



Dear Tytherington Families,

It gives me great pleasure to give you a round-up of this week as well as touch upon some of the exciting things that have taken place this term. We write to you every fortnight so please feel free to access our Headteacher's Notes archive to get a sense of all the things we get up to in school: <http://www.tytheringtonschool.co.uk/category/news/headteacher/>

This edition includes:

- We update you on our fundraising efforts for Teenage Cancer Trust who are our charity of the term
- Mr O'Brien, Head of Year 9, is our member of staff in profile. We also get to meet one of our Vice Chair of Governors, Jane Stephens.
- The finale of our inaugural Darts Competition
- We catch-up with a group of Year 7 students we interviewed back in September to see how they are getting on now.
- A special sports round-up edition

## LET'S CATCH-UP WITH YEAR 7



### Students are thrilled with new school

YEAR seven students at Tytherington School have been sharing their excitement as they start their high school careers.

Tytherington School has welcomed nearly 200 new pupils to its classrooms this month, with the new cohort already settling in and making new friends.

Reuben Halsey, who has come to the high school from Rainow Primary School, said: "I have made lots of new friends. I already knew quite a few of the other students because of the sport which takes place at Tytherington."

Reuben said he enjoys maths and loved the Maths Challenge which the school runs every year for year six students in the local area.

He added that the older kids have made them feel very welcome.

Most of the students had come to Open Evening last September, including George Lomas from Adlington Primary



Year seven students Reuben Halsey, George Lomas, Nathan Lloyd, Charlie Coldwell, Aliza Bawiany and Lily Fallon have been sharing their stories with headteacher Manny Botwe

and Charlie Coldwell from Park Royal Primary.

George said he was looked after by the older students.

He said: "I was greeted by an older student and helped to find my way around school by someone in Year eight".

Lily Fallon said the fact that international

footballer Izzy Christiansen was a pupil at Tytherington helped make her choice easier, and Aliza Bawiany, who has come to Tytherington School from Hursthead Junior School in Cheadle Hulme, has already signed up for several clubs.

Headteacher Manny Botwe, said: "It is really important that the new Year seven feel really comfortable."

"We encourage the older students to look after the younger ones and invest in team-building activities for our new starters. We are really excited by what they will achieve."

You may recall that back in September we interviewed a group of Year 7s to discuss their hopes for the year ahead. We interviewed them a few months later to see how they were getting on. Left to right: George Lomas, Nathan Lloyd, Lily Fallon, Aliza Bawany, Reuben Halsey and Charlie Coldwell.

George Lomas joined us in September from Adlington Primary. He is a cricket fanatic. Nathan Lloyd came from Puss Bank. Nathan says: "I have been involved in lots of things. I have played for the school rugby team and I enjoy the badminton club." Lily Fallon has set her sights on emulating the achievement of former Rainow and Tytherington student, Izzy Christiansen. She is well on the way to achieving this having played in the all conquering Year 7 Girls Football team who recently won the Macclesfield and District title. Aliza joined us from a primary school in Cheadle. She says: "I really enjoy Science, History and Graphics. I have also got involved in the afterschool badminton club." Reuben joined us from Rainow School. His current favourite subjects are Food Technology, Maths and Resistant Materials. He also regularly takes part in the range of extra curricular opportunities including music and hockey. Charlie Coldwell came from Park Royal School. He also takes part in the after school music club and football on Mondays. He enjoys art and says that "Mr Graham makes it fun." Well done to the Year 7s for settling in so well.

## PLEASE GET INVOLVED IN THE CAMPAIGN FOR FAIRER FUNDING

The government is consulting on proposals for changes to school funding that will result in a £9.3 million reduction to education funding in Cheshire East, with 131 out of 146 schools seeing a reduction in funding. At present Cheshire East is one of the worst funded local authorities in the country (145th out of 150) at £4,209 per child. The new proposals make Cheshire East the worst funded local authority at only £4,122 per child, which is £87 less per child than now.

If we received the national average per secondary school child of £4,732 per child, this would amount to an extra £628,000 per year for us.

Tytherington School will lose £61,000 per year plus the loss of the Education Support Grant of £79,000 which is a loss of £140,000 per year, which is 2.7% of our budget.

All schools in Cheshire East and Cheshire East Council are working together to challenge these grossly unfair proposals. We believe our children are being discriminated against as a result of the postcode of their school.

