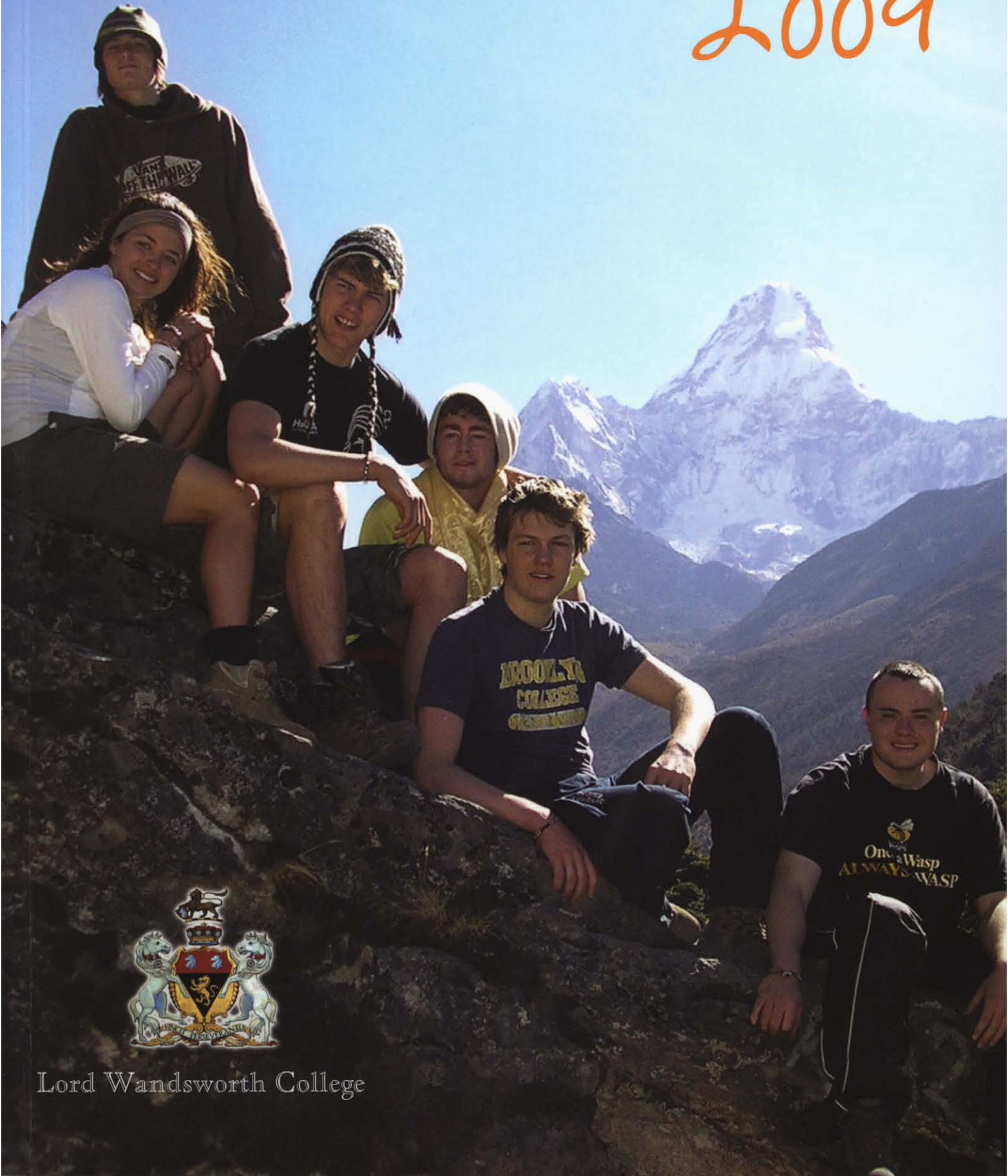


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Education

Psychology

History

Biology

Academic Administrator, Mathematics

Music

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Mathematics

Classics

English

Classics and English

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Science

Physics, Houseparent of Summerfield

Deputy Head, Physics

History, CO CCF

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Mathematics, Houseparent of

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Head of Mathematics, D of E

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Head of German

History, Head of Junior

Head of Art

English

Head of Girls' Sport

Director of Music

Spanish

Geography

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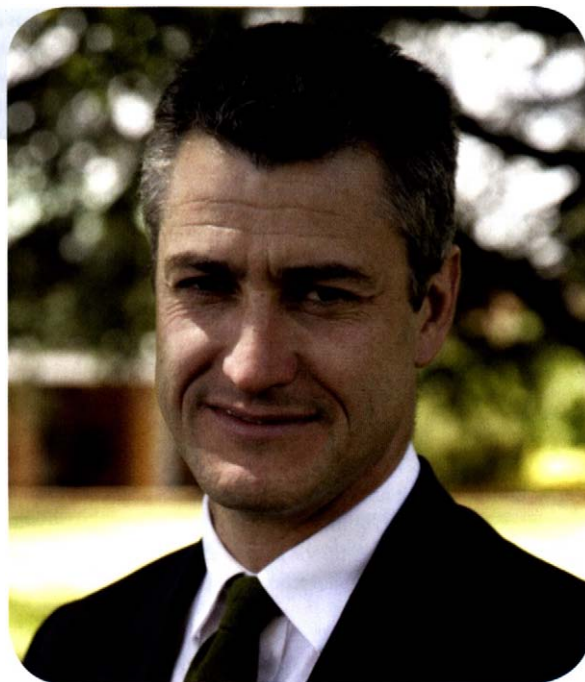
Introducing the new headmaster ...

Fergus Livingstone came to us from Rossall School in Lancashire where he was First Deputy Head and had run the Senior School for the past five years as well as assisting with the refinancing and redevelopment of the whole school.

A keen sportsman and dramatist, Fergus graduated from Cambridge University in 1990 with a degree in English from Clare College, where he spent most of his spare time at play rehearsals in a muddy tracksuit or playing rugby or hockey with the residue of greasepaint on his face! He has had an impressive career teaching at St Edward's Oxford, Eton College, St Paul's British School in Sao Paulo Brazil as Head of English and Housemaster and as Head of English at Bishop's Stortford College.

Fergus' wife Gudrun trained as an operatic soprano at the Guildhall in London and is a scholar of the Royal Academy of Music. She will support Fergus in his new role but she is also delighted to be moving back near to London so that she can pick up her career again, after spending the last few years looking after the couple's three children.

On accepting the post Fergus said, "I am delighted to have been appointed to the headmastership of Lord Wandsworth College. It is a wonderful school, and should be very proud of the charitable foundation on which its success has been built. My wife, Gudrun and our children are looking forward to making new friends in such idyllic surroundings, while I anticipate a busy and happy working life responding to the challenges



ahead. Lord Wandsworth College is a gem; not enough people know about it. I am looking forward to telling them."

On Prize Day, Mr Livingstone welcomed the guests and warmly congratulated the prize winners, academically the finest in the school's history. He then gave a brief speech before handing over to former student, Ugo Monye, to present the prizes.

In his speech, Mr Livingstone spoke of the Foundation. "The Foundation is what makes Lord Wandsworth College so special. We must not take Baron Stern's legacy for granted; it must be replenished and increased to meet the demands of our school which is bigger and more ambitious for its pupils than he perhaps anticipated."

"The Foundation is special not only because it transforms the lives of some lucky boys and girls, but because by association it also deeply enriches the lives of all who live, work and play here. Some children may enter this school believing that life will be easy, that the world owes them a living, and that they are somehow exempt from "the slings and arrows

of outrageous fortune", as Hamlet calls them. But because of the friendships they make with our Foundation pupils whose young lives have not been so easy, none leave believing so. Some courage, some dignity, some tenacity, some talent, and a little bit of luck all play their part in giving us a chance to live the lives we aspire to lead; this they know, and it is a good lesson. But my message this evening is that it is not only in the darker hours of our lives that these virtues can offer us salvation, they can nourish us even when the sun shines most fiercely upon us.

"Our guest is a case in point. In June, this year, Ugo Monye (a Founder, of Sutton House) reached the pinnacle. The sun shone on him both literally and metaphorically, when having pulled the jersey of the British and Irish Lions over his head, he took the field against the Springboks, in South Africa. I had then only a vicarious association with LWC but, despite that, I almost burst with pride; how Mr Booth and other colleagues here present who taught and coached Ugo must have felt that day I can't imagine. On that day, Ugo's courage, dignity and tenacity did not desert him, nor did it subsequently; those of you who know the game will agree with me that over the three test matches, he got better...and better... and better.

"Ugo has the virtues I mentioned in abundance, and a great deal of talent (you won't all be Lions sadly). But I invite you to join me in being inspired by his example, whatever your chosen endeavours may be, here and elsewhere."

More recently, Mr Livingstone has remarked that his early hopes and expectations have not been disappointed. He and his wife and family have found the College very welcoming. They very much enjoy living here and look forward to the days ahead.





Ian Power announced his decision to step down last September after twelve years as LWC Headmaster. He took up a new role with the HMC in September 2009.

Those of us who are slightly longer in the tooth were obviously surprised when Ian Power took over as Headmaster in 1997. Since time immemorial, LWC headmasters had either gone by the name of Henderson, or Guy. What could possibly have gone wrong? How could a decades-long tradition have been overturned in the blink of an eye? Even investigation into the 'G', of IGP revealed a disturbing lack of 'Guyness'. Now, 12 years on, we can understand just why the Governors went for this Millfield Housemaster.

'Make co-education work!'

Ian joined us in September 1997, and was handed a perfect welcoming present – 'Make

co-education work!' I think, looking at LWC 2009, we can say that this particular mission is going well – healthy numbers of girls, integrated into the life of LWC, with an ethos that has evolved to reflect the increased diversity of academic and co-curricular interests of the students here. As parents of two daughters, Ian and Lynn have been fully committed to the concept of co-education, and no-one would doubt the huge part that Ian has played in its success.

'Improvements to environment'

There have been many changes to the fabric of LWC on Ian's watch. The development of Haygate and Park, the M&D centre, the refurbishment of Sutton, have entailed considerable changes to Lord Wandsworth College, but all of this has been done without the great departures of staff that evolutionary change can bring about. The fact that the end-of-year events over the past few years have included fond farewells to many LWC teachers with 15 to 20 years' of teaching experience suggests that Ian has demonstrated an ability to bring in new talent whilst engaging and enthusing the talents that are already here. Ian has calmly guided LWC to a position where we really are developing potential and enabling success in so many different areas.

'Earned the respect'

Over the past two years I, like Tracy and David, and Alan and Tony before us, have come to appreciate the many qualities that Ian possesses. Ian is one of the few people I have met to consider every aspect of a problem before coming up with an answer. He really does try to see an issue from every possible perspective, to take into account everyone's point of view and feeling, before making a decision. In a time of quick fixes and 'I hear what you're saying', this is both refreshing and reassuring. Ian is committed and approachable – gone are the days of the mock deference earned by being called simply 'Headmaster' – Ian has earned the respect of us all.

And Ian's many strengths were clearly evident at that most devastating time for the College community – the deaths of Seb English and Mike Sorby. Along with Ed Walker, Simon Leyshon and others, Ian led the College with dignity, compassion and strength through several months of high emotion, incomprehension and wrenching loss. Any head would hope never to have to face such an awful moment, but Ian, and all involved, kept the College together, even though, temporarily, its heart had been broken.

'Risk and sport'

And perhaps this calmness stems from having faced up to serious situations himself. Many of us were surprised to hear Ian tell of his near-death experiences whilst climbing, managing to hang on using an ice axe, or, apparently, on another occasion, continuing to climb having lost one of his boots by wearing one boot and one espadrille, not really ideal kit for climbing, or going up Mont Blanc's Iron Way in a thunderstorm... But, as ever, Ian would make light of the dangers he has faced in his usual, modest way.

Ian is passionate about his sport – whether it be rugby and Leicester, or his many squash games, or the numerous cycling adventures he has been on during his time here. We can only be grateful that Mary Hicks hasn't included any photos of a lycra-clad Headmaster on the school web-site, as there is no way on earth that anyone wearing padded lycra cycling shorts is going to sell the College to any but the most hardened of Tour de France enthusiasts. Gardening is another of Ian's passions – with a healthy vegetable patch being one of the many legacies for Fergus to



Left: Ian with Sir Humphrey Prideaux, OBE, President of LWC Trust





maintain. The flipside of an abundant vegetable patch was an abundant rabbit problem, and it has been amusing to hear of Ian's many attempts to rid himself of the plague of Shepewood.

'Science and Arts – bridging the divide!'

There are also rumours that Ian has taught some lessons whilst at LWC. I know that he delights in the preparation and teaching of lessons and I gather that the students have actually enjoyed what he has done in class with them. I can only say that I've sat through many incomprehensible discussions about Brownian motion, forces and other riveting topics at SMT meetings. And there is some consolation in the fact that Fergus' appointment redresses the science-art balance to two-two in the senior management team.

Ian's legacy

What is Ian's legacy? Ian has been at the helm during 12 key years of the College's development. It is in no small part owing to his leadership and guidance that we have significantly increased our numbers – nearly 100 more pupils over 12 years. As I said before, he has ensured that co-education has worked for the right reasons at LWC, and has, through so many different methods, forged strong bonds with the parent body, be it on the boundary ropes during Saturday afternoon matches, or at prep-school events, or just during the short time that prospective parents get to chat with him as part of their visits to the College. As I have witnessed on numerous occasions, Ian knows everybody's name, be they student, parent or third cousin five times removed, and his interest in people and individuals is evident in his devotion to the guiding principal of LWC – the Foundation.

Ian has worked tirelessly to support the Foundation during these past 12 years, and it is a fitting tribute to the bonds he has created with parents past and present that the Ian Power Foundation fund has already raised well over £5000. How appropriate that one core aspect of Ian's legacy will be to support children as they make their way through the College, something he has done tirelessly as a Headmaster. Ian's warmth, enthusiasm and open, welcoming manner have inspired countless parents to send their children here, and left countless parents sad to see their children leave at the end of their U6th year.

Ian has created a strong college – an excellent staff – from catering to chemists, from geography to grounds, and maintenance to MFL, excellent students, and a strong ethos upon which Fergus can build. He has, literally and metaphorically, brought LWC into the 21st century, and, when he does have a moment to spare from his important role at HMC, he can look back with pride on a job well done.

It may be a cliché to say that behind every

great man stands a great woman, but I know how important Lynn has been in supporting Ian through the difficult moments of these 12 years. She has kept him on the straight and narrow, giving him down-to-earth advice during those difficult moments when the buck really did stop at his office door.

Ian's departure leaves a deep hole in the LWC community; we will miss his sensitivity, his energy, his enthusiasm and his consideration for others. He leaves behind a college community that is sad to see him go, that is strong because of his influence, united thanks to his calm authority, and in a very strong position to face the challenges of the coming years.

"All changes are more or less tinged with melancholy, for what we are leaving behind is part of ourselves." So said Amelia Barr. In moments of regret, Ian, might be wondering why he has chosen to leave Lord Wandsworth College behind.

However, the melancholy that he will inevitably feel should be balanced by the satisfaction of a job well done, by the pride of leaving a College that has never been in better shape, with a strong future, and by the knowledge that he has secured a place in the hearts and minds of the staff, parents and pupils of Lord Wandsworth College. Although his next position within HMC might take him to more distant climes, it is reassuring to know that you are near us both physically and metaphorically, maintaining contact with the College through Lynn, and living in the rural idyll of North-east Hampshire. We have already arranged an LWC minibus tour to see the Christmas light display in early December!

'Above and beyond grade prediction'

In true Ian Power style, I have delved, with the connivance of the Bursar, into LWC history to see Ian's letter of application and references, and I wish to finish with a quotation from one of his referees when he applied for the post of Headmaster of LWC:

"Ian is a friendly, warm, caring person with a positive attitude to life. Unfailingly courteous,



one never gets the impression that he does not have time to listen, and he has the happy knack of making everyone feel that their views are important." If we were to give him a grade review based on this prediction, I think that we'd all agree that he's at least a +1.

Stephen Badger

Below: Ian with Martin Johnson, England rugby coach and "RFU Player of the Century"

Below, left: Ian with Sternians Julian Sands, Jonny Wilkinson and Ugo Monye





Chaplain's Report

By the time you pick this up and read it, the "Year of Confirmation, Twenty/10" will be well and truly under way! So why have a "Year of Confirmation"? The first response to this question is simple - confirmation is a right of passage that is very important to the formation of young people and adults in the Christian faith. The second response is a little more complicated and looks at the engines that drive British society. You can't really understand what makes Britain tick unless you have some sort of understanding of the Christian faith. Everything from the foundation of institutions such as our legal system, football and rugby clubs, charities, pressure groups, friendly societies, guilds as well as the political system, British music and English literature, have historically been affected by the Christian faith and especially Anglicanism. That isn't something peculiarly British; the whole of Western Europe has its civilised roots impacted by Christianity.

The challenge of this "Year of Confirmation" is to expose more of the young people of Lord Wandsworth College to the Christian faith as expressed by the Church of England in the 21st Century. It's about allowing members of our community to ask those difficult questions about life and death in an honest and open way and draw upon the wellspring of British spirituality. People sometimes tend to look east for mysticism, yet the British tradition of spirituality has a deep vein. In this context, it is imperative to give young people the opportunity to engage with the Christian faith.

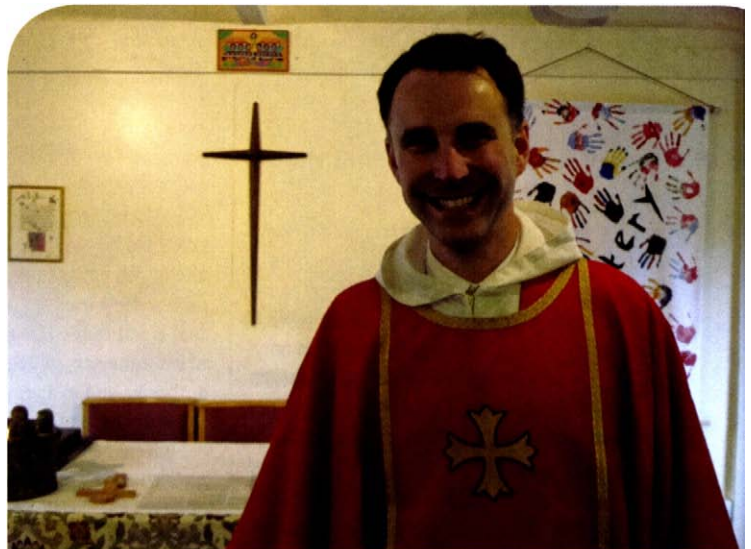
From September, I will be working with my colleagues to make this academic year a special one in terms of promoting the Christian faith amongst students and staff alike. In November, Bishop Trevor of Basingstoke and Peter Maidment (Sternian and Youth Officer for the Diocese) will be formally launching "The Year of Confirmation Twenty/10" with a supper evening, which will be a springboard to other future events and Confirmation Classes in January.

Our aim is to make this year a special one, so please support us with your prayers and don't be afraid to pick up the phone or drop me an email to find out more.

The Confirmation date is set for Thursday 6th May, 2010. It would be good to see you there!

God bless,

Simon Leyshon





Prize winners 2009

AS Level

Art
Biology
History
Business Studies
Chemistry
Further Mathematics
Classics
Design & Technology
Economics
English Literature
Latin
French
Geography
German
Mathematics
Spanish
Music
Music Technology
Theatre Studies
Physical Education
Physics
Psychology
Religious Studies

Emma Ranger
Kate Wilson
Kate Wilson
Jenny Douglas
Andrew Frawley
Andrew Frawley
John Hodgson
Gary Morton
Thomas Garland
Leonie Field
Leonie Field
Georgina Cox
Tara Gillespie
Tsiana Maxted
Caitlin Leverett
Caitlin Leverett
Adam Stoodley
Verity Phillips
Verity Phillips
Emmet Hurley
Tarun Tyagi
Isabelle Butcher
Freddie Stacy

Royal Masonic Prize for outstanding contribution to the Fifth Form

Fiona Falconer

Don Brooks' Library Prize

Alexander Balcombe

Davies Cup for the most promising Latinist

Robert Heywood

Floyd Cup for ICT

Julian Waller

Protheroe Prize for Service to the Music School

Ralph Wyld

Sanders Drama Award for best Upper School actress

Georgina Maughan

Sanders Cup for the most promising Middle School actor

Ross Power

Eveleigh Prize for CCF

Ross Holmes

Special Award from the Air Officer Commanding for outstanding service to Air Cadets

George W Potter

Sternians' Art Prize

Fergus Coles

Gold Duke of Edinburgh Awards

Sarah Augustine, Robert Barbour, James Baudains, James Brewin, Matt Bundy, Helena Castle-Smith, Marcus Field, Nathaniel Foale, Luka Krsljanin, Eilidh Livingstone, George W Potter, Robert Young

A Level

Art
Biology
History
Business Studies
Chemistry
Classics
Economics
Further Mathematics
English
Latin
French
German
Geography
Mathematics
Music
Psychology
Physical Education
Physics
Religious Studies
Spanish
Theatre Studies

Nick Buckle
Luka Krsljanin
Luka Krsljanin
Robert Young
Ross Findlay
Jack Clay
Rachel Feng
Rachel Feng
Marcus Field
Marcus Field
Michaela Neame
Michaela Neame
Ben Holden
Gerard Colston
Lucy Wollam
Annabel Bradney
Rosanna O'Neill
James Baudains
Nick Cullen
Phoebe Raley
Laura Peacock

Headmaster's Prizes

Emma Denly
Tim Dixon
Gemma Edney
Marcus Field
Tom Grimes
Richard Kiddle
Luka Krsljanin
Georgina Maughan
Phoebe Raley
George W Potter
Lucy Wollam

Dickson Prizes for Mathematics

Junior: Owen Jones
Intermediate: Joshua Pashley & Max Thomas
Senior: Michael Ma

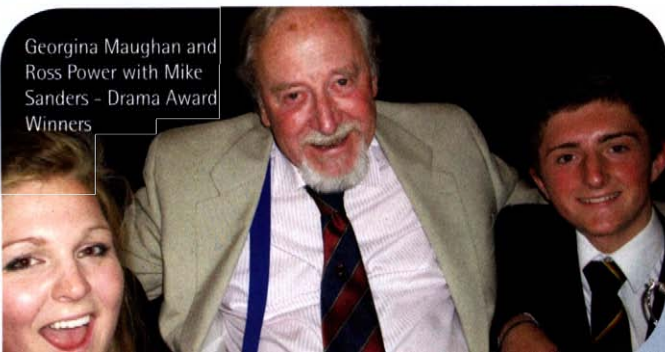
Featherstone Prizes for the most significant contribution to Junior House

Molly Jermyn
Laurie MacVean

GCSE

3D Studies
Additional Mathematics
German
Additional Science
Design
History
Biology
Spanish
Chemistry
Latin
Classics
Drama
English Language
English Literature
Fine Art
French
Geography
Mathematics
Music
Physics
Religious Studies

Tom Holloway
Max Thomas
Max Thomas
Charlotte Bradley
Charlotte Bradley
Charlotte Bradley
Tom James
Tom James
Alex Masters
Alex Masters
Arvind Norris
Alex Clark
Charlie Jaco
Alice Gunn
Faybia Firbank
Ben Kerawala
Fiona Falconer
Julian Waller
Alice Franklin
Emlyn Price
Emma Vincent



Georgina Maughan and Ross Power with Mike Sanders - Drama Award Winners



Exam Results

Public Examinations Summer 2009

A2 Level

100% pass rate
47% A grades
94% A/B/C grades

AS Level

94% pass rate
65% A/B/C grades

GCSE

100% pass rate
97% A/B/C grades

18 Students achieved all Grade A at A2

Sarah Augustine, Robert Barbour, James Baudains, Jack Clay, Gerard Colston, Nick Cullen, Emma Denly, Timothy Dixon, Gemma Edney, Rachel Xue Feng, Marcus Field, Ross Findlay, Luka Krsljanin, Michaela Neame, Rosanna O'Neill, Harrison Phillips, Rhys Thomas, Charlotte Yeardeley.

8 Students achieved all Grade A at AS

Leonie Field, Andrew Frawley, Tara Gillespie, Caitlinn Leverett, Martin Micklethwaite, Gary Morton, Tarun Tyagi, Kate Wilson.

21 Students achieved 10+ Grade A/A* at GCSE

Max Thomas achieved 11 A* grades and Thomas James (10A*) and Emlyn Price (8A*) also achieved 11 A/A* grades. Ben Kerawala achieved 10 A* grades.

A further 17 students achieved 10 A/A*s: Laura Bates, Grace Blakeley, Rachel Butler, Jonathan Chiles, Fiona Falconer, Alice Gunn, Leonora Hanson, Alex Harding, Thomas Holloway, William Hughes, Charlie Jaco, Thomas Li, Rhys Masters, Alistair McManus, Joshua Pashley, Ben Read and Clio Symington.

Outstanding Results in A2, AS & AEA

The following L6th students achieved 100% in one or more AS modules.

Fine Art	Emma Ranger
Biology	Lucy Dickens, Andrew Frawley, Alex Hopkins
Economics	Tarun Tyagi
English Literature	Leonie Field, Mark Godfrey, Kate Wilson
French	Leonie Field
German	Kaja Blomberg (2)
Latin	Leonie Field
Mathematics	Kate Wilson (2)
Further Mathematics	Andrew Frawley (2), Martin Micklethwaite, Tarun Tyagi, Xingjian Yang
Music	Adam Stoodley
Physical Education	Emmet Hurley
Physics	Tarun Tyagi (2), Xingjian Yang
Psychology	Kate Wilson

The following U6th students achieved 100% in one or more A2 modules.

Business Studies	Richard Kiddle (2), Laura Peacock
Chemistry	Ross Findlay
Drama	Georgina Maughan, Laura Peacock
Economics	Rachel Feng, Rhys Thomas (2)
English	Marcus Field (2), Luka Krsljanin
French	Marcus Field, Phoebe Raley
Geography	Annabel Bradney, Ben Holden (2), Harrison Phillips
Greek	Marcus Field (2)
History	Luka Krsljanin
Latin	Marcus Field (2)
Further Mathematics	Rachel Feng
Physics	James Baudains (2), George W Potter
Spanish	Lucinda Wollam

AEA

Distinction – D; Merit – M.

Chemistry	James Baudains (M), Luka Krsljanin (M)
English Language and Literature	Emma Denly (D), Gemma Edney (D), Marcus Field (D), Guy Kelly (D) and Luka Krsljanin (D)
French	Michaela Neame (M)
Latin	Marcus Field (D)
L6	
English Language and Literature	Joshua Barlow (M), Alex Calver (M), Lucy Dickens (D), Edward Gee (M), Kate Wilson (D)





Valete

Peter Finan



Peter Finan retired after 20 years of service to the college at the end of the summer term.

Those who had dealings with Peter in school soon came to know him as a committed, supportive, hard-working and

friendly man who would support both pupil and colleague to the very best of his ability. For such, he gained huge respect from all who had dealings with him and they soon came to regard him as a man of honesty and integrity.

He was the first House parent of a newly built Haygate House and during his time at LWC was also Housemaster of Hazeleare, Coordinator of External Visits, and just recently the organiser of the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme and this was a role he carried out with his usual full commitment, thoroughness and enthusiasm. He also ran the sailing project at school and was a popular and effective House tutor.

In the classroom, he was a supportive, knowledgeable, enthusiastic and popular teacher, reaching high standards in external examinations.

On a personal level he was an excellent colleague and I will miss his friendship and support but I know the whole LWC community will join with me in wishing Peter and his wife Jan, the longest, and happiest, of retirements in Somerset, although I suspect they will find plenty to keep them busy!!

R G Walters

Patti Sandham



Patti Sandham left LWC at the end of the summer term to move to Dorset after 20 years of service.

Highly influential in the development of co-education at the College, Patti was highly respected by pupils and staff and was

Head of First Year at Junior House. Approachable, sensitive and supportive, she was the one to whom both pupils and parents turned for support and she gave wise counsel.

At Junior House, she was a rounders and netball coach and everything she did was done well - and that even applied to the Junior House Christmas Fayre and the staff charity raffles which were legendary!

Over a number of years, she did a superb job of organising a fine PHSE programme and encouraging staff to deliver it well and all this was yet another

example of the commitment and professionalism visible in the classroom lesson after lesson.

As a consequence, her external exam results, year on year, were of the highest calibre. She was a wonderful colleague!

I cannot do credit to her contribution to the life of the college in such a short piece but I know that many pupils and parents will remember her with fondness and appreciation.

