

ABTKD NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2020

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 January. Please renew via the PayPal link on the website before 31st January:

Emaan Iqbal, Kashmala Iqbal, Mustafa Iqbal, Naayaab Iqbal, Kajanann Karunaivel, Manchchari Karunaivel, Kiera Lacey, Eva McDowell, Adam Riaz, Saif Ali Taimoor, Leah Williams

Your licence is your responsibility!

RETURNING TO FULL STANDARD WHITE UNIFORM

I am very much looking forward to all members embracing our full standard white uniform only from now on. Club tee shirts and competition doboks are no longer permitted in any ABTKD class. As previously explained, this will promote a more disciplined appearance at all clubs and enhance the importance of the five tenets of Tae Kwon-Do.

CLOSURE DATES

Wednesday 12th February
Yardley club at KESH closed due to school music performance.
We will be training with Chelmsley TAGB instead:
John Henry Newman Catholic College
Chelmsley Road, Birmingham, B37 5GA
6-7pm lower grades, 7-8pm higher grades

CHARITY INTER CLUB CHALLENGE IN SUPPORT OF 'ST BASILS'

Last month we had the pleasure of presenting our overall total fund cheque to a representative from St Basil's. Our efforts raised a massive £6500 which all came down to the commitment of our awesome students, families and supporters. Well done to all involved and what a special feeling to have helped a charity for the homeless – particularly at this time of year.

TAGB MIDLANDS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The very first tournament of the new decade will be the TAGB Midlands Championships on Saturday 25th January at Arena Sports, Kettering. I cannot explain the importance of testing one's abilities against those of a similar grade, age, height and weight; as well as the fun and excitement of the whole day. Any graded student with full TAGB sparing safety equipment is eligible to compete on our tournament circuit. Full details are available to download from the 'Tournaments' page of our website. Entry deadline for forms and fees is Friday 10th January.

CHANGES TO CASLTE VALE CLUB

We have a brand-new mixed class starting in Castle Vale!

The launch date will be Saturday 1st February at 10am in an exciting new venue,
The Dance Studio, Greenwood Academy, Farnborough Road, B35 7NL.

I will be able to split the session into grade specific classes in the future.

This will mean that Monday 27th January will be our final Monday class for Castle Vale club at The Sanctuary. We have been a victim of low numbers and falling attendance on Mondays for some time so I hope that our senior grades can make it to the new class on Saturdays instead.

Wednesdays at The Sanctuary will remain unchanged.

STECHFORD CLUB TIME CHANGE

Stechford club at Colebourne Primary School has been a victim of its own tremendous success. Due to this, we need to amend our training times for the Friday classes, as follows:

4:30 – 5:15pm Beginners: white to yellow belt

5:15 – 6pm Intermediate: green to black belt

6 – 6:30pm Advanced: extended for red stripes to black belt

I hope everyone can make it to their allocated grade specific class.

If anyone will be facing logistical problems, please contact me directly.

Mondays will remain unchanged for now. I am working on converting the Monday session into separate classes as Stechford club is becoming very busy indeed.

I will relay more details in due course.

TWO CLASSES FOR ALL BEGINNERS / WHITE BELTS / YELLOW STRIPES

All of our newer students currently training in one class per week will soon be asked to convert to two classes per week and commit to full membership. This is explained in our starter info / welcome pack, but I will contact those members individually before the end of the month.

THANK YOU!

During the final classes of 2019, I received countless seasons greetings including cards and gifts. To all of those who took the time, effort and expense to do so, I am extremely grateful, and I thank you sincerely. I consider myself very lucky indeed.

**Happy New Year to all our students and their families.
We are back to our usual timetable as of Monday 6th January.**

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