STUDENTS GRADUATE FROM THE CHILDREN’S UNIVERSITY

YEAR 11 PROM

It’s all about our students and their achievements
Dear Parents/Carers and Students,

As we draw towards the end of the academic year there is still little time to pause for breath. Years 11, 12 and 13 have all completed their public examinations which, thanks to the exams officer, were completed with hardly an issue emerging. It is an amazing feat to get the right exam paper before the right children and ensure that they are all present to sit the exam paper. Students have literally sat thousands of exam papers between them and none ever gets lost. This is testament to the work of our exams officer Jan Hutchinson who retires after many years of service at TCA.

At the end of term we also say goodbye to Mrs Jill Nursey who is retiring as Head of Science as is Shirley Guerge in HR and Sue Beedham who teaches textiles within the DT department. Many congratulations to all these women who have devoted a lifetime of service to education. We wish them well and send our best wishes for a happy retirement.

The new academic year began on 30th June and this enables all students to get several weeks’ worth of learning under their belts where at other schools they might be ‘winding down’. This is certainly not the case at TCA though alongside the academic learning there are a plethora of trips to a variety of interesting destinations. Children graduating from the Children’s University travelled to Wolfson College, Cambridge on 16th July and this was a very successful and inspiring event.

At the time of writing we are about to embark on Session 6, the enrichment programme after school. From the outline of the sessions on offer I do think it will be a truly enriching experience for all those that take part. Please ensure you talk with your child about this programme and encourage them to take part. Employers tell me that they want to employ students who are creative, fast learners, resilient and can work in teams. We hope that students will learn many of these skills through the enrichment programme.

Finally, can I thank you for your continued support. Students achieve their best when school and family work together. It is undoubtedly the case that the quality of teaching and learning is steadily improving at TCA and with that will come increased levels of student progress. This is at the heart of everything we do at TCA.

May I take this opportunity to wish you a happy summertime and I hope that many of you enjoy holidays and that all important ‘downtime’ with your children.

Clare Claxton, Principal
TOM SETS HIS SIGHTS ON PM'S JOB

Thomas Clarkson Academy could have a future Prime Minister in its ranks, with Year 9 student Tom Barnes setting his sights on Downing Street.

Tom, 13, has been elected to Fenland Youth Council which is a group of students from each secondary school in Fenland dedicated to voicing the opinion of young people in the community.

The council meets every two months and works alongside other groups in the area to ensure they are aware of the issues affecting young people.

Tom said: “We had an assembly in school and members of the Fenland Youth Council told us what they did and asked if anyone else would be interested in doing it. I’m very interested in politics so my dad suggested I gave it a go.

“It’s to get children’s voices and a wide range of people’s ideas heard. I think it works well.”

Tom is enjoying his career in politics so much that he wants to go all the way to the top with ambitions to become Prime Minister one day.

YEAR 10 HEROES WILL RUN SUMMER SCHOOL AT TCA

A summer school will be held at TCA for Year 6 students and will be run entirely by the Academy’s Year 11 Heroes for the first time.

45 students volunteered to be trained by Human Utopia and will run workshops based on their own interests, including dodgeball, art and cooking.

While the younger students benefit from the experiences and expertise of the Year 10s, the older students have the opportunity to become role models and develop into well-rounded adults.

Their training has taught them problem solving and improved their communication skills.

Sarah Loosemoore, Progress Leader said: “As an Academy we are really proud of the efforts they have made and we look forward to developing them further and bringing up more students from other year groups to become heroes.”

Joseph Moore, who is one of the students running the summer school said he hoped to be a good role model to the younger students and added: “I like seeing the Year 6s develop and build their confidence.”

Fellow Hero Sukninder Sagoo said: “Taking part in this has made me realise there are a lot more opportunities out there if you reach out and grab them. I can’t wait for things to come to me.”

TAYLOR CROWNED TCA’S TOP BAKER

Taylor Cordell has been crowned the winner of the Thomas Clarkson Academy bake-off.

