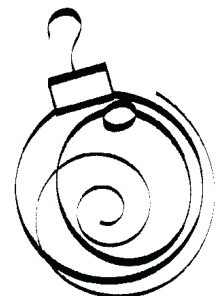

DIARY UPDATE

Friday 18 th December	:	Art Exhibition at the Hawth (until 3 rd January)
Friday 18 th December	:	End of Term for Y7-11. Students will be dismissed at approx. 12 noon.
Monday 4 th January	:	Students return (normal timetable)
Wed 6 th – Fri 8 th January	:	Year 9 Assessments
Thursday 7 th January	:	Y8 Twilight Activities
Tuesday 12 th January	:	Celebration Evening 6 p.m. at the Hawth (this is a revised date from the Calendar)
Thursday 14 th January - Tuesday 26 th January	:	Y9, Y10 and Y11 GCSE Examinations during this period (see below).
Thursday 14 th January	:	Y7 Twilight Activities.
Tuesday 19 th January	:	Year 10 Parents Evening with Subject Teachers from 3.30 p.m.
Thursday 21 st January	:	Y8 Twilight Activities.
Wednesday 27 th January	:	Y7 Twilight Activities.
Thursday 28 th January	:	Yr 9, 12, and 13 Parents Evening with Subject Teachers 2-7 p.m.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Best Wishes and News For Next Term

We hope you all have a good Christmas and a pleasant rest. We look forward to seeing our students in the new year in full and appropriate uniform. We have noticed that some students are bringing hoodies, non-school uniform jumpers, cardigans and large scarves into school. These are not permitted and will be confiscated in 2010!



In the meantime have a Merry Christmas!

The HAWTH THEATRE Christmas Art Exhibition

Our students in all years will be specially selected by us to show their art work in the TBCC Art Exhibition at the Hawth Theatre. This starts on the evening of the 18th December to the 3rd January. This Art Exhibition is open to the public.

For your information, students will have a star in their Contact Books if they have been selected.

YEAR 9 ASSESSMENT WEEK

All Y9 students will be assessed in English, Mathematics and Science during the week beginning Monday 4th January. The assessments will take place on Wednesday 6th, Thursday 7th and Friday 8th January. The highest standards of behaviour will be expected of all students during the assessments. We will contact the parent/carer of any student whose behaviour gives cause for concern.

YEAR 9, 10 AND 11 JANUARY GCSE EXAMINATION DATES

Students in Years 9, 10 and 11 will be taking GCSE exams on the following dates. These are real exams that count towards their final grade and therefore attendance is imperative. Students will be expected to attend all normal lessons unless attending an exam.

Year 9, 10 & 11 : January 2010 GCSE Examination Dates

Day & Date	Time	Year Group	Subject
Thursday 14 January 2010	08:45	9, 10 & 11	Biology

Monday 18 January 2010	08:45	10 & 11	Chemistry
Monday 18 January 2010	13:45	10	History

Wednesday 20 January 2010	08:45	10 & 11	Physics
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Thursday 21 January 2010	13:00	9, 10 & 11	Maths
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Tuesday 26 January 2010	08:30	11	Design & Technology
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Year 10 PARENTS EVENING WITH SUBJECT TEACHERS (Tuesday 19th January)

This very important afternoon/evening will run from 3.30 p.m. – 8.30 p.m. in the Main Hall. You will be receiving details and your child's interim report during the first week of next term; please make an appointment.

Y9 PARENTS SUBJECT EVENING (Thursday 28th January - Main Hall)

You will receive in the post your child's interim progress report and parents evening appointment form early next term. We would like to see all parents so please ensure that appointments are made with your son/daughter's teachers.

Y12/13 PARENTS SUBJECT EVENING (Thursday 28th January – Main Hall)

Letters will be sent out to invite parents to come and discuss students' progress. This is an important time for students. Reports are currently being written and will be available on the evening.



LIBRARY NEWS

Funding Success! Congratulations to the Library Focus Group, for their successful application to the Youth Opportunities Fund. Thanks to Sam Izzard's application on behalf of the group they have been awarded just over £1300 to create a graphic novel corner in the school library – to be launched in Reading Week in March. Well done to all concerned.

