



THOMAS
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Newsletter

Week 15 – 19 December 2014

CALENDAR:

5th January – 9th January

Week A

Monday 5th January

Tuesday 6th January

- AM Reg – Y12 Assembly
- PM Reg – Y13 Assembly

Wednesday 7th January

- AM Reg – Y9 Assembly
- PM Reg – Y7 Assembly

Thursday 8th January

- AM Reg – Y10 Assembly

Friday 9th January

- AM Reg – Y11 Assembly
- PM Reg – Y8 Assembly

We have had a lovely Christmassy season here at Tallis: we've raised money through maths for the NSPCC, worn jolly jumpers for Young Epilepsy and collected for the Food bank. We've had a Christmas Concert, Celebration Assemblies and even a Panto (Year 8) with some pretty spectacular Ugly Sisters and a remarkably masculine Fairy Godmother. All in all, a good end to a very productive term in which our young people have applied themselves to their learning in a most impressive way. Also, very importantly, this week we've had formal elections for the School Council. We'll find out who is representing students when we get back. I'm very grateful to everyone who's been involved in that. We also can celebrate the formation of our new PTFA: keep an eye out for events in 2015!

We say goodbye to some colleagues this week. Mr Walsh is leaving to take up a post as a deputy head in Kent, Ms Ewrierhoma is moving to Leicester, Ms Wdziekonska-Piwko has a new post in Lewisham and Ms Knight is leaving to look after her baby. On the support staff, Ms Denton, Mr Williams and Ms Hallett are all moving on too. I'll introduce their replacements in the New Year. We thank them for their service and wish them the very best for the future.

I haven't written letters home this term as I'm hoping that this Newsletter will replace that. I'd be keen to hear of suggestions from parents to make it more widely read?

I hope that you have a happy holiday and a Merry Christmas if you celebrate it. We return on Monday 5 January 2015 at the usual time, ready for a busy term!

Mrs Roberts, Headteacher



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Library News

It has been a busy term in the library getting to know all the Year 7 students and the new Post 16 students. Our book lending figures have increased from this time last year, which reflects the enjoyment of reading by the students. The students have also been keen to recommend new books for the library by filling in book suggestion slips and placing them in our suggestion box. Many students have been very pleased with the speed at which the books have arrived and been processed for them to borrow, so please encourage our young people to visit the school library and make suggestions. This enables us to continue to meet their needs and interests and encourage a love of reading.

Popular reads in the library this term have been:

- The Fault in Our Stars by John Green
- Geek Girl series by Holly Smale
- The Diary of a Wimpy Kid Series by Jeff Kinney
- The Divergent series by Veronica Roth
- The Maze Runner series by James Dashner
- Manga Bleach series
- Manga Naruto series

For any enquiries or suggestions concerning the Library please contact us.

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Back to school

Although term has just finished a reminder that the new term starts at 8.40am on Monday 5 January 2015. Remember it is winter so have your school jumper or cardigan with you!

A new look

A new look to get ready for the new (calendar) year to the newsletter. Following feedback from our readers we have adopted a more newsletter style.

A reminder that we now have an email service which sends out an email each week when the newsletter is published. If you would like to subscribe to this email please use the link [here](#) or the link on the school website (on the newsletters page).



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★ SHOWCASE ★

Year 9 students were asked to create a poster showing their knowledge and understanding of the components of health related fitness and how these are related to sport.

The work below is a great example from Francesca Pannell-Rae

Ms Moore, PE Department



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Provision of Special Diets

GS Plus is proud of its record of working successfully with school staff, parents and pupils in catering for children with special dietary requirements.

The following protocol outlines the procedure GS Plus have in place for all children and young people identified as having special dietary requirements owing to conditions such as clinical disease food allergy & other conditions.

- The Parent/Carer should request a specialist dietary form from GS Plus in order to detail the special dietary needs of their child/ren.
- The GS Plus Unit Manager will provide the special diet request form to the Parent/Carer who has requested it from GS Plus.
- The special dietary form should be completed by the Parent/Carer and is to be returned to the kitchen in the relevant school where the child/ren requiring a special dietary meal attend/s.
- Where a child has a serious allergy that may cause harm, or be fatal, GS Plus will first need medical documentation before a menu can be approved.
- In this case the special diet request form should be sent to the GS Plus office at Birchmere Business Park (Address above)
- The special dietary menu will be considered for approval by GS Plus and, if deemed acceptable, the said menu will be provided until notified by the Parent/Carer that the child/ren no longer is to receive such meals.

For your information at each menu cycle change GS Plus will provide another menu. The GS Plus menu has been developed to ensure compliance with the School Food Trust providing for home-cooked, varied and seasonal meals using fresh ingredients. This allows *most* special dietary requirements to be catered for by using alternative ingredients or amending the standard menu.

Standard recipes, recipe analysis and registered suppliers ensure product content is known and central records are updated as product formulations change. We do not accept liability for the accuracy of our dietary labelling as this is dependent on the information provided by our suppliers. On occasions we may be unable to cater for children with special dietary requirements, where this is the case we will inform the Parent/Carer & relevant school as soon as possible and may recommend that the Parent/Carer prepare the meals for their child/ren

We take the upmost care in handling ingredients and in the preparation of meals for special diets, however, there is a small risk of food contamination caused by trace levels of allergens which may be present in a busy kitchen. It is for each Parent/Carer to determine whether their child/ren can have the special dietary meals and we do not accept any liability for a Parent/Carer choosing to have their child be in receipt of school meals given this risk.

Please note that GS Plus restricts the purchase of all nuts and peanuts containing food at the supplier level. We look forward to continuing to work with you and to serving your child/ren school meals in the future

Kind Regards

Angela Critten

Head of Catering Service

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