

Calendar

- 18/5/16 – Y7-9 Theatre Trip
- 24/5/16 – Y7 District Athletics Trials
- 30/5/16 Bank Holiday; 31/5-3/6/16 Half Term
- 14/6/16 – Y9/10 Design Faculty Trip
- 16/6/16 – District Sports - Athletics

Thursday 12th May 2016

Welcome to Edition 154

Dear Parents/Carers

It has been a very busy few weeks with a number of highlights in the school calendar, such as fundraising events for Sport Relief and the Performing Arts Evening where I was very proud to see the talents of our students displayed in such a variety of areas. We have also celebrated in school the achievement of Year 11 student, Anna, featured below, who was awarded the very prestigious Diana Award this year.

The examination season has now arrived and our Year 11 students will soon be invited to attend revision sessions over the forthcoming half term – we hope that you will encourage your children to attend these very important sessions as they approach their examination dates. If we all work together I am certain they will do very well.

Kind regards

Elizabeth Robinson

Diana Awards 2016

Driving up a sunny, tree-lined avenue and beholding a beautiful Tudor palace, which once belonged to Henry VIII, was the beginning of a fantastic day for myself, Mrs Russell and four very excited Tabor Academy students.



New Hall School, Boreham hosted the INSPIRE Essex event in which the prestigious Diana Awards were delivered in a star-studded ceremony. Ricky Rayment (TOWIE) presented the certificates, along with Tessy Ojo, Diana Award Chief Executive, and there were performances by pop sensations Faith Nelson and Larissa Eddie.

There were schools and academies represented from our region, and as far as St Albans and Norwich. There are five winning categories, which range from anti-bullying to courageous citizen, in which groups or individuals can be nominated.

Our very worthy recipient was Year 11's Anna who is passionate about human rights and campaigns to help those more unfortunate than ourselves. She received the Diana Champion Volunteer Award for her dedication to helping in the community. She volunteers at the Cancer Research shop every week and during the summer holidays she reads with young children at the local library. She has also organised charity days for many well-deserving causes.

Afterwards we attended different workshops arranged by Barclays Bank. Anna, Shauna, Rachel and Wezi went to learn interview techniques and CV writing while Mrs Russell and I learnt more about behind the scenes and how the Diana Awards are progressing.



Lunch was a wonderful affair and our hosts provided some fabulous dishes and desserts for us. Everyone was really friendly and helped us navigate the corridors without getting lost! There were workshops again during the afternoon and then we all came together to share our findings and thoughts. The girls were asked to devise a project that could be implemented within school and they all said how the day had inspired them.

Every one of our students conducted themselves impeccably and were a credit to Tabor Academy.

At 3.30pm Mr Sawyer came to collect us in the Tabor minibus and we took one last look at the wonderful tranquil scene, the fabulous building with an imposing cedar tree in front and a typical English cricket match being played in the late afternoon sunshine. What a perfect end to a glorious day. Mrs Aves, Library Manager

Sports Relief Fundraising

Over the past fortnight the Tabor Academy staff and students were involved in two sporting events in order to



raise money for this year's Sport Relief. The first was the Sport Relief mile, where over 50 students ran, walked and jogged around the Tabor athletic track in order to complete the distance. Earlier in the morning students had contributed to the fund by donating to the collection buckets on the school entrance. This was followed by a staff versus student netball match, where the Year 11 students took on their teachers in a hotly contested game. In the end experience triumphed over youth and the teachers ran out winners. Both events were participated in with a great spirit, whilst raising money for a

fabulous cause. Thanks to all those involved. Mr Salmon, Head of Performing Arts

Performing Arts Evening

On Thursday 28th April the Performing Arts Faculty held their annual 'Evening of Entertainment' in the school hall. The Performing Arts faculty comprises Music, Drama and PE and there were examples on show from all three departments. The night opened with 4 songs from the Tabor Singers, a newly formed group this year who have gone from strength to the strength under the tutelage of Mrs Lesslie. This was followed by a range of acts from the Drama department. The diversity on show was greatly appreciated by the audience, with examples of physical theatre, comedy and pieces inspired by poetry and prose. The Year 10 GCSE drama piece was particularly well received.