She moves to sunny Dorset with our best wishes for the future, which I know will be busy, and our thanks for everything she gave LWC and the people who study and work here.

R G Walters

Margaret Russell



Margaret Russell joined the Bursary team 27 years ago and is renowned for her knowledge on LWC history, precedent and procedures. Her three Bursars and four Headmasters could always rely on her to either know the answer to a query or

know where to go for the answer. No task was ever left unfinished and she had the ability to tackle the right person in any organisation and ensure they did not put the phone down until she had the response she wanted!

Margaret developed her own way of doing things and sometimes acted very directly but no-one can say that she didn't get results. All her bosses agreed that they had been fortunate to have had such a competent, knowledgeable, kind, loyal and discreet aide. Together with her superior secretarial skills, she could turn her hand to anything and also rightly won herself the title of the Queen of Recycling - there is no doubt that Margaret was 'one-of-a-kind' and no-one will ever quite be able to fill her shoes.

Even ignoring her encyclopaedic knowledge, energy, thrift and tenacity, it is her loyalty that always shone through - both to the College and to her colleagues. Too often people are described as being 'irreplaceable' however, in Margaret's case, it is no exaggeration to say that she cannot be replaced. LWC will miss her enormously and I suspect that it will take a while for us to realise just how many small but hugely important tasks she did without us even knowing.

Margaret has been feared by some but loved by all during her time at LWC - she may be starting her 'retirement' but she definitely won't be forgotten!

Andre Usborne

Tom Hicks

Tom Hicks joined LWC from St George's Weybridge five years ago. He made his mark as a committed, enthusiastic English teacher, tutor and mentor.



Appointed in charge of the Sixth-Form Centre, he organised many successful social events and was appreciated by the students in his charge. An outstanding cricketer, he coached both cricket and hockey. As resident tutor in Hazeleare, Tom was fully committed to the work. A brave man, he also subjected himself to custard pies for the sake of charity!

Tom leaves to become a housemaster at Wellington College. He and his wife Penny will be missed at LWC and we wish them both well for the future. Congratulations to both on the recent birth of their son Toby Michael. (For a fuller poetic appreciation of Tom by Chris Radmann, please turn to page 46.)

Leisa Chapple



In 3 short years Leisa had a wide influence on everything she did at LWC.

An innovative, enthusiastic, totally committed teacher of Science, Leisa also coordinated Middle School Gateway Science with great expertise, efficiency and thoroughness. Few teachers have the ability to teach Biology, Chemistry and Physics to the same high standard but Leisa was one of this rare breed, equally at home on the sand dunes of Dorset, studying the planets or working in the Chemistry labs.

Leisa was also an excellent house tutor totally committed to her tutees and few will be really aware of the hours she spent working to support them.

In D of E, she was the same: energetic, committed, enthusiastic and always willing, often literally, to go the extra mile.

We will miss her as she moves to teach in a day school in Guildford.

We wish her well for her future career and know it will be a success.

R G Walters



Olga Pirotta



Olga Pirotta was Head of Physics and left at the end of the summer term to move to a school in South West London. Enthusiastic and committed, she worked hard to enthuse the students at LWC about Physics. Visits and external

lectures were attended and a highly successful hosting of the Wandsworth Society, organised by Olga, culminated in a dinner for students and guests which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The external exam results of the Physics department were of an impressive standard with a record number of A* at GCSE and a very good standard at AS and A2.

We wish her well for the move and her future career and thank her for her hard work at LWC.

R G Walters

Matthew Perriss



Matt Perriss arrived at LWC after stints in the Army, rising to the rank of captain, and then private industry, working at Earls Court Exhibition centre.

On arrival it was evident that Matt was going to be a great teacher. This could be seen in the faces of the students both in the classroom and on the rugby field. He loved his subject, geography, and spent a considerable amount of time preparing interesting and stimulating lessons which captivated his class. He 'moonlighted' for a year with the History department where his first hand knowledge of army matters was eagerly taken up by the boys.

At A level Matt was in his element, debating and challenging all his classes with up to the minute information and views about current

affairs relating to the topic under study.

On the rugby field Matt was a demanding and sympathetic coach who wanted his team to give of their best all times.

Matt will be missed by all here.

Graham Smith

Jacqui Hinds

Jacqui taught Latin to the younger years at LWC and Classical Civilisation to the Sixth Form. She has added great depth to the Department in terms both of subject knowledge and teaching styles. She has been instrumental in inspiring young students to take their studies of Latin further. We have very much appreciated the contributions she has made to the teaching in the Department. Jacqui's husband is preparing to be a parliamentary candidate and we wish both Jacqui and her husband all the very best of success in their future endeavours.

A. Hamilton

Beth Anderson

Beth joined the MFL department in September. She studied languages at Kingston University, Surrey, and spent a year at universities in Nancy and in Cadiz. She completed her PGCE at the University of Southampton and taught at Wildern School and Hampshire Collegiate School. Beth's interests include music and drama. In July, Beth married Robert Simm, a Physics teacher at King Edward's, Southampton. We thank Beth for her contribution to the department and wish both her and her husband best wishes and much happiness in the future.

Ron Campbell

At the end of the autumn term we said "goodbye" to the SSI, Ron Campbell. In the time he has been with us, his wide contribution has been immense. He has not only patiently dealt with the varied administrative demands of the contingent

with great efficiency; he has also been involved in all aspects of training and has brought much imagination and experience to the contingent from his military roots in the Physical Training Corps. We thank Ron and wish him well for the future.

Ian Kerr, Contingent Commander



Jackie Bray

Jackie Bray, a Science Technician, moves on to take up a supervisory position in a school in Farnham. In her time with us she was always willing to help in any way she could and was always cheerful, positive and cooperative. We thank her for the contribution she made at LWC and wish her, and her family, the very best for the future.



R G Walters

Peter Driver

This year saw the retirement of Peter Driver a popular member of the Estates team at LWC. Peter was involved in many of the improvement projects carried out by the maintenance team over the last ten years and his large repertoire of skills as a carpenter-joiner will be greatly missed. One of Peter's leaving gifts from staff was a champagne balloon flight over the Hampshire countryside which was a great thrill to him and was enjoyed by all his family.

*Geof Taylor
Estates Bursar*



Salvete

Ed Coetzer



Ed joined the college as director of ICT in 2008. He obtained a degree in teaching from the University of Pretoria where he also won the Sanlam prize for leadership. He worked all over Southern Africa both as teacher

and Computer Instructor. In 2000 he trained all the game rangers at the Kruger national Park on Microsoft. Ed and Astrid moved to England

in 2001. Astrid worked for Bank of America as a Systems analyst but after having Annabel decided to swap the keyboard for the whiteboard and now works as a Montessori teacher. Ed joined LWC from Greenacre School for girls where he taught for 5 years. A keen sportsman, he still plays cricket. Another love is the bree (braai or BBQ), but don't ask him too much about football. He still thinks it's a contact sport... Ed is also involved in the school choir and helps out Simon Leyshon with confirmation classes.

Aaron Williams

Aaron Williams joined the Mathematics department in September 2008. He was educated at Torquay Boys' Grammar School in Devon and went on to study Sports Science and Mathematics at Loughborough University. Following a year out playing cricket in Melbourne, Australia, he completed his teacher training at Exeter University. Interests outside of





teaching include representing Devon at cricket, but he is also a keen footballer, golfer, skier, and he says that he does enjoy his new found role as a netball coach!

Aaron has been appointed in charge of the Sixth Form Centre.

Noel Reeson



Noel joined the MFL department as a teacher of French and German. She studied at Exeter University where her main interest was languages. Later she worked as an assistant director in feature films and as a bilingual secretary.

She has also worked as a director of a yachting company in Turkey. Following the birth of her son, Noel did teacher training in Canterbury and then taught for ten years in Ash Manor School before moving to LWC.

Lauren Griffin

Lauren graduated from the Royal Northern College of Music in 2004 as a first study pianist. After completing an MA at Nottingham University, she went on to Homerton College, Cambridge, to study for her PGCE. Lauren joins



us from Reading Blue Coat School after working for nearly 3 years in their Music Department. She is delighted to be taking on the role of Assistant Director of Music at Lord Wandsworth College, and will be a Resident Tutor in Haygate House from September. Lauren is engaged to be married next summer to Mark Crowther, who joins the English Department in September 2009.

Raija Russell



Raija Russell joined the Science Department as a technician.

She is from North Karelia in Finland. After college Raija studied pattern drawing for clothes for three years in South of Finland. She came to study

English in London for six months after which she wanted to become a teacher. Instead she met her husband. She has held several posts including that of senior laboratory assistant for six years and she has also worked in Treloars School.

Raija says of LWC, "I just love it. Do I need to say more???"

Graham Vick and Ian Hardwick

Graham Vick and Ian Hardwick taught maths during Becky Lovelock's maternity leave. Both were much appreciated in the department where their professionalism and commitment were noted.

Graham has an MSc in mathematics and education from Reading University. He was Head of Mathematics and then Director of Studies for 10 years at Shiplake College, Henley-on-Thames. Now retired, Graham was happy to teach again in LWC for a few months – where staff appreciated his ongoing supply of fresh eggs.

Ian attended Hastings Grammar School, during which time he played chess for Sussex and ran at county level. He went on to Wadham College, Oxford, and then did a PGCE at the University of Southampton. He taught in St Peter's, York, founded in 628! He was head of maths at Truro School for the last nineteen years.



Allison Finkelstein



It is impossible to exaggerate the incredible energy that defines Allison. From the moment she arrived, she surged through the LWC History Department like a typhoon sweeping

others up in her maelstrom of enthusiasm and love of all aspects of history. I have known few people so incurably cheerful with the capacity to throw herself into every opportunity that presents itself. She has built on the firm foundations of her predecessor, Leah Giles, from the College of William and Mary, Virginia. She too has been a wonderful ambassador for her country and her college. We are indebted to Allison for her work with the History Chronicles, her devoted History Clubs, her work in the classroom, her enthusiastic and informed presence on various departmental trips and the sheer joy of working alongside this inspirational character. Good luck to her for the future.

Peter Booth

Norma Rudat



After finishing College in June 2008, Norma joined LWC in September 2008 to work as a German Assistant for one year. She went to school in Dresden – a city in Eastern Germany- where she took A-Levels in English, German, Mathematics and

Geography and developed interests in horse-riding, dancing and playing the piano. In autumn 2009, Norma returned to study at university. Norma saw her year at LWC as a great opportunity to improve her English skills, experience English culture and meet new people. She enjoyed working and living at the College and especially appreciated the feeling of living in a great, welcoming community. We wish her well for the future.

Beatrice Iordachi

Beatrice joined us for 1 year from Rumania where she had taught Chemistry to a high standard and immediately showed her experience and professionalism by settling well into class teaching and doing so very successfully.



She organised a highly successful, high quality Junior Science project where the standards were the highest yet. She was a tutor in Park House where she made a valuable contribution and she also found time to attend a NASA conference in the USA during her time at LWC. She moves to a new job in Essex and we wish her the very best for her future.

Gillian Adams and Mark Woods

Gillian and Mark joined LWC for one year as assistants in the Sports Department. Enthusiastic and committed, they had excellent rapport with students and showed professionalism in their work.

Gilly, a hockey coach and national league player, moves on to study for a PGCE at Reading University.

Mark will join us again to help at weekends in Junior House this year while he completes his studies at Bournemouth University.





Staff News

Congratulations to:

Miranda Shallow, our enthusiastic IT Technician, married Peter Tinsley on 4th April 2009 in All Saints Church, Long Sutton, with a reception to follow in the Senior Dining Hall. The honeymoon included walking in the Lake District and the Chagford Challenge in Devon, where they had their first walk as a couple. Miranda has since gone on to become the first non-teaching chairman of the Common Room.

Tom Shedden married Helen Themistoeli on 19th July 2009. Helen is Head of English and Drama at Bishop Ramsey School in Ruislip, Middlesex. The wedding took place in the Greek Orthodox Church of the 12 apostles in Hatfield after which the happy couple enjoyed a honeymoon on the Amalfi coast.



Matt Curran and his wife Jen had a baby boy on 19th January. Jack Michael Curran weighed in at an impressive 9 lbs 1oz. "Well, I was impressed at least!" said Matt.



Proud parents Charlie and Becky Lovelock with Emily Katherine, born 8th March, weighing 8lb 10ozs. Emily was called after Becky's grandmother and Charlie's mother. Charlie says, "First 8 months - awesome! She has a great smile for anyone! Still no teeth but she can (sort of) say Dad da!!"



Sophie Grace Tomlinson was born to Helen and Peter on 18th June 2009 and weighed 6lb 11. Helen says, "She has been a happy little addition to the Tomlinson family and has been doing really well. Being a mum has been a huge, but very fun, learning curve!"





Oxbridge Candidates 2009

James Baudains

Year joined LWC: 2001
Previous school: Boundary Oak School
Intended course of study: Natural Sciences
Name of College applied for: Fitzwilliam

Hopes for future career: Emerging Technology

6th Form at LWC:

The 6th Form at LWC have been a great two years for me. The dynamic combination of high quality teaching, great resources, sporting facilities and general sense of community fit together seamlessly. In doing so, the college successfully maximises both academic attainment and overall enjoyment of the experience.

Life at LWC including earlier years:

Having been at the college, weekly boarding all the way through, since I was eleven, I have become familiar with almost all aspects of what the college can offer. Whether this is within the classroom, on the sports field, or even on the stage, there is a wealth of expertise and information from which to draw an education. I am very grateful for this wonderful opportunity afforded to me.



Luka Krsljanin

Year joined LWC: 2002
Previous school: Daneshill School
Intended course of study: Law
Name of College applied for: Trinity College, Cambridge

Hopes for future career: Perhaps Contract law but I hope that the next three years will define and clarify exactly what the future will hold.

6th Form at LWC:

It was fantastic to see these last two years build so strongly on what made the college so enjoyable and valuable from first to fifth form. I was continually amazed at how many different opportunities and experiences the 6th Form had to offer for everyone.

Life at LWC including earlier years:

The school has played a major part in defining so many of the choices I made and so much of my life in general. So many of the experiences I had here, even as far back as first form, are still incredibly memorable which I think is certainly a testament to what an impact LWC has had on me and my friends here.

Marcus Field

Year joined LWC: 2002
Previous school: South Farnham School
Intended course of study: Literae Humaniores (Classics)
Name of College applied for: Magdalen College, Oxford

Hopes for future career: Law

6th Form at LWC:

6th Form may be the time when exams become ever more frequent and intimidating, but it has also been the part of my school career I enjoyed the most. Academically, in the squash court or – perhaps most importantly – in and around the House, members of Staff and pupils have impressed, inspired and amused me. These people have made the last two years a happy period I'm sure I shan't forget. Thank you all.

Life at LWC including earlier years:

One of the real advantages of the College – not as important as its community, but more often overlooked – is its beautiful setting. In summer, when small groups sit in the drowsy shade of the trees along the drive, when the lanes are dry and dappled, when the footpaths lead to stunning views with the muted cheers of a cricket match in the background, at that time just walking around the campus is a pleasure. I have been lucky enough to spend seven years with friends in this landscape, and I shall miss it as I'll miss those alongside whom I have enjoyed it.



Ugo Monye

Ugo Monye was a Foundation student at the College from 1995 – 2001. He was in Sutton and his time there overlapped

for two years with Jonny Wilkinson. Ugo's great passion whilst a pupil was undoubtedly sport, particularly athletics. His personal best in the 100m of 10.6 seconds is a school record which still stands.

It was at LWC that he learned to play rugby and when he left it was for a career in rugby. He was offered an academy contract by Harlequins and he played his debut

match for Quins at the age of 19.

Much of Ugo's strength lies in his close family ties and his faith. As he said 'I don't think there's a coincidence in the fact that since I've started to devote myself to my Christian faith my rugby life has got a lot better'.

Ugo won his first cap for England in 2008. His selection to play for the Lions came after just six English caps. He was top try scorer on the tour and few will forget his solo try in the final test in which the Lions defeated the Springboks by 29-9.





The Sower - Leavers

In 2008/2009 we said goodbye to

First name	SURNAME	House	Form
Leo	TERRY	JUN	2P
Katherine	HESTER	HAY	3
Elisabeth	BERGLUND	GOS	4
Dominic	HESTER	SUM	4
Michaela	SMART	GOS	4
Jonty	ALLAN	SCH	5
Chelsea	BEWES	GOS	5
Grace	BLAKELEY	PAR	5
Charlotte	BRADLEY	PAR	5
Steven	BRINCAT	HAZ	5
Rebecca	BUNDY	PAR	5
Rachel	BUTLER	PAR	5
Alexander	CLARK	SUT	5
Anselm	FOO	SUM	5
Alice	FRANKLIN	GOS	5
Francesca	GANDY	GOS	5
Leonora	HANSON	PAR	5
Cameron	HARDY	SCH	5
Alexander	HOLMAN	HAZ	5
Thomas	HUGHES	SUT	5
William	HUGHES	SUT	5
Charlie	JACO	SCH	5
Thomas	JORDAN	SCH	5
Kamaal	LAWJI	SCH	5
Laura	MARKS	HAY	5
Alistair	MCMANUS	HAZ	5
Kerry	MEYERHOFF	GOS	5
Charlotte	MILNER	GOS	5
Arvind	NORRIS	SUM	5
Jasbir	NORRIS	HAZ	5
Alexander	POLLARD	SUM	5
James	SNELLER	SCH	5
Louis	STAFFORD-BROOKES	HAZ	5
Emma	SUMNER-SMITH	PAR	5
Jenny	THOMAS	GOS	5
William	THORNTON	SCH	5
Hannah	TYLDESLEY	PAR	5
Emma	VINCENT	PAR	5
Eleanor	WILSON	HAY	5
Frederick	WILSON	SUT	5
Adam	WRIGHT	HAZ	5
Ralph	WYLD	HAZ	5
Kaja	BLOMBERG	GOS	L6
Hamish	HILL	SUT	L6
Yuhua	JIANG	HAZ	L6
Alexander	ABBOTT	SCH	U6
Harriet	ABBOTT	PAR	U6
Sarah	AUGUSTINE	HAY	U6
Robert	BARBOUR	SUM	U6
Elizabeth	BATCHELAR	HAY	U6
Rosalind	BATCHELAR	HAY	U6
Michael	BATES	HAZ	U6
James	BAUDAINS	HAZ	U6
Thomas	BELL	HAZ	U6
Annabel	BRADNEY	GOS	U6
James	BREWIN	SUT	U6
Nicholas	BUCKLE	SCH	U6
Matthew	BUNDY	SUT	U6
Harrison	BURT	HAZ	U6

First name	SURNAME	House	Form
Andrew	BUTLER	SUT	U6
Edward	BUTLER	HAZ	U6
Helena	CASTLE-SMITH	PAR	U6
Jack	CLAY	SUM	U6
Fergus	COLES	SUT	U6
Gerard	COLSTON	SUM	U6
Emily	COWLES	HAY	U6
Nicholas	CULLEN	SCH	U6
Charles	DEAN	SCH	U6
Emma	DENLY	PAR	U6
Timothy	DIXON	SUM	U6
Jamie	DUNKLEY	SUT	U6
Gemma	EDNEY	GOS	U6
Stuart	EVANS	SUT	U6
Xue	FENG	HAY	U6
Marcus	FIELD	SCH	U6
Ross	FINDLAY	HAZ	U6
Nathaniel	FOALE	SUM	U6
Samuel	FORREST	SUM	U6
Samuel	FORWARD	SCH	U6
Richard	GODDARD	SUM	U6
Thomas	GRIMES	HAZ	U6
Jonathon	HALE	SCH	U6
Ben	HOLDEN	HAZ	U6
James	JERAM	SUM	U6
Ruxanda	JOSAN	GOS	U6
Guy	KELLY	SUT	U6
Richard	KIDDLE	SUM	U6
Luka	KRSJANIN	SCH	U6
Yuen	LI	HAY	U6
Eilidh	LIVINGSTONE	PAR	U6
Duo	MA	HAZ	U6
Kui	MAK	HAZ	U6
Isabelle	MANLEY-COOPER	GOS	U6
Georgina	MAUGHAN	GOS	U6
Oliver	MILNE	SUM	U6
Michaela	NEAME	HAY	U6
Douglas	NICHOLS	SCH	U6
Edward	O'CONNELL	HAZ	U6
Rosanna	O'NEILL	HAY	U6
Laura	PEACOCK	HAY	U6
Harrison	PHILLIPS	HAZ	U6
Gareth	PLUMMER	SUM	U6
Phoebe	RALEY	GOS	U6
Alexander	RICHARDS	SUT	U6
James	RICHARDS	SCH	U6
Thomas	SMITH	SCH	U6
Simon	TAYLOR	SUT	U6
Rhys	THOMAS	SUM	U6
Michael	VARNEY	SUM	U6
George W	POTTER	SCH	U6
Harry	WARD	HAZ	U6
Sián	WILSON	PAR	U6
Lucinda	WOLLAM	GOS	U6
Timothy	WOOD	SUT	U6
Charlotte	YEARLEY	PAR	U6
Robert	YOUNG	SUT	U6



In 2008/2009 we welcomed the following pupils to LWC

First name	SURNAME	House	Form	First name	SURNAME	House	Form
Michael	ASHLEY	JUN	1	Charles	DEAN	SUM	3
Jack	BADGER	JUN	1	David	EASTERBROOK	SCH	3
Peter	BAILEY	JUN	1	Jarrold	EASTWOOD	SUM	3
George	BLACK	JUN	1	Hannah	FAWCETT	GOS	3
Morgan	BOWMAN	JUN	1	Simon	FERN	SCH	3
James	BOYLE	JUN	1	Emmet	FITZSIMMONS	HAZ	3
Lily-Ann	BROWN	JUN	1	Henry	FROST	HAZ	3
Amelia	CARVER	JUN	1	Jonathan	GOLDING	SCH	3
Megan	COLLIS	JUN	1	Rupert	GREEN	SCH	3
Alasdair	CRAWFORD	JUN	1	Charlotte	GUNN	HAY	3
Alexander	CROWLEY	JUN	1	Alexander	HAMMOND	SUM	3
Abigail	DELANEY	JUN	1	Henry	HAMMOND	HAZ	3
Elliot	DINELEY	JUN	1	Elizabeth	HARRIS	PAR	3
Fana	ELLIS	JUN	1	Katherine	HESTER	HAY	3
Samuel	FERN	JUN	1	Daniel	HILL	SCH	3
Callum	FOSTER	JUN	1	Robert	HOPKINS	HAZ	3
James	FOSTER	JUN	1	Christopher	LEGG	SUT	3
Alex	FOWLES	JUN	1	Robert	LEIGHTON	SCH	3
Andrew	FOYE	JUN	1	Haydn	MARTIN	SCH	3
Helen	FRAWLEY	JUN	1	Charlotte	PAGE	HAY	3
Charles	GORDON	JUN	1	Katherine	PILKINGTON-MIKSA	PAR	3
Christie	GORMAN	JUN	1	Ben	POULSOM	SUM	3
Caroline	GRETTON	JUN	1	Liam	PRICE	SUM	3
Hugo	HAMMOND	JUN	1	David	RADKIEWICZ	HAZ	3
Tobin	HATTON-BROWN	JUN	1	Daniel	SEATON	SUM	3
Isaac	HERRING	JUN	1	Jonathan	SHARP	HAZ	3
Benjamin	HOOLEY	JUN	1	Zac	SULLIVAN	SUM	3
Emily	HOURLAHANE	JUN	1	George	TOWNLEY	HAZ	3
Kathryn	JAMES	JUN	1	William	VAN DER BIJL	HAZ	3
Owen	JONES	JUN	1	Dominic	VAUGHAN	SUM	3
Katharine	LUCKRAFT	JUN	1	Oliver	WALL	SCH	3
Georgina	MADDOCK	JUN	1	Samuel	WARREN	SUT	3
Joshua	MARTIN	JUN	1	Sam	WEBLEY	SCH	3
Oliver	MAXWELL	JUN	1	Benjamin	WELLS	HAZ	3
Toby	MILLER	JUN	1	Jacob	WHITBY	SUT	3
Safwan	MOHAMMED	JUN	1	Michael	WHITTEN	SUM	3
Harry	PAGE	JUN	1	Christopher	ADAMS	SCH	4
Matthew	PIROTTA	JUN	1	Francesca	COLLIS	PAR	4
Michael	RADMANN	JUN	1	Dominic	HESTER	SUM	4
Max	ROBINSON	JUN	1	MCLEAN	LIVINGSTONE	HAY	4
William	ROGERS	JUN	1	Felicity	REID	GOS	4
Wendy	SELLERS	JUN	1	Michaela	SMART	GOS	4
Daniel	SHEPHERD	JUN	1	Francesca	STANDISH	PAR	4
Harriet	SLEAP	JUN	1	Belinda	WRIGHT	HAY	4
Eleanor	TRESISE	JUN	1	James	SNELLER	SCH	5
Nicholas	TYNE	JUN	1	Kaja	BLOMBERG	GOS	L6
Sanmaré	VAN DER BIJL	JUN	1	Isabelle	BUTCHER	PAR	L6
Matthew	VOLLER	JUN	1	Abigail	BUTLER	PAR	L6
Thomas	WALKER	JUN	1	Elizabeth	DAVIES	PAR	L6
Christopher	WATKINS	JUN	1	Laura	GUY	PAR	L6
Jordan	WATKINS	JUN	1	Sophie	HARBINSON	GOS	L6
Eoghan	WILES	JUN	1	Jack	HARGREAVES	HAZ	L6
Max	WRIGHT	JUN	1	Siena	HATTON-BROWN	GOS	L6
Emma	COOK	JUN	2	Hamish	HILL	SUT	L6
Robert	CRAWFORD	JUN	2	Emmet	HURLEY	SUM	L6
Florence	EVANS	JUN	2	Yuhua	JIANG	HAZ	L6
Ellen	HOLMES	JUN	2	Isabelle	KAISER	PAR	L6
Jemima	MOLYNEUX	JUN	2	Caitlin	LEVERETT	GOS	L6
Henry	ALLEN	JUN	1	Hollie	LIGHT	GOS	L6
James	ADAMS	HAZ	3	Yuting	LIU	HAZ	L6
William	ADAMS	SUM	3	Tsiana	MAXTED	PAR	L6
Lucy	BENNETT	GOS	3	Hugo	PECKHAM	SUT	L6
Jack	BERG-ALLAN	SCH	3	Polina	SKREBNEVA	PAR	L6
Richard	BEVINS	SUT	3	Freddy	STACY	SCH	L6
Jack	BILSLAND	SCH	3	Rebecca	STAFFORD-JONES	GOS	L6
Eliot	BLAKELEY	SUT	3	Adam	STOODLEY	SUM	L6
Hannah	BROWN	HAY	3	Lara	WALTERS	PAR	L6
Toby	CARMICHAEL-JACK	SUT	3	Xingjian	YANG	HAZ	L6



Junior House



Another hugely successful year for everyone involved in Junior House. Not only did we welcome over fifty three new pupils to the junior community but also new colleagues. In September we welcomed a new tutor, Miss Beth Anderson and also Miss Allison Finkelstein from William and Mary University in Virginia, USA, Mr Mark Woods from Bournemouth University and hockey coach and national league player Gilly Adams.

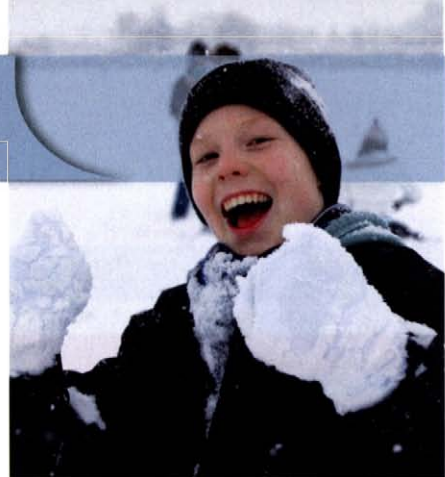
Much of the success of Friday 'youth club atmosphere' was due to the enthusiasm of the pupils and the energy of our two outstanding prefects: Emma Denly and Andy Butler. Friday evenings offered something different to the rest of the week; on the dark nights juniors trooped off to the sports hall for highly competitive 'dodge ball' or took part in activities around the house or just chilled out with their friends to watch a film. With the lighter nights juniors were able to venture onto the field for Puddex, rounders and some cricket. Of course plenty of ice cream and pizza helped to fuel the excitement. Many day pupils stayed late to participate in the fun! Mr Machin and his School House chaps organised

their speciality quiz night, especially eating the chocolate brownies!

