

Year 8 Newsletter

October 2017

Dear Parent,

Our year group are now all settled into Year 8, no longer finding themselves the youngest in the school, but now 'old hands', experienced in the ways and expectations of life at TSTC. We have already had a number of successes this term, with a number of other exciting opportunities to look forward to.

Reward Points

Despite only being back at school 6 weeks at the time of writing, Year 8 have amassed a whopping 7,800 reward points. This puts us top of the leader board in relation to other year groups, being over 1000 ahead of Year 7. Our grand total last year was 72,941 points collectively, so let's see if we can top it in Year 8!

Achievement Evening

I was very proud to attend the Celebration of Achievement evening two weeks ago, for our students who had particular successes last year. Well done to all of the following:

Subject	Attainment	Attitude	Progress	Pushing the Boundaries
Art	Sophie Blake	Iveta Balode	Alicia Sellen	Emma Blackmore
Computing	Sophie Blake	Angel Smith Stonage	Jacob Belfield	Alfie Jewell
Drama	Elise Blissett	Imogen Culwick	Anna Grubb	Tiarna Blackwood
Electronics	Keni Rosas-Olivera	Kitija Piper	Jack Buchanan	Jacob Belfield
English	James Baldwin	Kitija Piper	Abi Wilson	Max Humby Farmer
Food Tech	Lara May	Dylan Rogers	Iveta Balode	Alex Ross
French	Oliver Richards	Hannah Woodgate	Sophie Blake	Jack Buchanan
Geography	Chloe Tavner	Anna Grubb	Jie Chin Woon	Ben Lewis
History	Tori Leigh McGar	Jie Chin Woon	Paris Mitchell	James Mclean
Maths	Charlie Jennings	Henry Brown	Kitija Piper	James Bailey
Music	James Baldwin	Isabelle Bowers	Caitlin Martin	Charlotte Stratton
PSHE	Connor Mouldsdale	Adam Case	Aimee Underhill	Jimmy Butler
PE (Boys)	Leo Taylor	Josh Jupp	Connor Mouldsdale	Oscar Craddock
PE (Girls)	Livia Caplen	Beth Quinn	Erin Friel	Ruby Baker
RS	Keira McHugh	Ellie Broady	Josh Wicks	Aimee Underhill
Resistant Materials	Maizie Rielly	Taylor Rogers	Keira McHugh	Louis Chambers
Science	Josh China	Keira McHugh	Ellie Taylor	Paige Standing
Spanish	Fletcher Cornwall	Daisy Bennett	Emily Amos	Lily Leach
Textiles	Emma Blackmore	Macey Madden	Charlotte Stratton	Sophie Blake

Attendance

Each week, tutors discuss attendance in tutor time, and students write down their current attendance score. I am sad to report that our attendance has dropped since I last wrote to you, now sitting at just below 95%. We ended last year with the best attendance the school had ever had, yet currently we are down in 3rd place! Let's make sure this is just a blip and get back to our winning ways.

Mayoral Visit

We were visited on the 25th September by the Mayor and Mayoress of Southampton, who met some of our students and had a tour of the school. They also presented awards (including 4 to Year 8 students) for consistently embodying the school's values. A very big well done to Fletcher Cornwall, Elliot Smith, Jie Chin Woon and Mia Hughdie.

Other points of note

Year 6 open evening

A massive thank you to all those students who helped out a few weeks ago with our open evening, whether in departments or giving tours. I was very impressed with all students that I came across, and their maturity and positivity was a real asset to the school. We received a lot of positive feedback from our visitors, with them all being very complimentary about our student helpers and the great job they did showcasing the school.

MacMillan Coffee Morning

I am very pleased to inform you that our MacMillan coffee morning (including non-school uniform day) on 29th September raised a huge £1951. A big well done to all those involved.

International day of languages

We celebrated international day of languages on 26th September with assemblies, class based activities and a t- shirt competition.

HPV vaccinations

Our girls had their HVP vaccinations earlier in the term, thanks very much to Mrs Proudley for organising this, and well done girls for being so brave with the needles!

I also want to say thank you to those of you who sent condolences to the school after the very sad losses of Mr Gilbert and Miss Wright. Both had a huge impact on the school community, and countless students were inspired by their teachings and guidance. It has been a huge blow so early in the year, but our students dealt with the news maturely and sensibly.

Have a lovely half term.

Kind Regards

Mr C Dale

Head of Year 8