

Calendar

- 22/7 Last Day of Summer Term – school finishes at 12.30pm
- 4/9 – Start of Autumn Term. All students return to school.

Friday 17th July 2015

Welcome to Edition 141

Dear Parents and Carers

Two nominations were received for the Parent Governor positions on the Local Governing Body, and I am therefore pleased to inform you that Mrs Hannah Watson and Mr Andrew Ross will be joining the Governing Body with effect from 1st September 2015.

As we enter the final week of term, I would like to remind you that school closes to students next Wednesday at 12.30pm, and the school buses will run at this earlier time. Should you need your son or daughter to remain on site until the usual finish time, please let their Pastoral Manager know as this will enable arrangements to be made. The new academic year starts at 9.00am on Friday 4th September for all students.

Congratulations to Redgrave who won yesterday's Sports Day. A number of school records were broken throughout the afternoon. The students also raised over £500 for a school in Namibia, and on 24th July 2015 a group of Year 11 students will depart for Namibia accompanied by Mrs Gillett and Mr Jakens to undertake voluntary work there. They will be donating equipment purchased through this fundraising. We hope this is a really successful and rewarding experience for all those involved.

There will be two weeks of Summer School for some of the Year 7 students who will be joining us in September, and for some of our current students. This promises to be a really exciting programme of events and I hope this is an enjoyable programme for all those involved.

On Thursday 20th August, examination results will be issued at 10.00am until 12.00 noon.

As my first term at Tabor draws to a close, I would like to thank both yourselves and our students for making me feel so welcome.

I hope you all have a restful and peaceful summer and look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.

Kind regards

Elizabeth Robinson
Headteacher

Braintree Youth Project Charity

The Hut in Braintree Town Centre is a Youth Centre run by local charity Braintree Youth Project. It offers 11-18 year olds a place to go to relax, and it's free. The Hut is open on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday evenings for young people to drop in and spend time with their friends, play pool, watch DVD's, listen to music, play Wii and just chill out. We are based at the back of Sainsbury's, near Pasha Café – just look out for the big purple sign on the building.

We also go on trips to places such as Stubbers Adventure Centre, Wales and the Lake District. This summer we will be spending a week sailing around the southern coast of England.

The Hut will be open as normal through the summer holidays on Tuesdays (4.30-6.00pm) and Fridays (7.30-9.30pm). If you are looking for something to do that doesn't cost anything, come down - we offer toast and drinks at every session and often have hot meals at the Friday session.

For more information, follow us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/BraintreeYouthProjectCharity) or Twitter (@BYPC1), or check out our website at www.braintreeyouth.org.uk. Kirsty Huxter, Project Administrator

Media Studies – A short course on Science Fiction

The main thread for our current Year 10 students, who soon move in to Year 11, is the theme of science fiction. Personally, they have landed on their feet with me leading the subject as I have a genuine love of the genre. As a small favour to my future class of Year 11, I hoped to give a run-down of some of the most important films the genre has to offer.

I feel the genre started off with the classic Fritz Lang film *Metropolis* (1927), whilst other films pre-date this, naming *'La Voyage Dans la Lune'* (a trip to the moon) (1902, Meliers) as a clear example. Fritz Lang, in creating *Metropolis*, created the first dark vision of the future. Something that sci-fi films have clung on to ever since. The cinema version of dystopia was born. One more modern example with the same dystopian message would be considered to be Gilliam's *'Brazil'* (1985).

Through the late seventies and eighties, there were two types of sci fi film that dominated the movie charts. You had the loveable nerds saving the day, *'Ghostbusters'* (1984), *'Back to the Future'* franchise (1985) and to a certain extent *'Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure'* (1989). Whilst on the other hand you had unstoppable killing machines in things like *'Aliens'* (1986) and *'Akira'* (1988). By 1989, we had decided nothing on earth could stop *'The Terminator'* (1982) so we sent a *'Predator'* (1989) to try and kill Arnie instead. It must have worked as we hear nothing of Arnold Schwarzenegger these days do we?

The nineties and the very early noughties hung on the back of a serious kickback that was registered at the time. People during the end of the cold war were wondering what if. Whilst *'Forbidden Planet'* (1956) set a post-apocalyptic world for us to see, and countless films around the 60's and 70's launched a questioning Charlton Heston wondering why we couldn't just let people turn apes in to *'Soylent Green'* (1973) we were able to see how the world would end. Films like *'The Fifth Element'* (1997) were showing a polluted world unfit for human habitation, *'Moon'* (2001) showing disregard for humans and of course a nuclear disaster in *'Terminator 2'* (1991) wiping out everyone but Arnie, as is the theme.

There are two things to end on. Firstly, I managed to get through this without mentioning any form of Star Trek or Star Wars, so that saves that argument. Secondly, I look forward to putting my enthusiasm for this subject in to the lessons that I will be delivering to the future Year 11 of Media in 9 weeks. I would also suggest watching some of these films. Mr Halstead, Media Department

Reminders:

- Term Dates and new school day from September 2015:

The students will return to school on **Friday 4th September 2015**. All year groups will begin at the same time, at 9.00am.

Autumn Term 2015

TERM	Thursday 3 rd September 2015 to Friday 23 rd October 2015
Half term	Monday 26 th October 2015 to Friday 30 th October 2015
TERM	Monday 2 nd November 2015 to Friday 18 th December 2015

Spring Term 2016

TERM	Monday 4 th January 2016 to Friday 12 th February 2016
Half term	Monday 15 th February 2016 to Friday 19 th February 2016
TERM	Monday 22 nd February 2016 to Thursday 24 th March 2016

Summer Term 2016

TERM	Monday 11 th April 2016 to Friday 27 th May 2016
Half term	Monday 30 th May 2016 to Friday 3 rd June 2016
TERM	Monday 6 th June 2016 to Friday 22 nd July 2016

The INSET days for the academic year are as follows.

Thursday 3rd September 2015
Monday 30th November 2015
Friday 29th January 2016
Thursday 10th March 2016
Friday 11th March 2016

New School Day

Registration	9.00am - 9.05am
Period 1	9.05am - 10.05am
Period 2	10.05am - 11.05am
Break	11.05am - 11.25am
Period 3	11.25am - 12.25pm
Period 4	12.25pm - 1.25pm
Lunch	1.25pm - 2.10pm
Period 5	2.10pm - 3.10pm
Registration	3.10pm - 3.25pm

Attachments

- Braintree Town Girls Football 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 141st edition of the Tabor News.

BRAINTREE TOWN GIRLS FOOTBALL CLUB



Are you a young girl in year 8 or 9 and interested in playing football for a local team?

If so, come along to our open training sessions every Wednesday from 7pm-8pm at King George V Playing Field. Training will start on Wednesday 22nd July 2015.

Please have shin pads, suitable footwear and plenty of water for the session.

This is also a great way to make new friends, get involved with working as part of a team and developing your football skills.



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