

Calendar

- 30/1/17 – Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge
- 1/2/17 – Y7-8 District Cross Country
- 2/2/17 – Year 9 Parents' Evening
- 13-17/2/17 – Half Term
- 20/2/17 – Year 9 Curriculum Evening
- 23/2/17 – Y10/11 Drama Trip
- 14/3/17 – Y8-9 Essex Book Awards Visit
- 23/3/17 – Y12 Parents' Evening

Thursday 26th January 2017

Welcome to Edition 164

Dear Parents/Carers

The new term has been very busy with several exciting trips already taking place. Our Years 7, 8 and 10 students went to see a performance in London's West End of the play 'A Christmas Carol' and a selection of our Years 7-10 students were recognised for their outstanding achievement and attendance with a reward trip to Westfield Stratford City to take part in either bowling or a cinema visit. Both trips were thoroughly enjoyed by the students who took part.

Year 11 students have now completed their mock examinations; it has been pleasing to see the focussed manner in which they have approached them. The date for their prom has been confirmed as 22nd June 2017. More information on this will follow later this term.

At the end of last term some of our Year 8 and 9 students took part in a Christmas Cookie Competition to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support – a short report follows later in the newsletter – but I would like to congratulate the winner, Lucia, in Year 8.

There are some key dates coming up which I would like to remind you of, Thursday 2nd February is our Year 9 Parents' Evening and we have an INSET Day on Friday, 24th March.

Kind regards

Elizabeth Robinson

Christmas Cookies Fundraising

On Wednesday 14th December some Year 8 and Year 9 students took part in a German Christmas biscuit baking competition, bringing in their festively decorated bakes for judging. We got to taste chocolate topped stars and hearts, colourful candy-cane cookies, mouth-watering morsels of orange zest iced biscuits and glorious gingerbread men with silver bauble buttons. The judges declared that Lucia in Year 8 was the overall winner for her range of shapes and toppings and attention to detail. Year 8's Sarah-Jane was our runner up for her very amusing melting grumpy snowmen biscuits. Congratulations to our winners and thanks to all of the participants; the sale of your biscuits at break time raised £16 for Macmillan Cancer Support. Mrs Sieg, MFL Department



A Christmas Carol

On Wednesday, 4th January the English Department arranged to take over 150 Year 7, 8 and 10 students to see a West End theatre performance of Charles Dickens' 'A Christmas Carol'.

As part of the new English Curriculum, students are required to study the text of Dickens' 'A Christmas Carol' so it was hoped that watching a live version would enhance their understanding of this challenging text as understanding the plot of the story is an integral part of the pupils' English Literature GCSE grade.

Seeing the setting and environment represented on stage gave the students a real insight into the context in which the novella was set and the world in which Charles Dickens was writing. This will help students develop their interpretations and knowledge of key themes and concepts within the story. The changes in the current GCSE mean that context, whole text and understanding of plot are key assessment criteria within the mark scheme on all examination papers.



The students said they found it very unusual and interesting to have one actor playing all the different parts of the play. They really enjoyed seeing the actor almost argue with himself and were really impressed with how easy it was to understand which character the actor was representing. One Year 7 student said "This was a really sweet and enjoyable play to see" and the KS3 students also mentioned that it had a beautiful set and they found the character of Scrooge to be sad and they were happy that he became nice and good to Tiny Tim by the end of the play. Miss Lewis-Burling, English Dept

Westfield Reward

On Friday, 6th January, 60 lucky students were invited to attend our first reward trip of the academic year. The students' behaviour and manners was impeccable and many members of the public commented on how smart and how well behaved the students were. We visited the Westfield Shopping Centre in Stratford, where students were given a choice of activities; 27 students chose to go to the Vue Cinema to see Moana, a Disney spectacular, and 33 students chose to bowl at the retro Allstar Lanes. Another reward trip will be taking place around Easter time. Mr Porter, Assistant Headteacher



6th Form Open Evening

On Tuesday 10th January Tabor Sixth Form hosted its' second annual open evening. Over 100 visitors from both Tabor and a number of local schools attended the event to learn about what our Sixth Form has to offer.



Information stands for all subjects were on show as well as an opportunity to learn about some of the new subjects we will be launching from 2016 including A Level Politics and BTEC Sport.

Current Sixth Form students and Lynne Pembroke, our IAG Advisor, were on hand to discuss the options available to students post 16 and we look forward to welcoming a large number into our the Sixth Form in September 2017.

Application forms are available both on the school website and from the school office. For more information on Tabor Sixth Form please contact Mr Jakens.

Tabor @ the Jack Petchey Awards

Singing, cheering, shouting and generally making encouraging noises were compulsory at the fantastic Jack Petchey Awards ceremony at Braintree Arts Theatre during the evening of Tuesday 17th January. Mrs Robinson, Mr Jakens, Mrs Barrow, Mrs Aves and the students' parents and relatives watched as Cllr Frankie Ricci, Chairman of Braintree Council, presented medallions to students and adults from 11 senior schools and colleges in our area.

