

Calendar

- 24-28/10/16 Half Term
- 10/11/16 – Year 7 Welcome Evening
- 11/11/16 – Remembrance Assembly
- 15/11 Y9 Road Safety Event
- 16/11 District Cross Country
- 17/11/16 – Y8-11 Royal Albert Hall Music Trip
- 19/11/16 – Y9 Residential Trip – Respect Project
- 28/11/16 – INSET Day
- 13/12/16 – Y11 Photographs

Wednesday 19th October 2016

Welcome to Edition 160

Dear Parents/Carers

I am delighted to report that many of our sporting teams have continued to experience success over the last two weeks. Our Year 9 Rugby team are District champions following the tournament earlier this month. Congratulations to all those students who participated. This half term has also seen a number of trips take place, including visits to the Houses of Parliament, the Tate and Wembley stadium.

When we return, our Year 11 students will have practice examinations in English, Maths and Science; information on these has been sent home with students. Should you require a copy of this information please contact reception.

I hope you have a restful half term break.

Kind regards

Elizabeth Robinson

Year 11 Careers Fair @ Cressing Temple Barns

This term, the entire Year 11 cohort attended the annual Braintree Careers Fair. The event hosted over 45 exhibitors there to speak to Year 11 students and demystify and explain the many options available to them from September 2017. There was something for everyone – Sixth Forms for those students looking to follow the more traditional academic routes, colleges offering more vocational ‘hands-on’ courses and apprenticeships for those who are keen to start working and ‘learn on the job’.

Each stand had experienced people available to discuss the institution, the courses/training on offer and to provide informative leaflets for our students to take away and absorb in more detail at school and home. Many stands also gave out free stationery and goodies too... the flashing light bulb pens were a particular hit! I collected leaflets (and free pens!) from every stand, so if any students missed anything, I should have it.

Students from the four local secondary schools attended throughout the day, and although all behaved well, this year the feedback was that Tabor Academy were “exceptional” and I had exhibitors speaking to me after the event to say how lovely the Tabor students were, showing a lot of interest and asking relevant questions. The students made me proud as always.

The Year 12 students also did a wonderful job manning the school’s stand and discussing their experiences of the new Sixth Form at Tabor Academy – so many of our Year 11 students said that they were proud to see their school represented at this further education level and were excited to find out what courses were going to be available for them next year.

A really useful and productive afternoon was experienced by all and I hope the students are now a little clearer in their post-16 options and choices. Mrs Leeds, Achievement Team Leader, Y11.



Jack Petchey

The Jack Petchey Achievement Award Scheme has been running at Tabor Academy for some time and I have had the pleasure of leading it for the past six years. The Award is designed to publicly recognise the achievements and contribution of the students and staff. The monthly presentation of the award certificate in school offers a great

opportunity to celebrate on a regular basis, not just the achievement of the award winner, but also the achievement of the school. This popular programme now operates in approximately 2,000 schools, colleges and youth organisations throughout London and Essex. The scheme contributes millions of pounds each year to support youth work in those areas.

Jack Petchey wants young people to raise their aspirations, believe in themselves and make a contribution to their society. Achievement Awards are designed to recognise a wide range of achievement, it is not just about being clever, or gifted, but about putting the effort in and 'doing your best'. The scheme works well because young people themselves are involved in nominating and selecting the winners.



Due to the size of our school, Tabor Academy has been placed on the Gold Scheme, which means we can present nine student awards and one staff award each year. Staff, students or parents can nominate any Tabor student who has achieved something special. This could be for excellence in a sporting activity, a personal challenge, raising funds for charity – in fact anything which is a 'personal best' for that student. Staff members are nominated by students for many reasons but especially for their commitment to helping the students. Nomination forms can be downloaded from the link on our website.

During the school presentation winners will be awarded a Jack Petchey certificate, pin badge and presentation cheque of £250 to spend on a school faculty of their choice, but every year they will be invited to attend a prestigious, regional Medallion Presentation Evening. These are special events where the winners, their families and friends can really celebrate and be proud of their achievements.

