

Support You may have read recent newspaper coverage about “a drug issue at the school”. It is true that we had to deal with a drug related incident in January and that a number of pupils were punished as a result. However, in my response to the article I objected to the implication that there is a widespread problem at the school. We have 1700+ pupils / students on roll and I believe the vast majority are decent law abiding young people who will grow up to contribute much to the society. I am very grateful for the messages of support we received from a number of parents and members of the local community. We don't always get everything right and we regularly need to review our policies and practice in order to improve. Please let us know if you have a concern but also let us know when we are doing something well – it is much appreciated.

John Reilly, Headteacher

Communication: The school contact details are as follows:
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Student Absence line:	01684 851806	Student Absent Text:	07717989975 (before 9am)
Email:	office@tewkesburyschool.org		
Website:	www.tewkesburyschool.org		

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 The Management Information Team at the School (managementinformationteam@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.

Walton Cardiff Lane Could all members of the student community please be aware that a lot of work has been done to improve the ditches and drainage in Walton Cardiff lane. However much litter is being dropped there which will cause blockages if it continues. We do not want a repeat of the floods so please put litter in the bins.

SCHOOL RUN – THEFTS FROM CARS

We have been asked to pass on a warning from Gloucestershire Police

“The local police want to advise parents and carers about the need to ensure that none of their personal possessions (e.g. holdalls, handbags etc.) are visible within their vehicles when they are left unattended outside school premises. This is especially relevant at the start and at the end of the school day during the traditional ‘School Run’. There is also the need to ensure that vehicles are left fully secure with all windows closed. A few months ago a number of such offences occurred outside Gloucestershire Primary Schools and Pre-School Nurseries. The problem has unfortunately started once again. Please remember that even though cars are sometimes only left unattended for a matter of minutes this is more than enough time for a thief to act and ruin your day.”

TEWKESBURY SCHOOL PTFA

TERRY WALTON

Star of Radio 2's Jeremy Vine Show...

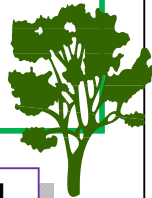
'THE ALLOTMENT DOCTOR'

Come along and enjoy an evening of hilarious fun as he runs through the life of a gardener and his life in the Rhondda over the past 60 years.

TUESDAY 30TH MARCH 2010
@ 7.30 P.M.
AT TEWKESBURY SCHOOL

TICKETS: **£3.00**

(Cheques payable to 'Tewkesbury School'
available from
TEWKESBURY SCHOOL
ASHCHURCH ROAD
TEWKESBURY
TEL NO: 01684 292152



Y11 GCSE Sports Studies Practical
Moderation Exam
Reminder of Dates:
Tues 20th April
Wed 21st April



LATES

We have become concerned that a number of pupils are not arriving to school on time. The guidance from the Local Authority on attendance and lates is very clear.

As with non-attendance a penalty notice may be issued if a pupil has persistent late arrival at school after the registers have been closed. We close our morning register at 08.40. Before a penalty notice can be issued a pupil must have had at least ten lates recorded. In all but exceptional cases, penalty notices will be preceded by the issue of a formal warning letter which will give fifteen school days for an improvement to be effected.

Only one warning letter will be sent in any twelve month period. The penalty is a financial one ranging from **£50.00 - £100.00** depending on how quickly it is paid. Non payment can result in prosecution under section 444 (1) on the Education Act.

We are going to have a push on lates over the coming weeks.

Please support us in supporting our young people.

Attendance: Reporting your child's absence

Absence Line: 01684 851806
Student Absence Text: 07717989975
Absence E-mail: managementinformationteam@tewkesburyschool.org

When reporting your child's absence please inform us of their name, tutor group, reason for absence and who is reporting the absence preferably **before 9am**.

If you fail to report your child as being absent you may receive a text asking where your child is so please try and support us in letting us know of your child's whereabouts.

You may be aware that a text message was sent requesting your email address. Thank you to those who replied, we have had a fantastic response! We apologise if you received duplicate messages or were concerned that it was not a genuine request, we can appreciate that in this day and age you can never be too sure.

This initiative is being undertaken to improve communication, help the environment and cut costs. In an emergency we will still continue to contact you by phone.

If you haven't informed us of your e-mail address please get in touch by calling us on 01684 851806 or email managementinformationteam@tewkesburyschool.org to make sure you don't miss out.

