



## TUNBRIDGE WELLS GRAMMAR SCHOOL FOR BOYS

Mr J G Harrison, B. Ed. (Hons) **Headteacher**

Christmas Newsletter 2011

Dear All

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

The final term of 2011 draws to a close and the whole school is looking forward to Christmas and a break. As ever the school has been really busy and many of you will have enjoyed the fantastic performances of our boys in the musical production "Our House" last week. It really was an outstanding show and one that all those who were involved will remember for a very long time. My thanks to Messrs Wolstenholme, Freeman and Joris and Miss Stokes as well as their army of helpers for putting it on and my congratulations to all the cast, crew and orchestra for their performances. Further details follow later in the newsletter.

Whilst mentioning successes, I would like to mention the Year 9 rugby team who won the Kent Shield this year – beating the Howard School in an excellent final. Many congratulations to the team and Mr Strongman and Mr Douse for their success. I know they are looking forward to their matches after Christmas. This newsletter is full of articles showcasing the successes of the last month or two – I hope you enjoy reading it as much as we enjoyed putting it together.

We are saying goodbye to three members of staff at the end of term. Mrs Hollins (Careers Co-ordinator) and Mrs Campbell (Art Technician) are moving on to new challenges. Mrs Furneaux (Bursar) is retiring after 21 years of loyal service and we all wish her a very happy retirement.

Best wishes to you all.

John Harrison  
Headteacher

### **SEVERE WEATHER SCHOOL CLOSURES**

It is to be hoped that we will not have to close the school at all this winter due to severe weather. If it is necessary we will post a notice on our website. There should be a complete list of all school closures on the Kent website [www.kent.gov.uk/winter](http://www.kent.gov.uk/winter). This may be useful to those of you with children at more than one school.

At a recent School Council Meeting it was suggested that the School could embrace new communication technologies for these situations and we have therefore set up a twitter account @TWGSB. Followers will also get notification of school closures through that system.

### **SCHOOL TELEPHONE NUMBER**

Can I suggest students save the school telephone number into their mobile telephones? After Christmas we enter a public examination period and if students are delayed in their journeys and they have our number it is easy for them to alert us to any problems they might be having. It is 01892 529551.





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## Drama and Music

'Our House', a play written by Tim Firth with songs by Madness, was performed by TWGSB along with girls from TWGGS on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings last week. This was a major undertaking by the music and drama departments with much of the work: choreography, lighting, programmes etc. being done by the pupils themselves. Around 70 boys and girls took part in the acting and the music was performed by the school orchestra and involved 18 pupils.

All the hard work of staff and pupils involved paid off as this was a brilliant production thoroughly enjoyed by all who saw it.

We have received several complimentary emails from parents "I just wanted to let Mr Harrison know how much my family and I enjoyed the 'Our House' show on Friday evening. We thought that the standard of performance and production was outstanding, and that all of those involved set a high standard for the school."

*Ms Stokes, Head of Music*



## Oxbridge

As part of our commitment to helping students reach their potential we are introducing a more focused approach to preparing students for applications to Oxford and Cambridge and we have started this with selected students from years 11 and 12.

We have presented an introductory assembly to students in years 11 and 12 with Oxbridge level GCSE grades or predicted grades and these students were then invited to a talk about Oxbridge applications which took place at Walthamstow Hall in Sevenoaks. Many of our students attended this talk and the feedback was very positive.

Following this we had an admissions tutor from Cambridge University visit the school to do an interview workshop with the current year 13s who have applied to Oxford or Cambridge. The Year 12 potential Oxbridge students were invited to this event and it gave them an insight into the procedure for applying to these institutions. Also, year 13 students attended a further interview workshop hosted by Oxford University and had individual mock interviews at a partner school.

We are currently planning a visit to Cambridge University which we expect to take place in February, interested students in years 11 and 12 will be invited to join us on this day trip which will aim to give them a taster of what university life is like at Cambridge and also allow them to discover in detail what the application process involves.

