

# TVA NEWS

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## SUMMER SUCCESS

Welcome to our final Newsletter of the Year.

We are finishing another great Top Valley Academy year in celebration mood.



### Achievement Evening

On Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July, parents and carers, staff, governors and guests all came together to celebrate the near **100 prize-winners** at our prestigious annual Achievement Evening.

This year we welcomed **Mr Malcolm Cowgill**, Principal of Central College Nottingham, our Academy sponsor, and **Megan Hickman**, a former pupil of Top Valley Academy, as our guest speakers. Congratulations to all our Award Winners and I would like to give a special personal mention to **Joshua Murfet and Maegan Kelly**, winners of the Principal's Awards for 2014.

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### Friday FUN Day

On the hottest day of the year so far we came together for our Annual Friday Fun Day in the sun and we were very pleased to be joined by **Y6 pupils from Cantrell, Bullwell St Mary's, Gladehill and Southglade Primary** who had taken part in our "Flying Start" week. We also look forward to welcoming **165 new pupils** to Top Valley Y7 in September.

Our Celebrations are set to continue on **Tuesday 22nd July** at our **end of Year assembly** where we will come together as a school to reflect on all of the wonderful projects we have been involved in this year and some of the highlights and successes along the way.

## TVA Class of 2014

Marking the end of their busy exam period, Y11 pupils and staff gathered at the **Top Valley Academy Prom Night** which took place on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June** at the Goosedale Conference Centre.

It was a perfect opportunity for our Year 11 students to celebrate all their hard work with their teachers and the end of their five years at the Academy.

We wish every pupil luck for their **results in August** and for the future.

## Dance Academy Tour



Top Valley Dance Academy visited local primary schools as part of their annual **Summer Tour** in July.

The five dance academies visited **8 different primary schools**, showcasing dances that featured in April's Performing Arts Showcase '**A Night at the Flicks.**'

The tour visited Cantrell, Rise Park, Robin Hood, Standstead, Burford, Southglade, Henry Whipple and Westglade Primary Schools, where pupils from the Senior and Advanced Dance Academy performed choreography to cinema classics such as '**Breakfast at Tiffany's**' and '**Pulp Fiction**'.

Mr Fielding, Cantrell's Principal, said: *"It takes a lot of confidence to perform to an audience. The skills shown by the TVA girls today will help them both in their dancing and in their everyday life. It will mean they have the confidence to perform in crowds but also in interviews and in further education. They are great role models to our pupils."*



# TVA Around The World



## KS3 History Trip to Belgium

On Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June, 34 pupils from Years 7 and 8 took part in the annual History trip to Belgium.

The trip included taking part in platoon experiences, a tour around the 'In Flanders Field Museum' and a visit to Langemark and Tyne Cot Cemetery, at which pupils placed a Top Valley Academy wreath to commemorate the fallen soldiers of World War One.



## Full Spanish Exchange Programme



Following on from the success of this year's exchange, the Spanish exchange scheme will be open to future Year 10 pupils who choose Spanish as a GCSE option.

Securing a place on the exchange is a reward for all those who work hard, attend well, show a willingness to improve their Spanish, and show the desire to achieve their very best grades in the subject.

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## TVA pupils in National Enterprise Challenge Finals

In June, Top Valley Academy pupils from Year 7 and 8 took part in The Ryman National Enterprise Challenge 2014.

The challenge was to **work in groups of 6**, within their tutor groups, to design their own **pencil case to be sold in Ryman stationery stores**.

Pupils were asked to pay particular attention to the **price** of their item, their **unique selling point**, how they would **promote** their product and who their perfect customer would be.

One group from each tutor was invited to present their idea to a panel of judges at the end of the day. Out of the 10 groups who presented in the final presentation: the winners "**S.A.S**" were chosen as Top Valley's representatives at the final on the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2014.

In an incredibly competitive field Top Valley's very own **Reece** won the "**Most Enterprising Boy Award**" which was presented by Dragons' Den's **Theo Pathitis**. Well done to Reece for a wonderful achievement.



## KEY DATES:

First day back for pupils: Wednesday 3rd September

INSET Day: Friday 3rd October

Half-term holidays: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> - Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October