

Calendar

- 21/4/16 – Y8 Parents Evening
- 26/4 & 3/5/16 – District Athletics Trials
- 27/4/16 – Diana Awards
- 27/4/16 – Jack Petchey Speak Out Finals
- 28/4/16 – Performing Arts Evening
- 9-10/5/16 – Y9-10 Immunisation
- 18/5/16 – Y7-9 Theatre Trip
- 30/5/16 Bank Holiday; 31/5-3/6/16 Half Term

Tuesday 19th April 2016

Welcome to Edition 153

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back.

I would like to thank our students who took part in the Stomp Performance at the Braintree Arts Centre during the Easter holidays. The performance was the culmination of workshops held in school with performers from the London production. It was a real pleasure to see the work they had done using everyday items to produce music – well done to everyone who was involved. The Performing Arts faculty are hosting a show case evening next week and further details on this are later in the newsletter.

This term there will be a number of trips taking place across different subjects and years. Last week many of our Year 11 had the opportunity to travel to Cambridge to see one of their GCSE texts 'Of Mice and Men' performed; their behaviour was exemplary, and many have commented how useful it was to see the story brought to life.

We have been asked to pass on information regarding some account of concern on Instagram; should you have any concerns about your son or daughter's use of social media, please do not hesitate to contact their Year Care Team to discuss these.

The GCSE practical examinations are continuing, with Art, Photography and Languages this week. I hope they go as successfully as Dance did last week – good luck to all those involved in these.

Kind regards

Elizabeth Robinson

Essex Book Awards 2016

On Wednesday 16th March Mr Wiles, the school's Estates Manager, and I took a group of Tabor Academy students to Moulsham High School, Chelmsford to celebrate the 10th Essex Book Awards. This year there were four nominated authors attending and seventeen schools, more than we've ever had before. The event is run by the Essex Education Services and most of us read the short-listed books on the school Kindles.

- "I had a fantastic time at the Essex Book Awards and it was great that more people were involved this year. I was very surprised and excited to win the Book Review prize for Fire Colour One especially as I found out that the author, Jenny Valentine, had chosen my review herself!" Nicole
- "I really enjoyed my morning as the atmosphere was excellent. Everyone there loved to read and that's what made it special. Some schools submitted their own video clips about the books and these were played in a quiet room joined to the library. I thought they were very good." Sophie
- "This year there were several new awards for pupils to aim for and one of them was for the most engaged student from each school. Mrs Aves had nominated me because I had read all of the books and encouraged other



students not in the Awards group to read them too! I received a certificate and a voucher. Also, part of one of my book reviews was projected on the screen behind the authors.” Zoe

- “After the awards and certificates were given out we went to the library for drinks and cakes. The authors were seated at tables and Charlotte and I bought The Crowham Martyrs and the author, Jane McLoughlin, signed them for us.” Hollie and Charlotte
- “Ali Sparkes was very funny when she gave her speech and I was really pleased when she was presented as the winner of the Essex Book Awards for her novel Car-Jacked, especially as some of us had voted for her.” Alistair

I would like to thank Nicole, Sophie, Zoe, Charlotte, Hollie, Alistair, Cameron, Abigail and Mahnoor for their impeccable behaviour, it was a pleasure to be with them and they were wonderful ambassadors for Tabor Academy. We all had a really enjoyable morning and look forward to next year’s Essex Book Award. Mrs Aves, Library Manager

Year 11 Theatre Trip

Last Wednesday, Year 11 students who are studying ‘Of Mice and Men’ were privileged to participate in watching a theatre production of the play at the Cambridge Arts Theatre. This provided an exciting, entertaining and enlightening experience for our students.

After arriving in Cambridge, we took lunch with a backdrop of the impressive King’s College. The students walked to the theatre through the town where they admired and were inspired by the architecture and all that Cambridge University has to offer. Many expressed a wish to return one day to study. It’s great to see Tabor students setting their sights as high as possible.

As the performance began, all students were engaged by the captivating, caring friendship that George and Lennie have and were eager to see how true to the text the production would be. Throughout the performance each character was distinctive and, as the play progressed, the students watched in eagerness as the plot developed and Curley’s wife portrayed a sympathetic view of the way women were treated during 1930’s America. When Candy appeared in the bunkhouse with his dog, the students’ sentimental approval was audible.



Ultimately, the production led to our students being educated to the harsh realities of life and how valuable friendships were to the migrant workers. The play concluded with a shocking shot in the dark, reminding the audience that the tragedy is that, despite all their suffering, life still goes on.