*Miss LeSeelleur and Ms Sandhu, Sixth Form Heads of Year*

## Media Studies – Y13 Advanced Production Music Video production

Year 13 students have been working hard this term to storyboard, shoot and edit a music video and design album covers and print advertisements for the release of a music track. This year we have been very impressed



with the innovative and dedicated approach the students have taken organising independently a variety of shoots at locations such as Southbank, Brighton, Greenwich as well as local sites such as Dunloran Park and Southborough woods. As always, the students have been supported by their peers, who have given up time to perform in the videos (one student actually appearing in three!) as well as invaluable support from the Music and Drama departments, who lend us equipment and space for filming. This year’s special effects have also been very experimental; from biting into onions, to slow motion high frame caption, use of the green screen, stop motion animation and pro-filmic effects. We are looking forward to screening and celebrating the work at this year’s Media Studies Awards Ceremony.

*Mrs Fernandez, Head of Media Studies*

### Shoebox appeal 2011

Thank you to all students and parents for their efforts in filling up shoeboxes for the appeal this year. The appeal was organised by students from Thirst, the school Christian Union. The students spoke to all their peers in assemblies during October. On Tuesday 8th November, 211 boxes were collected by Blythswood Care for distribution in eastern Europe. At the time of collection TWGSB had contributed more boxes than any other school in the South East!

*Mr Goddard and Mr Roberts*



### Economics and Business Studies

The first two terms seem to have passed very quickly and while we are all looking forward to the Christmas holidays, many of our students will also be thinking of January exams. The Department of Economics and Business Studies have taken a number of steps to aid preparation for these exams by issuing revision guides and organising revision classes and conferences.

#### *Revision Guides*

All Year 12 and 13 Economics students, as well as Year 13 Business Studies students, have been given a free revision guide. These students must go through their guides multiple times over the Christmas period as part of their revision for the January exams.

Past exam papers and mark schemes are also available on the VLE. Year 12 Economics will sit a mock exam before hand.

#### *Economics Conference, London*

On the 29th November 65 Year 12 and 13 Economics students attended a huge conference at Vue in Fulham Broadway as part of their preparation for the upcoming exams. All sessions were delivered by examiners and gave invaluable tips on exam technique. Close to 1,000 Economics students from across London and the South East attended this event. Given the very positive feedback from our students I am hoping that this will become an annual event on our calendar.

#### *James Caan Business Secrets app for iPhone*

I would encourage all GCSE and A-Level students of Business Studies who have an iPhone to install the free app “James Caan Business secrets”. This contains a myriad of interesting facts on all aspects of business, including marketing, finance, HR and growth. I would like to extend my thanks to James Irwin of Year 13, for bringing this great resource to my attention.

#### *Combebank Business Studies Lecture series*

Jane Wiltshire of Combebank School invited our A-level students of Economics and Business Studies to a series of free lectures given by leading business professionals. The first lecture took place on the 1st November and was given by Keith Hardy of Ernst and Young on the topic of leadership. The next lecture will take place in February. Combebank School also very kindly provided sandwiches and refreshments. The feedback from our students was extremely positive and I would encourage as many students as possible to attend the next lecture.

#### *Young Enterprise*

Both of the school’s Young Enterprise companies (Band Together and Mellogic) had stalls at numerous Christmas Fairs this season. Two of the most successful were at TWGSB and St Gregory’s. Mellogic had a very successful ‘guess the weight of the hamper’ draw as well as selling toys and books. Band Together sold large quantities of puzzle books. Both companies made substantial profits and learned a lot about marketing and selling. I would like to extend my thanks to all the students who gave up their time to help with these fairs. Last month both companies earned hundreds of pounds through the issue of shares.



Please give your support to Young Enterprise companies at your local fairs throughout the year.



TWGSB Young Enterprise at the Christmas Fayre

*Top universities for Economics and Business Studies*

The 2012 list of top universities for both Economics and Business Studies has now been released and is available for view on the department notice board.

Have a great Christmas and good luck to all students taking Economics and Business Studies exams during the next term.

