

Year 9 Students – Dell Technologies Winners - October 2019

In July fifty of our Year 8 students were given the opportunity to participate in a workshop organised through the Transformation Trust with Dell Technologies. As part of this workshop the students had to work in groups to develop a social issue that could be improved by the use of technology.

At the end of the day one of the teams was selected as the winning group. The idea that our students had was for students to wear glasses that would help them focus on their work and therefore long term help develop their GCSE grades and opportunities going forward.

During each academic year Dell work with over 400 schools delivering these workshops and at the end of the year select three winning ideas. The TLA idea was chosen as one of these and so Scarlett Whiting, Millie Beckwith, Chloe Lee, Leah Harvey, Aaron Birch, Ella Lewis, Marcie Drummond and Dominique Bye were invited to attend a final competition at Dell Technologies offices in London.

The challenge was for the students to develop their previous idea and to deliver a five minute presentation. To help them with this the students worked with Dell employees and participated in three workshops covering:



- Finance – looking at costs for setting up a new organisation and including Profit and Loss
- Management structure – understanding the various roles and responsibilities of employees within an organisation
- Marketing of a product

During each of the workshops the Dell employees commented on the interaction between our students on how well they were all working together in developing an understanding of the topic.

Our students decided that to develop their idea they were going to focus on something very prominent within TLA - 'Literacy'. They developed their glasses to connect to an App to help children at primary and secondary school but also recognised that adults may also need help with Literacy as well. Their idea was that the App could provide further explanation of a word or alternatively help provided by images. In addition to this the students also decided that the glasses were able to adapt for students who need coloured overlays to help them read and therefore removing the stigma for students having to be highlighted as having a need.



DELL Technologies continued

Their team name was 'Let's Focus' and their tag line was 'Understanding for all'.

Each student took on a role and responsibility for an area within their presentation and developed what they needed and together created a really good presentation. Out of the three schools TLA were last to present and the students were incredibly nervous

however they delivered an amazing presentation all speaking clearly and knowledgeably about their allocated area.



The presentations were judged by a panel from Dell and after each one the panel were able to ask questions to which our team responded with brilliant answers. The waiting was tense for all the students, and we could not believe it when TLA were announced as winners.

The students will each be receiving a certificate and a £25 Amazon voucher.

Mr Pulford and I were incredibly proud of how these students worked together to create and deliver such an amazing idea and presentation. Congratulations to all of them!

Mrs Green and Mr Pulford
Careers Leader and Assistant Headteacher

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club runs every morning before school from 7.30am till 8.20am.

This is free and available to all students

Students are not to enter the School site before 7.30am.

We offer a choice of :-

- Crumpets or Kingsmill 50/50 medium toast served with choice of butter, jam or marmite
- Selection of cereals served with semi-skimmed milk
- Pure apple or orange juice
- Hot drinks including tea, coffee and hot chocolate with semi-skimmed milk
- Milkshakes - available on a Tuesday and Thursday only



TLA First - Parent-child Book Club

On Tuesday 22nd October, TLA held its first Parent-Child Book Club as part of our on-going work and commitment to develop reading abilities of our students and promote a love of reading!

For our first book, we selected *The Ice Monster* by David Walliams. Students borrowed the books from the library and then read them with or alongside their parents. They then attended an evening Book Club session in the school's library from 5-6pm where we discussed the book in a really relaxed environment. Discussions focussed on first impressions, favourite characters and for those that hadn't quite finished the book predictions of how they thought it might end! We even made links and comparisons to other books we had read where we could see elements of the story crossing-over.

Feedback from parents and students alike was very positive and they enjoyed the opportunity to spend quality time together enjoying a good book.

As the member of staff leading this event, I can personally say I found it a really positive and rewarding experience and I am certainly looking forward to the next event!

