



## BASKETBALL SUCCESS

The under 14 girls Basketball team have become Mid and North Sussex champions.

They were victorious over Warden Park, Holy Trinity and St Pauls in their quest to win this accolade.

Well done to Giovanna Rufolo, Sarah Nelson, Emma Loxley, Ella Brunt, Jo Dulieu, Sammi Dulieu and Becky Mackley who made up this successful team.

## Swimmers make impression

On Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> February, four Tanbridge House students, braved the snowy weather to travel to Gloucester to take part in the Finals of the National Schools Swimming Championships. The boys swam really well and finished eighth in the country in the relay, a fantastic achievement.

Jess Hilicks, team co-ordinator said, "Most of the teams they were swimming against were from public schools, making their achievement even more amazing."



*Tanbridge House School swimming team of Finlay Hilicks, Josh Trout, Lewis Fisher and Sam Carter.*

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## Glitzy Prom Fashion

Year 11 students took to the catwalk for a glitzy and glamorous fashion show at Tanbridge House School on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February.

Six boys and six girls from Year 11 showcased a range of prom gowns and suits to fellow students and parents.

Tanbridge was delighted for the support from local businesses who provided the dresses and suits; Epiphany & Dickies for suits and dresses & Stems for their contemporary floral displays plus Coco's for styling the models' hair.

Leader of Year 11, Lorna Pingleton, said: "It was an opportunity for Year 11 students to look at formal suits and dresses in preparation for the Summer Prom and a fitting way of ending a very busy half term."



Tanbridge House School is to host the 2009 West Sussex Children's Book Award Ceremony

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# Tanbridge House Review

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As we reach the end of another very full and successful term I must commend every member of staff's commitment to the school's drive towards outstanding status. The quality of teaching and learning are top of the agenda at Tanbridge House School. This complements an ethos of good practice which is now running throughout the school, creating consistency from managing behaviour to report writing.

The community's support and commitment to the changes being made at Tanbridge House School is having a very positive impact and from September 2009 we will be oversubscribed for the first time in recent history.

We will continue to make strides to ensure we remain on target to achieve the goal of making Tanbridge House School a centre of teaching and learning excellence.

Jules White, Headteacher



## Rock Challenge

On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February, fifty Tanbridge House School students travelled to The Hawth in Crawley to compete in the 2009 Rock Challenge.

The challenge for the students and their teachers was to create and be involved in their own production from conceptualisation through to the live performance.

Tanbridge House School's piece entitled Tessera explored the four classical Greek elements and how they explain patterns in nature.



## Tanbridge House School Unlocking the Talent

Tanbridge House School has registered to take part in the 2009 Shine Festival, 6-10<sup>th</sup> July 2009, a national initiative started in 2008 as a channel to enable every young person to unlock their hidden talent and to Shine!

Links with art and sporting professionals means students at Tanbridge House are getting to try, practise and excel in disciplines from music and dance to gymnastics, football and the arts.

Tanbridge House School believes the Shine Festival to be an ideal opportunity to display all the talents the students are working hard to develop and unlock.

Mr Jules White said, "Tanbridge House students are being given the opportunity to develop and showcase their talents throughout 2009 to show everyone what they can do; as we believe every student has a special talent and we are committed to unlocking and developing that skill within each and every student."



## Francis Maude visits Tanbridge House School

On Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> February, Tanbridge House School was delighted to welcome Francis Maude, MP for Horsham, to a Year 8 Assembly.

Mr Maude spent 30 minutes giving an insightful presentation to the Tanbridge House Year 8 students about his visit to Rwanda in 2008, followed by a fifteen minute question and answer session.

The Horsham MP's presentation informed the students on the events surrounding the genocide of 1994 and also of his experiences of teaching English to Rwandan primary school teachers.

Tanbridge House will be working with Mr Maude in future months in support of Project Umubano as part of the schools' extensive charity work.



Mr Maude commented on his visit, "I was impressed with the management team at Tanbridge House School ... and the schools vibrance and energy."