MUSIC NEWS

There has been a lot happening in music this last half term; everything from Opera to Hip Hop.

Thomas Bennett students brought this year to a spectacular end with the staging of the Winter Concert on Tuesday evening. Around 80 students took part in this musical extravaganza which featured a wide range of exciting acts. The audience were entertained by some fantastic performers including the Vocal Group, The African Drum Group, Latte and the Mauritian Dancers. Two new Rock Bands featured in this year's concert: Prime Addiction featuring Kristian Lasham, Michael Bennett and Tom Whittle performed one of their many new songs "Saints 'n' Sinners" followed by Ricky Hill, Liam



Jenkinson, Harrison Morgan, Cory Gallagher, Tim Herring and Simon Anderson in the recently formed "Real Ducks Don't Fly" who gave a rousing rendition of 'Party Hard' by Andrew W.K.

And if that wasn't enough to get the crowd going there was some wicked MCing by Robert Wood, Jay Maloney and Kyle Laundon accompanied by breakdancers Ricky Sindon, Pete Oakley, Amaan Alyas and Kuba Zadora.

But it wasn't all loud, loud, loud! The concert also featured a number of more laid back and 'chilled' performances including Sophie Preston Smith on piano, with Philip Burke, Camilla Earle, Keyannea Barrett and Paige Allen all performing some great songs.

And of course there were the old timers ... Candice Laney, Lauren Pullen, Natasha Darling, Michael Bennett, Corrie Gallagher, Jamie Neagle and Dominic Warburton who as usual treated the crowd to some fine performances.

It was lovely to have so many of our Year 7 students performing in this year's concert and many students from other year groups performed for the very first time. One thing is for sure, we won't be short of acts for any future event.

A very big thank you to all students performing at the event and to all those who helped with the setting up and sound checks throughout the day. Thanks especially to Tim Herring, Richard Harper

(who came back to us from Southampton University), Kristian Lasham, Simon Anderson and to all the staff and parents who supported the event. Thank you to Ms Lockwood, Mr Dobson and last but not least Ms Young who planned and managed the whole event.

Let's hope there will be lots more like it.



FAME BAND

Rehearsals for Fame are well underway with the Fame Band who have been working hard for the musical which takes place in February. Thank you to all those students and Ms Lockwood for giving up their Thursday evenings to rehearse for what I am sure will be another spectacular event.

MUSIC CLUB

There will be some changes to the extra curricular timetable after the Christmas holiday. Junior and Senior Vocal groups will come together to rehearse on both Monday and Tuesday lunchtime. A new Keyboard Club will run alongside DJ club and the Gifted and Talented Composition Club will be replaced by a new GCSE revision class. The old favourite Rock Club on Friday lunchtime and Music I.T. on Monday lunchtime will remain the same. Form tutors will be given further information on these changes after the holiday.

INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS

We now have a new bass guitar teacher. Timetables will be given to students taking lessons on bass guitar and drum kit after the holiday. If any students would like to learn to play a musical instrument please see your music teacher for an application form. Lessons are available on guitar, Keyboard, saxophone, flute, drum kit, bass guitar and singing.

The following students have done another amazing job in passing Music Theory Grade 2 with merit and distinction! Well done Louise Carpenter, Adrienne Hall, Tegan-Rose Newman and Natalie Shaw.

FUNDRAISING NEWS

I am very proud to announce that we have had another record breaking start to the year's fundraising. This term the students and staff (with their parents' and carers' support I'm sure) have raised roughly £3000 - we are still receiving money as we go to press! For Children in Need alone we have raised in excess of £1900 and for the Poppy Appeal we raised £146.37. I think that this truly shows that our students have very large hearts and a real social conscience.



With this fantastic start we hope that the rest of the year will see us continuing to have fun raising money for good causes and hopefully breaking all previous records.

In the next edition of Update the Fundraising Committee will give a full up date on all the charity events that have taken place so far and will start to trail what is coming up next term.

Ms Lawless, Fundraising Co-ordinator

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 in Y7, 8, 9, 10 or 11, 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.

If you wish to inform us about the absence of a Sixth Form student please call 01293 866815.

Yours sincerely,

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

Ms Y S Maskatiya
Headteacher