This year we have been able to build on juniors being active, creative and making friends; from their first experience of Open Day to Saturday morning activities. Once again kayaking, cookery and football were over subscribed; yet it was so pleasing that pupils tried something new such as yoga, dance or climbing. I have been really proud of their efforts and noticed the camaraderie on Saturday mornings.

This has been an outstanding year for developing and showcasing juniors' creative abilities. I must thank Mrs Stevens and the art department for their unstinting encouragement of all juniors and the excellent art exhibition. The private view was attended by a significant number of parents who thought the work was hugely impressive.

Junior House has always had a core of talented musicians, however, the crop of 2008/9 were especially strong. Particular mention should go to the following for the quality of their performances: Zak Davis, James Worringer, Sadiya Mohammed, Jenny Beckett, Helen Frawley and Hugo Hammond. Often performing with the seniors in ensembles, or just soloists, these pupils typified the confidence and composure of our musicians. The inter-house competition in the summer term was hotly contested and eventually won by Sheephouse; having the top score in both unison and ensemble pieces. Beth Seymour, Lizzie Stamp and Nadja Clark were all to the fore. Due to First Formers having lunch time choir sessions and extra practice time for house songs the competition really was of a very high level. A balmy June evening saw juniors perform an outside chamber concert of songs and instrumentals; the garden was packed full



of parents and staff. Music, song and dance was also central to the post Christmas meal entertainments: Miss F's dance group were great, as were individual pieces from James Worringer and Hugo Hammond, whilst Leah Nimz and Beth Seymour gave further evidence of their singing prowess.

The Drama Day organised by Mrs Allan put into practice much of the work done in English and drama lessons. The pupils really rose to the occasion and gave a splendid range of devised skits. A range of certificates were awarded for such diverse skills as facial expressions and stage presence. Those receiving prominent awards were: Jemima Molyneux, Peter Bailey, Ife Olagbaju, Hattie Sleap, Andrew Foye, Lily Brown, Michael Radmann, Helen Frawley and Chris Lee.

The girls can be particularly pleased with results winning as a matter of habit in hockey, netball and rounders. To an already strong cohort of girls were added Ellen Holmes and Emma Cook. County standard hockey players, Natasha Scott and Lizzie Falkowska-Sturgeon, were leading lights on the hockey pitches but the star of the netball court was goal shooter, Lizzie Stamp. In rounders the leading scorers were Laura Smith and Jenny Beckett and the team won 12 out of 15 games. Kat Luckraft and Ellie Tresise are playing county standard hockey, whilst Georgie Maddock has been selected for Surrey girls' cricket. The rugby 1st XV had a stunning season only losing one match and ably lead by Angus Butcher. There was a real buzz of intent surrounding a resurgent 3rd XV under the leadership of Luke Cackett. Mr Shedden coached the U12 sevens team to victory in the Plate competition at our own tournament, culminating in wild celebrations from players and supporters. Boys' hockey was again strong with star performances from Luke Cackett, Toby Salmon and James Hampson. Well done to Ed Simmons, Toby Salmon and Hugo Hammond



justifiably proud of.

The First Form trip ventured to new territory this year heading to the Rhineland. Eating German food and sampling ice creams, team building exercises and a wildlife sanctuary visit were highly popular. The visit to the castle overlooking the

Rhine gave an historical perspective and incredible views, whilst shopping in the towns allowed pupils to practise their language skills. Not to be outdone the full boarders enjoyed a wide range of excursions including watching ice hockey, cinema trips, and a visit to the Dorset coast mixed in with water slides and shopping at Blackbushe market. The final trip of the year was the roller hockey squad's tour to south Wales: the team composed mostly of juniors had played with spirit throughout the year and Mr Pering spoke in the highest terms of their dedication and application.

Well done to all the House/dorm Captains, as well as the various sports team captains. I would like to wish all the leavers happy and successful careers in their senior houses. I look forward to them coming back to visit, maybe as senior prefects in the future. My thanks to all of our parents for supporting the children throughout the year.

Congratulations to both Miss Anderson and Mr Shedden who got married over the summer (though not to each other!). I wish every success to Miss Finkelstein, Miss Adams and Mr Woods in their future studies. The matrons have worked wonders to ensure all at Junior are looked after and presentable. Finally, my thanks to Mrs Stevens, Mr Pering, Miss Liggins, Mr Shedden, and Miss Anderson for their indefatigable efforts this year. The final thoughts must go to Mrs Sandham who retires after twenty years at LWC, ten of which as Head of First Form at Junior. She has been an outstanding colleague and friend to me over the last three years, whilst always putting the children first.

Simon Matthews

on scoring half centuries on the cricket field. Mr Murray had a very strong 2nd XI and the 1st XI enjoyed an excellent day's cricket against a touring South African squad. Mixing year groups, for both boys and girls, allowed the more able to excel and the less experienced an opportunity to enjoy sport in 3rd teams. The two main inter-house events, sports day and the swimming gala, were hotly contested: well done to winners Hesters, whilst Hyde and Sheephouse shared the spoils on sports day. Individual recognition is due to Connor Gentry (breaking the high jump record), Sadiya Mohammed and Natasha Scott for their endeavours on the track and splendid performances at district level.

The Headmaster was kept extremely busy meeting pupils and issuing chocolate for all those pupils performing well in Orders. By the end of the year over two thirds of pupils were waiting outside my office for their five minutes of fame! Well done to all who improved their Orders over the year. Handcroft won the summer term pluses competition but top dogs overall were Hyde. Junior House pupils raised over £3,000 for our chosen charity of Naomi House Children's Hospice. The most successful event was the annual Christmas Fayre. Well done to the candy floss crew and those selling popcorn, in total £1,800 were raised in two hours of hard work. My thanks to Miss Adams for being Santa Claus and especially to Mrs Sandham and the many parents involved for making it such a special occasion. A group of 2nd Formers had an eye opening visit to Naomi House to present a cheque. A special mention must go to Max Wright for raising £709 climbing Mount Kinabulu (4095m) on the island of Borneo: an experience of a lifetime and one he can be





Hazelveare House

As expected it was another busy year in Hazelveare. The Upper Sixth under the strong leadership of Mike Bates and Harry Phillips led from the front throughout the year. Quiz nights, Film nights, year group meals and the entertaining Christmas party were all organised meticulously. Ed Butler made the kitchen his own and set a Hazelveare first, not only to prepare the food, cook but also to do the washing up himself!!! Standards were certainly set. No one will forget Mr.Badger and Dr.Johnson head to head jousting on the pole during the Christmas party. Luckily Mr. Badger kept his sense of humour after only managing to stay on for a matter of seconds.

We welcomed Mr.Widdowson as a house tutor and during his duty night the queue for help on maths work kept him busy! After five entertaining years we said good bye to Tom and Penny Hicks. Mr Hicks has been appointed a Housemaster at Wellington College. The charity 'Cricket without boundaries' was supported by the house during the year. Mr Hicks set the

house a challenge to collect as many copper coins as possible to line up the well. Within one week more blue tack was needed as the coin trail had already gone to the top of the well and back. At his leaving party a cheque for £ 80 was presented to Mr. Hicks. We wish them both well at Wellington.

This year saw Hazelveare have the captains of the three major boys' sports. Ben Holden (Rugby captain), Mike Bates (Hockey captain) and Tom Grimes (Cricket captain). Mike's cricket continues to go from strength to strength at Hampshire. He has already played some 2nd XI matches for the county and we will all watch his progress with interest. Andy Provost also had a very successful athletics season being selected for the nationals. The intermediate Hockey house matches were again very competitive. Hazelveare scraped through 2-1 against Sutton to set up a final with Summerfield. In a thrilling match Hazelveare scraped through 3-2 thanks to goals from Brandon and Andy Provost.

The Superteams competition yet again was keenly contested. As in previous years it was in the sporting arena where the house did well. A joker would never be played in the house singing! Don't stop me now by Queen was more tuneful than the previous year and Ralph Wyld worked hard with the ensemble. Seventh position in both songs certainly allows room for improvement next year. Ralph showed his annoyance in his article in the LWC news that a three part harmony was evident in the song!! Maybe 'Better luck next time baby' as the house song next year!

Edward Walker





Gosden House

The beginning of this year started off a bit differently for Gosden, with the arrival of Mrs Ludlow. The house soon settled into having a new houseparent, as well as two small children running around the house!! The interhouse events soon kicked off, starting with the interhouse basketball. Here Gosden started off well, securing 2nd place between Park and Haygate and a good few points for the Superleague. Next, in October was the interhouse singing, where Gosden were faced with the challenge of keeping their title. We fought off the other 6 houses to win 1st place for our house ensemble piece, which was sung beautifully by Georgie Maughan, Ruxanda Josan, Olivia Herring, Nicole Hodges, Gemma Edney, Ruby Maddison and Lucy Wollam. As well as this we secured a good 2nd place for our house song, which helped us to gain 1st place overall - a great start to the year! The creativity continued with the performance of the school play, *Hayfever*, by Noel Coward. Here we saw Georgie Maughan giving a stunning performance in the lead role of Judith Bliss, and Verity Phillips playing her daughter, Sorel, brilliantly. The inter-house Hockey brought more smiles, and the autumn term closed with the carol services, in which a number of Gosden girls participated, whether musically or otherwise, and even saw Mrs L getting up on stage to do a reading. We finished the first term by visiting the ice rink and market at Winchester, followed by food and activities in house, including a "Gosden's Got Talent" competition where we saw Verity's florida dance, the 5th form "band" and a number of other performances, and of course the matrons' prizes!

The spring term began in earnest, with the nautically-themed Gala Evening taking place in February, where many Gosden girls showcased their talents and the Fame Academy finals were held. Here, Georgie Maughan went on to win 2nd place, being beaten narrowly by Hannah Brown. The half-term saw trips to France and Spain, ensuring that a handful of Gosden Girls brought back many memories! The term also brought the inter-house cross country, in which

we saw amazing performances from Hollie Light and Siena Hatton-Brown, and the inter-house netball, in which Gosden played brilliantly to win. The end of the term saw the Readathon take place, during which many girls took part, reading for 10-minute slots throughout the day, and of course not forgetting Izzy Manley-Cooper, Kate Wilson and Gemma Edney embarking on the overnight challenge, reading non-stop without sleep!

As the Summer term began, the interhouse events continued. With a disappointing volleyball and puddex competition, Gosden went into the Superteams contest with fierce (and sometimes scary) determination. Even with the weather meaning that the house favourite of the Tug o' War couldn't take place, Gosden persevered to secure a joint first place with Park and win the whole girls' competition overall. The interhouse athletics added to the excitement as Gosden ran, jumped and threw their way to another victory to round off the half-term. After the holiday the house was handed over to Emma Smith and Verity Phillips as the new Head and Deputy of house, and we saw an uncharacteristic hush come over the house as exam season set in. Preparations soon began for the Gosden charity event of the year, the "Perform 'n' Pout", an evening comprising of a bin-bag fashion show and a concert, and hosted and arranged by the members of the house. After brilliant efforts by everybody in designing, modelling and performing, the evening turned out to be a great success, ending with a rather emotional good-bye speech to the U6th from the L6th. To finish the year, we had a bbq and puddex for the house, saying our final "farewells". The year has been an immensely successful one for the house, and certainly a brilliant one for the Ludlows in their first year of houseparenting. The leavers will certainly have many memories to take away with them and we hope that next year proves to be just as brilliant.

Lucy Wollam and Gemma Edney



Summerfield House

Summerfield House welcomed some 18 new 3rd formers into the House, a new 4th former and three L6th who soon found their feet and were quickly integrated. Also new were Mr. & Mrs. Coetzer, next door in Summercroft with their two daughters, and Mr. Richardson, who came back after four years, rumour has it, 'House sick.'

House events are a major part of Summerfield life, with the Well and food playing major roles. With the apples in abundance at the end of September, and one or two boys doing things with them other than eating, the 3rd form with the help of Head of House Rob Barbour decided that an Apple Appreciation Evening was in order. This is now a regular event and sees vast quantities of apple pie, custard and ice cream consumed one evening every September. House spirit soared through the skylight on the night Summerfield won the Boys section of the Inter-house singing competition with an energetic and captivating performance of 'Shosholozu', an African workers' song. The College also got their first glimpse of the Summerfield House mascot in the shape of a large hairy silverback gorilla (Oli Milne) that performed brilliantly on the drums.

A South African night with special guest Danee Coetzee, the London Irish Hooker, and Pieter de Villiers, sports psychologist for Pretoria's Blue Bulls proved another highlight. A young green Emmet Hurley challenged Danee to an arm wrestle (or was it the other way round?) and soon realized the

amount of gym time he needs to put in next year. Everyone enjoyed the delicious dishes of Pap en Sous, Bobotie, Biltong and Boerewors, cooked by Mr. and Mrs. Coetzer with the help of the 3rd and 4th form.

The Summerfield Christmas party – was superbly organised by the L6 – an incredible night of games, the quiz, the infamous raffle followed by a Chinese feast of over 12 dishes! We said Goodbye to Matt. Perris at Christmas as he headed off to Abingdon, which left Mr. Lumsden as our key tutor able to talk sport until the early hours.

Summerfield talent continued to showcase itself around the College in the Spring with solid performances in the inter-house drama by our 'Drama Queens' Henry Jennings, Rory Maclean and Xyrenn Maddox et al. Adam Cook also deserves a mention, winning the Sanders Cup, awarded to the best middle school actor of the year. Adam Stoodley and Ashley Hunt were regulars in College ensembles, bands and external productions. Alex Horner was also found gainfully employed from time to time as DJ for House and year group socials.

Xyrenn Maddox and Tom Leverett showed superb devotion and dedication after their credible fourth place in the College Dance competition. Undeterred, and hours of practice later, they danced their way to victory in the prestigious 'Wandsworth's Got Talent' competition under their stage name 'Noughts and Crosses'. Their dance performance afterwards in the Well brought the House down and they enjoyed a well-deserved standing ovation.

Our Duke of Edinburgh boys Rob Barbour, Nathaniel Foale and Oli Milne managed sufficient energy to organize a Charity Chin up night just before Easter to 'Break in' the newly installed pull up bar. Some 60 Summerfield 'Chinners' managed 624 chins, to raise over £300 for Alton Hospital's Physiotherapy Department. Nathaniel raised almost £80 on the night (fit young man!), but the top score went to Rhys Thomas with a vertigo inducing 30 nonstop repetitions. Rhys also took the fancy dress prize for his Shania Twain outfit.

All this sport and exercise makes boys



hungry, and Summerfield would not function without the ubiquitous curry evenings, pizza nights and even the occasional pigeon burger! Undeterred on a cold and snow covered February evening, some 25 Summerfield boys braved the conditions to barbeque in the snow. It is these things that make Summerfield special.

Eco week in the Summer term saw George Harker-Smith lead a team to get their fingers green outside the House. If you look at the grass area near the entrance you will notice a new 'S' shaped bed full of yellow plants and shrubs.

Inter-house competitions ended climatically with Super teams in the summer term. Having a series of consistent second places throughout the year in the Super league competitions, Summerfield sport and spirit proved just enough to win the big one. This resulted in an overall tie with Sutton House for the Inter House Super League Trophy.

The new Head of House, Miles Chuter and his team led the way after the summer half term and celebrated the end of the year with a superb hog roast on the grass in front of the House. Volleyball, football and softball played a major part, but in addition a hog that would normally feed 150 was quickly devoured by some 120 Summerfield and Hazelveare piranha.

We end the year with a farewell and thank you to Charlie Lovelock and Tim Richardson. Both have been fine tutors who will be missed by staff and boys alike.

A big thanks must go to our matron team, Betty and Sandy without whom we could not function. Mention must also be made of Louise, Anita and Jean, our cleaning department, without whom seeing their bedroom carpet would be a mere dream for many of our residents. I would also like to add my personal thanks to the superb prefects, led by Rob Barbour and a very capable deputy, Jack Clay. They were Tim Dixon, Richard Kiddle, Oli Milne and Nathaniel Foale. Roll on next year!

C.S. Irvine





Park House

2008-09 has been a very successful year for Park, topped off by an incredible Super-teams win!

House Events

Hetty and Nel were great this year in getting everyone involved in house events, resulting in Park winning about a third of all events! Most notably, we won Superteams, Puddex and Volleyball and the whole house put their all into everything. A special mention also goes to the 3rd form, as there are only 4 of them, so they were all required for nearly every house event, but they just got on with it and did Park proud!

Park's famous pudding parties once again featured in our calendars this year..! Lots of food



and fun was had by all and we're all looking forward to some more next year! The Halloween and Christmas parties were also great successes and so hopefully next years will be even better!!

Sports

This year, we had lots of Parkies in the college first teams, with Aly Rigby, Emma Ranger, Nel Castle-Smith, Hetty Abbott and Lucy Dickens all making the 1st XI hockey team, Nel Castle-Smith and Jenny Douglas making the 1st Tennis team and Nel also made the 1st Netball squad! The lower years also made great contributions to college A and B teams. However, the Parkies have certainly had their fair share of injuries this year: in one week both the head and deputy heads of Park were on crutches (Nel for a netball injury, Hetty for a 'leap-frogging' accident..!) and we've had a few other crutches and a wheelchair – which Mr R had a ride in at one point!

Music

Once again, Park won the whole house song in the inter-house singing competition! Despite Nel completely losing her voice; she was able to produce a very impressive performance from the whole house – with the help of Emma Denly, Aly Rigby and Emma Ranger.

The girls were also highly involved in various musical exploits, put together by Mr Noithip, including the Gala evening in the Spring, which was a great success! The whole house also really enjoyed the end of term trip to Mamma Mia and would not stop singing all the way home!

Overall Park have had a great year and are looking forward to more of the same! Next year we look forward to having Emma Ranger and Jenny Douglas as Head and Deputy Head of House and I am sure that they will do a great job.

Lucy Dickens

Note from Mr and Mrs Richardson

We would like to thank all the Park girls for their fantastic support this year. They have made Park a house to be proud of with their unfailing efforts in house competitions and the manner in which they represent the school itself. It is always a pleasure to see how well they bond together and help each other out no matter which year group they're in. They are a great group of girls and we're very proud of them!





Sutton House



The year began fairly predictably with the month of September, which brought with it another shoal of 3rd formers into the fray. 3rd formers typically have a terrific ability to be irritating - and this year's did not disappoint in that department - but the little chaps also integrated within weeks, joined in wherever they could and became true 'Suttoners', ready to progress through the ranks. Among the nippers was a slightly taller person with a Devonian lilt and air of confidence which didn't quite befit that of a 12 year old. 'Perhaps he's a 4th former? Yes, he's probably in the 4th form', we thought. To our surprise, this was Mr. Williams, a new in-house tutor and Maths teacher. Suffice to say, Mr. Williams has been a fine addition to the house, making Monday evening prep time even more of a hoot than ever, and dragging the average age of the tutors down by a good 40 years.

Being a house concerned massively with competition, the commencement of the Superleague was eagerly anticipated by all and sundry. It began with the Inter-House Singing Contest. Competing with females in this discipline was always going to be a challenge, and even our brave take on a Ben E. King classic couldn't halt the Park juggernaut, who deservedly won. As for the ensemble, well despite critics arguing that our barbershop group improved upon even the Beatles' version of 'Help', judges felt Summerfield's trick of putting their drummer in a gorilla suit was inspired enough to warrant

1st place, in a singing contest!

So the league began with a stutter, and the rivalry with Summerfield would be one lasting to the bitter end. The general knowledge team cruised their way to a grand final clash with School House. Suffice to say, the cruising stopped there... Victories, however, came in the unlikeliest of disciplines - namely Whose Line Is It Anyway, Puddex and Cross Country. The latter of which was more than a victory, but a statement. Utter domination of the event was born of Mr. Radmann spying a loophole in the rules, and consequently entering every single Suttoner into the race. The other houses found it difficult to pass 70 red shirted warriors on the twisty single-file paths of the course, and thus dominance was achieved. Simple, yet genius. The Superleague culminated, as ever, with the annual 'Superteams' event. A rain-soaked swamp of an evening, Sutton weren't quite on their game, and gifted a win to Summerfield. 'So who had won the league?!' we all cried. The answer? Nobody: it was a draw between us and our friends from the northern parts of the campus.

Touch rugby across the forms continues to thrive of an evening, with some brilliant skills on show. It continues to bring all the years together and hone the rugby skill we already possess in spades. I congratulate Toby East in being named captain of Rugby for the coming season. Even Fergus Coles played some sport this year, though whether Fifa 09 counts as an activity remains to be seen. A huge victory in the Inter-House Athletics was a terrific effort all round, as were all inter-house rugby, hockey and tennis events. Outside College, George Rigby (4th form) achieved selection for an England U16 training camp, and continues to excel at London Irish. With George Sandford and Will Leney also at Irish, and Andy House remaining a promising county cricketer, Sutton's reputation for professional sportsmen appears in good health. Whilst on the topic, it'd be rude not to mention Ugo Monye (Sutton 95-2001), who reached the pinnacle of rugby this year in gaining two caps

for the British and Irish Lions.

Other highlights from the year included the hugely memorable 'snow days' - where Sutton had the highest number of pupils in school. This is either indicative of how determined we are to get back to the house, or of how much our parents want us out of our own houses. Either way, a tremendous time was had by all in the most surreal of weeks, where the house turned into an excellent hotel. Year group meals, tutor outings, the Sutton Valentine service (which raised hundreds of pounds for school charities), Easter Egg Hunt and parties at Christmas and the Summer were enjoyed by all, and I must thank the staff - Mrs Radmann especially - and 6th form for the organisation. The quiet room remained the social hub of the house, with such highlights as 'philosophical time' after 10pm and Max Dickens eating a whole supplement of the Times for £10.00.

All that remains to be said is a massive thanks to the matrons for their continued excellence; Caz, Trina and the cleaning team for all their hard work; Mr. Radmann's finely tuned moods to keep us on our toes; Mr. Smith and Mr. Gilliam for being Mr. Smith and Mr. Gilliam, and of course Messrs. Curran and Williams's generous approach to just about everything. The departure of Mr. Finan will be a huge loss to the house, and I speak for everyone when I say he has been a terrific servant to house life. James Brewin and I would like to wish Ross Holmes and Nick Ovens the best of luck as our successors; we're sure they'll have no trouble in leading Sutton to another hugely successful year.

Guy Kelly





Haygate House

Haygate has enjoyed another great year and despite the censors I'll attempt to tell you all about it!

My format of recent years has been to pick out something from each term that has gone down in Haygate legend. This year the first excitement occurred at the House Choir Competition. Haygate sang the Moulin Rouge number 'Lady Marmalade' (with parents will be glad to read, a subtle change of wording in the chorus). Thanks go to Georgie and Bethan for organizing the event although the costumes weren't necessarily to everyone's liking!

The inter-house Improvisation Competition was new this year. Due to the timing, not many made it to the MAD centre to support. Nina Wheeler and Bethan Leyshon adding dialogue to a 1950s film clip, and Laura Peacock pretending that an old wok was a modern masterpiece brought the house down. To give you an idea of the talent of these girls, the final round was a two-minute improvisation given at 20 seconds notice. During the time, the lighting and music changed three times and the acting had to follow suit – DO NOT miss this event next year!

Christmas term ended with Haygate visiting Winchester ice-rink on the last night of term. A great evening was had by all, possibly with the exception of Laura Marks who was 'arrested' for speeding!

I am afraid that I'm going to have to mis-appropriate my Spring Term legendary

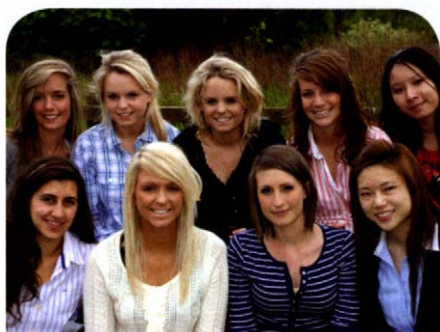
event. Tara Gillespie (and the React Dance Co.) organized a school dance competition. To me this was the best ever pupil organized event in my time at LWC and as Tara is in Haygate, it is well worth the mention. The quality of the organization, the £500 raised for charity and the entertainment factor of those performing were all stunning.

Laura Marks and Charlotte Page also get a mention for Spring Term. Their performances in the inter-house cross country was very impressive. Unfortunately for Charlotte she'll have to run again next year! Laura also went on to win the girls' mile on sports day – fantastic!

Summer term in the life of the modern student is a real stress-fest. There are of course exams for everyone in the House – some more important than others! There is also the huge number of sports fixtures packed into what was only nine weeks this year. Then Mr Richardson starts adding inter-house events as though they are going out of fashion! (Puddex, volleyball, rocket, debating, super-teams and athletics all in the first four and a half weeks!) I know that the Haygate 5km charity run is also on all the girls list of 'favourite things to do in your free time'. We enjoyed great success in many of these, but particular mention must go to the debating team. Tara, Faybia and Lauren were not only the first girls in the competition's history to ever win a single round, they went on to beat the favourites (School) in the final. Unbelievable – well done!

'Green week' came next. The Haygate initiative saw the girls going without electricity and hot water for 24 hours – not as easy as you'd think! Games by candle light for the few die hards that stayed in overnight was a fitting occasion and I only wish Laura Peacock could have been there. After all, she thought of it!

A big thank you to Laura Peacock and Rozzie Batchelar (our outgoing Head and Deputy of House). Both have continued the Haygate tradition of excellent role models and it has been great working with them. Georgie Cox and Tara

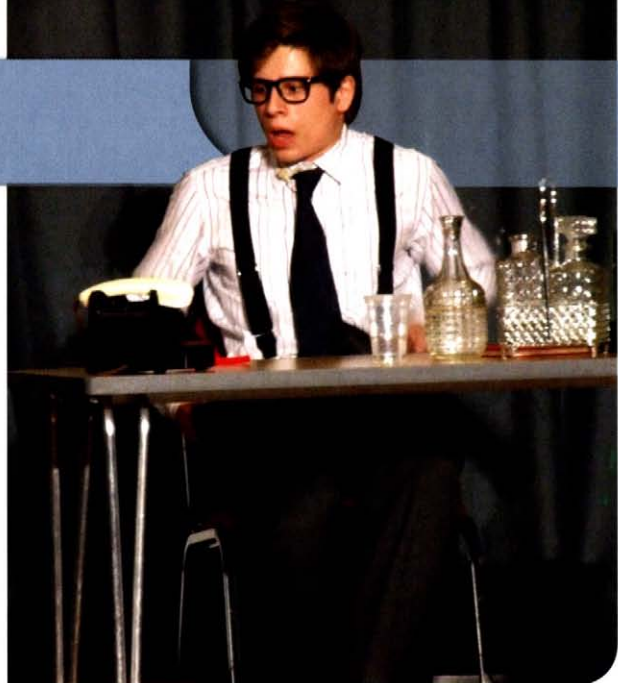


Gillespie have a tough act to follow and we wish them luck next year.

We are sad to be saying goodbye to Norma Rudat this year. She has been a gem. Norma is also the College German Assistant and we were lucky to have her working in Haygate. Various maternity leaves have seen her doing twice as many duties as any of her predecessors and with typical German efficiency she has done an amazing job. We wish her all the best for next year and beyond.

The reason that Haygate House is preferred by 9 out of 10 pupils and staff is that those working behind the scenes are so caring and devoted. Chris, Jen, Gill and Beam have a huge amount of time to give the girls and absolutely nothing is ever too much for them. Thank you all so much for this year.

Richard Kimber



School House

So here it is:

It was in the spring of 2008 that a Sc'Ouse showcase was first mooted as a means of raising significant money for charity as well as displaying some of the talent in the House. Detail about this event is given elsewhere but from my perspective, it was a wonderful event, made more wonderful by the fact that the organisation was almost all down to the boys. It genuinely was an event in which the whole House and staff worked together on a collective project. To watch the ruthlessly efficient clear-up was to watch something very impressive. The final total of £1600 that was raised for LondonYouth/Activenture was the final triumph of the event.

The Christmas Party also stood out amongst other social events. The House's own X-Factor worked extremely well: known talents such as Harley Mitford and Nick Buckle performed alongside revelations such as the 4th form 'boy band' performance or Chris Adams with Ben Jones and Rupert Jones. It was a civilised, entertaining evening and the ruthless judges had their work cut out.

May Court once more hosted the Mayhem event and also saw two successful events right at the end of the term when we hosted Krugersdorp from South Africa, then Haygate on the last night. It is a special, unique place, one to be cherished. Outreach work was done in Junior in the form of quiz or barbecue, the 3rd form hosted a group of their peers and, in the summer term, the L6th prefects hosted the rest of the prefect body.

