



# End of Term Highlights

## A GREAT START TO A NEW SCHOOL YEAR!

Welcome to our first Tarleton Academy Newsletter of this new academic year in our brand new school. In this issue we will reflect on this term and share the amazing achievements of our students.

## POWERFUL PERFORMANCES!

This term has been loaded with entertaining and impactful sessions for students in Year 7, 8 & 9 to support their Personal Development. Bronnie, The Narrative Alchemy, David Graham and volunteers from The Cells Project worked with our students to raise awareness of issues around mental health, knife crime, youth violence and using their talents to get a 'natural high'. The Cells Project is an initiative, borne from the need for understanding through education into the consequences of anti-social behaviour and criminal activity. The Cells team aim to use their own experience as diverse measure to give tomorrows society a better chance in life.



## A GROWING FAMILY!

Wellfield Academy has long been a part of the Endeavour family but we are delighted that this is official as approved by the DFE. Brilliant news for Wellfield and for us all in the team!



## PRIMARY PARTNERS

This year we are keen to develop links with our local primary schools and to kick start this academic years programme we hosted our annual 'Spelling Bee' competition in school. With representatives from a whole host of Tarleton and Rural District Schools, primary students competed in four challenging rounds of spelling, punctuation and grammar. Well done to all of the participants!

## WHAT'S IN THIS ISSUE?

- Final Term Successes
- Christmas Festivities
- Site Development Update



As we come to the end of 2023, we continue to be amazed by the rapid progress being made on our new school site. This term has seen huge developments with the external site and we are thrilled that the new car park, coach park and turning circle and tennis courts will be completed and ready for use when we return after Christmas. The landscape of the new school site from Hesketh Lane certainly looks impressive!

## SPECIAL MENTIONS

Here are a few stand out achievements from this term...

A big thank you to our Sports Leaders for giving up their time to support the TASA Football Competition at Hesketh Bank Football Club. Excellent role models to the younger students!

Well done to the Year 11 students on their hard work and effort in their first round of practice examinations, Students have been formally assessed in all subjects and conducted themselves impeccably in their examinations.

Well done to a very talented Jonas in Y9 on his recent selection for the England boys U15 football squad.

Bryony in Year 7 walked out as mascot at Old Trafford last month. Bryony plays for Manchester City and represents our West Lancashire District School Girls Team

Well done to the dancers from Inspiration School of Dance that went all the way to Paris to perform.

Isaac in Year 7 who won his first Family Foursomes Competition at Southport and Ainsdale Golf club. Well done Isaac!

Congratulations to Cadel in Y8 and Emlyn in Y10 who represented Tarleton Academy and won the 2023-2024 School Break Dancing Champs for Merseyside, Cheshire & West Lancashire.

Thank you to Matthew in Y11 for his excellent performance of 'The Last Post' on Remembrance Day.

Well done to George in Y11 who demonstrated the kind attributes of a Tarleton Star. One weekend in Southport George help a staff member who had lost their purse by paying for their bus ride home.

Lexi in Year 7 received her Tarleton Star Award for kind and mature response when supporting an elderly lady that became ill in the community. What a superstar!



# Christmas Festivities



## A CHRISTMAS CRACKER!

We are incredibly proud of our students and staff and would like to thank them for their hard work in making this years Christmas Cracker a huge success.

This sold out performance of all 19 acts, which included live bands, solo singers, chorus singing and comic to thought provoking drama performances. What a fantastic way to end the year!



## CHRISTMAS HAMPERS PACKED FULL OF GOODIES!

Helping Hands of Hesketh Bank have yet again worked incredibly hard, with the support of the community, to produce Christmas hampers again this year. Bags packed full of essentials and additional treats for the festive period were delivered into school this week and we are pleased to say that all of them have been distributed to our families.



## CHRISTMAS DINNERS A PLENTY!

Thank you to Mrs Bourne and all the catering staff for serving over 200 tasty Christmas lunches packed with all the trimmings this week. What a fantastic atmosphere with decorated tables and Christmas music to get us all in the festive spirit!



## WHOLE SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS THIS TERM:

- This term hundreds of students have been awarded with Friday postcards to acknowledge their hard-working approach to their learning in lessons
- Welcomed the parents of Y7,8 10 & 11 into school for Parents' Evening which saw many supportive student-centred conversations take place
- We welcomed over 900 visitors into school for our annual Open Evening for prospective students
- In October we delivered a successful PSHCE Days which included sessions focusing on aspects of Living in the Wider World, Relationships & Sex Education and Mental Health and Wellbeing
- Both staff, students and visitors raised almost £400 following our McMillan Coffee Morning and Bake Sale in support of McMillan Cancer, this is our highest amount ever raised!
- Over £800 was raised for Children in Need this year from donations from own clothes day and the ever popular Pie the Teacher Event!
- Staff and students raised money to support Save the Children on Christmas Jumper Day
- GCSE Awards Evening took place on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November to celebrate the achievements of the class of 2023. It was lovely to see our ex-students and catch up on their Post-16 journey.

## END OF TERM CELEBRATIONS!

Students have celebrated the end of term with House assemblies this week. Students were awarded Bronze, Silver and Gold end of term prizes and Subject Awards from this last half term. Prizes included a free early lunch, vouchers and a fantastic movie afternoon for 125 students who have received the most achievement points this term.

The assembly and tutor programme this week focused on the traditions of Christmas and how it is celebrated throughout the world whilst sharing an important Christmas message for us all and an opportunity to reflect with gratitude.

*Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from us all at Tarleton Academy!*