

No 15 - 16th April 2008

Dear Parents, Staff, Governors and friends,



LOWER SCHOOL CONCERT TONIGHT - WEDS 16TH APRIL - 7.30 PM - SCHOOL HALL

Come and enjoy our youngest musicians with performances from the Wind Band, Orchestra, Choir, Samba Band, Wind Group, African Drumming Group, String Quartets and many soloists/small groups. Please come and support the students - they have been working extremely hard for this concert and it promises to be a fun-filled evening of music. If you haven't already got tickets (£4 and £2), we should be able to get you in on the door. All proceeds from the concert will go towards purchasing instruments for use at KS3.



TEACHING AND LEARNING VISIT TO UAE

This week, as part of a team of 10 teachers from Sheffield and London, Miss Boulter is on an educational visit to the United Arab Emirates. Whilst in the UAE, she will be visiting a number of schools, researching approaches to teaching and learning and sharing good practice. This trip offers an exciting opportunity to extend Tapton School's global connections, enriching cultural awareness. Hopefully many students will take up the chance to make a pen-pal contact with a student from the UAE. In order to follow Miss Boulter's progress you can access her blog through the school website or look at the screen in the main foyer for daily diary entries and images.



A FRENCH CONNECTION?

Mrs Brabban is looking for a host family for a 16 year old French boy. He would like to stay for 2 months – June and July – and would be willing to pay for his keep or offer a similar exchange to stay with his family in Nantes. This would be ideal for a Y11 student who is taking French at A level next year. If you are interested, please contact Mrs Brabban in the Languages department for more information.



AIMING HIGHER? - FIND OUT ABOUT OPPORTUNITIES IN SOUTH YORKSHIRE

This year's Aim Higher Progression Opportunities Fair is being held at the Sheffield Hallam University's Student Union, Paternoster Row, on Thursday 17 th April from 11.30 to 5.00. The event will showcase opportunities for careers progression through higher level qualifications – HNCs, HNDs, Foundation Degrees, Honours Degrees and Professional Qualifications. As part of the Fair, there will be a Fashion Show and an opportunity to try break-dancing organised by degree students from Rotherham and Doncaster colleges. Entry is free. Further information from 0114 225 3736.



CHRISTIAN PRAYER MEETING

Weds 23 rd April, 8.00 pm, 6 Hagg Lane. All parents and staff and staff welcome. If you know of any issues needing prayer or for any other related matter, please contact Wendy on 263 0328



HOMEWORK CLUBS AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT

We have been contacted by both the Broomhall Centre, Broomspring Lane (tel 272 9105) who offer a host of community courses and the Somali Community Culture School, 39a St George's Close (tel 0750 655 0844) who offer one to one homework support. There is also a Parents' Forum held at 247 Broomhall Street. Please ring to find out further details.



ARE YOU PLANNING SOMETHING EXCITING FOR THE SUMMER (OR IN YOUR GAP YEAR)

The PTA have a small fund which they use every year to support students who are taking part in educational or adventurous activities which are enterprising, in the sense that they've organised it themselves and they're raising the money themselves (not just relying on parents). People have gone on courses at home or abroad and gap year experiences all over the world – but there have also been smaller scale activities – back packing in the Lakes, cycling round the Cotswold, walking the Pennine Way etc. and it's for people of all backgrounds – the main quality being the get up and go to do it. If interested write to the Chair of the PTA via Mr Storer at school, explaining what you want to do and how you're going to go about it. We'll then invite you in for a chat (after exams). If you're unsure and need some help, talk to Mr Storer. Please remember the fund is small. We can only fund a small part of your needs.



OTHER COMING EVENTS

Mon 5 th May	May Day Bank Holiday
Tues 6 th May	Public Exams Begin – Y9 SATs followed by GCSEs and AS/A Levels
Fri 9 th May	Y11 and Y12 Last Day (Y12s return Mon 16 th June)
Tues 13 th May	Full Governors' Meeting 7.00 pm
Thurs 22 nd May	Y13 Last Day and Leaving Do at Baldwin's Omega
May 26 th – 30th	Half term Holiday



SPORTS REPORT

Congratulations to the Y8 Football Team – Sheffield Schools League and Cup Winners

On Friday, they beat King Ecgbert's 2-1 in the league cup final and followed this with a 3-2 victory against Stocksbridge in the knock-out cup final. Still unbeaten in two years (in Sheffield that is!).

The Y7 Rugby Team were involved in the South Yorks Finals at Barnsley RFC following their success in the Sheffield Rugby Festival. The standard in this hard fought tournament was very high with some excellent tackling, rucking, mauling and support play. They were narrowly beaten in the last, yet deciding match, with both coaches conceding that the Tipton rugby team had played the better, more stylish and creative rugby. What an achievement in their first year. Well done boys!

Badminton Well done to our U16 and U14 boys' badminton teams who qualified for the North East Regional Round of the National Schools Badminton Tournament. It was a long day travelling to Middlesbrough but good to be playing the best teams from Northumberland, Durham, North Yorkshire and East Yorkshire. There was great excitement at U14 level when our boys had won all their games and only had one more school to play. What a brilliant match it was against Harrogate Grammar, and with the match score 2-2 it could have gone either way. Unfortunately it didn't go our boys' way and we narrowly lost in the last game. The U16 boys won all their games comfortably and looked very impressive to take the title of North East Champions. Congratulations to all the boys, who conducted themselves impeccably and played some excellent badminton.

Our U16 boys now compete in the National Schools Final and have one more chance to go for the title. As runners up at U14 level they are determined to win this time. We all wish them luck in the finals on Thursday. Congratulations to one of our students, whose design logo was chosen for our Academy Schools status. He entered a brilliant design which will now be printed on our new team shirts and hoodies – and he was also the winner of both the Boys Singles and Mixed Doubles in the Sheffield U15 Restricted.

Running Club Are you interested in keeping fit? Do you enjoy running? Why not come along to a new running club starting on Weds lunchtimes starting from the PE dept, 12.30 – 1.15. Open to everyone in all years. PE kit and trainers. See Mrs Goodhill in PE if you are interested.

Saturday Club Saturday Morning Sports Club starts again this Saturday April 12 th, at the new time of 10am, for basketball and badminton until 12:30pm. Just come for an hour, or for the whole morning.

Dance A group of Y8 and Y9 boys and girls are taking part in the first Sheffield Schools Dance competition to be organised, on Wednesday April 23 rd. The pupils have been working very hard towards the competition and we wish them luck in their performance.