*Mr P Carey, Head of Economics and Business Studies*

**MUNGA 2nd December – Year 12 and 13**

Tunbridge Wells Town Hall was the setting for a gathering of delegates representing the world’s most powerful nations (and Tuvalu) to debate human rights, armed conflict and the environment in the hope of making diplomatic progress. Students from Year 12 and 13 represented Nigeria, Pakistan and Venezuela against schools from around the region and defended their national interests admirably. Proceedings began with opening statements, in front of the watching MP for Tunbridge Wells, Greg Clarke. An early highlight was provided by Daniel Jennings, representing Venezuela who accused the USA of “fascist imperialism”. In a later committee meeting, Jennings caused further controversy by mocking the placid chair person of the Arms debate by calling the chair to simply ask the USA when it wanted to set the date for a nuclear weapons climb-down. Fellow arms delegate Richard Blundell (Pakistan) accused Israel of threatening and aggressive foreign policy. Indeed Venezuela and Pakistan were equally vocal during the human rights debate, where Marco Hacon accused Russia of allowing “neo-nazism” and Joe Tarbert stoutly defended Pakistan’s patchy record on the subject. All three nations from TWGSB did a fantastic job, particularly

in defending Iran from the tide of hypocrisy from the western states during an emergency debate on nuclear weapons inspections. The day was perfectly finished by Luke Ingram (tabloid press secretary), who provided welcome relief by celebrating the one US victory at the event, its ‘military chic’ dress sense. Overall, a very combative affair, and the world even managed to force the USA to give up all stockpiled nuclear weapons and close Guantanamo. Better than the real UN? Quite possibly.

*Mr Hale, MUNGA*

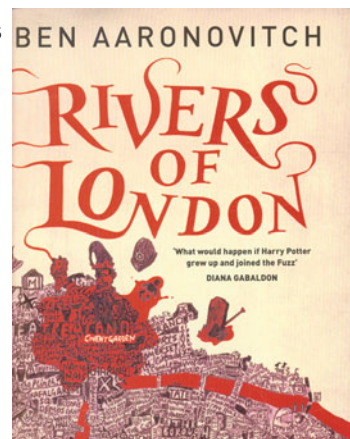
**Library News**

Once again reading is underway for The West Kent Schools Themed Book Award. This year the theme is ‘London by the Book’, which has brought an interesting mix of titles for the students to read.

<b>Teen Category</b>	
<i>The Adventure of the Red Circle and The Dying Detective</i>	Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
<i>Stoneheart</i>	Charlie Fletcher
<i>Refugee Boy</i>	Benjamin Zephaniah
<i>Small Blue Thing</i>	S C Ransom
<i>Street Runners</i>	Matt Whyman
<b>Young Adult Category</b>	
<i>Down and Out in Paris and London</i>	George Orwell
<i>Fever Pitch</i>	Nick Hornby
<i>Rivers of London</i>	Ben Aaronovitch
<i>Burning Bright</i>	Tracy Chevalier
<i>Brick Lane</i>	Monica Ali

Currently nearly thirty boys are taking part, but it is still not too late to join in if you would like to. The Awards Ceremony in March is taking place at TWGSB when we shall be very pleased to welcome Ben Aaronovitch as one of our guests.

*Mrs Marchant, Head Librarian*



**News from the MFL Department**

This term, the Year 13 Spanish group went to the Trinity Theatre to see a performance of ‘The House of Bernarda Alba’ to help their understanding of the play.



We also took the Years 12 and 13 Spanish groups to see the film 'La Piel en que habito' (The Skin I live in) directed by the famous Spanish director Pedro Almodóvar. The film was in Spanish and assisted pupils with their understanding not only of the language but also of Hispanic films which they study at A2 level.



