



## Merry Christmas



*Dear Tytherington Families,*

Well done for another great term at Tytherington School. Particular congratulations go to the year 7 who have settled so well. As with all our Headteacher's Notes, this edition is a snapshot of what we have been doing in school over the last fortnight. Below, I have included pictures of the wonderful Christmas House Pantomines which took place yesterday. We hope you enjoy this edition. If you would like to see other editions of *Headteacher's Notes*, please visit: <http://www.tytheringtonschool.co.uk/category/news/headteacher/>

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## YEAR 11 AWARDS EVENING BY MR PEPPER

On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December, students from our Year 11 cohort of 2017, parents, governors and staff packed into the main hall to enjoy a night of celebration at Tytherington School's annual Year 11 Awards Evening.

Following thought-provoking speeches from our Headteacher Mr Botwe, Mr Pepper, Head of Year 11, and our Chair of Governors, Mrs Jane Stephens, students were cheered as they received their examination certificates, before pastoral and academic awards were given out to recognise individual achievement.

Three additional awards were also celebrated on the evening, including the "Wendy Pennington Prize for English", the "Guy Wharton Award for Endeavour", and our "Headteacher's Award".



The Wendy Pennington Prize for English is presented in memory of Mrs Pennington who was Head of English at Tytherington School and a champion of the subject of English. The winner of this year's award was Thomas Peacock who also received a cheque for £100 alongside his trophy. Tom would have been a worthy winner of this award within any of his subjects, however, achieving a grade 7 in English Language and a grade 6 in English Literature when he was predicted grade 4s was a remarkable achievement.

Tom is an example to us all of what can be achieved through hard work and 100% commitment. Things were not always easy for Tom and at times he may have felt like giving up, but he didn't. He utilised the support on offer and demonstrated a resilience that ensured his success. We are extremely grateful for the Pennington family for their generous donations to the school.

### GREATEST GAIN AWARD

SUBJECT	WINNER
ART	Paul Downes
RELIGIOUS STUDIES	Natalya Corn
BUSINESS	Amber Allen
CHILD DEVELOPMENT	Jasmine Moss
COMPUTER SCIENCE	Luke Stanliand
DRAMA	Zachary Lonyon
ENGLISH	Iqra Bisiketi
FRENCH	Madeleine Gibney
GEOGRAPHY	Janjira Hinkaew
GERMAN	Charlie Blood
HISTORY	James Walton
ICT	Aaron Cooper
MATHEMATICS	Adam Worthington
MUSIC	Emilie Juif
PHYSICAL EDUCATION	Adam Windows
PSYCHOLOGY	Chloe Barber
BIOLOGY	Oliver Sadler
CHEMISTRY	Scott Steedman
PHYSICS	Sergiusz Chaba
ADDITIONAL SCIENCE	Charlotte Dudley
SPANISH	Zavier Wilson

### ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

SUBJECT	WINNER
ART	Jasmine Cross
RELIGIOUS STUDIES	Sebastian Roberts
BUSINESS	Harry James
CHILD DEVELOPMENT	Caitlyn Lloyd
COMPUTER SCIENCE	Alexander Reed
DRAMA	Daisy Taylor
ENGLISH	Anna Langston
FRENCH	Elise Bowmaker
GEOGRAPHY	Amy Mullins
GERMAN	Elizabeth Caunt
HISTORY	Alicia Ledbury
ICT	Lee Rowson
MATHEMATICS	James Storey
MUSIC	Rachel Warrington
PHYSICAL EDUCATION	Oliver Sadler
PSYCHOLOGY	Maya Dagdelen
BIOLOGY	Nicole Vickerstaff
CHEMISTRY	George Richardson
PHYSICS	Amber Simpson
ADDITIONAL SCIENCE	Adam Worthington
SPANISH	Iris Smith

## YEAR 11 AWARDS EVENING CONTINUED

### FORM TUTOR AWARD

#### WINNER

Joe Helliwell  
Natalya Corn  
Maya Dagdelen  
William Stubbs  
Kimberley Perry  
Matthew Willis

#### FORM

11LB/TP  
11CT  
11LT  
11ML  
11PP  
11RR

The “Guy Wharton Award for Endeavour”, has been named in memory of Mr Guy Wharton who tragically passed away two years ago. Guy was a much loved and very well respected member of staff at Tytherington School and it was in some way comforting that we preserved the memory of such a talented and inspirational teacher during an event like this.

