

Calendar

- 28/11/16 – INSET Day
- 13/12/16 – Y11 Photographs
- 15/12/16 – Y8 Trip to Hindu Temple
- 19-20/16 – INSET Days
- 21/12-30/12 – Christmas Holidays
- 2/1/17 – Bank Holiday
- 10/1/17 – 6th Form Open Evening

Wednesday 23rd November 2016

Welcome to Edition 162

Dear Parents/Carers

On Friday, 11th November, we held our annual Remembrance Service, remembering those who have served and continue to serve today. I have received many compliments on the impeccable behaviour of our students from visitors who joined us that day.

Over the last two weeks there have been a number of events and outside speakers including a visit to the Royal Albert Hall, District Cross Country, Road Safety and E-safety presentations, as well as TANGO workshops. The reports later in the newsletter will give you more information on these.

Thank you to all those parents who attend the Year 7 Tutor evening.

As the evenings are getting darker, can I please ask that you avoid parking on the double yellow lines in order to help us ensure our students are able to exit the site safely? Students who cycle to school should ensure they have lights with them and wear helmets.

I would like to remind you that Monday, 28th November is an INSET day.

Kind regards

Elizabeth Robinson

Tabor Remembers

On Friday 11th November the school conducted the 4th Tabor Academy Festival of Remembrance to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Battle of the Somme. We were honoured and privileged to receive attendance from very important visitors from the school's Governing Board, local community, armed and domestic services. The format of the service was altered this year to incorporate heroes of the past, present, and future. The past was represented by four World War 2 veterans, all in their 90th years; Mr James Nelson (Royal Navy and Normandy veteran), Mr Arthur Tyler (Royal Navy veteran), Mr Ken Kippin (Army veteran) and Mr Tony Gill (R.A.F Veteran). For heroes of the present we were delighted to have two former students return; Lance Corporal Mason Godfrey (Royal Anglian Regiment), Lance Corporal Ben Waller (Royal Logistics Corp) and Lance Corporal Chris Baker (who was injured in Iraq whilst serving in The Royal Engineers). For the future heroes we were joined by representatives from the local cadet forces.



The assembly was fully supported by The Royal British Legion with attendance from Essex Senior Officers and from the Braintree and Bocking Branch, to whom we are affiliated. Students read three touching World War 1 poems, with singing performances and a drama performance, and finally the National Anthem being sung by Megan Chappell. We do follow the full protocol of the act of remembrance from The Royal Albert Hall Festival of Remembrance, with wreaths being laid in respect of the fallen and the poppy speech being given by Lily from St. Michaels school representing the primary school children of Braintree. The event concluding with the last post being played and a poppy drop with two minutes silence. All of our guests commented on how touched they were with the assembly, particularly the serving military and veterans, who said that they felt extremely proud to attend and had never experienced anything like it in a school. At the going down of the sun, and in the morning, Tabor Academy will Remember them. David Wiles, Estates Manager/School Royal British Legion Youth Officer

Operation Christmas Child



Once again there will be many smiling faces when a disadvantaged child overseas receives one of the filled-to-the-brim Christmas boxes donated by Tabor Academy.

Many students, staff and families joined in with the spirit of the occasion and gave so generously. Gifts included knitted hats, scarves, gloves, toys, jewellery, wrapped sweets, books, stationery and much, much more. Some students even gave up their lunch money for the day to help pay for the postage needed for each box.



This year we have had the chance to follow the journey of our boxes and where they will finally be distributed so we will keep everyone updated. Thank you and well done to you all. Mrs Aves and Mrs Barrow – Tabor Library

Jack Petchey Award Winner

Olivia was March's Jack Petchey Award recipient and she decided to use her reward money to generate more funds for the Watoto Child Care Ministry in Uganda. Olivia and her family had visited and worked at the Watoto orphanages the previous year so she felt very committed to helping them in any way she could.

Two weeks before the summer holidays Olivia and her group of friends sold ice lollies every break and lunchtime. The lollies were sourced so that they didn't contain preservatives, additives or colourings. The regular event proved to be extremely popular, especially as the weather was so hot!