I would love to hear from any parent who feels their child deserves the recognition for their hard work and dedication in all walks of life. Mrs Aves – Library Manager

Sixth Form Head to Parliament

On Tuesday, 18th October our 6th Form students visited London as part of their studies. They all arrived bright and early before making their way via minibus to Epping station before heading to Westminster. The students then had the unique opportunity to take a guided tour around the Houses of Parliament and were even able to observe a debate in the House of Commons. This gave students an understanding of how The UK is governed and provided them with useful information related to their PSCE and Citizenship Studies. The afternoon included visiting Horse Guards Parade before making their way to the West End. Mr Jakens, Assistant Headteacher



Year 9's Are District Champions

On Tuesday 11th October our outstanding Year 9 rugby team travelled to Braintree Rugby Club to compete in the annual District Rugby Tournament. The boys performed exceptionally winning all three of their matches and finishing as champions. There were exceptional performances by Jack, Ben, Joe and Harry and Craig had an excellent debut playing at hooker. Their next challenge is taking on Joyce Frankland Academy in the County cup.

District Rugby Results:

- 31-5 Alec Hunter
- 12-0 Honeywood
- 17-0 Hedingham
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Tabor Football Flourishes

Over the past couple of weeks, Tabor have had some outstanding success in football matches with both the girls and boys demonstrating some excellent teamwork in matches.

Tuesday 4th October 2016

The Year 8 and 9 girls' teams combined to participate in the first round of the Essex County Cup. With 64 teams entering the competition, the Essex County Cup is a challenging event to participate in however the students performed admirably in their first ever cup match together: -

Tabor Academy 10-0 Chelmer Valley - Goals: *Rebecca x3; Sophie x3; Caitlin x3; Ellie*

Essex County Cup Under 14s Squad: Amber (Y8- Goalkeeper); Rebecca (Y8); Zoe (Y8); Katie (Y8); Maria (Y8); Daisy (Y8); Ellie (Y8); Chloe (Y8); Sophie (Y9); Scarlett (Y9); Caitlin (Y9); Sophie (Y9); Yves (Y9); Ella (Y9); Madison (Y9); Leanne (Y9).

The girls performed so well as a team in their first ever match at Tabor together. With plenty of apprehensive young ladies getting ready for kick off, it was the first time I've seen some of these girls lost for words, however they used their nervous energy in a positive manner and went about scoring some excellent goals. Sophie scored 3 well taken goals in the first half alone combined with Rebecca hitting her first goal of the game. In the second half, Rebecca claimed a further 2 goals to claim her hat-trick, and Caitlin also scored 3 goals in a single half to make it 3 hat-tricks from three different players. Ellie scored the 10th and final goal of the game, and the game closed out with an emphatic win for Tabor. Sophie was a rock in defence, and the likes of Yves, Scarlett and Chloe illustrated great determination throughout the game. With 8 representatives from both year groups, it really was a united effort from the Year 8 and 9 girls, and they deserve great credit for their performance.



The girls are into the next round (Last 32) of the Essex County Cup and have been drawn at home to Stanway on Monday 31st October. We wish the girls the best of luck in the next round.

Week Commencing 10th October 2016

The Year 10 and 11 boys' teams participated in their second group matches of the NWESSA district competition. Both teams were successful in their first matches, and success in these matches would almost guarantee a spot in the semi-finals with one game to spare.

Year 10s- Forest Hall 0-11 Tabor Academy – *Goals:* Harry x4; Jamie x3; Jack x2; Dan; Jake
Year 10 Team: Oliver; Sam; George; Jake; Dan L; Dan B; Jack; Jamie; Harry; Harrison; Bailey; Josh.

The Year 10s produced a clinical performance against Forest Hall on a difficult day for all the boys involved. One of the team mates of the Year 10s suffered an accident earlier in the day, and it was to the boys' credit that they all stepped forward to put in an inspiring performance together. Some well worked goals were scored by various members of the team, and the outstanding score line was the least the team deserved. A mixture of pace, power and excellent football contributed towards a fine performance from the whole team, and they enter their final group game after half term with a strong chance of making the semi-finals having got 6 points and scored 16 goals in two games. The year group look forward to welcoming Joe back soon, and pass on their best wishes to him and his family for his recovery.

Group Game remaining- Honywood (Away)

Year 11s- Rickstones 2-3 Tabor Academy – *Goals:* Brooklyn x2; George
Year 11 Team: James; Cade; Joel; Sam; Charlie; Wesley; Shaye; Jacob; George; Bailey; Brooklyn; Darshan.

