



Mill Hill County High School

Head's Newsletter

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Charter Mark Success

PARENTS will recall that the School was awarded its second Charter Mark in December 2004. Following the annual so-called "surveillance" visit by the Assessor last month, I am delighted to be able to report that the School has been recognised as having made a significant number of improvements on its "outstanding" levels of customer service noted at the time of our assessment in November 2004.

At that time we were very pleased to note that our school website and provision to meet specific needs of students were commended as "Good Practice".

Now, following the 2005 visit, in addition to these services, the "Good Practice" category includes a further five aspects:

consultation with our customers; arrangements for dealing with and reporting on complaints; evaluation of our community activities; specific improvements in provision for students introduced in the last year, including the Year 11 Revision School, the launch of the school branch of the HSBC Bank, the establishment of the Student Management Team and the inclusion of all of Year 7 in the Christmas Concert.

As well as these specific instances, numerous other aspects were noted as evidence of Continuous Improvement & the Assessor identified that the School was fully compliant on all elements of the six Charter Mark Standards. As a result, there will be no surveillance visit at the

end of 2006.

We very much welcome this continued and prestigious external endorsement of our work and we do of course aim to maintain and build upon these high standards.

Credit for this success is due to all members of staff, but it was Dr James who successfully steered us through the process.

Oxbridge

MHCHS students have secured four confirmed Oxford and Cambridge offers for September 2006, and one remaining student is still under consideration. I shall provide full details in my next Newsletter.

Many grammar schools and independent schools would be very pleased with this number of offers.

20 mph Speed Limit

All drivers using the roads between the school and Marsh Lane are respectfully reminded that the entire area has the above speed limit.

"Learn to Earn" Industry Day

By Mr R Mahajan



As part of our school's Work Related Learning provision, Year 10 students were recently taken off timetable for a day. They were provided with an activity based introduction into exploring the concept of success, independence and employment, together with understanding the relevance of learning and education to their work in the future.

We worked alongside our external partners at Youth Enterprise to deliver a highly innovative in-school experience to our Year 10s. Some of the activities covered over the day included Dream Lifestyles, Personality Colours, Cost of Living and Interview Techniques.

The feedback from our Year 10 students was very positive and enthusiastic.

MHCHS make Pudsey Proud!

By Amy Zambon (7Q) and Chante Whiteman (7Q)

SPONSORED silences, teddy bears' picnics, a biscuit sale, a five-a-side football tournament and sixth formers in fancy dress: these were just some of the fundraising ideas which took place on a fun-filled Children In Need day on Friday, 18th November 2005.

In October, Mrs Mansfield gave our form the charity as a project and with the help of our Form Tutor, Mr McKay, we brainstormed numerous fundraising ideas, some of which were then submitted to the Head, Mr Thompson, and the Staff Charity Board.

Posters designed by our form were displayed around the school to boost awareness and by 18th November, MHCHS was set for a great charity day.

Morning registration on that particular Friday took

on a whole different look and we were greeted by an extremely funny sight: Mr McKay in school uniform! The uniform even included grey shorts and knee high socks! From this item alone, 7Q had raised well over £300. It was great start.

During the school day, many fundraising ideas took place. A Biscuit Sale sold out by early lunchtime in the Design and Technology Food Room. Reports suggested students were queuing out of the door. This item raised over £150.

Sixth Formers paid £1 for the privilege of dressing up in fancy dress. Numerous Sixth Formers also travelled around the school with buckets in hand, searching for any loose change.

A 'Guess How Many Smarties Are In The Jar' competition was taken

around from class to class by Student Receptionists. Over £30 was raised from this. Guesses ranged from 535 to a colossal 2000 smarties.

Amy Dicketts (9G) won the entire jar of Smarties with her fantastic guess of 1288. This was to be the closest to the 1223 answer.