The next Parent-Child Book Club will be for **Wild Boy by Rob Lloyd Jones** and will be held **Tuesday 26th November from 5-6pm in the school library**. This is a former Book Buzz book that proved highly popular with a wide range of students and staff. The story is a Victorian adventure centered on a boy with a unique appearance and unique gifts. Think 'Murder Mystery' meets 'The Greatest Showman' with a bit of Sherlock Holmes thrown in for good measure!

If you would like to sign up for this event or for more information, please ask Mrs Warriner or see the posters advertised in the library. Books can be collected from Mrs Bredin in the Library. Happy reading!

Assemblies for week commencing 11 November

There are no house assemblies this week. Tutor time will be used to catch up on PSHE/Literacy.

Examination Certificates

Year 11 leavers may collect their GCSE certificates at the school main reception from **Monday 11 November between 8.15am - 4.15pm**.

If students are unable to come into school to collect their certificates, family can collect on their behalf as long as they have a written letter of permission addressed to the Examinations Officer.



Staying Safe Online

Remember if you are being bullied it isn't your fault and there is nothing so awful that you can't speak to someone about it.

- Talk to a trusted adult at home or at school.
- Don't reply to any nasty messages you receive.
- Don't reply to a text from someone you don't know.
- Keep the messages you have been sent so you can show them to a trusted adult and make a note of the time and date of the messages or calls you receive.
- Don't answer calls from withheld numbers or numbers you don't recognise, let it go to voicemail.
- Block numbers from people who are sending you nasty messages.
- If you are bullied repeatedly you can change your number.
- Don't give your mobile number to someone you don't know.
- Don't send pictures to someone you don't know.
- If the problem is serious you can report it to the police, cyber mentors, or childline.

School Uniform Reminder

The majority of our students have returned looking very smart for the new year. We do still have a concern about some of the trousers and skirts that are being worn. Please see below for a reminder of our expectations:

If "trousers or skirts" are purchased from other outlets they should be a similar design. They should **not** be 'skinny' (tight all the way down to the ankle), or made of stretchy material e.g. leggings or in the style of, or resembling, black jeans. We appreciate that some shops are selling 'school trousers' in these styles, but they are not acceptable as part of the uniform for students at The Thomas Lord Audley School.

Skirts should be black and knee length (as shown on our website) and not the stretch fashion designs or flared.

We will be following up any items that are not suitable in the forthcoming weeks.

If you need any further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us for advice.

Personal Items

REMINDER — Students must take full responsibility for any personal items they bring into School e.g. mobiles phones & headphones etc

Child Protection Policy

The Thomas Lord Audley School's Child Protection Policy is available via the School Website



