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"It is heart-warming to witness what our students give in terms of their time, money and skills to benefit others. Sometimes they are driven into action by something that has occurred in their lives such as illness in the family and sometimes they are moved by the humanitarian needs of others who are less fortunate than they are. Our students are generous and want to help where they can."

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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

I am delighted to say that the run in to the end of term has seemed remarkably calm against the backdrop of the recent referendum and the ensuing political and economic uncertainty stemming from it. Our own attempts to broaden the horizons of our younger students have continued with Year 7 students recently benefiting from a very successful trip to Paris. Older students also had their own continental experience over Easter in Berlin with visits to a concentration camp and the First World War battlefields. Experiences have gone beyond our EU neighbours with students from Gifu Shitoku Gakuen High School in Japan spending time with us earlier this term and singing along with the Y10 Gakuen High School in Japan spending time with us earlier this term and singing along with the Y10 Masterchef Competition to name but a few. Activities Days, Sports Day and the Y8 Gakuen High School in Japan spending time with us earlier this term and singing along with the Y10 Masterchef Competition to name but a few. Activities Days, Sports Day and the Y8 are with us before the end of term to share further cultural experiences.

The last few weeks are always hectic and we have seen a very successful Y10 work experience programme, Y6 children visiting us for their transition ‘taster days’, the annual Pop icons contest, Arts Week, Activities Days, Sports Day and the Y8 Masterchef Competition to name but a few.

We started the academic year on the back of a set of excellent GCSE and A level results which were followed in February with our Ofsted inspection and the anticipated return to ‘good’. The immediate aftermath has seen us not rest on our laurels but press forward further with the school improvement agenda. The area of greatest concern to me presently is the widespread and inappropriate use of social media by large numbers of particularly younger children. Whilst we have to accept the part social media plays in society I would urge parents to join with us in helping to educate children in the appropriate use of mobile technology and the use of social media in particular.

As is typical at this time of year, we say our goodbyes to a number of staff who are moving on to pastures new and fresh challenges. I shall give mention to them all in my end of term newsletter. Special recognition, however, is due to Mrs Faull our SENDCO who leaves us after a very long and successful association with the school and to Mrs Strachan, Head of English, who has led a dramatic improvement in standards in recent years. We wish all our leavers well for their futures.

The new academic year will see a renewed focus on improving culture, ethos, behaviour, uniform and attendance. I am grateful to you for the support you continue to give in relation to improving all of these areas. Our sales of ‘nearly new’ uniform are progressing well and have been well-received by parents. Please do help the school and other parents by donating any good quality items of uniform that you no longer require so they can be sold on.

We are also looking to expand our contacts with local businesses and we are always grateful of contacts via parents who feel that they have expertise or contacts that would benefit young people looking to further their careers in a similar direction.

On behalf of the Governing Body and myself I would like to wish you all a very pleasant holiday.

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Lyndsey Woodward
Marketing Manager

This term, Tewkesbury School students, staff and supporters in the community responded generously to an appeal made on behalf of a charitable organisation called Mary’s Meals. A grand total of 102 backpacks containing pens, pencils and notebooks as well as some clothing and toiletries were collected in just six weeks.

The completed backpacks were sent to the Mary’s Meals depot in Glasgow before being shipped across to children in Malawi which is one of the poorest countries in the world. In addition to the completed 102 backpacks, a further 35 drawing gym bags were partially completed for nursery aged children. These were passed to another Mary’s Meals group who were very happy to receive them and add in the additional items necessary for very young children.

Mary’s Meals is a global charitable organisation established in 2002 and currently has feeding programmes in schools in developing countries such as Malawi, Liberia, South Sudan, India, Ecuador, Haiti and Burma. Across the globe, Mary’s Meals now provides over a million children with a daily meal in their place of education. This reduces the chronic hunger that these children experienced prior to Mary’s Meals providing aid and it also stops them from scavenging for food and so keeps them safe while they learn in school. The long term benefit of Mary’s Meals school feeding programmes is that pupils stay in their community, learn and develop ways to overcome the challenges that poverty presents. Mary’s Meals also works hard to encourage equality of education between boys and girls in developing countries. This year it extended its feeding programmes to include Syrian children living in refugee camps in Lebanon.