Miss Allen and Mrs Mason

### News from the Mathematics Department

#### Jaguar Cars Maths in Motion

The Christmas Grand Prix races are the most important and competitive of the stand-alone national races sponsored by Jaguar. We are a past winner at KS3 and last year were runners-up at KS4. We had great excitement in the two races this year, both over 59 laps of the Monza circuit, with our cars disputing the lead throughout. Frustratingly, we just missed out on the prizes and the automatic qualification for the National Final next summer by finishing second in both. In both cases we were beaten by about 8 seconds. Nevertheless, this was a great achievement against so many schools from across Britain. Well done to Meshac Mais and Harry Maw (Year 7) for preparing the KS3 car, and to Amjad Natour (Year 10) for his KS4 car.

Our TWGSB Grand Prix season is now well-underway and after four races Fabian Kommu (Year 9) has two wins and heads the Drivers' Championship on 74 points from Harry Garside (Year 9) who has one win and 52 points. A special mention goes to William Rogers (Year 7) who won the fourth race and thus became the first Year 7 to win a race this season.

#### Mangahigh UK and Global Maths Challenges, and Fai-To

Since first participating in the Mangahigh Challenges last May, TWGSB have been UK and Global Champions in May and June, and runners-up in July and September. We have recently struggled a little to maintain such standards against lots of new participants (now about 6000 schools worldwide), but still achieved top-ten places in October and top-twenty in November. We are not aware of any school who has maintained such consistency.

We still remain undefeated at the head-to-head Fai-To challenges which are set-up by Mangahigh. Since the



last Newsletter we have beaten schools from Spain and the USA. However, we shall be at our most vulnerable during the Christmas break when it will be difficult for us to respond to a challenge from another school that is perhaps not on holiday. Hopefully, interested boys will keep a regular eye on the mangahigh website to act if needed.

#### National Cipher Challenge (sponsored by IBM and GCHQ)

Well done to Two and a Half Men (Michael King, Cameron Smith, Ben Sandles of Year 13) who are in 85th place, but only one point behind the 84 joint-leaders, after six of the eight rounds. A Year 11 team, Awesome Sauce (Ben Howe, Stuart Hosiene, Bas Hupje, James Pearson) are also not many points behind in 220th place out of over 1700 teams taking part. Points are awarded according to accuracy and time taken to crack ciphers that increase with difficulty – the final round normally defeats most teams even though they are given four weeks to solve it.

#### UK Senior Mathematics Challenges

Almost all Year 12 and 13 Mathematicians took part in the recent UK Senior Mathematics Challenge, which is the most widely recognised national Maths competition. Particular congratulations go to Stuart Baker (top-performing Year 13) and Alex Patton (top-performing Year 12 and qualifier for the Senior Kangaroo Challenge). Alex also represented us in the regional Senior Team Challenge, along with Matthew Hiller, Peter Yates (both Year 12) and Cameron Smith (Year 13). The students performed creditably to finish 13th out of 30 teams.

#### Year 10 and Year 11 Maths Exams

Year 10, and some Year 11 resit students, should be busily working towards the GCSE Module (Unit A) to be taken on 19th January. Year 10 did a mock just before the holiday, and whilst there were many encouraging results, there are others who have seriously underperformed. All will do a second mock on 9th January.

Over the break, please encourage your sons to make use of mymaths, mangahigh, dynamic-learning and especially the VLE where they will find the course 'GCSE Maths Unit A'. Here they will find links, revision powerpoints, practice and specimen papers and, as the exam time approaches, we shall put up real past papers and marks schemes.

#### Year 12 and 13 Maths Mocks and Exams

All students took a Maths mock in December, and whilst many performed close to target there were a number of poor results.

About 60 students have signed-up for our revision classes to be held during the Christmas holiday.



However, unlike some students, we view these sessions as a useful addition to their own revision and not a substitute for it. Students need to keep working through the past papers and other revision resources that have been provided including the links and powerpoints that are on the VLE. A second mock will be held on 4th/5th January. The actual exams are soon afterwards and the results for Year 12 will count towards their AS grade and the predicted grade that we shall be giving to universities next year.

