

## Calendar

- 3/3/16 – Y9 Options Evening 4-6.00pm
- 8/3/16 – Y10 Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge
- 9/3/16 – Y7-9 Careers Event
- 9/3/16 – Y8-9 MFL Competition at Alec Hunter
- 10/3/16 – Y9 Parents/Students Option Interviews
- 10-11/3/16 – INSET Days
- 16/3/16 – Essex Book Awards
- 16/3/16 – Primary Cross County Event
- 19/3/16 – TANGO Event at Notley School
- 22/3/16 – Fire Safety Event Y7-8
- GCSE Practical PE Exams
- 25/3-8/4/16 – Easter Break

**Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2016**

### Welcome to Edition 151

I would like to draw your attention to the message later in the newsletter regarding Instagram which all the local schools have been asked to pass on to parents. Should you have any concerns about your child's use of social media, please do not hesitate to contact the Year Care Team.

There are a number of events taking place over the next three weeks to support Year 9 students in choosing their options for Key Stage Four. Please encourage your son or daughter to attend the taster sessions, and we look forward to meeting our Year 9 parents next Thursday to discuss individual choices in the Option interviews. Can I remind you that Thursday and Friday next week are INSET days, these are the final ones of this academic year.

Congratulations to all the students who have participated in sporting fixtures recently – they have played extremely well and we are very proud of their successes. I would like to wish all our Year 11 students all the very best for their practical examinations which will take place between now and the Easter break; I know that their practice ones have gone very successfully and hope this is repeated in the final examinations.

Kind regards

Elizabeth Robinson

### Parentpay Update

From Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March the Parentpay website is changing slightly. Parents/Carers will be required to update their username to a registered email address. We appreciate that the majority of Tabor Academy parents/carers already use their email address as their login, so will be unaffected. If you need to change your username, an on-screen guide to walk you through the process will appear when you attempt to log in. In the event of needing to make a quick payment, you can skip the name change until 3<sup>rd</sup> March. Parentpay have implemented this change to increase security for users. If you need any help please do not hesitate to contact the Finance Team at school. Our email address is [finance@taboracademy.co.uk](mailto:finance@taboracademy.co.uk) or telephone 01376 323701 ext 226.

### PE Department News

#### Netball

On Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February the Year 8 netball team took part in an eagerly awaited netball rally hosted at Tabor Academy. The girls played 6 matches in very cold conditions and performed really well.

They beat Maltings A 9-1 Ramsey 5-1 Maltings B 8-0 Helena Romanes 4-3 and Notley7-1. Their last match was against Honywood and unfortunately they lost this match 2-6. This meant they finished the rally as runners up on the night by 1 point.

We would all like to congratulate the girls and I am very grateful to Leanne and Emily who stepped in at short notice due to injury of Caitlin and Yves. These two girls were so upset that they couldn't be involved but they were there to give their support and actually had a big part in timing all of the matches. They enjoyed being in

control of the hooter and did not complain as they got colder and colder from standing on the side line. Fabulous team effort – well done to all. Mrs French, PE Department.

### Football

The annual North West Essex School football competitions commenced just before half term for the Year 7s-10s, and throughout this half term, Tabor are participating in Group B matches against Honywood, Alec Hunter, Rickstones and Hedingham. In Group A, Notley, Ramsey, Maltings and Forest Hall are competing against each other.

The four Tabor teams have performed really well so far, with results as follows: -

#### Year 7s

Tabor Academy **4-2** Hedingham

Tabor Academy **1-2** Alec Hunter

*Games remaining: Rickstones and Honywood*

The Year 7s made a great start to their season with a hard fought 4-2 win against Hedingham. Two goals from Kai put Tabor 2-1 up at half-time, and despite Hedingham equalising once more, Tabor found the determination to force themselves ahead with a goal from Kiedis and a superb solo run and finish from Joel. Both Tabor and Hedingham demonstrated some excellent football skills, and it was certainly a great start in their first ever secondary school game at Tabor.

The second match was against an excellent Alec Hunter team who had already beaten two schools, one of them by a 19-0 margin! The Tabor boys stood up to the challenge of the taller Alec Hunter boys and played some better football than they had played in their first game. Pupils were making last ditch tackles, dribbling the ball past defenders and creating good chances to score. Both teams were trying their best to score, and Alec Hunter took a 1-0 lead after a good finish from the edge of the area. Tabor were doing a lot of the pressing in the second half, and were very unfortunate as Alec Hunter took a 2-0 lead after a scrappy loose ball was hit into the net. Tabor went on the attack and it was only down to the excellent saves of the Alec goalkeeper that stopped Tabor from reducing the deficit. Tabor got the goal they deserved in the final 10 minutes after a great finish from the speedy winger Charlie. Despite the endeavour to score an equaliser, Tabor could not quite find the goal their performance deserved. However, they had shown Alec Hunter that not all schools will be quite so easy to play against this season. **Team:** Aidan; Freddie; David; Joel; Dylan; Kiedis; Charlie; Josh; Stevie; Ben; Kyle; Kai; Henry.