Management Information Team

Congratulations to:



Those pupils / students who play for Bredon Buzzards U17 rugby team – they qualified for the last 16 in the National U17 Competition, players from this school are **Jon Green, Scott Bunch, Louis Wones, Jack Lampitt and Henry Compton.**



All who took part in the recent Maths Challenge Competition. Mrs Christensen writes; “ *There were 174 entries with 56 pupils achieving a certificate (about 26%). Six Year 11’s achieved Gold with **James Patchitt** being invited to enter the European Pink Kangaroo challenge on March 18th. The other Gold winners are **Carnegie Abbott, Rhys Baird, Chloe Mason, Naomi Monks and Susanna Hurley.** Year 11 pupils also managed 9 silver and 16 bronze certificates, so half the Year 11 candidates achieved a certificate. In Year 10 there are 5 silvers, led by **Hannah Street** and 9 bronzes. In Year 9 there are 2 silvers, **Timothy Huckvale and James Evans** and 9 bronzes.* ”



Jack Cooper and Bethan Skuse (both Y8) who have represented Gloucestershire in a recent cross county event. They competed against Y9’s as well as their own age. Both will represent the South West Region in the English School’s Championships.



Jordan Hardwick (7I) who won the U13 Cadbury’s Squash Tournament at the Riverside in Gloucester on the weekend of 6th and 7th March.



Our **school Squash Team** have reached the semi finals of the National Squash Trophy after beating Cheltenham College in the quarter finals. The team go to the finals event at the National Centre for Squash in Manchester on Tuesday 16th March. The team is as follows; **Dom Hedges Y13, Sam Davidson Y12, Seb Collins Y12, Callum Davidson Y9 and Ryan Wilson Y7.**



Stacey Baldwin who is raising money for a trip to Dornakal in India with the Gloucester Diocese Youth Group. They will be working with street children, disabled children and orphans. On Saturday 6th March, she helped organise a variety show at Holy Trinity Church and a number of pupils took part **including Jess Walton, Silvina Howard, Ella Dawes, Dan Browne, Oliver Sanders, Rob Smith, Yann Moysey, Joe Wheldon, Tristan Cooper, Chloe Shipton, Naomi Magowan, Ellie Pollock, Frankie Courtney and Polly Gannaway Pitts.**



The four students who took the **British Biology Olympiad** exam in February, **Steffi Eggermont** achieved a ‘Bronze’ award and **Chloe Shipton** was ‘highly commended’. Considering the calibre of the participants in this competition, these are both exceptional performances and the girls should be congratulated.



The Tewkesbury ‘A’ Senior Netball team won all their games in the tournament held on 24th February hosted at Tewkesbury. The school entered 2 teams into the tournament, competing against the likes of Kings School and Sir Thomas Rich’s and **won the tournament!**

There was excellent shooting from **Gemma Newman, Rachel Barber and Rebecca Fletcher. Frankie Courtney, Charlotte Plumb and Martha Perry** performed solidly in defence.

Well done to all players involved.

1. Maggie Heppel-Joyce
2. Rosie Johnson
3. Gemma Newman
4. Gemma Heeks – Captain
5. Alice Burrows
6. Rachel Barber
7. Martha Perry
8. Frankie Courtney
9. Rebecca Fletcher
10. Charlotte Plumb

M5 Jnc 9 Southbound Roadworks

Highways Agency to make improvements to M5 Junction 9 exit slip southbound (Tewkesbury) to improve safety for road users

The Highways Agency is planning to install traffic signals and a high friction surface to the M5 Junction 9 southbound exit slip to improve safety for road users.

The works, which are due to start on **8 March** will take place on the 500 metre Junction 9 exit slip (Tewkesbury) and are expected to take up to six weeks to complete. Work is needed to install traffic signals and anti-skid road surfacing to improve safety on the slip road which has seen a number of incidents over recent years. Once the work is complete it will result in a safer road for road users.

To minimise disruption to traffic, work is set to take place **off-peak** (09:30 to 15:30) and overnight when traffic is at its lightest. During the works, temporary traffic signals and lane closures on the island will be required. It will also be required to close the southbound exit slip when a clearly signposted diversion route will be in place.

Road users heading south on the M5 wishing to exit at Junction 9 will need to follow the diversion down to Junction 11 (Cheltenham) and return on the northbound carriageway to Junction 9.

MFL Gifted & Talented (G&T)

In order to provide for our G&T students, the MFL Faculty organised visits to the GCSE Revision Conferences at Birmingham and Bristol Universities, where students were submersed in the language they study.

Students were challenged through a variety of interactive activities and found the experience positive. It was also an opportunity for students to experience University life.

