



## Forthcoming Events

Spring Concert ~ Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March

Year 9 internal exams ~ Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

Last day of Term ~ Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

1<sup>st</sup> day of Summer Term ~ Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April

Year 10 internal exams ~ Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May

Years 7 & 8 internal exams ~ Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June - Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June

**Merits** ~ Congratulations to the following students who have achieved 50 merits: Caitlin Holmes, Samantha Morito (MPL), Chloe Collins, Jasmani Dyett, Victoria Jones, Fatima Lee, Caitlin Moore, Mary Odonkor, Godwin Okojie, Abbie Pickering, Dominic Smyth (JR), Michael Allen, Freddie Evans and Charis Mitchell (PKS) and to Shannon Harris, Sarah Lasoye (JR) and Ramya Sriram (PKS) who have reached a remarkable 100 merits. All names will be added to the draw for an iPod. Mr Brown

**Sport** ~ Congratulations to the Year 7 Basketball team who continue their unbeaten run in all competitions! After a narrow, yet deserved victory over Trinity 26–22 we now await our third round Kent Cup fixture away to Harvey Grammar School, Folkestone! Mr Skinner

On the 5th of March we had a friendly Basketball match away against Trinity School. They had a strong and tall team. We played well with some excellent passing and shooting. Dan Pittaway was man of the match and scored 10 points in our 26–22 victory. It was a close game but we still have an undefeated record which we would like to maintain. We hope to proceed through to the next round of the cup.

Joe Kelly 7MPL

The Year 7 Football B team had a good win against Danson Primary school winning 11–1 with the attack running through their defence. Many players played very well. George Acheson (7SAS) scored 5 good goals and the defence held off many attacks

from the opposition. Even though the opponents were a year younger than us it was a good win to boost our confidence after a losing streak.

Daniel Thomas 7MPL

Well done to the Year 11 Basketball team who unfortunately lost on Monday to Trinity school 65–58, but it was an excellent performance from the guys as we came back from a 14 point deficit. Anyway, more importantly, prom is coming up (or the boat trip as the teachers all randomly call it. Why?) It should be a laugh, but it's not going to be cheap so manage your money wisely and remember to hand in your slip ASAP when the letters are given out.

Nishin Mistry and Abiodun Awojobi 11MJB

## Departmental News

### Mathematics

130 students from Years 9, 10 and 11 took part in the Intermediate UK Maths Challenge a few weeks ago. Our students did exceptionally well, gaining 14 gold certificates, 42 silver certificates and 28 bronze. Special mention should go to Diana Matthews, Sang Fui Lam, Joshua Lansdell, Alex Evenson, Dean Williams, and Srikesh Datta from Year 11; Chris Parkinson, Fern Woodhouse, Darren Tran, Ben Gan, Laura Fabian, Sean Crowley from Year 10; Alex Jenkins, and Tarin Chana from Year 9, who all received gold certificates. Diana Matthews, Chris Parkinson, Alex Jenkins and Tarin Chana have also been invited to compete in the European challenge as a result of their excellent scores. Well done!

Miss Scott

## English

On Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March, the BGS Bees will be representing the school in the first heat of 'The Times' Spelling Bee at the Odeon Cinema, Surrey Quays. We wish the following Year 7 the best of luck: Jack Hawes, Harry O'Donohue, Mary Odonkor & Sarah Lasoye. Their team captain is Cassandra Wrouth Year 12.

On Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March, the Globe Players are coming in to school to perform 'An introduction to Shakespeare' to all Year 7 students. Miss Ramsden

## Science ~ Forensic Science Club

Over the past two terms we at forensic science club have covered many topics including blood spatter patterns, fibre identification, chromatography, finger and foot prints.

At the end of the first term we played a CSI game and for the end of the year we have been promised a fake crime scene to investigate using all our knowledge.

**The club is on Tuesdays after school (3.15–4.30) in M15 with Miss Green. Please come along you will have a great time.**

Shauna Hilton 8ELS

## Music

Congratulations to all students who took Associated Board instrumental exams in school this term. The results were very good indeed. Particular congratulations go to Ruth Batchelor, Lydia Hatton Baldwin, Callum Laing, Aimee Loi, Anna Roach and Emily Roach for achieving Merits, and to Simon Barnes, Tia Copeland and David Walford for achieving Distinctions.

## Other News

Well done to the Dance leaders for a hugely successful Dance festival on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March. Pupils involved were: Adelina D'Sa, Sam Haughton, Helen Paige, Stefan James, Tolu Elebiju, Alex McCormick and Rochelle Bisson. Thanks also go to the KS3 Street dance group and Wellman House Dance group for their excellent performances.

Mr Rosenthal, Mr Lines and Mrs Kemp

Christian Union ~ Next Thursday (19<sup>th</sup> March) Rev Andrew White will be joining the CU to lead a discussion about Luke Chapters 22 to 24 and the crucifixion of Jesus, as we draw closer to Easter. Everyone is more than welcome to attend – in L4 from 3:15pm.

Mr Harris

## Trips

### ECUADOR/PERU 2010

Please note that the compulsory training weekend for this expedition will be taking place Friday 20 – Sunday 22 November 2009. If you are going on the expedition please keep this weekend free! More details to follow.

Miss A J Fisher

### Important message for all those on this Easter's Ski Trip to Les Arcs

Can all those on the trip ensure that they hand in their passport and EHIC medical card to the finance office as soon as possible?

If you need to renew or apply for your first EHIC card then go to [www.ehic-ie.org/apply.html](http://www.ehic-ie.org/apply.html) and follow the instructions. Parents will need NHS number or National Insurance number to complete the procedure and you will need NHS number for each child you are applying for. If you need further help or if you have any questions then please don't hesitate to contact me. Please be aware that the EHIC cards have a lifespan so check that they are in date.

Ski Equipment and Room Allocation:

If you have purchased or hired ski clothing and accessories for the coming trip, this will be arriving at 12:35pm on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March in the gym. Can all students please report to the Gym to pick up their ski clothing. Lower school (Year 8 & 9) at 12:35pm, Upper school (Year 10, 11, 12 & 13) at 1:25pm. Please don't forget.

I will also need to see everyone going on the trip to sort out room arrangements at this time. Failure to attend will mean that I place you into rooms which may or may not be with the people you want to go with, so once again please don't forget to turn up to the meeting.

Mr Boyle

## Examinations

A copy of the letter sent home to parents re: Study Leave for Year 10 and Year 12 IB students can be found on the website along with a copy of their examination timetable. Click on the 'Parents' button and then 'Mock Timetables' for the information.

Mrs Gianakakis