*Mr Young, Head of Mathematics*

### Cooking Bus at TWGSB

TWGSB is one of around a hundred flagship schools in England for the Food for Life Partnership (FFLP) and we have recently achieved our Bronze Award, which means that we have been working hard to promote a positive food culture within the school and have developed a range of initiatives including food growing projects, farm visits, food and nutrition on the curriculum and a cashless system in our school meals catering. We are currently working on the environment of the dining hall by using some funds that we have won from FFLP to improve the acoustics and make the atmosphere more conducive to a pleasant dining experience.



As a reward for our efforts, we have recently enjoyed a visit from the FFLP Cooking Bus, which arrived in our playground on December 5th for a week. It was provided completely free of charge and the specialist teachers who organise the bus visits ran cooking sessions for some of our pupils, TWGSB staff, two local primary schools, our neighbouring school (St. Gregory's) and a local Eco Schools Club. We have also been given a fantastic cooking kit containing a wide range of cooking equipment that can be transported to any curriculum area in the school for use in a lesson where a teacher wants to develop a topic in a practical way around food, e.g. the production, distribution, culture or consumption of food.

This kit can also be loaned to local primary schools.

Our involvement with FFLP came about because some years ago we began a School Nutrition Action Group (SNAG) to raise awareness of food in the school. The SNAG committee consists of teachers, members of the school leadership team, the catering company, governors, parents and pupils. We meet approximately once a term to discuss and develop food projects and initiatives around the school. We would like to have the support of more parents on the committee, so if you are interested and would like to join us and contribute to this worthy cause, please contact Mr Tull at [njltull@twgsboys.kent.sch.uk](mailto:njltull@twgsboys.kent.sch.uk).

### Physical Education

Congratulations to the *Year 9 Basketball team* who have played some excellent basketball this term, defeating Hayesbrook (twice) Judd and drawing with Cranbrook. The squad narrowly missed out qualifying for the Final, but finished third in the League. Next term our Year 8 and 10 squads start their League games and are both expected to perform well. Special thanks to Lawrence Fallon (Year 12), Daniel Kommu and Jamie French (Year 10) who have regularly assisted in coaching or officiating in basketball matches or training sessions with all year groups.

*Mr Downing*

#### Football

The 1st XI, 2nd XI and 3rd XI Kent League campaigns are drawing to a climax. The 1st XI is a very young team with a great deal of potential with only three students in the squad being in Year 13. The team has improved significantly and has scored 41 goals in 12 league games. However, inexperience at this level and too many individual mistakes has stopped them from winning the league. Ben Williamson and Matt Cammish have represented the Kent Schools' U18 team whilst Matt has played for the Kent FA U18 team and scored a hat-trick in the national cup. The 2nd XI has had an excellent season and has a chance of winning the league with remaining home games against Harvey GS 2nd XI and Astor of Hever 1st XI. The 3rd XI has performed reasonably well in a league against 2nd XI teams from other schools.

The Year 12 U17 team has progressed to the Semi-Final of the Kent Cup with a 6-3 win over Bexley GS and a 4-1 victory away at Dane Court GS in Broadstairs. The team will play Northfleet Technology on Saturday 21st January 2012 at TWGSB.

The Year 11 A team produced an excellent performance away at Forest Hill in south London against unbeaten



opposition and won 3-1. In Round 5 (last 64) of the national cup the boys played some very attractive pass and move football but failed to take enough of the chances that were created eventually losing 3-1 to Brentwood County High School. In the Kent Cup, Valley Park was defeated 4-2 and in the New Year the A team will visit Oakwood Park GS in Maidstone in the Last 16. Rob Pratt, Christian Lawal, Oliver Moran, Sam Evemy and Matt Clark have all gained valuable experience playing for the U18 1st XI.

The Year 10 A team has had to play without some key players due to injury. The team lost to Chelmer Valley School from Essex in the national cup and 4-2 against St Gregory's in the Kent Cup. The boys responded by drawing 0-0 with a strong Glyn team and with all players free from injury next season have the potential to do well. Jamie Weller (10M) currently plays for Crystal Palace F.C.