We ask for your support in the matter and we strongly urge you to:

Respond directly to the government's consultation by 22 March 2017 at:

<https://consult.education.gov.uk/funding-policy-unit/schools-national-funding-formula2/>

Contact our local MP, David Rutley ([david.rutley.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:david.rutley.mp@parliament.uk)), who is campaigning on our behalf, to express your concerns about the consequences of this funding formula for us.

We are committed to ensure children in Cheshire East have the same opportunities as children in other local authorities. I really appreciate your support and understanding on this matter and please do contact me if you have any questions.

In light of these cuts to school budgets, I will be writing to parents in the next few weeks about our fundraising plans to ensure that we continue to provide youngsters with an excellent standard of education.

On Tuesday night ITV News produced a report on 'are schools in Cheshire schools being unfairly penalised?'

You can see the report using this link: <http://www.itv.com/news/granada/update/2017-02-14/watch-are-cheshire-schools-being-unfairly-penalised/>



# Department for Education

## JAMES "HIT AND QUIT" WALTON WINS THE TYTHERINGTON DARTS OPEN



This half term excitement amongst the students has been at fever pitch with the Tytherington Darts Open taking place. In the semi-finals James 'Hit & Quit' Walton breezed past the Ben 'The Bomber' Broadhurst winning 2-0. The other semi was a close affair with 'Bullseye' Ben Jones defeating Matt 'The Soaring Arrow' Christopherson 2-1.

The final took place under the bright lights in the main hall in a best of five legs affair. The unflappable James Walton turned in another measured display as he strolled to victory 5-0. James had a three dart average of 73. This could mark him out as a future PDC star. After half term Mr Acreman will be starting a Darts club on Tuesday lunchtime. Another whole school tournament is planned for later in the school year.

## TEENAGE CANCER TRUST FUNDRAISING

This term, forms have been asked to all try to do an event for Teenage Cancer Trust. These have ranged from sponsored silence, cake sales, chocolate to sponge the teachers. We have also done a whole school non-uniform. To launch the charity focus, Vanessa Simmons from Teenage Cancer Trust came in to present assemblies to all the Houses so students were informed about what the charity does and why it is so important to help out.

A group of year 11, 12 and 13 students have also done a bucket collection at Macclesfield football ground, and collected money out and about in their local area. These pupils will also be performing in a catwalk show in aid of the charity which is held at the Manchester Airport concord visitors centre on Friday 31st March. The event is called Runway on the Runway and is held every two years with schools in the Cheshire and greater Manchester area being asked to take part. Tytherington have been asked every year because of our highly successful fundraising. Tickets for the event can be purchased from [www.runwayontherunway.co.uk](http://www.runwayontherunway.co.uk) it is always a brilliant night where we raise thousands of pounds and would be great to loudly cheer on our pupils and staff that will be performing.

By the end of the week we will have raised over £3500 for Teenage Cancer Trust.

**Just a reminder that the Second Wood Street mission collection is being picked up on the first day back after half term which is on Tuesday 28th February.**



## MR O'BRIEN IN PROFILE

### *Where do you live?*

I currently live in Stockport in a small village called Marple.

### *How long have you worked at Tytherington?*

I'm currently in my sixth year at Tytherington, although it seems like only yesterday when I started!

### *What did you do before you came to Tytherington?*

I worked as a Learning Supervisor at a school in Stockport. It was a great school and helped me take the next steps into training to become a teacher.

### *Did you always want to become a teacher?*

For a time, I wanted to be a professional ice hockey player for the Toronto Maple Leafs but decided that teaching was much better! I really made my mind up to become a teacher when volunteering at a charity school in India after finishing my degree.

### *What is your typical day like?*

I don't think a 'typical day' exists for me! It starts early and finishes late but no day is ever the same. As a teacher, I have my set lessons where I can go from teaching Year 7 about life in the Middle Ages to teaching the significance of the 1911 Parliament Act with Year 12. As a Head of Year, I get to work closely with Year 9 students in a number of different areas. It could mean helping them make their choices for KS4 or offering pastoral support to students and their families. It means that you never quite know where the day is going to take you.

### *What is your favourite part of the job?*

As a teacher, I love the feeling you get when you know that students have really been thinking about your lesson because their still talking about it as they leave the room. As a Head of Year, it's great to see students you have supported reach a point where they no longer need you there at their side because they have learnt the skills to manage. It's currently great to see how mature the Year 11s have become as they were my first group of Year 9s.