The House had its triumphs in the wider domain: the General Knowledge competition, for instance, although that was hardly surprising given that three of the House team were in the school team. Second place in the debating was pleasing and there were some excellent moments in Superteams too. Maybe we'll draw a veil over House singing this year, though.

On the sports field, green shoots of promise are appearing. The 3rd form won the inter-house rugby competition; on sports day, they excelled with wins for Messrs Gordon, Voller, Jones and Bilsland and the relay team. The 4th form also

have sporting talent and it may be that in a couple of years time, School will be a force to be reckoned with at senior level.

The House was very well led by an excellent U6th, with Tom Smith an outstanding Head of House. He was well supported by Marcus Field, Alex Abbott and Sam Forward amongst others. It is excellent to report that Tommy Garland succeeds Luka Krsljanin as Head Boy, the third year in a row that Sc'Ouse has had the Head Boy and the fourth in five years.

It has also been good to note the involvement of members of the House in significant roles elsewhere in the school. For several years, Marcus Field and Doug Nichols have excelled as Chaplain's assistants; George W. Potter has been librarian and senior cadet in the RAF section, his successor being Andrew Frawley who is a driving force in the music school. The squash squad has been dominated by Sc'Ouse lads from the U6th and 4th form; yet again the Charity Cycle ride was dominated by Sc'Ouse riders providing six out of the seven who cycled the logical route from Blackpool to Scarborough.

School House – it's a unique sort of House, standing on its own in the centre of LWC. A lot of what it does has been unsung; it's just a House going about its business in a fairly quiet sort of way.

And that was that.

David Machin





Autumn Term

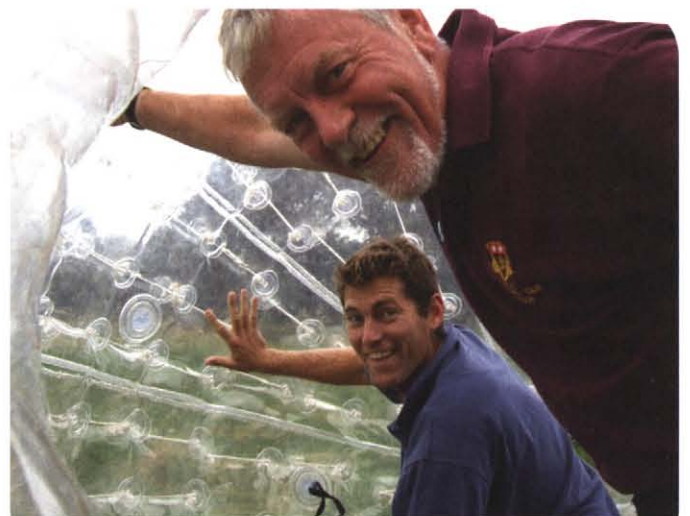


Autumn



Lower 6th Induction

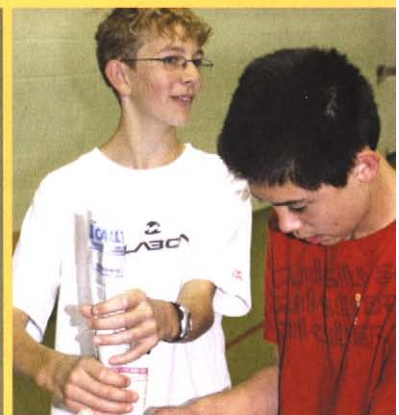
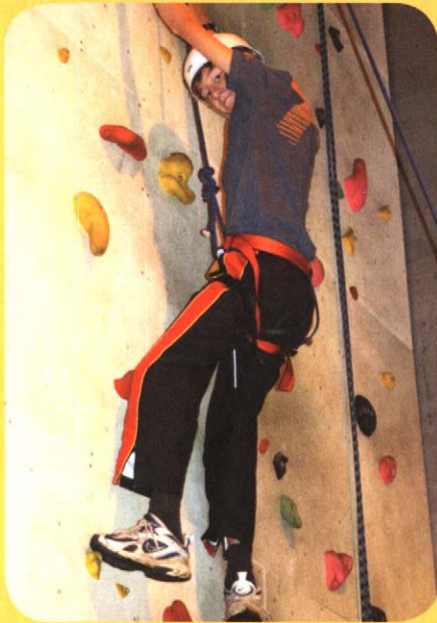
The Lower 6th were all coached to the "Three Peaks" Activity Centre at Barfield School, working in teams on high ropes, low ropes and a command task course and also enjoyed the experience of archery, quad bikes, Aeroball (basketball on trampolines!) and Zorbball (those hamster balls you've seen on "Gladiators"). Suitably exhausted, everyone returned to the 6FC to be treated to a traditional LWC barbecue and disco.





3rd Form Induction Day

The Induction Day gives the 45 Junior House veterans a chance to meet the 55 new pupils joining them in the 3rd Form. Everyone agreed that it was a great day for making new friends. On site at LWC each group had a crack at mountain-biking, wall-climbing, low ropes and newspaper-tower-building, while at "Quayside" (Mytchett) there was plenty of enjoyment orienteering in the woods, constructing rafts (some of which proved to be buoyant!), open canoeing and - the most popular - the banana-boat rides.





1st Form Trip to The Globe Theatre

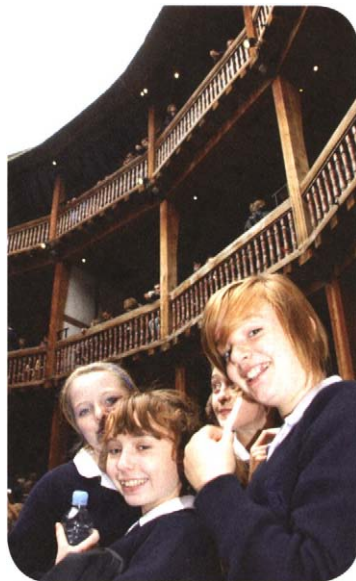
Walking in through the elaborate gates of The Globe Theatre I felt a tsunami of awe and wonder wash over me, blocking out all other thoughts. The steward glanced at my ticket and pointed to a hard wooden seat. I sat down and waited. As I looked around at the balconies and stage, I remembered how the huge fire had devoured the original theatre, yet we had recreated it so similarly to the first.

The play, "A Midsummer Night's Dream" began. It was very realistic and it felt faintly thrilling to experience the same things as a Shakespearian person may have done. The actors were very convincing and the swift costume/character changes were amazing.

After the interval, we had to swap the seating tickets for the standing ticket. However, after a few minutes I realised that I actually preferred standing to sitting, bar the fact that my view was slightly obstructed. Another clever thing is that although the scenery is set permanently, the whole mood can be changed without the help of anything but music, actors etc.

All in all, the play was an unforgettable experience and I would DEFINITELY do it again!

Owen Jones
1st Form



5th Form History Trip; National Archives

You have to be a brave man to let forty odd teenagers loose on one thousand years of British history, this would be a tall order for anyone, let alone five history teachers, outnumbered eight to one! Yes, I am talking about the National Archives, the only building of its kind in Britain. Housing thousands of years' worth of Government records, which nowadays means pretty much everything, the National Archives is one of the better renowned buildings in our fair country. Peruse the inner recesses of this magnificent edifice and you will find newspapers, letters, treaties, papers and even the odd dead animal. Practically anything that matters in our country's history can be found within the walls of the Archives.

Dropping off anything on our person at the door, we talked about Whitechapel itself back in the 19th century. Observing a number of maps, pictures and even the census from 1881, we built up an invaluable knowledge of the background to the killings. Towards the end of the session, we got the chance to see the hoax letters that were sent in by members of the general public. As interesting as they were, I couldn't help feeling that people in those days had a different outlook on life. To them, life was just there to be lived through, and not to be enjoyed. It makes you thankful that you were not around at those horrid, dark times, for if I were, I'm sure it would have been sheer hell. Moving onwards, we learned more about the background of The National Archives themselves, before studying some of the hoax letters in more detail. Of course the Archives are on the cutting edge of technology, and the interactive whiteboards and projectors really aided us in scrutinizing the 'Dear Boss' letters, that many believed were actually sent by the Ripper to the police. Not part of our planned work, but still hugely interesting were the other pieces of British history that we were shown, such as the confession of one Guy Fawkes. The journey back was less uncomfortable, until the grim thought of double Physics set in. You could hear my cry in Whitechapel!

Ben Kerawala



Scholars' Concert

In the 2nd week of the new school year, music scholars from across the school opened the LWC concert season with a lively and varied programme. The concert was not only a great evening of entertainment but also a welcoming for the 6 new scholars who played very well in their first performance at LWC.

The concert was well attended and the audience was treated to an eclectic mix of classical, jazz, show and film music. Also performing were 2 sibling duets, Andrew and Helen Frawley and Hugo and Alex Hammond, who added a family atmosphere.

Ralph Wyld



A2 Art



Fergus Coles



Nick Buckle



Lottie Yeardley



Mike Bates



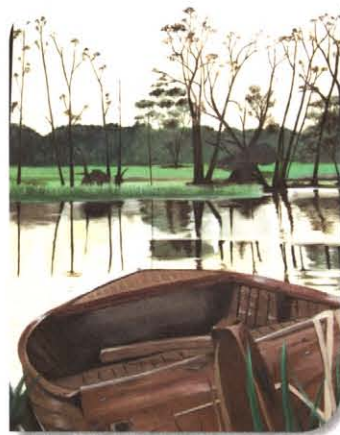
Nick Buckle



Lottie Yeardley



Rachel Feng



Rosie O'Neil



Sian Wilson



Tom Smith



Harry Ward



James Jeram



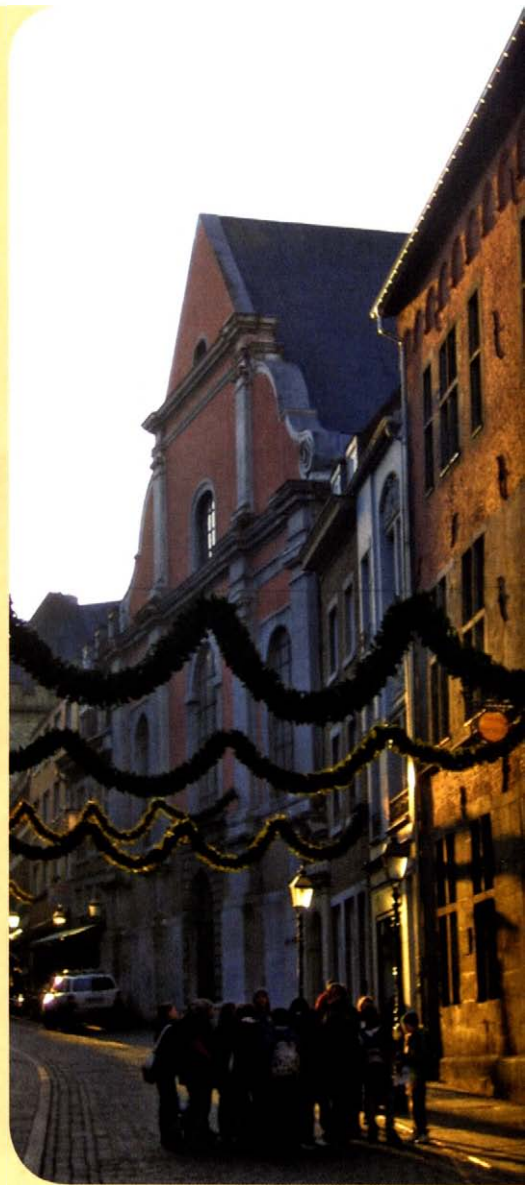
Weihnachtsmarkt in Aachen

The last few days of the Autumn Term are perhaps not the best time to take a trip. Both staff and students are often exhausted and likely to succumb to various illnesses, but Germany is such a good place to go at this time of year that it is hard to resist. This year we drove to Aachen by minibus, which is about the closest city in Germany and, after an early start, arrived in time for supper. The hotel was very welcoming and the food was perfectly tailored to English teenagers, so we were well accommodated.

Everyone was keen to check out the Christmas Markets straight away, and we made our way down into the town centre to spend an hour soaking up the atmosphere, with perhaps a little bit of shopping thrown

in. On Friday Mrs Tomlinson gave us a brief tour of the town, taking in the main sights of interest, before we loaded up on the bus once again to head off to Phantasialand. The theme park was quiet when we arrived, so students hardly had to queue before they rode.

Meanwhile, Mr Lafferty and Mrs McKinnon met a very nice man from the equivalent of the AA, who came out to check a fault on the minibus and declared that he could find nothing wrong with it, but taught us the German for 'alternator'. We returned to Aachen as dusk fell and again spent the evening at the Christmas Markets. The journey home the next day was accomplished without incident, and we all look forward to a return visit in two years' time.



College Concert marks Armistice Day

Pupils marked Armistice Day with a moving, poignant Words and Music concert which blended together poems, images and songs of the wars. Devised by English teacher, Dave Machin, the concert featured well-known and lesser-known poems and wartime songs together with more recent works.

Special guest for the event was Janet Booth, the granddaughter of Private Harry Farr who was pardoned in 2006 having been shot at dawn in 1916 in spite of suffering from shell shock. Mrs Booth spoke about Harry Farr and read the last letter of Private Arthur Troughton, written the night before he was executed.





CCF Helicopter Visit

Staff and pupils and a few surprised footballers watched in amazement as Col Neil Dalton landed in an Apache attack helicopter on the College football pitch in a flying visit to the CCF. Sternian Neil, who left LWC in 1982, was the Commanding Officer of the 4th Regiment Army Air Corps, and has served 20 years in the Army (and five years in the LWC CCFI), earning an OBE in the Queen's birthday honours this year. Students had a unique chance to question Neil about his awesome £20m machine and its role in modern warfare while Mr Kerr tried out the pilot's seat for size.



Remembrance Day



We were honoured to have Sternian Johnny Johnson lay the poppy wreath during the College's Remembrance Day service. Johnson's participation was the highlight of the ceremony, as he is the last of the famous Dambusters of the Second World War. Johnson's role as the bomb aimer on this May 1943 attack on German dam, known as Operation Chastise, has recently been featured in the media. Johnson later took the time to speak with some 5th form history students, who enjoyed a lively discussion of Johnny's war experiences and school days.



D of E 2008 - 2009



left to go on maternity leave. Mrs Lovelock has been instrumental in making the D of E award as popular as it is in the College. The entertaining, but serious atmosphere we enjoy is largely down to her commitment and hard work. We congratulate Mrs and Mr Lovelock on the birth of their beautiful daughter, Emily.

Bronze

Preliminary expeditions were carried out in the first half of the autumn term over the South Downs near Winchester. Navigation training proved to be necessary in the majority of cases with some interesting diversions, especially on day 2 with no staff walking with the groups. Once again we were fortunate enough to have Mr and Mrs Sylvester's large garden to camp in with marshmallows being toasted over an open fire. Mr Finan's group also ensured he did not forget the song about the Moose called Fred! (lyrics by Hannah Brown).

The assessed expeditions started with a camp at Seaford School. The second weekend we used the campsite at Gumber Bothy, Slinden. As all expeditions now need external assessors we were fortunate enough to get Mr Robert Metcalf for both weekends. All groups were treated to a fair and very sound assessment and all passed. Even that group which lost their tent poles en route and ended up with the assessor helping put up the spare tent!

The year kicked off in good style with Tara Gillespie and Gary Morton as heads of D of E. The number of students who complete their awards year after year was again highlighted at the annual East Hampshire award Presentation Evening, this year at Ditcham Park school, where LWC had, by far, the highest number of participants and our musicians gave a sterling performance. Throughout the year many of the participants could be seen completing their

service sections, walking dogs, recycling with Mr Walters or helping at Junior House and prep schools.

The training weeks were broken up with such activities as 'Ready Steady Cook', with the Bursar bravely participating as the tasting judge. Camp craft and navigation training was also undertaken alongside the CCF and the Christmas 'Pub Quiz' was as popular as ever. In January, D of E suffered a major blow as Mrs Lovelock

Break

The clock is ticking, pencils are tapping, it's nearly break.

Taps are dripping, people are whispering, the tables are shaking, Break is coming. Floor boards are creaking, doors are squeaking, the heat is baking, Break is coming.

The birds are singing, the teachers are chatting, the children are waiting, and Break is nearer.

The clock has stopped, the bell went ding, the chairs went clang, and the students were chatting.

Break is here.

Molly Jermy





Junior Science Project

Miss Lordachi co-ordinated Junior Science projects with 1st Form, challenging them to describe the most important Nobel Science prize winners or the most important scientific discoveries. This is Harriet Sleaf's winning entry on antibiotics and Fleming's discovery of penicillin.

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1. Antibiotics transformed medicine.

2. The discovery of antibiotics began by accident.

3. On the morning of September 3rd 1928 Professor Alexander Fleming was having a clear up of his cluttered laboratory.

4. One of the plates had mould on it.

5. The mould was penicillium notatum.

6. However when Alexander Fleming had moved into other medical issues one day he saw three bacteria which Howard Florey and Ernst Chain working at Oxford University purified the bacteria forming substances. Penicillin.

7. Further research on the mould found that it could kill other bacteria and that it could be given to small animals without any side-effects.

8. Fleming was sorry through his numbers of army in 1914's which had previously been covered with streptococcus bacteria as part of research Fleming was aiming.

CCF Field Day October 2008

In a break from tradition, the first CCF Field Day involved all the cadets going to Longmoor camp for their training. This was a good move as it gave the fifth form the opportunity to use a big range and practise section attacks. The fourth form took advantage of having a spacious classroom for weapons training and an indoor .22 range at their disposal, as well as space for drill and camouflage and concealment games. The day closed with a competition between the sections, testing them on what they had learnt during the day.





For All Time

(after Philip Larkin)

Times cold hands reach out towards me.
A faceless face, scarred with corrupted figures
Ceaselessly stares from within the dark.
My borrowed time is almost repaid.

Every step I take is one closer to my last.
As the hour glass of life fills, I empty. And grow weak.
The icy winds of seclusion as if to embrace me
Leaves a bitter burning kiss upon my cheek.

And when the flame of my candle reaches only a glow
And I have no strength to re-light the fire
I will wish then that I had told her after all
She, more than life, is what I desire.

Mark Godfrey
6th Form

The Days are short ...

(after Philip Larkin)

The days are short and sun rarely makes an appearance,
Empty darkness awaits us when we wait,
It force us back inside: an interference.

Why this wait, for someone to take
This nothing away?
Who cares about our day?
We look for answers in the rain.

We waste life with work and drink and hiding away to stay warm
and dry
What a joke we make of this life on loan.
Why do wait for others to die
before we face up and don't moan
about the weather
or the wrong sort of leather?
Do we need trivial worries

To push us through our insignificant lives?
We scurry across mountains, not mattering to those we meet for
brief forgotten moments, but how this wish thrives
that we're remembered when we close the door,
We sit and wait for dusk
to fall forever, but we must
Do something.

Lucy Dickens
6th Form

Anne Fine

Anne Fine OBE, our visiting author this year braved the February snow and visited LWC during the coldest part of the year. Anne gave two talks to our students, one to the juniors and one talk to 3rd form pupils. Anne fine is an accomplished award winning author from as far back as the 1980's. Anne Fine was the second Children's Laureate, and held office between May 2001 and May 2003. She has written many books for children and teenagers and has published eight novels for adults. Here's one comment of her visit to the school by a junior student.....

"Anne Fine is a very talented writer and was a very funny person. She introduced us to many of her books and made the day very enjoyable. Many students have read her books and we have really enjoyed them."

Kat Luckraft



English trip to Stratford

The L6th English classes went on an over-night trip to Stratford-upon-Avon to attend a performance of 'Taming of the Shrew' as well as lecture on Shakespeare's life and times. The trip included an open-top bus tour of Stratford as well as a chance to visit Holy Trinity Church and, in the peaceful gardens, vigorously debate the relevance of Shakespeare to the English canon.





Hay Fever

The Senior School Production this term was Noel Coward's 'Hay Fever', directed by Debbie Croft.

The play, so said the programme, was a "comedy". And comedic it was, with a cool combination of Coward's witty dialogue, the actors' fine delivery and a barometer falling off the wall inciting howls of laughter from the audience. Though the first act was a touch slow to get going, it was in full stride by the time of the first interval. Yes, that's right, first interval. Not to be content with the conventional half time break, this production was split into thirds. Mental. The first was wonderful, with its 1920s singing and wine, the second merely an annoyance. A necessary annoyance though, since mandatory set and costume changes had to come somewhere.

That, it appears, is where the criticism ends, since the play itself was rather good. The cast, though small, were



perfectly formed, and contained numerous outstanding performances – from Emma Denly's promiscuous Myra Arundel to Lottie Bates' understated turn as a cockney housemaid. One of the main achievements was that 'Hay Fever' never once stuttered or appeared overly long, and despite its slightly predictable ending it managed to stimulate titters right to the end. Special mentions must go to Ruari Metcalfe who appeared to actually eat the prop bacon in the play – it looked nothing less than vile; and indeed to Georgie Maughan, who calmly dealt with an embarrassing moment in the first act as if it had happened countless times before.

I am not qualified to review theatre productions, I do, though, know a ruddy good show when I see one, and this falls gracefully into that category, so bravo to all involved.

Guy Kelly



Theatre Studies

5th Form students were given a short story called 'The Lottery' by Shirley Jackson, a text which highlights the dangers of unquestioning conformity. From this stimulus they devised two very different pieces, one a masked performance, dealing with scientific experiments into personality; the other a comedy in which the characters from a play turn up to direct the actors in a rehearsal.

Another 5th Form class received the stimulus of a short story called 'Headless' by Brian Aldiss, which questions the lengths people will go to in order to be famous. Using this stimulus the students devised one piece dealing with the public and private persona of a famous actress, and another centred on a personality change clinic.

4th Form students performed scripted pieces in December. Extracts were presented from 'Find Me' by Olwen Wymark
'Loot' by Joe Orton
'DNA' by Dennis Kelly
'The Accidental Death of an Anarchist' by Dario Fo
'Top Girls' by Caryl Churchill

AS & A2 students have been on theatre trips this term to broaden their knowledge of current theatre practice and inspire their practical work. Productions seen include:

Samuel Beckett's 'Fragments' directed by Peter Brook at The Young Vic;

'365', The National Theatre of Scotland's devised piece about the transition from childhood in a care home to adult life, at The Lyric Theatre, Hammersmith

The Globe Theatre production of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream';

Kneehigh Theatre Company's acclaimed multi-media production of 'Brief Encounter' at The Cinema, Haymarket

Complicite's visual spectacle, 'A Disappearing Number' at The Barbican Theatre – an unusual joint trip with the Maths Department

DV8's confrontational 'To Be Straight With You' in the Lyttleton Theatre, part of the National Theatre Complex.

AS Drama students joined a workshop run by Splendid Productions Theatre Company. They spent the morning doing intensive practical exercises relating to the work of two influential theatrical practitioners: Bertolt Brecht and Antonin Artaud.

Drama Prefects

Student Heads of Drama – Emma Denly and Tom Bell

Assistant Head of Drama – Rachel Butler

Head of Junior Drama – Leah Nimz

This team led the Junior drama club and a sixth form voice development workshop, willingly and with great success. They have taken on "Front of House" duties with a sense of accomplishment and polish and have worked tirelessly backstage learning the skills of stage management.





Rugby Report 2009

Since the autumn internationals there has been a considerable amount of media interest in one of our Sternians. We are used to seeing and hearing the name Jonny Wilkinson in reference to Lord Wandsworth, but now Ugo Monye has stolen some of the limelight. He has grown in stature as an international wing and now has a British and Irish Lions tour to South Africa to look forward to. Reading the Sternian magazine this year shows the impressive legacy LWC leaves in rugby circles. There are very few schools that can boast an international halfback pairing playing in the World Cup semi-final, to be followed by a winger with blistering pace in the autumn internationals as part of their

alumni. With the emergence of Charlie Amesbury at Harlequins and other names associated with the school playing at a high level, the school can be proud of its achievements. There is much for the present pupils of LWC to be hopeful for and goals can be set at the highest level for their playing careers. With a strong under 15 squad moving up through the school and many talented players in each year group we look forward to an exciting season in 2009.

With the injection of additional enthusiasm from Mr Machin and an increasingly experienced coaching staff, I'm sure there will be many successes in the years to come. It is sometimes easy to forget that in real terms we are a small

school which often punches well above its weight. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the coaches for their hard work, commitment and professionalism. It is also important to recognise what goes on behind the scenes. The countless hours spent preparing pitches which were in magnificent condition this year often goes unnoticed. I would like to thank Alistair Cotton and the grounds team for all their hard work. Also the catering staff, guided so well by Chris Jones, deserve thanks for providing so many teas for pupils and parents alike.

Here's looking forward to the new season at LWC and the prospect of more talent emerging in the near future.

Tim Richardson, Head of Rugby

1st XV

Played	14
Won	6
Lost	8
Captain	B. Holden

This year, the Daily Mail Vase offered the opportunity to extend the season beyond Christmas for the first time since a certain J. Wilkinson wore the famous LWC hoops. The game, played before a good home support on Sutton field, reflected much of the season. Effort and skill were not always consistent through this season.

Reigate arrived boasting an 8-8 win loss ratio compared with LWC's 6-7. LWC started slowly and found themselves three points down early before dominating territory and possession. Unfortunately, domination was not always converted into points and the opposition managed to weather the storm. Reigate had their moments too and managed to take them decisively.

LWC had built up a 17-8 lead with 15 minutes remaining but Reigate created four-five half chances from which they came up with a long range penalty and converted try with four minutes remaining to lead 17-18. Panic in the face of defeat saw LWC kicking away possession before missing a golden opportunity to score. The game finished 17-18; a golden opportunity lost.

The non-availability of L6 players allowed 30 players the honour of representing the side although a group of 20 or so played for most of the season. Win against loss, the outcome was similar to 2007. The effort from many cannot be faulted and as a team LWC were seldom soundly beaten. A poor

performance against Churchers was the low point alongside the Daily Mail defeat. There were excellent periods of play in all games, heartening performances and some hope for the future, away wins at St. George's (0-28) and Peter Symmonds (8-11) being the highlights. The captain led by example on the field and Grimes performed consistently through the season. The final word is saved for Sandford and Childs, U16 boys who made the side.

Coach: Audley Lumsden

Squad: H. Burt, B. Holden (captain), N. Ovens, M. Varney, A. Abbott, T. Wood, C. O'Connell, J. Brewin, T. Grimes, T. East, J. Clay, J. Dunkley, T. Dixon, R. Kiddle, M. Bates, S. Confortola, G. Dyer, J. Lovell, H. Hill, M. Chuter, S. Evans, M. Godfrey, G. Sandford, J. Childs, J. Hale, G. Kelly, O. Milne, T. Smith, R. Thomas, H. Ward





2nd XV

Played	10
Won	6
Lost	4

Early indications were that this team had the potential to do well. Most positions were filled with seasoned players and there was a good injection of younger talent too. By setting up regular drills at weekly training sessions our basic skill level gradually improved. Unfortunately some players didn't see the crucial importance of this, and this was to cost us dearly in certain games.

Our forwards lacked weight and size and



this too made it difficult to secure good ball from bigger opposition at times. Scrummaging was good and individual talent and flair was aplenty amongst the loose forwards, but unity and cohesion at the ruck and maul to maintain hard won possession often let us down. The back line players were exciting and we scored most of our tries out wide. When we got the ball to the wings we looked dangerous, but too many basic errors in handling robbed us of many deserving tries.

Smith showed plenty of skill at Scrumhalf and led the team by example. Thomas at Flyhalf was the most improved player and produced impressive performances towards the end of the season. Hale the pack leader always gave of his best and he, Milne and Hurley were our most consistent performers amongst the forwards.

We were unlucky to lose by one point to Christ's Hospital, missing a certain penalty kick to win the game. We played our best rugby against St George's Weybridge, setting up a good win.

Winning teams do the basics of the game well, unfortunately we were not always able to focus or concentrate on doing this when the going got tough, experience the better players must take away with them from the season.

My special thanks to the Medical Centre staff for looking after the injured and to colleagues for their help and support.

Coach: Allen French

Squad: Salmon, T Patrick, A . Mason, O. Smith, T. [Capt.] Kelly, G. Hodgson, J. Evans, S. Thomas, R. Ward, H. Dyer, G. Milne, O. Young, R. Wood, T. Hale, J. Chuter, M. Hurley, E. Richards, J Bourdains



3rd XV

With a depth of talented players far outreaching previous years the 3rd XV began the season full of ambition and self-belief.