Ten students started the 12-week competition and took part in six baking masterclasses and six baking challenges, baking shortbread, scones, tray bakes, cup cakes, pastry and bread.

Every fortnight one contestant was eliminated until just four finalists remained – Tristan Fines, Taylor Cordell, Livvy Williams (all Year 9) and Scott Simmons, Year 7.

The top 3 bakers went on to take part in the grand final of the Great Brooke Weston bake-off against winners from other Brooke Weston Trust academies at Corby Business Academy.

During the grand final they took part in a whole day of challenges when they made everything they had learned during the course of the competition to create an afternoon tea. They were judged by a panel of independent judges from the catering industry.

Taylor was chosen as TCA’s winner for her overall performance throughout the competition.

TCA Restaurant Manager Maddy Austen, who ran the masterclasses, said: “They have all done brilliantly. They get on very well and work well as a team.”

The competition was open to students from Years 7 to 10 and during each challenge they were judged in three areas – presentation, taste and hygiene.
TCA WRITERS SEE THEIR WORK IN PRINT

Talented writers at TCA have had their work published after taking part in the Young Writers Association competition Poetry Games.

Rachel Abu-Jaber, Carlie Knight and Molly-Mae Taylor from Year 11, Courtney Beckett from Year 10 and Oliver Betts and Jay Jarvis from Year 9 all had their poems on contemporary issues selected.

Teacher Lisa-Marie Lockyer who entered their work into the competition said: “It was of a very high standard. We have some incredibly talented writers at TCA.”

Students also took part in a writing competition run by the Rotary Club called “What a difference that has made to my life”. The winners were Jack Fowler and Bethany Ellerby who have just left after completing their exams, Molly-Mae Taylor, Year 11, and Annabelle Holmes, Year 9.

They were invited to the opening day of The Light cinema in Wisbech where they received free entry to the X-men screening.

JUNIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM APPOINTED

The Academy’s new Junior Leadership Team has been chosen and members were presented with their badges by Principal Clare Claxton.

The team consists of Marek Vasko, Charlotte Cameron, David Betts and Ewan McConnachie and is led by Head Boy Akshay Kishor and Head Girl Hannah Loughlin.

Mrs Claxton said: “I am delighted to welcome you to the Junior Leadership Team 2014 – 2015. We expect a lot of you but we listen very carefully to you and we take your feedback very seriously.”

There will be applications and interviews in September for a Year 7 representative and a Year 12 deputy head boy and deputy head girl to join the JLT.

Sally Wilcher, of Student Voice, said: “There was a strong field of applicants for the positions and every student who applied was interviewed by the Head boy and Head Girl before a very tough final decision was made. We are looking forward to a very loud and positive student voice for the forthcoming year.”

Caption: From left Akshay Kishor, Marek Vasko, David Betts, Charlotte Cameron and Hannah Loughlin. Ewan McConnachie is missing from the picture.

THOUSANDS RAISED AT TCA

Generous TCA students have raised £2,550 for a range of charities this year. The money was raised in a number of ways, from non-uniform days and cake sales to a sponsored sky-dive and head shave, and the charities to benefit are listed here:

- Breast Cancer Awareness - £53.13
- Glenfield House residential care home - £1304.18
- Children In Need - £371.79
- Sport Relief - £150.76
- Children Living With Leukaemia - £425.56
- Action for Children Charities - £79.50
- British Heart Foundation - £165.80

“Well done to everyone who took part and helped to really make a difference.”

PARADE FOR TCA’S YOUNG FIREFIGHTERS

Thomas Clarkson Academy has its own firefighters on board since Year 8 students Daniel Sexton, Dylan Ashman and Raven Cheek completed a course at Wisbech Fire Station.

They took part in an arson reduction scheme called Squad 14 for 12 weeks and took part in a passing out parade at the fire station to mark their completion of the course.

