

ABTKD NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2018

Welcome to our latest newsletter containing news and information about our clubs and events. Check our website news page for further updates – www.abtkd.co.uk

LICENCE RENEWALS

The following student licences will expire at the end of the month.
Please renew via the PayPal link on the website before 21ST February:

Emaan Iqbal, Kashmala Iqbal, Mustafa Iqbal, Naayaab Iqbal, Bailey Jeyes,
Kiera Lacey, James Maher, Adam Riaz, Saif Ali Taimoor, Leah Williams

The following student licences will expire at the end of the March.
Please renew via the PayPal link on the website before 24th March:

Muhammad Bin Imad, Umar Bin Imad, Ruqqaiyyah Bint Imad, Gints Birnbaums,
Scarlett Dempsey, Joseph Dunne, Pawan Gahir, Harry Gordon, Keyonie Irving,
Philip Jeyes, Lilly Kukadia, Nyall Kukadia, Ella Thompson, Alfie Victoire-Butler

LICENCE FEES

TAGB licence renewal price will increase to £40 via the PayPal link on our website or £45 cash to your instructor. This must be paid during the month prior to the month when the licence expires (e.g. licence expires in December, renewal must be paid by the end of November). After that, it will be treated as a 'late renewal' with the price of £45 via the PayPal link on our website or £50 cash to your instructor. This amendment will be in place from 1st April 2018, not 1st January as previously relayed.

SUPERSPARS

Our weekly session for competitive sparring, has returned with great success:
every Sunday 6-7pm, Sheldon Community Centre, Sheldon Heath Road, B26 2RU.

All ages and grades are welcome, all children must be accompanied by an adult in the dojang for the duration. You will need trainers, towel, drink, full TAGB safety sparring equipment, £2 on the door.

Casual dress, dobok and belt not required. We also have our weekly fight club session:
every Friday 7-8:30pm, Lode Heath School, Lode Lane, Solihull, B91 2HW; £3 on the door, same rules.
Please try to support these sessions whenever possible as we will be concentrating more on grading syllabus in normal club classes, so Fridays and Sundays will be the only option for regular sparring.

TAGB MIDLANDS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The first tournament of the year was a great success and a very busy day where nine members represented us very strongly indeed. Well to all of you:

Gints Birnbaums – bronze sparring, gold tag team; Eva McDowell – bronze sparring, bronze tag team
Rihards Murnieks – gold patterns, gold sparring, gold tag team; Anthony Gayle – bronze sparring
James Maher – bronze sparring; Ella Thompson – gold sparring; Reinins Beihmanis – bronze sparring
Luke Tovey, Leah Woodall

TAGB ENGLISH CHAMPIONSHIPS

Our next tournament will be the TAGB English Championships on 25th March; full details are available on the 'Tournaments' page of our website. There are only two or three opportunities for competition experience before the Tae Kwon-Do International World Championships in the summer. If you have never been to a TAGB tournament you are missing out on a big part of your TKD journey. Please consider building experience at one or both of our weekly sparring classes and the progressing onto our competition circuit where we have events for all grades and ages.

PART MEMBERSHIP

I would like to ask again that all part members training in one class per week consider switching to full membership of two or more classes per week. The benefits of full membership with more experience and heavier repetition of techniques and drills far outweigh the additional cost of £10 per month. It is impossible to grade to black belt and beyond with ABTKD when training only once per week.

PUNCTUALITY

Our problems with lateness are still evident from the same few repeat offenders. Please endeavour to be at your venue five minutes before class start time. I have explained several times on previous newsletters how lateness impacts the class planning; I also see this as extremely disrespectful and contra to our club rules. Please do not be offended when I refuse entry to class to future latecomers.

END OF YEAR PARTY 2017

Thank you to all members, families and friends who supported our end of year party in December; it was a thoroughly enjoyable evening. Congratulations to our 'Student of the Year' award winners; Luke Tovey – Acocks Green, Jayden Johnson – Castle Vale, Davincy Stephens – Yardley. Rihards Murnieks from Acocks Green was the 'Competition League Winner'.

We will no longer present trophies for 'Student of the Year' and instead concentrate on rewarding those who have competed on our tournament circuit throughout the year.

I am very grateful to everyone who contributed to funding my gifts and took the time to sign my cards, thank you all very much indeed.

Due to falling support over the years we will not be arranging another end of year party but will look forward to an evening celebration for our adult members only where we will meet locally for drinks instead.