Having launched the Mary’s Meals Backpack Project appeal at Tewkesbury School, Ms Conn commented, “I had every confidence that our students would respond well to this appeal. They have demonstrated year after year that they care about the wellbeing of others in their own community and in the international community. Within days of launching the appeal, backpacks started to appear in the staffroom and I had to find a larger space where I could store donations!”

She added, “I am so proud of the students and grateful to my colleagues and friends in the community who supported this appeal. The backpacks donated by Tewkesbury School will provide extremely poor children in Malawi with basic things that they need to learn and will also give them dignity by having decent clothing and some footwear in the form of flip-flops or sandals”. When asked why the children responded so well to the appeal one Year 8 said “We have simple things such as pens and pencils that we take for granted. In fact, we take our education for granted and some of the children helped by Mary’s Meals have absolutely nothing. It just seems unfair that we have so much and they have nothing. That is what made me want to help and I think others too”.

Ms Conn will be continuing to help Mary’s Meals as she has been asked by the charity to become a Community Ambassador for them. Details of this Project and the work of Mary’s Meals can be found on www.marysmeals.org.uk.
During the Easter holiday, from 24th to 28th March 2016, around 40 students had the amazing opportunity to travel to Berlin and visit historical sites linked to The First and Second World Wars and other important events that shaped the world we live in today. The trip was brilliant, as we got to witness and experience historical moments from a very different and extremely eye-opening perspective.

On Friday, we visited the Olympic stadium that hosted the 1936 Olympics. We took a lift to the top of the viewing tower to see the stadium from above. The view was fantastic and everyone got some great pictures of the arena. Later in the day, our group travelled to Checkpoint Charlie, one of the most famous parts of the Berlin Wall. In the Berlin Wall Museum that was next to the checkpoint, we read incredible stories about the risks that people took as they tried to escape East Berlin, and the lengths that people went to, to avoid suspicion and capture. The accounts of escape were made even more powerful by the displays of some of the real instruments that were used by people crossing the wall.

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On the last day, we travelled to Ypres. We visited the battlefields of the First World War and had the opportunity to see what it was like to be a soldier in the trenches. Tyne Cot Military Cemetery was another part of our trip. It’s the largest British war cemetery in the world. Standing amongst the huge amount of graves in the area was extremely upsetting, especially since many of the graves we saw were unmarked. After visiting the cemetery, we took the coach down to the Menin Gate, a gate that thousands of British soldiers marched through on their way down to the frontline in the war. It now stands as a memorial, and is engraved with 54 800 names of soldiers that fell in the Ypres Salient before the 16th August 1917. Many of our group found their surnames within the list, making the experience even more personal and thought provoking.

Later on Saturday, we visited one of the most intense and unforgettable places of our trip – Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp. The camp was established in 1938, and is 35 Km from Berlin. It was hard to stand in the same place that brutal murders happened. The conditions that the prisoners had to endure made us all think deeply about how terrible it was for them. It was incredibly emotional, and the cold feeling of the place

Overall, the Berlin trip 2016 was an incredibly exciting thing to be a part of. It helped us to understand, in detail and first hand, parts of history that we had only read about or seen on TV. The experience is one we will keep with us forever. We are grateful to all the staff involved in making the trip possible for us, and we would highly recommend it to any students who may be given the chance to go in the future.

Using the smoothie bike. The children chose a selection of berries and then powered the food mixer by pedalling the bike to create a delicious smoothie. Tewkesbury School’s catering provider, Alliance in Partnership, also set up a Moroccon themed lunch tent serving tasty homemade: flat breads filled with couscous and vegetable or chicken tagine, all created by their showcase chefs. This was a big hit with staff and students who really enjoyed sampling something a little different for their lunchtime meal.