Wisbech Watch Commander Phil Pilbeam, who led the programme for the fire service, said: “Participants of Squad 14 have spent two hours each week with firefighters from Wisbech taking part in cadet-style activities. Donned in full fire kit, they learned basic drill techniques at the sessions, along with developing team building and listening skills, and becoming self-disciplined. Most importantly, through the activities they gained knowledge about how fires develop, the consequences of arson and the impact on the community.

“They learned about our in-water rescue activities and practised a basic exercise at a local pool, which was of particular significance owing to the large number of waterways and dykes in the Fens. Linked in with this was raising their awareness of road traffic collisions and dangers on the road.”

Squad 14 participants have passed out having gained an Award Scheme Development and Accreditation Network (ASDAN) qualification, first aid certificate and basic water rescue skills.

Daniel said: “We went to the Hudson Leisure Centre to learn how to save someone in a flood. We also learnt how to attach hoses and how to put out a fire safely.”

Dylan said: “We learnt what to do before you enter a fire and all the specialist equipment you need. I would definitely recommend it.”
BUSINESS IS BOOMING FOR CEIAG

Our new Careers Education Information And Guidance (CEIAG) hub in Little Eden has had an incredibly busy first year.

Since it was set up in September 2013 the department has arranged a non-stop series of trips and events, developed partnerships with businesses and Higher Education institutions and appointed student Mini-Ambassadors who support the student body and CEIAG team.

This year saw the beginning of a brand new programme in horticulture which is run at Delamore Young Plants in Wisbech St Mary in partnership with Manea School of Gardening. A group of 10 students are due to complete their RHS Level 1 Practical Award in Horticulture. This qualification is the most recognised in the industry, so the students are sowing more than just seeds!

Boome Hair and Beauty Club is going from strength to strength with 3 rounds of students completing an afterschool programme in the basics of hairdressing and beauty therapy this year.

In November, students from Years 10, 12 and 13 were invited to attend the World Skills Show to learn about the different pathways available, including the vocational and apprenticeship routes, and to see different skills in action. It was an inspirational day and one we hope to revisit next year.

MINI AMBASSADORS APPOINTED AT TCA

Students with questions about their options or future career choices can go to one of the school’s 25 newly appointed Mini Ambassadors for help.

The Year 10 students are there to act as mentors for younger students and to support the Careers Education Information Advice and Guidance (CEIAG) team.

They have been presented with new Mini Ambassador ties which they earned by helping with CEIAG events and supporting younger students in their form groups.

The ambassadors were among a group of Year 10s who took part in an Employability Day last week at The Boathouse in Wisbech.

They worked in partnership with local businesses and students from the Neale Wade school in March to look at job applications and practice interview skills.

Hetty Cliss, CEIAG Ambassador, said: “They developed their work skills and communication skills and learnt about decision making and team work. They got an inside perspective on what employers are looking for and can take their new skills with them into the workplace in the future.”

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A UNIVERSITY STUDENT

A group of Year 10 students spent a day in the life of a university student on a recent visit to Newnham College, Cambridge, and Anglia Ruskin University.

They compared the two universities, looked at accommodation, budgeting and money, and spoke to student ambassadors.

The students had to document their visit; taking pictures and making notes and spent the following day planning an assembly and working on their presentation skills. Following this, the students then presented their visit, leading an assembly given to the whole of Year 9.

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IN THE NEWS

TCA STUDENTS GRADUATE FROM CHILDREN’S UNIVERSITY

On Wednesday 16th July, 91 TCA students from Years 7-9 graduated at Wolfson College, Cambridge as part of the Children’s University. The efforts of the 91 students were recognised by Professor David Frost in the prestigious awards ceremony held in the University of Cambridge college campus. Successful students had taken part in a range of sporting and arts activities to achieve the award.

Speaking to the students during the ceremony, TCA Vice Principal Lisa Ling said: “I am so proud of each and every one of you for your achievements and also for the attitude you have towards embracing new and varied opportunities. For me, what happens outside of the classroom is as important a learning journey as what happens inside it. You are true ambassadors for this vision.”