Thanks to all the helpers who worked really hard and gave up their free time to help such a worthy cause. Thanks also go to the kitchen staff who made room for us to store the lollies, site staff for sourcing a portable freezer and, of course, all the staff and students who gave so generously. The final amount raised was a staggering £431.90 which was gratefully received by the Watoto Ministry. Mrs Aves, Library Manager

Tabor, Alec and Notley Group Sessions

Year 8 students - On Saturday 19th November, instead of classrooms full of Tabor students, we hosted small groups of students from Alec, Notley and Ramsey schools, as well as Tabor, for this year's TANGO Learning Sessions. In room 312, I had 16 students keen to learn about a more print-based, graphic approach to making art.

The group based their work for the morning around one geometric still-life, starting with detailed drawings in pencil, then progressing to colour oil pastel studies using advanced masking and colouring techniques. Then, they used an abstracted part of their original drawing to inform the creation of a lino print, again, learning new techniques in order to successfully transfer, cut and print a series of prints on to different papers.

The standard of final work in my group was extremely high, as everyone challenged themselves without exception, to make work which showed wonderful observation, thoughtful development and skilful printing and finishing.

The students seemed to enjoy the session very much, the behaviour throughout was excellent, and all have work they can truly be proud of. Mr Chapman, Art Department

Year 9 students - It was a pleasure to work with some very talented and extremely well behaved Year 9 students this Saturday, 19th November. During the session they had the chance to experiment with mixed media and

combine image and text in an attempt to create a personal outcome. The small canvases they created were very successful and it was great to see everyone enjoying themselves whilst learning some new skills. Mrs Reynolds, Art Department



Over the second, third and fourth weeks of this half term, Tabor played in some district and county cup football matches. Despite the results not going in Tabor's favour, there were some really well contested games and the attitude on show from the Tabor students was exemplary in each match.

PE Department News

Thursday 10th November - NWESSA Group Game: Match 3- Year 10s - Honywood 5-0 Tabor

The Year 10 boys travelled to Honywood off the back of two high scoring wins which had guaranteed them a spot in the semi-finals regardless of the result against Honywood. Unfortunately for the Year 10s, they came up against a talented Honywood team who were very clinical in front of goal. Tabor played extremely well in the first half and matched Honywood well for long periods of the game. While the first half saw Honywood take a 1-0 lead, they became more dominant in the second half and scored four more goals to make the final score 5-0. Tabor did show promise on numerous occasions, and there were some strong individual performances with Jack doing extremely well at centre back and the Tabor goalkeeper, Oliver, making some outstanding saves during the game. The team should go through in second place overall and so await to find out their semi-final opponent.

Year 10 Team- Oliver; Sam; Jack S; Jake; Dan; Josh; Jack M; Jamie; Harry; Harrison.

Thursday 10th November - NWESSA Group Game: Match 3- Year 11s - Honywood 2-1 Tabor (Goal- Brooklyn)

The Year 11s had won their two group games prior to this one so were also assured of a semi-final place later in the month. A closely contested game between two well matched teams saw Honywood take a 1-0 half time lead after a well drilled in strike that left the Tabor goalkeeper with little chance. Tabor improved in the second half, and it was a fast break that led to the equaliser as Brooklyn found some space on the right flank, he went past the final Honywood defender before hitting a good finish past the keeper. As both teams pushed for another goal, it was Honywood who managed to gain the upper hand as their striker beat the offside trap before side-footing the ball into the bottom corner. The game came to a close, and so it is likely they will go through to the semi-final in second place overall.

Year 11 Team- James W; Zach; Sam; James A; Charlie; Shaye; Brooklyn; George; Jacob; Darshan; Cade; Bailey; Joel

Thursday 17th November - Essex County Cup Last 32- Year 11s - Bromfords 3-2 Tabor (Goals- Shaye; Bailey)

Having experienced a tough loss in the previous week, the Year 11s suffered an even tougher defeat in the county cup. Coming into the game, Tabor had beaten KEGS 2-1 in the first round of the County Cup while Bromfords had come through their qualifying round 5-2 and their first round match 8-0. The Bromfords team had reached the quarter-finals of the County Cup last year and were going to prove a stern test for the Tabor team; however the first half was an outstanding team effort from the boys and they deservedly held a 2-0 lead at half time. Shaye whipped a superb right footed strike from the edge of the box past the outstretching Bromfords goalkeeper, and Bailey beat the offside trap to slot a solid left footed finish into the bottom corner. Tabor were looking assured and confident on the ball, as well as defending very well against some difficult opponents.

