

Dear Parent and Carers,

The College Edition

This week saw most of our **Y10 cohort complete their work experience** placements. The feedback we've had has been excellent, suggesting that our students have had really worthwhile experiences. Well done Y10 and we look forward to hearing all about your experiences after Easter!

Whilst our **Y11 students finished their Spring Mock exams** last week, there have been a number of final practical exams this week – in DT, Media and Music. They continue to do us proud. They have received their Spring Mock exam results today. There were lots of smiles and sighs of relief, with perhaps a few students a little disappointed. They still have a few weeks of lessons left and plenty of opportunities for revision and intervention and we know, with their commitment, that they will put all the feedback to good use and make further improvements to their grades. We are so proud of them.



9RAS3 have been selling cakes this week to raise money for the **Teenage Cancer Trust**. We're very proud of them for exemplifying what it means to be 'Global Citizens'!

Last Friday saw our first '**merit book signing**' and hot chocolate with Ms Jordan! To say well done to our students, every 2 weeks some of our Golden Ticket winners will be selected to spend some time with Ms Jordan and sign our new merit book. Golden tickets are given out to recognise our students who **do the right thing**...because it is **the right thing**. Well done to ALL our golden ticket winners.



11MAL3 held a chocolate raffle to raise money towards the Y11 Prom. They raised £52.90. Congratulations to our raffle winner Aurora F from Y9.



Our **Easter Egg Hunt** takes place tomorrow – all children in Years 4, 5 and 6 are welcome to this free event!

Just a reminder that our big show - **Back to the Eighties** – takes place from 27th to 29th April and you can book tickets using this link:

www.tpsexpressivearts.co.uk/events



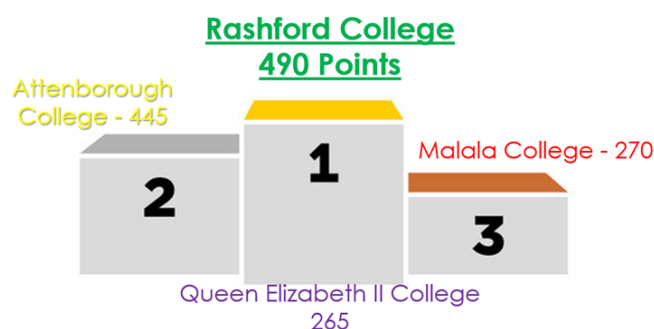
Colleges

As you are probably aware, we run a **college system** at TPS. This runs alongside our traditional year-based pastoral system. Through the college system, we run competitions and challenges. The aim of the college system is to introduce a bit of healthy competition, to

offer students the opportunity to try new things and to create a sense of belonging and community. Since January, we have focused mostly on sporting events, merits and attendance, with a couple of English-based competitions and Ms Jordan's Y7 Science challenge.

However, as we move into the summer term, we have a whole host of different competitions available to our students, across the whole range of subjects and interests. Every department in the school is offering at least one competition (some more than that!) and this will be supplemented with further attendance challenges, SLT challenges and Priory Values based opportunities. There will be design competitions, a chess tournament, sporting events, reading challenges, a 5k running challenge, a healthcare challenge...and much more besides. The term will conclude with our second annual **Diversity Festival on 1st July** and our beloved annual sports' day – both events will be crucial to the college system and there will be plenty of points up for grabs.

As you can see from below, Rashford College has pulled away into the lead in the first full term of competitions. However, all is not lost for the other three colleges! It would seem that Rashford College is very sporty, but will they remain on top when we introduce a more varied competition offer? Can they maintain their lead until the end?



We truly hope that there will be something for everyone. If your child thinks we're missing something, ask them to come and see Mrs Storer-Young or their College Captain (more on that shortly) to make suggestions. We'd like to accommodate as much as possible. Our aim is for EVERY student to participate in some way, at some point, in the college system this year. That could be by performing in/entering a competition, but it could be by helping out/supporting. Beyond the competitions and challenges, everyone DOES contribute to the weekly points through their attendance and merits so please do speak to your child about doing well, not just for themselves, but for their college too!

College Captains

The college system started out as part of a democratic process where students were able to propose new figureheads for the new colleges. We asked them to propose people who inspired them, people who were good role models, people who embodied the TPS notion of 'Global Citizenship'. Once a shortlist was reached, a full vote was given over to students which culminated in the colleges being named after David Attenborough, Malala Yousafzai,

Queen Elizabeth II and Marcus Rashford. In the same vein, all students across Y7-10 were given the opportunity to apply to become a 'College Captain'. They had to complete an application form which included explaining how they had previously demonstrated leadership skills and the Priory Values. This was followed up by an informal interview where they were asked additional questions about what they could offer the college system and what they hoped to achieve. Ms Tabberer and Mrs Storer-Young were blown away by the quality and maturity of the responses and contributions from those students and we are very excited about working with the following students in the Summer Term. We look forward to their ideas, their enthusiasm, and their exemplification of the Priory Values throughout, and we also look forward to supporting them in their leadership endeavours. A huge congratulations to all of these students – we are very proud of them and are sure you will be too! The Y9 and 10 College captains will be announced after Easter.

	Year 7	Year 8
Attenborough	Alfie B <u>1 vacancy</u>	Faith N Tyler W
Malala	Alicia A Robson K Emilie T	Ellie H Millie May M
Queen Elizabeth	Ethan D Abiya S Daniel W	Elena-Fay S <u>1 vacancy</u>
Rashford	Faria K <u>1 vacancy</u>	<u>2 vacancies</u>

There are some vacancies, as listed above – if your child is interested, they should speak to Mrs Storer-You

We would like to remind all students to be respectful and polite when in public.