We hope that this wonderful trip has inspired students to look at their English literature exam text in a new light as they prepare for those crucial GCSE exams in May. Mrs Gillett, English Dept

World Book Day Competition Winners

It was a family affair when the results of the competitions were announced because sisters Emily and Nicole both claimed first prizes!



There were some excellent entries for the ‘concrete poem’ but the judges chose Emily as winner for her ‘Ever-winding Path’ poem and Sophie a worthy runner-up for her ‘Monsters under the Bed’ poem.

The standard of artwork for the National Book Token competition was outstanding and, after some deliberation, Nicole was crowned winner with Caitlin coming a close second.

All winners and runner-ups received an Easter egg with first place also getting a signed book by author Joseph Delaney, whose book 'The Spook's Apprentice' has now been turned in to a major film called 'The Seventh Son'. Mrs Aves, Library Manager

Performing Arts Evening 2016

The next annual Performing Arts Evening will take place at Tabor Academy on Thursday 28th April from 7.00–9.00pm. Tabor students have been working alongside staff from the Physical Education, Music and Drama departments to produce a fantastic evening's entertainment.

The evening includes gymnastic and dance routines plus musical and dramatic performances from students across the Physical Education, Music and Drama Departments. Tickets are on sale in the main school office/reception from Thursday this week for £3 (exactly money only please) and refreshments will be available during the interval.

I am sure you would agree it sounds like a fantastic evening's entertainment and we look forward to seeing you there. Mr Salmon, Head of Performing Arts

Year 7-10 District Football Update

The Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 boys completed their group matches in the annual North West Essex school football competitions during the first half of the spring term. All four year groups provided great entertainment and illustrated some excellent qualities throughout their matches.

Year 7 NWESSA Boys Football Results 2015-2016

Tabor **4-2** Hedingham; Tabor **1-2** Alec Hunter; Tabor **10-0** Rickstones; Tabor **0-6** Honeywood

Final Year 7 Group Table

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals	Conceded	Difference	Points
Honeywood	4	4	0	0	19	3	+16	12
Alec Hunter	4	3	0	1	29	5	+24	9
Tabor	4	2	0	2	15	10	+5	6
Hedingham	4	1	0	3	14	21	-7	3
Rickstones	4	0	0	4	2	40	-38	0

Year 7 Semi-Finals: Honeywood vs Ramsey; Notley vs Alec Hunter

The Year 7s produced an excellent first season of football at Tabor. There were excellent wins against Hedingham and Rickstones accompanied with a tight loss against Alec Hunter and a defeat against a very high quality Honeywood team. Tabor finished third out of five teams and therefore did not qualify for the semi-finals, however should be commended for their performances during the season.

Squad: Aidan; Freddie; David; Dylan; Joel; Ben; Kiedis; Henry; Kai; Charlie; Stevie; Josh; Kyle; Oscar

Year 8 NWESSA Boys Football Results 2015-2016

Tabor **2-1** Hedingham; Tabor **6-3** Alec Hunter; Tabor **4-3** Rickstones; Tabor **1-5** Honeywood

Final Year 8 Group Table

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals	Conceded	Difference	Points
Honeywood	4	4	0	0	20	4	+16	12
Tabor	4	3	0	1	13	12	+1	9
Alec Hunter	4	2	0	2	11	14	-3	6
Hedingham	4	1	0	3	8	12	-4	3
Rickstones	4	0	0	4	9	19	-10	0

Year 8 Semi-Finals: Honeywood vs Ramsey; Notley vs Tabor

The Tabor Year 8s have made the semi-finals for the second year running after some determined performances in their group matches. With last year's winners, Honeywood, dominating the group, second place was up for grabs and Tabor produced some excellent goals and great team spirit to overcome the other three teams below them in

the group. The boys now head to the semi-finals where they will play Notley High School, who won the other group, aiming to reach the final once more.

