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Dear Parents,

We come to the end of another busy and successful term at TBOWA.

Year 7 students have settled well into TBOWA and have risen to the challenges of 'High Expectations – No Excuses'.

We are particularly proud of our Year 13 students who are increasingly setting their aspirations high and accessing top universities, including 3 students who have recently successfully passed the Oxbridge entrance exams and will shortly be undertaking interviews.

Unfortunately, we did experience some challenges this term, including the heating failure for a number of days. It is the students' credit that they showed resilience and continued to work hard at their studies.

Year 11 and Year 13 have recently undertaken mock exams and the results of these have been sent home. Much work lies ahead and the academy will be providing additional lessons every evening after school to support them in achieving their potential. Please ensure that your child attends these valuable sessions.

A particular highlight of this term has been the student led fundraising for charities, including over £1000 this Christmas time which will be divided between World Vision and the Salvation Army, supporting those in need over the Christmas period. This reflects the Christian ethos of the academy and demonstrates our students understanding of the important role of helping those less fortunate.

The end of term events have been a huge success with Christmas Services, Christmas jumper day and sharing a Christmas meal together.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers and may I take this opportunity to wish you a happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Paul McKeown'.

Paul McKeown
Principal

Year 9 Drama Trip

On the 9th November, the Year 9 drama students were invited to a performance of 'Blood and Ice' at the Shelley Theatre in Boscombe.

The performance formed part of the Arts University drama and design courses, and the entire production was created and performed by 3rd year university students. This experience not only allowed the students to view a piece of live theatre, but it gave them an opportunity to experience a potential course and university choice for higher education.

Year 11 London Arts Trip

On Wednesday 31st October, Year 11 Art students visited London and went to The Natural History Museum and The Lyceum Theatre.

Students drew sketches of the various life size mammals in the museum to support their current Lion King project.

Year 11's were in awe of the scale of the different animals displayed in the museum. In the afternoon, we also watched The Lion King musical where students gathered ideas for the development of their head masks. The costumes of the different characters were innovative, creative and inspiring!



Industrial Strategy Creative Challenge

Five students in Year 9 have been taking part in the Industrial Strategy Creative Challenge. This is an exciting competition being offered to selected schools within the Borough of Bournemouth.

The purpose of the challenge is to provide an opportunity for students to reflect and develop their own ideas on future innovation and industry that can be applied in the real world. Students will be pitching their ideas to local MPs.

The students have been working exceptionally hard to develop their own strategies to improve transparency of ecological impact of businesses. The students look forward to presenting their ideas to MPs including Greg Clark, Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, on Thursday 17th January at Bournemouth University.

Academy Bags and Scarfs For Sale

We have some remaining stock of Academy bags available for purchase online for just £13.

All house colours are available in the portfolio style and limited colours available in the backback style, please check our website for availability.



Academy scarfs are also available to be purchased for £10 and ties for £6.

Dorset Arts Prize

We are proud to celebrate the success of 3 of our students at this year's Dorset Art Prize. TBOWA enter a range of our Key stage 4 and 5 students each year to the competition, organised by Bournemouth & Poole College.

This year, the work of the finalists has been exhibited at Poole Museum, for members of the public to see.



Caitlin Firth, Year 11, was highly commended in the Key Stage 4 category, alongside Sophia Newing, Year 12, who was highly commended in her Key Stage 5 category. We are proud to hear that Lucy Macaulay, Year 11, won the runner up prize of £250 in her Key Stage 4 category for her textile pieces, inspired by the coastline.

Well done to all our finalists and those students who entered work!



Year 7 Food Technology

Year 7 Grammar Stream students excelled in the Creative Arts Department producing Michelin Star standard fruit salads.

Students were creative and innovative with their designs working safely and hygienically to produce such high quality outcomes! Students were judged on their presentation and knife skills. Well done Year 7!



RAF Stem Day

On Friday 23rd November, 60 Year 9 students took part in an RAF Stem Day in the hall. This involved working in groups of 6 to design, finance, build and market their own gliders.

The day finished with flight testing and pitching their product to the rest of the groups. Year 9 came up with very interesting designs, delivered fantastic presentations and suffered some unfortunate crash landings.