Coming soon: G&T Primary Day for under 11's. It will be supported by our very own Tewkesbury School G&T linguists.

The PE Department are collecting Tesco and Sainsbury's vouchers. If you would like to donate yours to the school, please hand them into the Student Centre or to tutors. Thank you for your support

Reminder to Students and Parents/Carers

If students are unwell they should go to the First Aid Officer in the Student Centre who will make contact with their parents/carers if it is necessary for them to go home.

Please note that students should NOT call or text parents/carers themselves as a breakdown in communication can occur and delay their collection. The Student Centre must be in charge of making and receiving all contact with parents/carers.

Would parents/carers please ensure that when collecting a student who is unwell from the Student Centre that they report to the Student Centre Reception first in order that the student is signed out.

Would your family enjoy introducing someone from another country to the British way of life?

There are international students from all over the world at Universities in the UK, who would love to spend a weekend sharing your family life. You could have fun introducing them to British food, customs, your local community and area. And you would learn about their countries and culture too.

HOST is a national charity, backed by the Foreign Office, which has been linking students with volunteer hosts for many years. See www.hostuk.org or call Lynette Chappin, the voluntary organiser for Gloucestershire, on 02920 693903.

Gum Shields – PE

We strongly recommend that students wear a gum shield for PE/Games, especially if they participate in extra-curricular sports.

We are pleased to advise that **ADP Dental Practice** at 93 High Street Tewkesbury is providing FREE gum shields for students. Call 01684 294263

Healthy School Plus Award

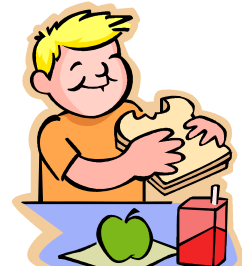
I am delighted to report that Tewkesbury School has recently achieved the Healthy Schools Plus Award

We are one of the first school's in Gloucestershire to have received this.



Forthcoming events in the School Restaurant

- St Patricks Day Lunch **Wednesday 17th March**
(see Menu below)
- New range of boxed eat in or take out salads examples:- Sweet chilli chicken and noodles
- Free range egg and potato salad
- Vegetarian quiche
- Chicken and bacon pasta salad
- Chartwells reward card - Buy 9 main meal deals and get 10th free also free homebakes and fresh fruit pots



FÁILTE. BÍ LINN CHUN CEILIÚRADH NAOMH PÁDRAIG LÁ LÓN St Patrick's Day Menu Wednesday 17th March

Traditional Irish Lamb Stew, with Brown Soda Bread
Beef and Potato Pie
Boxyty (Irish Potato cake)
Leek and vegetable bake
Potato Carrot and Turnip Pasty

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Spring Greens, Baton Carrots, Creamed Potato and Colcannon

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Irish Apple cake

Or

Lemon Shortbread Slice
Both Served with Custard

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Meal price: £1.70 - with pudding £2.00

Portion of Boxyty: 70p

Pudding: 80p



FREE LAPTOPS GRANT

The government is giving away 270,000 free web access and laptops grants aimed at lower income families without internet access. If you have children in school years three to nine (roughly age 7 to 14) you may be eligible for over £500 worth of equipment. This is a quick Q&A about how it works and how to get one.



Who's the scheme for?

At the start of 2010 the government's Home Access Grant made available up to £528 for low income families with children living in England for internet access at home. To be eligible

You need children in years 3 to 9.

This will normally mean ages 7 to 14.

It's for families with lower incomes.

There are a number of tests for this, generally speaking if your child qualifies for free school meals or you receive income support, income-based JSA, child tax credit plus an income lower than £16,040, it's worth checking out.

It's targeted at those without internet access already.

While the scheme is targeted at those who either don't have a computer or don't have web access, there are only limited checks done on that, though it is important people don't abuse the system.

What equipment do I get?



Depending on your need you can get up to £528 to spend on a computer (laptop, desktop, netbook and one year's web access). Yet you cannot go anywhere, it's only retailers that operate the scheme, though these include mainstream providers such as Comet, Phones4u and Misco. Once you've been accepted you'll be sent a voucher to hand in to one of the participating schemes. Vouchers need to be used within three months.



How many people can get it?

The scheme is due to run until the summer of 2011 but there is a maximum of 270,000 grants available, one per household. There are currently no plans to extend it across the rest of the UK.



How do I apply?

