

## Calendar

- 17/9 Y11 Careers Fair
- 24/9 Open Evening

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2015**

### Welcome to Edition 142

Dear Parents and Carers

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

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce Mrs Speller, who has joined Tabor Academy as a Deputy Headteacher this term. She will be overseeing the progress and achievement of our Key Stage Three students, with Ms Dumbrill fulfilling this role for Key Stage Four.

All students have been issued with their new planners for the academic year. There is a wealth of useful information in them, including suggested reading lists for all year groups. Please take the time to look at your child's planner, and should you have concerns regarding homework or other matters, please contact your son or daughter's Achievement Team Leader or Year Care Team manager in the first instance.

This week sees the start of the Careers guidance for our current Year 11 students, who will be attending a careers fair at Cressing Temple Barns. Please ensure your son or daughter has returned their reply slip for this event.

Kind regards

Elizabeth Robinson  
Headteacher

### National 4X Championships

Year 8 student Syd travelled to Moelfre, Wales last term for the National 4X Championships and came away with a Bronze medal in the Juvenile class. After some tough racing in the heats, Syd went on to win his semi final and took his place in the final against the older and experienced 4X riders. Out of the gate Syd vied for position and slotted into 3<sup>rd</sup> place at the halfway point of the race. Syd also races for Braintree BMX Club who are situated at the junction of Panfield Lane and Deanery Hill. If you would like to have a go at BMX racing then drop Jools an email at [coach@xlr8bikeschool.com](mailto:coach@xlr8bikeschool.com) to find out more. More information about how to join us is attached to this newsletter.



### Library Competition Winner

Last term Esme from 7FRE won the year 7 and 8 Library competition to name the Accelerated Reader Bookworm. Her entry, William Wigglespeare, was judged to be an excellent play on words and encompassed alliteration alongside a tribute to England's most famous playwright.



She has won a signed copy of Joseph Delaney's latest book 'A New Darkness'. Joseph's first book, 'The Spook's Apprentice', has been turned into a film, renamed 'Seventh Son', which has recently been screened at the cinema.

Accelerated Reader encourages KS3 students to read books within their tested levels and they can gain points by completing a quiz after finishing each book. There are bronze, silver and gold William Wigglespeare badges for those students who reach set levels and certificates for students who are working hard towards their bronze badges. Mrs Aves, Library Manager

### Braintree's Got Talent

Congratulations to Tabor student Sophie, now in Year 11, who won the final of Braintree's Got Talent in July this year with her contemporary solo dance routine.

### Essex Library Volunteering

During the summer holidays I worked in Braintree Library as a volunteer to encourage young children to read over the holidays. As 839,622 teenagers volunteered last year, I thought I would give it a go and I must say, I thoroughly enjoyed it and will definitely be volunteering again next year. All the staff were really friendly and I made quite a few new friends too. It has boosted my confidence in talking to children and I have started reading a lot more too. I would definitely recommend volunteering in the library next year as it is also something good to put on your CV and give you the opportunity to develop confidence, social skills, employment opportunities and literacy skills. Shauna, Year 10



### Reminders:

- Term Dates and new school day from September 2015:

#### Autumn Term 2015

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

#### Spring Term 2016

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

#### Summer Term 2016

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

The INSET days for the academic year are as follows:

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

- Cycling Coaching Flyer
- Braintree BMX Flyer

### 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 142<sup>nd</sup> edition of the Tabor News.



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