Students also attended talks delivered by the catering company’s nutritionist who gave an interesting presentation about calorie intake, the importance of staying hydrated and making healthy food swaps and guest speaker John Rawlings came in to speak to Year 9s about healthy diet during their PE lessons. Gloucestershire Police’s Community Safety Vehicle visited to deliver sessions and advice to Year 8 children about healthy relationships. The week ended by Year 8 food technology students joining in with the BNF’s live cook-along session where they made a healthy salad.

It was a fantastic week with lots of students getting involved in various activities to raise awareness about healthy living.

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A ROYAL INVITATION

Mrs Tustin
Duke of Edinburgh's Award Leader

Mr Watson & Mrs Tustin at Buckingham Palace

On 16th May, both Mr Watson and I were invited to join HRH, The Duke of Edinburgh and the Earl and Countess of Wessex at Buckingham Palace Gardens for a special Gold Award event to celebrate the Diamond Anniversary. At the event we met many high profile celebrities and journalist Naga Munchetty entertained us with a question and answer session about her career before presenting us with a plaque showing recognition for the long term commitment in providing the D of E Award at Tewkesbury School.

The Award which is now in its 30th year at the school has just seen its 50th Gold Award authorised.

Mrs Tustin said, “It is an honour for the school that we have been recognised in this way. These are the first award presentations to be held in the grounds of Buckingham Palace in 10 years and so it was a once in a lifetime opportunity and a privilege to have been invited to join in with the celebrations to mark 60 years of The Award”.

As part of the Award’s 60th year celebrations, adults have been challenged to undertake a challenge of their own. Myself and a group of mums of Gold Award holders are walking the 60 mile Diamond Way through the Cotswolds. So far we have raised £322 for The Award, which will go to help underprivileged children in the South West Region, whose parents are not able to participate in The Award. Thank you to all those who have sponsored us through the TEWKESBURY DIAMOND giftaid link www.justgiving.com/teams/TewkesburyDiamonds. ■

D OF E AWARD PRESENTATION EVENING

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A presentation evening was held at the school in May inviting students to be presented with their Bronze and Silver Duke of Edinburgh’s Awards. 31 students received the Bronze Award and four were presented with the Silver Award. Two further pupils, Louis Davis and Lillie Stacey, have completed the Gold Award and are to be presented with these at a ceremony at St James’ Palace, London.

The guest speaker for the evening was Mr Rich Whincup of the McGuire Programme. In a moving presentation to the families, Mr Whincup spoke of his passion for the Duke of Edinburgh’s Award Programme and its impact on the young people who participate in it. Currently working as an Ambassador for the Duke of Edinburgh’s Award he described how it encourages young people to move out of their comfort zone. Speaking from personal experience he said that learning to be resilient by overcoming challenges in achieving the Award also helped him to overcome his personal challenge of being a stutterer. Though now an accomplished public speaker, Mr Whincup stuttered all through his childhood and teenage years. Footage shown as part of his speech showed the amazing work he is now doing with young people with stutters through the McGuire Programme.

The students were praised on their teamwork and planning skills and for their contribution to our local community through their voluntary work. Mr Watson summed up the mood of the evening by congratulating all of the young people presented with their Duke of Edinburgh’s Award and thanking parents and staff for their support of the young people and Mr Whincup for his truly inspirational speech. ■

YEAR 7 PARIS TRIP MEETS UEFA EURO 2016

Ms C Conn
Keller

This year’s annual Year 7 trip to Paris took place amidst the fervour of the UEFA Euro 2016 Tournament and our pupils soaked up the excitement of it all. The Eiffel Tower was popular choice for their trip and with a spectacular show suspended from its inside structure showing to all that France was hosting the UEFA Euro 2016 and Paris was at the centre of this special European tournament.