The winner of the Wharton award was Kelsey Watson. Throughout her early years at Tytherington, Kelsey had to deal with several barriers to achievement, which she over-

came with flying colours. At the beginning of Yr10 many would have said achieving Bs and Cs in all eight of her GCSEs was almost impossible, however, she did exactly that. A remarkable example of endeavour from a very deserving winner.

The “Headteachers Award” was presented to Amber Simpson. Amber encompasses all of the qualities we expect from a Tytherington student. Ambitious, resilient and hardworking, she achieved a truly incredible set of results last year. Three grade 9s and 7 and a half A\*s.

Alongside her studies Amber was involved in a number of extra-curricular sports team throughout her time at the school and volunteered for countless whole school, sports leadership and transition events. A sometimes quiet and reserved individual, she demonstrated an internal motivation to succeed that was unsurpassed by many. A\* results by an all-round A\* student.

A fantastic evening that was enjoyed by all. We would like to thank all that attended and look forward to the future achievements of our students from the “Class of 2017”.



## CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY - FRIDAY 15TH DECEMBER

Tytherington's annual Christmas Jumper day took place last Friday with both staff and students getting in the festive spirit by wearing a variety of novelty jumpers. This year money raised was in support of Cancer Research UK, with sixth form students Zoe Driver and Victoria Allen raising over £500 to add to their Just Giving total. They have put together the Just Giving page.

Picking the winner of the best Novelty Christmas Jumper was particularly difficult with such a variety of jumpers on show. First place in the student category was Mia Share in Year 9 and second place to Susannah Bridget in Year 8. The staff competition was won by Mr Watson who brought in five different jumpers for each lesson of the day! A big well done to all that took the time to take part!



From left to right: James McGuinness, Alfie Taylor, Thomas Roberts



## TYTHERINGTON DRAGONS TAKE TEAM PRIZE

A group of our Year 10 Advanced Learners – Madeleine Blunn, Annie James, Matilda Bird, Lewis Peal, Eve Halsey, Fiona Bridge, Ella Wharton and Amy Stubbs- have been taking part in the Manchester Airport Enterprise Dragon's Den Competition. The competition includes over 20 schools in the Manchester and surrounding areas and involves some fierce competition! As part of the project, students are given the opportunity to design, manufacture and sell a product of their own creation to raise money for a local charity. The brief for the product is that it should be a gift to sell to family and friends at Christmas time, retailing at no more than £5.00.



Well, our devoted dragons snapped up this opportunity with gusto! After a bit of focused market research, they quickly came up with their product – a luxury cookie mix to be sold in three flavours : chocolate chip (the popular choice), raisin (the “healthy” choice) and cinnamon (the Christmassy one). The team branded the product under the name “Mix ‘n Munch” and Lewis quickly set to work designing labels setting up a twitter feed to make sure the product was well publicised.

Chairperson and team leader Madeleine took charge early on, and soon had her team running like clockwork. Annie James, Finance Coordinator, managed to secure some donations of ingredients from local supermarkets to help with costs, and soon the business was well underway. Fiona used her artistic talents to design posters for the sales opportunities, giving the product a high-end, artisan appeal.

Matilda was instrumental in securing two vital sales opportunities at Rode Hall markets, at which the team sold over £400 of cookie mix just at the first event!

The team spent the Rose Day in November busily baking cookies to sell at Manchester Airport, and all agreed they were delicious. Eve was our very own Mary Berry, advising on matters of baking finesse and expertise. Ella and Amy proved worthy saleswomen at the Airport Sales opportunity, taking their baskets of cookies out to the general public.

At the Grand Final on December 11<sup>th</sup>, Tytherington won two prizes – a trophy for best team presentation (well done, team!), and a prize for Madeleine as one of the three most impressive individuals in the boardroom (well done, Mad-dy!). The team was rewarded with pizza and goodie bags, as well as the prestigious trophy. Overall, our team raised £1053 for the East Cheshire Hospice, which was a great result. Mrs. Burke remarked “To be honest, I think our team outshone Lord Alan’s apprentices this year – they did an amazing job”.

# YEAR 13 AWARDS EVENING



On the evening of Monday December 18th we celebrated the achievements of our former Year 13 students who left us in June 2017. It was a real pleasure to see so many students return to school to receive their certificates and awards and to catch up with teachers and friends they hadn't seen for some time. We were joined on stage by our Vice Chair of Governors, Jason Gaunt, and our Guest Speaker, Jack Hutchison, son of Mr Hutchison, who left Tytherington Sixth Form in 2010.