The Year 9 A team beat Charles Darwin 3-1 and then suffered a disappointing 3-2 (AET) loss against Beths GS in the Kent Cup. The team responded well by recording a fine 2-1 win over Glyn which shows that this team has improved a great deal and should continue to do so.

The Year 8 A team has produced several good performances including a 7-3 win over Woolwich Polytechnic and a fine 4-2 victory away at Haberdasher's Knights Academy who were previously unbeaten. In an excellent national cup game away at William Parker the team drew 1-1 (AET) only to lose 4-3 on penalties. In the Quarter-Final of the Kent Cup the team lost 2-0 away against a strong and powerful St Columba's team in Bexleyheath. Eight of the boys have played for the West Kent District team and Max Borland (8M) currently plays for Crystal Palace F.C. There is real strength in depth with strong B and C teams. The B team had a fine 2-1 win over Wilson's and the C team had an emphatic 6-2 victory away at Sackville's B team.

Mr Price has been pleased with the enthusiasm shown by boys in Year 7. Despite having 70% possession against St Gregory's in the Kent Cup the team did not



U12 Football

take any of the numerous chances that were created and lost the tie 2-0. This was disappointing but the boys will have learnt a great deal from this game. The team lost 3-1 away against a strong Glyn side in Epsom but played some attractive football in the process.

Thanks to all the students and teachers involved for their efforts since the start of September.

Mr Menzies

Rugby

The U14 Rugby team have made a very impressive start to the season, winning the U14 Kent Shield. They beat Bishop Justice, Bethany, Oakwood Park Grammar and The Archbishop's school on route to the final – without conceding a single point. Under floodlights at Gravesend, cheered on by tremendous parental support. The TWGSB beat a much larger Howard side 24-10.



U14 Rugby

Following their Kent Shield win the previous year, the U15 team was entered into the Daily Mail Cup. Despite an early defeat at the hands of The Judd School, the U15s progress well in the Vase competition – including a comprehensive victory over Chaucer. The Year 10 team were eventually beaten by a last minute penalty, converted from the touch line, against Eltham Collage. Many thanks to Mr Mutch, who has helped with coaching the U15s this year.

All year groups play rugby next term. We will have a few A, B, and C team fixtures too so many boys will be able to experience playing competitive rugby.

Mr Douse

Junior Knole Run

On Friday 2nd December at Knole Park, Sevenoaks, the TWGSB cross country team produced a solid performance at the highly competitive Knole Junior Run (for Year 8 and below). After last year's cancellation



due to snow, it was many runners' first taste of a mass start, with over 300 runners tackling the hilly and very challenging two and quarter mile course.

After being somewhat swamped at the start by the huge field, Jamie Bingham (Y7) worked his way through the field and by the top of the first hill had moved into the top100, followed closely by Dominic Mawdsley (Y8), Tyler Adams (Y7) and Paul Patrick (Y7). As the race went on Jamie seemed to grow stronger and moved through to the top-75 by the top of the second hill. Dominic consolidated his place as our second scorer ahead of Tyler and Paul who were less than twenty yards apart as they passed Knole House. All our runners finished strongly, probably over-estimating the difficulty of the course, passing large numbers of runners down the long finishing straight.

At the finish Jamie recorded a pleasing 67th place, and should look to move up to a top-30 position when he's top of the age group next year. Dominic gained a respectable 122nd, with Tyler and Paul completing the scoring four. The team's other runner was Leo Macintyre who suffered a stitch but battled on to gain a top-250 place finish, leaving a trail of runners in his wake.

*Dr Newbold*

**Stop Press**

Congratulations to Miles Cronin (Year 9) who was awarded his 1st dan (black belt) in Shokodan Aikido. He is one of the youngest people in the country to have been awarded a black belt. This is a fantastic achievement and is typical of the many talented youngsters we have in the school in numerous sports.

*Mr Downing, Head of PE*

**Lego Robotics – First Lego League Kent Final**

Ten members of the Lego Robotics club went to the University of Kent in Canterbury for the Kent and Medway First Lego League Final on Tuesday 22nd November



2011. The boys did well, achieving third position on the way into the semi-final but were unfortunately knocked out at this stage. They were praised on the technical design of their robot.