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The day in Paris included a coach tour up the Champs-Élysées to the Arc de Triomphe and wonder at the Arc de Triomphe’s commemorative monument with its impressive stone carvings. To cool off and relax after a long day pupils enjoyed the outdoor swimming pool and table football back at the centre.

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FOURTH FAREWELL TO YEAR 13

Pamela Johnston
Sixth Form Administrator

On Wednesday 25th May the wonderful setting of Tewkesbury Abbey was filled with Year 13 students and their proud families for the eagerly anticipated leavers’ celebration service. The event included a speech from the Rev. Canon Paul Williams and heartfelt words from Director of Sixth Form, Miss Johnson and Headteacher, Mr Watson. Head Boy and Girl, Lewis Warne and Lauren Smith paid tribute to the staff and their fellow students. Musical pieces featured Keely Pringle (Bronte), Joe Hall (Hodgkin), Zak Copeland (Bronte) and Tom Spencer (Hodgkin) and the Year 13 dancers performed. The ceremony was rounded off by everyone joining in to sing One Direction’s “One Way or Another”. The ceremony was rounded off by everyone joining in to sing One Direction’s “One Way or Another”. The ceremony was rounded off by everyone joining in to sing One Direction’s “One Way or Another”.

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Congratulations to the following students who were awarded this year’s prizes and awards:

Sixth Form Students of the Year: Helena McIvor (Bronte) Matthew Smith (Priestley) Luis Cogger (Elsig) Jenna Roberts (Priestley)

Greatest Contribution to the Sixth Form: Abbie Finch (Brunel)

Young Entrepreneur of the Year: Tyler Meynell (Hodgkin)

Alan Hayes Award for Drama Performance: Thomas Spencer

The Peter Remmner Trophy for Service to the Community: Megan Donnelly (Brunel)

The Henry Disston Trophy for Science/Engineering: Harry Gibbons (Brunel) and Lauren Thomas (Brunel)

The Shirley Wood Humanities Award: Lauren Smith (Elsig)

The Charlotte Potter Trophy for Achievement in Dance: Georgina Sayers (Prestley)

This year a new Philosophy and Ethics curriculum was introduced to the current Year 7s. The curriculum differs from traditional Religious Education as the focus is on students developing their philosophical skills and applying them to ethical scenarios. The aim of the Philosophy and Ethics department is to provide students with an exciting programme of study that will give them a solid understanding of the different beliefs and ideas across the world, as well as the ability to evaluate critically these ideas for themselves. From questions about truth and reality to how we decide right from wrong, from the importance of human rights to whether there is life after death, students are given the opportunity to encounter some of the most important ideas that have influence on the way we think and live.

Learning in Philosophy and Ethics exhibits a wide range of valuable, desirable and sought after personal skills and attributes. Many lessons are inquiry based, meaning they are centred around a question or questions on a particular area of stimulus. The aim of this is to aid students in their development of skills such as questioning, listening, analysing and evaluating. A great emphasis is placed on discussion based activities and students are encouraged to reflect on their own and others’ beliefs and opinions on matters affecting all aspects of human life.

This has led to some very lively debates and the Year 7s have produced some very impressive and mature arguments on issues such as animal and human rights. They have also been having ongoing debates throughout the year on our “Wonder Wall”.

Here’s what some of the Year 7s had to say about Philosophy and Ethics:

“I have really enjoyed looking at the different theories and thinking about them and I just like proving people wrong in debates”

Ben Keates (Bronte)

“I liked having debates about the Cosmological argument”

Charlotte Dare (Bronte)

“I really like how we always have really good scenarios to help us understand”

Keira Grant (Brunel)

“I like it because it makes you see the world in a different way”

Leif Davidson (Elsig)

Following the success of the new Year 7 curriculum, a new Debating Society will be running from September 2016 open to all students who are keen to discuss and debate topics relating to current and controversial world affairs. Philosophy and Ethics GCSE is also available as a Key Stage 4 option and we hope to be offering a Philosophy and Ethics A-Level in the near future.

