

It is great to be back to normal after the “snow days” and the emergency building works in January. I hope the rest of the term will enable us to concentrate on the core tasks of teaching and learning and preparing our youngsters for the future. However, it is clear that in the near future the financial resources available to education will reduce.

Whatever the political complexion of the next Government, the national debt will have to be reduced and the education sector will not be immune. The immediate impact for students and parents will probably be seen in terms of reduced subject options and less investment in ICT and other parts of the school system. Please rest assured we will do our best to minimise any negative impact on students learning.

*John Reilly, Headteacher*

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***Don't forget to regularly visit our website***

Parents may wish to regularly visit the correspondence section to keep up to date on school events or any trips and visits that are being organised. Letters will be filed into Year groups.

**Email:** If you would like to receive a version of the school newsletter by email please contact Miss A. Kinahan, Data Manager at the school (annette.kinahan@tewkesburyschool.org) Please also remember to notify us of any change in email addresses or your mobile numbers as we notify parents of absent students via text message.

## Local companies show support to the school

We are very grateful to seven local firms who have donated funds to buy new football kit for Tewkesbury School's teams. Each team will proudly wear the new strip, displaying the company's logo on the front, when they compete in national and local competitions. Dave Graham-Kevan (Head of PE) has said “we are so grateful to these local companies for their help. The students love their brand new strips and feel really proud of them. Being the only secondary school in the town we are very aware we represent the whole area and it's important to look smart”. The companies who sponsored teams are :

**Warners Peugeot, Firmfix, Andrews Lettings, G4Tec, Newbury Coaches,  
Severn Vale Housing and Trelleborg Sealing Solutions.**

The school has some other teams which are desperate for a new kit. These include swimming, netball and even squash. Any donations however small are gratefully received. If any companies would be willing to support the school in this way please contact Lyndsey Sallis, Head's PA at the school office.

We have also been supported by **Kingdom Interiors / Fabrics4less (www.fabrics4less.co.uk)** who have kindly offered to re-upholster the seating in our school reception. We appreciate such generous support to help keep our school looking bright and welcoming. If any other local organisations would be interested in offering support to the school or a discount on their services then please do get in touch!

## ***Congratulations to:***



All our girls sports teams who, despite the disruption caused by the weather, have started the term very well with victories against Hanley Castle School at netball (Y9, Y10 and Y11). Our senior netball team also beat Cleeve last week.



Lance Randall Y11 also has been selected for the U16 Welsh Rugby elite squad.



Eli Gibney Y8 who finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the schools regional triathlon event in January and has now qualified for the national finals at Crystal Palace.



Jack Cooper (Y8) Connor Wray (Y8) Bethan Skuse (Y8) and Ryan Wilson (Y7) who all took part in the South West regional cross country race in Cardiff last month. All of them made it into the top 10 for their age group.



Jordan Hardwick (Y7) Ryan Wilson (Y7) who took part in the south west Squash League semi finals at the end of January and made it through to the National finals in Manchester at the end of March.



Our team in the schools challenge quiz competition have made it through to the 2<sup>nd</sup> round and will be in against Kings School Worcester. They are Phil Wiseman (Y13) Richard Dabrowski (Y13) Jack Doyle (Y10) and Joshua McDonagh (Y10). Good luck to them.



Jordan Blackmore (Y8) is through to the International Street Dance final in Amsterdam later this year, he qualified in five different dance styles.

### **Valentine Roses**

**On sale - £3.00 each**

Order yours at the Cash Office  
*Send that loved one your secret message....!*

Proceeds from selling the roses go towards the Y11 Prom fund.

If parents would like a rose sent to a child at the school, please contact the cash office on 01684 851801 asap

### **Substance Abuse Information Parents' Evening**

Open to parents of  
Y7, Y8, Y9 & Y10

*Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March  
6.00pm - 8.00pm  
Sixth Form Centre  
Please come along.*



**Don't forget....**

We have a non-uniform day on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February students also to wear **'HATS FOR HAITI'**

As part of the day – cost £1 donation

**Reminder:**

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February is an INSET day

### **Home Access Program available from January 2010**

Home Access to ICT for students is known to make a difference to how young people achieve both in and out of school. Becta have just launched the first details of its latest Home Access Program, where families will be able to apply directly from Becta for a laptop and internet access from January 2010. For more information parents should visit:

<http://www.moneysavingexpert.com/family/grant-grabbing#edu>

**Wishing you all a safe and restful half term**

The school is pleased to link with the [bestoftewkesbury](#) – why not visit their website? Find more out about local events and activities as well as information from our great local businesses!

