

## Calendar

- 30/11/15 – INSET Day
- 8/12/15 – Y10 'A Christmas Carol' production
- 9/12/15 – Drama students' Panto production to primary schools.
- 12/12/15 – Y10 RESPECT Project

**Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> November 2015**

### Welcome to Edition 146

Dear Parents and Carers,

The past fortnight at school has been a particularly eventful one. We began on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> November with an extremely moving tribute for Remembrance Day which took the form of a whole school assembly for all of our staff, students and visiting guests. The students were excellent and it made me very proud to be part of this amazing community.

Recently at school we have also had Year 11 students taking their practical GCSE examinations for Drama and Languages. I wish those students involved every success with their results and their future Year 11 formal internal examinations which will take place early next year.

Our PE Department staff were involved with a Cross Country event last week and they took a group of Tabor Academy students to compete at The Discovery Centre, Notley. I am very pleased to report our runners and marshals were superb and both staff and students thoroughly enjoyed taking part.

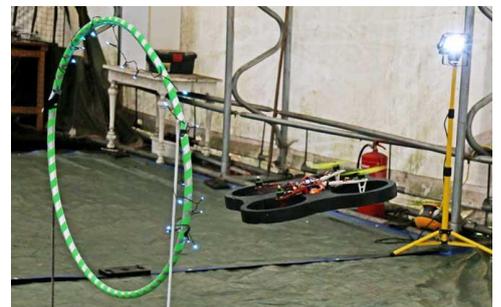
Finally, may I remind you that we have an INSET Day in school on Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> November and the school will be closed to students.

Kind regards

Elizabeth Robinson  
Headteacher

### STEM Club, Raytheon Quadcopter Challenge 2015

On Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November Tabor Academy students Matthew, Albert and Piotr attended a Quadcopter Challenge at Stow Maries Airfield Museum where they flew their home made quadcopter that they had built in an after school club. They were helped by experts from Harlow based company Raytheon. They put in a lot of effort and time to creating their quadcopter to carry out a tasks and fly around an obstacle course. The day was full of activities and attractions like the oculus rift/virtual reality system and other demonstrations of cutting edge technology. They talked to professionals and saw a speed show, where a quadcopter flew up to 60mph! At the end of the day there was a presentation with 3 prizes. They did not win the main prize but won the award for creative design. Their 'copter survived a lot of crashes during the flight through the obstacle course but held together to fly another day! It was a great day of fun and they are looking forward to more training days at Stow Maries, and the Quadcopter Challenge 2016. Piotr, Albert, Matthew and Mr Baker



### Tabor Pays Tribute

Tabor Academy once again hosted an inspiring Remembrance Day service for Braintree's Royal British Legion. Students, staff and many distinguished guests gathered together in the school sports hall on the afternoon of Armistice Day for a moving ceremony that will live long in the memory.

The sixth annual Festival of Remembrance included representatives from military and civilian services who joined the full school community to pay tribute to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the service of their country.



The school was proud to welcome many war veterans and members of the Royal Navy, Air Force, Army and Marines to its event which was led by Father Barnes and Headteacher, Mrs Robinson.

As well as moving readings from student leaders, staff and guests, the Last Post and the National Anthem were played, followed by a poignant poppy-drop. A drama performance backed by beautiful singing helped students and guests grasp the impact of conflict on those that are left behind as soldiers carry out their duties.

Without doubt, the pride and sorrow of war were conveyed in a very special service. In the words of a Year 7 student, "I really understand why the poppy is so important now".

### Reminders

Forthcoming GCSE exam dates:

- Drama Controlled Assessment 26-27/11/15 & 3/12/15
- Catering Practical GCSEs – w/b 7/12/15
- Art GCSE – 10/12/15
- Photography GCSE – 14/12/15

### Until next time

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