TCA STUDENTS

When a new student arrives at Thomas Clarkson Academy who doesn’t speak English as their first language, a group of Young Interpreters is on hand to help them settle in to school life.

There are 322 students at TCA with English as an Additional Language and they now have 15 Young Interpreters to help them.

The interpreters help to translate resources in class and letters which are sent home to parents, as well as helping at meetings with parents and open evenings.

The scheme has been running since 2011 and now has fifteen Young Interpreters who speak 5 languages – Russian, Latvian, Polish, Portuguese and Lithuanian.

Imogen Newell, Leader of EAL, said: “It is seen as a job role within the school and the Young Interpreters treat it like that. They have to fill in an application form and have an interview and training. If they pass all 3 stages they receive their Young Interpreter badge. They are very proud to be Young Interpreters and to be using their skills and we are very proud of them. They work so hard.”

Harry Smith, 13, who is in Year 8, was born in England but raised in Portugal until moving to the UK last year, and is fluent in both languages.

He said: “Sometimes people come up and ask questions, or I show them the school systems and the different communities. I like to help people and at the end of Year 11 you get a good mark on your CV for doing it so it gives you an extra boost.”

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The Apprentice has come to Thomas Clarkson Academy with three former students being signed up to start their careers at the school.

For the first time apprenticeships in IT, Catering and Administration have been set up and all of the successful candidates who were chosen for these positions were former students at the school.

Amber Doyle, 19, left TCA last year after completing her A-Levels and was set to go to university to study Business Management but decided an apprenticeship was the way to go for her. She is now the school’s IT apprentice.

She said: “Apprenticeships are a good way to get into employment. It’s good to learn on the job and no two days are the same. Working in a school there is so much you can learn. There are opportunities everywhere.”

Shanna Burns, 21, left the school in 2009 and is now the school’s Catering apprentice, working towards a Catering and Hospitality qualification. She is enjoying helping to prepare meals in the restaurant and said: “Apprenticeships are good if they are teaching you things and you can get a job at the end of it.”

Thomas Thompson, 19, completed a Computing and IT course before applying for his apprenticeship in Administration. He is also a past student but said the school has changed so much it feels like a completely different place.

Business Manager Allison Baverstock said: “We are delighted to be able to offer these apprenticeships and were lucky to be able to choose from some excellent candidates. Amber, Shanna and Thomas are assets to the school and great examples to our students, and we hope we are setting them on the path to successful and rewarding careers.”

Congratulations to Hannah Loughlin who has been appointed as TCA’s head girl for this year.

Hannah is in Year 12 and is studying Biology, Chemistry, Maths and Geography at A Level, and was Head Girl of Pankhurst Community in Year 11.

She said: “I feel very happy and overwhelmed. I am looking forward to helping sixth formers get their voices heard.”

Hannah will join Head Boy Akshay Kishor who will remain in his role for another year.

Sally Wilcher, head of Student Voice, said: “Akshay has had such a strong leadership of the Junior Leadership Team this year. We felt his expertise was so useful to take into the following year and train the deputy head boy and girl.”
YEAR 11 LEAVERS’ ASSEMBLY

A special assembly was held to mark the end of the year for our Year 11 students. It was an emotional occasion where we looked back through photographs and videos of their time at Thomas Clarkson Academy and celebrated their achievements during that time.

Awards were also given out in a number of categories which had been voted for by students, including Most Likely to Become Prime Minister and Biggest Drama Queen!

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FOLLOW THE YELLOW BRICK ROAD TO TCA

Performers put on their red shoes and followed the yellow brick road to Thomas Clarkson Academy for an unforgettable retelling of the Wizard of Oz.

Around 25 performers from all year groups were involved with the traditional show with a TCA twist, which was a great night out for all the family.

Art and construction students made the set and other students were involved backstage.

