

PE News

PE Round-up!

Expectation is mounting as the Winter Sporting Calendar moves towards its climax, with both boys' and girls' teams challenging for honours on many fronts.

Net Gains!

Our netball teams are poised for a trophy-laden end to the season. Year 7 face Rivington in a semi-final clash, and are hoping to emulate the example set by Year 8 who have already bagged the first silverware of the season, beating Canon Slade in the final of the Bolton Tournament. To add insult to injury, Canon Slade's hopes of revenge in the knock-out tournament were dashed as Turton racked up an impressive 16-2 semi-final victory.

Years 9 and 10 both missed-out at the semi-final stages, to Harper Green and Bolton School, respectively. Bolton School also inflicted the damage on Year 11, sending them out at the semi-final stages, though Year 11 hopes are still alive in the knockout tournament with Thornleigh standing between them and a place in the final.

Football – Final-bound?

Years 8 and 10 have booked their places in the final of the Bolton Cup after a couple of splendid semi-final performances. Year 8 thrashed Harper Green 4-1 setting up a final

A Matter of Life and Debt!

Year 13 students found themselves breaking out in a cold sweat on Friday 9th March as University of Manchester Recruiting Officer, Heidi Page, gave them the lowdown on loans and the facts about tuition fees. But it wasn't all chilling news; Heidi also informed students how they can access bursaries, scholarships and other forms of financial support, as well as explaining the time scale for repayment of their student debts.

clash with Rivington or St Josephs, while Year 10 snuffed out the cup dreams of arch-foes Canon Slade, winning 2-0; Harper Green now stand between them and cup glory.

In the previous round there were mixed fortunes for Turton's sides. Year 10 and 7 conquered Bolton School, winning 3-1 and 4-2 respectively. Year 11 and 9 were no match for Withins however, suffering 3-1 and 3-0 deficits, however Year 8 squeaked home against St. Josephs winning 1-0.

Many thanks to Malcolm Carr of Carr's Scotch Beef Shop, Astley Bridge for sponsoring the Year 10 boys' team kit. Expect references to the team butchering their opponents to begin in the next edition.

Basketball – Hoop it Up!

It was a case of so near yet so far as Year 7 lost both games in overtime in a highly exciting Lancashire Cup Championship, hosted here at Turton. Year 8 were just as unfortunate, pushing last year's Champions Bury Grammar all the way, but narrowly losing by a single point. Years 9, 10 and 11 are limbering up in readiness for their forthcoming cup fixtures.

Strokes of Genius!

The swimming teams came a very respectable third under the leadership of Mr Carr at the Bolton School Swimming Championships last month. Training for the squad takes place before school on Friday

Students turned their hand to some budgeting exercises which successfully dispelled a few illusions; happily so for the student who thought they would be forking out £400 a week for accommodation, less so for those who thought they could bring in a week's food shopping for less than a tenner, and who were forced to face the fact that man cannot live on Netto beans alone.

With many sixth-formers becoming wary about Higher Education for fear of the scale of debt it

mornings; anyone interested in signing up should see Mr Carr.

Re:Cycling!

It will hopefully be a case of yellow jerseys all round on March 26th as Turton's top speed merchants take the Manchester Velodrome by storm in the final of the Bolton Championship. Mr Wilman has led training, and will hopefully inspire his charges to glory.

Wrestle Mania!

Our mastery of the art of grappling shows no signs of abating and in June we will be sending a team to Derbyshire for the English Championships.

G&T Invade O.T.!

67 pupils from Years 7-11 who have been identified as Gifted and Talented in PE will visit the home of Premiership Champions-elect Manchester United on March 28th for a look behind the scenes at the Greatest Club in the World.

Round-Up!

Karate and Gym Club will resume after the Winter break, but all other activities will change as we shift into the summer season. Among the sports due to commence are Boxing, which will begin in the Gym on Tuesdays, see Mrs Cowburn for more details. Keep checking the notice-board on the Gym corridor for the latest PE news.

Chris Mullin – Head of PE

might incur, we welcomed this opportunity to work in partnership with Manchester University to reassure and advise students'.

**Anna Cook
6th Form Tutor**



Student Support Centre

Since opening our doors in September, the Student Support Centre has gone from strength to strength! Situated in what was formerly A1, the support centre offers help to any pupils that feel they would benefit from extra support in school. Mr Hilton, Mr King and I are all based in the centre, where we work hard to ensure that all students get the most from their time at Turton.

We currently provide support in the following ways: mentoring, study support, self esteem groups, anger management sessions, mediation and parental support. Additionally we have very popular lunch and break clubs, where students value the warm and relaxed atmosphere that we have worked hard to create. Feel free to drop by and experience it for yourself!

**Leanne Cowburn
Learning Mentor**

Gifted and Talented in the SSC!