Our first match of the season was against Pangbourne, usually a tough opposition, so we started the game with caution. Ed O'Connell sent the start off kick high and with a great chase our forwards we turned the ball over. To our delight after only a matter of moments Calum Dougal went over for our first try of the season. Now brimming with confidence we started to play our favoured free-flowing game with devastating results for the bewildered Pangbourne side.

Further tries from Jordan Gomez, Andy Butler amongst others meant we ended the game 51-0. A great start to the season!

The next challenge was a match against Shiplake, 2nd XV. Faced with a side much larger than ourselves the team exceptionally well but

despite a valiant effort from the entire team we were undone by careless errors the score ended a disappointing 29-14. The team went back to the training field and with a few wise words from our ever inventive coaches; Mr Booth and Mr Coetzer we reassessed our tactics. These changes had great results as we won our next two games against Christ's Hospital and Radley, with some excellent play from our reliable and dedicated front row of Jack Lowndes, Alex Hopkins and Sam Forward as well as some hard hitting defence from back row Simon Taylor, Ed Brown and centre Sam Forrest. Unfortunately we were beaten in the next two matches by a pair of very strong sides. Then came the match we had all been waiting for: Wellington.

With our usual determined team strengthened by a few spare 2nd XV players we were confident that the game could go our way, but we started badly conceding an early try. After some great play from great play from our new recruits: Miles Chuter, Oli Milne and Jonny Hale and a mesmerising run by James Jeram he scored under the posts. The two teams were neck



and neck for the rest of the match, a further try for each team, with Wellington going into the final minute with a lead of 3 points. Unwisely they tried to run from deep and after a huge head first tackle from Oli Milne we turn the ball over. Some great hands saw the ball go quickly to Calum Dougal who sliced through the Wellington defence to score under the posts just as the final whistle was sounded. What a win! What a season!

Gary Plummer (Captain)

My congratulations to an exceptionally committed, talented and cheerful team. Gary Plummer has been a remarkable captain and it says much for him and the rest of the team that he was able to get an almost full attendance for numerous practices at antisocial hours and that we coaches had the problem of giving games to the large number that made up the squad. Thanks for a great season.

Coach: Peter Booth





U16A

The U16A team will look back on a disappointing season in terms of results. Too many losses would suggest that they were overwhelmed by opposition. Nothing could be further from the truth!

There would be few teams in the school who would be prepared to work as hard at their game as this team. Every single player should be commended for 'keeping the faith' and willing to work as part of the team.

What was evident from the start of the season was that every player knew his limitations but was prepared to work at improving his all round skills. The fact that the team reached the plate final of the Hampshire Cup was testimony to an enthusiastic and positive approach to the game. Wonderful tries were scored during the season. If the team had believed in their ability throughout the season, the overall win/loss ratio would have been different. The quality of play in the match against Salesian College was sublime and could have been achieved against the likes of PGS, St John's Southsea and St George's Weybridge - games which we could have won.

Jonny Chiles led the team admirably although injuries curtailed his progress through the season. The forwards were always impressive. They dominated most phases of tight play. Robert Lawrence, Ollie Cowles, Tom Jordan and Paul Weightman-Potter stood up against bigger front rows because they had a better technique. Tom Jordan's impact as a very versatile runner with the ball was impressive. Will Hughes was

excellent in the loose play and when he learnt to off-load in the tackle, he was even better. George Sandford was a powerhouse in the lineouts and played like a number 8 which added value to our pattern of play. He will need to work at his cadence in the off-season. George Harker-Smith started the season well. Guy Solomon was the find of the season.

In the backline, George Breddy was happier in his number 9 position whilst Alex Lewis showed that he could develop into an outstanding flyhalf. He will need to work on his out of hand kicking.

Ali McManus and Xyrenn Maddox developed into a lethal centre combination. Their attacking qualities came on superbly during the season. Alex Clark and Ben Freeman learnt to stay in their channels and proved to be quite elusive wingers. Alex Masters at the back was always reliable.

The majority of these young players have developed superb skills and more importantly they have become adept at making the right decisions on the field. They will undoubtedly enjoy their senior level rugby years.

Well done.

Coach: Chris Radmann

Regular members of the team: Lawrence R; Cowles O; Weightman-Potter P; Tom Jordan; Hughes W; Sandford G; Harker-Smith G; Solomon G; Chiles J (Captain); Breddy G; Lewis A; Clark A; McManus A; Maddox X; Freeman B; Masters A; Stonehill A; Leverett T

U16B

The U16B team endured a frustrating season. They started with an excellent win against Pangbourne, dominating the opposition in a very convincing way. However, the only other win was against St George's Weybridge, again a good performance which showed good tactical awareness and skill.

However, being a B team, they suffered from A team call-ups and when the whole squad was depleted by injuries and by players finding reasons to stop playing rugby, the knock-on was severe. Consequently, the games against Christ's Hospital, Oratory and Trinity had an inevitability about it....the inevitability being that the result would be a defeat. PGS won a very good match, their size being the key factor.

Arguably the best match of the season was the narrow defeat to Shiplake. An end-to-end game was nearly snatched by LWC in the last minute but Alex Clark was superbly tackled metres from the line.

The squad never lacked for commitment, trained well and invariably had smiles on their faces. There are some amongst them who will make their mark on LWC rugby in time and I thank them for their commitment.

Coach: D. Machin

Squad: Tom Hughes, Guy Solomon, Alex Harding, Jonathan Youll, Alex Smith, Max Thomas, Cameron Hardy, Arvind Norris, Glenn Castle, Alex Warner, Rhys Martin, Ben Read, Jonty Allan, Tom Leverett, Steven Brincat, Alex Masters, Tom Morley.

U15A

Played	9
Won	8
Lost	1
For	428
Against	27

It is self-evident that this year group live and breathe rugby, coming with very impressive credentials from the under 14s, so maintaining commitment and improving standards would be challenging; unbeaten seasons are notorious for complacency.

The first game of the season against Pangbourne was to prove a very important game so early on in the season as it set the tone for matches to come. A very impressive overall performance saw Billy Maddock and Brandon Ambrose Brunskill amongst others score very impressive tries. A slight lack of concentration in the backline allowed

Pangbourne to score one of only four tries scored against this side all season.

The two most significant games of the season turned out to be against Churcher's and against Watford Grammar in the Daily Mail cup. LWC dominated the Churcher's game from start to finish. The ferocity of the collision situations both at the breakdown and in tackles was immense. George Rigby, George McCrossan and Scott Godfrey led the way ensuring that Churcher's were on the back foot from the first whistle. Bertie Hopkin led the backs extremely well; Adam Cook, Billy Maddock and Rob Heywood all managed to make the best of the space available to them. The most impressive try in the second half began in our own 22, Churcher's pushing towards the try line. Rigby managed to

turn over the ball which was set up well by Scott Godfrey and the rest of the pack. The backs were not content to clear their lines but ran the ball down the left wing. The moment of the season came when the winger passed to Matt Mwale the prop, who then moved the ball on to Andrew Provost who ran the remaining 30 yards to score. It was total rugby at its best.

Against Watford Grammar the team encountered a large pack and streetwise backline. Unfortunately early errors cost us dearly. Within 10 minutes the opposition were 14 points ahead





U15B

Played	7
Won	6
Lost	1
Points for:	524
Points against:	14

The season started off against PGS. Scoring a converted try within the first 5 minutes got the team settled and the half time whistle came with the score at 14-7. After battling hard for the second half, we left with a massive 35-7 win! With fractured ribs (O'Meara) and a back injury (Chuter) we did not emerge from the game unscathed, but this was our most complete performance of the season.

With Captain Cook moving to the A team, Jonny Dow took over the captaincy for two good wins over Shiplake and Churcher's. With the return of Chuter and Hellewell and O'Meara as captain, our team was nearly back to full strength. Facing St George's, Weybridge we came through with a solid 26-0 win. We played one of our best games of the season against Oratory to record a crushing victory. Next saw Christ's Hospital and there was no holding back. The half time whistle came after 20 mins and only 10 minutes were played in the second half - we walked off the pitch with a huge 69-0 win.

Playing the A team from KES we went behind just before the break which gave us lots to battle for, in what was a very tight second half. We piled on the pressure in the last few minutes but in the end we came up 2 points short.

Special mentions should go to: Harvey Brewin for an amazing 16 tries in just 7 games;

taking their opportunities very well. It was a bitter pill to swallow for such a successful team. I was very impressed, however, by the very mature and pragmatic response from the boys. They realised that mistakes cost them dearly and that this was a game from which they could learn a great deal.

Many thanks to all the parents for their wonderful support throughout the season. I'm sure you will all have a great time in 2009-10.

Coach: Tim Richardson

Players: Eddie Mallaby (capt), Billy Maddock (vice-captain), David Bromfield, Oli Tyne, Mat Mwale, Toby Ward, George McCrossan, Andrew Provost, George Rigby, Scott Godfrey, Bertie Hopkin, Colum Jordan, Rob Heywood, Tom Dean, Will Leney, Adam Cook, Brandon Ambrose-Brunskill, Ross Power, Harvey Brewin, Luke Buckner, Marcus Chuter, James Horner, Jamie Rasheed-Horsburgh.

Ben Smith crossed the gain line seemingly every time he got the ball; Ross Power was the first to every breakdown; Marcus Chuter discovered the self-discipline necessary to make the most of his talent; Chris Vyvyan-Robinson's accurate spin passing made him a real asset to the side; Max Haywood's performances improved throughout the season; Pete Davies was the most consistent player over the whole season; Jonny Dow produced the performance of the season against PGS where he seemed to be all over the pitch; Henry Manley-Cooper score the try of the season with a 60 yard try, which included 4 dummies to an invisible player on the touchline.

Players' Player of the Year: Ben Smith

Will O'Meara (Capt)

Will O'Meara captained the side in an intelligent and responsible fashion. With so much talent around, it was not an easy side to skipper, but Will managed it capably, the other players respecting him for his skills and maturity.

Coach: Andrew Murray

Squad: Will O'Meara (captain), Henry Hellewell, Marcus Chuter, Alex Brown, Matthew Hobson, Max Haywood, Jonny Dow, Gabriel Cattermull, Peter Davies, Ross Power, Chris Vyvyan-Robinson, Luke Buckner, Ben Smith, Charlie Kemp, Jamie Rasheed-Horsburgh, Henry Manley-Cooper, Harvey Brewin, Adam Cook, Colum Jordan, Luke Jermyn, Nick Scott, James Horner, Callum Cant.



U15C

The season began with a superb 53-0 win at Pangbourne but was followed by defeat against a strong Rodborough 1st XV. A 49-5 victory against Shiplake was further confirmation of the potential of this talented group of players. This was followed by probably the best game of the season when we played a very strong Radley team and lost 5-7. Even though we were camped on the opposition line for the last 15 minutes we couldn't break their stubborn defence but it was a fine performance from both sides.

The next game saw a really tense and good victory against Oratory 17-15 and the following Saturday saw another impressive victory against Wellington 26-15. The last game of the season was a 5-30 defeat against an unbeaten Radley team but this was another never-say-die performance.

Very few, if any, of schools the size of LWC are able to put out three teams at this level and, as a consequence, appropriate fixtures are sometimes hard to come by and this resulted in a number of weeks when there were no fixtures.

The whole squad worked hard and approached the game in exactly the right way throughout. Their approach was always a battling one, they never gave up and their attitude was first-rate; most importantly they enjoyed their rugby. Additionally, and encouragingly, many of those originally in the C team moved up to represent the school at a higher level during the season. It was a privilege and pleasure to work with such a strong C team squad.

Coach: R G Walters

Squad: Chris Adams - made a big impact and scored a fine try in the victory against Oratory.

Charlie Bolton - brave, keen and committed.

Henry Bullard - a tough competitor.

Dan Cripps - reliable, committed and hard-working with great attitude.

Matt Fern - tough forward with a great burst of speed.

Oli Gower - really enjoys the game, committed and making real progress.

James Horner - a talented player who can play at fly half or in the forwards

Luke Jermyn - a B team player returning from injury and who made a lot of difference to this team.

Tom Lowndes - enthusiastic, committed and always there when needed

Joe Light - had some good runs on the wing

Sam Matthews - tough and committed

Tom Quaye - an enthusiastic and focussed captain

Sholto Summerhays - good tackling and effective running with the ball.

Lorrie Symington - started to play again and had a real impact on the team.

Oli Tresise - a great enthusiast for the game, a committed and determined competitor who will play at a higher level.

Matt Hobson and Calum Cant were always reliable and tough competitors and were often involved at B team level.



The Sower - Rugby

U14A

We started the season with two very tough fixtures, playing Pangbourne and PGS, and so it was always going to be hard work. After these two rough weeks our heads were down and we did not have a lot of confidence.

The week after this we trained hard. On the Wednesday it was freezing cold and pouring rain but we stayed out there and stuck at it. The Shiplake fixture was next and although they were bigger, we were better. We grew in confidence during the match and eventually finished without letting Shiplake achieve any points.

We were all looking forward to St George's Weybridge and emerged with our heads held high, even though we had a depleted side due to injury.

St John's Southsea was the next match and we knew that we didn't want to go all the way

to Portsmouth for nothing. We played a tough match scoring many tries towards the end and winning it by a long way. Churcher's is usually one of our hardest fixtures and this match was no exception. Their centres were big and fast and marking them was difficult. In the end we were totally outplayed but not through any lack of effort on our part.

During the following week we again trained very hard with Mr Curran pushing us all the way. Our final game was against St Barts, Newbury and a fantastic kicking game from Luke Warner allowed us to dominate territory and possession. Incisive runs in the midfield from Jake Whitby and Fergus Hill gave us a great mental advantage early on and we never looked back.

Although we had a slow start to the season we developed rapidly as a team. We didn't possess any huge stars but always trained hard and never gave up. Our overall winning percentage turned out to be 50% so next season we are looking to improve our skills and improve this percentage!!

Dan Voller

Coach: Matt Curran

Squad: Jack Bilsland, Jack Farr, Calum Gordon, Max Dickens, Fergus Hill, Jake Whitby, Luke Warner, James Marks, Chris Allum, Simon Fern, Emmet Fitzsimmons, Charlie Dean, Dylan Jones, Jack Berg-Allen, Henry Hammond, Tom Tardif, Toby Carmichael-Jack, Haydyn Martin, Dan Hill



U14B

Played	9
Won	5
Lost	4

The U14B was a solid team that won well over 50% of matches, some by a huge margin. In some of the games there were several brilliant rugby; against Shiplake in particular, the whole team played brilliantly, winning by almost 50 points.

There were also some great individual performances. Liam Price, who did not miss a tackle and always played with the heart of a lion; top try scorers Toby Carmichael-Jack, the powerhouse steamroller with pace and 'Maori' sidestep, and Patrick Tyldesley, the elusive, space hunting opportunist.

The forwards showed true grit in getting to the break down early, rucking powerfully and winning line outs and scrums with ease. Powerhouses like Payne and Price in the engine room were well supported by the strengths of Tardif and Poulson in the transmission, despite regularly finding themselves the smaller pack on the pitch.

One of the best and most exciting games came at the end of the season against Churcher's, who were bigger than the LWC team and also very skilful. It proved a hard match with the lead changing several times. In the end it came down to stamina and the sheer will to win, with an LWC score in the last 10 minutes completing the most satisfying and hard-won victory of the season. Many in the team felt that it was the best rugby match they had ever played in.

Player's player of the season - Liam Price.

David Radkiewicz

Coach: Chris Irvine

Squad: Ben Poulson, Henry Graham, Rob Hopkins, Owen Payne, Liam Price, Chris Legg, Henry Frost, David Radkiewicz, Patrick Tyldesley, Rupert Green, Eliot Blakeley, Ben Wells, Dan Bailey, Will Gee, Zac Sullivan, Dan Voller, Tom Tardif, Toby Carmichael-Jack, Ollie Derham.



U14C

The season started in very encouraging fashion with a 12-5 victory over Pangbourne followed by a 19-7 victory over Shiplake. The true strength of the side was shown when we had a rare full squad to select from. The highlight of the victory at Shiplake was a superb breakaway try by David Easterbrook, a player whom excelled in all matches with strong tackling and effective ball carrying in the centre. Shiplake was also our first opportunity to see the strong boot of Freddie Leighton, who kicked goals and field position to great effect in the games he played.

Games against Radley and Oratory were very one sided affairs, losing 55-10 and 72-3 respectively. However, if we had a full squad to choose from these games could have been much tighter. The ability to bounce back from small knocks is crucial when games come along every week, and this is certainly an area the boys could develop in coming years.

It was, never the less, very encouraging to

see the boys put in spirited performances at the end of the year, losing 21-19 to Wellington and 19-11 in a repeat fixture against Radley, showing that if they were prepared to 'guts it out' in difficult situations then they could yet be a very useful side.

Special credit should go to Oli Derham and Will North for their improvements and determination in adversity, as well as to David Easterbrook who was the stand out player all season.

Coaches: Mr. Williams and Mr. Radmann

Squad: Oliver Wall, Harry Puttock, Richard Bevins, Niklas Brockman-Smith, Oli Derham, David Easterbrook, Jarrod Eastwood, Henry Graham, Alex Hammond, Robert Hopkins, Mitchell Hunt, Freddie Leighton, Kevin Mountford, Will North, Owen Payne, Will Reynolds, Chris Stanton, Zac Sullivan, Sam Webley



Junior House 2nd XV

Played	9
Won	3
Lost	6

This is a group of players who had largely never picked up a rugby ball before September, and yet finished the rugby season playing with confidence and style, all three of the wins coming at the end of the season.

The first game against PGS emphasised the issue of being run through by extremely large lads who put 50 points on LWC with no reply. Against Christ's Hospital, it looked like the same would happen once more, but then from 23-0 down at half time, LWC were pipped at the post 29-26 in a brutal second half comeback.

Matches against Dauntsey's, Hall Grove and Perins were all close affairs, but then the match against the Oratory saw LWC taking a lead and then hanging on to it for dear life to record a 30-23 win. In a terrific first half against King Edward's Southampton everything clicked and LWC were 24-0 up at half time before a horrific injury to a KES player ended the game prematurely. Further evidence of LWC's confidence was shown with a crushing 55-0 victory over Pangbourne in the last home game of the season.

Thank to Ross Jones for being an outstanding Captain, to George Black for switching to Fly-Half showing superb skills to become the leading try scorer and to Nick Tyne, who will be a superb front row forward, showing how far grit and determination will get you! A good season, we look forward to next year with interest...

Coach: Tom Shedden

Squad: Ross Jones (Captain), Josh Coventry, Pete Bailey, Max Wright, Max Robinson, Nick Tyne, Charlie Ayres-Taylor, Henry Coombes, Alex Crowley, Christie Gorman, Tobin Hatton-Brown, James Worringer, George Black, Hugo Hammond, Jordan Watkins, Jack Badger, Scott Williams, James Foster, James Hampson, Chris Watkins, Isaac Herring, Josh Martin



Junior House 1st XV

The season of 08/09 has been a very successful year for the JH 1st XV. After losing our first game to the very strong PGS, we managed to win all our other games very confidently. This is one of the best Junior House seasons ever and every player who played for the 1st XV has played exceptionally well. We've had some great coaching from Mr Noithip and Mr Matthews and all their hard work has paid off. Congratulations also to our captain Angus Butcher who has led us really well through the whole season and has really lifted the team spirit when we were sometimes down.

We've scored many tries with lots coming from Connor Gentry and Ed Simmons but our defence was probably key to our success as they managed to keep the majority of our opponents from crossing our line.

Joshua Harris (Blind Side Flanker & Vice Captain)

This is a close-knit group of players who may lack individual 'stars' but more than make up for

it in effective and determined teamwork. Their defensive commitment is outstanding (especially in the match against Hall Grove) and although there are some prolific try-scorers amongst the list of names they have also scored usually through opportunities created by other players in previous phase/s of play. Big thanks to all the coaches and other boys in Junior House as this team's success is as much a reflection on the calibre of these players as well as the support and input received from all the coaches and other players. One for all and all for one!!

Coach: Ben Noithip

Squad: Angus Butcher (Capt), Josh Harris (Vice Capt), Tom Brine, Morgan Bowman, Matt Sellers, Charlie Cowles, Michael Ashley, Ed Simmons, Michael Radmann, Toby Salmon, Hayden Bowman, Connor Gentry, Oli Pollard, Oscar Jermyn, Dan Shepherd, Laurie MacVean, Oli Maxwell, Tobin Hatton-Brown, Alex Crowley

Junior 3rds

The season started with some hard work and getting used to the game of rugby: passing, running and tackling. For many boys this was their first experience of the game.

It was several weeks before we could meet our first opposition, Reading Oratory, and there was a mixture of nerves and excitement at meeting a team from another school for the first time. Once play got under way, we were not afraid to run at the opposition and make them tackle. We had early indications of strong running from Callum Foster and Chris Watkins who were able to carry the ball deep into the opposition lines. We finished strongly winning the game 34-17. The game against Churcher's was a much closer contest. It was a superb game of rugby with some great running on both sides.

The game against Perins was a hard fought match but several players stood out including Zak Davis who played with energy and skill in that game to ensure a continuous supply of ball to our backs. St John's Southsea was a very

tough fixture and we more than met our match here. We managed to contain them in the second half and kept them down to two tries.

The final game of the season against King Edward's Southampton was close and exciting. I was very pleased with the fierce determination with which our players took to the game. They played very well as a unit and despite some great individual performances, we won the game because we played well as a team. Luke Cackett deserves a special mention as Captain for leading the squad superbly during the season.

Coach: A Hamilton

Squad: J Martin; S Fern; L Terry; A Fowles; H Coombes; Z Davis; H Hammond; M Voller; L Cackett (capt.); C Foster; W Rogers; E Wiles; T Miller; T Maddison; T Walker; B Hooley; R Crawford; O Jones; J Boyle; C Gordon; H Page; A Stafford-Jones; A Crawford; A Foye; E Dineley; S Mohammed; I Herring; C Watkins; S Williams; H Allen; J Hampson; M Pirota



1st XI Girls Hockey

Played	14
Won	3
Lost	7
Drew	4
Goals for	19
Goals against	35

One of the most promising things about this season was that so many senior girls turned out to play hockey: several girls returning to the hockey fold and some playing for the first time. In true LWC spirit, the squad showed a determination to improve and pride in representing the top team in the school, and by the end of the season, there were some rewards on the pitch.

The busy schedule (14 matches and 3 tournaments) perhaps proved counterproductive as practice time was precious and sparse, especially with the competing demands on some of our top students. As a result, some early fixtures were a bit of a shell shock. Not least against Seaford, who fielded a German international who hit the ball as hard as a man, and Wellington, including LWC's player of last season – Amy Howells. So it was a while before the team managed to register a first victory.

This came at St John's Leatherhead, in a thrilling 4-2 match. Other wins came against Farnborough Hill and Alton Convent, but perhaps the most impressive performances came in the last two weeks of the season in well fought draws against Bradfield and King Edward's, Southampton (who had beaten us 5-1 earlier in the season). The 4-2 defeat against an unbeaten Pangbourne team was also a really good performance which ended in the dark! (We definitely would have come back had they had floodlights!)

Aly Rigby – the goalie – starred in the early games when we were put under a lot of pressure, and the defence took some time to gel as a unit. However, Leonie Field became probably the most improved player of the season at right back, whilst Hetty Abbott was player of the season, often single-handedly keeping the



opposition at bay. Emma Ranger was top scorer with five goals but several others also scored through the year. Emma Smith and Annie Bradney partnered each other up front for the most part, with the double-barrelled duo of Nel Castle-Smith and Siena Hatton-Brown as impact substitutes.

The transition from under 16 level to first team hockey can represent a big gulf in speed, stick skills and tactical awareness and it was not until the second half of the season that the girls felt totally at home in the first team shirt. Hopefully a year's experience and the tour to Barbados in the summer will see them firing ready for next season.

My thanks to Gill Adams, Lex Kearns and Alex Richards for their coaching help; Mr Hicks sr for his umpiring and mostly to Phoebe, who was a superb captain on and off the field (and has been through her school career) – not only a dynamo on the pitch, she always had a good joke ready when needed.

Coach: Tom Hicks

Scorers Ranger 5; Smith 4; Bradney, Raley 3; Augustine 2; Hatton Brown, Cox, Phillips 1

Squad: Aly Rigby, Emma Smith, Hetty Abbott, Verity Phillips, Emma Ranger, Sarah Augustine, Kate Wilson, Phoebe Raley, Chloe Bidos, Leonie Field, Georgie Cox, Annie Bradney, Lucy Wollam, Nel C-Smith, Emily Cowles, Siena Hatton-Brown, Lucy Dickens



2nd XI

Played	10
Won	4
Lost	5
Drew	1
Goals for	15
Goals against	23

The 2nd XI were an enthusiastic and cheerful squad, all of whom played their hardest throughout each game. We had a very successful start to the season, winning the first few games, but as we came across stronger opposition, our goal average deteriorated a little!

Up front, Nel and Siena spearheaded the attacks working well together and outrunning most oppositions' defence players. Jenny and Rozzie, playing on the wings supported the attacking moves well and Jenny's shots on goal were amongst the strongest in the 6th form.

Lucy controlled the game well from the centre, and although one of the smaller players, worked like a terrier, brushing off the hardest of tackles. Becky, Bethan, Rosie and Sammy also played tirelessly in mid-field.

Sarah organised the defence from her centre back position, and was totally dependable, reading the game and timing her tackles very well. Tara, who only started playing hockey this season, made tremendous progress, earning herself a regular spot in the defence by half-term.

Michaela played confidently in goal, her most impressive match coming in the first half of the term against Wellington College, where she saved a constant barrage of attacks on goal.

Coach: Marian Eldridge

Squad: Michaela Neame, Sarah Chatt, Tara Gillespie, Isa Kaiser, Lizzie Batchelar, Lucy Dickens, Bethan Leyshon, Rosie O'Neill, Sammy Jones, Jenny Douglas, Becky Stafford-Jones, Siena Hatton-Brown, Nel Castle-Smith, Rozzie Batchelar.





U16

Played	7
Won	4
Lost	2
Drew	1
Goals for	14
Goals against	6

The under 16s began in September having not won a single match last season and determined to do better this year. With a new coach and plenty of people keen to play we were set up for a change..

By the end of the first game against Churcher's we had scored twice as many goals as during the whole of last season, so the following week we all came out enthusiastically to practise but unfortunately captain and vice captain, both determined not to lose the ball, crashed. This resulted in a broken arm and a very disgruntled captain. However the team proved strong and versatile and headed off to Epsom where we scored the winning goal in the last 6 seconds. So far we were unbeaten this season.

After losing to Wellington 2-1, we drew against Perrins, without really dominating, so, we were determined to do well the next week against Robert Mays. Scoring 5 goals (including an extraordinary hit from Hannah) and playing in our usual formation, our confidence returned.

After half term, the Wellington 6s tournament was a great learning experience, but we were keen to get back to 11-a-side. After several weeks of practice and everyone dying to play a match again we arrived at Pangbourne with 11 players, 9 sticks and a broken finger. But this didn't stop us; we played the best we have ever played both as a team, and individually. It was close and after taking the lead early in the second half we kept possession of the ball until the final whistle. We were all very happy and so was Mr B.



The season ended with more wins than losses though, and a strong team which coped with a broken wrist, a broken finger, some cramp and the temporary loss of our main goal scorer. Player of the season is Rachel Plummer who saved our score cards on hundreds of occasions. Thank you very much to a coach who really believed in us, lots of support on the sidelines and a brilliant team who just kept on trying.

Fiona Falconer (Captain)

I am exceptionally proud of the fantastic achievements of this side, who pulled themselves together and produced the most exciting hockey. Every single player in the squad should take great pride in their contribution to a highly successful season.

Coach: Stephen Badger

The squad: Fiona Falconer, Hannah Wilson, Lottie Bates, Charlotte Luckraft, Rachel Butler, Clío Symington, Constance Barter, Becky Bundy, Chelsea Bewes, Laura Marks, Alice Gunn, Catherine Stamp, Lizzie Garland, Frankie Gandy and Rachel Plummer



U15A

Played	9
Won	5
Lost	2
Drew	2
Goals for	38 (Hannah Brown 19)
Goals against	13

At the start of the season there was great anticipation as to where the goals were going to come from. Having taken this team the previous season there would be no shortage of enthusiasm as well as a determination to have a successful season. Luckily the fixture list was less punishing than the previous year and after four games they had scored 17 goals and only conceded two. Amy Ranger would run miles during games and she literally played everywhere on the pitch. Her attitude certainly set the standard for the rest of the team.