Well done to the winning team whose glider managed to travel the width of the hall and still remained intact!

Year 8 News

Year 8 have been busy this term supporting the "Operation Christmas Child" campaign run by the Samaritans Purse. The Mentor Groups were challenged with filling as many shoeboxes as they could with gifts for children around the world, including hats and gloves, colouring books and small toys. Every Mentor Group donated items, with 8.3 creating the most shoeboxes!



To go alongside the boxes, each mentor group were given an empty 'pringles' tube with the challenge of filling it the quickest and raising the most money. 8.7 filled the tube in 2 days, and 8.5 raised the most money. In total, we raised £155 which was donated along with the shoe boxes to spread Christmas joy to children all around the world. Well done Year 8!

January sees the highly anticipated launch of the options process for Year 8 – students are excited to see what subjects are on offer and what is involved. We look forward to seeing you all at the Options Launch Evening on Tuesday 15th January 2019.

Miss Pelling - Head of Year 8

Chocolate Workshop

Selected Year 11 Food and Cookery students, who have worked extremely hard this term, participated in a chocolate skill based workshop provided by Chef John from Bournemouth and Poole College.

Students watched demonstrations using a range of chocolate skills and then got to experiment and explore by creating a range of treats. They even tried what they made!



Year 10 News

Year 10 have risen to the challenges of their academic studies and are engaged, focussed and have a desire to succeed. Students have embraced the new 'Culture for Learning' and this is having a positive impact on attitude and progress in lessons.

Christmas marks the halfway point in their Key Stage 4 studies and leaves just 18 months until their final examinations at the end of Year 11. To support students, the pastoral programme for Year 10 this past term has focussed on mental wellbeing, growth mindset and study skills. These will set a strong foundation enabling the students to cope with the demands of KS4 and underpin their ability to revise effectively.

After Christmas, Year 10 will continue their journey towards work experience and mock interviews. Work Experience offers students an exciting opportunity to experience work within a chosen career path/setting. It is a valuable experience and in previous years, students have returned to the academy inspired and motivated.

The Year 10 football and netball teams are both showing commitment to continue the progress that was made during the last academic year, both teams have the ability to succeed and I look forward to seeing the results of their hard work.

The year group are excelling in drama, their contribution to school events and the recent drama assessment were both impressive and a very high standard. Year 10 music students have also played a major part in school events throughout the term.

I look forward to following the journey of the students who have started their participation in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. This is a fabulous experience and allows students to develop a range of different skills and challenge themselves by being out of their comfort zones.

The Class of 2020 will reach their academic levels and beyond. The academy ethos is geared to fulfilling potential in all aspects of the individual student. I have no doubt that the cohort possess the qualities to succeed collectively.

I would like to take this opportunity to offer congratulations to the following students for their achievements across different areas:

Jake Moore	Golf
Leon Harries	Player of the Season -Year 10 football team
Mia Curtis	Tennis
Jake Moore	Winner of Cross Country - boys
Anya Sandell	Winner of Cross Country - girls
Edward Rastell	Music
Jessica Rankin	Drama

Wishing you all a happy Christmas and a peaceful new year.

Mr Williams - Head of Year 10



Road Safety

We would like to remind all pupils that we recommend that safety helmets are worn when riding a bicycle to and from school and that basic road safety is followed, such as using cycle lanes correctly around the local area.

Further information on road safety can be found at think.direct.gov.uk/cycling



At TBOWA, it is within our duty of care for our students to ensure that we inform parents and carers of the following:

- How pupils use ICT in school
- How using ICT at home helps students learn
- How the internet can be used safely at home
- Where to find out more information of how to be safe online

How your child uses ICT at TBOWA

ICT is taught as an individual subject, but is also used in several lessons across our curriculum. Within lessons, pupils use a wide range of ICT including:

- Word processing (Word) to write essays, news articles or letters
- Databases (Access) to record information
- Spreadsheets (Excel) to create tables, charts and graphs
- Desktop Publishing (Publisher) to design posters, leaflets and cards
- Multimedia Presentation (PowerPoint or Movie Maker) to present text, pictures and video
- Adobe Creative Cloud 2014 (After Effects, Audition, Bridge, Dreamweaver, Edge Animate, Fireworks, Flash Professional, Illustrator, InCopy, InDesign, Media Coder, Photoshop, Prelude, Premiere Pro and SpeedGrade)
- Internet (Explorer and Chrome) to research for project work
- Email (Outlook) to contact friends and email work to teachers
- Video Conferencing (Skype) to share ideas or ask an expert
- Digital cameras to record classwork, coursework or research from a trip
- Music software to create compositions

Mobile devices including phones are not permitted at any time (even before or after school hours) on the Academy site. Phones can only be used once a student has exited the Academy site. Pupils and parents can communicate through Student Services where students can make and receive calls/messages to/from parents regarding any issues.

We would recommend that you know all the passwords for your child's mobile phone and check this regularly.



How you can help your child at home

ICT is not just about using a computer - it is the use of a mobile phone, digital camera, MP3 player or DVD player. Students can develop their ICT skills further at home by:

- Writing a letter or email to a relative
- Creating digital artwork or pictures
- Using the internet to research a project
- Using recommended websites to enhance learning, e.g. BBC Bitesize

Benefits of using ICT at home

There are several advantages of having a computer and internet access at home. Some of these are:

- ICT can help students attainment
- Skills are developed for life
- Developing enjoyment of using ICT
- Able to access a wider range of learning materials
- Support homework and revision
- Improves presentation of their work

Whilst we encourage the use of ICT for pupils to learn and access a wide range of material, it is within our duty of care to advise parents and carers to carefully monitor your child's use of the internet. Despite many internet service providers offering filtering systems and tools to help safeguard your child, it is still surprisingly easy to access inappropriate material including text, pictures and films.

We would recommend that your computer is in a family area if possible and not in a bedroom. Also, please remember that many mobile phones, games consoles and electronic readers do allow access to the internet.

Recommended rules for using the internet at home

- Only speak to people you actually know online
- Use a student friendly search engine and websites that are recommended by teaching staff
- Know how to report abuse and block unwanted users
- Only use a webcam with people you know
- Report concerns to the Child Exploitation & Online Protection Centre (CEOP)
- Be aware of comments that are being made and can be viewed by others
- Tell an adult that you trust IMMEDIATELY if you feel unsafe online

These are your top tips to keep us all safe on the internet:

- Don't add people you don't know on social networking sites. You wouldn't talk to a stranger in the street, so why talk to them online?
- Don't upload photographs of yourself that are inappropriate or give information away about yourself. You don't know how these images will be used by others!
- Don't give away your personal details on the internet. You don't know who can access this information

Recommended websites for further information



www.ceop.gov.uk
www.thinkuknow.co.uk



Michaelmas Term	
Michaelmas 2 (M2)	Monday 29th October - Friday 21st December 2018
Christmas Holiday	Monday 24th December - Friday 4th January 2019
Lent Term	
Lent 1 (L1)	Tuesday 8th January - Friday 15th February 2019
Half Term	Monday 18th - Friday 22nd February 2019
Lent 2 (L2)	Tuesday 26th February - Friday 5th April 2019
Easter Holiday	Monday 8th April - Monday 22nd April 2019
Pentecost Term	
Pentecost 1 (P1)	Tuesday 23rd April - Friday 24th May 2019
Half Term	Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May 2019
Pentecost 2 (P2)	Monday 3rd June - Friday 19th July 2019
Summer Holiday begins	Monday 22nd July 2019
Bank and Public Holidays	
Christmas Day	Tuesday 25th December 2018
Boxing Day	Wednesday 26th December 2018
New Year's Day	Tuesday 1st January 2019
Good Friday	Friday 19th April 2019
Easter Monday	Monday 22nd April 2019
Early May Bank Holiday	Monday 6th May 2019
Spring Bank Holiday	Monday 27th May 2019
Inset Days	
Monday 7th January 2019	
Monday 25th February 2019	
Monday 1st July 2019	



Please visit our website tbowa.org for current information, news and key dates.