When we realised that we could do with creating a leaflet promoting the work of the SSC, as well as producing a film commercial introducing Turton to the new Year 7 intake, we knew exactly who to turn to...our very own pupils! They are hard at work on both projects, as well as producing a play for the new Year 7's. We look forward to next term and the completion of these exciting projects.

**Leanne Cowburn
Learning Mentor**

Five-a-Side!

What better way could there be to finish off the week than lashing a few shots in at 5 a side football? Aimed primarily at Key Stage 3 pupils who would benefit from a boost to their self-esteem and team-work skills, but open to all, anything up to 30 pupils are joining us in the Sports Hall for a good, healthy, kickabout every Friday from 3:00 to 4:00pm. So why not come along and join us?

Mr Hilton - Community Mentor

Year 9 Fundraising



Lizzy Jones, Community Fundraiser for Cancer Research UK, visited Year 9 assembly earlier this term to receive a cheque for a whopping £821.60! While the contribution of all pupils was applauded, the magnificent efforts of two individuals were singled out for particular praise. Michael Duddle of 9T2 was the mastermind behind last years 'T-Factor', his drive and commitment helping to raise more than £200. Meanwhile George Kay collected over £300 in sponsorship money for completing two long distance runs, an outstanding achievement.

One of the runs George completed, alongside a team of other Year 9 athletes, was the Junior Great Manchester Run, and anyone interested in competing in this year's event should see myself or Mrs Cole.

**Leanne Cowburn
Learning Mentor**

Mediation

Developing strategies to resolve conflict was the aim of a group of Year 10 students who became the first Mediation Support Group earlier this term. The Medi8 project already works with Year 7, 8 and 9 pupils who are experiencing conflict, and the Year 10 pupils have been trained to offer advice and support to their peers.

**Phil Bence
Reparation Officer, Medi8**

Breakfast Club!

Too rushed in the morning to ram a piece of toast down your throat and wash it down with a brew? Fear not, the Student Support Centre is here to help! Our daily breakfast club is proving a hit with pupils and staff alike – Mr Foy can regularly be found

Parents' Association

Latest News from PA

Prize Draw SOS!

Last year it was £200, the year before an iPod; so what will be the jackpot prize for this year's Prize Draw? Well that could all depend on you. In the past we've been inundated with spectacular prizes, from weekends away to health club memberships to vouchers for local shops, and we're hopeful of an equally impressive haul this time around. Please let us know if you, or a company that you know of, is in a position to donate to the prize list. All proceeds go to ensuring that Turton maintains its edge as the best equipped school in the town.

We're starting to make plans for the next academic year so please come along to any of our meetings and share your ideas:

Tues 1 May: 7pm PA Meeting
Tues 5 June: 6.30 Parents' Forum
7.30 PA Meeting
July: PA social TBA

Contact the PA:

Email pa@tmac.uk.com; or ring one of the PA committee members:

Deborah on 811357
Jane on 306771



nabbing a slice or two – offering a drink, toast, and fresh fruit to set you up for the day ahead. The kettle goes on at around 8:15 am and we close shop just in time for registration. So why not pop down for a cuppa?

Ade King - Behaviour Mentor

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EXTRA CURRICULAR TIMETABLE SUMMER 2007