Expecting and Achieving Success

OPEN WEEK 2016

Open Morning | Tuesday 27th to Friday 30th September | Tours at 9.15am & 11.15am

Open Evening | Monday 26th September 2016 | 5.30pm - 7.10pm

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I love my mobile phone. It's a small block of magical metal and plastic that saves me having to cart around a camera, DVD player, Walkman (look it up children!), library, games console, weather forecaster, notebook, newspaper, calculator, watch, photo album, pager, television, copy of Heat magazine and diary. Oh, it can apparently make calls too.

Almost everywhere I go, my exceedingly smart phone goes with me - and I'm not the only one. As a society, mobiles have completely transformed the way that we access information and interact with each other.

However, it's a revolution still in its infancy and cultural norms have yet to be completely fixed. For example, do you think it's OK to use your mobile while at the checkout in the supermarket? How about at the dinner table at home or in a restaurant? Does it annoy you when your family surf the net while watching television? What do you think of concepto phones who don't watch the gig with their own eyes but film it instead? Have any of you sent a text during a particularly dull meeting? Look around you right now – the chances are that, unless you're alone, somebody is on their phone.

So how does this impact on schools? Should mobile devices be forbidden or encouraged?

Research published just over a year ago suggested that where schools completely banned phones they saw an increase in their exam results. So it's case closed: everybody should leave their phones at home and reap the benefits. However, this isn't necessarily the right conclusion to draw. As a closet statistician, I will repeat the mantra that correlation isn’t causation. I should also add that, out of the sample of 91 self-selecting schools, only one decided to continue to allow the use of mobiles in school – hardly a representative sample with a proper control group.

Even if the research were valid, I could probably offer up similar improvements in exam results if we scrapped all extracurricular activities, got rid of non-exam lessons and made students recite their times tables during lunch. This isn’t going to contribute to our goal of producing happy, well-rounded, future citizens as well as getting decent exam results. Should we be banning mobiles or just teaching students to use them appropriately?

There's also an argument that mobile phones are an untapped resource – a modern smartphone has more processing power than a Cray-2 supercomputer and all in a package that fits in your pocket. With educational funding dropping through the floor it seems a waste not to at least have the option of utilising this power and flexibility in our classrooms.

However, there are some serious pitfalls and therefore absolutely no doubt that, if not managed properly, they are a complete nuisance. As is common in many schools, we have a policy of not allowing phones out in lessons unless specifically agreed by the teacher and only for academic reasons. This doesn’t stop a minority from trying to flout these rules but a relatively minor transgression can often escalate, particularly when the teacher quite rightly confiscates the phone. The resulting distraction to learning is unacceptable.

I know that many of you will also have concerns about the constant use (and abuse) of social media. At one extreme, we see clear and outrageous examples of cyber-bullying and harassment – the anonymity of a keyboard leading people to say things they would never dream of in a face-to-face conversation. Parents would be horrified with the time wasted in school dealing with the fallout. This issue provoked NASUWT chief Chris Keates to say "The time has come for mobiles in schools to be placed in the category of a potentially offensive weapon and action taken to prevent their use by pupils while on school premises." While being slightly uneasy with the hyperbole of this statement, my major point of disagreement is that this abuse inevitably takes place outside school hours - but we often still have to deal with the consequences the next day.

I also worry about the pressure on our young people to constantly check their Snapchat or Instagram accounts just in case they miss something. If your child is sending their last message of the day at midnight and picking up their phone again as soon as they wake up then that’s not a balanced use of the technology. I also don’t envy them the burden of living life with the need for others to constantly and publicly approve of everything they do – a new trout-pout profile picture that isn’t instantly liked by dozens of people is a body-blow to some.