Since leaving Tytherington Jack has achieved a first class degree in English Literature from Oxford University, worked in television and is now doing a Masters Degree in Political Theory at the London School of Economics. In his inspirational speech, Jack talked about the important part Tytherington School has played in his life and he encouraged the students in front of him to be bold in their ambitions and aspirations.

Following the awarding of the examination certificates by form tutors, the subject awards, for progress and achievement, were presented by Jason Gaunt.

The winners of these awards were as follows:

## ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

SUBJECT	WINNER
ART	Samantha Bailey
BUSINESS	Faye Jones
COMPUTING	Oscar Tracey-Prior
DRAMA	Amy Leech
ENGLISH	Eleanor Smith
FRENCH	Rosie Irwin Holbrey
GEOGRAPHY	Caitlin Leicester
GOVERNMENT & POLITICS	Douglas Skelton
HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE	Natasha Houghton
GERMAN	Emily Laffan
HISTORY	Eleanor Smith
FURTHER MATHEMATICS	Elisha Zeiss
MATHEMATICS	James Alexander
MUSIC	Toby Mayne
MUSIC TECH	Douglas Skelton
PHYSICAL EDUCATION	Megan Graves
PSYCHOLOGY	Rachel Helliwell
BIOLOGY	Megan Stephens
CHEMISTRY	Miles Pemberton
PHYSICS	James Alexander
APPLIED SCIENCE	Thomas Crewe
SPANISH	Imogen Hobson
SOCIOLOGY	Chloe Crosby
TECHNOLOGY	Samantha Bailey

## GREATEST GAIN AWARD

SUBJECT	WINNER
ART	Francesca Smith
BUSINESS	Catherine Whitham
COMPUTING	George Housden
DRAMA	Toby Mayne
ENGLISH	Lily Brown
FRENCH	Chloe Crosby
GEOGRAPHY	Bradley Fowlds
GOVERNMENT & POLITICS	Tomas Williamson
HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE	Natasha Houghton
GERMAN	Hannah Munday
HISTORY	Douglas Skelton
IT	Samantha Bailey
FURTHER MATHEMATICS	Ryan Renshaw
MATHEMATICS	Thomas Smith
MUSIC	Tomas Williamson
MUSIC TECH	Alex Holt
PHYSICAL EDUCATION	Liberty Allan
PSYCHOLOGY	Lucy Juif
BIOLOGY	Alice Maitland
CHEMISTRY	Rosie Irwin Holbrey
PHYSICS	Elisha Zeiss
APPLIED SCIENCE	Lauren Wilkinson
SPANISH	Imogen Hobson
SOCIOLOGY	Oliver Simkiss
TECHNOLOGY	Robert Needham

## YEAR 13 AWARDS EVENING CONTINUED

### SPECIAL AWARDS

#### WILF RENSHAW TECHNOLOGY AWARD

Robert Needham

#### JENNY SYKES AWARD

Eleanor Scott

#### ROY DEWINGS AWARD FOR ENGLISH

Taran Spivey

#### WHARTON AWARD FOR ENDEAVOUR

Rosemary Ogden

#### OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO GIRLS' SPORT

Eleanor Harris

#### OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO BOYS' SPORT

Benjamin Walton

#### CONTRIBUTION TO THE ARTS

Rosemary Ogden

#### CONTRIBUTION TO EXTRA-CURRICULAR MUSIC

Jack Staniland

#### OVERALL ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Thomas Smith  
Serena Lu

#### CONTRIBUTION TO THE ARTS & ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Rachel Helliwell  
Amy Leech

#### SHEFFIELD HALLAM ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Oliver Simkiss



There followed then a number of special awards and in a year group with so many talented students, teachers had a difficult job narrowing it down to one student in each category.

The Overall Academic Achievement (Male) was awarded to Tom Smith for his achievements in Mathematics and Science. Tom blossomed during his time in the Sixth Form and is now studying Natural Sciences at Cambridge University. In his Mathematics A level he achieved 586 out of a possible 600 marks, an amazing achievement, which has seen him burst into the all time top ten of the leader board at school!

The Overall Academic Achievement Award (Female) was awarded to Serena Lu, an incredibly talented mathematician and scientist who is now studying Medicine at University. In her time in the Sixth Form, she combined great academic talent with modesty, an inexhaustible work ethic and great ambition, and she managed to pack so much into her time: she is a talented pianist, worked part time in retail, participated in the Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme, and spent 4 weeks volunteering in Cambodia.