On a cold Wednesday winters day we travelled to Hampshire Collegiate which proved to be by far the most exciting game of the season. There was an underlying sense of excitement as the house singing was that night and their focus seemed not to be on the game! It soon became apparent early in the first half that both teams were evenly matched. Hannah Brown managed to score an opportunistic goal and at half time they needed to catch their breath. Helena Clough scored a poacher's goal at the start of the second half and for the remainder of the game we were on the back foot. Frankie Britt made a couple of smart saves in goal however, the opposition managed to score two goals. India Cowles was running around like a Duracell battery and Susie Cox was fantastic in man marking their county centre half.

Another highlight was the eight goals scored by Hannah Brown against Bedales. I'm sure this must be a school record. What was most impressive about Hannah was how hard she worked in practice on her shooting. She was never satisfied with her strike and certainly there was great ferocity in her strike. Kate Falconer became an effective right wing and many of Hannah's opportunities came from this channel.

Scoring 38 goals in the season was a great achievement and the squad played as a real team. A great season and thanks to everyone for their hard work..

Coach: Ed Walker

The squad: Helen Breddy, Francesca Britt (GK), Hannah Brown, Helena Clough, India Cowles, Susannah Cox, Emma Dixon, Kate Falconer, Eleanor Mann, Jessica Mann, Kate Ovens, Amy Ranger, Suzanna Walters



The Sower - Hockey

Under 15B

Played	5
Won	1
Lost	4
Goals for	1
Goals against	12



The Under 15Bs got the season off to an excellent start with a win at home against Churcher's. Whilst this proved to be the only game they won, the quality of their play showed steady improvement throughout the term, with some very feisty and determined playing from all.

A number of girls deserve a special mention: Ruby Maddison for co-ordinating short corners and galvanising the defence; Michaela Smart for persistence, hard work and competitive spirit; Georgie Parker for her tireless work all over the pitch; and Felicity Reid for her hard work learning to play the game and phenomenal efforts in every match – from complete beginner to key member of the team in a few short months! Nicole Hodges as Captain of the team played with commitment and determination throughout the season.

Coach: J McKinnon

Squad: Michaela Smart, Georgie Parker, Rosie Corfe, Frankie Britt, Amy Confortola, Siân Leyshon, Alice Coleman, Olivia Herring, Felicity Reid, Ruby Maddison, Emily Barham, Fran Collis, Nicole Hodges, Ell Berglund, Belinda Wright, Immie Carmichael-Jack.



U14A

The U14s had an interesting season, but a very good one with just a couple of losses towards the end. Everyone put full effort in and was always enthusiastic and up for a game. We had some tough opposition but we battled it through. We got to know each other's strengths and weaknesses which allowed us to therefore "bag" some wins.

Nina was a brilliant goalie saving some near-impossible goals. We were always able to rely on her quick thinking and her high spirits. We had a strong defence of the two Charlottes, consistently keeping the ball away so the opposition had no chance of shooting. We had a very strong midfield with very high stamina who were easily trusted to cover the whole pitch at all times, including Megan, Katherine P, Zoë, Hannah F, Grace, Katie L and Hannah B. Lastly we had a swift upfront, always managing to contribute to our great set of goals including Akilah, Lucy,

Katherine P and with immense help from Megan (Centre Half) who was always getting a sneaky shot in.

The whole team should be very proud of themselves and wish them luck for the next hockey season where I'm sure they will improve and get even further in the sport. Also thanks to our coaches, Mr Leyshon and Miss Kearns who kindly took us on and made us succeed.

Zoë Flanagan and Megan Dawson

Coach: Simon Leyshon

Squad: Nina Wheeler, Grace Beadle, Hannah Brown, Megan Dawson, Hannah Fawcett, Zoe Flanagan, Becky Hodge, Katie Lister, Katherine Pilkington-Miksa, Akilah Thompson-Fyle, Charlotte Page, Charlotte Gunn, Lucy Bennett

Junior 1st XI

Played	6
Won	6
Lost	0
Goals for	33
Goals against	1

After last year it was obvious that this was always going to be a very special team, especially with the introduction of 'new blood' in the form of Ellen Holmes, up front. In all their matches on Astro they completely dominated their opponents, toying with them like a cat might play with a goldfish. The only side that really came to terms with us was Churcher's in the second half, but even they could make no inroads into our 3-0 half-time lead. The scoreline at Seaford hardly reflected our dominance. However it wasn't really until Hampshire Collegiate that we really showed our ruthless streak showing them no mercy.

This team had no weaknesses and was very disciplined in knowing and appreciating the responsibilities of each of their positions on the field of play. The developing skills of the two Lizzies, Ellen, Jenny and Amy bode well for the future. The introduction of Katharine from the 1st form in the second half of term also added another dimension. However, what made this team truly exceptional was Natasha, the captain and inspiration in the central midfield. Her forceful presence was evident all over the pitch. An excellent term from a really fun bunch of girls!

Coach: Peter Gilliam



Goalscorers:- Holmes 10, Stamp 7, Smith 5, Jermyn A. and Scott 4, Beckett 2, Falkowska-Sturgeon 1

Squad: Grace Bailey, Jennifer Beckett, Rachel Carroll, Megan Collis(GK), Emma Cook, Elizabeth Falkowska-Sturgeon, Ellen Holmes, Amy Jermyn, Molly Jermyn, Katharine Luckraft, Sadiya Mohammed, Nadja Clark(GK), Leah Nimz, Ifewonuola Olagbaju, Natasha Scott(Capt.), Laura Smith, Elizabeth Stamp.





Junior 2nd and 3rd teams

Played	20
Won	12
Lost	5
Drew	3
Goals for	68
Goals against	31

This was the 1st year that we have tried to conduct junior hockey as a 1sts, 2nds and 3rds rather than U13 and U12 and it was extremely successful giving every junior the opportunity to play competitive games. The girls trained together as a squad and were then split for match days. We had a great start to the season with wins against Churcher's for both teams 3-1 and 1-0. The 2nds had some very successful wins notably a 10-0 win over Farleigh, and this was mimicked by the 3rds with a 10-2 victory. The girls were also successful against Farnborough Hill, Alton Convent and Yateley Manor.

It was a tough season for the girls with a lot of mixing of teams but they were all very enthusiastic and always willing to slot in to any

position. Both goalies pulled out some brilliant saves throughout the season and both being new to the position improved dramatically over the course of the 4 months.

Player of the season went to Fana Ellis for her performances in front of goal and Emily Hourahane for consistently solid defending. I hope next year is as successful and they continue to develop and improve as hockey players.

Coach - Gillian Adams

Squad: Amelia Carver (GK), Georgina Maddock, Harriet Sleep, Lily-Ann Brown, Fana Ellis (Player of the season), Kathryn James, Eleanor Tresise, Sanmare Van der Bijl, Megan Collis, Abigail Delaney (GK), Helen Frawley, Emily Hourahane (Player of the season), Wendy Sellers, Grace Bailey, Florence Evans, Molly Jermyrn, Leah Nimz, Sadiya Mohammed, Emma Cook, Beth Seymour



Roller Hockey - Wandsworth Werewolves

Our squad is the largest ever in the seven year history of roller hockey at LWC. With three teams at U17, U14 and U12 level in a regional league, there was some great commitment this year and one or two really good results.

This year saw the Cubs take delivery of a new red and black kit. The Werewolf excelled himself with his break-dancing at the games- the mothers and grannies loved him! The charity evening in aid of Children in Need was a highlight of the season.

The future of the Club looks solid, with plenty of genuine interest and enthusiasm at Junior House. We just need to make sure that players don't disappear in the teenage years, when roller hockey seems to be confined to childhood along with Pokemon Cards and Barbies! Anyone who has ever seen U17 roller hockey would have to admit it is one of the fastest and most physical sports we do...and certainly one of the most skilful.

In July 2009 we will embark on our greatest venture yet; our weekend tour of Wales! Eighteen players are off to Cardiganshire - will the Werewolves beat the Welsh Dragon?

Happy Days

Daffyd Pering





Tom Hicks with parents, Clive and Mary, still on staff at LWC

U13 Rugby Sevens

Hampshire Collegiate School's Sevens Tournament

Our first and last Sevens Competition this year started with the unknown in the form of Cranmore, a strong rugby school. After a tense match we managed to secure a decent win with good display from Angus Butcher in defence and Toby Salmon and Ross Jones in attack. We lost heavily against PGS - a very fluent, disciplined and experienced side with only Ed Simmons breaking through their defence and then beat Chichester High 50-0 to earn a place in the Cup quarter finals.

The quarter finals pitched us against Cranmore again with Oscar Jermyn's hat-trick sealing our second victory over them. The semi-final win against St. Joseph's was our best match with LWC showing huge commitment and good communication. We then faced our nemesis, PGS, again in the final and we couldn't deal with

the sheer strength and speed of PGS's players. PGS dominated the first half but we managed to pull back two tries towards the end of play through some great handling and a solo effort by Oscar right at the very end.

Overall though an excellent way to finish our season of both Rugby Sevens and 15-a-side Rugby during which we have lost only to PGS, and otherwise have achieved an unbeaten season. Well done to all the players and plenty of thanks to the large number of parents from LWC who were there to offer raucous support on the sideline.

Coach: Ben Noithip

Squad : Josh Harris, Angus Butcher, Ed Simmons, Hayden Bowman, Oscar Jermyn, Ross Jones, Toby Salmon, Oli Pollard, Connor Gentry, Matt Sellers

In praise of Tom

A Renaissance Man, a colossus – our campus he bestrode
And, as such, he deserves at the very least... an ode.
But where to begin, I ask, a real creative fix...
How does one salute the great Tom Hicks?

Cricket might seem to all the very obvious choice
Yet, the English Dept. would cry with one, unanimous voice:
"Energetic classes! Happy students! Our Good Practice guy!" they'd say,
"And do not forget his inflammatory remarks at the English AEA!"

Being resident in the 'Veare will have stood him in good stead
And Tom will be sorely missed by a very sad Ed Walker? No. Runner? Yes! Tom's full of energy
Two London Marathons later and Cricket sans Boundary.

Always a good tutor, and one fantastic mentor,
Tom also headed up a very lively 6th Form Centre;
Themed nights, parties, pie and ale benders,
And always there was the chance to dress as other genders...

Naturally, Tom led the way, and all for charity,
And swapped the clothes marked 'his' for those of dear Penny.
His chest was broad and hairy, mascara lined his eyes
To which very soon were added, a layer of custard pies.

Tom is also into Hockey: that 'savagery with sticks' -
And even has even learnt to cope with pater - the very Senior Hicks.
No mean feat at all, when you have fallen so close to the tree,
But now he rolls down the road to our neighbour, 'Wellie'.

And so we mourn the day, the hour he leaves LWC:
It is doubtful, if at all, his like we shall ever see...
Chris Radmann

Swimming

2008/09 was a successful year for LWC swimming. Lunchtime training for the Juniors proved to be very popular and there were plenty of swimmers to choose from for inter school galas.

Results:

U12 and U13 girls teams won convincingly against Alton Convent, St. Neots, King Edward's Witley (KESW) and Dunhurst.

U 12 boys had success against St. Neots and KESW and the U13 boys lost by a small margin against St. Neots but beat KESW.

Senior girls also competed against KESW and despite some close races they won.

Caitlin Leverett qualified to enter the Hampshire School Secondary Gala in May and competed in the 100m freestyle (3rd place), 100m backstroke (5th place) and 50m freestyle (1st place). Caitlin has been selected to swim for the Hampshire team against Dorset and Sussex counties in September. She also competed at the Surrey County Championships and gained Full Colours for swimming at the end of the school year.

Well done to all swimmers who have committed to training throughout the year,



particularly the early morning Tuesday group who like to start at 7am!

We hope to continue with this success in 2009/10.

Coach: J. Irvine



Spring Term



Spring



CCF Field Day

On a beautifully sunny Friday the Army section went to Gibraltar Barracks to be trained by the Royal Engineers, our sponsor unit. Whilst the 4th form enjoyed the challenges of drill, command tasks, field craft and the assault course, the 5th form learnt to clear mines, build and race rafts, build a bridge and lay charges (it is perhaps a little frightening to discover that Freddie Wilson knows how to blow things up!) At the end of the day the fifth form were presented with certificates for completing their 'Special to Arm Training' by the commanding officer, Major MacGill. The RAF section were split between Air Experience flying at Boscombe Down and adventurous training at Calshott and in the New Forest.

J McKinnon



Dance Competition Gets Full Marks

A student-inspired and student-run dance competition for all years was met with enthusiasm and a full house. Dubbed as "a night to remember", audience members and contestants alike enjoyed the evening.

Jenny Douglas and Tara Gillespie, both Lower 6th form members of the React Dance Co. - an extra-curricular dance group - decided to organise a competition with the goal of both advertising a lesser known sport and raising money for this year's school charity, the Fred Hollows Foundation. "It began as a way to perform the dances being taught to us", says Tara, who was responsible for the bulk of the organization of the evening. It ended up raising £400, while making dance "a more noticed part of LWC life." Jenny, who had first suggested the idea, hopes "that next year it might even become part of the Inter-House Superleague!"

The pursuit was not all about the girls' talents however: the evening allowed the male population of the school to stretch their dancing legs. The judges (two teachers and Head Girl, Phoebe Raley) chose a group of Sutton boys as their winners, with their rendition of Singin' in the Rain. Second place went to a group of girls who danced to Right Round, and a great duet from two fifth form boys extolling the powerful use of masks came in at third place.

EJ Denly





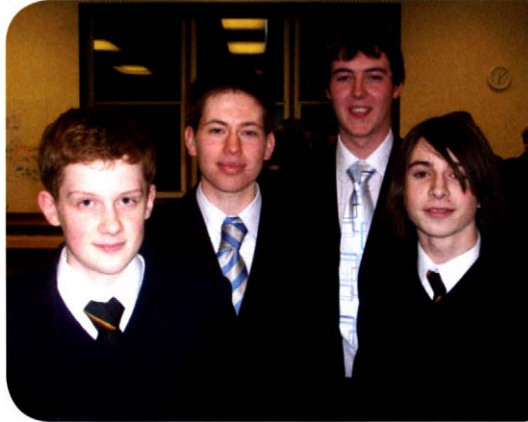
Schools Challenge

This year's general knowledge quiz campaign took us into more games than in LWC's history. It is only the second time we have reached the dizzy heights of playing in the Regional Final.

The draw saw us pitched successively against three colleges: Epsom, Brighton and Hurstpierpoint. As the Wandsworth team became more familiar with the format, with each other and with the need for confident 'buzzing', the performances became steadily more impressive. Both Epsom and Brighton threatened for a while but LWC pulled away to record fine victories.

Our second 'adventure' into deepest, darkest and coldest Sussex is documented by our captain elsewhere; suffice it to say that we enjoyed a thrilling victory in the final moments of the quiz before the saga of our attempted 'nostos' from Hurstpierpoint.

We now had to play against a 'school'. Unfortunately this just happened to be Westminster School (winners of the whole national competition 3 years in 4...) who were generous enough to surrender home advantage after hearing of our recent odyssey. However, they were not so generous when answering quiz questions and recorded a remarkable score to leave us well beaten but justifiably proud of our achievements for the year.



My thanks to Messrs. Murray, Badger, Andrews and Ibbotson for their assistance with the home games and to Mrs Radmann for the use of her classroom. My eternal gratitude to Mr Booth for his company on the away games and for his calm forbearance in the face of our arctic ordeal.

The members of the team were a credit to LWC in their deportment, presentation, speed of thought and buzzer and in their own philosophical and humorous approach to being stuck in a freezer on the coldest night of the year!

Clive Hicks

Team:

Marcus Field [Sch] {capt.}, Andrew Frawley [Sch], Sam O'Connor [Sum], Simon Fern [Sch]
(Reserves: senior = Max Thomas [Sut]; junior = Dan Voller [Sch])

The Impotence of Being Earnest

(after Philip Larkin)

When you wake one morning, the cold light
 Peeling back the curtain corners, and see
 Thirty years of marriage lying beside you
 With its mouth slightly ajar, and the morning
 Drool pooling on the pillow, you wonder how
 Two such individuals, now linked only by
 the lengths
 And breadths of time, remain so flaccidly
 attached.

Bound by the glue of obligation. The
 burden of truth
 Bears down upon us, like an ocean liner
 Pregnant with its load. One day passes
 And merges with the next, an endless,
 flawless seam
 Of grey skies and black skies, of
 conscious
 And unconscious, of life and death and
 death and life.

That familiar yet foreign face, distorted
 by lines,
 Has no expression. Nothing to express.

Kate Wilson
 6th Form

Fame Academy



Originally designed to be three consecutive evenings of hard competing, this plan was foiled (like so many other things) by the weather. All the performances were telescoped into one afternoon because of the snow. Three hours of singing (and judging- but we had biscuits) is a tough call for even the most professional of singers, but our rich supply of talented vocalists managed the task exceptionally well.

The competition was set up in such a way in order to encourage the singers to showcase a broad range of their abilities, having to enter a song in each category: pop, classical/own composition and musical/jazz. Many canonical pieces were performed with panache and flair by the thirteen students: notable mention must go to Hannah Brown's (4th form) version of Run, a glorious mélange of both current adaptations

by Snow Patrol and Leona Lewis. Georgie Maughan's rendition of Feeling Good was fiery, passionate and soulful, and she also managed to scoop up the additional composition prize for her entry into the second category. Emily Barham's very comic and entertaining portrayal of Schadenfreude must also be recognised.

The consistency of these three singers and some truly outstanding vocal performances brought these three to the Fame Academy final in the Gala and the eventual winner was Hannah Brown.

A special thank you must go to Miss Bennett who came back to the school to act as a judge, Mr Andrews, who both judged and set things up technically (with the help of his crew), and to Mr Noithip for the organisation and his accompaniment.

Emma Denly



Junior Chamber Concert at St. Andrew's Church, South Warnborough

Pupils from Junior House performed for parents and residents of South Warnborough in a Chamber Concert at St. Andrew's Church on Tuesday 17th March.

Twenty pupils played and sung pieces including Robbie Williams' She's the One, Telemann's Vivace for Violin, McDowell's Music Hall and As long as he needs me (from Oliver).



Desert Island Books

This year to celebrate World Book Day, the library made their own version of the popular Radio 4 program 'Desert Island Discs'. Alex Balcombe had the privilege of interviewing Mr Power for the world premiere.

"Mr Power brought some very interesting books to talk about, and I was quite shocked as well. As he is a scientist I believed that he would bring "A Brief History of Time" or some other book on Quantum Mechanics, therefore we would be in for a very dull afternoon. However Mr Power brought some very good books indeed and I particularly enjoyed his selection.

As we progressed further into the interview, there was a chance to ask some questions and I was particularly interested into why he brought a book along about the 'Baader- Meinhof complex.' The audience and I found out that he had been interested in this area because it had happened in his lifetime and as a child he enjoyed current affairs.

He also brought a book entitled "Blazing Saddles", a set of tales about incidences on the Tour de France. This was his choice if only allowed one book and his luxury item was his bicycle. Desert Island Books proved a big hit in the library this year and hopefully for the next World Book Day we can host another edition. Which member of staff will dare to bare all next?"

Alex Balcombe, 5th Form

CCF 'Tactical Overnight'

Most people would consider it more than a little risky to venture out on an overnight exercise in early March, but for the 19 cadets involved, it was an event they awaited with eager anticipation. Fortunately the weather was on our side and everyone quickly set up the harbour area and cooked supper (mainly MOD Curried Lamb followed by Fruit Dumplings in Custard). The early evening was put to good use learning how to set an ambush with Sgt Savage from the Cadet Training Team and a couple of 'unsuspecting' staff were duly ambushed.

While the main party enjoyed a mug of hot chocolate before settling down to an evening round a campfire, the senior NCOs went out to act as enemy for Gordon's School in another ambush. There was a little heavy rain overnight (apparently!) and some were perhaps under-warm, but they claimed to have slept well and were woken bright and early. Stuart Evans and Ross Holmes had camp cleared and all the cadets ready for action before the staff had even had time for a cup of tea - thanks guys! What better way to spend a sunny Sunday morning than carrying out section attacks and dodging dog-walkers, before Mr and Mrs Kerr came out with the traditional 'stickies'! Everyone acquitted themselves well and surprised themselves with how much they achieved - I was very impressed!

J McKinnon



Headmaster's choices

Blazing Saddles by Matt Rendell

Anna Karenina by Leo Tolstoy

Alexander the Great by Robin Lane Fox

Tell No One by Harlen Coben

Out of the Sun by Robert Goddard

Bringing down the House by Ben Mezrich

The Baader-Meinhoff Complex by Stefan Aust

Birds without Wings by Louis de Bernieres



Country Vs City

Have you ever wondered about that little gap?
That little piece of land that belongs to neither.
This gap is a space with no name.
It's the gap between country and city.

In this gap there are mixed vibrations.
There are diverse flows and sounds.
You can't tell whether you're in country or city.
And it's a colourful range of all.

To the right of the gap there is humming and sighing.
There are peaceful chimes of church bells.
The echoing and whispering is heavenly,
And the mellow tweets of the birds.

To the left of the gap there is rumbling and murmuring.
The angry toots of car horns.
The madness of the rush hour is painful,
And the buzz of chatter causes a stir.

So this little gap has mixed vibrations.
There are diverse flows and sounds.
You can't tell whether you're in country or city,
Because it's a colourful range of all.

Sadiya Mohammed
2nd Form

A visit to see Dr. Polkinghorne

On Thursday 8th January 2009, Lower Sixth and Upper Sixth Religious Studies' students along with Mr Leyshon, Mr McKinnon and Mr Ibbotson all set off for St.Mary's Centre near Basingstoke to hear Reverend Dr. Polkinghorne speak on the topic of "Friendship of science and religion. I have to admit that I had not heard of Dr. Polkinghorne prior to the talk, so before we set off I quickly "googled" him and found that he is a well known scientist but also a minister in the Church of England. The talk he gave was very interesting on how science and religion can actually work together rather than be the cause for debate. One interesting fact that I learned is that Dr. Polkinghorne believes that the universe is an "open" and "flexible" system, where patterns can be seen to exist but where "the providential aspect cannot be ruled out." Polkinghorne, after a short refreshment break, then gave a question and answer session, which disappointed me a little. Polkinghorne dodged around the questions asked in some cases and in one particular case when an elderly gentleman asked "What is your opinion of angels as both a physicist and a Christian?" Polkinghorne dismissed the question as having no relevance or importance, surely as a minister himself he must have seen some importance in the question, and maybe the gentleman had lost a loved one recently. I thought that he did not deal with that question correctly and was completely oblivious to the man's feelings, which as a Christian is surely something you wouldn't expect. Then again another valid question that was raised was "Do you think we have evolved from anything or were we made in the image of God" The man asking the question then stated that the theory of evolution was laughable but Polkinghorne managed to defend the theory of evolution and remain in good favour with the church; "after all, God works in mysterious ways. I went away feeling slightly upset about this but as someone said, "It's simply a matter of faith." Polkinghorne is clearly an intelligent individual and to appreciate his ideas one must have to have an open mind.

By Izzy Butcher and Matt Champness

American Pilot

The American Pilot' is an unsettling modern play set in an unnamed country somewhere in the world. An American pilot crashes in a remote valley in a distant country. A local farmer takes in the wounded pilot and soon the local council, in the form of the Trader, becomes involved, as does the local militia. While the villagers argue about his fate, the presence of America is felt in many ways. The play explores the way the world sees America and vice versa and also touches on belief, delusion, and futility.

Audiences were treated to some very strong performances. Charlie Kemp provided an interesting frame for the story, bringing a quiet intensity to the role of the boy playing in the barn

at the beginning and end. Paul Weightman-Potter as the Farmer was suitably dour, complemented by the gentle kindness of the Farmer's wife, as played by Rachel Butler, and the naïve charm of Bethan Leyshon's Farmer's daughter. Ross Power and Ben Read delivered focused and energetic performances whilst Alex Clark reduced the audience to silence with his emotional monologue about the Translator's dead bride. However the greatest praise must go to Adam Cook, whose compelling performance as the pilot brought the whole piece together.

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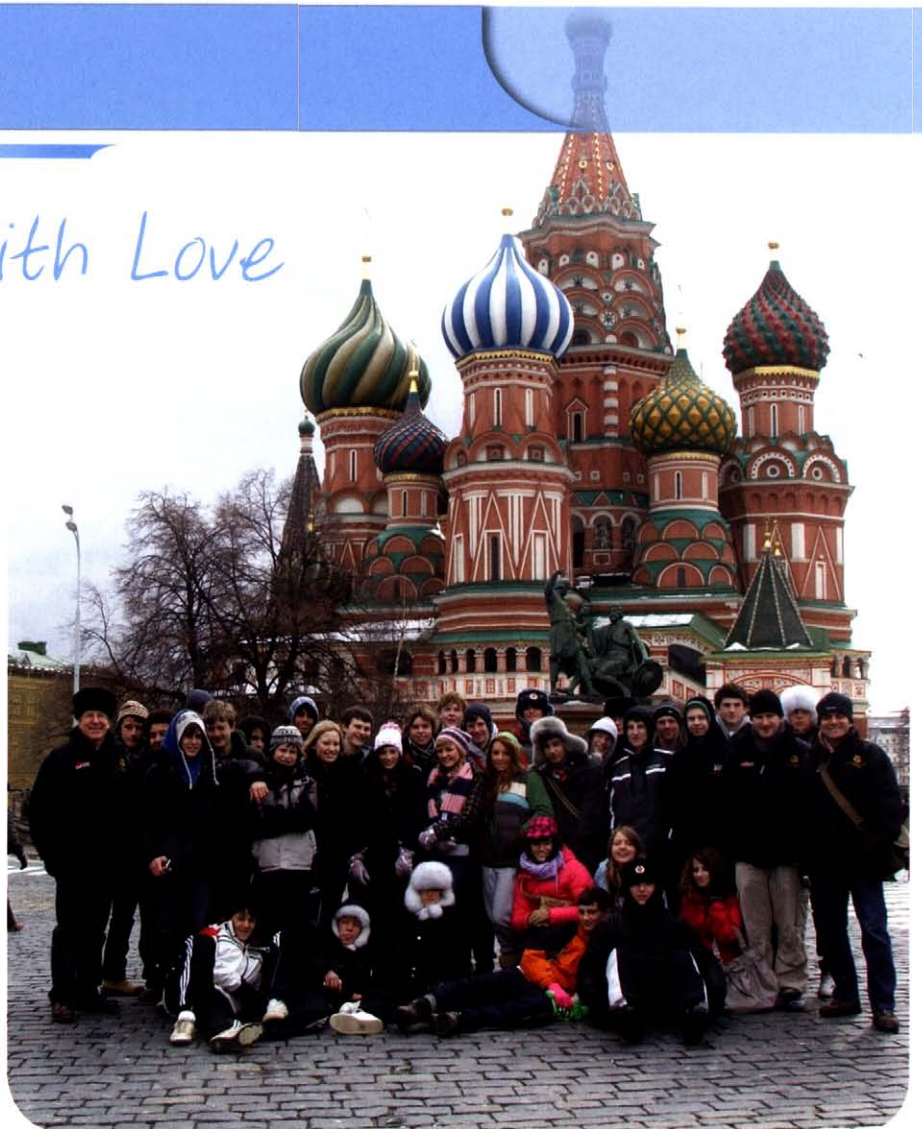


To Russia with Love

Freezing winds, driving sleet and blasting horns welcomed us to Moscow. The 'Cosmos' Hotel was especially built for the 1980 Moscow Olympics. With twelve elevator shafts and thousands of beds the 'Cosmos' was certainly big enough to suit our requirements: a decent meal and a bed for the night.

Passing multiple statues of patriots and heroes (including St George, the founder of Moscow) and the former home of the KGB, we approached Red Square. It was certainly a lot bigger than I anticipated - a remarkable composition of Tsarist architecture and communist construction with the emblematic red star at its peak. On one flank stands the magnificent 'GUM' shopping mall, a perfect example of the severely uneven distribution of wealth in Russia that was even a problem in Tsarist times. At the far end stands the phenomenal structure of St Basil's cathedral - the emblem of Moscow, if not Russia.

