

TVA NEWS

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Spanish Spelling Bee

It can be hard enough spelling certain words in English sometimes, never mind words in a language that you have only been learning for under a year. But, that's exactly what the year 7 pupils achieved when they took part in the Spanish Spelling Bee competition in the Top Valley Academy Theatre.

Alisha, Tomasz, Elliott, Dion, Jahvedo, Corey, Callum, Dominic, Tomek, Ryonde, and TC, all took part in the spelling event in front of a packed audience of staff and pupils.

Each contestant had to spell a series of Spanish words using letters of the Spanish alphabet. The words varied in difficulty, from simple to complex.

It was a tense and exciting atmosphere during the competition, so some light

relief came in the form of a separate challenge to win the chance to tackle a piñata hanging over the stage. As the photographs will testify, this turned out to be more difficult than expected.

Señor Straw, Head of Modern Foreign Languages, said: "A massive well done to all the finalists. All the contestants showed great skill and courage by spelling words using the Spanish alphabet. The Year 7 audience were brilliant as well! In the end, Tomek was a very worthy winner, spelling 11 words correctly in one minute to become the ultimate Spanish Spelling Bee Champion 2013. ¡Fenomenal!"

Tomek said: "It was a great experience and everybody did so well. It was a lot of fun and I enjoyed the challenge".



Council meet Councillor

The Top Valley Academy Student Council took some time out recently to meet with Councillor David Mellen, Portfolio Holder for Children's Services. The pupils involved



talked at length with Councillor Mellen about the role the Student Council plays in school and the positive influence it can have in communicating the opinions, ideas and concerns of students.

Members of the student council were elected by their peers earlier in the year, and work hard to provide a voice to the student populous.

Exam Time!

Good luck to all of the Top Valley Academy students taking exams this summer!

Gallery



You can see more pictures in the Gallery on the TVA Website!

Schoolgirl Gets Maths GCSE Aged 10

Last term, we brought you the story about 10 year old Rise Park Primary School pupil, Zara Bashir, who has been studying for a GCSE in Mathematics at Top Valley Academy.



We are delighted to tell you that Zara went on to achieve a grade C in her exam, and news of her success was covered in the local media.

Zara is now looking to improve even further, as a C grade was the maximum she could obtain in the paper she took. She is currently working towards revising for the higher paper in the hope that she will get an A grade when she sits the paper in June.

Zara said: "I feel really proud. I really enjoy maths. It is one of my favourite subjects, so when I got the result, I was really pleased".

Walesby Camping

STUDENTS got a taste of the outdoor life when they visited Walesby Forest on a camping holiday during the Easter Holidays

Thirty-three Year 11 students went on the trip after being selected because of their effort and top attendance record.

They spent their time doing various activities, including climbing, rifle-shooting, athletics and rounders.

The centre, near Newark, provides outdoor adventure activities for youngsters.

Top Valley Academy Assistant Principal Lee Morgan said: "It was a really good bonding session for the Year 11s before they take their exams."

Commando Joes Inspire Pupils



Commando Joes are continuing to do some great work all around school.

Christopher Reeve, an ex army professional who spent 9 years in the service, comes into the academy on Thursdays and Fridays to run sessions including fitness training, individual mentoring and other activities to raise aspiration and self confidence,

He said: "We are committed to helping young people in their school work. We feel that we can engage with them and tell them where we have come from to try to motivate them to do well."

SID

Congratulations to the tutor groups in Year 7, who have earned their first badge in the SID tutor campaign.

The SID campaign is a way of promoting teamwork, tolerance and the themes of safety, identity and difference to create a happy and safe learning environment in Top Valley Academy



KEY DATES FOR THE SUMMER HALF TERM

Mon - Wed	13 th May - 26 th June	Key Exams Period
Mon - Fri	27 th - 31 st May	Half Term Holidays
Monday	3 rd June	Pupils first day back after holidays
Monday - Tuesday	20 th - 21 st June	Summer Dance Showcase
Tuesday	25 th June	Non-feeder schools Transition Day
Wednesday	26 th June	Year 6 Transition Day 1
Wednesday	26 th June	Achievement Evening
Friday	28 th June	Year 11 Prom Night
Monday - Friday	1 st - 5 th July	Whole School Readathon
Wednesday	3 rd July	Year 6 Transition Day 2
Thursday - Friday	4 th - 5 th July	Belgium History Trip
Thursday	11 th July	Year 7 Warwick Castle Visit
Monday - Friday	15 th - 19 th July	Dance Academy Tour
Wednesday	24 th July	FIRST DAY OF SUMMER HOLIDAYS
Wednesday	4 th September	Pupils return to school



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