

Olympic Logo

Year 10 student, Declan Norton, recent winner of the Horsham Traders' Guild Brand Logo competition, has designed his own 2012 Olympic logo following the unveiling of the official logo and the controversy surrounding it.



Shadowing Carnegie

For the third year running a group of Year 9 students have had the opportunity to take part in the Carnegie shadowing scheme. The students have been busily reading the 6 short listed books and using the "shadowing" website to post their reviews.



Spring Trip to Normandy

Year 9 and 10 students visited the D-day beach and museum at Arrowmanches, and watched a 360° film at the Arrowmanches cinema before visiting Bayeux and the famous tapestry. Followed by an evening bowling in Countances. The next morning students enjoyed a visit to a goats' cheese farm and an afternoon at Mont St Michel with a final stop off at Cite Europe for some shopping before returning to school.

Thanks to Miss Watson, Mrs Hawkins, Mrs Thomson and Mrs Clark, who accompanied the students and to the students themselves, who were excellent company throughout.

Mark Osmond,
Leader of
Modern
Languages



Student Voice Update

Student Voice saw months of hard work come to fruition on Monday 11th June when following Year Group assembly's, to announce the Student Voice Support Card initiative, each student received a Student Support Card to highlight the support that is available to them at school and options on how to access the range of support.



Class of 2007

Friday 29th June, the big night was once again upon us, the Year 11 prom, keenly anticipated and talked about for months (actually years!) and a wonderful celebration to mark the end of the exam period and farewell to our Year 11's!

A fantastic occasion, which will not be forgotten, thanks to the wonderful senior prefect team, the marvellous Year 11 musicians who made the evening extra special and our events coordinator, Mrs Wicks who worked so hard to ensure the evening ran smoothly.

Sally Hawes
Head of Year 11



Talented Year 10 Student

Year 10 student Kim Russell has qualified for two horse riding championships, the David Broom championships, and the South East and Sunshine Tour combined championships. Kim has done exceptionally well, as she has only been riding for a year and a half.



Tanbridge House School wishes to thank the West Sussex County Times for allowing us the use of their photographs

Tree-mendous

Delighted Year 8 student Toby Tree, keen golfer, recently won the prestigious, Laddie Lucas Spoon annual competition at the world famous links golf course, Princes, in Kent.



Mid Sussex

Congratulations to the following students who have been chosen to represent Mid Sussex at the Sussex Championship:

Emily Brown	100m	Junior Girls
Hannah Munford	Discus	Junior Girls
Emily Smith	100m	Intermediate Girls
Amicia Lee	1500m	Intermediate Girls
Jade Barryman	Triple Jump	Intermediate Girls
Holly Williams	Shot	Intermediate Girls

Jonathan Gellett	Hurdles	Junior Boys
Jack Petersen	800m	Junior Boys
Ryan Lancaster	Hurdles	Intermediate Boys
Auberon Mansfield	200m	Intermediate Boys
Adam Goddard	400m	Intermediate Boys
Oli Faulkner	High Jump	Intermediate Boys
Elliot Brackpool	Javelin	Intermediate Boys

Heart Foundation

Year 10 students Ryan Hume and Oliver Rogers with Year 11 student Ryan Fitzgerald recently took part in this year's British Heart Foundation Junior Golf Competition and raised £150 in sponsorship for the British Heart Foundation!



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Dear Reader

Busy, busy, busy has been the mood of the year. The students have worked and played hard as we hope the photographs and articles here show. Staff and Governors have just about kept up with the energetic more youthful end of the school community.

Thank you to all our readers for our support this year. From all of us at Tanbridge House we wish you a warm, blissfully happy summer and an enjoyable read of our third Tanbridge Review. Maureen Johnson, Headteacher

National Schools First Aid Competition

Tanbridge students pitted their skills in the regional round of this year's St John Ambulance first aid competition and took first, second and third place!

Mike Hole, School Liaison Officer for St John Ambulance, said "how impressed and how polite the examiners found the Tanbridge House School teams".

Mrs Leadbeater who runs the after school first aid scheme on Thursdays, finds the ongoing support and encouragement provided by Mr Hole indispensable.



Year 7 United Against Bullying

At 10am on Friday 25th May, Year 7 students stood holding hands in a spiralling circle, uniting against bullying for one minute to show that they do not accept or tolerate bullying. Tanbridge was just one of thousands of schools across the UK that took part in The Big Stand, a national event organised by Beatbullying.

