

## Year 13 Theatre Trip



Year 13 Theatre Studies students went to see Dr Faustus at The Globe Theatre in London on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September.

## Fairtrade Conference



Members of Turton Fairtrade team meet Fairtrade farmer, Joseph Kibuta from Panda Flowers in Kenya, at the Fairtrade Schools Event hosted by Mount St Josephs, Farnworth.



## PE NEWS

Congratulations to all teams for their excellent start to the winter season. Special mentions go to Year 7,8 and 9 football teams who remain undefeated, and to the Year 10/11 rugby team who were crowned Bolton Champions last week.

The Netball teams still remain undefeated, and the excellent

turn out for all the hockey teams has also produced some excellent results.

Individual mentions go to Year 11 students Tom Birkett and George Ram. Tom gained a silver medal at the regional Judo finals, and George will be wrestling for Great Britain in the next few weeks in Lithuania.

**James Horman**  
Head of PE

## Food Club Rocks!

Great start to Food Club, as students from all years attended the first session and made rock buns. This also saw the launch of the 'Futurechef' Competition. Students are invited to create a meal for two within a budget of £4.00. The judging will take place on the 19<sup>th</sup> October 3.15-4.15pm and the winner of the Turton heat will go through to the next round, the North West heat, where they will have the opportunity to cook in a professional kitchen.

**Catherine Dower**  
Head of Food Technology



## Holocaust Survivor Visit

Forty Year 9 students were selected, as a reward, to attend a speech by Ruth Barnett on the 4th of October. Ruth spoke about her experiences escaping Nazi Germany on the Kinder Transport. Ruth also spoke about ensuring people live without prejudice and used people's negative perceptions about gypsies as an example.

Forty students from Thornleigh also attended this once in a lifetime opportunity to hear Ruth speak about her experiences and for any Turton students who missed it they have the chance to read about Ruth's life as the school library now has a copy of her book.

**Philip Koller - 2nd in History**

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## Keeping in Touch

It may seem strange after a summer celebrating Turton's highest ever level of achievement, but I would respectfully ask any parent who is not happy with how your son or daughter is growing through the high school years to get in touch and share your concerns.

I am delighted with the often quoted 96% of parents who are happy with what we offer and how we care for our young people here but two or three of the most useful meetings I've had in September were with parents who were anxious or needed more information about their child's welfare and progress.

The staff team here at Turton are genuinely second to none. They give more of their time, patience, energy and expertise than I or you could reasonably expect on a daily basis. However, if ever and however we fall short, we need you to let us know and we can then make amends. The important thing is to communicate any concerns when they arise and not let any problem grow out of proportion.

Most issues can be addressed relatively quickly and can lead to a positive outcome.

Some students sail through the teenage years without a care in the world, most have ups and downs, and a few lose their way and need a great deal of attention, encouragement and direction to get them through. The effort is always worth it in the end and the summer of 2011 has given more evidence than ever that our young people have the ability and the support necessary to make a success of life beyond school.

Last week Connexions reported back to us that only 3 from the 243 students in Year 11 last year are not now in education, employment or training, a great improvement on previous years. This is yet another statistic that proves the importance and the benefit of parents, staff and students working together to plan the future.

So please keep in touch, and let us help in any way we can. Also, many thanks to those parents who give tirelessly of their time and experience to help us with Mock interviews, for any Year 11 students who

want one, and with the Parents' Association events which do so much to support the school. For example, the new minibus arriving early in 2012 is entirely down to their fundraising efforts. The small band of parents who co-ordinate all this activity are genuine community champions and we all owe them a great deal. If you can offer to help them in any small way, the school will be ever grateful.

For more information or just for a chat, our P.A. Chair, Andrea Lomax, will be delighted to hear from you. Please contact her on [andrealomax@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:andrealomax@hotmail.co.uk)

Latest school information, newsletters, events and achievements are always available on [www.tmac.uk.com](http://www.tmac.uk.com) and you can apply for a log-in for "My Child at School", if you don't already have one, using the link from our web-site.

I hope students and their families get a rest and an enjoyable break this half term.