Squad: *Hayden W; Chris; Harrison; Josh; Regan; Tom; Joe W; Joe B; Benedict; Hayden R; Jordi; Kai; Joe H; Alfie; Liam; Bailey*

Year 9 NWESSA Boys Football Results 2015-2016

Tabor **5-4** Hedingham; Tabor **4-1** Rickstones; Tabor **0-3** Alec Hunter (Game forfeited by Tabor); Tabor **0-2** Honeywood

Final Year 9 Group Table

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals	Conceded	Difference	Points
Honywood	4	4	0	0	14	1	+13	12
Alec Hunter	4	3	0	1	16	4	+12	9
Tabor	4	2	0	2	9	10	-1	6
Hedingham	4	1	0	3	15	11	+4	3
Rickstones	4	0	0	4	3	31	-28	0

Year 9 Semi-Finals: Honeywood vs Ramsey; Notley vs Alec Hunter

The Year 9s have vastly improved during this season providing some really strong performances against three of the four teams in their group. Good wins against Hedingham and Rickstones set the Year 9s up for a chance at getting into the semi-finals, but regrettably the team were disorganised with getting enough players to participate against Alec Hunter and therefore had to forfeit the match 3-0. A decent performance in the final game against Honeywood didn't get the result it deserved, and so the forfeited game ended up making this a season of what could have been for the boys. Hopefully, if the group continue to grow in stature and confidence, they will be a very strong team in Year 10.

Squad: *Oliver; Callum; Tomas; Jake; Bailey; Sam; Jack; Josh H; Jake; Seb; Jamie M; Dan; Josh J; Harry; Jamie B*

Year 10 NWESSA Boys Football Results 2015-2016

Tabor **6-2** Hedingham; Tabor **3-0** Rickstones; Tabor **3-0** Alec Hunter; Tabor **3-0** Honeywood

Final Year 10 Group Table

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals	Conceded	Difference	Points
Tabor	4	4	0	0	15	2	+13	12
Honywood	4	3	0	1	12	6	+6	9
Hedingham	4	2	0	2	13	17	-4	6
Alec Hunter	4	1	0	3	6	12	-6	3
Rickstones	4	0	0	4	4	13	-9	0

Year 10 Semi-Finals: Tabor vs Maltings; Notley vs Honeywood

The Year 10s were the only Tabor year group who managed to win all four of their group matches which inevitably led to a deserved top of the table reward and therefore home advantage in the semi-finals where they will play Maltings. The Year 10s have shown excellent maturity and great leadership throughout the season, and will aim to emulate their previous two seasons' efforts by making the final. They are also the only team to have beaten Honeywood this season from the four age group competitions, and have certainly given themselves a strong chance of winning the competition.

Squad: *James W; Zach; Sam; Alex; Brooklyn; George; Jacob; James A; Shaye; Bailey; Darshan; Charlie; Joel; Hayden*

Well done to all four year groups for producing some outstanding performances and representing the school in such a competent manner. The outcomes of the semi-final matches will be shared in the next Tabor News edition. Mr Welton- PE Department

Safeguarding Concern

It has reached our attention that concerns have recently been raised regarding accounts on Instagram. There have been various names for these accounts, but the same content is evident. Young people from many schools

locally are posting images of themselves in the nude and performing sexual acts. Essex Police are aware of the accounts and are working with local schools and gathering information from various sources. The account names we are currently aware of are:

- ***braintree baited 2016***
- ***all_over_baited***
- ***braintree baited***
- ***braintree_baited_2016***
- ***btree2K16***

All students have been made aware of the dangers and issues, both personally and legally, with posting sexual explicit photographs online via PSHE, e-safety lessons and talks. In particular, students have been made aware that texting sexual images of themselves, or requesting sexual images, is a criminal offence no matter what age you are.

The sites listed above are inviting under-age children to send them sexual photos and videos, and the organisers are then choosing which images are posted. Where the images of our children go from that point is unknown, as they have lost control over those images the moment they post. This is putting them in danger.

Please can I ask that you check your child's accounts - Instagram, Snapchat and any other social media accounts (as they do change the account names and locations), as well as talking openly to them about the risks and the fact that it is a criminal offence, highlighting to them the dangers they are putting themselves in. For further information about teenage sexting and online sexual behaviour, please visit <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/sexting/>.

Attendance News

Top forms last week:

- Year 7 – DEM – 97.71%
- Year 8 – CON – 96.55%
- Year 9 – KEN – 96.08%
- Year 10 – BAK – 96.48%
- Year 11 – MAH – 97.09%

Reminders

- Year 9 & 10 Immunisation – Please remember to return the completed form to Student Services no later than **Monday 25th April 2016**. *No student will be vaccinated if the form is not completed and returned. Please return the consent form even if you do not wish your son/daughter to have the vaccination.*

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 153rd edition of the Tabor Academy News.

Thursday
28th April
7.00–9.00pm
Tickets £3
Main School Hall

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purchase from
Thursday 21st April
from the main school
office.**

**Cash only. Exact
money required.**

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