The Wharton Endeavour Award was won by Rosie Ogden, a student who achieved her potential through exceptional hard work and by embracing all the opportunities that the school and the community offered. We were

delighted that Fran Wharton, Guy's wife, was able to join us and present this award in Guy's name.

The Jenny Sykes Award was won by Eleanor Scott. Jenny Sykes was a former student of Tytherington who tragically passed away when she was in Year 12. The award in Jenny's name goes to someone who has achieved well despite having to deal with a number of challenges along the way. We are grateful to Jenny's parents for coming to our presentation evening each year to present this award.

Other special awards were: The Wilf Renshaw Award for Technology, won by an extremely talented student, Robert Needham, who was the first student to achieve A\* in two Design Technology subjects at GCSE, and he then went on to achieve A\* in his Product Design A level; the Roy Dewings Award for English was won by Taran Spivey who was a great ambassador for literature and poetry in the Sixth Form as well as being a prolific writer himself; Awards for Extra Curricular Music / Contributions to the Arts were won by Jack Staniland, Rosie Ogden, Amy Leech and Rachel Helliwell; the Sheffield Hallam Award for Academic Achievement was won by Oliver Simkiss and finally, Eleanor Harris and Ben Walton were worthy winners of the Awards for Outstanding Contributions to Sport.

We would like to thank all that attended our awards evening and look forward to the future achievements of our students in the "Class of 2017"!



## PE UPDATE

### Football Update

The recent bad weather has wreaked havoc with fixtures this past fortnight. The 6<sup>th</sup> form have been the most active team losing 4-2 against Lymm High School in the Cheshire Cup. This past week we claimed an impressive 6-2 victory against Manchester Enterprise Academy in the ESFA North West Regional League with livewire Harry Whittam scoring a well taken hat trick. This game also featured Yr 10 students Finn Proffitt and Ben Yardley who also got on the score sheet. At the half way point of the season the 6<sup>th</sup> form are in the top half of the league and will hope to challenge for a top three finish. After Christmas we have fixtures against Cheadle Hulme High, Westholme School, Wilmslow High School, Magull High School and Crompton House.

The Yr 11 team have done fantastically well to reach round 5 of the ESFA Cup. In round 4 we beat Cedar Mount Academy 2-1 in a determined display. After the Christmas break we take on Wright Robinson School at home. The winner of this fixture will play Manchester Grammar School in round 6.

The Yr 7 B team are the other remaining team in the ESFA Cup after a couple of fantastic wins we again meet Wright Robinson at home on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January. The draw for the Macclesfield & District Cups have taken place the first round games are due to take place before February half term.

Year 7 v Eaton Bank (a) Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January  
Year 8 v Fallibroome (h) Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February  
Year 9 v Fallibroome (a) Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January  
Year 10 v Macclesfield Academy (a) TBC  
Year 11 v Macclesfield Academy (a) TBC  
Year 12/13 Bye to meet the winners of Poynton v Wilmslow



### Tytherington Darts Open Update

We have reached the quarter final stage of the competition. This year it has been great to see students from years 7-13 taking part. We have had a number of shock results most notably Yr 7 Thomas Hall defeating Yr 13 student Ross Keeler. After the Christmas break the following matches will take place.

Matthew 'The Flying Arrow' Christopherson (Yr9) v Matt Robins (Yr7)

'Big T' Josh Turnock (Yr13) v 'Big' Ben Jones (Yr11)

George Barnes (Yr 7) v Hadley 'The Hurricane' Lomas (Yr8)

Myles 'Mad Dog' Corn (Yr9) v Mia 'The Sparkle Master' Share (Yr9)

## PE UPDATE

### Hockey

This year hockey has been included as an elective and it has been fantastic to see so many girls and boys interested in playing. Students from years 7-12 have been developing skills appropriate to their ability and it has been great to see them working hard to use these in both small and full sided games. The year 7s in particular have impressed with their enthusiasm, dedication and work ethic and they have loved playing competitively. The year 11s this year have a strong team with many students playing for clubs outside of school allowing them to further develop their skill and understanding of tactical play. In our recent game against Fallibroome their individual skill



shone through as well as that of some of our talented year 9s who joined them on the team. Individual skills was not enough on the day to get the win, however with more time training as a team and developing a better understanding of how each other plays, the team will go from strength to strength. There were stand out performances from Ben Jagger and Ethan Hadfield, Year 11, despite the pouring rain! We are looking forward to playing further fixtures in the New Year and to developing our teams through regular practices.

