

Dear Parents, Staff, Governors and friends,

CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION

We already have some security cameras around the school buildings. During the Easter break more will be fitted **inside** the school. In recent surveys of students and staff there has been some concern expressed about students not always feeling safe, isolated incidents of vandalism or theft. Those responsible need to be held accountable and everyone should be confident that they and their possessions are safe.

THE FIELD

Interserve have informed us that they have thoroughly inspected the rugby pitch and uncovered no significant problems. They therefore consider it safe for use. However, more intensive works, including the installation of drainage will take place over the summer break.

LAST CALL FOR THE PTA TAPTON YOUTH BRASS BAND CONCERT - FRIDAY 23RD MARCH 7.30 PM

The outstanding Tapton Band with guest soloist, Thomas Osborne. Come and enjoy the evening. With interval refreshments, the tickets are £7 (£5 concessions) available from Mrs Phillips or Mr Storer at school.

MANY THANKS TO THOSE WHO HELP US RAISE MONEY FOR CHARITY

Last week we raised over £1000 for Comic Relief. Next is the **6th Form Charity Week** : our annual rag week of events and happenings devised by the 6th form to raise money usually for local charities. 6th formers will be dressing up each day and bringing round buckets for collections – so bring plenty of loose change. There will also be entertainments (Splat the Teacher, Open Mike, Circus Acts, etc) at break and lunchtime and several major fund-raising activities, which we hope you will support:

- **the Charity Raffle** (all week) – great prizes for a small outlay
- **Non-Uniform Day (Weds 28 th)** if you bring £1 on Mon or Tues (collections in form time)
- **6th Form Charity Concert** (Tues 27 th 7.30) – a musical extravaganza – something for everyone – *the* musical event of the year! - Tickets £3 or more from Mr Holden in the 6 th Form Office
- **The Tapton School Annual Charity Duckathlon** (Sat 31 st from 11 am) in Endcliffe Park – buy a duck for £1 – get in the race – bring your family and enjoy the side shows – lots of prizes



PARENT OF A 6TH FORMER?

If you would like to find out more about the UCAS process for University Admissions, register online at www.ucas.com/parents for a wealth of information about finance, student welfare and selecting the right course and university or college.



OTHER COMING EVENTS

17 th – 23 rd March	Y10/12 German Exchange to Bochum
19 th – 30 th March	Y12 Geography Fieldwork weeks 1 & 2
27 th – 29 th March	Y12 Drama Performances
Thurs 29 th March	Last Day of Term for Students .. 3.30 finish.
Fri 30 th March	Staff Training Day AS/A2 Sports Assessments
Mon 16 th April	1 st day of Summer Term



FUCHS FOUNDATION ANTARCTIC EXPEDITION 2007

Many thanks to all those who supported the lecture and charity auction on Thursday 8th March in aid of Miss Hollinger's expedition to Antarctica . The evening was a big success and she raised £1538. Her total stands at £8083 of the £10 000 she needs for the expedition. Many thanks to Mr Pender who was the compere for the evening. If word gets out about his natural auctioneering skills, he will be in big demand!



Y10 GCSE MATHEMATICS

For the first time, all pupils regardless of the level of entry will have the opportunity to attain a Grade C in mathematics. However, with a modular scheme of assessment pupils will sit examinations at different times during the two year course. All Y10 pupils will be sitting at least one GCSE module examination during the morning of Wednesday 27 June 2007.

Calculators in Exams: It is important that all pupils in Year 9, 10 and 11 have their own basic scientific calculator for use in SATs and GCSE examinations. Pupils need to be familiar with how their calculator works prior to the day of the exams. Please do everything you can to ensure that your son / daughter has the necessary equipment for these examinations.



CODE CRACKERS! THE NATIONAL CIPHER CHALLENGE

After 8 rounds of competition, Tapton's Cipher Challenge Team eventually finished 16th out of over 300 teams in the country. Congratulations go to all involved.



CHESS CHAMPION

This year's school chess tournament is now at an end, one of our year 8 students has now become the 2007 Tapton School Chess Champion. Many congratulations!



SPORTS REPORT

Football

The Y8 team won their Cup match against Wisewood, 3-0. Congratulations to the team

Lacrosse

Steve Mills writes: The team coaches and I would like to congratulate the Sheffield Steelers under 19's Lacrosse team in their success in maintaining their position in Conference A in the Under 19's Conference League. Sheffield finished fourth in the A league after a slow start to the season due to player injuries and some unlucky defeats, but a convincing win against Wilmslow in the final game of the season secured their place in the A division. The Under 19's also took part in the Norman Barber Knockout cup, where they progressed through to the semi-finals before getting knockout by Wacs in a fast, furious and tough game played again with a depleted team through injuries. As the team Manager I would personally like to thank the coaches for all their hard work, dedication and support they gave to the players and to those parents who gave their time to help transport the team across to Manchester each weekend.



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