Mrs Johnson Headteacher, said: "We are proud to take part in The Big Stand. It is a great opportunity for students to show that they are united against bullying. We are working to promote tolerance and respect within the school and this event reminds everyone, students and teachers, that bullying is unacceptable."



Language Skills put to the Test

Year 9 students, Jonathan Gellett, Mark Chesters and Gemma Bradshaw won this year's Horsham Twinning Association's French Video Competition.

This popular competition was launched by the Twinning Association in 2001 when Tanbridge last won.

The students, accompanied by their French teacher Miss Dawson,

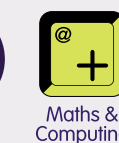
attended the award ceremony on 15th June to receive individual certificates and a silver plate. Miss Dawson said the students were thrilled with their achievement. "Obviously I am delighted the school has won the competition after six years and I congratulate them for working so hard to produce a six minute presentation in a foreign language," she said.



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FireBreak Success

Five Year 9 students, Jamie Tregenza, Erin Hart, Gemma Peel, Jade Whitney and Alex Brown received certificates of achievement at Crawley Fire Station after successfully completing a 10 week FireBreak course.

West Sussex County Council's Fire and Rescue Service ran the course, which is supported by the county's Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships.

The students attended Crawley Fire Station for one day a week and took part in activities that combined practical training with classroom workshops.

As well as receiving a certificate of achievement, Gemma Peel was presented with an additional award to recognise her outstanding personal improvement.

The certificates were presented by Area Commander Simon Furlong and Trevor Pilcher, the Fire and Rescue Services Director of Community Protection.

Simon said: "These students rose to the challenge with enthusiasm and determination. We are all extremely proud of their achievement."



Easter Sailing Adventure

Students from Years 9 and 10 had the exciting opportunity of a 4 day sailing adventure during the Easter Holidays.

Robert Banyard, Daniel Pitt, James Hatton, Chris Hammond and Philip Kelley had the fantastic experience aboard the "John Laing" accompanied by Mr Butler. The "John Laing" is a 72ft yacht owned by the Ocean Youth Trust South, adventure under sail training charity which takes young people in the south of England sailing.

Day 1
After a safety briefing the students enjoyed four hours of sailing from Southampton to Gosport.

Day 2
The forecast was for gales which meant sailing through a sheltered Solent and a very fast sail to Poole in Dorset. There was then the opportunity to explore the town and meet sea cadets who moored alongside.

Day 3
An early start was followed by a brilliant sail to Cowes, the "capital" of the yachting world. Everyone on board had the opportunity to practise all the different boat drills including tacking and gybing as well as helming, helping with the navigation and cooking for 17!

Day 4
The final day of the voyage included sailing to Southampton before cleaning the yacht from top to bottom. The students were then presented with certificates showing the places they had visited and the 120 sea miles covered, some of which in a force 6 wind.



Just How Good are Year 10 Students?

Year 10 students completed one of the most successful week's of work experience ever.

Nearly 300 students were sent out to work to find their feet in the workplace. 'Occupations' varied from teaching assistant to scientist, aeronautical engineer to vet, shop assistant to hairdresser, army cadet to chef, builder to sheep shearer, travel agent to office worker.

We have received an exceptionally high number of encouraging reports and feedback from local employers who have been letting us know just how good our students are.



Rachel Wood at H & S Motor Services, Horsham.



Mrs Price, Leader of Geography – with her family and Brendan during the walk

Snowdrop Charity Walk

Year 10 student, Brendan Maguire and his family took part in The Sussex Snowdrop Trust, annual sponsored charity walk on Sunday 13 May and completed a 5 mile sponsored walk raising £145 for The Sussex Snowdrop Trust, a charity that provides support for local children with life threatening and terminal illnesses.

Enterprise Education – Spring 2007

Year 10 Students were involved in an eleven week programme, which commenced on Thursday 11th January, to gain invaluable skills and opportunities on how to be enterprising through applying their own talents and attributes.

The aim of the programme was for each team to create a presentation, portfolio and display for an enterprise. 'Business Meetings' were held and a range of business volunteers (Air Partner, Applied Materials, OCS Group Ltd, Dark Star Media, John Lytton Chartered Surveyors, Selecta) from the local community came to talk with each team.