Mrs Wilcox, head of drama, said: “The students have worked really hard and I have been very impressed with their standard of commitment. They provided an unforgettable night of song, dance and drama.”

THAT’S THE WAY TO DO IT!
STUDENTS PERFORM PUNCH AND JUDY LIVE

The world’s best-known traditional puppet show has been brought to life by BTEC Performing Arts students at Thomas Clarkson Academy.

The Year 12 and 13 students have created a living Punch and Judy show which they are performing to local primary schools.

Julie Wilcox, Head of Drama, said: “We were approached by Marshland St James Primary School to see if we could provide a Punch and Judy show for them. We couldn’t as puppets are very expensive so we offered to create a living Punch and Judy show for them instead.”

The students researched ‘commedia dellarte’ (which is a traditional performance style where actors wear half masks), then made their own masks and edited traditional scripts to create their performance.

SATURDAY MUSIC SCHOOL

A Saturday music school will be held at TCA from September giving local musicians the opportunity to extend and develop their talent.

Students from our feeder schools will have the chance to participate in a children’s community choir and we hope to take them to perform at the Young Voices Concert at the O2 Arena in London in January.
**IN THE NEWS**

**STUDENT DONATES HER HAIR TO YOUNG CANCER PATIENTS**

Brave Year 10 student Gertruda Dambrauskaite has had her shoulder-length hair shaved off and has donated it to a charity which makes wigs for young cancer patients. The Little Princess Trust provides real-hair wigs, free of charge, to boys and girls across the UK and Ireland that have lost their own hair through cancer treatment.

Gertruda said she decided to take the bold step after losing her grandmother to cancer and knowing how insecure she had felt when she lost her hair.

She said: “I was thinking about it for quite a while but never thought I could do it. Me and my friend were talking about it and I decided it was about time. When it was cut off there was so much hair!”

Family, friends and teachers were surprised to see Gertruda with short hair but are proud of what she has done.

She said: “It makes me feel good to know it is helping young children and that makes it all worthwhile.”

Gertruda is now planning to grow her grade 3 cut so she can have long hair again.

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**KEEN READERS SHADOW THE CARNEGIE MEDAL**

Every year the Carnegie Medal is awarded to a work of children’s fiction which is considered to have outstanding literary merit.

In March a keen group of readers at TCA assembled once more to read their way through the shortlisted books. There were 8 titles altogether and we only had three months to read them before the winner of the Medal was announced nationally on 23rd June.

Three months of discussing the books, and analysing which ones best met the judging criteria, and we were ready to hear which book had won.

The Carnegie Shadowing group assembled on the announcement day and enjoyed quizzes and further discussion of the books while listening to live streaming of the ceremony which was taking place in London.

The winner this year was Kevin Brooks with his Young Adult novel The Bunker Diary. This was a popular choice with our group but we felt it could be a controversial winner owing to violent content and an ending which had no resolution.

Group member Elle Gordon said: “I was so pleased with the winner. Bunker Diary was my absolute favourite book. Carnegie was fantastic this year and I’m definitely doing it next year.”

Molly-Mae Taylor said: “It’s a great experience talking and being involved with people who are also passionate about reading.”

**NEW BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING SYSTEM LAUNCHED**

June 2nd 2014 saw the launch of Zero Tolerance, our new behaviour for learning system at TCA. Much work has been done with pupils and staff prior to this date informing them about the changes and our new TCA expectations. With Zero Tolerance comes a much simpler behaviour system, a system that is clear, easy to understand and put into action.

It is very encouraging to hear from staff, pupils and parents about the positive impact that Zero Tolerance is having in lessons and around the academy. The academy is a much calmer place and disruption in lessons has reduced significantly. We will continue with all our efforts to promote Zero Tolerance and encourage positive behaviour for learning.

**YEAR 6 TRANSITION DAYS**

Students from our partner primary schools visited TCA during July for their ‘taster’ sessions. All students took part in a typical TCA day including breakfast and lunch in our restaurant; a highlight for all of our young visitors! They followed the TCA timetable and participated in a range of lessons including, science, expressive arts and design technology.