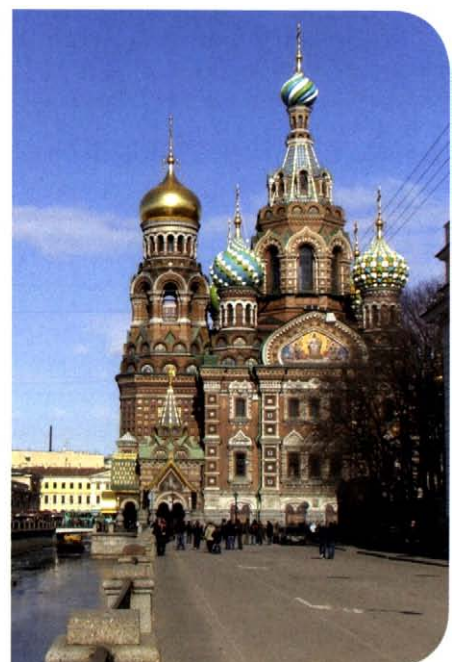
A few blocks west of St. Basil's stands the Cathedral of Christ the Saviour. Built after

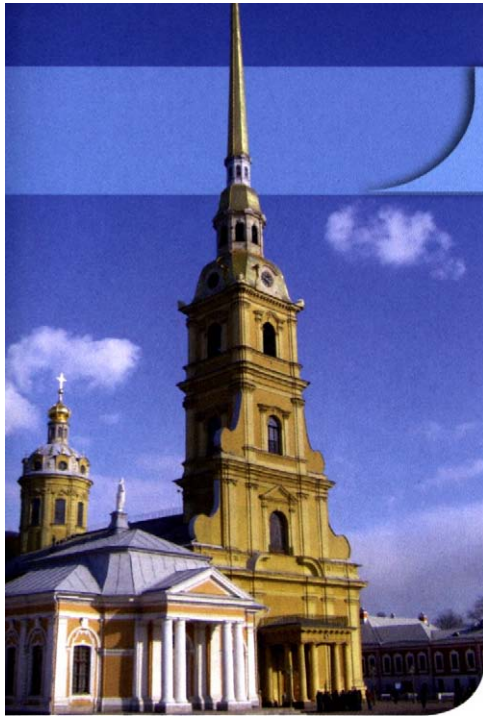


Napoleon left Moscow yet demolished at the order of Stalin, the working cathedral was rebuilt in the post-Communist era and is a sea of opulence. Our guide showed us the extraordinary university building and we then continued to the Moscow underground stations. We were in for a surprise: chandeliers, mosaics, and marble - we

have been thoroughly outclassed by our Eastern counterparts.

The following day we emerged from our box-like compartments on the overnight train to St Petersburg and gazed at the snow-covered factories and train lines in the outskirts of the former Russian capital. Closer to the centre, the





Hermitage, which lay within the Winter Palace, was vast and amazing with huge decorated halls and paintings by Da Vinci and Picasso. We also visited the Yusupov Palace, the location of Rasputin's infamous murder. The most entertaining highlight was the Folk evening showing the impressive skills of the traditional Cossack dancers. When audience participation was required, the dancers scanned the audience picking out their foreign victims for humiliation and suddenly Adam Stonehill was plucked from his seat. Before we knew it, he was being twirled around the stage attempting a variation of Cossack dancing - highly entertaining for us all. The following morning we had a brief stop at the frozen Gulf of Finland, before a fur-hat-buying trip in modern St Petersburg and the return journey to Moscow.

instantaneous appearance of the neo-classical architecture served as a welcome contrast to the Soviet-era apartment blocks of urban Moscow. The first day in Petersburg began with Orthodox churches and cathedrals, each one fantastically decorated with golden icons. Fortunately we witnessed an Orthodox service with extraordinarily beautiful singing.

Our tour continued with the burial place of the Tsars, the prison where many of the Bolsheviks were held and the Aurora, the ship that started the Communist revolution. The

We arrived at the Kremlin to be met by a magnificent example of Communist architecture topped with the red star (of course!) After meticulous security checks we were permitted entrance and toured the compound of one of the most influential buildings in modern European history. We visited two of the many beautiful churches in the complex, viewing the unique paintings and mosaics close up. Then, squeezing through a tiny door, we encountered a stunning



range of gold, silver and precious stones, cabinets full of priceless ornaments, some given to Tsars as gifts, others imported and some produced domestically. In another room stood ornate carriages used by the Tsars, each one with an intriguing story behind it.

We shall remember this trip to Russia for as long as we live. We thank the teachers, Anglia Battlefield tours and our Russian guides; it wouldn't have worked without you.

Ben Kerawala and Charlie Jaco





French Exchange 2009

Contributions from our French correspondents

The College drivers met us at the airport and took us to LWC in their minibuses. We discovered the vast field of the school, before being welcomed into the dining hall by the Deputy Principal Mr Badger. We appreciated the welcome drink and reception by Mrs Badger, teacher in charge of the exchange.

At the expected time we met with correspondents, after a few intense minutes of shyness on both sides we started with our new friends who took us to visit the grounds. It was great! To see the upper school we did a quiz, we went to see a football match where the College had an unfortunate loss. We dined very early; a little surprising to us... it was delicious.

Journée à Londres

Nous avons aussi vu la Tamise, London Eye, Big Ben, et des animations de rue : mimes ,musiciens. Nous avons eu une magnifique journée. Le soleil était tr s présent ce qui était agréable, et la Tour était étincelante. Dans la Tour, nous avons vu les bijoux de la couronne ainsi que les blasons des rois précédents. Cette exposition de bijoux est impressionnante. Avant de visiter la Tour, nous avons mangé un pique-nique préparé par LWC. Cette journée était tr s instructive pour nous.

Soirée bowling

Partis à 18h30, nous arrivons à Basingstoke en minis bus à 19h. Nous entrons dans le bowling, changeons nos chaussures contre les "magnifiques" chaussures de bowling. Mrs Badger annonce les groupes et la soirée peut enfin débuter. Les élèves français et les élèves anglais se rassemblent et le jeu commence. Les échanges se font entre les élèves et leurs correspondants. Tout le monde se détend et l'ambiance est bonne. La soirée était très agréable et nous nous sommes bien amusés.

Journée à Windsor

Nous sommes arrivés à Windsor avec les minibuses du collège. C'est une ville moyenne surplombée par la résidence royale. Nous avons pu apercevoir le drapeau du Royaume-Uni, "The Union Jack ", mais la reine n'étant pas là, nous n'avons pu voir son drapeau. Nous sommes alors rentrés dans le château, perché au dessus d'une motte de terre. Nous avons visité les nombreuses salles du château ouvert au public, pleines de richesses, de tableaux, d'armes, de blasons ... Impressionnant. Après la visite, nous avons du temps pour faire un peu de shopping et nous sommes rentrés au collège. Nous avons passé une très bonne journée.

Saturday morning

We played football and cricket. Our football team won 4 goals to 1 goal. About cricket: It's a very different game; it's easy because it looks like baseball. We had great fun with Alex. Un grand merci à notre coach.

Sunday

On Sunday, I went to Portsmouth with my English family. We went to see their grandmother because it was "Mothers Day". Their grandfather is very nice and very funny (he played Bagpipes when we came back). We went to eat in the Italian Restaurant. I had a pizza. It was delicious. Then, we went up the Spinnaker Tower. It was built two years ago. We went up and we saw the entire city.

We are very happy to spend a week here, to meet new friends, to speak English. It is interesting and good fun.

Memories of the 1st Form Rhineland Trip

Jack Badger: Burg Maus was a beautifully situated castle on the Rhine valley where we watched some falconry. There were five birds on show: there was a golden eagle called Herman, a sea eagle called Newman, an owl, another sea eagle and a falcon. Newman and Herman did lots of really cool tricks off the castle where the man threw some food off the ledge and they caught it in midair. Then they showed us a massive owl which looked like it wanted to pick our eyes out. The falcon was really cool when we saw it fly

Megan Collis: The part of the German trip that I enjoyed most was going to the castle with the birds in it because we got to see all different kinds of birds that we don't usually see. I loved the view from that castle as well because we were right above the river.

Wendy Sellers: The falcon display was something very unique, and I never thought I would see something like that. The falcons were all so well trained, and to see birds flying over the horizon was beautiful. They would swoop down and come right back up like a boomerang. It was lovely to see birds millimetres away from our eyes and then get to touch them.

Sanmaré Van der Bijl: I particularly enjoyed it when the lady came round a couple of times with different birds and we were allowed to touch and stroke them. I was allowed to put my nose in the Eagle Owl's feathers and it felt really soft and it actually didn't mind at all when I did that.

Fana Ellis: I had a lot of memorable moments in Germany but one of my favourite times was shopping in Rüdeshheim. Firstly we had to go through some rules and the main one was STAY IN YOUR 3! You didn't have to go shopping – you were allowed to go to a café and have cake and hot chocolate.

Cochem Castle was really interesting. The castle itself was very old and had been in ruins for some time. It was rebuilt and restored to its original structure. Inside was some armour and hunting equipment from old times. The castle belonged to several kings from years ago. It was a great day apart from the snow!

Michael Radmann: My favourite thing we did on the German trip was going to the great swimming pools. I loved the water slide because it went so fast and at points almost flipped you over. The wave pool was also very exciting and sometimes would push you up really high before letting you drop back down.

Jack Badger: The red slide was really long and twisting and the yellow one was blindingly fast.





GCSE Art



Sculptures, left, clockwise from top left: Jonty Allen, George Harker-Smith, Tom Holloway, Alex Warner



Jenny Thomas



Jenny Bailey



Emma Sumner-Smith



Chelsea Bewes



Chloe Mountford



Emma Sumner-Smith



Faybia Firbank



Jenny Bailey



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Joel Scully



Josh Pashley



Alex Lewis



Nepal

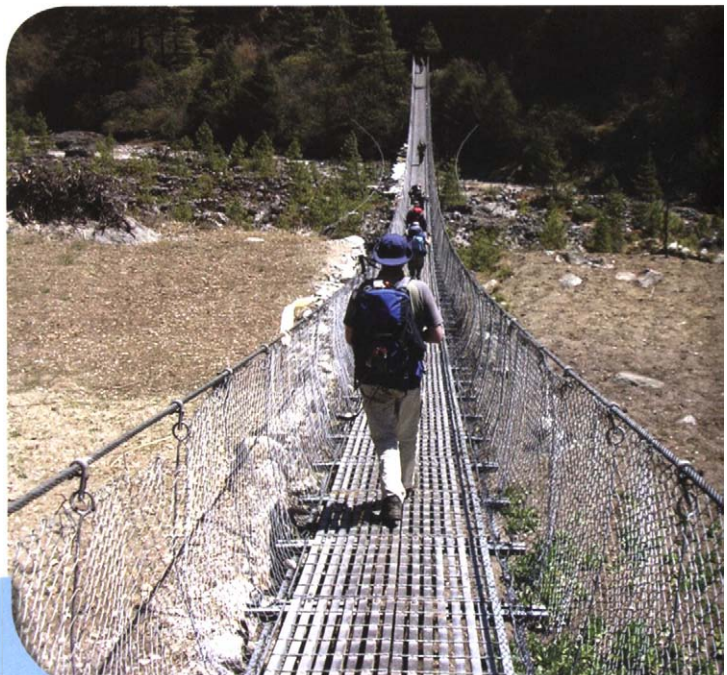
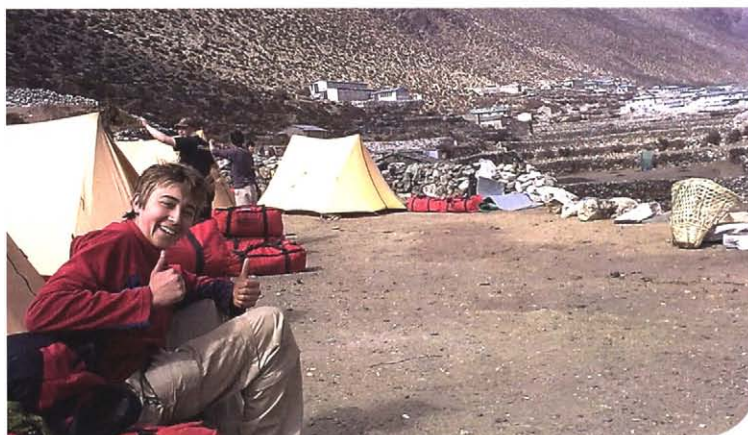
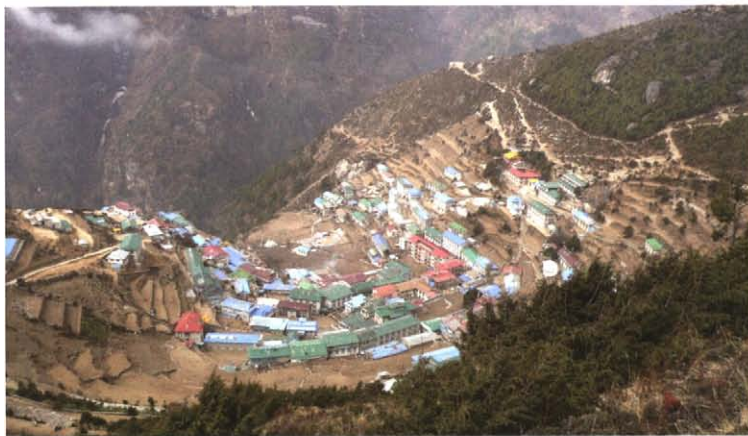
Our tour party comprising 15 students (4th, 5th and 6th formers), four staff (M Curran, C Lovelock, D Widdowson, L Chapple) and one brave parent (Dave Holman) set off for Nepal with a mission to complete a 15 day trek, three days work on a community project and three days sightseeing in Kathmandu.

In Kathmandu, the group visited the Tilganga Eye Centre which is supported by the Fred Hollows Foundation UK (LWC International charity 2008-09). We were given a tour of the Eye Centre and observed cataract surgery, seeing first hand how the funds which LWC have raised (£5000) will make a difference. Elsewhere, we were entranced by a beautiful Hindu temple and Buddhist Stupa.

Following a hair-raising short flight on a 16-seat twin otter and a three hour walk to camp, we visited the Jana Sewa Lower Secondary School in Phakding in the Everest region, and worked alongside the local Nepali students moving earth/rocks to landscape the playground; painting door and window frames; replacing skylights and replacing window netting.

During times when it rained we went indoors and swapped songs and dances. On our last day we distributed school stationery materials to all the Nepali students which had been purchased in Kathmandu and flown in with the tour party. £1200 which was raised and donated by LWC was used to purchase and transport materials to the school.

The trek took us 15 days of arduous hiking through the stunning Everest region up to Everest Base Camp (5363m). The highest point was a small hill called Kala Pattar (5545m) which we climbed at 5:30am to see the sun rise over Everest – a vigorous mental and physical challenge that brought on a fantastic sense of camaraderie.







Six Word Short Story Competition Winners

Played music: deaf. Composed ten symphonies.
(Max Wright—1st Form)

The cold came; the life went.
(Olly Maxwell—1st Form)

One life, try, never give up.
(Natasha Scott—2nd Form)

Cat on fire. Put it out.
(Beth Seymour—2nd Form)

Life? Don't bother expecting an answer.
(Amy Jermyn—2nd Form)

First Diana. Then Camilla. What next?
(Will Van der Bijl—3rd Form)

Apple of my eye—target practice?
(Jack Berg-Allen—3rd Form)

Rich urge war, poor who die.
(Jack Berg-Allen—3rd Form)

Tomorrow is freedom; today is forever.
(Harley Mitford—3rd Form)

You can't grow flowers in concrete.
(Helena Clough—4th Form)

The bullying stopped at her funeral.
(Tom James—5th Form)

Three drinks, two miles... none survived.
(Tom James—5th Form)

"Turns out praying can't cure cancer."
(Joshua Pashley—5th Form)

Bomb? Check. Detonator? Check. Return ticket?
(Joshua Barlow—6th)

For sale: one oil tanker; used.
(Joshua Barlow—6th)

I never seem to finish my
(Ed Gee—6th)

Romance I
"I do," she lied. He cried.

Romance II
"Happily ever after, he promised her."
(Lauren Schofield—6th)



School House Presents ...



School House has been gently simmering with ideas for a large-scale event since early 2008. Several varieties of entertainment were proposed, incorporating every influence of time and space, with themed evenings from the music of the Mexican desert to the snowy slopes of Nepal;

and, food being the sine qua non of house life, a culinary extravaganza was clearly indicated. We eventually settled on a Gala-style showcase for music and drama, and a long series of meetings for the planning committee began.

The following year was full of discussions, rehearsals, inky 'To Do' lists hot off the press with ever more items – but a fortnight before the event, it still looked as though most of the work was still to come. Yet the 23rd March did come round, and the crisis meetings with ticket sales hardly above single figures were behind us. Mr Machin's menu was being expertly chopped, boiled, seasoned by a team of our finest chefs; I was scurrying around with a dozen others, attempting to turn the empty Gavin Hall into a sea of well-laid tables; music (and various stray juggling balls, swords and flaming brands) filled the air. A few minutes before the guests arrived, we were ready.

For the guests it was a hazardous experience. The jugglers' plot to set light to one of the tables may have ended in failure, but, lulled into a false sense of security by two hours of fine food and top talent, they were then mobbed by a troop of young beggars to do credit to the streets of Calcutta – all in a good cause, of course. Considerable thanks are due to all who attended and gave so generously (we raised £1260 to help Activeventure provide holidays for disabled teenagers), and naturally to all the pupils and staff of School House who cooked, played, sang, acted, juggled, set-up and (mirabile dictu) cleared the whole venue in a few minutes. It was a night of which, I think, we can all be proud.

Marcus Field





Gala Evening



The hard work of the music department all came to a head in the classiest event of the year. The Gala Evening saw staff and parents alike enjoying a fantastic meal (put on by Mr Jones and the kitchen staff), whilst listening to some great music.

The LWC Orchestra's rousing performances of 'Chicago' and 'Pirates of the Caribbean' began the nautical theme of the evening. The main body of the evening was made up of musical performances from 'HMS Pinafore' and 'South Pacific', sung by a wide range of students with exotic costumes and excellent singing.

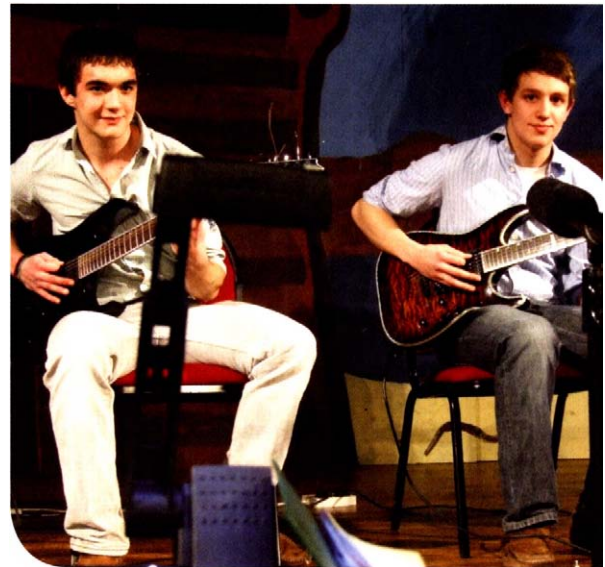
Some solos/duets/trios were also included, and easily held their own amongst the large-cast numbers, with a special mention to Gemma Edney, who had to battle through the gala on her birthday.

However, this was remedied by the Barbershop, who came on and delivered an emotional 'Happy Birthday to You', much to Gemma's displeasure. They then went on to

wow the audience with close harmony versions of 'I Get Around', 'Wonderful World' and 'Uptown Girl', and their new member, Hugo Hammond, excelled himself on the top parts.

The big band also played some extremely high-energy numbers, including 'Pilgrim Swing', the jazz version of the school hymn, premiered at last year's Proms in the Park, and Mark Ronson's 'Just'.

The evening ended on a high, when the entire cast performed the classic song, 'Sailing', with swaying and harmony. Reactions from the cast included, "We n'hailed it!" (Max Thomas), and, "Barberaba!" (Mr Andrews). If you weren't there on the night, you missed a real treat, and I recommend you go and order your tickets for next year right now!



Ralph Wyld

LIVING

Biology Project - Blood Cell

Very small so they fit through very small blood vessels

No nucleus so there is more room so more haemoglobin can fit in

Red Blood cell

Only very small so it provides a large surface area to volume ratio.

Biconcave shape is designed to have a large surface area so the surface area/volume ratio is large so they can lose/gain oxygen more quickly

Haemoglobin in Red blood cells reacts with oxygen from the lungs forming oxyhaemoglobin and the reverse of this reaction happens in the tissues

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Boys' Hockey 2009

It is difficult for a school of our size to make sure that we have a balanced fixture list. Our success against schools with similar numbers means that we now have a smattering of 'easy' games during the term but, when we meet opponents who can draw from twice the number of boys in every year-group, we sometimes feel the pinch. An overall record of 53 wins, 10 draws and 34 losses hopefully suggests that the programme is a healthy one despite long away trips to Alwyn's, Ryde, Hurstpierpoint, Christ's Hospital and Lancing for some of our players and coaching staff.

At last we found a fixture for our 2nd XI to lose! They have now suffered only one defeat in two seasons and that at the hands of an opposing 1st XI! Mr Gilliam is justifiably proud of their achievements.

It is exciting to see the strength of hockey in this year's 4th form. The U15A took some notable scalps this term (including Wellington College) and the U15B emerged unbeaten, even though they had to recover from a 0 - 3 deficit against KES Southampton!

Thanks to all the team managers for their continuing dedication:

Mr Eysle for overseeing the Junior House

hockey.

Mr Kimber for organising coaches and minibuses.

Mr Jones and the catering team for packed lunches, early lunches, teas and late suppers.

Mr Machin for proof-reading the 'Astro Weekly'.

Caroline Ambrose for the hours of emailing and 'phoning to arrange and confirm fixtures and for enduring my various neuroses.

Coach: Clive Hicks

1st XI

Played	10
Won	4
Drawn	0
Lost	6
Goals for	33
Goals against	29

This was a season which started poorly and ended with the boys playing very well in patches but without finding the killer instinct in the tighter games.

The team deserved a better record of victories for the neat passing they often displayed. They should have converted their second half dominance against Pangbourne into at least a draw and they should have been able to hold on to a lead against Lancing (umpiring decisions notwithstanding!). The games against Shiplake and Seaford proved that both the set-up and the personnel were wrong in the early weeks; once these problems were addressed, they found their touch with a fantastic 2 - 2 draw down at PGS in the National Cup and a fine win against Churcher's (the first for some 7 years).

The other wins were all too easy against Reading Blue Coat, Bedales and KES Witley. It was interesting to take on Wellington where, despite the score-line, they were never outplayed.

The stalwart Stuart Evans and Rhys Thomas worked bravely in defence alongside newcomers such as Ross Holmes in goal and Tom Jordan at left back. Jamie Dunkley regularly proved himself to be an outstanding hockey player both in defence and attack. After the early demise of Toby East, we included Alex O'Meara and Calum Dougal in the midfield in an attempt to push the skilful Tom

Grimes further up the pitch to support Richard Kiddle and Alex Richards. Richard continues to show pace, skill and an eye for goal, Tom will remember some thrilling sorties and Alex will make sure that we remember every one of his goals! The captain, Mike Bates, led by example in terms of hard work and sensible options: many could learn from his exemplary body position throughout a game. I would like to thank Mike for being the most effective leader I have worked with in my years in charge of the LWC first team.

Coach: Clive Hicks

Squad: Ross Holmes; Stuart Evans; Jamie Dunkley {vice-capt.}, Rhys Thomas, Tom Jordan; Mike Bates {capt.}, Ben Holden, Alex O'Meara, Calum Dougal, Tom Grimes; Richard Kiddle, Alex Richards
Also played: Toby East, Andrew House, Sam Forrest, Alex Lewis, Ollie Mason, Ollie Milne, Tim Salmon





2nd XI

Played	12
Won	9
Drawn	2
Lost	1
Goals for	51
Goals against	12

Last season's unbeaten record was a hard act to follow, but by only losing once, and that was against 1st XI opposition, and notching up 51 goals in the process, this team managed it.

After a freezing start to the term we went into our first match against Shiplake unprepared and were lucky to come away with a draw. The 7-0 and 5-1 score-lines against Seaford and Churcher's were deceptive whereas 2-0 against Reading Blue Coat should have been a lot more. To manage a narrow 1-0 win against Wellington in such a tight match was a wonderful achievement. The 16-0 score-line against Bedales reflected the spirit of the opposition. Pangbourne were much sterner opposition and Oli Milne even had to save a penalty before we finally squeezed out the 1-0 result.

The match against Ryde degenerated after a questionable umpiring decision. We had our chances against St. John's 1st XI but they scored from two penalty corners in the last 4 minutes to win 3-2. To beat a very skilful KES 3-1 was an extremely disciplined effort, helped by a number of marvelous saves by Jordan Gomez, filling-in in goal at the last minute. The 5-0 result against Witley should have been a lot more and we ended the season with a determined 5-3 win at Lancing, having gone one down in the first 2 minutes after the long trip.

The strength of this side was that it had no weaknesses and made few errors. It was built around a reliable goalkeeper, a well-coordinated defence, a hard-working and skilful midfield through to a very sharp and powerful attack. All of our opponents had a lot of trouble dealing with Jamie Richards up front with his speed and reach. Jamie and Oly Leach combined to score 32 goals between them. However, ultimately, it was the team spirit that made this a very difficult team to play against, everyone working tirelessly for each other, and this was largely down to Harry Phillips' determined leadership.

Squad: Abbott A., Clay, Cullen, Dougal, Emery, Forrest, Gomez, Holmes R., House, Hughes W., Jordan, Leach, Lewis, Maddox, Mason, Masters, Milne O., O'Meara A., Phillips H. (Capt.), Plummer G., Read, Richards J., Salmon.



3rd XI

Played	8
Won	4
Drawn	1
Lost	3

As expected we endured the early season movement of players between teams and selection of a settled team at the start was difficult, but once we were able to practice with and keep a steady squad of players our performances improved markedly.

Joel Scully and Miles Chuter did manage to ensure we won four of our games. George Breddy and Alex Harding played consistently and were the best of the defensive players.

Nathanael Foale in goal was our most outstanding player and made many brilliant saves against all opposition. James Jeram in the mid field worked tirelessly and led the team with

great determination and enthusiasm.

Two of our losses were against Seaford and Lancing where we were asked to play against U16A sides, both of these were excellent games and we lost narrowly to Seaford. We played our best hockey at home against King Edward Southampton 2nd XI and were on the end of a winning draw at the final whistle.

My thanks to James Jeram for his hard work and organisation of the team and to Mr Chris Irvine and all the players for their enthusiasm and support.

Coach: Allen French.

Squad: Barbour, Foale, Jeram [capt], Chuter, Breddy, Harding, Wilson, James, Scully, Warner, Maddox, Read, Lewis.





U15A

The under 15 season is a key one in the development of potential first team players and it was encouraging to see this talented group of sportsmen grow individually and collectively into a very sound hockey squad. The emphasis on a squad is also important in these days of rolling subs. The core of fourteen players interchanged well and showed flexibility and a willingness to listen and learn which, despite their individual skill, might be their greatest strength. I have no doubt that several of the team will be playing for the first team next season.

Results were good, with only two defeats to seven wins and a draw at Bradfield. The two defeats came in the rematch against Churcher's (after a lights failure when the match was poised at 1-0 early in the second half), and at KES Southampton, where we played as if we had just had a week in Swanage (which was the case!)

Billy Maddock led the line with pace and is learning, along with Will Leney, that this key weapon is best allied to tactical moves and stick skill. Both were frustrated by a lack of goals at times but Billy did finish with a hat-trick against Lancing. Dan Cripps and Robbie Heywood also scored hat-tricks against Ryde and Witley respectively. Brandon Ambrose-Brunskill was another prolific scorer who also at times was unstoppable on the ball.

In midfield, George McCrossan was dependable and grew into a mature centre midfielder. Nick Scott, too, has a bright future ahead of him and was frustrated by injury; Oli Tresise was solid player either in midfield or defence. The defence of Will O'Meara, Toby Ward, Pete Davies, Oli Tyne and Eddie Mallaby was regularly secure, backed up by George Rigby in goal.

I can pick two highlights: Charlie Bolton's face when he removed his helmet after a barrage at Churcher's was a picture, and Jack Holden scoring with his first touch in the final game to outscore a rampant Will Leney was priceless. Goal Of the season though was Billy's at home with the reverse stick after Dan Cripps had found him with another reverse hit from the left wing.

Thanks for a great season.

Coach: Tom Hicks

U15B

The final-whistle blew at Lancing. LWC had won a one-sided game but more importantly the win sealed an unbeaten season for a team who progressed enormously, who developed a knack of winning having been behind, and who were undoubtedly one of the most talented groups I have encountered at this level.

A sound win against Seaford started the season, followed by a gripping 0-0 draw against Churcher's with the quality of hockey being very strong. The following week, the team was 1-3 down with fifteen minutes to go against Wellington. The rest of the game started what was to become the team's trademark as they blasted back to win 4-3. Sadly, snow scuppered the Reed's game - the boys were really playing well then and Reed's would have been an excellent test.