**thebestoftewkesbury**

# Useful dates up to May half term 2010

Date	Time	Event	Venue
<b>Mon 15<sup>th</sup> – Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>		<b>Half term</b>	
<b>Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb</b>		<b>INSET DAY</b>	
Tue 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb		Deadline for Y9 options choices forms	
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	All Day	2 <sup>nd</sup> HPV vaccination for Y8 girls	Main Hall
Tue 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	7.00 p.m.	PFTA Meeting	Main Hall/staffroom
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mar		All Y10 science, Y11 single science + re-sit module exams	
Thur 4 <sup>th</sup> Mar	7.00 p.m.	Prov. PTFA Prom Fashion Show – fundraising event	Sports Hall
Tue 9 <sup>th</sup> Mar	7.00 p.m.	Parents Evening for students starting DofE award	
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> Mar	6.30 p.m.	Y10 Instrumental Evening	Arts Centre
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> Mar		Spanish exchange students arrive in Tewkesbury	
Thur 18 <sup>th</sup> Mar	4.30 p.m.	Y8 Parents' Evening	'K' Central
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> Mar		French exchange students arrive in Tewkesbury	
Thur 25 <sup>th</sup> Mar	4.30 p.m.	Y7 Parents' Evening	'K' Central
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> Mar		Y12 full report issued	
Thur 1 <sup>st</sup> Apr	3.25 p.m.	Spring Term finishes	
Thur 1 <sup>st</sup> Apr	Shows at 6.30 p.m.& 8.30 p.m.	Y9 -12 Dance Showcase	Roses Theatre Tickets available <b>Box office 295074</b>
<b>Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Apr</b>		<b>Good Friday</b>	
<b>Mon 5<sup>th</sup> – Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>		<b>Easter Holiday</b>	
		<b>SUMMER TERM 2010</b>	
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> Apr		Start of Summer term for all students	
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> Apr		Y12 and Y13 instrumental evening	
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> May		Bank Holiday	
Tue 4 <sup>th</sup> May		Year 10 exam week	
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> May	12.45 p.m.	Y11 go on study leave	
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> May		Start of Public Exams	
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> May		Y12 go on study leave (til 07.06)	
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> May		Y13 go on study leave (prov)	
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> May	6.30 p.m.	Lower School Instrumental Evening	Arts Centre
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> May		3 <sup>rd</sup> HPV vaccination for Y8	
<b>Mon 31<sup>st</sup> May–Fri 4<sup>th</sup> June</b>		<b>Half term</b>	

## School Cleaners and Lunchtime Supervisors required

We are looking to recruit Cleaning staff to commence employment in April 2010 and Lunchtime Supervisors for an immediate start. Previous experience is an advantage but not essential as full training will be given.

Please contact Julie Bridge, Personnel Manager on 01684 851816 for further details

We are committed to safeguarding children; the successful candidate will be required to undertake an enhanced CRB check.

*We welcome applications from all sections of the community.*

## Preparing for Teenagers

Are you worried about coping when your child becomes a teenager?  
Would you like some tips on making life easier for all during the transition to the teenage years?

Come and join us at our workshop for parents of Years 7 & 8 children

**Wednesday 10th March 2010 6pm to 7.30pm**

In 6th Form Centre at Tewkesbury School  
To book a place call or text Mandi on  
07545 401 229 or email  
mandi.holt@tewkesburyschool.org

**Tewkesbury School - Extra Curricular Sports Clubs – Spring Term 2010**

<b>DAY</b>	<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>
<b>MORNING</b>			Fitness club Invitation only (NP)		
<b>LUNCH TIME</b>	Boys senior football training. Sportshall (DG)	Sixth form 5aside football (DG) sportshall	Benchball competition Sportshall Y10 and Y11 Girls years (DG/LH)	Badminton club (GS) Sportshall – all years  Fitness club in fitness suite. All year (RW)	
<b>AFTER SCHOOL</b>	Girls Netball Practice Sportshall Y10,11,12,13 (LH)  Boys senior football training (DG)  Golf Club (MMc)  Y 8&9 A rugby squads only (GWI) After School	Girls Football (KB) All years  Climbing Archery Table tennis – all invitation only. All in sportshall  Netball Fixtures  Y 7 rugby training / Match (GWI) After School  Cheerleading – Gym 3.30 – 4.40	Girls netball practice Y7,8,9 (RB,RW,NP)  Cricket nets in sportshall – (SLO) invitation only Starting Feb.  Y9 Football training (DN)  Senior football fixtures (DG)  Senior netball fixtures (LH)  Y11 dance rehearsals and revision in dance studio (SHA)	Netball Fixtures  Beginners Swimming club (CH,AF)  Challenger’s netball club for primary school pupils. Sportshall  Yr 7 rugby training / Match (GWI) After School  Y7 (invitation only) & 8 Dance club in gym (SHA)  Y9 Dance club in dance studio (SHA)	Cricket academy Sportshall  Senior 7’s rugby training (GWI)  Yr 7 A rugby squad – Gloucester Academy Coaching  Y9 Dance club in dance studio (SHA)