AREA PRE-GRADE TRAINING FOR BLACK BELTS AND RED BELTS

For any students who intend to take a further grading within the constitution of the TAGB national syllabus from red belt, black stripe or black belt, you must attend national area pre-grade training. Red belts need an attendance card to be stamped / signed to confirm attendance, (cards available from your instructor); black stripe and black belts need licence booklet stamped / signed to confirm attendance. Full details of these training sessions are on the next pages of this newsletter. We are in the Central England South area, under World Master Paul Donnelly; you must attend training in your own area only – other area training is only available with advanced permission from the area representative.

Anthony Brennan, 5th Dan Instructor, www.abtkd.co.uk

AREA BLACK BELT GRADING PRE-TRAINING SESSIONS

APRIL 2018 BLACK BELT GRADING

Any student who wishes to attend a training session in a different area must apply (via their Instructor) to the relevant Area Co-Ordinator of the area they wish to attend.

Please note:

ALL BLACK BELTS AND 1st & 2nd KUP STUDENTS WHO ARE NOT GRADING MUST ATTEND ONE TRAINING SESSION EACH 6 MONTHS.

A FEE WILL BE PAYABLE ON THE DAY FOR THESE TRAINING SESSIONS.

Please refer to your Black Belt grading pack for information regarding handing in Black Belt grading forms and payment.

Only TAGB sparring equipment and white doboks are to be worn at these sessions.

TAGB COUNCIL

Courtesy

Integrity

Perseverance

Self Control

Indomitable Spirit

North of England

Mr Kenny Walton

Tel: 07973 883971

All forms & payment are to be handed in on, or before, the first session.

Times stated are session start times.

Please ensure you arrive early enough to get your licence stamped and to warm up.

1st Session - Saturday 24th March 2018 (Please note this is a new venue)

**Forge Valley School
Wood Lane
Sheffield
S^ 5HG**

1st and 2nd Kups 9.30am - 11.30am.

All Black belts 10.30am-12.30pm

2nd Session - Sunday 8th April 2018

**Bradford Unique Lifestyle Gym
University of Bradford
Bradford
BD7 1DP**

1st and 2nd Kups 9.30am - 11.30am

All Black belts 10.30am - 12.30pm

3rd Session - Sunday 15th April 2018 (Please note this is a new venue)

**William Hulme`s Grammar School
Spring Bridge Road
Manchester
M16 8PR**

1st and 2nd Kups 9.30am – 11.30am

All Black belts 10.30am - 12.30am

The early start times are for 1st and 2nd kups and the overlap time for Black belts. Please be early to sign in.

Central England South

Mr Paul Donnelly

Tel: 07836 619233

All forms & payment are to be handed in on the first session.

All sessions to be held at:

Ellowes Hall Sports College

Stickley Lane

Lower Gornal

Dudley

DY3 2JH

1st Session - Sunday 4th March 2018

1st and 2nd Kups 10.00am - 11.15am

All Black belts 11.15pm – 12.30pm

2nd Session - Sunday 11th March 2018

1st and 2nd Kups 10.00am - 11.15am

All Black belts 11.15pm – 12.30pm

3rd Session - Sunday 18th March 2018

1st and 2nd Kups 10.00am - 11.15am

All Black belts 11.15pm – 13.30pm
(inc star grades)

Scotland

Mr Paul Donnelly

Tel: 07836 619233

1st Session – Saturday 10th March 2018

2nd Session – Saturday 17th March 2018

3rd Session – Sunday 1st April 2018

Please contact Master Donnelly for Timings & Venues for training in Scotland

South Midlands

Mr Don Atkins

Tel: 01926 772246

All Forms & payment to be in at the first session or on Sunday 18th of Feb at the BB patterns course.

All sessions to be held at:

**The Assembly Hall or Sports Hall
Stratford upon Avon School
Alcester Road
CV37 9DH**

BLACK/RED BELTS WHO ARE NOT GRADING AND WISH TO GET THEIR BOOKS & CARDS STAMPED CAN ATTEND THE FIRST OR THIRD SESSION OR THE PATTERNS COURSE FOR BLACK BELTS ONLY.