Our wonderful student achievers were Ella, Charlie, Jessica, Olivia, Cameron, Leanne, Molly and Cameron. Some of the reasons for their awards were charity work, volunteering, being the best in their chosen field, representing our school, excellence in their attitude to learning and being role models to other students. Charlie was even singled out by the Award organisers because of his dedication to volunteering and his excellence in ten-pin bowling.

Mr Wiles was only one of five adults who received the Jack Petchey Leadership Award that night. He was nominated for his dedication to the school but most of all because of his passion for organising our Remembrance Service which gets better every year.



There was an outstanding performance during the presentations from our very own pianist Nicole, who had everyone enthralled with her professional ability.

The evening celebrations proved that we have some very remarkable young people in our midst and we should be immensely proud of them. Mrs Aves and Mrs Barrow, Library Co-ordinators

PE Department News

The spring term started off with the Year 10 and 11 football teams competing in their respective district cup finals against Honywood, in addition to the annual futsal competitions taking place for various year groups. Throughout the games, there were some outstanding individual performances in addition to excellent team spirit from every student who took part.

Year 10 Boys NWESSA District Cup Final - Tabor Academy 0-8 Honywood

The Tabor Year 10s participated in their first cup final since joining Tabor having seen off the challenge of numerous other schools. They came into the final having won matches against Alec Hunter 5-2, Forest Hall 11-0 and Heddingham 8-3 while they lost a group game against Honywood, which provided them with an opportunity in a rematch. The opposition did prove a step too far for the Tabor boys, but at no point did the team allow their heads to drop. Throughout the team there were some excellent performances, with Jack performing superbly in defence, Josh making effective runs in midfield and Harry showing some tireless running in attack. Honywood scored some very good goals in the game, and illustrated why they have made it into the quarter-finals of the Essex County Cup this season. Tabor traded attacks in between the goals that were conceded, and continued to make tackles all over the pitch in addition to creating some goal-scoring opportunities.

The most important moment of the game came towards the end of the match when Joe took to the field having been out of action for the past three months, and knowing how passionate he is about his football, everyone was delighted to see him back on the football pitch doing the activity he enjoys the most. The final score may not have gone in Tabor's favour however the boys have put up an excellent effort this season making the cup final, and I am sure they will continue to represent the school proudly when they move into year 11.

Year 10 Team: Oliver; George; Sam; Jake; Dan; Jamie; Josh; Harrison; Jack M; Jack S; Joe; Harry; Zach.

Year 11 Boys NWESSA District Cup Final - Tabor Academy 1-1 Honywood (Honywood win 5-4 on penalties)

The Tabor Year 11s played in their fourth consecutive final aiming to finish off their time at Tabor with a District Cup victory. The boys had made the final after beating Alec Hunter 8-3, Rickstones 3-2 and Heddingham 3-1 in the semi-finals as well as having lost to Honywood in the group stages 2-1. The game was an end to end encounter that saw both teams have great chances to win the game. Tabor gained the upper-hand in the first half as Brooklyn swung in a left footed corner which floated all the way into the goal. Tabor had a couple of one on one opportunities in the first half however could not extend their lead. At the same time, Honywood carved open a number of opportunities but were thwarted by some excellent saves by Ryan in goal alongside Tabor making two superb clearances off the line to deny the opposition an equaliser.

As the game moved into the second half, the game remained frantic and open with both goalkeepers making some important saves. Tabor were defending in an organised manner and looking dangerous on the counter-attack but could not find the elusive second goal. As the match entered the final five minutes, Tabor left themselves exposed high up the field which allowed Honywood to break away, enter the penalty area and hit a low footed shot past the Tabor goalkeeper, which sent the game into extra time. During extra time, Tabor regrouped and had a golden opportunity to take the lead but were met by an inspired save from the Honywood keeper. Both teams cancelled each other out for the rest of extra time, which led to the year 11 final heading into a penalty shoot-out.

Tabor won the toss and elected to go first; the penalty was hit well but slammed against the bar and away from the goal. Honeywood stepped up to score their first penalty despite the best efforts of the keeper who guessed the right way. Tabor hit a super second penalty high and to the corner of the goal, but again Honeywood scored their second penalty. Tabor found the net with their next two penalties however Honeywood continued to remain composed, so Tabor had to score their final penalty to remain in the game. They did just that sending the goalkeeper the wrong way, but unfortunately for the boys it just wasn't enough as Honeywood dispatched their final penalty to win 5-4 on penalties.

The team performed admirably and were extremely unlucky not to win the match however Honeywood also deserve great credit for not giving up. While the game failed to lead to a Tabor victory, the manner of the defeat was a fitting end to the boys' time at Tabor.

Year 11 Team: Ryan; Zach; Joel; Sam; Charlie; Jacob; George; Brooklyn; James; Bailey; Shaye; Cade; Darshan.

