

## DIARY UPDATE

Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	:	Student target setting day. Normal lessons will not take place (see below). <b>Students only attend at their appointment time.</b>
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> September	:	Y12 at Lodge Hill (teambuilding)
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> September	:	Parents Focus Group 6 p.m.
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> September	:	Y10 Learn2Gether English 6 p.m.
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	:	Y8 Twilight Activities
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	:	Y7 Learn2Gether Maths 6 p.m.
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	:	<b>OPEN EVENING (College closed for normal lessons)</b>

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Congratulations and Celebrations!

We are all delighted with the fabulous results at GCSE and A-level this year. In both cases we are placed firmly in the top quarter of similar schools nationally!

This is a tremendous achievement for the school but an even more important one for the students themselves who are now able to begin their courses at University or the Sixth Form. What a great way to start the new academic year.





**IMPORTANT : Student target setting day, Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2009.**

On Friday normal lessons will not take place. Instead, all students will have an individual appointment at the college to discuss their academic targets for 2009/10 and how best they can achieve them. Your child's tutor will be giving him/her an appointment time that needs to be strictly observed. All Y7-Y11 students must wear full uniform and it is essential that they bring along their contact book. Your child will bring home a copy of the target report and we encourage you to spend time with him/her discussing the contents. This paves the way ahead for a successful year.

Please contact Ms Lawless at the college if you have any queries about the arrangements, or your child's tutor if you would like to discuss the targets any further.

**MUSIC NEWS**

Timetables from our visiting teachers have started to come in. Below are a list of times students are expected to attend lessons. Please ensure your child attends lessons and that they have a note from either Ms Connell, Ms Young or Ms Lockwood to give to their class teacher. This will ensure they are not marked absent on the register.



**Woodwind Lessons**

Monday	10.50 :	Adrienne Hall
Thursday	12.30 :	Adrian Todd
	12.45 :	Eleanor Lay, Katie Hull
	13.15 :	Tegan Rose Newman
	13.30 :	Louise Carpenter

**Guitar Lessons**

Monday	3.00 :	Candice Laney,
		Lauren Pullen

**Keyboard Lessons**

These will take place every Tuesday from 11.10 – 12.30. Students will be given individual timetables over the next few days.

**DJ lessons**

Thursday Week A only.

2.00 – 3.00 Y11 – names to be finalized.

3.00 – 4.00 Y10 – names to be finalized.

**Would you like to learn to play a musical instrument?**

On Tuesday this week Y7 students attended a concert given by a number of our instrumental teachers. They performed to students on a range of instruments including saxophone, flute, guitar, clarinet and drum kit.

All students at TBCC have the opportunity to learn a musical instrument and can apply for lessons on a wide range including drum kit, viola, saxophone, cello, clarinet, flute, keyboard, trombone, French horn and double bass. Students interested should collect an application form from members of the music staff.

**Clubs**

A number of extra curricular music clubs will be running this year. These will include Junior Vocal Club, Senior Vocal Club, African Drum Group, Fame Band, G & T Composition Club, Rock Club, Music I.T. Club and DJ Club.

**Monday Lunchtime:** Music I.T. Club with Ms Connell.

Senior Vocal Group with Ms Lockwood.

**Tuesday Lunchtime:** Junior Vocal Group with Ms Young.

G & T Composition Club with Ms Connell.

**Wednesday Lunchtime:** Fame Band with Ms Lockwood.

DJ Club with Ms Connell.

**Thursday Lunchtime:** African Drumming Group.

All students are welcome to attend.

## Music On A Summer's Evening

Despite the disappointing weather, this year's Music On A Summers Evening was once again a highly successful event attended by around 300 people. Students performing on the evening really rose to the occasion and gave the audience yet another night to remember. I would like to thank all students and staff involved and the families and friends who attended the event.

Without your support this concert would not be the memorable occasion it always is.

## COMBATTING ABSENTEEISM IN OUR COLLEGE

As you will be aware a system of First Day Contact has been running at the College for some time. We will continue to use an automatic communication system which will contact you directly if your child is marked absent at registration and no reason has been given. Post registration absences can also be detected and reported to you. The capacity of this system is such that all parents/carers can be contacted from very soon after the start of College day until the evening.

All students in Years 7 to 11 will be automatically included in this system, however, should you prefer not to be notified that your child is absent please contact the College to discuss this further.

We will use the contact details provided by you this term in order to contact you if the need arises. Please ensure that we have correct up to date details.

The current system of First Day Contact whereby parents/carers report a student's absence will continue as normal on 01293 866817.

By using this system our College is able to reassure you that we are meeting the government's recommendations in contacting you on the first day of your child's absence. It will also provide an early warning system should your child go missing from the College. As always, your child's safety is our main concern.

## CHILD MEDIA POLICY

We would be grateful if parents could contact House Leaders if they object to their child's photograph appearing on the college web-site or in any college publication. Clearly we want to show our students taking part in college activities but if any parent is unhappy about this then it would be helpful if you could let us know by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2009.

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

The first Year 7 after school club will start on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September and will run every other Thursday throughout the school year.

The first Year 8 after school club started on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September and will run every other Thursday throughout the school year.

The After School Club will occasionally be on a different night; please make sure you refer to your calendar for these changes.

You should receive a letter giving more details. Please complete and return the consent form.

## START OF YEAR FORMS

Please return all the forms which were in our start of year booklet by **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September**. One of these forms is a consent form which enables them to take part in P.E. at K2.

## BREAKFASTS AND LUNCHES

The restaurant will be open for breakfast every morning from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September. Breakfasts are served from 8.00 – 8.20 a.m. There is a choice of hot drinks and food available for students to purchase.



## **VACANCIES**

We currently have the following vacancy–  
Please contact Elaine Lovegrove for more  
details.

Vocational Learning/Curriculum Support  
Secretary (30 hours per week, Grade 4, Term  
time only).

Cover Supervisor (28 hours per week  
negotiable, Grade 4, Term time only).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Y S Maskatiya', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Ms Y S Maskatiya  
Headteacher

## **PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCIES**

We have vacancies for Parent Governors. If  
you are interested in becoming a Parent  
Governor at TBCC, please contact Ann  
Denton for a nomination form.

## **ATTENDANCE**

If you wish to inform us about the absence of a  
student, please call 01293 866817. This has a  
twenty four hour answer phone available.

Please also remember to send in a note with  
your child when they return to the college.  
The note should cover the total length of  
absence.