#### Year 8s

Tabor Academy **2-1** Hedingham

Tabor Academy **6-3** Alec Hunter

*Games remaining: Rickstones and Honywood*

The Year 8s have made a superb start to their second year at Tabor. The boys made the final last year, and have given themselves an excellent opportunity to get out of the group again this season. The first game saw Tabor win 2-1 in a tight game against Hedingham. The main difference between the two teams was Kai as he got himself on the score-sheet twice, which proved to be the defining factor. The Tabor goalkeeper Hayden made some crucial saves during the game, which assisted the overall result.

The second game was a goal-fest in which Tabor went into a 2-0 lead, but were then pegged back to 2-1 only to move further ahead once more. Goals from Jordi, Tom, Joe, Bailey, Josh and an excellent strike from Benedict helped to overhaul a tough Alec Hunter team and end with a 6-3 victory. It showed that the team have goals in them from all over the pitch, and illustrates the excellent team ethos amongst the group. **Team:** Hayden W; Josh; Regan; Tom; Joe W; Joe B; Benedict; Hayden R; Jordi; Kai; Joe H; Alfie; Liam; Bailey.

#### Year 9s

Tabor Academy **5-4** Hedingham

Tabor Academy **4-1** Rickstones

Tabor Academy **0-3** Alec Hunter (Game forfeited by Tabor due to lack of players)

*Game remaining: Honywood*

The Year 9s started with an end to end thriller against Heddingham, and ended up 5-4 victors. Harry was the star of the game bagging four goals during the match, which clearly inspired the boys to victory. Whenever Heddingham looked to be getting back into the game, Tabor were able to find another bit of quality to pull ahead once more and so secured maximum points in the first match.

The second match saw Tabor secure their second win of the season with a comfortable 4-1 victory at Rickstones. Although the team were not at their best, goals from Oliver, Harry, Dan and Josh helped to keep up the 100% record in the group. The boys were due to play Alec Hunter, however the team let themselves down as a number of boys failed to bring in kit for the game and so the match had to be forfeited over to Alec Hunter, which was a pity considering the excellent start in the first two matches. Putting this aside, the team have shown great quality going forward, and the likes of Callum, Sam and Tomas have performed really well in their first season playing with the team. **Team:** Callum; Tomas; Bailey; Jake; Sam; Josh H; Seb; Jamie; Dan; Oliver; Harry; Joe

### **Year 10s**

Tabor Academy **6-2** Heddingham

Tabor Academy **3-0** Rickstones (Game forfeited by Rickstones due to lack of players)

Tabor Academy **3-0** Alec Hunter

*Game remaining: Honywood*

The Tabor Year 10s have made the final in the past two seasons, and have set themselves up for the challenge once more this year. A really high quality game against Heddingham saw Tabor overcome the opposition 6-2. Tabor went into a 2-0 lead after the strike duo of Brooklyn and Darshan notched a goal apiece. Heddingham came back and scored with two great strikes to make it 2-2 at half time. Tabor stepped things up in the second half, and deservedly took the lead after a long range strike from Bailey, which was followed by goals from Brooklyn, Darshan and a fine finish from Charlie.

The second game was forfeited by Rickstones as they were unable to field a team on the day. With this half term being extremely busy for all schools, it becomes a challenge to find alternative dates to play games that are postponed. Fortunately, Tabor were able to play Alec Hunter in their third group game and despite having some key players out injured, the boys played in a composed manner and quickly went into a 1-0 lead after good work from Brooklyn who crossed for Darshan to tap into an empty net. Bailey showed excellent skill on the left wing and fired in a near post shot to make the half-time score 2-0. In the second half, Tabor were completely dominant camping themselves in the Alec Hunter half of the pitch. It was only a few minutes before the end that Tabor added a deserved third goal, as Joel curled an excellent right footed strike in off the post leaving the final score 3-0. Three wins from three games leaves the Year 10s in a very strong position, although there is still a tough final group match against Honywood to come. **Team:** James W; Hayden; Sam; Alex; James A; Shaye; Charlie; Joel; George; Jacob; Bailey; Brooklyn; Darshan

