

Happy New Year! I hope everyone associated with the school had an enjoyable and peaceful Christmas. I look forward to a happy and successful year us for all in 2010. As usual it will be a very busy period. A-Level modular examinations commence during the week beginning Monday 11th January and continue for the rest of the month.

Year 9 and Year 11 pupils start the options process for the next stage of their education during the coming weeks too and it is highly likely that the school will have an Ofsted Inspection sometime this term or before the end of the school year.

However, whilst looking forward to these events I would also like to pay tribute to all the hard work and effort from students and staff that went into the end of term events before the Christmas break. The Christmas Carol Concert at the Abbey, the Senior Citizens Party and Christmas Concert at the School were the highlights for me. Also the fact that we raised £6,000 for charity week and were able to present cheques for £3,000 to each of our chosen charities (ShelterBox and Veninos) at the end of year assembly showed what a great Christmas spirit we have here. With best wishes for 2010.

John Reilly, Headteacher

School closure information

In the light of the recent cold weather and the school closure may I take this opportunity to thank you all for your co-operation.

I would like to remind you that in the event of any future school closure information will be broadcasted on Severn Sound and BBC Radio Gloucestershire. The County Council website that lists school closures is at www.glosclosedschools.com and we will endeavour to put as much information on our website at www.tewkesburyschool.org as soon as we are able. We also hope to include more information regarding the village buses, however as we do not run the bus services, it is harder to obtain firm details as each route is run by a different bus company. We apologise to anyone who experienced difficulties this time.

Communication: The school contact details are as follows: Tewkesbury School, Ashchurch Road, Tewkesbury, Glos. GL20 8DF.

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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.

Congratulations to:

Melissa Phillips (Y10) – Who, over the past four years, has raised £800 for Charity from the sale of calendars that she has produced.

Molly Harrison (Y11) – Who has organised the “Strictly staff dancing” charity event for the past five years which has brought in approximately £1,000 during that time.

Stacey Baldwin (Y13) - Who has gained a place at St Hilda’s College, Oxford to read Biochemistry.

Sam Wilson (Y11) - Who has got into the England junior Talent Synchronised Swimming squad. It is a squad of 20 girls between the ages of 15-17. They will be training within England and then at the end of the year they will pick a squad of 12 who will compete at the European Championships in 2011.

100% attendance – Congratulations to Sophie Smith 11J, Eli Gibney 8L, Emily Packer 8C, Kathryn Iles 9E and Lewis Roberts 8A who all won Ipod Nanos for having achieved 100% attendance during the autumn term. We hope many more pupils will follow their example and be eligible to win a prize in the summer term.

WELCOME

Welcome to Miss Emma Watson who has joined the Science Faculty as a replacement for Miss Driscoll. I am also grateful to Mr May, Mrs Pope, Mrs Patrick and Mr Attwood who have increased their hours in the Music department in order to cover for the departure of Mr Lewis.

Twyning School

Twyning School won the South West Grid for learning, SWGFL KS2 animation competition for Gloucestershire this year. Twyning School are through to the next stage of the competition finals. The Animation Club involved some of your current students in Year 7 – **Sophie Walton and Alex Brown** and was run at lunchtime: stop animation camera and plasticine models, bits of cardboard and lots of enthusiasm.

Twyning’s entry is now on the SWGFL website at [http://www.swgfl.org.uk/Learning/Film-animation-Mini-Site/Thecompetition/KS1-Competition-Winners-\(1\)](http://www.swgfl.org.uk/Learning/Film-animation-Mini-Site/Thecompetition/KS1-Competition-Winners-(1)) . The public vote will decide by texting their chosen animation (4.2p per min) to a number on the website.

PTFA Line Dancing Evening

29th January 2010
7.30pm in the school gym.

Come and learn a new dance and have
some fun.
£5.00 a ticket



You are warmly invited to visit us for our

Sixth Form Open Evening Thursday 21st January 2010

In the 2009 exams students achieved a 99% pass rate at
A level with 53% A/B grades
Superb facilities and huge range of courses
Outstanding Ofsted Inspection 2007
Open to Year 11 students from **any** school

“The Sixth Form at Tewkesbury School is Brilliant”
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Please telephone the Sixth Form Centre on
01684 851807 for further details
For details on courses, visit our website to view the
Sixth Form Prospectus www.tewkesburyschool.org

Useful dates up to Easter 2010

| SPRING TERM 2010 | | | |
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| Mon 11 th Jan –29 th Jan | | AS/A2 Exams and some GCSE Exams | |
| Thur 14 th Jan | | Y11 SEPS Biology exams | |
| Mon 18 th Jan | | Y11 SEPS Chemistry exams | |
| Mon 18 th Jan | 7.00 p.m. | Arts Cabaret Evening POSTPONED | Drama Hall |
| Wed 20 th Jan | | Y11 SEPS Physics exams | |
| Thur 21 st Jan | 6.30 – 8.30 | Sixth Form (16+) Open Evening | 6 th Form Centre |
| Fri 22 nd Jan | | 1 st HPV vaccination for Y8 girls | Main Hall |
| Thur 28 th Jan | 6.30 p.m. | Y9 Options Evening | Gym and 6 th Form |
| Tue 2 nd - Fri 5 th Feb | 7.00 p.m. | School Play | Drama Hall |
| Mon 8 th Feb | | Y11 full reports issued | |
| Tue 9 th Feb | All day | Enrichment Day | |
| Thur 11 th Feb | | Y10 progress report issued | |
| Thur 11 th Feb | 4.30 p.m. | Y10 Parents' Evening | K Central |
| Fri 12 th Feb | | Y13 full report issued | |
| Mon 15th – Fri 19th Feb | | Half term | |
| Mon 22nd Feb | | INSET DAY | |
| Tue 23 rd Feb | | Deadline for Y9 options choices | |
| Thurs 25 th Feb | All Day | 2 nd HPV vaccination for Y8 girls | Main Hall |
| Tue 2 nd Mar | 7.00 p.m. | PFTA Meeting | Main Hall/staffroom |
| Wed 3 rd Mar | | All Y10 science, Y11 single science + re-sit module exams | |
| Thur 4 th Mar | 7.00 p.m. | PTFA Prom Fashion Show – fundraising event | Sports Hall |
| Tue 9 th Mar | 7.00 p.m. | Parents Evening for students starting DofE award | |
| Wed 10 th Mar | 6.30 p.m. | Y10 Instrumental Evening | Arts Centre |
| Thurs 18 th Mar | | Spanish exchange students arrive in Tewkesbury | |
| Thur 18 th Mar | 4.30 p.m. | Y8 Parents' Evening | 'K' Central |
| Wed 24 th Mar | | French exchange students arrive in Tewkesbury | |
| Thur 25 th Mar | 4.30 p.m. | Y7 Parents' Evening | 'K' Central |
| Fri 26 th Mar | | Y12 full report issued | |
| Thur 1 st Apr | 3.25 p.m. | Spring Term finishes | |
| Thur 1 st Apr | 7.00 p.m. | Y9 -12 Dance Showcase | Roses Theatre |
| Fri 2nd Apr | | Good Friday | |
| Mon 5th – Fri 16th Apr | | Easter Holiday | |