### *What were your favourite subjects at school?*

History of course! There is no surprise that I loved my History lessons and enjoyed the stories as well as the analytical challenges it offered. I was also a big fan of Geography, English and Physics and loved study Psychology at A-Level.

### *What do you do outside of school, what are your hobbies?*

I love travelling to new places and meeting new people so will take any opportunity to disappear to a foreign land. When I get time, I love to read and to spend time outdoors. I also like the odd game of squash or badminton but alas, my dreams of an ice hockey career are currently on hold!

### *What are your ambitions for the future?*

My current ambitions lie very closely with Tytherington and I'm really enjoying seeing our school go from strength to strength. It's been great to be a part of the changes and can't wait to see what the next chapter has to offer. I am also hoping to complete a Masters Degree in Education in the not too distant future as you are never too old to learn something new!

### *What advice would you give Tytherington students for the future?*

To never be afraid of what may never come but instead focus on the opportunities that are yet to appear. It is often too easy to give up or never try when we are worried about something. Although harder, taking on challenges and adversity can often be much more rewarding. Never be afraid of the unknown, embrace it!



## JANE STEPHENS: GOVERNOR IN PROFILE

### *Family Life*

I live in Tytherington with my husband John - we have lived here for over 20 years now. We have seen both our daughters lay great foundations for their lives with the help of Tytherington School.

### *What do you do?*

The governor role is not hands on - we are here to set the vision, ethos and strategic direction. We are also responsible for ensuring Mr Botwe and the team deliver against that strategy. We provide support and challenge to the school team to ensure that all pupils get the best outcomes possible. And what does that look like in practice..... A lot of reading and understanding information for meetings and then asking Mr Botwe lots of searching questions. It is also important to be in school sometimes and to meet pupils and staff to get a feeling for how things are on a day to day basis.



### *Why did you want to become a governor?*

To give something back to the school and the local community.

### *What is the most satisfying part of the role?*

Seeing the school continue to improve which means that more and more pupils have access to the futures they want.

### *What do you see as being the key strengths of the school?*

The key areas for me are:

- a rich and varied curriculum, inside and outside the classroom, that helps pupils to develop all aspects of themselves
- great pastoral care and support
- fabulous staff that work so hard to enable pupils to get the best results they can

### *What were your favourite subjects at school?*

Maths and science ,although I did enjoy most subjects.

### *What are your hobbies and interests?*

I enjoy running and have been running for over 10 years now. (If you had told me this when I was at school I wouldn't have believed it). I ran Ben Smith's 401st marathon in Bristol (he came in to school in April) and am running the London Marathon this year.

I have recently taken up the clarinet again after many, many years and now play in a band which is great fun – fortunately there are lots of helpful and supportive people in the band as I am still finding it quite a challenge.

On a more restful note I enjoy reading. Being a member of 2.5(!) book groups I always have lots of great suggestions for my next read.

### *What piece of advice would you give Tytherington students for the future?*

Whatever you do, enjoy it and give it 100%. There may also be times when a change of direction is needed – don't be afraid to stop and change what you are doing if it is not right for you.

### *Would you be interested in becoming a governor?*

We will be advertising for a Parent Governor in the near future. If you would like to find out more than please contact the school and Mr Botwe will be delighted to tell you a bit more about the role. Watch this space.

## PREPARATION FOR THE MACCLESFIELD GARDEN FESTIVAL



As you may be aware, the inaugural The Macclesfield Garden Festival is being organised by award winning garden designer (and one of our parents), [Jon Tilley](#), who came up with the idea to create beautiful temporary gardens around the town for a weekend in May. All of the Macclesfield Secondary Schools will be involved in decorating the Town Hall. Here's a sneak preview of how some of our designs are going.

## TYTHERINGTON EXCEL AT CHESHIRE TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

On the 7<sup>th</sup> February a number of students took part in the Cheshire Schools Table Tennis Championships at Halton stadium Widnes. Over 20 different schools were taking part. I am pleased to report we had some excellent results. Year 11 student Amber Simpson came runner up in the U16s girls' competition. Year 8 students Alasdair Spray and Sam Jordan were both defeated semi-finalists in the U13s boys' competition. Year 13 student Adam Smith, having reached the later stages of the Championships for a number of years, was crowned Cheshire champion following a tense and dramatic final beating his opponent from Wade Deacon School 11-9, 9-11, 11-9. Pictured are Adam Smith and Amber Simpson.