	Sports Hall	Classroom Library	Gym	Outside	Dance Studio C36 Media Suite C5	Pool	Arts Theatre Music Room
Mon	Cricket Nets Yr 7 3-4.30pm LJC	Study support for all students 8:30-4pm Library Duke of Edinburgh All Years 3-4pm After School Drop In 3-4pm Student Support Centre LC	Karate Yr 7-10 3.10-4.30 pm KC & JM	Rounders Yr 7 & 8 3-4.30pm NRP/CM Rugby Yr 11 3-4.30pm DME	Dance Club Yr 7-9 3.10-4.30pm Eve Murphy		Junior Orchestra Yr 7-10 3-4pm M27 or ATTh ELJ Twilight GCSE Music Yr 10 & 11 3-4.30pm M26 JMP
Tue		Reading Group Yr 12 & 13 (approx 1 per month) 3-4pm Study support for all students 3-4.15pm Library After School Drop In 3-4pm Student Support Centre LC Textiles Club Yr 7-9 3-4pm DTG SJM/LC GCSE Child Dev. Study Club 3-4pm DTG EAS/CMB/SJM/LMS/PRS	Boxing Yr 7-10 3-5 pm LC	Hockey Yr 8 & 9 MUGA 3.10-4.30 pm (until May) CM Athletics Yr 7-10 3-4.30pm NRP	GCSE Dance Yr 10 & 11 3-4.30pm RAC Media Clinic Yr 10 & 11 3-4.30 pm CLJ/LDM/JCS/VT		Twilight GCSE Music Yr 10 & 11 3-4.30pm M26 JMP Rock Band Yr 12 4-6pm M27 6th Form
Wed	Brazilian Football Yr 7 3-4.30pm AK/NH	Geography Revision & Coursework Help 3-3.30pm L17 Study support for all students 8:30-4 pm Library Wk 2 Yr 7 Reading Group 3-4pm Library JS After School Drop In 3-4pm Student Support Centre LC	Gym Club Yr 7-9 3-4.30pm Eve Murphy	Rounders Yr 9 & 10 3-4.30 pm NRP/CM Rounders Fixtures Cricket Fixtures	Dance Club Yr 10 & 11 3-4.30pm NG		Junior Big Band Yr 7-10 3-4pm M27 or ATTh RJC Senior Big Band Yr 9-13 4-5.15pm M27 or ATTh JMP
Thur		Science for Public Understanding Yr 10 S6 3.15-4.15pm DC After School Drop In 3-4pm Student Support Centre LC		Athletics Yr 7-10 3-4.30pm NRP/CM/DME Cricket Fixtures LJC	Boys' Dance All Years 3-4.30 pm Media Club Yr 7-9 3-4.30pm C5 JCS/LM/VT		Senior Wind Band Yr 8-13 3-4.30pm M27 or ATTh RJC
Fri	Cricket Nets Yr 8/9 3-4.30pm DME/LJC	Study support for all students 8:30-4pm Library Warhammer Club 3-4.30pm Library JS			Media Club Yr 7-9 3-4.30pm C5 VT	Gala Team 8am LJC	F flute Choir Yr 7-13 3-4pm M26 L Telleck/C Mella

Careers Library open each day 12.30-2pm.
Rock Bands rehearse most nights in the drum room.

Drama Club rehearsing every night until performance on 1st May.
Club to resume one night per week - night to be advised

All subject to change.

It's Better to Give

If there is a pastoral or extra curricular feel to this newsletter, we make no apology for it. Yes, learning and achieving are the most important parts of school life. Indeed, the results that our students achieve as they leave school or college are the gateway to all the opportunities they will have later in life. This is why staff are working so hard with them to complete coursework, prepare for exams and offer all sorts of extra lessons and holiday booster sessions,

However, what makes Turton so special is that students learn about themselves, each other and essential skills for life not only in lessons but through so many other activities. The charity events in honour of the unforgettable John, the fundraising for Cancer Research, the mentoring and coaching in the Student Support Centre and the whole range of sport, from elite teams to drop-in clubs, are a huge credit to all the students and

staff involved. They show the commitment and loyalty, the teamwork and mutual support which are the keys not only to happy friendships in school but to relationships throughout adult life.

Walking round school on lunch duty each day, we may find a few students being cheeky to the mid-day supervisors, or dropping litter, or just being a nuisance, but we also find hundreds of smiling, friendly and co-operative young people who are a credit to their families and to the school. As you can see, we are offering constant help and guidance to the few. We should also just occasionally say thank you to the hundreds in all year groups and to the dedicated colleagues who work with them.

With every best wish for a relaxing Easter holiday and good luck to all those preparing for exams.

John Porteous
Headteacher

PYJAMA CAKES!

March 9th saw the second anniversary of the death of Turton pupil John Ridehalgh, and John's love of cooking and joyful attitude to life were both celebrated with fund raising activities in aid of Asthma UK. Year 10 pupils Sophie Holden, Lisa Hughes, Kara Marriott, Charlotte Parkinson Brianna Slater and Elisha Worgan spent two hours slaving over several hot stoves to produce cup cakes which they meticulously decorated to sell around school. The girls also spent the day dressed in pyjamas, encouraging the school community to contribute donations to the charity. Their efforts raised lots of smiles and over £200 in memory of this much loved and sadly missed young man.



In addition, Harriet Coxon and Sarah Nightingale of 10S3 organised a 'guess the number of sweets in the jar' competition, raising £110 in the process and giving winner Adam Mangera of 9T3 an awful lot of sweets to munch through.

Jan Bazley
Pastoral Leader Key Stage 4

6th Form Ski Trip



On the slopes at Les Arcs.

Parents' Evening

As part of our ongoing quest to ensure that we are providing services that satisfy your needs, a sample of Year 8 and 10 parents were recently canvassed regarding Parents' Evenings.

On the whole the feedback was tremendously positive, especially in terms of notification about the evening and the useful service performed by prefects. Some suggested areas for improvement were raised however, including the perennial bugbear of appointment times not being adhered to, the provision of refreshments for parents, the availability of PA members and the timing of the events.

Many thanks for all those who participated in this process.

Liz Smethurst
Assistant Headteacher

250 Club Winners

March

1st J Howarth
2nd P McCann
3rd G Webber

April

1st J Howarth
2nd B Starkie
3rd P McNally