



TALLIS 2014 Newsletter

Week 11 – 21 November 2014

CALENDAR:

24 November – 28 November
Week B

Monday 24 November

Tuesday 25th November

- AM Reg – Y12 Assembly
- PM Reg – Y13 Assembly
- Y13 Art trip to Tate Modern
- Parent Forum 6.00pm Main Hall

Wednesday 26 November

- AM Reg – Y9 Assembly
- PM Reg – Y7 Assembly
- Y12 Business trip – Careers that count – Accountancy
- Y13 Economics trip – Bank of England – Target 2.0 presentation
- Y12/13 Music trip – Royal Festival Hall Brightsparks Concert

Thursday 27 November

- Community Day

Friday 28 November

- INSET Day – Staff only

Dear Parents and Carers

We have had another exciting week with a wide range of activities, from the smoothie bike chefs to some extra parent conference time for some of our Year 11s and a Dance Showcase by Trinity Laban 3rd year students.

I hope to see some of you at the Parents' Forum on Tuesday 25 November at 6.00pm in the Main Hall. The agenda is open to the floor, but Ms Coppins will come and talk to us about behaviour management for 10 minutes or so at the start.

On Thursday 27 November have our Community Day, (as Ms Springer explains below) and a Teachers' Training Day on Friday 28 November. This means Thursday is a normal day, but there is no school for our students on Friday.

Thursday we also have our Year 13 Art & Design BTEC Drawing Exhibition – ‘Outline’. The Year 13 students involved will be curating the evening - 4.30pm to 7.30pm in the Recital Room. If you have a chance to come along, please do.

Don't forget that we are having a Christmas Social to recruit for a new PTA/Friends of Tallis. That's on Wednesday 10 December at 7.30pm in the gallery. It would be lovely to see you....

Mrs Roberts, Headteacher



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Sports News

Results

Year 7 boys 2-2 Arch Tennisons (2-4 Pens)

Indoor Athletics

Congratulations to the Year 7 and Year 8 girls teams; both qualified for the final, winning each of their semi-finals.

Blackheath Cup

Year 11 boys 3-4 Forest Hill

Fixtures

Wednesday

English Schools Cup

Year 8 boys vs Greig City Academy

Thursday

Blackheath Cup

Year 10 boys vs Crown Woods Home Kick off 2.30pm

Year 12/13 vs Academy of Essex Away Kick off 3.45pm

Friday

Blackheath cup

Year 7 boys Vs Prendergast Vale Home Kick off 2.00pm

Saturday

Friendly

Year 7 boys B vs Wandsworth Home Kick off 9.30pm

Mr Muirhead, PE Department

Lost Property

Please could you remind your child to check the lost property for any lost items? Unfortunately it is overflowing once again. The lost property, which includes Tallis uniform, is kept in reception. At the end of term any items remaining will be donated to charity if they are not collected. If your child's name is written on the item, you have a much better chance of it being returned so please do label items!

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Notes from PTFA 12 November 2014

- Send out details of the next meeting in good time along with a text to parents.
- Ensure that the date of the next meeting is on the front page of the school website several weeks in advance.
- Some ideas discussed around the table; cheese and wine evening, quiz night, workshops with parents who can offer expertise in a particular field to students, hold an auction, publish a parents advice book (advice from Year 10 & 11 parents for parents lower down the school).
- Alcohol licence for events discussed.
- Parents working with other parents to support students with homework.
- Development of the Silver Arts Award.
- Idea to have a professional profile in the newsletter. Detailing a parents professional journey
- Charity Status.
- To research successful PTAs.
- To research mail chimp for communication.
- To seek advice from contacts regarding how to best run our PTFA.
- Next PTFA meeting to be held on Wednesday 10 December 2014 at 7.30pm – 8.30pm; to be more social and have a Tallis Band and mulled wine, and mince pies.

Barriers to learning

What barrier to learning has this person overcome?



Answer on back page

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UKMT Maths

Our post-16 mathematicians did exceptionally well on the UKMT Senior Maths Challenge this year and several students will be receiving bronze awards. Five of our further mathematicians deserve a special mention for their outstanding results. Sophie Thapa and Ben Tu of Year 12 and Jivan Pal and Kim Craig of Year 13 achieved silver certificates. Amlan Banaji did so well, that he has qualified for the British Mathematical Olympiad, which put his result in the top 1000 in the country. For this success he will go through to the next round of the Challenge and have the pleasure of sitting a three and a half hour maths paper!