PRE-PUBLIC TIMETABLE MONDAY 18 NOVEMBER TO FRIDAY 06 DECEMBER 2019					
18-Nov	AMONDAY 1	MONDAY 2	MONDAY 3	MONDAY 4	MONDAY 5
	Y11 INTERVIEWS		Y11 INTERVIEWS		
	ATUESDAY 1	TUESDAY 2	TUESDAY 3	TUESDAY 4	TUESDAY 5
	OPTION B		MATHS paper 1 (1h 30m)		
	AWEDNESDAY 1	WEDNESDAY 2	WEDNESDAY 3	WEDNESDAY 4	WEDNESDAY 5
	SCIENCE (Biology) 1h 10m		ENGLISH LANGUAGE 1h 45m 1h		
	ATHURSDAY 1	THURSDAY 2	THURSDAY 3	THURSDAY 4	THURSDAY 5
	OPTION A except MUSIC		OPTION C except Art (German Writing)		
	AFRIDAY 1	FRIDAY 2	FRIDAY 3	FRIDAY 4	FRIDAY 5
	SCIENCE (Chemistry) 1h 10m		ENGLISH LITERATURE p 1 (X POP ONLY) 1h 45m		
25-Nov	BMONDAY 1	MONDAY 2	MONDAY 3	MONDAY 4	MONDAY 5
	ENGLISH LITERATURE p 2 (X POP ONLY) 2h 15m				
	BTUESDAY 1	TUESDAY 2	TUESDAY 3	TUESDAY 4	TUESDAY 5
	COMPUTER SCIENCE paper 2 (1h)		MATHS paper 2 (1h 30m)		
	BWEDNESDAY 1	WEDNESDAY 2	WEDNESDAY 3	WEDNESDAY 4	WEDNESDAY 5
	PE Paper 1 (1h)		MATHS paper 3 (1h 30m)		
	BTHURSDAY 1	THURSDAY 2	THURSDAY 3	THURSDAY 4	THURSDAY 5
	MUSIC LISTENING (1h 30m) Conf Room		German Listening (MEC classroom)		
02-Dec	AMONDAY 1	MONDAY 2	MONDAY 3	MONDAY 4	MONDAY 5
	ART		ART		ART
	ATUESDAY 1	TUESDAY 2	TUESDAY 3	TUESDAY 4	TUESDAY 5
	Media Studies p2 TV clip (option B & C)		German Reading		
	AWEDNESDAY 1	WEDNESDAY 2	WEDNESDAY 3	WEDNESDAY 4	WEDNESDAY 5
	History P2		PE Paper 2 (1h)		
	ATHURSDAY 1	THURSDAY 2	THURSDAY 3	THURSDAY 4	THURSDAY 5
	German Speaking		German Speaking		German Speaking

Option A is normal lesson for Week A/Tuesday/Period 5

Option B is normal lesson for Week A/Monday/Period 4

Option C is normal lesson for Week A/Monday/Period 5



Bikes on School Site

From Monday 11th November.

Students arriving on site will be asked to dismount their bikes when entering the site from any of the school gates in the morning.

When leaving the site after school students will also be asked to walk their bikes towards any of the main gates and push them through the pedestrian gate.

These are the busy times when most students are either arriving or leaving the site by foot and we are asking students to walk bikes off site towards the gates to highlight responsible bike ownership.

Students are allowed to cycle off site via the school field gate as long as they keep to the marked cycle way through the car park.

In addition to the above, the bike shelter will also be opened around 3.15pm to allow for the majority students leaving by foot to leave the site first .

We appreciate that is a new arrangement, but staff will be on duty to help support and remind those travelling to school by bike.

Mr K Rowland
Assistant Headteacher

TLA House Point Totals

1st Darwin 5.00

2nd Austen 3.99

3rd Nelson 3.21

Last weeks top earners were Sofia Bellomo 7A-TC
and Grace Miller 7D-SH with 24 house points each. .
Well Done!

The year 11 competition is as follows:

1st LB 221.62. The top year 11 student was Joe Knox 11-DB with 16 house points. Well Done!

Attendance Winners

This week's attendance winners with 98.66% attendance were 7D-EH. Congratulations!

Medication in school

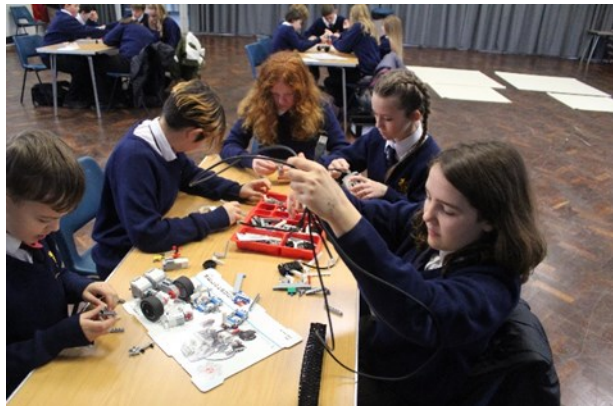
We keep a very small supply of paracetamol in school for use in emergencies only. Just recently we have had children requesting Calpol. We are not able to provide these so if you know that your child may need them during the day please make sure they have them with them.