At lunchtime in E2, many students paid £1 to witness a record breaking scene, 'How many JACOBS Cream Crackers could Mr. JACOBS eat in two minutes?' No water included! With student chants of "EAT, EAT, EAT, EAT!" during the longest two minutes of Mr Jacobs' life, he finally managed to eat a total of seven.

Seven may not sound a lot, but just try it! Mrs Mansfield is contacting the Guinness Book of World Records, to find out if we

have a worthy claim.

Peter Walker (7Q) and a team of Year 13 students organised a five-a-side charity football tournament for Years 7-11. This was also a huge success and raised a large amount of money.

Many thanks to all those students and staff who took part in the Children In Need day. We all made a huge difference to such a great cause.

On behalf of 7Q, we would like to thank, Mr McKay, Miss Gill, Mrs Mansfield, Mr Barron, Mrs Nicopoulos and Francesca Pang for organising and helping to make the day a great and memorable one.

Finally, 7Q would like to thank Mr Thompson for all his support and for making numerous fundraising ideas possible.

The total to date is £1246.44 and still counting!

Cross Country

By Miss Rentsch and Mr Cruz

A SMALL army from Years 7-11 braved the fickle English winter and represented MHCHS at the 'Barnet Inter Schools Cross Country Championships' on Thursday, 12th January

The sun made a brief appearance and led us into a false sense of security, but true to form, the wind picked up and the conditions turned rather muddy and wet - perfect for running cross country. Mill Hill came away with some exceptional results for the day.

Well done to the following students who were selected to go on to the next round and compete in the Middlesex Cross Country Championships in February. All these

students finished in the top 15 runners:

Year 7 Christian Nnochiri, James Riley.

Year 9 Emma Mercer.

Year 10 Jake Shelley, Andrew Wallace, Reece Lewis, Ciaran Gallagher, Emma Layton, Annette Davis, Christina Miconovic.

Year 11 Ross Sambrook.

Jake Shelley (10Q) won the Year 10 Cross Country with Ross Sambrook coming a close second.

Well done to all students who participated and represented the school in such fine form.

We look forward to taking the selected students to the Middlesex Championships in February.

'A Chorus Line'

By Ms N Tully

AFTER auditioning over one hundred and fifty students, this year's Musical has now been cast and rehearsals have started.

Rehearsals for Dance & Drama are below. Please see Music for Singing/Band rehearsals.

Mondays 3.30-5pm DR2
DRAMA - All Named Principals

Tuesdays 3.30-5pm
RHall
DANCE - Whole Cast

Wednesdays 3.30-5pm
DR2

DANCE - Named Principals & Principal Chorus Dancers

Wednesday Lunch
Times - DR2

DRAMA - Named Principals

Thursday Lunch Times
- R Hall
DANCE - Named Principals & Principal Chorus Dancers

Additional rehearsals will be called nearer the production. Thanks in advance for all your hard work and enthusiasm!

Calling all seamstresses!!

If any parent/friend is willing to help with sewing basic costumes for 'A Chorus Line', please make yourself known to Miss Tully.

London Schools' Trampoline Competition

By Mrs R van Oosterom

THE newly formed Mill Hill County High School Trampoline Squad faced their first challenge on Sunday the 4th December, 2005.

The squad of twenty six students had been training very hard in the weeks coming up to the competition. They battled gloomy darkness and harsh weather in order to attend each practice at 7.30am every Wednesday morning.

Some members of the squad also joined Harrow Trampoline Club in order to improve their skills and routines.

After several dramas with students being ill, injured or at prestigious gymnastics events, there were 19 competitors on the day.

They turned up looking nervous when they saw the layout of the hall, with six trampolines and hundreds of people, some looking very experienced! After all, any schools in London can enter and some of the British Synchronised Trampoline team were competing!

Not to be outdone, our students put on brave faces and began their warm up.

Their confidence began to return as they completed their moves successfully.

There were students arriving and competing all day in the various different age group competitions. It was a long day for competitors, who had to warm up, compete in their first routine, warm up again and compete in their second routine. In some age groups there were over forty competitors. However, they enjoyed the experience and some enjoyed some success.