*Mr Goddard and Mr Robson*

**TWGSB Careers Fair**

Over the course of three evenings in November, students in Year 11, 12 and 13 from TWGSB, The Skinners' School and TWGGS along with their parents, were invited to attend specific Careers talks from individual speakers. Previous Careers Fairs in which each profession had its own stand in a shared area generated feedback which suggested some improvements were needed and so it was decided to try out a new format which appeared to work really well! This year's Careers Fair saw each of the evenings having a different theme and talks reserved in advance.

TWGSB's theme was Finance and Business, IT and Engineering. Speakers working in these professions each gave a presentation followed by a question and answer session in separate classrooms.

In between talks, a general careers information area was also available, giving people the opportunity to browse stands from Gap Year organisers, Student Finance, Apprenticeships, Connexions and also find out about more about university admissions and 'what university is really like' from an admissions tutor and student ambassador from Sussex University. Several companies who gave presentations also had stands in the general area. Faithful and Gould a local company who gave presentations from the perspective of a Quantity Surveyor and also a Project Manager, also had a stand so that everyone could see the wide variety of occupations available within their Profession. AXA PPP also had a stand as well as delivering a presentation. They too were there to inform students of the wide range of careers on offer with them, as well as promoting their graduate scheme.

The feedback we have received from students and parents alike suggest that the evening was a great success. Many of the speakers such as Santander Bank, who operated a more informal drop-in information session found the evening very productive, and have expressed a keen interest in being involved in our next careers fair which is fantastic news for our students.

We would like to thank everyone who contributed to making this evening such a success including all the parents and students that attended. In particular, we would like to thank the speakers who gave of their time so freely, not only during the evening but in their thorough

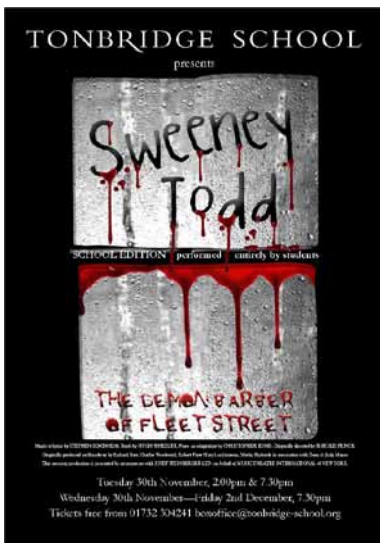


preparation in advance. We do hope that the experience was not only interesting but productive in supporting our students on their journey to selecting the right career path for them.

*Mrs Baker, Assistant Headteacher and Mrs Hollins, Careers Coordinator*

### Year 9 Theatre Trip

On the 29th of November the whole of Year 9 went to see a production of 'Sweeney Todd' performed by students at Tonbridge School in the EM Forster Theatre. Both staff and students were amazed by the high quality of the performance and we all forgot we were watching a school production rather than a West End show. We would like to express our gratitude to Tonbridge School for making us so welcome and facilitating this fantastic trip.



*Mrs Fedrick, Humanities TA*

### Personal Social Health and Economic Education

To keep you informed and to give you the opportunity to discuss some of these matters with your boys, I have listed below a selection of topics that we have covered this term in PSHE Education.

#### Year 7, 8 and 9

- Values – What we consider to be most important in our lives
- Emotional development
- How to prevent bullying
- Relationships
- Current political issues – What they would do to make the world a better place

#### Presentations from the following

- PC Vernon Barker on staying safe and managing risk
- Young carers on taking care of others
- Citizens Advice Bureau
- Alcoholics Anonymous – Year 9
- Careers Service – Year 9
- Armed Forces: Presentation on Afghanistan – Year 9

#### Year 10 and 11

This term we have had presentations from the Fire Service and looked at the following:

- Racism in sport,
- Study skills
- Relationships
- Drugs Education
- Transitions

*Mrs Green, PSHE Education*

Year 13 (2010-2011) return to school for their celebration evening

