

# ABTKD NEWSLETTER JULY 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](http://www.abtkd.co.uk)

## LICENCE RENEWALS

The following student licences will expire at the end of August.

Please renew via the PayPal link on the website before 31<sup>st</sup> July:

***Zain Amin, Reinis Beihmanis, Mason Collins, Naomi Collins, Anthony Gayle, Aleeza Haroon, Adam Jaszewski, Jayden Johnson, Ellie McCormack, Eve McGrory, Malaika Noor, Praveer Phull, Mackenzie Poultney, Hayaam Yaseen, Safa Yaseen***

The following student licences will expire at the end of September.

Please renew via the PayPal link on the website before 15<sup>th</sup> August:

***Deborah Collins, Julia Dabrowska, Jan Dabrowski, Zahir Haque, Haaris Jabbar, Nicola Williams***

## CLOSURE DATES

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> August – Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September inclusive (Summer break)

## SPARWARS AND SUPERSPARS TO END

Our in house sparring improvement classes are very poorly attended and unfortunately do not cover the costs of venue hire and will regretfully end soon.

Final session for Thursday SparWars is 5<sup>th</sup> July, Colebourne primary school, 4:30-5:10pm.

Final session for Sunday SuperSpars is 8<sup>th</sup> July, Sheldon Community Centre, 6-7pm.

I am very grateful to all members who have supported these weekly sessions and I sincerely hope you have enjoyed them as much as I have. It would be great to get some new faces included for the last classes.

Friday Night Fight club will continue as normal; it is very well attended by all our sibling clubs including Chelmsley Wood, Shirley, Solihull, Knowle, Warwick, Kings Heath, Nuneaton and Coventry to name but a few. Come along during July to make new friends and learn new skills. We will have a break during the month of August. Last session will be 27<sup>th</sup> July and we will re-start on 7<sup>th</sup> September.

**WE WILL BE FREE SPARRING DURING NORMAL CLUB CLASSES AT LEAST TWICE PER MONTH. PLEASE CONSIDER PURCHASING SPARRING SAFETY EQUIPMENT FROM YOUR INSTRUCTOR.**

Head guard, gloves, boots, shin pads, mouth guard & club holdall printed with student name.

Ladies / girls £120    Gents / boys £130 (including groin guard)

## ADULT ACCOMPANYMENT

All parents of children training at ABTKD clubs are now welcome and encouraged to join us as spectators in the dojang. There may not be seating available for everyone.

Acocks Green – please use the benches along the left wall as you enter the dojang.

Castle Vale – please use the limited seats near the shutter on the left wall as you enter the dojang.

Stechford – please use the benches near the drop-down screen on the left wall as you enter the dojang.

Yardley – please use the benches along the right wall as you enter the dojang.

We only ask for courtesy – no mobiles, no food and no disruptions including interference with the class. As of September 2028, it will be mandatory for all primary aged children (4-11 yrs) to be accompanied by an adult for the duration of all classes (if not in the dojang then remaining on site outside the doors).

### **ACOCKS GREEN CLUB TEMPORARY HALL**

Due to annual maintenance of the floor in the gym at Archbishop Illsley School, it will be out of use on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> July, Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> August and Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> August. During this period, we will have the use of the main school assembly hall which is to the left upon entry and opposite the swimming pool. I will arrive early on these dates to assist in redirection.

### **WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The Tae Kwon-Do International World Championships is on 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> July at Birmingham Arena. We have thirteen brave members from ABTKD clubs who will be competing at this event. Pre ordered spectator tickets and competitor wristbands can be collected from me this week. Spectator tickets are available from Tae Kwon-Do Promotions 01926 810 333 for a limited time only. Tickets bought from the arena on the day will attract a booking fee so please do order in advance from the number provided and come along to support the TAGB and watch the best competitive martial artists in the world.

### **LINCOLNSHIRE CHAMPS SUCCESS**

We had a cracking day at the Lincolnshire Championships on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June. Thanks to all who supported the event and represented our clubs so very strongly.  
Eva – bronze sparring, gold tag team; Rihards – silver patterns, gold sparring, gold tag team;  
Keyonie – bronze sparring, gold tag team; Jayden – bronze sparring, gold tag team;  
Ella – bronze sparring; Luke; James; Leah.

### **PUNCTUALITY**

Due to further consistent poor punctuality from some members, I feel the need to remind everyone that our instructors are working hard to deliver a national syllabus in a martial art which is based on discipline and respect. Most of our classes are only 45 minutes long with some students arriving 10 – 15 minutes late. I consider this extremely ill-disciplined and very disrespectful as well as a huge impact on younger members after missing the warm up and explanation of the session.  
Please arrive at your club venue at least five minutes before the class start time as stated in our rules.

### **PART MEMBERSHIP TO END IN SEPTEMBER**

After careful consideration, it has been decided that we will no longer offer the option of 'part membership' (£25 per month) to any new members and all current part members will be asked to convert to full membership (£35 per month) from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2018. I understand that this will displease some people and we will inevitably lose some students, but I can only see that we will benefit overall from transparency, consistency and higher standards with all our members training at least twice per week.  
I envisage this internally lifting work ethic and promoting friendly competition.  
I hope all our part members and parents can understand and accept the reasons behind this. This has now been explained consistently for the last three months and I ask that all part members inform me of your decision as soon as possible.

***Anthony Brennan, 5<sup>th</sup> Dan Instructor, [www.abtkd.co.uk](http://www.abtkd.co.uk)***