The Year 11s played out an entertaining game against Rickstones which should have been more convincing in victory but became a lot tighter by the end of the game. Tabor took an early lead through George's strong finish from the edge of the box. This was followed up with a well taken second goal by Brooklyn which provided Tabor with a 2-0 half time lead. Early in the second half, Tabor went 3-0 up via another strike from Brooklyn, however Rickstones showed some battling qualities and gained a goal back with fifteen minutes remaining. As the game entered the final 5 minutes, Rickstones were awarded a penalty and duly dispatched it to make the score 3-2. Although there was a frantic end to the game, Tabor did play the stronger football and have now won both games in their group this season.

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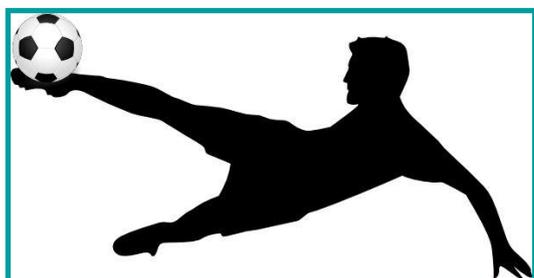
Tuesday 18th October 2016

The Year 11s team combined their district matches this half term alongside entering the Under 16 Essex County Cup. They drew a difficult first round home tie against King Edward VI Grammar School, and it proved to be an excellent match-up as both teams battled to make it through to the last 32 of the competition.

Under 16s - Tabor Academy 2-1 King Edward VI Grammar School - *Goals-* Bailey; Jacob.
Essex County Cup Under 16s Squad- Oliver; Zach; James; Sam; Charlie; Cade; Jacob; George; Darshan; Joel; Bailey; Wesley.

The Tabor Year 11s put up an outstanding performance against a well drilled Chelmsford based school with some very good players. Both teams had to deal with the challenge of the wind in either half, however the 2 defences were having extremely strong games and restricting the attackers to long range shots. King Edward VI sent a low corner towards the Tabor penalty area, which was fortunately missed by everyone and the ball was cleared away. Unfortunately, the opposition did take the lead as a high cross was floated in, and despite a perceived foul on the Tabor goalkeeper, the ball was scrambled into the goal and gave King Edward VI a 1-0 lead. Challenges were flying in, but the 2 teams were playing in a competitive, spirited manner. Tabor came back strongly as the half wore on, and had some speculative efforts at goal. It wasn't until the final minute of the first half that they managed to get on level terms as a ball was sent through to Bailey and he clinically lobbed the ball over the onrushing goalkeeper to make the half time score 1-1.

With the wind benefiting Tabor in the second half, the boys were able to put more pressure on the King Edward VI defence. The game was still fiercely competitive but Tabor were starting to string more accurate passes together with George and Jacob finding more space in the midfield, and Zach and Cade working well together down the right flank. Tabor came agonisingly close to re-taking the lead, as George hit a ferocious strike that beat the goalkeeper but crashed down off the bar, on to the post and was then cleared away. Straight after, Joel hit a curling effort which the goalkeeper did well to parry away for a corner. Tabor were growing in stature as the



second half progressed, and both teams were aware that the game was going to go straight to penalties if the game remained a draw. Fortunately for everyone's blood pressure and heart rate, Tabor claimed a winner in the final 10 minutes of the match. The ball was chipped over the King Edward VI defence, Jacob remained just onside, held off 2 players before hitting a powerful shot past the keeper to send Tabor into a 2-1 lead. King Edward VI did not cave in and came back at the Tabor defensive line, with the Tabor goalkeeper, Oliver, doing superbly well to hold on to a lobbed attempt before a final chance was blasted over by the opposition.

The referee brought the game to a close and Tabor now move into the last 32 of the Essex County Cup where they will play away to either Greensward or Bromfords after the half term break.

A brilliant half term of football for Tabor Academy which has seen 6 games played by various year groups, and 6 games won. There have been 39 goals scored and just 8 conceded which is an excellent achievement from the teams. We will continue to keep you updated on their progress when we return after the half term break.
Mr Welton, PE Dept

Attendance News

Top forms last week:

- 7O – 99.42%
- 8C – 98.73%
- 9Y – 97.44%
- 10R – 97.93%
- 11C – 96.67%

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 160th edition of the Tabor Academy News.