



Newsletter

The end of the school year sees a number of events which showcase the work and achievements of many of our students. The Key Stage 3 Awards Evening celebrated talent, hard work and commitment and it was a pleasure to see so many acknowledged, listen to the talented performers and hear also of the highly commended students in each subject. Our separate Sports Awards Evening was also inspirational and followed another successful Sports Day where so many students participated in a range of events. Additionally, many of our art and music students contributed to the local Tarpfest with the fantastic art work still on display in the village by St. Helen's Church if you haven't yet had an opportunity to see it.

We were also entertained by students at our recent Summer Festival and it was good to see so many of the Year 7 students who are starting with us in September participate in one of the evenings. Thank you to those students who were involved in these events and also to the staff for organising and running them. They are always an enjoyable way to close our school year.

Congratulations go to our new Sixth Form Head Students: Katy Adkins, Tom Caffrey, Tara Mosely and Rosie Jowett. Our Head Students do a great deal of work not only in representation at formal events and governors meetings but in supporting and providing ideas for the day to day life of the school. They have had a significant impact in the past and I know that our new Head Students will continue this legacy next year.

Uniform Shop

If you need to buy any items from the school's uniform shop, it will be open from Monday 12th August until Thursday 29th August from 8 in the morning until 12.30. Details of the school uniform can be found on the school's website if

needed.

Goodbyes

At the end of this term, we are saying goodbye to the following teachers: Miss Lobina who, amongst other things, is returning to university to study for a Masters degree, Miss Breward who has been offered a post working for a ski company which will take her to different parts of the world, Miss Nicklin, who has decided to spend more time at home with her family and Mr Robinson, Miss Faulkner and Miss Parikh who have secured teaching posts in other schools. We also say goodbye to Mrs Everton who has been our Sixth Form Pastoral Manager for almost 10 years and has had a significant impact not only on the success of our Sixth Form but also on the fantastic experience that our students have during Years 12 and 13.

I wish all of our departing staff well for the next phase of their lives and careers and thank them for their contributions to the school. We will be welcoming several new members of staff next term. I know they are all looking forward to starting with us in September.

Good luck to our students who will be receiving A Level and GCSE results in August. There will be teams of staff to support you in school on both days.

Finally, thank you to all parents and carers who continue to work in partnership with the school; I am looking forward to building on our strengths in the next school year when school starts for students at the normal time on Tuesday September 3rd. I wish you all an enjoyable and a safe summer.

Best wishes

JASON LOWE
Headteacher



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Learning a musical instrument at Tarporley High School and Sixth Form College Spelling Bee Champions

Don't forget, if your child would like to try a course of instrumental lessons in school you need to book them as soon as possible before the end of the summer term to be sure of getting a lesson place.

You will find lots of information here <http://www.musicforlife.org.uk/apply-now> and lessons can then be booked on line, should you decide to do so. All new courses enjoy a 12 week taster period after which time you will be sent a report on progress and can decide whether to continue lessons, change course or cancel further lessons. Music for Life is a quality assured, not-for-profit organisation providing lessons to around 4,500 every week across Cheshire, Wirral and North Staffordshire that has twice been judged to be an "outstandingly effective" service which provides parents and schools with "outstanding value for money". Most questions should be answered by the Music for Life website - www.musicforlife.org.uk/parents/fag - and you'll get a very good feel for what parents think of the service by visiting their facebook page here <https://www.facebook.com/Musicforlife1234> - but if you have any further questions, please contact them at admin@musicforlife.org.uk. Support with the cost of lessons may be available for families facing hardship; you'll see information about this on the website, but please contact Music for Life about this if you want to find out more.

Recently, two of our Year 7 students, Tilly Green and Sasha Beardsmore, travelled to Cambridge University to take part in the National Final of the MFL Spelling Bee. The girls competed in the Spanish category putting in excellent performances against some tough opposition. While the eventual winner came from St James School in Ashford, the extent of their success is significant. To have progressed to become among the 99 best Spanish spellers in the country, out of an initial 30,300 participants, is an outstanding achievement. Well done girls!!



Year 11 students (Class of 2019) enjoying their Leavers' Prom! Good luck to all of you on results day!



Our new Year 7 students (Class of 2024) enjoyed beautiful weather on their transition residential last month. We look forward to you all joining us in September when we will begin 'Going for Gold, Summer 2024'!



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150 years of the Periodic Table

It's 150 years since Dmitri Mendeleev designed the first Periodic Table of the Chemical Elements in 1869. As part of the celebrations for UNESCO's International Year of the Periodic Table, Tarporley High School pupils were invited to take part in a Periodic Table Poster Competition.

Entrants had to create an informative poster about which of the 118 elements is the best, in terms of being most useful to humans. Thanks to all who entered. The winning poster for each year group will be sent in to the National Competition, sponsored by the Chemical Industries Association:

Year 7: Silicon by Tom Fullerton (7SD)

Year 8: Carbon by Emma Shaw (8RR)

Year 9: Oxygen by Ben Fisher (9JO)



National Warhammer Kill Team Finals

Tarporley fielded a valiant team of warriors at the 'National Warhammer Kill Team Finals' at the Games Workshop Production Facility in Nottingham on the 25th of July. Up against the country's finest school teams they managed to take first place, delivering a resounding victory. The team, which consisted of Alistair Bailey, Sam Val De Castro, Oscar Corlett-Moss and former student Brandon Staker, finished with a convincing lead of almost seven points ahead of their nearest rivals, Chapel-en-le Frith High School from Stockport.

As well as being the overall champions, over the eighteen other teams that took part from all over the country, Oscar also took first place in the miniatures painting competition. The quality of work in this area is of an incredible standard and even the Games Workshop in-house figure painters, were impressed by his entry. Duncan Rhodes, the premier professional Games Workshop painter is a hero of many Warhammer players, and he was pleased to meet the team and sign autographs. He also suggest that there may be a future career in the industry for some of them and the careers stand was well attended as a result.

Warhammer World in Nottingham has a huge playing hall, featuring well equipped playing terrains set out for public use, a large shop selling every Games Workshop product currently available and a museum.

Access on the day was free to competitors and they had the chance to look upon the vast fantasy warfare dioramas that are the pride of the museum. The largest diorama is a rival to the Hogwarts models at Harry Potter world and contains nearly 10,000 figures and vehicle models.

The team hope to attend next year and defend their trophy.



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Spectroscopy in a Suitcase

Year 12 A-Level Chemistry students took part in an afternoon workshop called "Spectroscopy in a Suitcase" on Thursday 6th June 2019. As part of the *Royal Society of Chemistry* outreach programme, two scientists from *Technique Glyndwr* in Wrexham came to Tarporley High School with an infra-red spectrometer (in a suitcase) and presented a two-hour workshop on the use of Infra-red Spectroscopy and Mass Spectrometry in the analysis and identification of chemical molecules in forensic science and the chemical industry. Students had the experience of running samples and analysing the spectra using very expensive equipment that normally they would only get to use at a university.



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