

DIARY UPDATE

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Thursday 14 th January -	:	Y9, Y10 and Y11 GCSE Examinations during this period
Tuesday 26 th January	:	(see below).
Tuesday 19th January	:	Y10 Parents Evening with Subject Teachers from 3.30 pm
Thursday 21 st January	:	Maths GCSE exam for Years 9, 10 and 11.
Thursday 21 st January	:	Y8 Twilight Activities.
Wednesday 27th January	:	Celebration of Achievement Evening (rearranged from 12 January – tickets already issued will be valid on 27 th January)
Wednesday 27 th January	:	Y7 Twilight Activities.
Thursday 28th January	:	Yr 9/12/13 Parents Evening with Subject Teachers 2-7 pm
Monday 1 st February	:	Y10 Hepburn/Roberts Work Experience this week
Wednesday 3 rd February	:	Y9 Learn2gether Maths 6 p.m.
Thursday 4 th February	:	Y8 Twilight Activities.
Monday 8 th February	:	Y10 Parker/Wallis Work Experience this week.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Congratulations to Staff and Students

On Our League Table Results

These are about to be published for 2009 GCSE and A-level results. I am delighted to tell parents that it was our best year ever. We achieved a positive value-added score of 1000+ at both GCSE and A-level. It is a testament to the hard work and commitment of staff and students as well as the support of parents and carers. If you would like to read more, look at our website news. The BBC Education Website will give details of all schools including ours.



Congratulations to Laura Mayne

Laura Mayne has been offered an unconditional place at Churchill College, Cambridge University to read English. Congratulations to her – a marvellous achievement!

Thanks To All For Their Efforts During The Snow

It has been an interesting time dealing with the snowfall of recent days. Thank you to everyone for their patience and good humour throughout. We shall be organising to make up on time lost as best we can.

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
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
Thursday 21 January 2010	13:00	9, 10 & 11	Maths
Tuesday 26 January 2010	08:30	11	Design & Technology

Years 9, 10 and 11 Mathematics Exam on Thursday 21st January 2010

Due to the large number of students taking this exam we will need to run two sessions in the afternoon. Unfortunately this will mean students who are in the second session will finish after 3:00pm (we are aiming to finish the second session by 3:30 pm). All students have been told the time their exam will take place and letters will be sent out with further details to all parents/carers.



If you wish to discuss any of the arrangements for this exam please do not hesitate in contacting me.

Year 10 PARENTS EVENING WITH SUBJECT TEACHERS (Tuesday 19th January) URGENT

This very important afternoon/evening will run from 3.30 p.m. – 8.00 p.m. in the Main Hall. You will have received your child's interim report and an appointment sheet: please make your appointments over the next few days. We appreciate this has been difficult with the snow closures.

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

UPDATE FROM THE YOUTH WING



We are open again this term normal times for all students of the school. The youth wing is an ideal place to meet, socialise and relax in a safe, warm environment and with youth workers who work to provide a space where all young people are valued, included and involved in having a say on what they want the service to offer.

Last term we finished the year with a VIP Liquid envy party which over 100 members attended. We have also been doing projects such as drumming, DJ'ing, Boxercise and sports tournaments and also been out on a few trips. Aside from what happens in the club it is down to the people that attend that make what it is and generates or creates an atmosphere of fun, value and worth.

Last term, the following young people achieved their **Level 2 Award in Food Safety in Catering**: Maddie Smith, Eleni Pelaou, Jamie Neagle, Adam Wanstall, Libby Smith, Jemma Sadler, Rebecca May, Sophie Beet and Tegan Atkinson.

We also ran a **young lifesavers level 1 - 3 with St Johns ambulance**, the young people who completed the award were: Amy Davis-dwan, Charlotte Goswell, Jamie Neagle, Eleni Pelaou, Katie Cleary, Rhea Kneafsey, James Hunter

In the summer we also ran a **Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Expedition** and the group achieved their goal and passed, they were: Jamie Neagle, Michael Dent-Jones, James Ede, Nicole Ayling, Jemma Sadler, Libby Smith, Elliot Nelson and Lucy Tickner.

As part of the youth wing we want to offer training opportunities to young people not only to learn new skills and have fun doing that, but also to boost their CV and create better opportunities for them in the job market or indeed applying for college or university places.

We run a Young Leaders scheme at Thomas Bennett which provides opportunities to build up some voluntary experience, whilst working in a team and getting trained. We have planned a lot more training courses this year that the Youth Wing will be facilitating.

If you have any questions about the youth wing or indeed interested in getting involved or coming along to take a look at a session in action, you can contact me in the office on 01293 866816.

Have a great year, Stephen Pearson, Neighbourhood Youth Worker

FAMIE

The Musical

I'm sure you'll all be pleased to hear that rehearsals for our whole school production are going well! Performances are scheduled to take place on Tuesday 9th, Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th Feb at 7:00pm and will take place in the school hall. Tickets will be priced at £7.00 for adults and £5.00 for students and are now on sale. Tickets can be purchased by returning a completed order form to the drama office. Please note that seating will be allocated on a first come, first served basis!

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 8668 17. 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,



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