One team managed excellent success. The highest ranking position of the day was gained by Ben Albin, who came 2nd in the U19 boys. He also led the A Level PE team to their successful position of second team in the same event. The team is now looking forward to competing at the South Schools Trampoline Competition on Sunday, January 22nd.

A special mention must go to Max Milner who, despite forgetting his voluntary routine, gained a very respectable 6th position in the 'Open' competition.

Also, an honourable mention to David Martin who joined the squad very late and still managed an excellent performance on the day, gaining 8th position in his event.

Special thanks to the team of officials who gave up their Sunday to ensure the competition ran smoothly: Miss Rentsch (Scorer), Mr van Oosterom (Scorer) and Mrs van Oosterom (Judge).

Finally, thanks to the parents who helped supervise the students, particularly Mrs Fitzgerald and Mr Godfrey.

Well done to all the squad who worked so hard to prepare for the competition. The PE department are very proud of you all.

For most competitors this was their first ever experience of a trampolining competition and I am expecting the squad to build on their success in the next competition. Squad training is still happening every Wednesday morning as the squad prepares for the Barnett Championships in February.

Any students who can perform a front somersault and a back drop ½ twist to feet is entitled to a place in the squad. If you would like to join please see Mrs van Oosterom.

Results

U13 Boys Open

Elliot Walton (4th)

U13 Boys Closed

David Martin (8th)

Jayvon McGlone (11th)

U13 Girls Closed

Pip Milfull (21st)

Camilla Clements (26th)

U15 Boys Open

Max Milner (6th)

Lewis Green (7th)

U15 Boys Closed

Joby Lathbury (12th)

Aaron Ross (16th)

Jordan Davis (18th)

U15 Girls Closed

Nicole Joselyn (7th)

Afua Kokayi (13th)

Vicky Dixon (28th)

Jess Warrington (29th)

Stephanie Bradbeer (34th)

U19 Boys Closed

Ben Albin (2nd)

Stefan Confalonieri (5th)

Nehal Khan (6th)

U19 Girls Closed

Lizzy Harman (21st)

Year 11 Business Studies Christmas Fayre

By Mrs L Trinder



EIGHTY Business Studies students successfully ran stalls at the Christmas Fayre on Saturday, December 3rd 2005.

Running the stall on the day was the culmination of many weeks of planning and organising their respective business enterprises.

Most of the stalls were managed very well and students gained a satisfying insight into the business world. The completion of a written report will be the basis of their assessment for GCSE Business Studies coursework.

Whilst it is difficult to single out individuals for praise, some of the excellent stalls included: Beat the Goalie, Bungee Run, Coin Game, Golf Games, Laser Quaser, Roulette and Smoothies, pictured on the left.

The Singer Interview

By Mr M Singer

JOSEPH de Jong is a Year 13 student whose grandfather Jan came to England in 1951. During the Second World War, Jan was a member of the Dutch resistance.

Earlier this week, Josef spoke to Mr. Singer regarding Jan's experiences under Nazi occupation.

My grandfather was only sixteen years old when he joined the resistance. He was the youngest of nine brothers and sisters. People in occupied countries, including the Netherlands, had a very hard time during the War with shortages of food and restrictions on their freedom. This made many of them determined to resist and risk their lives, by fighting back and disrupting the invaders at every opportunity.

Jan's job in the resistance was to blow up Nazi vehicles. He would slip a palm sized magnetic bomb on to the bonnet of a car and, after a couple of minutes, the car would be completely destroyed.

One day as Jan made his way home, he spotted a line of five Nazi vehicles parked along the kerbside. Although there was a patrol just across the street, he passed down the line of cars, placing a bomb on the bonnet of each one. After a few moments he heard the dreaded sound of running feet and turned to see the whole patrol rushing towards him.