## Baby Goats prove to be a huge hit

During March, thirty plus Year 10 students enjoyed four days in sunny Normandy! The students were excellent ambassadors for the school and enjoyed trips to the Arromanches 360 cinema, the Bayeux tapestry, Mont St Michel, a traditional French market and a goats' cheese farm, where the baby goats proved to be a huge hit.

At the third annual Tanbridge Talent Show, Max Woolford wowed the group with his dancing and was the proud winner of a set of miniature Mont St Michel mugs.



## Congratulations

The girls U14 football team remain unbeaten for the season, with excellent wins over Warden Park, The Weald and Thomas Bennett Community College.

This is a very talented group of girls - we look forward to their future successes!

## Charity Update

Mr White became goalie for the afternoon during charity week, held in March, and for each ball that went into the net donated £1 towards the school's fundraising efforts.

Students and staff were delighted with their charity week activities, raising a further £1660 for local, national and international charities.

This gives the school a grand total of £7163 raised for charity this year.

Peter Marshallsay, Assistant Headteacher and Charity Coordinator said: "Raising money and awareness for local, national and international charities is very important to Tanbridge House School and we are delighted with the amounts raised so far this year."

## Congratulations

On 5<sup>th</sup> February ninety Year 9 & Year 10 students took part in the UK Intermediate Mathematics Challenge.

The students achieved 1 Gold, 8 Silver and 12 Bronze awards, which is a fantastic result!

## Year 8 £10 Challenge

Throughout February, students in Year 8 took part in a challenge to raise as much money as possible for charity.

Each tutor group was given a loan of £10 and students were asked to use their imagination to make a profit.

The response was fantastic, with a range of interesting activities taking place both in and outside of school.

In total Year 8 raised over £400, which was an excellent achievement, the overall winners being 8EMW, who raised over £220.

Huge congratulations and thanks go to the whole year group. Well done!

## Visit to the Science Museum in London



In January the whole of Year 7 visited the Science Museum in London as part of curriculum enrichment.

During their visit the students experienced the interactive gallery, learning Science through hands on activities.

They also visited the IMAX cinema, learning about space exploration through 3D cinema.

Everyone had a fantastic time and wished the trip could have lasted a little longer.

## 'Solving a crime day' at Tanbridge House School

On the 16<sup>th</sup> March 2009 a group of Year 5 pupils from Shelley Primary School visited Tanbridge House School for 'Solving a crime day'.

In Science they used colour indicators to change acidic water from the pond into neutral water using burettes. "It was all new to us as we don't get the chance to use acids at junior school." (Briony Aged 9) They also used microscopes to look for life forms from the acidic pond water. "Wearing Science goggles made me feel like a brainiac!" (Andrew aged 9).

After finding out what they needed to neutralise, the children went to the Maths department to work out how much alkali would be needed and the cost of it.

The last session of the day was spent in the ICT suite producing movie clips and captions. Then they took a well earned chocolate break.

Shelley School children would like to give their thanks to everyone involved in the day at Tanbridge House School.



## Sweeney Todd

Sweeney Todd rehearsals are well underway following a full day of auditions, involving 160 pupils, and are proving to be both challenging and exciting.

Several Year 11 Drama students are part of the creative team alongside Mrs James and Mrs Mackay, who are thrilled to be part of such a challenging project and confident of staging a successful, compelling and vibrant piece of musical theatre.

The cast are looking forward to performing an extract from Sweeney Todd at the Spring Concert in advance of the full performances to be held at the Capitol in Horsham from the 30<sup>th</sup> June to 2<sup>nd</sup> July.



## Specialist School Update

We have had such a positive term this term! So much has been happening, such as our Gifted and Talented students in ICT supporting Age Concern. We have also been visited by the Specialist Schools and Academy Trusts regional director who said: "Tanbridge House is a vibrant school where the Specialism can be seen to impact positively across the whole curriculum."

## Spring Concert

The Spring Concert is being staged at the Capitol, Horsham on 31<sup>st</sup> March and 1<sup>st</sup> April.

The students are looking forward to performing on a professional stage and the programme will include items from the school orchestra, the junior and senior strings, the junior, senior and chamber choirs and the jazz ensemble.

*Spring Concert and  
Sweeney Todd  
tickets are  
available from the  
Capitol Box Office*

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