Our dancers were next on stage, performing in a range of solos, duets and groups performances. The acts on show were either a product of the GCSE dance course or choreographed by the students themselves. The quality on show made difficult, technical routines look graceful and natural and were testament to the hours of hard work behind the scenes. Following dance our gymnast took to the stage; gymnastics has flourished recently with the after school club very popular and we have performed well in recent County competitions. The gymnasts showed grace and pose as well as strength and agility and impressed the visitors with their manoeuvres.

The evening ended with a musical session which included some outstanding performances and demonstrated the quality of singing and instrumentation within the Music Department. Year 11 Lia's rendition of an Adele song and the closing act of Bohemian Rhapsody (with Year 10's Josh in the role of Freddie Mercury) were particular highlights.

At the end of the evening the feedback was very positive from guests and the performers took their applause on a high. Thanks must go to all involved, with particular mention to Mrs Bowman (PE), Miss Lewis and Miss Nowlan (Drama) and Mrs Lesslie and Mr Lovell (Music).



District Football Results

The Tabor Year 8 and 10 students participated in their NWESSA district football semi-finals during the first week of the Summer term, and while the two teams experienced mixed fortunes, both year groups represented Tabor Academy in a superb manner.

Wednesday 13th April 2016 - Year 8s Semi-Final - Notley 4-1 Tabor Academy (After extra time)

The Year 8s reached the semi-final stage once again having done so in Year 7 too. The boys finished in 2nd place in group B winning three and losing one of their group matches. They were coming up against a Notley team who had won all of their games in the opposing group without conceding a goal, so it was going to be a big challenge attempting to make the final. Tabor started the game impressively, closing down the opposition at every opportunity and looking dangerous on the counter-attack. Tabor broke up play in their own half, and an excellent

through ball was sent through to Jordi, who ran into the Notley penalty area holding off numerous challenges before drilling the ball past the Notley goalkeeper to put Tabor into a 1-0 lead. Notley came back at Tabor with some effective attacking play, however the defensive organisation of Tabor was strong alongside Chris showing good handling skills in goal. Moving into the second half, Tabor were coming under increased pressure and were relying upon catching Notley out of position. Both teams had a few chances, but players such as Liam were epitomising the spirit of Tabor by making last ditch tackles and preventing Notley from equalising. Tabor were unable to hold on as the game moved into the final 10 minutes. The ball was cleared to the edge of the area, and the Notley midfielder hit a high shot over the goalkeeper to make the score 1-1 and send the game into extra time.

Tabor continued to battle well in extra time however the strength and guile of Notley finally managed to overpower the opposition. An unfortunate mix up in defence allowed a ricochet to fall at the feet of a Notley player 6 yards out, and he sent the shot into the far corner of the goal to give Notley a 2-1 lead. As Tabor pressed for an equaliser, they were caught out pushing players forward, and a swift counter attack from Notley led to a well taken third goal as the striker hit an angled shot into the far corner of the goal. By this point, Tabor were showing tiredness due to their hard work throughout the game. Notley added a fourth goal late on, which was harsh on the Tabor boys given they were leading the game 1-0 for so long. The referee brought the game to an end and it meant Notley advanced as 4-1 winners and will take their place in the final.

The Tabor Year 8s should be commended for their efforts. Every player put in 100% to all aspects of their game, and it demonstrated the excellent talent we possess at Tabor alongside the drive and determination that so many pupils possess. The boys were beaten finalists in Year 7 and semi-finalists in year 8, so have performed admirably in their first two years at Tabor. Team: Chris; Josh; Regan; Tom; Joe W; Joe B; Benedict; Liam; Hayden; Kai; Jordi; Joe H