However, to his great relief, they stopped as they drew level with the parked

cars. They hadn't spotted him at all but they had recognized another member of the resistance further down the road. They immediately piled into their cars but, a few seconds later, a series of colossal bangs echoed around the buildings as each of the bombs detonated in turn. When the smoke began to clear, Jan saw a scene of absolute carnage.

Around the ruins of each blasted car were the smoking remains of the bodies of the twenty members of the enemy patrol. The resistance man escaped and Jan continued on his way home.

The Nazis persecuted many minority groups like gypsies, homosexuals and



communists, but were especially merciless in hunting down members of the population who were Jewish.

One day, a group of 40 Jewish people approached the resistance asking to be hidden. Initially, no one had any idea how to hide and feed such a large group of people, until someone came up with the brilliant plan of hiding them in the one place where the Nazis

would never look- Gestapo Headquarters!

The headquarters of the Secret Police in Holland was guarded by only one soldier at night and the group of forty fugitives were smuggled into the building as he dozed at his post. They passed through a false floor, into the foundations and would remain there until an opportunity arose to move them out of the country to somewhere safe.

However, that was not the end of the problem. What would they do for food? There were huge shortages during the war and food was especially scarce in the occupied countries. The Dutch population supplemented their meagre rations by eating bulbs, but this was not a very practical solution for such a large group. Once again, the answer was right under their noses.

During the night, once you entered the basement of the Gestapo Headquarters, you had access to everything there, which included the food stocks that the Gestapo kept for their own private kitchens. Jan and his fellow patriots used this food to feed all the people living under the floor!

Jan takes up the story:

The underground movement was, of course, very secretive and you only joined it by invitation. It was organised in cells, that is: I had a mentor who gave me instructions and there was another guy who re-

ceived instructions from me. I did not know anybody else. It was done this way so that if anyone got caught, they could not betray any other worker, simply because they did not know!

I joined them about a year after the invasion. I was involved in counter-espionage, shadowing the Gestapo in order to find out what they were up to so that we could forewarn their targets.

We acted as a "reception committee" for any parachutists and we were able to "spirit" them away before they could be captured. We had an escape route via Rotterdam, Antwerp or Bruges in Belgium, then on to France. This led ultimately to Portugal, from where they could fly back to England. We took them as far as Rotterdam then others took over.

Jan, in common with many members of the resistance, spent a large amount of time on the run hiding in roof spaces hidden by doors disguised as shelves or made to look like innocent wall panels.

Liberation came on the 8th May 1945, when the Canadians entered The Hague.

Jan returned to his old job after the War, working for KLM Royal Dutch Airlines, and eventually came to this country where he still lives, aged 82, close to his family, many of whom have been, or are currently, pupils at Mill Hill County High School.

Mill Hill County Dry Ski Club

ENROLMENT for the Spring and Summer term for beginners, intermediate and advanced skiers is now available. Lessons will begin in February and will take place at: *The Gosling Ski & Sports Centre, Welwyn Garden City*. The club will run fortnightly, on every other Wednesday evening, 7.00pm - 8.00pm. If you are going on the School Ski Trip 2007, or just want to learn a new sport, everybody is welcome.

Please see Mrs. Davighi in Design & Technology for more details.

Cycle Training for Year 7 Students

By Mr K Hudson

WE ARE extremely keen to encourage as many students as possible to cycle to school. It is a very healthy and environmentally friendly means of travel.

We are, however, very well aware of the possible hazards of cycling and therefore recommend that

all students take advantage of the cycle training provided by the London Borough of Barnet, to help ensure that they become safer cyclists.

If parents would like their son or daughter to have specialist practical cycle training this term,

please ask him or her to collect an application form from Reception; this must be completed and returned to Reception by Friday, 3rd February.

The application forms will then be passed to the London Borough of Barnet Road Safety Office, who will

make arrangements for the students to undertake the short course of cycle training.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to inform parents that it is our recommendation that all cyclists should wear a cycling helmet.

Netball

By Miss E Rentsch

MILL HILL continues to play extremely well in the netball league this year, with all teams producing some impressive results so far.