Thank you to all parents and carers who have downloaded the MCaS application. If you haven't, check your emails from us and follow the instructions. If you can't find the email, let us know and we will re-send it to you. Please ensure you have 'push notifications' turned on, as this will alert you when there is a new message for you.

The application currently provides you access to your child's attendance, timetable, and contact information. Clubs is likely to the next part of the app to be activated during the coming summer term.

At the start of the new term Y9 start and end of the day will be via the main student entrance doors accessed through the main student gate at the 3G end of the building. Y9 students are the final year group using a different entrance as part of the past COVID measures when we had year group bubbles.

This now means we will have one flow of students into and out of school grounds, reducing any confusion students may have with which entry/exit point to use, and will improve our visibility of the movement of students.

We are continuing to provide a breakfast club here at TPS, however, the numbers of young people using the facility are very low, we average 10 - 12 students per day. We have over 1,000 students at the school, of which around 44% are entitled to Free School Meals. The breakfast club is free to those on FSM. The school has to cover the cost of catering staff, school staff for the breakfast club and the purchase of breakfast items. Unfortunately, the cost of these is high, and without a significant increase in use of the breakfast club, we will be closing the club in its current form at the end of the academic year. Further details will be communicated to you later in the summer term.

If you would like your child to attend the breakfast club, please use the form below to sign-up. For non-FSM students the cost is £4 per week, and you pay this via Parent Pay.

There is no change to the meal menu for next term. However, meal deals will now come with a bottle of plain water. Due to the increase in the cost of the flavoured waters, the council had a choice of putting up the price of a meal deal or replacing the flavoured waters with plain water. The latter is what will be in place from the start of next term. This means the cost of a meal deal will remain at the current price of £2.55.

Flavoured water will still be available, through an upgrade at the till of 10p, this also applies to those in receipt of Free School Meals.

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and to wish you a restful and truly egg-cellent Easter.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

MONDAY 3RD APRIL TO FRIDAY 14TH APRIL

EASTER HOLIDAY

MONDAY 17TH APRIL

START OF SUMMER TERM - STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL

Y10 SPORTS MENTORSHIP

WROCKWARDINE WOOD SCHOOL

TUESDAY 18TH APRIL

Y10 SPORTS MENTORSHIP

WROCKWARDINE WOOD SCHOOL

WEDNESDAY 19TH APRIL

Y11 PARENTS INFORMATION EVENING

FRIDAY 21ST APRIL

SEVERN HOSPICE - PROM DRESS SALE

Golden Ticket Winners

Well done and congratulations to this week's Golden Ticket Winners

Year 7

Leah S

Zita S

Ethan L

Ethan S

Faria K



This weeks progress raffle draw..... Winner Lilly in 7AL2



TOP MERIT WINNERS



Olaf S

Korey F

David S



Charlie H

Diaine K

Dahlia M



Sophina S

Theo W

Warren H



Shayna H

Hevana J

Toby V



Caitlin H

Gimbiya B

Aronwy G

POSITIVE EVENTS

1. Attenborough - 995

2. Rashford - 977

3. Queen Elizabeth - 956

4. Malala - 912

CAT Art Network Ocean Art Competition Winners:

Congratulations and Well Done!!

KS3 1st Place Titas K Y7



KS3 2nd Place Ellie H Y8



KS3 3rd Place Leon T Y8



KS4 1st Place Shelbie T Y9



KS4 2nd Place Jay H Y11



KS4 3rd Place Oceanne M Y9



Attendance Ladder

How close is your child to 100%?

0 days off school	100%	Perfection
Equates to 2 days off school each year	99%	Excellent
Equates to 5 days off school each year	97%	Good
Equates to 10 days off school each year	95%	Slight Concern
Equates to 20 days off school each year	90%	Concerned
Equates to 30 days off school each year	85%	Very Concerned

Winners of the 100% attendance prizes this week 27th – 31st March 2023

Student Name	Year Group	Student Name	Year Group
Gracie B	9	Ella H	9
Harley M	9	Layla W	11
Jake J	8	Esther E	11
Layton D	11	Maja C	8
Matthew D	11	Sasha H	11
Mia O	9	Gracie MI	7
Maxwel K	11	Keegan P	7
Harriet D	9	Angelo A	8
Alex M	8	Olivia T	7
Andrew P	9	Finley M	7



Please note that these names are pulled at random from a random generator. EVERY child who has 100% attendance also receives 10 merits on G4S





Should I keep my Child off School?

- Students with good attendance are far more likely to be successful in school.
- High attendance rates are linked to high student achievement.
- Missing school causes children to fall behind academically.
- Attendance below 90% is considered persistent absence.

Three Important Questions to Ask:

1. Does the child's illness keep him or her from comfortably taking part in activities?
2. Does the sick child need more care than the staff can give without affecting the health and safety of other children?
3. Could the other children get sick from being near your child?

If the answer to any of these questions is yes, then the child should NOT go to school.

Please ensure that if your child does not attend school you inform TPS Attendance by email tps.attendance@taw.org.uk or telephone 01952 386400 every day that your child is absent.

If you are concerned about your child's attendance, please contact our Education Welfare Officer Louise Plim on 01952 386400 to see what support we can offer.



ENSURING EXCELLENCE

Headteacher: Ms S J Jordan BEd (Hons) PGDip