**Best regards**

**John Porteous**  
Headteacher

## Diary Dates

**1st November** - *Parents' Forum*  
6.30pm & *Parents' Association Meeting* 7.30pm

**2nd November** - *Year 10 Curriculum Information Evening*

**9th November** - *Year 11 Parents' Evening*

**15th November** - *GCSE Presentation Evening*

**17th November** - *Target Setting Day / Year 7 Super Learning Day*

**17th November** - *SSC & Learning Support Family Information Event*

**23rd November** - *Year 12 Tutors' /Parents' Meeting*

**5th December** - *School Drama Production, Charlie & The Chocolate Factory until 10th December*

**19th December** - *Year 13 Presentation Evening*

**20th December** - *Christmas Music Concert*

**22nd December** - *School finishes at 1pm*

**9th January** - *Spring Term commences*

## Key Global Dates

**11/11** Armistice Day

**14/11** Diabetes Day

**16/11** International Day for Tolerance

**20/11** Universal Children's Day

**01/12** World Aids Day

**02/12** International Day for the Abolition of Slavery

**03/12** World Day of the Handicapped

**10/12** Human Rights Day

**18/12** International Migrants Day

## Parents' Association

Interested in joining the PA then please e:mail pa@tmac.uk.com  
Next meeting Tuesday 1st November, 7.30pm following the **Parents' Forum at 6.30pm in the t:mac building.**  
Everyone welcome.

## Forthcoming Events

We are having a **Bag2School** fundraising collection on **Tuesday 8th November at 9am!**



Please bring your bag (bags) to the Chapeltown Road car park on the day of the collection.

Bag2School collects good quality, second hand adults' and children's clothing, sheets, blankets, curtains, soft toys, shoes, belts and handbags. All items collected are for **RE-USE**.

## T:MAC CHRISTMAS MARKET

FOOD & WINE  
CRAFTS & CARDS  
BEAUTY SPECIALISTS  
JEWELLERY & MAKE UP  
**AND MUCH MORE....**

**Friday 25th**  
**November 2011**  
**6pm - 8.30pm**

t:mac building, off Chapeltown Road  
50p per ticket £2 per family pay on the door

## University Honour

We were delighted to hear news of the appointment of former Turton student, Suzanne Cholerton, as Pro-Vice Chancellor (Learning and Teaching) at Newcastle University.

She remembers well Mr Haworth and Mr Chivers, among other Turton staff. After Science A levels here, Suzanne went on to Liverpool University to study Pharmacology. After her PHD, she pursued research at St Mary's Hospital in London before going up to Newcastle to lecture in medical sciences.

Professor Cholerton is thoroughly enjoying the challenges and rewards of her new and demanding role and is keen to pass on the benefits of the transformational experience which university can provide to future generations of Turton Sixth Formers.

**John Porteous - Headteacher**

## DT Celebration Evening

A lovely evening at the Design Technology celebration on the 4<sup>th</sup> July was enjoyed by staff, parents and students.

Year 9 students helped with making and serving refreshments and Emma Wallwork produced profiteroles on the night. A big thank you to all who helped and attended.

We will miss our beloved Mrs Smethurst.

**Sarah Murphy**  
**Head of Design & Technology**



## Baden Baden Bands!!

It now seems a long time ago that we were performing in the beautiful spa town of Baden Baden (where the wags stayed during the last world cup). The concerts in the Black Forest region went off with the expected Germanic precision, but the weather was definitely more English.

Still, the Germans happened to have a couple of lovely 500-seater concert halls on hand as back-up venues for two of our concerts. Performances also took place in Bad Krozingen and just across the French border in Colmar.

Katy Clayton, Alex Heaton, Alice Finn, Sarah Prince & Ella Tebay were a real hit with their vocal solos which slotted in between programmes by each of the three bands. There was some sparkling playing from all three of the large ensembles. And - we know never

to trust Ross Smith (Year 9) when ordering in a German takeaway. The chefs were very confused by his order - but credit due.....they made him what he had asked for ...which turned out to be a kebab pizza!! Maybe it will catch on!

**John Parkinson - Head of Music**



## Fire fighter puts trauma into practice for Year 10 Child Development



Ian Reynolds, Fire-fighter for Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service, brought trauma and first aid to the class room during a visit to a Child Development lesson. The students were fascinated when Ian gave a demonstration on how to use a defibrillator and had a hands on approach on how to deal with issues such as choking, burns, scalds, electrocution and resuscitation.

"It brought the text book to life and made it more realistic and interesting"

Bethany Stott 10S3.

"I would now know how to handle these situations"

Katie Fletcher 10S3.

**Rachel Reynolds - Technology**

## Food Tech Go To The Farm

Year 12 Food Technology students had the opportunity to visit Huntley's in Samlesbury where they observed how a lamb is utilised to gain specific cuts of meat and the technique of how to fillet a fish. One student also had a go at making sausages.

The foodhall and on site restaurant work with local business to ensure that all produce, where possible, is sourced locally to keep down food miles and help reduce the carbon footprint.

We were also able to have a tour of the dairy and taste the fantastic ice cream that they make.. With a variety of 86 different flavours, there was plenty to make your mouth water!

**Lynne Higgins - D & T - Food**