The Year 7 Team had a super strong match against London Academy with their highest win yet this season.

The Year 7 B Team had a very competitive game against the London Academy Year 8 Team and our Year 9 girls played an impressive match against the London Academy Senior Team, only going down by two goals.

It has also been notable to see a large contingent of players turning up to netball training. Keep up the good work, girls.

Results for November:

Year 7 A Team

Mill Hill: 17,
London Academy: 1

Year 7 B Team

London Academy Y8: 9,
Mill Hill: 4

Year 8 Team

Mill Hill: 13,
London Academy: 8

Year 9 Team

Mill Hill: 17,
London Academy: 2
London Academy (Senior Team): 4, Mill Hill: 2
Mill Hill: 16, The Mount: 4
St James's: 6, Mill Hill: 5

Year 10 Team

Mill Hill: 7, The Mount: 6
Mill Hill: 6, St James's: 6

Senior Team

London Academy: 11,
Mill Hill: 8

British Indoor Rowing Champion

By Mr R Roper

DANIEL Ashworth (9L) has become the British Indoor Rowing Champion for the second year running.

Daniel competed in the Junior 14 Category at the National Indoor Arena, Birmingham on 20th November and won the Gold medal, beating the existing record which was 1204m in four minutes. He rowed 1222m.

He now holds two British records in this event, as his Junior 13 record which he set last year was not beaten.

Daniel will be training throughout the winter months; his week will include one hour a night at a gym to keep fit as well as a circuit training session. This is in preparation for Indoor and Water events, such as the National Rowing Championship in June.

He sculls every week on the Thames at Tideway Scullers school, next to Chiswick Bridge. Some of the GB rowing squad are members there, as well as the current World Champion!

Daniel's sister, Rachel (form 7F)

also took part in the competition this year. She came sixth in the Junior 12 event: also a very good achievement.



Guildhall School of Music & Drama

By Mr D McCanlis

CENTRAL Government are now funding students, selected to receive a National Grant to enable him to study at Junior Guildhall. Jisang is taking GCSE Music this year and is leader of The School Orchestra and String Group.

One of our students at Mill Hill County High, Jisang Choi (11L) has been

selected to receive a National Grant to enable

him to study at Junior Guildhall. Jisang is taking GCSE Music this year and is leader of The School Orchestra and String Group.

If anyone is interested and would like further details of this award or Junior

Guildhall, please contact:

Mr Derek Rodgers, Head of Junior Guildhall, Guildhall School of Music & Drama, Silk Street, Barbican, London EC2Y 8DT.

Tel. No: 020 7628 2571

Fax No: 020 7256 9438

Senior Maths Challenge

By Mrs J Denton

ON 8th November 2005, 131 Sixth Form mathematicians took part in the UKMT Senior Maths Challenge. We are very proud to announce that students received awards as follows:

Gold Certificate: Jiho Han (12P), Oliver Cartz (12G), Joseph de Jong (13P), Justine Dattani (13K).

Silver Certificate: Tejal Dhutia (12K), Sam Harding (12M), Sam Hayhurst (12F), Kunal Patel (12F), Matthew Rupashinha (12H), Matthew Jeffries (13F), Jayan Khatri (13F), Panayotis Pachnis (13J), Malissa Tang (13M), Julia Warburton (13J), James Wright (13G).

Bronze Certificate: Anma Abalunam (12F), Adil Kharodia (12J), Christopher

Kourra (12M), Wai King Pang (12L), Pinal Parekh (12M), Pooja Parekh (12J), Ronak Patel (12H), Kavi Pitrola (12M), Harshiv Rawal (12P), Jilna Shah (12M), Radha Shah (12P), Rakesh Shah (12P), Bjorn Wray-Gough (12K), Vanessa Clark (13M), Asha Dalsania (13J), Claire Graham (13L), Valery Katerinchuk (13L), Nikhil Kunder (13L), Andrew McFarlane (13L), Amit Patel (13K), Dhruval Shah (13P), Harshil Shah (13L), Siddharth Sudunagunta (13J), Matthew Warner (13P), Raymond Wong (13K), Kenny Yeung (13J).