Annual Futsal (Indoor 5-aside football) District Competitions (Week commencing 16th January)

Tabor took part in the 4th edition of the annual futsal competitions that takes place at Notley High School during January each year. During the first week of competitions, the Year 11s, 10s and 9s participated in their respective age-group matches. Futsal provides the students with a chance to showcase their technical skills, and Tabor possesses numerous skilful players from every year group, which helps to make us competitive against the other schools.

NWESSA Year 11 Futsal (Tuesday 17th January): Tabor finish 4th out of 5 teams

The Year 11s were first to compete on the Tuesday, but were unable to replicate their excellent form from the 11-aside competition. While the boys started off with a hard fought 3-2 victory against Ramsey, they found the challenge of Notley, Honeywood and eventual winners Rickstones too much and ended up finishing in 4th place out of 5 teams in the round robin tournament. Team: James; Sam; Brooklyn; Shaye; Bailey; Jacob

NWESSA Year 10 Futsal (Wednesday 18th January): Tabor beat Alec Hunter 3-0 in the final

The Year 10s put in a fantastic performance at their futsal competition, where they saw off the challenge of seven other schools to win the competition. Tabor started strongly and were 1-0 winners against both Ramsey and Notley in the group stages, in which Jake scored the winning goal in both games. They drew their final group game against Rickstones 0-0, but Tabor were assured of a semi-final place against Saffron Walden. Despite a tight match, Tabor scored an excellent goal through Jack and came through 1-0 which put them through to the final against defending champions Alec Hunter. The Tabor boys saved their best performance for the final, playing some outstanding football, making some strong tackles and scoring three goals to win the competition 3-0 and round off an excellent night for the Year 10s. A brilliant achievement from the team particularly after a tough defeat in the cup final the week before. All six players contributed brilliantly with Oliver making some excellent saves, Jake and Jack scoring the key goals, as well as Josh, Harrison and Harry performing well defensively and in attack. Team: Oliver; Jake; Jack; Josh; Harrison; Harry

NWESSA Year 9 Futsal (Thursday 19th January): Tabor beat Rickstones 1-0 in the final after extra time

Key Stage 3 have had to wait a long time to get their opportunity to play some football matches, but the Year 9s finally got their chance to show off their skills against a host of other schools. They started off with a 1-1 draw against Notley in their group, and followed this up with a couple of wins to send them into the semi-finals against Honeywood. The Year 9s moved the ball around well and were ruthless in their finishing eventually winning the game 3-2 against a skilful Honeywood team, which sent them into the final against Rickstones. The final was very tight and competitive with both sides having chances for victory, however the game remained 0-0 in normal time which led to the match going into extra time. Tabor put the pressure on Rickstones and their hard work paid off, as they secured the winning goal in extra time which gave Tabor victory in the Year 9 futsal competition. A brilliant effort from the boys, which should give them lots of confidence heading into the 11-aside competition that commences in February. Team: Hayden; Kai; Jordi; Tom; Joe; Josh

As you can see, it has been an outstanding three weeks of football for Tabor. Despite the mixture of successes and disappointments, every student involved has conducted themselves in an exemplary manner regardless of whether they have won or lost a match. Reaching the



Year 10 and 11 Cup Finals is a great achievement considering there are generally 8-9 other schools who enter each competition. Furthermore, the Year 10s and 9s have reigned supreme in the futsal competitions. The Year 7s and 8s will get their opportunity to take part in the futsal competitions in the next few days, and their fortunes will be revealed in the next edition of the Tabor Academy News. Furthermore, the Key Stage 3 teams will all begin their NWESSA District Cup matches in February aiming to emulate the achievements of the other year groups this season. We wish the football teams the best of luck for future matches, and offer a massive well done to all participants who have represented the school so far this year. **Mr Welton and the PE Department**

Attendance News

Top Forms for last week were:

- 7T – 98.31%
- 8C – 97.45%
- 9T – 96.51%
- 10R – 97.54%
- 11C – 96.31%

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 164th edition of the Tabor Academy News.

STAFF VACANCY

We are seeking to appoint an ambitious, highly effective Apprentice Caretaker to join our very successful, heavily over-subscribed Multi- Academy Trust with an outstanding ethos where staff are supported to become the best. This scheme includes NVQ training in Facilities and Site Management. These position is at Tabor Academy, Panfield Lane, Braintree, Essex CM7 5XP

Like us, you will be dynamic, innovative and hardworking. You will also have exceptional knowledge, 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.
- Clear-thinking and outward-looking.
- Dynamic, innovative and hardworking.

You will:

- Join a skilled, creative, and supportive team.
- Be part of a forward thinking organisation with Training School status.
- Have a chance to shape the future of the area.
- Work within a brand new, well-resourced specialist learning environment.
- Be given the opportunity to develop personally and professionally.
- Make a real difference to the lives of young people.

Please feel free to visit our school website on www.taboracademy.co.uk.

The post is 36 hours per week and 52.14 weeks per year. The salary is £17,547 per annum and is initially for one year.

If you have any questions regarding the post or are unable to apply on line, please contact 01376 323701, Sarah Bayly, HR 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.

Closing date for applications will be Tuesday, 31st January 2017. 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.