Ms Harding, Head of KS5 Maths

Y13 Brooklands Trip

On Thursday, the Year 13 English language students went on a trip to Brooklands primary school to explore first-hand the ways in which children use written language and the development of their reading. It was really eye-opening to see the theory which we have learnt about in practice. To my surprise, I found that the children in Year 6 (who are between the ages of 10-11 years old) were exploring the uses of word classes. What was most impressive was that they weren't just looking at nouns, verbs and adjectives - they could define prepositions, determiners, and demonstrative pronouns - things that we have only learnt at A level! I was also interested to see that there was such a strong emphasis on handwriting throughout the whole school, and there was a lot of time and effort spent redrafting and crafting best work for display around the school hall. We saw a fantastic display of the whole school's work on Shakespeare's Twelfth Night. Overall, the trip gave us a deeper insight into the ways in which children's written language and their reading develops.

Korren Howell, Y13 English Language student

Community Day – 27 November

Community Day is an opportunity for students to focus more sharply on particular issues, hear from external experts and work in different ways. Year groups will be able to produce a piece of work at the end of the day which is a reflection of the things they have learnt and are also likely to have links to the Tallis Habits. The theme of the first day is 'Choices' and this will be evident across the school in a variety of ways. The various activities which different year groups are doing are outlined below.

Ms Springer, Head of Guidance

Year 8 Careers

We are very excited to announce that Year 8 will start to look at Option choices and ideas around future careers. Students will be visiting a careers fair in the sports hall to talk to experienced professionals from the world of work, universities and apprenticeship schemes. We hope that our Year 8 cohort will gain valuable information about making the right choices to best suit them, investigating different pathways and getting advice on how to get into their desired career. Further to this, Year 8 will be working on an 'imaginative' Habits based project based on ideas about future careers. To end off the day, we will be visualising the 'flying start' that we hope to give all students in life!

Ms Hodgson, Head of Year 8

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Year 9 - Choices

The day will consist of 4 workshops including 'Anti-Social Media Conflict in the World', 'Drug Protection' and 'Education'. Each workshop will be delivered by a guest speaker. The aim of the day is for students to reflect on the choices they make and the consequences.

Ms Gallagher, Head of Year 9

Year 10 – Diversity and Community

Year 10 will be focusing on Diversity and Community. They will attend a series of workshops from different organisations on different aspects of community. The workshops include:

- A virtual clinic with the school nurse.
- The Art of Empathy, led by 3FF - identifying and practising key practical skills for empathising and building positive relations with different people.
- A role model session run by LGBT Stonewall.

We will also begin our Year 10 community project on 'The History of Kidbrooke'. Students will learn about the history of the local community and then plan a tutor group trip to explore the area. Year 10 students will be encouraged to upload their thoughts and feelings to the Year 10 community blog.

Ms Pollitt, Head of Year 10

Year 11 – Community

Year 11 will be involved in one of three possible projects on the theme of community; the ideas were first developed last year but we never had the chance to develop them.

The day will begin with a talk from Ian Rowe on the topic of "legacy and meeting the challenge". Ian Rowe attempted to set a new World Record for rowing across the Atlantic Ocean as part of a crew in under 30 days. His talk focuses on things such as taking on new tasks, handling setbacks, developing resilience, keeping going when others around you are not pulling their weight, and not least handling setbacks when we face 'capsize moments' in our lives.

Tutors will then work on one of three projects:

- A presentation to Mrs Roberts on being a Year 11 student and experiences on preparing for GCSEs which will also look at ways to support students at this stage of their education and what school could do to support.
- Planning an event for a group outside of school such as the elderly or children; students had previously done a project with Peace Child International where they had organised a number of projects for Year 7 students in July 2014. They need to demonstrate that they can put together a plan for an event lasting two hours which other students could then use to see such as event through to completion as it is doubtful Year 11 will be able to do so before their GCSEs.
- A presentation to the local authority on local community spaces and facilities for young people and how these could be improved.