Well done to all pupils involved so far this season. Mr Welton, PE Department

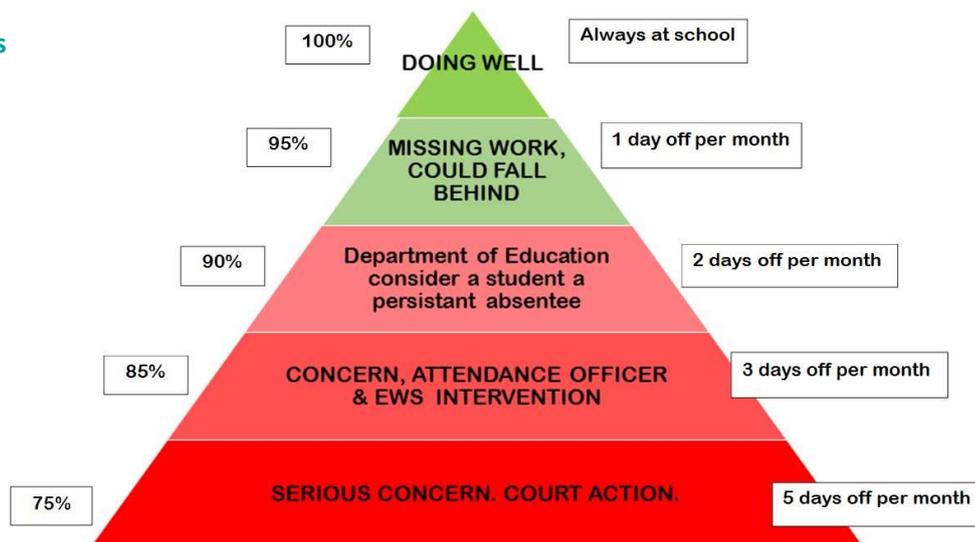
### **Instagram Alert**

We have been made aware of some rather unusual user activity taking place on Instagram which has caused some concern amongst students at another Essex school. The account concerned is '**walkingking009**' and the individual behind the account appears to be adding students from local schools en masse. We would recommend that you block this user from any accounts your child may have. There are apparently rumours circulating that the individual has also attempted to befriend students on Facebook.

Legal and recommended practice for all users - The legal age for an Instagram and Facebook account is 13. If someone adds your child on a social media site and your child is not sure who they are, then they should always decline the request. This prevents them being able to view your child's profile and the posts of your child's friends.

In school, if students are worried that they have shared personal information with this user, or any other stranger on-line, they should speak to a member of the Year Care Team or any adult that they feel comfortable talking to. Thank you in advance for your assistance with this matter.

## Attendance News



Would all parents/carers please take a few moments to study the Attendance pyramid diagram above. It clearly shows the impact absences can have on your child's learning.

Top forms last week:

Year 7	DEM	97.35%
Year 8	COU	96.36%
Year 9	KEN	96.44%
Year 10	BAK	96.44%
Year 11	MAH	97.00%

### Attachments:

- Job Vacancy – Catering Assistant
- Halstead Leisure Centre - Free Multi Sports Sessions
- Ride for Helen – Fundraising Event

### 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 151<sup>st</sup> edition of the Tabor News.

## **Job Vacancy - Catering Assistant**

We are seeking to appoint a highly effective Catering Assistant to join our very successful, heavily over-subscribed trust with an outstanding ethos where staff are supported to become the best. We are seeking to appoint at Tabor Academy, Braintree.

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The post is Term Time Only (45.4 weeks) for 10 hours per week, 12.30–2.30pm daily. The salary is £13,614–£13,715 pro rata (£3,292–£3,317).

If you have any questions regarding the post or are unable to apply on line, please contact the school to request an Application Pack or speak to Mrs Bayly, Human Resources Officer at Tabor Academy.

The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. The successful candidate will be subject to an enhanced DBS record check.

We reserve the right to bring forward the closing date if we consider that we have received an appropriate number of suitable applications for the post. Closing Date: 10<sup>th</sup> March 2016. Interviews: w/c 21<sup>st</sup> March 2016

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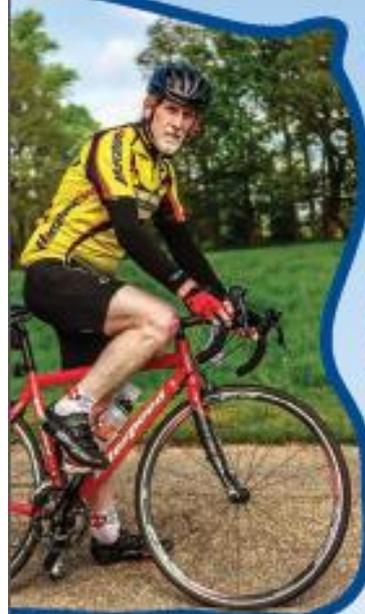
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