In addition, congratulations to Jiho Han (12P) whose score was such that he was invited to take part in the British Maths Olympiad.

Music Awards

By Ms A Bailey

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who have been selected as "Music Students of the Half-Term" for November/December 2005: William Cutting (7J), Eri Kubota (8K) and Jonathan Levine (9G).

Their hard work in the music classroom has been rewarded with a credit and a certificate.

Christmas Fayre Bungee Run

By Husain Khaki (11P)

THE teachers race at the Bungee Run enterprise was proof of the old saying: "Age is a case of mind over matter, if you don't mind, it doesn't matter".

The rivalry shown by the teachers was unprecedented and age was no barrier to their success, or lack of it in Miss Chan's case! Clearly Mr. McKay looked to have won the bragging rights, despite Mr. Mahajan's bizarre antics. The teacher's races contributed to a profitable enterprise at the Fayre and credit for this must go to the department as well as participating teachers. We hope that a good report is to follow.

Under 13 Girls in admirable Football Cup run

By Mr C McKay

NOVEMBER was a very busy, yet exciting month for Girls' Football.

After reaching the Quarter Finals last year, the MHCHS U-13 Girls' Football team strove to go even further, this time round, in the 2005 Jan Harding Memorial Cup.

However, we just missed out on a Quarter Final slot, due to goal difference. I can personally say that every

Year 7 and 8 player gave me 110% in all three cup games. I could not have asked for any more and, for this reason, I am immensely proud of them. Their conduct, enthusiasm and overall dedication, I am sure, will continue long into their footballing future.

Our famous hour during the cup competition must have been the monumental game versus Ashmole. On

a very cold Monday afternoon, we travelled to the opposition on the back of a defeat by The Compton. Morale was low, but with a lengthy team pep talk in the minibus, the girls arrived at Ashmole extremely focused and wanting to win.

The talk must have worked because the team came out very happy 6-2 winners! Why describe the game as monumental, you

might ask? Well, as we left the pitch with the broadest of smiles on our faces, the smiles were stretched even further, content in the knowledge that we had beaten Ashmole with just ten players!! I still haven't told the opposition.

I would like to congratulate all the U13 squad who played such a huge part in all three cup games. Here's to the league in 2006!

Year 7: Ellie Mousley, Danielle Murphy, Rhiana Ganly-Thomas, Andrea Sanderson, Sewa Ayodele, Sola Ayodele, Gina Johnson, Fehin Akanwo, Jazmin Clarke & Scarlett Sonenfeld.

Players of the Cup Award: Ellie Mousley (Right Back)

and Scarlett Sonenfeld (Centre Forward).

Year 8: Kate Beer, Lotus Perkins, Karina Demetriou, Christia Demetriou & Pip Milfull.

MHCHS Special Golden Boot Award: Scarlett Sonenfeld (4 goals).

U-13 CUP GROUP B								
		Played	Won	Drew	Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Points
1	The Compton	3	2	1	0	4	0	7
2	QE Girls	3	1	1	1	11	4	4
3	Mill Hill County High	3	1	1	1	9	9	4
4	Ashmole	3	0	1	2	3	14	1

Linguist of Autumn Term

By Mr G Hill

A student in each teaching group is nominated for his or her effort and particularly spoken contribution in class. The Languages Staff would like to congratulate the following students: -

Year 7

7LF 01	Annabel Tran	7Q
7LF02	Jasmin Clarke	7F
7LF 03	Dima Atabeh	7F
7LF 04	Edward Bashford	7F
7LF 05	Henna Khan	7L
7LF 07	Chante Whiteman	7Q
7LF 08	Sukia Fraser	7F
7LF 09	Amy Zambon	7Q
7LF 10	Aria Kosari	7K