Heroes from our Year 11s helped the students to familiarise themselves with academy life.
IN THE NEWS

YOUNG TOUR GUIDES TELL ANNE FRANK’S STORY

A group of Year 10 students who have been chosen to be Anne Frank Ambassadors visited The Nottingham Holocaust Memorial Centre. The students were chosen as Ambassadors based on the work they had done with the Anne Frank Trust at TCA to spread Anne’s story. They were given a tour of the museum which details the Jewish experience from pre-Nazi life all the way through to liberation from the concentration camps, and explored the gardens where there are memorials to those who died during the Holocaust. Finally, they heard from a Holocaust survivor who was rescued from Germany on the Kindertransport after the Nazis came into power.

Following the exhibition, six of the guides completed the Anne Frank Ambassador training scheme at Nottingham Holocaust Memorial Centre and Peterborough Cathedral. They will continue to spread the messages from Anne’s story to others in the school and feeder primary schools and help to challenge prejudice and prevent hate-related attitudes developing.

History teacher Lois Russell said: “The students have taken an extremely mature and sensitive approach to what is a very harrowing tale, and have received positive comments from staff and students about the tours they have provided.”

Funded by the Big Lottery, the Anne Frank Schools’ and Ambassadors’ Programme is part of Realising Ambition, a UK-wide programme investing £25million in outstanding projects that have a strong track record or have already been proven to work in helping young people fulfil their potential.

HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR SPEAKS TO TCA STUDENTS

History and RE students at TCA were privileged to be given a lesson by Holocaust survivor Eva Clarke. Eva was born in a concentration camp just before liberation and told the students her life story through photos of her family.

RE co-ordinator Victoria Coleman said: “It was very interesting and the students were really engaged and asked a lot of questions. It really helped to bring history to life and they learnt all the little details that you don’t get in text books.”

SCHOOL’S ANNE FRANK AMBASSADORS VISIT HOLOCAUST CENTRE

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The students also travelled to Peterborough Cathedral to develop a lesson for primary age children teaching them about Anne Frank’s story.

Humanities teacher Lois Russell said: “The students embraced this experience in an incredibly mature manner and were a credit to the school.”
VISIT TO PETERBOROUGH MOSQUE AND CATHEDRAL

28 students visited Peterborough Mosque and the city’s Cathedral. Students enjoyed learning first-hand about the religious traditions of the Islamic faith and the history of Peterborough Cathedral.

Teacher Miss Victoria Coleman said: “The students were a credit to the Academy.”

TCA STUDENTS CATER FOR ROSE FAIR VISITORS

Catering students from Thomas Clarkson Academy gained hands-on experience in the industry at the town’s annual Wisbech Rose Fair. A group of GCSE students from Year 9 spent 3 days at the event where they served sandwiches, teas and coffees and helped to prepare the Rose Fair’s popular strawberry teas. Others were on car park duty and handed out Rose Fair leaflets.

Food technology teacher Jayne Thorpe said: “Most of them want to be chefs as a career. This was an opportunity for them to gain in confidence, improve their problem solving by dealing with customers and get experience of working with food outside of the classroom.

“It was a great experience for them. They are all exemplary students and excellent cooks. The feedback was that they were the best students the school has ever sent. I am really proud of them.”

The school’s Dr Who themed float came second place in the parade and was awarded a Highly Commended shield. 16 students were on board in fancy dress to tie in with the theme of TV From The Past.

HOW MANY STUDENTS CAN YOU FIT IN A MEDIEVAL TOILET?

The Humanities department has been taking students to Castle Acre in Norfolk for 27 years. It is a great place for students to explore medieval history, monasticism and geographical concepts like settlements and rivers.