We are happy to store these during the day if you do not want your son/daughter to carry them with them during the day. If this is the case we ask that you make sure that they are clearly labelled and handed in to the Student Office.



Year 8 Army STEM Youth Team Workshop Operation Disaster Relief

This week the Army STEM Youth Team visited TLA and delivered workshops with some of the Year 8 students.



The workshops were called 'Operation Disaster Relief' and through this the students learnt about the different type of work the Army undertake all over the world including the peacekeeping and humanitarian support they often do.

Operation Disaster Relief developed the student's knowledge of the STEM accelerator project and how it develops within the groups leadership, teamwork, critical thinking and perseverance as the students have to work together to design, build and programme a LEGO Mindstorm robot that can follow instructions and complete logistical challenges.

The project also develops the student's knowledge of STEM related subjects and that failure can actually be good as they learned from their mistakes and changed their robot to improve it.

The student's worked hard in their groups all creating very different style of robots and learnt a lot through the workshops.

Mrs Green
Careers Leader



Social Media Awareness Course

We are running a Social Media Awareness Course on Tuesday 19 November. There is one session at 4.30-5.15pm and a second session at 6.00-6.45pm.

Could you please register your interest by emailing ross.mckenzie@tla.school.



Finance Notices

1. Sharp el-531 calculators available via ParentPay
2. Replacement catering cards available via ParentPay for £3
3. TLA school ties are available via ParentPay for £6.00
4. Replacement locker key are available via ParentPay for £3
5. Easter Multi-Sports Holland Festival - 3rd payment is requested by 15 November
6. Year 10 Ypres and The Somme - non-refundable deposit is requested by 15 November
7. OCR GCSE PE revision guide available via ParentPay for £7
8. Year 7 Mersea Camp - non refundable deposit is requested by 8 November 2019 via ParentPay
9. Year 11 Science Revision Guides are available via ParentPay
10. Year 11 Edexcel Maths Revision Guides are available via ParentPay
11. Year 8 Germany - non-refundable deposit is requested by 13 November 2019
12. Christmas Lunch - payment is requested by Friday 6 December to secure a ticket

Can we please ask you to check your child's catering card balance and clear any debt.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 12 November	District Cross Country
Wednesday 13 November	Year 9 Citizenship trip to Chelmsford City Race Course
Friday 15 November	Non-uniform day - £1 to wear non-uniform
Wednesday 20 November	Year 11 Careers - Barclays International Day
Thursday 21 November	Year 11 Careers - Career Shadow, Colchester Hospital
Friday 29 November	Non Pupil Day
Friday 20 December	Last day of Autumn Term



Reading at TLA - Parent / Child Bookclubs

As you will be aware, at TLA we place great importance on developing the reading skills of our students and as such have developed a wide range of opportunities in order to do this successfully through both in-class and extra-curricular activities. New for this year!

The library will be hosting a parent-child book club where parents can read the selected book with their child and then attend the book club and discuss the book in an informal setting with the added bonus of a light meal provided in the form of pizza!

Book Club 2 - Wild Boy by Rob Lloyd Jones - Tuesday 26th November 5-6pm

For more information please ask Mrs Warriner. Books can be collected from Mrs Bredin in the Library. Happy reading!

Mrs Warriner
School Improvement Leader

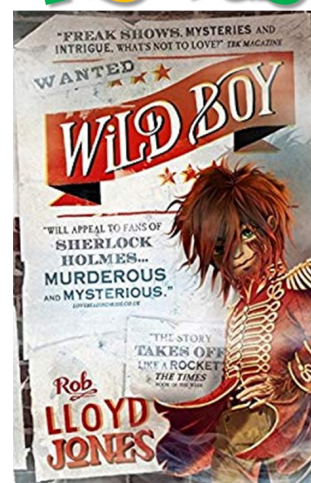
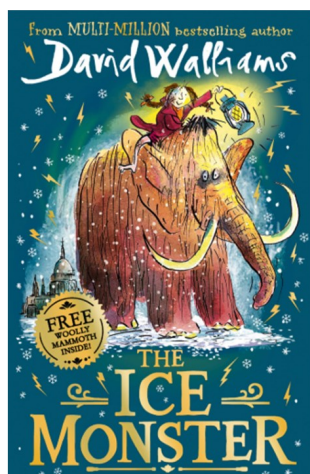
Parent-Child BookClubs

New this year!
Enjoy reading a book
with your child. . .



