

NO. 12 - 28th February 2007

Dear Parents, Staff, Governors and friends



MANY THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT DURING THE RECENT OFSTED INSPECTION

We were delighted that there was such an outstanding outcome. It says a great deal about the students, their parents, the staff, and all those who make up the community of our school that the inspectors were so impressed. We have set ourselves a standard which we must at least maintain and preferably improve still further. We have our own targets to make the educational journey of each of our students more interesting and more challenging, while valuing everyone, caring for each other and achieving excellence.



IT WAS DELIGHTFUL ALSO TO RECEIVE A VISIT FROM LORD COE

He only had a short time so we arranged for a special assembly with students from across the school to whom sport is important. He spoke warmly about positive achievement and about the support and encouragement he had received at school and he showed interest in everyone who was presented to him, from Lydgate children who had come across for the occasion to those who had already achieved success at Tapton for Sheffield and South Yorkshire . It was a memorable occasion.



MEANWHILE, IRONICALLY, KING EDWARDS HAVE HAD TO TAKE THE TOP SPORTS FIELD OUT OF USE

Large stones and rubble have been found on the pitch and the Governors of the School and Sheffield Children and Young People's Directorate feel that it is no longer safe to use it in such a condition. Urgent representations have been made to Interserve, the contractor for the maintenance and safety of the pitch, to seek an effective and long-term solution. It means, unfortunately, that until it's made safe, Tapton students also will be unable to use it.



PTA BAZAAR/BOOK & GAMES SALE .. SATURDAY 17TH MARCH .. 11.30 - 2.30

Come to the Bazaar. Have lunch with us. Enjoy browsing the stalls. Have some cake and coffee. Meet some friends. It's a relaxed afternoon, looking for bargains and enjoying good company. Clear out those shelves. Reach to the back of the wardrobe. Make some space! Send us your **BOOKS, CDs, GOOD CONDITION SCHOOL UNIFORM, and GAMEBOY / PLAY STATIONS GAMES** . There'll be someone in the school foyer to receive goods on Tues – Fri of the week of the Bazaar and on the Saturday morning. As last year the PTA are opening up the Bazaar as a local market for people to hire a tabletop and sell their own items. If you would like details, or know of someone who would, please contact Sarah Shields on 230 7301.

Tapton Youth Brass Band Concert .. Friday 23 rd March 7.30 .. School Hall

Another special concert, featuring not only the outstanding Tapton Band, chosen as the best in the country on three occasions in the last few years, but also Thomas Osborne as soloist. Thomas, a former Tapton student, attended the Royal Northern College of Music, was a brass finalist in the BBC Young Musician of the Year Competition, and has recently launched a professional career. We're delighted and very proud to have him with us again. Come and enjoy the evening. With interval refreshments, the tickets are £7 (£5 concessions) available from Mrs Phillips or Mr Storer at school – but hurry.



AND MORE ON MS HOLLINGER'S FUND-RAISING FOR HER ANTARTIC EXPEDITION

Looking for an unusual present or simply want to treat yourself? Then come along to the Fuchs Foundation Antarctic Expedition lecture and charity auction and help support Miss Hollinger in her fundraising efforts for her scientific expedition to Antarctica in November 2007.

The event will take place on **Thursday 8th March 2007** at Greens Health and Fitness, Napier Street, (near Waitrose), S11 8HA at 7.30pm. The format of the evening will be a lecture by guest speaker Peter Fuchs, son of Sir Vivian Fuchs who was the first person to cross Antarctica 50 years ago followed by the auction of various items donated by Sheffield businesses. Items include a romantic dinner for two, cinema tickets, gym membership, climbing lessons, a ride in a 110 tonne dumper truck and much more.

Tickets are £5 and are available from school, on the door or by calling 0777 622 2860. There will be a bar and raffle prizes. Hope to see you there.



CHRISTIAN PRAYER GROUP

Thursday 8 th March, 8.00 p.m., 6 Hagg Lane . All parents, staff and anyone else interested are welcome. For further details contact Wendy, 263 0328.



OTHER COMING EVENTS

Fri 2 nd March
5 th – 9 th March
Thurs 8 th March
Weds 14 th March
17 th – 23 rd March
19 th – 30 th March
27 th – 29 th March
Thurs 29 th March
Fri 30 th March
Mon 16 th April

Y9 Option Choice Forms for GCSE Courses due in
Y8 Exam Week
Y13 Theatre Studies Performances
Y12 Parents Evening 4.30 – 7.00
Y10/12 German Exchange to Bochum
Y12 Geography Fieldwork weeks 1 & 2
Y12 Drama Performances
Last Day of Term for Students
Staff Training Day AS/A2 Sports Assessments
1 st day of Summer Term



SPORTS REPORT

Hockey (Girls)

U15 played against the High School on Monday February 26th . The result was 1-0 to the High School despite a great deal of pressure on the High School goal. Well played everyone!

Lacrosse

Many congratulations – to our students who have been selected for the England U19 Squad.

Table Tennis

Congratulations to one of our Y10 students who became S. Yorkshire Schools' Champion on Friday February 23 rd and will represent the school and County, at the National Finals in April.

Football

Year 7 beat King Edwards (!) 5-0 and beat Ecclesfield 8-1. Y9 lost to Park Academy 2-0.

Netball

The U13 team got through to the semi finals of the U13 Sheffield Schools' Tournament. The same team had a convincing win (3-2) over Park Academy .