

Parent Bulletin



Tanbridge House School Parent Bulletin
19 September 2011

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Parent Information

Paralympic Support - Non Uniform Day

On Friday 23rd September we are hosting a special Paralympic celebration event for THS and local primary schools. The day will involve the primary school students experiencing a variety of disability sports and interactive sessions led by some 2012 Paralympic hopefuls and "Enable Me" who specialise in leading disability experiences for young people.

Our students have all been given an assembly to raise awareness of the Paralympics with a hope of generating greater interest prior to August 2012. In addition to this, they will be invited to participate in various challenges, and events with a disability focus, during their break times and in lessons.

To support some of our hopefuls in the run up to the Paralympics next summer, we are asking students to bring in £2.00 for this special event and in return they can wear their own clothes for the day (please ensure students dress sensibly and don't wear anything too short) including a top which represents a colour of the Olympic rings (Green, Red, Black, Yellow, Blue).

If you would like to be involved in the Paralympic Day or contribute to our sponsorship of a 2012 Paralympic Hopeful please contact Sally Linsell at slinsell@ths.uk.net by 3pm on Tuesday 20 September for further details.



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ParentMail

We use ParentMail to send communications between school and home (including this Parent Bulletin). This service has proved to be very popular with our parents and works effectively - especially when we need to get important messages out to you, for example, last academic year we were able to keep parents fully informed of our sudden closure due to the bad weather.

To ensure our records are up to date, please can you make sure that we have an up to date email address that is regularly monitored as well as your mobile number. If you have already registered with ParentMail, you will need to access your ParentMail account to check that your details are correct and amend if necessary.

If you have any problems please do not hesitate to contact us, via Shona Clough at sclough@ths.uk.net

If you have not yet registered to use ParentMail please check our website for further details. You will find a link under the Parents & Students menu on our website www.tanbridge-house-sch.co.uk

IMPORTANT - Our school messages will be sent from the email address messages@parentmail.co.uk Please make sure you add this address to your email address book (or approved sender list) in order to prevent messages being blocked by your SPAM/JUNK filters. Please also check your SPAM/JUNK folder regularly just in case messages do go there.

News from the Canteen - New Sub Central

4 varieties of hot Subs available on alternate days alongside our regular Paninis - fillings include:

- Sweet Chilli Chicken
- BBQ Chicken
- Thai Chicken
- Chicken Tikka
- Turkey Meatballs and Cheese
- Quorn Meatballs and Cheese

All are available with salad and priced at £1.85

Win Free Cinema Tickets!

Ask staff for a card at the till, which can then be stamped when students spend £2.00 in one transaction. When you have 4 stamps on your card it will go into a draw to win cinema tickets (Terms and Conditions can be found on the card).

PTA Quiz night

Finally, we are beginning to set up a Parent Teacher Association (PTA) and there has been a great deal of interest in the first event - a Quiz on Friday 30th September. We will be contacting all those who submitted teams/individuals by e-mail shortly. However, if you do not receive a message, but did put a team/your name down please contact Mr Marshallsay. Doors will open at 7.00pm for a prompt 7.30pm start in the Main Hall.

MFL Trips

Year 9 and 10 Trip to Normandy - 1-4 June 2012

After the success of previous trips to Normandy, the MFL Department would like to offer your child the opportunity to take part in a similar visit next summer term. Letters have been distributed or can be obtained from your child's MFL teacher.

Year 9 and 10 Trip to Germany - 14-17 July 2012

There are a few places left on the German trip also taking place next summer term (letters sent out last term). It is open to ANY STUDENTS in Year 9 and Year 10. The trip includes excursions to a football stadium, Cologne city centre, a theme park and a chocolate museum ...!

Please see any MFL teacher for a letter asap.

Open Evening - 28 September 2011

Please note that the school will close early at 12.30pm to accommodate this event. The buses have been re-arranged accordingly.

Parent Forum:

The Parent Forum is an opportunity for parents to meet with Mr Marshallsay, Assistant Headteacher, to discuss topical issues concerning the whole school. You are very welcome to come to the next Parent Forum on Wednesday 19th October in the Learning Resource Centre at 6.15pm (refreshments provided). Possible topics are how data is calculated for student target setting and parents' evenings and how appointments are made. All are welcome. Previous minutes can be found on the school website - click on Parent Forum under the Parents & Students menu.

Exams, Revision and Learning

Individual Target Setting Day (formerly known as Academic Mentoring Day)

Individual Target Setting (ITS) Day - Friday 21 October.

This is an important day where students, along with a parent/carer, are asked to come into school to discuss their targets for the coming year. Lessons are suspended for the day and students should only attend school for the appointment with their Tutor. If you are not able to accompany them, then the student should still attend their appointment. A letter and appointment schedule will be sent home shortly with further details.

On this day we would like you to collect a letter containing a username and password for you to access the SIMS Learning Gateway (SLG). This will allow you to access key information (student attendance, timetable, rewards, reports) for your child at any time. Please can we ask you to bring in some photo ID (e.g. Driving Licence) on collection.

Upcoming Exam Dates:

12 & 13 October (all day)	Y11 Drama - Unit 2
9 Nov	Y10 Maths
14 Nov	Y11 Maths re sits
15 Nov	Y11 Science re sits
w/c 21 November	Y11 Mocks

Reports 2011-2012

It is hoped that we will move to a fully electronic reporting system in the near future (access will be via the SLG (see above)). However, if you would still like a paper copy of your child's report, please could you contact the data office by letter or via e-mail enortheast@ths.uk.net

Y10 and Y11 Information and Study Skills Evenings

The Y10 Information evening will be held on Tuesday 20th September in the Main Hall at 5:45 - 6:30pm & 6:45 - 7:30pm. Information has been distributed to parents. The aim of the evening is to provide guidance and support to parents and students alike, regarding the expectations of the coming year. The key elements to be covered are: an overview of Year 10, including information on examinations (e.g. actual modules which will be sat in Year 10, Controlled assessments); explanations of the different courses followed by students in Year 10 (e.g. GCSE, iGCSE, BTEC, Linear, Modular) and to highlight the support, which is available to ensure success is achieved over the next two years.

The Year 10 and 11 Study skills evening is arranged for Tuesday 18th October and a letter will be circulated shortly with further details.

Other News

Tesco Vouchers – Thank You!

A huge thank you for all the Tesco vouchers that have been donated to the school during the recent promotion. The school has been able to purchase two wireless SD memory cards for use with the school cameras and we have banked the rest for purchasing something more substantial next year.

Please Help Oliver

Oliver, aged 8, attends Southwater Juniors and is the younger brother of one of our students. Oliver has recently been diagnosed with leukaemia and is in urgent need of a bone marrow transplant. His story is explained at www.pleasehelpoliver.com. You will also find information about the Anthony Nolan Trust and how you can register if you feel you would like to help. Please take a look. Thank you in anticipation of your support on behalf of Oliver and his family.

Charity News

Throughout the year we have raised over £15,000 for various charities both locally and nationally. As part of this, we are really pleased to report that we have raised over £10,000 for our Sponsored Walk in support of the Dame Vera Lynn Trust (Horsham 100 Project). A huge “Thank you” to those who supported this event with fundraising and taking part.