



Tiffinian Association Bulletin

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Latest News

It's your last chance to book for...

...[the Tiffin School Summer Reunion, Friday 1st July 2011](#)

We would particularly encourage you to come if the year you left ended in '1' and so left 10/20/30....years ago!



All Tiffin alumni and friends of Tiffin School are welcome to attend.
Drinks will be available from 7.30pm to 9.30pm in the Head's Garden.
Please book your place via the [Events page](#) of the TiffinFriends website or by contacting Alex Swift.



The 2011 Leavers reunion last Friday was organised by **Sutha Satkunarahaj, Tom Vasquez, Paul Higginson and Sujith Subesinghe** and was a great success, with the ex-students reluctant to leave at the end of the evening!

To see photos displayed and taken during the evening, please [click here](#) or go to the news page of the TiffinFriends website.



Tiffin Choir Tour of Australia, 21st July to 8th August 2011

Please click on this text to see the [attached letter from the Tiffin Choirmaster, Simon Toyne](#) asking for support for the choir's tour of Australia



Invitations have been sent out to Tiffin alumni in Australia and New Zealand for the reception for Tiffin alumni on Friday 29th July at the Consul-General's Residence, Sydney. Please email TAL@tiffin.kingston.sch.uk if you would like to attend, but have not yet received an invitation.



If you are a medic/dental student or doctor/dentist please book your place for the **Tiffin Medics Society's First Meeting** on Friday 9th September 2011, 7.30pm to 9.30pm at Tiffin School. **Kush Abeysekera** (2005) is organising the group and will introduce the evening. It will be an opportunity for alumni to liaise with each other and discuss how the group should progress. We hope that many alumni will attend.

Canapés will be provided; drinks will be available from a pay-bar.

Please [book your place](#) via the TiffinFriends website, £7 for students; £10 for non-students.

School News

On 1st July 2011 Tiffin School will become an academy

The Governors of Tiffin School who are guided in all strategic decision making by what they consider to be in the best interests of the school and in accordance with the Academies Act 2010, have concluded that academy status is the best way forward for the school. The Department for Education statement regarding the nature of Academies states 'Academies are publicly funded independent schools, free from local authority and national government control. Other freedoms include setting their own pay and conditions for staff, freedoms concerning the delivery of the curriculum, and the ability to change the length of their terms and school days.' The change of status is technical, in that the name of the school, the way it runs, its ethos, aims and methods of operation will stay the same.



Tiffin Ball Boys at Wimbledon Tennis

In 2009, 4 Tiffin boys were ball boys during the Wimbledon tennis fortnight; in 2010 this increased to 8 boys. We are delighted to say that this year there are 18 Tiffin boys who made it through. In total, 250 ball boys were chosen from the 750 who applied.

The boys went through selection procedures by both the school and the Tennis Club. Once chosen they had to attend rigorous training sessions twice a week to prepare them.

The picture shows one of the current Year 10s taking part in an early 2011 match.

To see Tiffin boys in a BBC video about the Wimbledon ball boy training, please [click here](#)

Alumni News

OT artist, [Karl de Vroomen](#) (2000) held his first one man show at the Opus Gallery, Cork Street, London. This represents a fantastic achievement within the world of visual arts for someone not yet 30 years old. The show was well attended and during the private view there were a copious number of ex Tiffinians present along with a healthy number of red dots besides the paintings!



OT jazz pianist, [Sam Leak](#) (2004) will be travelling all across England in July in his first major tour to promote his band, Aquarium. Sam said: "I was first introduced to jazz at the Richmond Music Trust and I continued to play the piano throughout school. Once I finished I wanted to continue."

Aquarium's debut album will be on sale in shops at the end of June.



Events



Between 2nd - 16th July 2011, the Kingston Museum is hosting an **Exhibition of Tiffin School Art** entitled '**Ar- tiff-acts**'.

The museum is open between 10am-5pm on Mon/Tue/Thu/Fri/Sat and admission is free. There will be examples of painting, sculpture, film, crochet, junk and modelling...

Tiffin School 2011 Drama Department and Year 9, present a dramatisation of William Golding's, **Lord of the Flies** at 2pm and 7pm on 7th and 8th July. Tickets are priced £6 for adults; £4 for concessions and can be purchased by ringing the drama department on 020 8546 4638 ext 157 or by emailing Nick Partridge at npartridge@tiffin.kingston.sch.uk



Tiffin Parents Association 'In Conversation with...Jennifer Wood', the founder of the Canton Tea Company on Thursday July 7th at 7pm for 7.30pm at Tiffin School. She will talk about her career and what compelled her to start a tea company. After the talk, you will be invited to try the tea and enjoy a selection of Asian dim sum snacks, provided by H Mart, a new and exciting Korean Supermarket. There will also be a raffle with some great prizes. To purchase your tickets online please [click here](#) (adults £5 and children £2).

Tiffin-in-the-Garden, Friday 15th July, from 6.00pm until 7.45pm. Featuring all the School's musical ensembles and the Big Tiffin Orchestra, drama and dance. Tickets are priced £5 adults/£4 Friends of Tiffin Music/£1 child. To book tickets, please contact the Music Office at ccritcher@tiffin.kingston.sch.uk or by phone on 020 8546 4638 ext. 133



The 3rd Annual Old Tiffinians Rugby 7s Tournament will take place at 1pm on Saturday 3rd September at Grist's. Please contact **Jamie McNicholas** (2004) at j1m37@hotmail.com for further information. TIPRA will be hosting a Beer and Cider Festival on 3rd September to coincide with the tournament with a band in the evening. Please click [here](#) for information and a link to the ticket website.

The 100th Tiffinian Association Annual Dinner will take place on Friday 11th November 2011 at Tiffin School. Tickets are priced at £30 and can be purchased via the [Events page](#) of the TiffinFriends website.



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