Year 8

8LF 01	Manvir Bhangra	8F
8LF 02	Selassie Tevie	8Q
8LF 03	Christiana Obasola	8L
8LF 04	Adam Welton	8Q
8LF 05	Craig Sullivan	8P
8LF 07	Jesse Liu	8K
8LF 08	Ratan Gor	8J
8LF 09	Stefanos Pachnis	8L
8LL	Helena Reut-Hobb	8L
8LG 02	Orhan Deniz	8G
8LG 03	James Peacefull	8L
8LG 04	Lauren Roche	8P

8LG 07	Maia Srebernik	8P
8LG 08	Antonia Pagonis	8M
8LG 09	Tom Stubbings	8P

Year 9

9LF 01	Kirsty Emerson	9H
9LF 02	Ricky Isaacs	9J
9LF 03	Kai Fraser	9H
9LF 04	Jasmin Toesse	9Q
9LF 05	LJ Johnson	9F
9LF 07	Alex Treptow	9H
9LF 08	Zoe Collinson	9G
9LF 09	Gabby Simler	9Q
9LF 10	Jasmine Kumar	9K
9LL	Hayley Sims	9P
9LG 02	Kirsty Emerson	9H
9LG 03	Ehsan Abedi	9P
9LG 04	Jonathan Levene	9G
9LG 07	Danny Moss	9L
9LG 08	Louise Godfrey	9H
9LG 09	Ishan Malhotra	9L

Year 10

10LF 01	Suzanne Powell	10M
10LF 02	Stephanie Bradbeer	10F

10LF 03	Marlon Hall	10H
10LF 04	Sarah Lawrence	10G
10LF 07	Sneha Shah	10P
10LF 08	Elliott Russell	10M
10LF 09	Heidi Perkins	10G
10X 06	Emily Balsdon	10F
10LG 10	Jeremy Franklin	10H
10LG 11	Mandy Amoah	10H
10Y 09	Mita Shah	10K
10X 11	Connaire Quinn	10L

Year 11

11LF 01	Julien Arnold	11H
	Zsolt Vertessey	11P
11LF 02	Matt Gunn	11J
11LF 03	Candice Casey	11G
11LF 04	Matthew Yuan	11G
11LF 05	Lily Tyler	11Q
11LF 07	Melissa Dear	11G
11LF 08	Samantha Simler	11P
11LF 09	Maxine Hafer	11G
11LG10	Shivani Patel	11M
11LG 11	Anton Archer	11F
11X 07	Simona Mastaraite	11K

Music Exam Successes

By Mr & Mrs McCanlis

THE Music Department is pleased to announce the following exam results from the Autumn Session:

Jonathan Back	Piano	Grade 2	Merit
Shivani Patel	Piano	Grade 3	Distinction
Hayley Oberlander	Piano	Grade 3	Pass
Yael Leveson	Piano	Grade 4	Distinction
Attalia Yaacov-Hai	Piano	Grade 1	Merit
Faith Chow	Piano	Grade 5	Distinction
Lara Ozturk	Singing	Grade 1	Merit
Sonam Kakkad	Singing	Grade 2	Merit
Isabella Van Braeckel	Singing	Grade 3	Merit
Aida Rodriquez	Theory	Grade 5	Merit
Faith Chow	Theory	Grade 5	Merit
Sean Zhou	Saxophone	Grade 3	Merit
Hannah Saunders	Saxophone	Grade 4	Pass
Shaheeda Bernard	Clarinet	Grade 4	Pass
Curran Sareen	Clarinet	Grade 3	Pass
Sarah Comaish	Clarinet	Grade 5	Pass
Greg Monk	Clarinet	Grade 8	Distinction
Alex Grossman	Oboe	Grade 2	Pass
Miranda Narcin	Oboe	Grade 5	Pass
Jonathan Back	Flute	Grade 6	Merit
Kavit Shah	Cello	Grade 4	Pass
Matthew Butt	Trumpet	Grade 4	Pass
Andrew Wallace	Cornet	Grade 7	Merit
Parin Yadav	Drumkit	Grade 1	Merit
Anjli Shah	Keyboard	Grade 6	Honours
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Andrew Wallace	Cornet	Grade 7	Merit

Poetry Competition

By Ms F Tobin

THIS was launched last term on European Day of Languages. Students were invited to submit a poem written in either French or German and vouchers were awarded to the winning entry and two runners-up.