Call 0333 200 1004 or check details at [Home Access](#). Once you've done a quick eligibility check you'll be sent an application form to complete, which generally takes 3 weeks to process. To help your application be trouble free the grant helpline has given us some top tips to filling out the form:

- If you've any questions call the Home Access helpline on 0333 200 1004. Assessment Officers are available between 8am and 8pm Monday to Friday, and on Saturday from 9am to 1pm to help if you require help filling out the form.



This is a reminder about the upcoming Workshop for Women
Interested in exploring the idea of self employment?

Date: *Wednesday March 24th 2010*

Venue: *Tewkesbury School, Ashchurch Road, GL20 8DF*

Time: *9.30am – 2.30pm*

Price: *£8 and includes a sandwich lunch*

If you have a business idea, a hobby you'd like to make money from, or are an artist wondering if you could sell your work, this workshop is an opportunity to put a toe in the water and find out if being self employed might suit you.

In the company of like-minded women you will have a lot of fun and see for yourself what your next steps might be towards combining something you enjoy doing with being financially generative.

For more information about the workshop, or to register, please contact Sarah-Jane Menato who runs this programme on behalf of Tewkesbury School
Email: sjm@sjmcoachingandtraining.co.uk Tel: 01386 701868

Cotswold Women in Business is a community collaboration between
Chipping Campden School, Farmor's School, Tewkesbury School and SJM Coaching and Training



Chipping Campden
School



Farmor's School
Fairford



Tewkesbury
School

Cooking with Confidence @ Gloucestershire Launchpad **6pm – 8pm Wednesday 21st April – 30th June**

For more information call 01684 851020 or email enquiries@gloucestershirelaunchpad.ac.uk

Course Overview

If you are not sure where to start in a kitchen this course will give you confidence to start preparing food from raw ingredients. You will learn how to prepare and cook a variety of items including seasonal dishes at Christmas and Easter. Would you like to be able to cook meals using fresh ingredients? Cooking with confidence is for those of you who would like to be a bit more adventurous in the kitchen and is suitable for anyone from beginners upwards. You will be given opportunities to prepare and cook a range of dishes suitable for all occasions.

This will include a selection from - Starters - Main courses - Meat - Poultry - Fish - Vegetarian – Desserts - Many of the items can be frozen or pre-prepared and can be adapted for special diets. Ideas for Christmas/Easter cookery will be covered at the appropriate time and you will be able to choose recipes to suit your own needs and abilities.

Special Notes

You are required to bring a note pad and pen to the first class. You will then be given a list of ingredients to buy for the next week's class, which will depend on the recipes you choose to make.

Fees £ 150

DAY	CLUB	TIME	VENUE	STAFF
Monday	Senior Girls Hockey	3.30-4.30pm	Field	R Bullingham
	Basketball (Y11)	3.30-4.30pm	Sports Hall	S Lockwood
	Rugby Club (Y8,9,10)	3.30-4.30pm	Field	G Williams
	Homework Club	3.30-5.00pm	Library	M Duncan
	Textiles Club (KS3/4)	3.30- 500pm	Textiles	T Cummins
	Engineering Club	3.30- 500pm	S10	J Nelson
	Running Club	3.30-4.30pm	Sports Hall/Gym	R Done/L Watkins-Prince
	Golf Coaching	3.45-4.45pm	Tewkesbury Park	M McLeman
Tuesday	Chemistry Club	3.30-4.30pm	S12/14	D Tyler/H Glynn/ K Nagi
	Table Tennis Club	3.30-4.30pm	Sports Hall/Gym	J Nelson/J Caddy
	Girls' Football Club	3.30-4.30pm	Field	K Brand
	Rugby Training	3.30-4.30pm	Field	G Williams
	Climbing Club	3.30-4.30pm	Sports Hall	J Chandler/A Pullin/R Haines
	Archery Club	3.30-4.30pm	Sports Hall	B Greenwood
	Homework Club	3.30-5.00pm	Library	M Duncan
	Flying Start Challenge (Y9)	3.30-5.00pm	T8	Dean Bannister
	Textiles Club (KS3/4)	3.30-4.45pm	Textiles	T Cummins
	Art Club Y8	3.30-4.30pm	A9	S MacDonald
	Art Club Y9	3.30-4.30pm	A6	L Dutton
Graphics Club	3.30-4.30pm	T7	C Rees	
Wednesday	Dance GCSE	3.30-4.30pm	Dance Studio	S Hale
	STEMNET	3.30-4.30pm	T11	A Walton/E Wife
	Girls' Hockey Club (Y7,8,9)	3.30-4.30pm	Sports Hall	(LH,RW,NP)
	Homework Club	3.30-5.00pm	Library	S Baird
	GCSE Astronomy Club	3.30-4.15pm	S6	H Glynn
	Indoor Cricket Nets	3.30-4.30pm	Sports Hall	S Lockwood
Thursday	Dance Club (Y8)	3.30-4.30pm	Gym	S Sandys
	Dance Club (Y9)	3.30-4.30pm	Dance Studio	S Hale
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	Beginners Swimming Club	3.30-4.30pm	Pool	(AF,CH)
	Rugby Training – Various	3.30-4.30pm	Field	G Williams
	Girls' Hockey	3.30-4.30pm	Field	PE Staff
	Homework Club	3.30-5.00pm	Library	S Baird
	Textiles Club (KS3/4)	3.30-500pm	Textiles	T Cummins
	DT Club	3.30-500pm	T3/T7	J Chandler
	Graphics Products Club	3.30-4.30pm	T7	C Rees
Football Training (Y10)	3.30-4.30pm	-	S Lockwood	
	Art Club (Y7)	3.30-4.30p.m	A7	J Bentley
	GCSE Astronomy Club	3.30-4.15pm	S6	H Glynn
Friday	Dance Club (Y9)	3.30-4.30pm	Dance Studio	S Hale/K Matthews
	Dance Club (Y7)	3.30-4.30pm	Gym	S Sandys
	Seniors' Rugby Training	3.30-4.30pm	Field	G Williams
	Boys' Cricket Training	3.30-4.30pm	Sports Hall (start)	PE Staff
	Homework Club	3.30-4.30pm	Library	S Baird