All projects will require students to demonstrate teamwork, imagination, resilience, discipline and good communication skills which students should be developing in order to prepare them for the future.

Mr Quigg, Head of Year 11

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The Great Debate Year 12 style!

Year 12 will be pitted against each other in a tutor group debating competition. They will be taught how to debate in the morning then challenged to research and debate topics such as, the public denial of evolution should be criminalised and violent computer games should be banned! We look forward to teaching and facilitating students in the development of their communication, research and construction of argument skills.

Ms Odd, Head of Year 12

Year 13 Progression

Our UCAS cohort will be focusing on the completion of their UCAS applications. On this day they will receive bespoke advice from both their tutor and from the UCAS Sixth form team, in order to meet our in-house deadline of 28 November. Those students that have successfully completed their applications and many of whom have all their offers back will be working closely with their peers, as UCAS mentors. The Oxbridge applicants will be preparing for their interviews with a targeted session on the interview process and they will even be doing a session on logical, in our new 'thinking aloud' series, to foster critical thought and reflection.

Our world of work students will be in workshops with our Prospects adviser, Beatrice Joseph. They will be honing their CVs and making targeted apprenticeship applications. They will also be exploring related work experience opportunities, as well as other gap year possibilities.

Our art college applicants will be working on their portfolios and applications with the art college co-ordinator, Mr Kiff and a visiting artist. There will also be an admissions tutor from UAL who will be doing a workshop with the students to continue to craft their applications and portfolios ready to apply to art colleges.

Ms Lumsden, Head of Year 13

Free School Meals and the Pupil Premium

From 3 November a new 'Free School Meals / Pupil Premium Service' www.fsm.lgfl.net will be a web site where parents can quickly and easily check eligibility for free school meals and, if eligible, also gain welcome additional funding for their child's school, known as 'Pupil Premium'. If eligible, you are not obliged to accept the free school meals for your child if you wish to make other arrangements, but we do want to encourage applications as the additional funding gained would still benefit education provision at the school.

What the service does for parents:

After entering essential details into the web site, the online application process links to the Department for Education system for checking eligibility and gives an immediate 'yes' or 'no' response, and will notify the school.

This system is being provided to encourage parents to apply and take advantage of free school meals while at the same time increasing the benefit to schools from Pupil Premium funding; a substantial amount of which does not reach schools because not all parents who are eligible apply for free meals for their child.

By way of a ‘thank you’ to parents for taking part, and regardless of individual outcomes, The London Grid for Learning (LGfL) would like to provide parents of children attending LGfL-connected schools with Sophos Anti-Virus software, free of charge, to protect the computers used by pupils at home.

To gain access to this software there is a short registration process which will also give you access, if required, to other LGfL services and benefits that are available to your child’s school. Please be assured there is no catch, no cost and no advertising. LGfL (a UK education charity set up in 2001 and owned by London’s 33 local authorities) exists to support education and is leading this initiative to make it easier for parents to apply for free school meals and to encourage the drawdown of unclaimed Pupil Premium.

What the service does for schools:

As the government has now introduced free school meals for all children in Key Stage 1, it is more important than ever for schools to know the number of pupils for whom they can claim Pupil Premium funding. These funds enable schools to take on additional staff and invest in additional equipment, resources and activities to the benefit all children.

Please visit www.fsm.lgfl.net enter the necessary details and support this worthwhile initiative.

Mrs Maskell, School Business Manager



DO SOMETHING AMAZING

Award-winning volunteer experiences
and school expeditions in Africa, Asia
and South America

Year 10, 11 and 12 students are invited to take part in an amazing opportunity to go to South America in the summer of 2016.

For those interested there is a meeting with details of how to apply and fundraise the cost of the trip. The meeting will take place on **Tuesday 25 November from 6.00pm-7.30pm in the Josh Beasley Room**.

We welcome students who are definitely interested to those who are unsure to please come along and speak with Ms Galvin and the Camps International staff.