## CHESS UPDATE BY MR BROWN

As part of the chess electives programme, nine pupils went to The Kings School to put their chess talents to the test. It was a massive challenge as The Kings School chess team play to an extremely high standard. For example, one of their players is currently the 38th best chess player in England for his age group and he has previously won the adult championships in Sheffield. On top of this, most of our players are in Year 7 and most of their players are in Years 9-11.

Our chess team consisted of George Barnes (7RR), Oscar Chai (7MC), Harry Cunningham-Whyatt (7MM), Jason Curtis (8CW), Aaron Davies (7MC), Charlie Glynn (7LB/TP), Edward Hague (8AM), James McGuinness (9JH) and Harvey Perrin (7MM). They were a credit to the school and they came close to winning a few of the matches but any mistakes were punished. I was really impressed with the resilience shown. None of our pupils gave in despite having only one or two pieces left on the board on some occasions.

The pupils really enjoyed the experience and they are keen to play The Kings School again in the return leg which will be arranged for the Spring Term.

## YOUNG ENTERPRISE

It has been a busy first term for our Year 12 Young Enterprise Company, 'Pino & Co', who have been getting to grips with running a business for the first time. On Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December, members of the company sold their Christmas Gift products at Manchester Market Stalls, Piccadilly Gardens, Manchester. This proved to be a fantastic opportunity for the team to sell to the public. The day enabled the students to practice sales skills and to use the opportunity to market themselves and their products in a location which was packed with Christmas shoppers. As well as selling seasonal gifts, 'Pino & Co' have organised a successful Disco for Year 7 and 8 students and are planning to hold a Quiz Night in January.



## CAPITAL EXPERIENCE



On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December Tytherington Year 12 Career Ready students attended the Capital Experience in London. The day started with a motivational masterclass in the Dominion Theatre. Here students were introduced to the programme and listened to the inspirational stories of previous Career Ready graduates. Action Jackson's presentation style ensured the day started with energy and enthusiasm. Santander provided lunch as well as an insight into what it takes to have a successful career in banking. Employees from the graduate programme talked through their experiences and provided excellent advice on how to

make the step from education to establishing a career in the city.



## A LEVEL LITERATURE THEATRE VISIT TO LONDON: OTHELLO BY MISS REES

On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December, Year 12 and Year 13 A- Level Literature students embarked on a visit to London, to watch a Frantic Assembly production of, arguably, Shakespeare's greatest tragedy, 'Othello'. When we all met at the train station we were excited and spirited for the day that lay ahead. Some were giddy with chatter, others took advantage of the opportunity to "sleep, perchance to dream", whilst many were seen with their noses buried in a book.

On arrival to Euston, we, as Othello himself commands, had to "obey the time". We bounded our way to Covent Garden, where, despite there being a bite of winter in the air, it certainly was not to our discontent. The festive and jovial atmosphere rang through the market as all explored what was on offer.

The Ambassador Theatre was quaint but beautiful Edwardian building, with an intimate auditorium. We sat eagerly in the stalls, anticipating the arrival of the cast. The gritty soundtrack blasted as the lights illuminated the stage, capturing the hostile atmosphere of a 21<sup>st</sup> century Cyprus (set in a pub), instead of the equally antagonistic Jacobean setting.



The original and intoxicating physical theatre of Frantic Assembly, really reached all students, aiding their understanding of character, relationships and form. The Machiavellian qualities of Iago, which is such an intrinsic element to his characterisation, was brought to life; this cemented a great deal of understanding of dramatic purpose. The passionate and tumultuous relationship between Othello and Desdemona sizzled on stage and the tragic and devastating demise of it moved the audience to tears.

There was much to discuss on the swift journey home, including the mutual admiration for the actor playing Cassio! The train was buzzing with the hum of excitement and fervour for Shakespeare and theatre.

# CHRISTMAS POEM COMPETITION

Congratulations to William Peacock (7RR) for winning the Christmas Poem Competition. Runners up were Noah Pauling (8PE) Eva Nichol (8IB) and Mia Share (9TQ)

## Christmas Time William Peacock 7RR

Christmas time, it's a winter wonderland outside,  
Get ready for the merry and jolly ride.  
It's the time of year for sharing,  
Where everybody keeps on caring.

Santa will always check twice,  
To see if you're naughty or nice.  
Putting decorations on the tree,  
While everyone is smiling with glee.

All opening presents and cheering,  
While big smiles were appearing.  
The decorations were all shining,  
While we were all dining.

Hooray its Christmas time!



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