## LADY TAVERNERS INDOOR CRICKET COMPETITION



The Lady Taverners Indoor Cricket Competition has eligibility for two different age groups :U13s and U15s. The U15s competition took place this term. The Tytherington team was made up of novice cricketers and they faced some stiff competition with all the other teams featuring at least one County Cricketer. The Girls, who had received training from the Cricket Development & Coaching Officer over the last half term, played amazingly well and finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

The U13s also took part in the tournament this term. After a very closely fought battle between Tytherington, Fallibroome and Wilmslow, Tytherington were crowned Champions and will now go through to represent Macclesfield in the County Final of the competition in March. Good luck girls.



## PRIMARY SEND FESTIVAL

In January, Tytherington School hosted the Macclesfield School Sports Partnership's Primary SEND Festival. There were over 20 Sports Leaders from Tytherington School who expertly led activities based around Tri Golf, target games, ball skills and skipping. Seven Primary schools attended the event and a fun time was had by all. Rosie Harris the Macclesfield SSP's School Games Organiser commented, "The festival has been a huge success, the Tytherington leaders were absolutely fantastic!"



## MSSP SCHOOL GAMES U15 VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

Since introducing volleyball to the curriculum, Tytherington students have shown great enthusiasm for the sport and have worked hard to develop their skills. The Year 10 girls in particular have gone from strength to strength and entered the MSSP Volleyball Tournament for the first time this year. Despite this being their first year in the competition, they worked incredibly well as a team and went on to win the overall competition, qualifying for the County Championships as undefeated champions! We look forward to hosting the County Championships here at Tytherington on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March and cheering on our U15 Tytherington Girls' Volleyball Team. Good luck to Hannah Broomhead, Libby Ferris, Lauren Wittig, Anna Luckman, Mya Oldfield and Fern Upton!



## VOLLEYBALL LEADERSHIP COURSE

In addition to our fantastic volleyball players, we have also provided our students with the opportunity of becoming volleyball leaders and referees. We have been incredibly lucky to have the expertise and experience of Volleyball Referee, Lenny Barry, at school when he ran an afternoon's programme of training for our students. Students demonstrated professionalism, confidence and fairness as well as developing leadership and organisational skills through their participation in the course. We look forward to them utilising their new found refereeing and leadership skills when we host this year's Cheshire East School Games Volleyball County Final!

## RUGBY UPDATE

### Rugby

Throughout this current academic year we have witnessed an encouraging change in the rugby landscape at Tytherington School. Training numbers have increased significantly, as have the number of competitive fixtures played against other local schools. To date we have played competitive fixtures across years 7, 8 and 9 against schools such as Cheadle Hulme, Hazel Grove, Poynton, Kingsway and Fallibroome. We have witnessed some fantastic performances over the past few months and more encouragingly introduced a number of new players to the game.



### Upcoming fixtures

Thankfully, there is still a lot of rugby to look forward to over the coming months with fixtures organised against Audenshaw, Marple Hall and Poynton. In addition, year 7 (Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March), year 8 (Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March) and year 9 (Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March) will be attending the Cheshire Emerging Schools Festivals. We would like to thank all of the boys involved for their efforts so far this year and we hope to keep up the good work and continue to grow the game in our school. Congratulations to all the boys involved. Keep it up!



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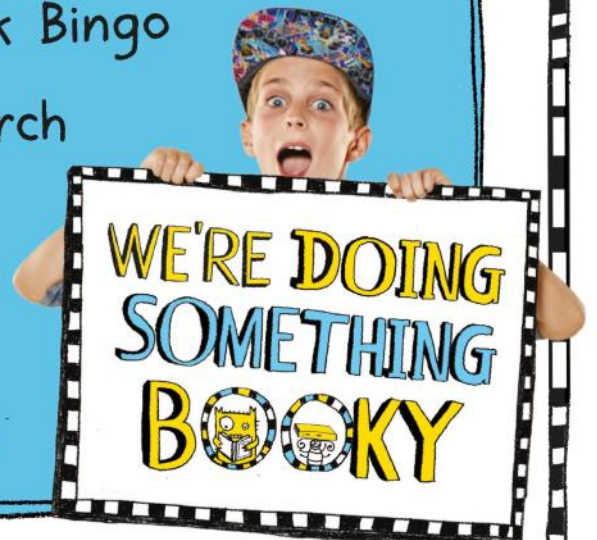
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*To celebrate World Book Day  
we are having a week of exciting activities!*