Schools have to balance these positives and negatives before deciding on an approach. On reflection, we feel that our current tactics are about right but we want to make sure that everybody is aware of them and have recently created a Mobile Phone Acceptable Use Policy. We will be asking all parents and students to read this but in essence we want to:

- Embrace the power of mobile technology to boost learning in innovative ways
- Continue to learn from and educate students about the appropriate use of mobile phones and social media
- Allow students to bring mobile phones into school to use before and after school and at break and lunch only – with clear sanctions including confiscation if this isn’t adhered to
- Stop students who abuse this privilege from bringing a phone into school

Mobile phones are here to stay so let’s work together to make sure that the children of Tewkesbury know when and how to use them to enhance their lives instead of taking them over.

### Rotary Club Young Achiever Awards

**Miss Willoughby**

**Assistant Head**

As part of their on-going commitment to providing opportunities and encouragement to the young people of Tewkesbury, two members of Tewkesbury Rotary Club were delighted to participate in our end of term celebration assemblies. The Rotary Club President, Tim Ballinger was supported by Gareth Hill who is one of our Governors as well as being the Rotary Club Youth Officer. They presented 24 awards to students who had been selected by their teachers for recognition in the areas of academic improvement and community service.

All of the nominated students received a certificate and gift token. Each of the winners also received a really nice trophy and the opportunity to nominate a charity of their choice for a £50 donation from the Rotary Club’s charity account. The students were all thrilled to receive the awards and on behalf of our young people I would like to thank the Rotary Club for their time and continuing support.

**Year 7**

- **Academic Improvement** - Sam Mills (Elgar)
- **Community Service** - Amelia Taylor (Keller)

**Year 8**

- **Academic Improvement** - Joie Morris (Brunel)
- **Community Service** - Cameron Dean (Keller)

**Year 9**

- **Academic Improvement** - Anna Nicklas (Priestley)
- **Community Service** - Naida Kashoo (Hodgkin)

**Year 10**

- **Academic Improvement** - Megan Haslam (Bromont)
- **Community Service** - Morgan Monks (Priestley)

### Anyone for Table Tennis?

**Julia Whybrow**

**Facilities team**

This term we were pleased to receive a grant for £1,200 from the Tewkesbury Borough Community Safety Partnership. This amount, along with £920 from the proceeds of our Christmas Fayre, has been used to purchase four new outdoor table tennis tables. Two have already been installed with the further two being installed over the summer holidays.

The new table tennis tables have been very popular so far with students from all year groups. We have seen tutor groups competing during their registration time and teachers taking a turn in competing against students! It has brought students together during their free time to enjoy the improved outdoor social spaces. Students can collect table tennis bats and balls free of charge from the facilities office to use during their free time, before and after school and at break and lunchtimes.

From September, members of the community will also be able to book the tables free of charge by calling the Sports Centre on 01684 293953 and asking to play on the outdoor tennis tables. Equipment is hired on a per hourly basis.
HALL OF FAME

#Success Well done to Max Rendell (Y10 Brunel) who was recently selected to play rugby for Gloucester v Wasps (u15 DPP) at Hartpury. He has also been invited without a trial to join the Gloucester U16 team at the start of the next season.

#Excellence Megan Graham (Y11 Hodgkin) had her textiles designs selected to appear in an education sewing supplies catalogue and her work will be seen nationwide.

#Success Congratulations to our Y7 and 8 girls football team who claimed silver at the South Bromsgrove Football Tournament on Friday 10th June. They had a 100% record until narrowly losing 2-1 to the eventual winners in the last minute.

#Excellence Congratulations to talented netballer Alexandra Baird (Y9 Hodgkin) who has been selected for the Regional Netball Academy and is in the top 60 girls in the South West of England.

#Community Tewkesbury School has been awarded the Young Carers Accreditation as part of Gloucestershire Living and Learning Award. Our school had to show that we are supporting Young Carers and have the right systems in place to gain the accreditation.