Lucy-Beth Heighton, TCA’s co-ordinator of History, said: “The highlight was trying to beat previous trips and getting fourteen students into the medieval toilet. The students had a fantastic day and it’s with thanks to the humanities staff, past and present that the students still get to enjoy this wonderful opportunity.”
TCA students represented Cambridgeshire at the County Athletics Championship in Norwich for the first time in three years and put in some impressive performances.

The 3 students did incredibly well and still have another year in their age group and are working hard to achieve the English School qualification.

El Carr finished 8th in the shot for the intermediate girls and beat her PB to get a distance of 8.08m. Sam Land equalled his PB of 1.6m to finish 3rd in the high jump and CJ Baker was 7th in the 100m with a time of 11.7s.

CJ is close to achieving an English Schools qualifying time and needs to shave just 2 hundredths of a second off his PB which is 11.5 - the qualifying time is 11.3.

PE teacher James Hooper said: “All 3 have another year in this age group so will be competing next year with a little more experience and all of them were a credit to TCA.”
RINGSIDE ACTION AT TCA

More than 40 students have been improving their fitness and relieving stress in a Boxercise taster course during Enrichment sessions. Qualified and registered Boxercise instructors Miss Anderson and Miss Smith have been teaching students from all years some of the different punches, including jabs and hooks. Each session has been split into 3 sections, including a warm up, technique improvement and the famous, ever-popular ‘beasting’!

Miss Anderson said: “Effort has been amazing from all that have attended. They’ve not only picked up the correct technique, but have been able to coach and correct each other’s minor mistakes.”

Some superstars of the ring (sports hall) so far have been Suki “The Scintillating” Sagoo, Ryan “The Relativistic” Williams, Diana “The Determined” Rubene and Ben “The Baneful” Carr.

Boxercise is an excellent way to improve fitness, relieve stress and develop friendships, whilst having immense fun as well. Any further information can be obtained from Miss Anderson (aanderson@thomasclarkson.cambs.sch.uk) or Miss Smith (ksmith@thomasclarkson.cambs.sch.uk).

GAME, SET AND MATCH FOR TCA STUDENTS

TCA students rubbed shoulders with tennis royalty when they bumped into Andy Murray on a recent school trip to Wimbledon. Sports teachers Kirstie Smith, Amy Anderson and James Hooper took 24 students on a sports-packed tour of the All England Club and Twickenham. After a brief stop for photos and autographs the group had tickets to Court 2 with an exciting line-up of tennis featuring Na Li, David Ferrer and Jo Wilfried Tsonga.

Miss Smith said: “The day was an unforgettable experience for the students and teachers.”

Day 2 was spent on a tour of Twickenham Stadium, the home of England Rugby. The students were taken through the history of the stadium and visited the changing rooms and a box, before visiting the Twickenham museum.

Miss Smith added: “Overall the trip was a huge success, and that was mostly down to the impeccable behaviour from the students.”

YEAR 8 GIRLS’ FOOTBALL SUCCESS

Thomas Clarkson Academy’s Year 8 girls’ football team put in a fantastic performance and achieved second place in the district tournament.

The team travelled to Witchford for the last of the cluster tournaments with the schools from the Isle of Ely where they played extremely well against the other schools, and came away undefeated.

After the tournament the girls were drawing with Neale Wade in first place with both schools not losing a match. Unfortunately, Neale Wade scored 3 more goals over the course of the tournament and won, with TCA coming second. PE teacher Amy Anderson said: “We saw fantastic performances from all girls, lead very ably by captain Libby Albett. Rachael Stimpson and Klaudia Gnitecka scored some very good goals, along with Chloe Clifford and Megan Sheldon.

“Anna Ivaskevica saved some very good shots on goal from the Neale Wade girls and Weronika Czechowska placed extremely well throughout the tournament and had a ‘never-give-up’ attitude, which was brilliant to see.

“I look forward to next season’s football tournaments and to taking that first tournament win for the Year 8 football team!”
We hope you have enjoyed reading this edition of News @ TCA. We are always keen to hear your feedback or thoughts on content for future editions.

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