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DAY	CLUB	TIME	VENUE	STAFF
Monday	Senior Rugby fitness	12.45 – 1.25pm	Fitness Suite	G Williams
	Short Tennis/Badminton	12.45 – 1.25pm	Sports Hall	DGK
	Table Tennis	12.45 – 1.25pm	Sports Hall	DGK
	General Meeting	1pm – 1.25pm	Learning Support	Learning Support
	Drama Club (Y9)	12.45 – 1.25pm	A4	J Amphlett
	Singing Club	12.45 – 1.25pm	A3	R Patrick
Senior Orchestra Club	12.45 – 1.25pm	A1	D Whittle	
Tuesday	Rugby Club (Y8)	12.45 – 1.25pm	Sports Hall	S Lockwood
	Computer Club	1pm – 1.25pm	Learning Support	Learning Support
	Drama Club (Y7)	12.45 – 1.25pm	A4	J Amphlett
Wednesday	Drama Club (Y7)	12.45 – 1.25pm	A4	J Amphlett
	Netball Club (KS3)	12.45 – 1.25pm	Sports Hall	R Waters
	Chess Club	12.45 – 1.25pm	Library	C Rees/K Herrington
	Reading Club	12.45 – 1.25pm	Library	V Joyce
	KS3 Netball	12.45 – 1.25pm	Sports Hall	R Waters
	Fitness Club (all yrs)	12.45 – 1.25pm	Fitness Suite	DGK
	Hand Bells Club	1pm – 1.25pm	Learning Support	Learning Support
	Young Enterprise	12.45-1.25pm	H6	C Thomas
Fitness Suite	7.45am – 8.25am	Fitness Suite	N Perrott	
Football Training (Y10)	12.45 – 1.25p.m.	-	S Lockwood	
Thursday	Badminton Club	12.45 – 1.25pm	Sports Hall	G Shaw
	Lower School Orchestra	12.45 – 1.25pm	A3	C Pope
	Gardening Club	12.45 – 1.25pm	B6	K Hill/C Trevail
	SAQ	12.45 – 1.25pm	Gym	R Bullingham
	Computer Club	1pm – 1.25pm	Learning Support	Learning Support
	Language Club	12.50pm – 1.20pm	B14	S Fursman
	Diamante Club	12.45 - 1.25pm	A3/A1	A Ballard
	Junior Orchestra Club	12.45 - 1.25pm	A3	C Pope
Creative Writing	12.50 - 1.20pm	E3	J Breeden	
Friday	Singing Club	1pm – 1.25pm	A3	R Patrick
	Rugby (Y7)	12.45 – 1.25pm	Sports Hall	G Williams
	Computer Club	1pm – 1.25pm	Learning Support	Learning Support
	Space Club	12.45 – 1.25pm	S12	H Glynn
	Young Glos Mixing Decks and Guitar Playing	12.45 – 1.25pm	A2	-