In the second half, Bromfords came on strongly and were given a lifeline from a corner, as the ref pointed to the penalty spot due to a Tabor defender pulling a Bromfords attacker back. The penalty was dispatched, and it was

game on. Tabor were looking dangerous on the counter and had a couple of opportunities to restore their two goal lead; however it was Bromfords who levelled 10 minutes from the end. A ball was headed back towards the Tabor goalkeeper but lacked the pace to reach him, and the Bromfords striker stormed in to slot a finish into the bottom corner and potentially send the game into penalties. As the game became frantic, Bromfords had a couple of chances but were thwarted by outstanding goalkeeping from Oliver, while Tabor almost snatched victory but were denied on the goal-line. The game reached the final minute, and both teams battled for the ball close to the Tabor penalty area. Unfortunately for the Tabor defence, the ball fell to the Bromfords player who charged into the box and scored the winner, which ended an outstanding game of football. While it was difficult for the boys to take, particularly having been 2-0 up, their conduct on the pitch was outstanding and they played in the right spirit throughout. The Year 11s still have a chance of success in the district cup, so will still have at least one more 11-aside match at Tabor to compete in. **Year 11 Team-** *Oliver; Zach; James; Sam; Charlie; Brooklyn; George; Jacob; Shaye; Darshan; Bailey; Joel*

Tuesday 22nd November - Essex County Cup Last 16- Under 14s Girls - Clacton County High 3-1 Tabor (Rebecca)

The Year 8 and 9 girls contested an excellent encounter against Clacton County High in the Essex County Cup. Having been successful against Chelmer Valley and Stanway in the previous two rounds, the girls came into the game high in confidence. The game did not start ideally for Tabor, as a corner was whipped in by Clacton and an unfortunate deflection off a Tabor defender sent the ball into the net. Tabor responded positively and showed some good football, however Clacton increased their lead due to an unfortunate mix up in defence. The ball ricocheted off the Tabor goalpost and the Clacton striker slotted the rebound in to make the half time score 2-0. During the second half, Tabor dominated proceedings and began to have more success in the final third. Some promising openings were made by Tabor with multiple corners occurring and tackles were being won by the girls on a regular basis. Tabor made a breakthrough with the goal of the game, as Rebecca hit a well driven free-kick from long range past the Clacton goalkeeper, which made the final 10 minutes extremely interesting. Tabor showed great desire for an equaliser, but it was Clacton who added to their lead close to the end of the game. A shot from the edge of the box found its way into the Tabor net, and unfortunately for the girls, their County Cup experience was over for the season. Every girl who has contributed towards the competition has shown such a positive attitude towards football, and Tabor girls' football has grown in stature year after year. We look forward to seeing the girls perform in further football fixtures in 2017. **Year 8 and 9 Team** - *Amber; Ellie; Sophie J; Rebecca; Zoe; Madison; Chloe; Scarlett; Leanne; Yves; Caitlin; Sophie H; Maria; Lucy*

While November has not been as successful as October with football results, the performances have been exceptional and we have a wide range of students participating on a regular basis, who are expressing themselves extremely well. Mr Welton, PE Department

Attendance News

Top forms last week:

- 7O – 97.72%
- 8O – 98.58%
- 9R – 96.61%
- 10R – 97.35%
- 11B – 96.08%

Reminders

Revision sessions for Year 11 students take place after school each week from 3.30-4.30pm as follows:

- Tuesday Maths
- Wednesday English
- Thursday Science

Attachments

- 6th Form Open Evening
- 6th Form Taster Sessions

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 162nd edition of the Tabor Academy News.



Tabor Academy Sixth Form Open Evening

Tuesday 10th January 2017.

4.00pm – 7.00pm

Main School Hall





Tabor Academy Sixth Form Taster Sessions

Tuesday 6th December A Level History with Miss Bezpalko – Room 109

Wednesday 7th December A Level Sociology and Psychology with Ms Mckenzie – Room 304

Sessions will take place at lunchtime between 1.30-2.00pm.

Sign up with your form tutor today!!