#Success Congratulations to the following students who claimed District Athletic titles at the Prince of Wales Stadium in May: Nadine Baird (Y8, Hodgkin) – High Jump, Luke Kearns (Y10, Brunel) – 1500m, Samuel Thomas (Y9, Keller) – High Jump and 80m Hurdles. Silver medals were achieved by: Morgan Monks (Y9, Priestley) – Shot put and Tom Samuel (Y9, Brunel) – High Jump.

#Excellence Congratulations to Tom Samuel (Y9 Brunel) who jumped 1.60m and came 2nd in the County Athletics Championships in June. He has now been selected to represent his County at the Regional SW champs and has also been selected to compete for the County in the pentathlon event at the regionals too.

#Excellence There was hot competition for this year’s title of the Y8 Masterchef award. Congratulations to Beth Plummer and Kate Thomson from Bronte who were the winning House. Second place was Priestley. Georgie McKenzie and Eloise Ellis. Third place was Hodgkin – Jessica Holyoak and Bridget Morris. The standard of this year’s entries was incredibly high.

#Community Well done to the following Y11 students who have assisted Tewkesbury Rotary Club with organising Race Nights at Marina Court over the past two years: Sade-Louise Fowler (Keller), Ashleigh Price (Keller), Sophie Owen (Priestley), Sophie Jones (Keller) and Daniella Wilson (Keller). These girls have shown a great deal of commitment in assisting with the race nights and have built a lovely rapport with the residents. They are a true credit to the school.

#Aspiration Netball success: Nadine Baird (Hodgkin), Eve Stewart-Davis (Elgar) and Lillka Tabakova (Elgar) have been selected for the netball county academy. Georgina Horns (Bronte), Erin Hunt (Hogkin) and Paige Henley (Bronte) have all been selected for the satellite netball development academy.

#Success Our Y9 Rugby team won the 2016 Bamboo Sevens Plate 2016 at the Three Counties Shire in May.

#Excellence Bronze Cook (Y11 Bronte) was selected for the Gloucestershire U18 rugby training squad for next season.

#Aspiration Hannah Charman (Y11 Hodgkin) was invited to the Patron’s Lunch at Buckingham Palace in June as part of the Queen’s 90th Birthday Celebrations. She was nominated for being the ‘most improved patient’ and represented the children’s charity, Action for Children, along with her mum.

#Aspiration Our Junior rowers continue to enjoy success beating many public schools and university crews in recent competitions. They are very focused and dedicated group training most nights after school and all day at weekends. At Trentham AB Severn Club including many Tewkesbury School students won the Victor Ludorum trophy along with £500 for AB Severn Rowing Club.

#Excellence Year 11s Fred Leggett (Brunel) and Jonathan Webb (Keller) have both achieved 100% attendance every year since they started in Y7. This is a truly outstanding achievement and one that both the students and their parents should be proud of.

#Success Congratulations to Tamara Gittings (Y8, Elgar) on her horse riding success at the regional competitions. She was placed 5th in dressage, 2nd in countryside challenge and has qualified for the National Championships at Hartpury College.

#Excellence Congratulations to Laura Rowe (Y11 Brunel) who won an international award from GE Aviation and will receive a £5000 payment to go towards her University education next year. She also kindly nominated Mrs Newcombe as her ‘inspirational’ teacher. How lovely – thank you Laura & good luck in the future!

#Success Four of our talented textiles students received highly commended awards for their work as part of the Young Fashion Designers competition this year. Congratulations to Laura Moss (Hodgkin) and Madeleine O’Neill (Keller) from Y13 and Kalistra Stanley (Brune) and Emily Kane from Y11. This is a fantastic achievement as only six students are selected from across the region to attend the final. For them to have reached this point is testament to their stunning work.

#Success Congratulations to all the finalists in this year’s Pop Icons competition. Amy Goodwin (Y10 Brunel) was crowned the winner.