A great way to get
involved and increase
your child's motivation!

Tuesday 22nd October



Tuesday 26th November

Discuss it in a friendly and informal environment.
Collect your copy from the library now!



TUESDAY 17 DECEMBER 2019

Vegetarian Christmas Lunch

Vegetarian bake (contains gluten, wheat, milk), stuffing ball (contains wheat, barley and gluten), yorkshire pudding (contains wheat, egg, milk, gluten), roast potatoes, carrots, peas & vegetarian gravy (contains soya, barley and wheat). Chocolate log (contains gluten, wheat, milk, egg and soya). May contain traces of nuts.

Turkey Christmas Lunch

Roast turkey (contains wheat), stuffing balls (contains wheat, barley and gluten), pigs in blanket (contains wheat soya and sodium sulphate), yorkshire pudding (contains wheat, egg, milk and gluten), roast potatoes, carrots, peas & vegetarian gravy (contains soya barley and wheat). Chocolate log (contains wheat, milk, egg, soya and gluten). May contain traces of nuts.

You **MUST** pay for your child's Christmas Lunch **BEFORE** Friday 6 December.

Cost is £2.50.

Christmas Lunch tickets will then be issued by the tutor on after Friday 13 December.

Please note there will be **NO OTHER FOOD AVAILABLE** on Tuesday 17 December at all during break or lunch this day.

Students eligible for Free School Meals will automatically receive a turkey ticket unless they inform their tutor otherwise by **FRIDAY 6 DECEMBER**.

NO TICKET = NO LUNCH



TLA Catering Department

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Fresh Pizza (Wheat Gluten Egg) Cottage Pie V (Wheat Gluten Barley) Baked Fresh Potato Wedges Peas Syrup Sponge (Wheat Milk Egg Gluten)	Lasagne & Garlic Bread (Wheat Milk Gluten) Cauliflower Cheese V (Wheat Milk) Parsley Potato Sweetcorn Apple Crumble (Wheat Gluten)	Roast of the Day Roast Potatoes Steamed Carrots Savoy Cabbage Lentil Curry V (Wheat Gluten) Jam Doughnuts (Wheat Gluten Milk)	Chicken Curry & Brown Rice (Gluten Soya Wheat Mustard) Sauté Potatoes (Celery Gluten Wheat) Tomato & Brie Flan V Citrus Sponge (Wheat Gluten Milk)	All Day Breakfast (Wheat Egg Milk Gluten) Hash Browns Baked Beans Toad in the Hole V (Gluten Wheat Egg) Marble Cake (Wheat Gluten)

Sandwiches

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Chicken & Bacon Sandwich Cheese Salad Wrap Sausage Sandwich Ham Sub Cheese Sub	Chicken Mayo Sandwich BLT Cheese Sandwich Cheese Sub Chicken Sub	All Day Breakfast Ham Sandwich Chicken Sandwich Cheese Sub Ham Sub	Ham Sandwich Chicken Salad Wrap Cream Cheese & Cucumber Chicken Sub Cheese Sub	Cheese Sandwich Chicken Sandwich BLT Cheese Sub Ham Sub
HOT & COLD FOOD TO TAKE AWAY DAILY				
ASSORTED PANINIS				
SALAD CART				
SPECIALS WILL BE ANNOUNCED DAILY ON THE INFORMATION TVS				