If you have any questions please contact Miss Galvin: ggalvin@thomastallis.org.uk

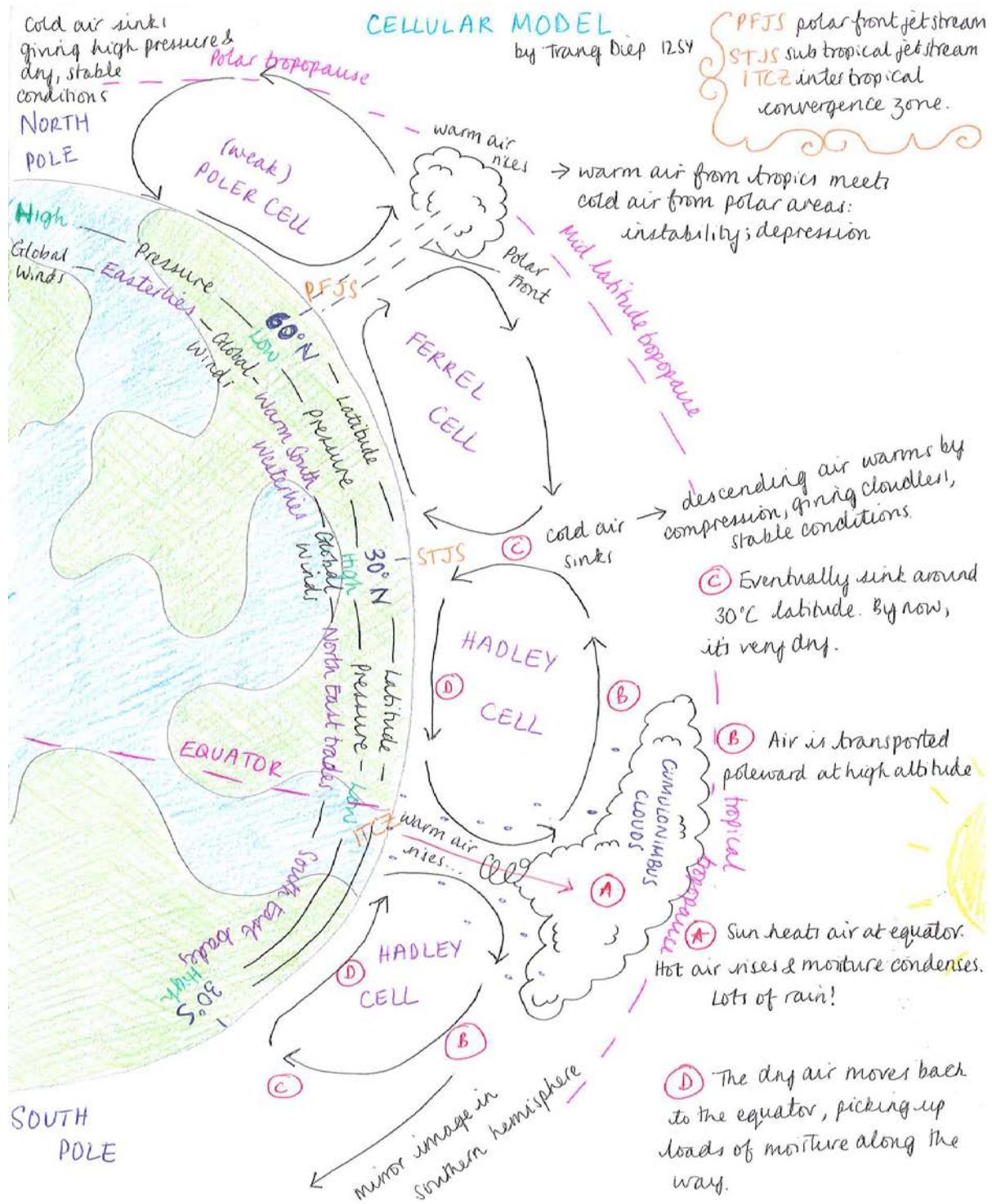
Miss Galvin, PE Department



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★ SHOWCASE ★

As part of the World At Risk unit of AS Geography students investigate global hydro-meteorological hazards. In this activity students were asked to create a poster which explains the link between global atmospheric circulation models and the climate of different locations to better understand the causes of meteorological events. This excellent piece of work is by Thao Diep in 12SY.



Barriers to learning

Stevie Wonder is visually impaired

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