Thursday 14th April 2016- Year 10s Semi-Final - Tabor Academy 5-0 Maltings

The Year 10s have been the strongest Tabor football team so far this year remaining unbeaten in their group winning all four group games, scoring 15 goals and conceding only 2 goals. With that being said, Tabor came up against a Maltings team who they played in the Year 8 final two years ago, so they were up against some stiff opposition and would have to be at their best to progress to the final. The game started evenly with both teams looking strong in attack. Maltings possessed a fast striker who was causing some problems for the Tabor defence, but at the same time, Tabor were stringing together some excellent passes and creating good opportunities to score. Tabor took the lead midway through the half, as a Tabor corner was half cleared. The ball fell to the feet of Darshan and he sent an accurate low strike into the bottom corner of the net to put Tabor 1-0 up. Maltings came back at Tabor and created a couple of good chances, however James made some excellent saves for Tabor and kept the 1-0 lead intact. As the half wore on, Tabor gained the upper hand with good closing down and playing the ball all over the pitch. The half came to an end with Tabor holding the narrow lead after a very competitive first half.

Tabor came out with even greater determination at the start of the second half. Shaye was having an unbelievable game in midfield and contributed the second goal for Tabor. A swift ball through the right channel sent Brooklyn away, who hit a left footed shot to the keeper's right side. He could only parry the ball back into play, and Shaye had made a bursting 50 metre sprint to convert a side-foot finish into the goal putting Tabor 2-0 up. Tabor grew in confidence once the second goal went in, with Alex and Sam demonstrating a solid centre back partnership. George was beginning to control the midfield area and it was frustrating the Maltings players significantly. Tabor made it 3-0 after good work on the left side of the penalty area. A looping ball went over the goalkeeper and Charlie added the finishing touch from a couple of yards out. It wasn't long before a fourth goal came along, as Brooklyn found some space in the area and hit a left footed shot into the far corner to make it 4-0. The final goal came towards the end of the game as George showed some excellent skill in the box, interchanging passes with a team mate, before efficiently striking a shot across the goalkeeper to make the final score 5-0.

The Tabor Year 10s will take their place in their third consecutive final which is an outstanding achievement. The positivity, willingness to succeed and encouragement of the whole team from the boys has contributed to their consistent high standard of play. Fourteen players have performed for the team this season and every one of

them has contributed with great success. We look forward to the boys taking their place in the final over the next couple of weeks, and wish them the best of luck. Mr Welton- PE Department

Ten Pin Bowling Success

Congratulations to Cameron in Year 8 for qualifying to play for the Essex County Ten Pin Bowling team at under 15 level. We wish him all the best with future competitions.

Attendance News

Top forms last week:

- 7DEM – 97.77%
- 8COU – 96.54%
- 9RAW – 96.32%
- 10BAK – 96.49%
- 11MAY – 97.11%

Reminders

- Year 11 Students - As your child's time at Tabor Academy draws to close, please remind them to use up any balances on their cashless catering account.

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 154th edition of the Tabor Academy News.

JOB ADVERTISEMENT - CARETAKER

We are seeking to appoint an ambitious, highly effective and experienced Caretaker to join our very successful, heavily over-subscribed multi academy trust with an outstanding ethos where staff are supported to become the best.

We are specifically looking for a Caretaker to join the Site Team at Tabor Academy in Braintree, Essex.

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Like us, you will be dynamic, innovative and hardworking. You will also have exceptional knowledge on attendance legislation, a desire to positively impact upon students' learning and a firm commitment to high academic achievement. Above all you will be dedicated to giving all our students an outstanding education.

The successful candidate will be:

- An excellent practitioner who can enthuse and inspire.
- Passionate about raising aspirations and improving educational life chances.
- Able to demonstrate a proven track record of leading improvement.
- A role model and champion of learning.
- Clear-thinking and outward-looking.
- Dynamic, innovative and hardworking.
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The salary attached to this post is NJC band 3 point 17-25 (£17,372-£22,212). The post is 36 hours per week 52.14 weeks per year.

The deadline for submission is Monday 23rd May.

If you have any questions regarding the post or are unable to apply on line, please contact 01376 323701 to request an Application Pack or speak to Mrs Sarah Bayly, Human Resources Officer, Tabor Academy.

The Trust 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.