BB Patterns course - Sunday 18th February 2018 Assembly Hall

1 st Dans	10am – 12pm
2 nd Dans & Above	12pm – 2pm

1st Session – Sunday 25th February 2018 Assembly Hall

1 st and 2 nd Kups	10.00am – 11.00am
All Black belts	11.00am – 12pm

2nd Session - Sunday 11th March 2018 Assembly Hall

All Grades	10am – 12pm (Pre-Grading incl any Junior star grading)
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3rd Session - Saturday 17th March 2018 Sports Hall

1st and 2 nd Kups	2pm – 3pm
All Black belts	3pm – 4pm

Wales

Mr Gianni Peros

Tel: 07866 491984

All Sessions to be held at:

**Tae Kwon Do Centre
194b Cowbridge Road East
Cardiff
CF5 1GW**

1st Session - Saturday 24th March 2018

1 st and 2 nd Kups	10.00am
1 st Dans	11.30pm
2 nd Dans & above	1.00pm

2nd Session - Saturday 31st March 2018

1 st and 2 nd Kups	10.00am
1 st Dans	11.30am
2 nd Dans & above	1.00pm

3rd Session - Saturday 7th April 2018

1 st & 2 nd Kups	10.00am
1 st Dans	11.30pm
2 nd Dans & above	1.00pm

South East

Mr David Oliver

Tel: 07770 917233

All forms & payment to be handed in on the first training session

1st Session – Saturday 17th March 2018

Garth Hill College
Bull Lane
Bracknell
RG42 2LN

1st and 2nd Kups 11.00am

All Black belts 12.00pm

2nd Session - Saturday 7th April 2018

Burgess Hill Leisure Centre
Triangle Way
Burgess Hill
RH15 8WA

1st and 2nd Kups 12.00pm

All Black belts 1.00pm

3rd Session - Saturday 14th April 2018

Garth Hill College
Bull Lane
Bracknell
RG42 2LN

1st and 2nd Kups 11.00am

All Black belts 12.00pm

South West

Mr Michael Dew

Email: academy@tagbtaekwondo.com

1st Session (Pre-grading)- Sunday 18th March 2018

Bristol Academy
163A Church Road
Redfield
Bristol
BS5 9LA

All Red Belts 10.00am

Junior Star 12.00pm

All Black belts 1.00pm

2nd Session Saturday – 7th April 2018

Hutton Moor Leisure Centre
Weston super Mare
BS22 8LY

All Black Belts 10.00am

All Red Belts 11.45am

3rd Session - Sunday 15th April 2018

Hutton Moor Leisure Centre
Weston super Mare
BS22 8LY

All Black Belts 10.00am

All Red Belts 11.45am

North Midlands

Mr Brian Towndrow

Tel: 01246 590630/07813 216992

Map and directions to venues can be found on: www.nmtkd.org.uk

1st Session (Pre-grading) – Sunday 18th March 2018

Belper Sports Centre

John O` Gaunts Way

Belper

Derby

DE56 0DA

All belts 1.00pm

2nd Session Sunday 8th April 2018

Belper Sports Centre

John O` Gaunts Way

Belper

Derby

DE56 0DA

1pm – 2.30pm Students grading this time

2.30pm – 4pm All Belts not grading

3rd Session Sunday 15th April 2018

Derby Arena

Royal Way

Pride Parkway

Derby

DE24 8JB

1pm – 2.30pm Students grading this time

2.30pm – 4pm All Belts not grading

Central England North

Mr Ron Sergiew

Tel: 07894 035265

All sessions to be held at:

Wreake Valley Community College

Parkstone Road

Syston

Leicester

LE7 1LY

Map & Directions to the venue can be found at:

www.wvcc.leics.sch.uk/contact.htm

NB: BLACK BELTS & RED BELTS WHO ARE NOT GRADING AND WISH TO GET THEIR CARDS/LICENCE BOOKS STAMPED CAN ATTEND ANY ONE OF THE 3 SESSIONS.

NO BLACK BELT APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE SESSIONS

THE DEADLINE FOR RECEIVING BLACK BELT PAPERWORK & FEES IS FRIDAY 23rd OF MARCH

ALL CEN APPLICATIONS TO BE SENT TO: TAGB ADMIN PO BOX 16641 TAMWORTH STAFFS B77 9NA

DO NOT SEND REGISTERED MAIL. LATE APPLICATIONS RETURNED

1st Session - Saturday 10th March 2018

All Red Belts 11.00am - 12.00pm

All Dan Grades 12.00pm - 1.00pm

2nd Session - Saturday 7th April 2018

All Red Belts 11.00am - 12:00pm

All Dan Grades 12:00pm - 1:00pm

3rd Session - Saturday 14th April 2018

All Red Belts 11.00am - 12:00pm

All Dan Grades 12.00pm - 1:00pm