END OF YEAR SUCCESSES CELEBRATED

Lyndsey Woodward Marketing Manager

Year 7 subject ‘superstars’ with their trophies

The end of this academic year was celebrated in a special assembly for each year group to recognise the outstanding effort and achievement of students over the last year. It was great to see so many awards and certificates given out to so many deserving young people. Well done everyone.

Year 7 awards were given to Headteacher’s Award - Chloe Woodhouse (Keller), Most Improved Student – Nicola Morell-Green (Y10E) and Best Attitude to Learning – Box Goodchild (1990).

Headteacher’s Awards were also given to: Year 8 - Seraphina Goupie (Elgar), Year 9 - Cliona Vaughan-Spruce (Hodgkin) and Year 10 – Morgan Monks (Priestley).

Tickets on sale soon from the Roses Theatre Box Office. 

TICKETS ON SALE SOON!

Tea with our Pop Icons competition. Amy Goodwin (Y10 Brunel) was crowned the winner.

ON SALE SOON!

Tewkesbury School Sports Centre’s Swim School offers swimmers with the opportunity to develop from beginners through to an advanced level. Our fully-qualified instructors help all individuals achieve their goals as well as gain confidence in the water. Swimming lessons are provided for children from the age of 3. Classes will be limited in size and lessons are organised in blocks of 10 week terms, costing £40 for the term.

Swimming lessons follow the Amateur Swimming Associations (ASA) National Plan for Teaching Swimming starting at Stage 1 through to Stage 7. Once children have completed Stage 7 they are able to continue swimming with us by attending 3 different paths. Rookie Lifeguard - this teaches children the essential skills to stay safe in water; Junior Swimfit - building on stamina and technique and Challengers - working towards the bronze, silver and gold challenge awards.

New items of uniform should be worn as of September. Girls should be wearing the official navy blue logoed trousers or knee-length skirt. Both boys and girls can wear the optional v-neck navy blue logoed jumper.

All logoed items are available from School Togs in Cheltenham, Trutex in Gloucester or School Trends online www.schooltrendsonline.com/uniform/TewkesburySchoolGL208DF

We also provide other leisure and fun swimming sessions – with plenty of free onsite parking, just turn up and pay the lifeguard on the poolside*:

- **Saturday morning early lane swim** - 7.30-8.30am, £3 per person.
- **Thursday evening lane swim** - 6.00-7.00pm, £3 per person.
- Family fun swim with floats and toys – every Sunday morning 10am-midday. £2.50 per adult, £1.50 per child, children under 4 are FREE.
- **Splash birthday parties** - fun in the swimming pool with floats and toys. Suitable for ages 8 and over. From £49 per hour.

*On occasion, it may be necessary to cancel some sessions due to large events on site.

To enquire about swimming lessons for your child please contact our Swimming Co-ordinator, Nicola Rees on Nicola.Rees@tewkesburyschool.org or call 01684 293953.

Tewkesbury School Sports Centre offers the use of its sports and swimming facilities to the wider community during the evenings, weekends and school holidays. Facilities available for hire are:

- 4 Court Sports Hall
- Badminton Courts
- 20m Swimming Pool
- Fully equipped Fitness Studio
- Meeting rooms
- Dance Studio
- Gymnasium
- Drama Hall
- Tennis Courts
- Outdoor table tennis tables
- Expressive Arts rooms
- Large All Weather Pitch
- Large Field Area

Prices are available on the website www.tewkesburyschool.org on the Sports Centre’s page.

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If you have any good quality, used uniform and PE kit and would like to donate it to the school’s nearly new shop, please bring this in to the Student Centre.

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**TEWKESBURY SCHOOL CAR BOOT SALE**

Sunday 24th July & Sunday 7th August

9.30 am - 12.00 pm (no set up before 9.00 am)

£6 per car (£5 pre-booked)

£8 per van/trailer (£7 pre-booked)

Refreshments and toilet facilities provided by Tewkesbury School

All enquiries & to pre-book your vehicle contact juliet.sirrell@tewkesburyschool.org | 01684 292152

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