On Friday 30th March each team presented their portfolio to a panel

of judges – peers, staff, business representatives. The six most successful teams made it through to the final and re-presented to the whole of Year 10 plus the judges. After much deliberation, the judges came to a decision and The Rt Hon Francis Maude, MP gave a short speech before announcing the winning team and presenting prizes.



Specialist School Status what have we achieved?

It seems amazing that as the school year is drawing to a close we are celebrating the first year of being a Specialist College in Science, Mathematics & Computing. For me it seems like yesterday when Mrs Johnson announced that we had been successful in our application to become a Specialist College. So much has happened in such a short space of time...

The year started with a bang as we learned that Tanbridge House School had achieved the best ever results at GCSE with 68% A*-C.

This is just a taste of what has been happening this year:

ICT

The ICT Department has worked hard testing students on their preferred learning styles. The benefit of this is that teachers can use the information in their planning and make lessons more personalised to students.

Miss Hammond has run the CC4G (Computer Club for Girls) after school for 30 Gifted and Talented girls. They have been working on an animation project and received an award earlier this year for their work. Well done! In July they visited CBeebies and had the opportunity to see an interactive studio in action. They also visited the Blue Peter garden and watched a recording of a CBeebies programme.

Workshops for parents have been run to show how the web can support their child. Workshops have also been run for all staff on new technologies in school.

Mathematics

Mathematics held evenings for GCSE parents so they could experience mathematics in the 21st Century. It was very well attended and the parents found it fascinating to see how far the subject had changed since they were at school! The feedback was so positive it is something that will be repeated next year.

Miss Colquhoun has set up a Mathematics Club for the Gifted and Talented students. This has been regularly attended and the students have had success in national competitions.

Students have been carefully tracked to identify those who are not achieving their target grade and mentoring sessions offered.

For the first time a number of Year 10 students have taken a GCSE in Statistics. Congratulations to those students.

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Our Primary Partner Schools

Tanbridge staff and students have really enjoyed the joint projects and the opportunities this has allowed for primary students to visit Tanbridge and share specialist facilities and resources; primary students used our ICT suite for a Maths "Round the World" project in the Spring which was presented to primary parents in our Drama Studio; visits to the science labs for a morning or afternoon have taken place to enthuse and excite these younger students. After school sessions have been run for primary Gifted and Talented students in Maths and/or ICT and in July, Tanbridge invited 250+ Year 5 primary students for a Maths and Art.



Community Projects

The Y Centre art project has been running since December 2006, offering Y Centre residents the opportunity to explore their artistic side and produce artwork. The project is a fantastic opportunity for residents who would not normally be together as a group to meet and mix with others, encouraging each other, making new friends whilst exploring issues such as healthy eating through researching the web for ideas on what to paint.

The funding from Tanbridge House School, made possible through the Specialist School bid, has also enabled the Y Centre to purchase equipment for those residents who are less confident with a paintbrush to be involved by making a video of the projects progress for the exhibition.

Fast & Funky Food Club for Young Mums
This eight week project started in May 2007 at Tanbridge House School has enabled local mums to come together and, under the guidance of Liz Hodgson (former Tanbridge House School Food and Nutrition Teacher), prepare healthy evening meals for their families.



During February half-term, SCIP held a one day course at Tanbridge in our new ICT suite for employees from the Horsham Voluntary and Charity services working with Excel, the internet and databases. This one day course was so successful it will be repeated twice next year!

I would like to thank all the staff involved in making our first year happen, the school and wider community are really benefiting!

If you would like a tour of the school, or to speak to someone about anything you have read in this edition please do not hesitate to contact our Community Secretary on 01403 755981 and come and see for yourself the difference Specialist School Status is making to Tanbridge House School.

Rachel Joseph, Assistant Headteacher (Specialist School Co-ordinator)

Business/Employer Involvement

Even though Mrs Smale has been on maternity leave since Easter much has happened! 18 students have attended the Apprenticeship Award Program. All the students gained Level 3 in the Young Lifesaver Award Scheme and this successful program will be run again next year. Currently the students are preparing for OCR Employability Level 2 qualification. We wish them luck!

Science

Science Gifted and Talented students have each gained Bronze Crest Award, this is a great achievement.

Students have been carefully tracked in their academic progress. As a result of this a Breakfast Club has been run by Miss Edwards to support 21 high achievers.

Students who have not been on target, mentoring sessions co-ordinated by Mrs Hackshaw and Miss Bubeer have been run.

Working with the Drama Department, Miss Basith's class produced an environmental play.