Congratulations to the winners of the competition: Nikoo Aziminia (9F) and Fiona Ma (9L). The two runners-up were: 1. Gemma Skelhorn (9P) and 2. Charlotte Rice (9H), Rachel Christian (9G) and Hayley Sims (9P). Below is the winning poem:

LA LUMIÈRE NOIRE

C'est la nuit de Noël
Toutes les personnes sont contentes
Vous mangez du poulet
Vous chantez des chansons
Vous retrouvez dans le théâtre
C'est très vieux.

Les personnes entrent au théâtre
Et ils s'asseoient
Mais comme la lumière s'allume
La pièce est toute froide
Quelle est la lumière noire ?

Un garçon hurle, Une dame aussi
Le cri perçant remplit le théâtre
Comme une personne se promène dans la scène
Un fantôme
Le fantôme !
C'est la lumière noire encore.

Calendar

February

Monday, 6th	English Masterclass
Wednesday, 8th	Y12/13 USA Politics Trip departs Spring Concert
Thursday, 9th	Full Governors Meeting
Friday, 10th	END OF HALF TERM
Saturday, 11th	Ski Trip to Spain Departs
Wednesday, 15th	USA Politics Trip returns
Sunday, 19th	Ski Trip Returns
Monday, 20th	START OF HALF TERM
Tuesday, 21st	Science Masterclass

March

Friday, 3rd	Maths Masterclass
Tuesday, 7th	6th Form Concert
Wednesday, 8th	German Exchange Students arrive
Thursday, 9th	War Literature Study Day, Cophthall School
Saturday, 11th	Year 7 Parents' Evening
Monday, 13th	Interview External Candidates to the 6th Form
Tuesday, 14th	AS/A2 Music Recording all week
Wednesday, 15th	Geography Masterclass
Saturday, 18th	German Exchange Students depart
Thursday, 23rd	Royal Philharmonic Orchestra Concert 7.30pm in School Hall
Tuesday, 28th	Year 12 Parents' Evening
Thursday, 30th	Year 9 Shakespeare Workshops
Friday, 31st	Dress Rehearsal for the School Musical (A Chorus Line)
	Year 7 Geography & Science Trips to London

Diwali - Festival of Light

By Roshni Malde, Annand Soneji, Kunal Patel,
Mihir Adatia & Jilna Shah (Year 12)

DIWALI, the festival of light, is celebrated by Hindus, Jains and Sikhs alike.

We hold an Annual Diwali Assembly, which is performed every academic year, in order to celebrate the occasion.

However, this year's show which was organised by Jilna Shah (12M), Mihir Adatia (12L) & Roshni Malde (12F) was much more elaborate and bursting with style.

The main features of the show were new performances from various individuals (portraying a diverse array of talent), a reading about Diwali and an addition to the usual show, a catwalk.

Undoubtedly, the high-

light of the show was an unforgettable break dance by Ronak Patel (12H).

The stage was brought to life by the extravagant decorations which matched all the performances.

This year's show demonstrated a unity from all the years coming together and representing their culture with an abundance of enthusiasm which we hope will be just as good, if not better, in the years to come.

We would like to thank everyone who participated in this event for their time and effort, which ensured the show not only to be very successful but also extremely memorable.



Are you in Year 8?

Where is the most exciting place you've ever been?

How about the
Atlas Mountains in Morocco

in November 2006 for 8 days of
trekking, camping, and sightseeing?

Further details from Mr Edwards-Stuart in S12

