sensation!

Year 7 student Harry Mclagan is celebrating after a brilliant performance at the ASA East Regional Swimming Championships.

The event took place at the University of East Anglia last weekend. Harry made all four finals that he entered and sensationally won the 200 meter freestyle and won a silver medal in the 100 meter freestyle. He has been swimming since he was 20 months old and competes for Chelmsford Swimming Club. He is following in the footsteps of his brothers Dan and Tom who are both hugely successful swimmers as well. Congratulations on a wonderful achievement Harry. Mr Jakens, PE Department



Letters Home

Teachers are recording daily the achievement and behaviour of students. Students can receive 'GOOD' or 'BAD' comments in both of these areas. If three 'GOOD's are received a letter will be sent home to congratulate their achievement. Likewise, if three 'BAD's are received a letter will also be sent home to ensure that parents and carers are aware.

Examples:

Achievement

GOOD – really good effort in English lesson; improved level in PE assessment;
BAD – didn't hand in homework.

Behaviour

GOOD – started work promptly and remained focused;
BAD – eating in class.

Reminders

- Year 10 Vaccinations – Monday 15th June: Please return any outstanding consent forms to the school office as soon as possible. These forms should be returned even if you do not wish your child to have the vaccination.
- A reminder regarding earrings - Only 1 small plain gold or silver stud is allowed in each ear.
- **Exam Dates for Year9-10:**
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 137th edition of the Tabor News.