**WEEK BEGINNING 27<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2017**

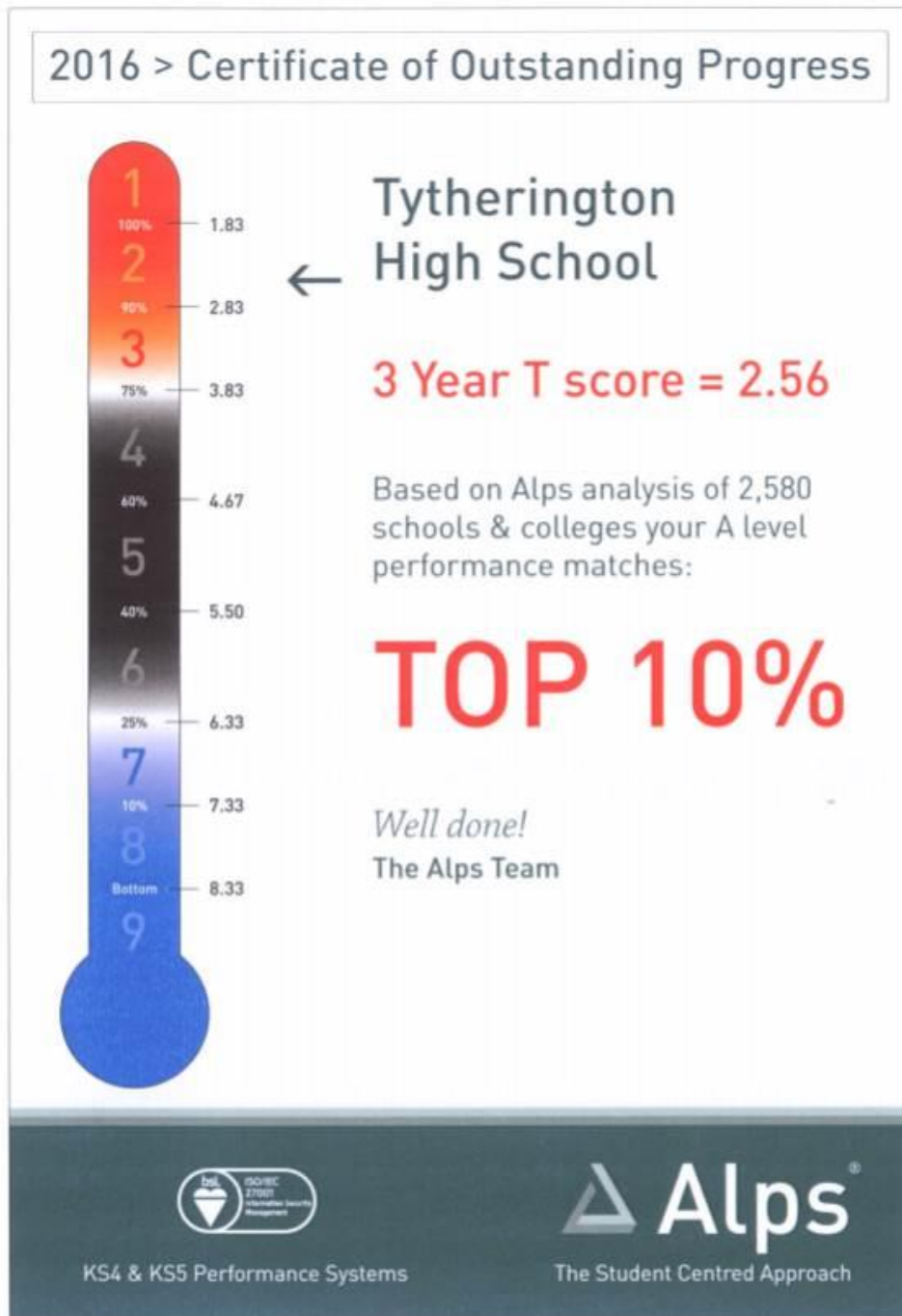
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- 2 Competitions
- 3 Book Bingo
- 4 Quizzes
- 5 Word Search
- 6 Meet an Author
- 7 Student Book Exchange
- 8 Mad Hatter's Tea Party



**Prizes for all winners**

In the Library every Lunchtime

# CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 6TH FORM TEAM



And finally...this week we received official confirmation that the 6th Form is ranked in the top 10% based on its results across the last three years. Above is a copy of our certificate. This is a fantastic achievement. Well done to wonderful 6th Form team.

Have a wonderful half-term break!

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