Pangbourne were easily beaten although Pangbourne took the lead, then the team came from 2-0 down to beat Bradfield 3-2. The fightback theme continued against KES,

Southampton whom we always play after the 4th form field trip - 0-2 at half-time; 0-3 one minute into the second half, clearly inspired by my team-talk; 3-3 at the end of the game. A week later, Lancing were beaten and the team was a happy team. And I was a happy coach.

The lads played some very good hockey, although I think the snow-break did cause a loss of momentum. They can improve further and I am sure that there will be some of these lads who will be key hockey players in the senior teams. I thank them for their efforts and thank their parents for the enthusiastic support, especially in the win against Wellington: if ever parents willed a team to score a winning goal.....!

Coach: Dave Machin

Squad: Colum Jordan, Ross Power, Charlie Bolton, Luke Jermyn, Alex Rae, Jamie Rasheed-Horsburgh, Bertie Hopkin, Luke Buckner, Ben Smith, Andy Provost, Tom Quaye, Henry Hellewell, Charlie Kemp and Jack Holden, Matt Mwale, Callum Cant.

U14A

Played	11
Won	5
Drawn	1
Lost	5
Goals for	14
Goals against	28

With a strong squad chosen from Autumn Term trials, the U15's first match against PGS in the National Cup proved a baptism of fire against strong opposition. Much of the match was played in our own half with Owen Payne making several fine saves. Luke Warner showed real promise in central defence and Patrick Tyldesley was a lone figure up front.

In the first four games of the season the team did not concede a goal, proving the benefits of training in the previous term. Jack Bilsland was commanding the midfield and was also productive scoring both goals in a 2-0 win against Shiplake. After Will North opened the scoring, Owen made several fine saves and the team was justified to feel proud in a hard fought 1-0 win.

The XI was brought back down to earth against a strong Wellington team and unfortunately the snow resulted in the Reeds match being cancelled. Bradfield College provides a useful benchmark and it was disappointing that with their backs against the

wall the team did not show the same fighting spirit as they had shown against Seaford. Jack Farr was an exception with his tireless effort and determination. Stern words at half time did galvanise the second half effort and their performance significantly improved.

On a beautiful spring-like day after a heavy defeat against KES Southampton there was a feeling of anticipation and determination to perform well. Luck seemed against them in the first half with the opposition scoring the only goal. To their credit they did not give up in the second half and with ten minutes remaining Paddy Tyldesley was in the right place to score two excellent goals with Jake Whitby scoring the third.

The team showed real potential in several matches and as a squad they practiced with purpose and a willingness to learn. If they continue next season with the same purpose there is no doubt that they will become a successful team.

Coach: Ed Walker

Squad : Chris Allum, Jack Bilsland, Eliot Blakeley, Jack Farr, Emmet Fitzsimmons, Will Gee, James Marks, Kevin Mountford, Will North, Owen Payne (Gk), David Radkiewicz, Jamie Rogerson, Patrick Tyldesley, Luke Warner, Jake Whitby.



U14B

Played	9
Won	3
Drawn	1
Lost	5
Goals for	19
Goals against	26

After losing the first three matches of the season things were not looking good for a fairly skilful side of individuals playing for the U14Bs.

Training on team skills led to the important breakthrough, with a win against Seaford thanks to a neat flick over the goalkeeper's head by Andy Provost, a boy destined to become the team's top goal scorer. The attacking line became stronger as the season progressed, with Buckner and Kemp linking well with some skilful midfield play from the likes of Dutfield, Holden and Quaye.

Highlight of the season came in the shape of a 9 - 0 thrashing of Pangbourne College, with hat-tricks from Provost and Kemp. The season finale proved a tough affair against a well fancied KES Southampton team. Even Charlie Bolton could not prevent them running away 7 - 2 winners.

Report by Jack Holden

Squad: Charlie Bolton, Colum Jordan, Tom Lowndes, Jonathan Hopkin, Jamie Rasheed-Horsburgh, Tom Quaye, Ross Power, Will Dutfield, Jack Holden, Luke Buckner, Gabriel Cattermull, Charlie Kemp, George Bartlett, Andy Provost, Alex Rae, Henry Hellewell



U14C

Played	6
Won	4
Drawn	0
Lost	2
Goals for	13
Goals against	7

2009 proved to be a successful season for the U14Cs with members of the squad finding themselves in the Bs before it finished. They enjoyed training and worked hard to at improve basic skills; an improvement that was later seen on the field.

First came a hotly contested 1-0 win on grass against Shiplake College after a solitary practice. LWC dominated possession and forced excellent saves from their goalie before Townley scored. Heavy rain meant Seaford became a 7-a-side match on the small astro. The team displayed team work and understanding in another convincing display, limiting Seaford to sporadic attacks, and scoring regularly, Hammond helped himself to a hat-trick in a 6-0 win.

Charterhouse proved more of a challenge but the result was a satisfying 2-1 win. After seeing the 'B' side go down to a heavy defeat, an excellent Bradfield side demanded the performance of the season. Despite limited hockey experience, greater athleticism and tactical awareness saw Bradfield come back with late goals. Waves of attack from Bradfield against dogged defence and counter-attacking from LWC gave this match classic status.

Next was a disappointing display against Churcher's. The determination and drive of the previous game was absent and was reflected in a 2-4 defeat. The return fixture offered a chance to make amends: LWC used the whole width of the astro to dominate a game they could have won by a larger margin than 2-1.

Coach: Audley Lumsden

Squad: Bailey, Bevins, Derham*, Dickens, Easterbrook, Frost, Hammond, Hammond, Hill*, Hopkins, Hunt, Martin, Price, Townley*, Wall, Whitten





The Sower - Hockey

U13B

After many years of being involved with hockey at this level, I can honestly say that this was one of the strongest teams I have ever coached. Yet ironically, whereas previous years have been virtually unbeaten, results did not go our way this year.

We lost narrowly against Churcher's in the first match of the season, but then came back from two nil down to get a draw against Seaford. Then Lord Wandsworth froze over for a couple of weeks and some fixtures had to be cancelled. Southampton showed us no mercy at all on the biggest AstroTurf I have ever seen in my life (I needed binoculars to see the players!) and a long journey into Central London was rewarded with

a 2-1 defeat, despite having enough chances to win it. Scorers this year were Jermyn, Simmons, Rogers and Tyne.

Then the Dunhurst tournament changed everything. At last the team came together and we strung together a string of wins to end up in the final. As fate would have it, we ended up facing the Under 13a side from LWC! What a final this would turn out to be! Knowing that they inevitably had more skill than us, I decided to go for tactics, flooding our defensive D with 9 players and leaving a lone forward to pounce on the single chance in the game that would inevitably come our way. Well, it worked; the nine man defence and Max Wright in goal kept

them out. The unthinkable happened; our lone striker scored the one chance we had against our first choice keeper, loaned to the firsts for the day, who had otherwise had an inspiring and faultless tournament. With 13 seconds left to go, they equalise and the dream is over! In extra time the firsts score and the game ends, probably as it should have done, with the A and B team coming first and second, not the other way around. With some strong First Form coming through, I cannot wait until next season!

Happy Days

Coach: David Pering

Junior 1st XI

When one considers that many of the Junior House boys do not play any hockey before arriving at LWC it is amazing to see how quickly their skills develop and how quickly they adapt to the rigours of the game.

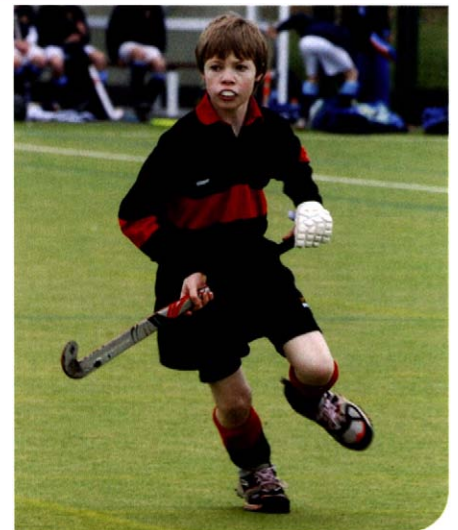
The Junior 1st team enjoyed a good season with the highlight being the overall winners of the Dunhurst 7's tournament. They played extremely well in the Churcher's 7's tournament and even beat the home team, who were favourites to win overall.

A first match of the season loss to Churcher's might have destroyed the enthusiasm of the players but they bounced back and played excellent hockey as the season went on. Luke Cackett as captain and midfield player was the inspiration to the team and he never played a bad game. Toby Miller and Jack Badger on the wings showed that they will be good players in

the next season. Both scored some wonderful goals. James Hampson was moved from defender to centre forward and he was a force to be reckoned with. He hits the ball hard and plays with confidence. Nick Tyne has the makings of a good player but needs to improve his work rate around the pitch. Dan Shepherd, Mike Radmann and Toby Salmon became an impenetrable back three but they were equally well supported by Tom Brine in goal. His agility belies someone of his size! Oscar Jermyn hits the ball well and never stops running whilst Josh Harris shows good stick work but also needs to improve his work rate.

Team wins against Seaford and KES Witley established the format the players enjoyed and this was kept for the remainder of the season. The boys practiced hard and were always willing and enthusiastic and most importantly played to win. Well done.

Coach: Tony Eysle



Squad:

Jack Badger; Nicholas Tyne; Luke Cackett (Captain); Dan Shepherd; Toby Salmon; Michael Radmann; James Hampson; Tom Brine; Toby Miller; Joshua Harris; Oscar Jermyn;





1st VII

This year's 1st netball squad was made up of a group of people who had never played together and a few had to fit into positions they weren't used to playing; however, skills and teamwork developed throughout the term and we ended up having a very successful season winning six out of ten matches.

We started the season off with three very close matches, beating Wellington 27-23, just losing to St John's by 3 goals, and then beating Downe House by two goals. We had a close match against Bedales, but managed to come away with a win 30-28, (despite having a slight disagreement on the score at half time and having to deduct two goals from our score). Many of these wins were thanks to the accuracy of our shooters, Laura and Chaz, who worked extremely well in the D and with their speed and agility always managed to get around their defence.

Playing away at Churcher's we were unfortunate to lose by 2 goals, as it seemed everyone had played to their full potential, with Phoebe making more than her usual number of brilliant interceptions, and Helena and Siena's persistence sticking on the shooters in the D allowing few chances for them to

score. Our last two matches of the season were two very good ones, despite the fact Phoebe and Helena both managed to come away with injuries. Lucy was always useful in the defence, determined to make an interception and regularly stopping goals being scored. Our last match was against King Edward's Southampton, one of the best teams we played, losing the first half but managing to win the second half by 4 goals. Lara's flexibility to play in almost any position was very useful throughout the season, and she always put in all her effort wherever she was playing. Georgie played consistently throughout the season as wing attack, her speed and ability to dodge her defence making centre passes seem effortless.

Overall it was a great season, and we couldn't have done it without Mrs Neighbour who has been a great coach.



Coach: Gill Neighbour

Squad: Helena Castle-Smith, Lucy Wollam, Siena Hatton-Brown, Lara Walters, Chaz Gallagher-Floyd, Georgie Cox, Phoebe Raley, Laura Peacock, Rosie O'Neill

2nd VII

Played	10
Won	6
Drawn	1
Lost	3

The 2009 2nd VII season began with much to live up to. A repeat of Mr. Perriss' unbeaten year was the target and so Wellington were the visitors on a cold afternoon in January. Having received some last minute advice from Mr. Williams who was fresh from an exhausting netball course with Mr. Badger, and brimming with ideas, Izzy Manley-Cooper led her team out with a smile beaming across her face. A 20-9 defeat followed. They were bigger, faster and better drilled than us. Back to the drawing board...

Against St. Johns we were again led out by a beaming captain to another defeat, this time 20-12. Our defensive pairing of Tara Gillespie and Leonie Field was starting to gel, yet we still lacked that attacking potency in the final 3rd.

The following two games were a fine example of what can be achieved with the right attitude to hard work and training. 'Failing to

prepare is like preparing to fail' inspired the girls until the end of the season. Their enthusiasm for practice and fitness work was as good as any sports team I have ever worked with, even the Emmas, Smith and Ranger began putting in the hard yards.

Immediate results! A 27-16 win against Downe House and a 36-18 win against Charterhouse. Chloe Bidos was starting to show her skills, running games from centre, whilst the shooters, Izzy and Kate Wilson were putting into practice our training ground drills to great effect. With 6 games of the season left, the 17-14 reversal at Bedales was to be our last defeat. A 45-7 victory against KES Witley despite a seriously depleted side, showed the strength in the depth of the 2nd VII squad and it was Becky Stafford-Jones and Jenny Douglas who shone in the match with Becky scoring 26 goals.

In March, Alton College and Leighton Park were the visitors to LWC for a round robin tournament. Brimming with confidence and back at full strength, the team produced two reasonable performances to win the tournament.

The match of the season was at Churcher's.

At full strength, and with Emma Smith and Izzy Manley-Cooper in particularly good form, we brushed aside a very strong team 22-14. We closed the season in a home match against Pangbourne with a nail biting 24-24 draw.

The player of the season award was won by Chloe Bidos for her consistency in producing excellent displays at centre and goal attack. Emma Ranger won the 'mug' award for her attitude and commitment to training. Special mention also goes to Emily Cowles and the captain Izzy Manley-Cooper. They were exceptional, and should be proud of their netballing performances whilst at LWC, I don't think any of us will forget Emily's unique method of communicating with her team mates!

Many thanks to all the girls for making my first year of netball coaching such an enjoyable one.

Coach: Aaron Williams

Squad: Izzy Manley-Cooper (Capt), Chloe Bidos (Vice-Captain), Leonie Field, Tara Gillespie, Emily Cowles, Emma Smith, Emma Ranger, Jenny Douglas, Kate Wilson, Becky Stafford-Jones, Hetty Abbot



The Sower - Netball

U16A

Played	10
Won	5
Lost	5

The team adopted three different attacking systems to attempt to outplay the opposition. The plan was to vary the attack so as not to become predictable. The fact that they could not only learn the systems but also implement them in matches was testament to their aptitude and ability. Some of the best performances came at home against strong opposition. The pick of these came against Frensham Heights, Pangbourne and King Edward's Southampton. The former two games were won with a great deal of skill and tactical awareness. The work of Becky Bundy, Hannah Wilson and Catherine Stamp at providing decent attacking ball for the two Rachels and Frankie to score from was extremely impressive. A resounding victory against Pangbourne always gives a positive slant to a season, but to be only 2 points from a strong

King Edward's Southampton team in the last game was a truly outstanding performance.

Rachel Plummer, along with her vice captain, Fiona Falconer, lead the group by example. Becky Bundy managed to move effortlessly about the court creating space and acting as a powerful link going forward with Catherine Stamp. The tenacity of Hannah Wilson and Fiona was also a key to the team's success. At either end of the court the defence and attacking pairings worked very effectively together and managed to grind out some close and exciting wins.

With so many talented players in the squad they were a pleasure to work with and though we are losing one or two from the team next year, those remaining will have a lot to offer the senior teams next year. I wish them all the best of luck!

Coach: Tim Richardson



Squad: Rachel Plummer, Becky Bundy, Fiona Falconer, Hannah Wilson, Emma Vincent, Rachel Butler, Catherine Stamp, Frankie Gandy.

U16B

It was a frustrating start to the season for the Under 16Bs as match after match was cancelled, for a variety of reasons. Finally, one Thursday afternoon at the end of February we had our first game against Mill Chase and beat them decisively 13-4. We undoubtedly played our best against Pangbourne, with a 29-7 victory. It was a match in which almost the whole squad played at least one quarter, and it was great to see how much everyone had come on over the season.

Squad: Clio Symington (Capt); Lottie Bates; Chelsea Bewes; Georgie Fenton; Lizzie Garland; Hannah Tyldesley; Leo Hanson; Emma Sumner-Smith; Laura Marks; Hannah Chatt; Alice Gunn; Chloe Mountford; Katie Peacock; Ruth Piper



U15A

The U15's worked well together as a team, facing every match with determination.

This was not our best season, but despite suffering some defeats and at times being without a coach, we constantly fought hard in matches and always had a positive attitude. We worked hard in training, especially practicing centre passes and developing strategies for passing the ball down the court effectively. Our

shooters, Kate Ovens and Helen Breddy scored some excellent goals and Kate Falconer worked tirelessly in defence. Well done to everyone for their enthusiasm throughout the season!

Squad: Nicole Hodges, Fran Collis, Kate Falconer, Amy Ranger, Hannah Brown, Susie Cox, Helen Breddy, Ellie Mann, Kate Ovens.

U15B

This season started off with a bad omen, not enough players for even a squad- let alone a reserve, but with India's chaotic enthusiasm, who could fail to be uplifted even at the darkest of times? We had a few promotions amongst our team, Flic and Ellie moved up the ranks to the A team - congratulations, but you were missed terribly by the squad. Sadly one of our flock Michaela got ill and we had to say goodbye to her and our team spirit began to falter.

Rosie came through for us at the 11th hour; with every pass made to her she somehow effortlessly got a goal and we suddenly found our feet. Cloughy, Georgie and Ruby took their time on deciding if netball was for them, but they came through for us after the half term; their efforts and dynamic passing skills are to be commended.

Susie was our rock; she had been there from the start, full of support, advice and team spirit, along with Ms Confortola who can not be faulted for her energetic enthusiasm on pitch.

My player of the Season award went to Jessye, also an original team member, for her constant encouragement and her versatile nature playing in every position bar her own and for her involvement in tactical talks and de-briefs to the squad. I have been very pleased to see the squad finally act on some of our training skills and now they do not crowd the ball, they are beginning to hold their space and support the defence.

Well done to all the B squad; I have been very pleased with your matches and you have been a delight and pleasure to train.

Coach: Anne Marie Smith



U14

Played	18
Won	11
Lost	7
Goals for	237
Goals against	193

This season we had a strong tactical game plan which allowed us to get the ball quickly up the pitch. After a difficult opening game against Wellington, we worked hard on our tactics and these were evident in two great victories against Downe House and Bloxham, both schools with considerably more girls than LWC. Our best victory was against Mill-Chase where we won 34-1 and we beat a lot of other very strong sides. We were also very successful in the Hampshire tournament winning against Robert Mays, Fernhill, Cove and Connaught. Our final two games showed that we had made excellent progress over the term in terms of skills and confidence, but we weren't quite good enough to beat KES.

Overall we scored 237 goals from the three shooters, Hannah Fawcett, Katie Lister and Hannah Brown. We had a strong defence with Charlotte Page, Becky Hodge and Charlotte Gunn and two very capable players in wing defence with Akilah T-F and Lucy Bennet. We had strong wing attacks, Zoe and Katherine P-M, who were always there and ready to catch the ball and Megan Dawson played very well at Centre.

Everyone who wanted to play got a chance to and we all enjoyed the netball season. Thanks to Mr Badger for coaching us.

Hannah Fawcett

Congratulations from me to a side that grew in determination, character and strength over the term. There were many outstanding contributions from all players, not the least of whom was Hannah herself, and I know that the team will go from strength to strength over the coming years.

Coach: Stephen Badger

Team: Hannah Fawcett (captain); Megan Lowther, Charlotte Page, Becky Hodge, Charlotte Gunn, Akilah Thompson-Fyle, Katherine Pilkington-Miksa, Zoe Flanagan, Katie Lister, Hannah Brown, Lucy Bennet, Nina Wheeler, Katie Hopkins. Grace Beadle.

Junior

The Junior House girls had a very successful netball season and managed to put out four teams on one or two occasions; this meant that every junior girl was able to represent the College in at least one match.

This season girls were allocated to teams based on their ability, as opposed to their age group; the result of this enabled us to produce very strong first and second VII's teams which meant that we were able to create good opposition against some of our strongest opponents. It also initiated better integration amongst the two junior year groups.

The first VII, captained by Lizzie Stamp, proved to be hugely successful, especially as the term went by; they had 8 wins and 3 losses. Their best result was 23-1 against Mill Chase School, but they also had good wins against Cheam and KES. Lizzie Stamp proved to be formidable as GA, but she was ably assisted by Natasha Scott and Katherine Luckraft who played in defence positions. The first team also included Lizzy Falkowska Sturgeon, Jenny Beckett, Rachel Carroll, Emma Cook and Ellen Holmes. All of these girls will be a huge asset to the senior school next season.

The second VII also proved to have some strong players and they were ably captained by Georgie Maddock, who also played GA. Kat Luckraft managed to play for this team on several occasions, as well as the first team, and she was formidable as GD, showing skill well above her age group. Both Millie Carver and Fana Ellis showed the greatest improvement during the season; Millie quickly learnt the hard way as to why she should not foot fault, but her position as WD was excellent. Fana showed herself to be a natural talent on the court and excelled as GK, never having played netball before she joined LWC!

The second VII won roughly half their matches and finished the season as a team with a huge amount of potential for next year. The high point of their season was to win the Aldershot and District U12's tournament; they had very exciting games



against many teams and beat Farnborough Hill in a nail biting final. The second team also included Wendy Sellers, Helen Frawley, Megan Collis, Hattie Sleap, Amy Jermyn, Molly Jermyn and Sadiya Mohammed.

The third and fourth teams also managed to play one or two matches and generally did very well; they were both successful against Cheam, and the 4th team was the only one to beat Highfield by 7-6.

Overall the junior house girls should be very pleased with their results. I cannot fault their enthusiasm and willingness to practice and play whenever asked to do so. It is also clear that there are many girls who will have a bright future ahead of them, and they will be an asset to the senior school netball squads.

Coach: Patti Sandham





LWC Three Peaks Challenge - 26th/27th September 2009

Mr Curran
Mr Lovelock
Mrs Chapple
Mr Widdowson
Mr Wyndham
Annie Bradney
George Dyer
Gary Morton
Jonny Hale
Scott Godfrey

In the wee hours of Friday morning 10 intrepid explorers set off for Scotland to begin the challenge of standing atop the UK's three highest mountains in the space of 24 hours – the 3 Peaks Challenge. The aim was to raise money for LWC's International Charity, the Fred Hollows Foundation UK. For all concerned, the adventure

presented a considerable challenge to our physical and mental well being. The prospect of 14 hours walking up and down Ben Nevis, Scafell Pike and Snowdon plus 10 hours driving within the space of a day is not something to be baulked at. The weekend turned out to be a complete success as most of the group made it to the top of all three

peaks. We managed to raise over £2000 to go towards the Fred Hollows Foundation UK and the great work they do in Nepal. Special thanks must go to Mr Wyndham who was our specialist driver for the weekend.

Matt Curran



Squash Report 2009

Played	15
Won	3
Lost	11
Drew	1
Goals for	237
Goals against	193

The team this year was captained by Nick Cullen who was also the number 1 in the team. The team played a total of 15 matches and only managed to win 3 and lost 11 with 1 draw. We were competing against some of the powerhouses of school squash in the South, such as Wellington College, Peter Symonds College, RGS and Bradfield who were some of our toughest opponents. The team learned so much by the end of the season and there was a massive improvement in everyone's levels. Overall improvements in tactics, match fitness and shot selection were evident by the end of the year. It will be sad to lose the top three players, Nick Cullen, Jamie Richards and James Baudains but the younger lads stepping into their shoes will have had some good match experience and I am looking forward to seeing them improve and start to really trouble the better players in the region. We also managed to get 3 matches with other schools for the 3rd form students this year which was a first and there is some great promise coming through the ranks, some of them look to be able to make the first team next year.

This year saw the introduction of the very first LWC internal squash tournament. The

trophy the students were competing for is called The Eysle Squash Cup. Tristan Eysle was last year's captain and has been the most successful squash player in LWC in recent times, now playing squash full time at Loughborough University. There were 32 students competing in the A and B section plus an additional 8 students competing in the Junior tournament. There were some fantastic and highly competitive matches throughout the course of the 3 tournaments. This is going to be an annual event in the LWC sporting calendar and I am looking forward to seeing it grow throughout the years to come.

There were two upsets in the semi-finals with Ben Grassi and James Baudains both scoring wins against higher seeded opponents Nick Cullen and Jamie Richards respectively. The final was a hard fought battle with Ben Grassi taking the initial lead. James fought back hard and eventually won the tournament 3-1 in the final. Congratulations to James Baudains for becoming the first winner of The Eysle Squash Cup.

Good luck to all the players leaving this year and I wish them all the best in their future squash endeavours. Here are the results of the tournament:

The Eysle Squash Cup "A" SECTION

WINNER: James Baudains
RUNNER UP: Ben Grassi
PLATE WINNER: Alex Patrick

Coach: Jesse Engelbrecht

Team: Nick Cullen (captain), Jamie Richards, James Baudains, Ben Grassi, George McCrossan, Freddie Stacy, Alex Patrick, Mat Mwale





Summer



RAF Summer Camp to RAF Marham

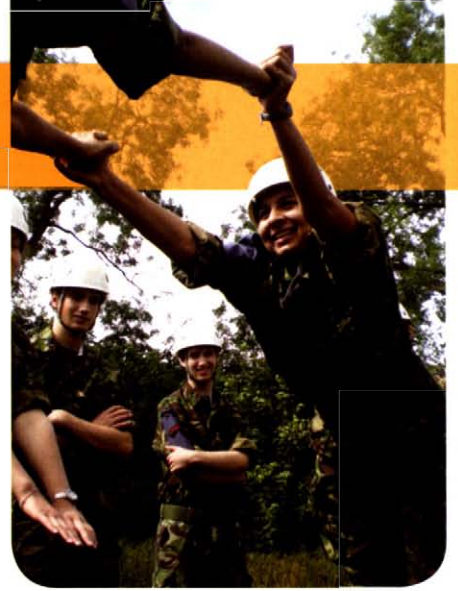
This year's Summer Camp at RAF Marham had a varied and interesting programme. Marham is a Tornado base and so throughout the week we heard the roar of the jets taking off day and night just a few hundred metres away. The cadets were lucky enough to experience many aspects of Service life. They had a close-up look at the Tornado jet which included an informative and 'no holds barred' talk from its pilot who was about to conduct a sortie in support of the Army later that night. Many of the cadets also visited a jet engine test bed where the engineers were putting a newly put together engine through its paces, including running it up to full after-burn. We also visited other Sections at the base including the Fire Section, where cadets were taught to set up the firefighting equipment and then encouraged to squirt each other with the hoses.

Another important feature of the week was the training on the new L98A2 rifle which will not be introduced to LWC CCF until some time

next year. All our cadets on camp passed their weapons handling test on this weapon and got to fire it live on the range. Cadet Alex Brown even achieved the grade of marksman on this shoot. The cadets were also fortunate enough to fire this rifle on the DCCT range – an indoor laser range – and some achieved good scores. Other visits included the RAF Regiment assault course and a low ropes course where cadets had to use intelligence, initiative, teamwork and communication to achieve their objectives. The week also contained some flying on the tutor aircraft where all of our cadets took the controls and in some cases flew aerobatic manoeuvres themselves.

One of the great strengths of these camps is that cadets from different schools are brought together to live and work during the week. This has the advantage that they can see how other Units do things and they can learn from each other and share ideas. Of course, they also make firm friendships with cadets from other schools which often last long after camp has finished.

The week is conducted as a competition with cadets from each school being put into flights with cadets from other schools. One of the comments from the Officers that was made at the end of the week was how well the cadets had worked together with others from their flights to achieve their objectives but also how seamlessly the cadets had fitted together to give the



impression of one Unit rather than five different schools. I can say with confidence that the cadets who went to camp not only learnt a great deal during the week but also contributed a great deal for the benefit of all those who were there.

We have to say farewell to Flight Sergeant George Weightman Potter at this point and we all appreciate his time and commitment to the RAF Section and wish him the best in his future endeavours.

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D of E Silver

We had quite a few participants from the previous years' Bronze groups and all enjoyed their first expedition which was to the New Forest during October half term. After Day 1 there were a few blisters and wet feet from bogs but for the next few days all were in good spirits and lifted even further when Rob decided to take over the camp fire entertainment. The highlight for many was sitting down by the fire with melted chocolate, bananas and marshmallows for dessert.

Exmoor was a different experience altogether. The terrain is much less user friendly than the New Forest but the reward of the amazing views much better. On Day 1, the weather was outstanding but sunburn was the biggest enemy which is something we haven't had to worry about in recent years. One group got waylaid by a landslide on Day 2 and ended up clambering up to the SW Coastal Path to continue on their way. On Day 3 a



CCF Parachute Jump

A group of cadets from the CCF went to Weston-on-the-Green to jump out of a perfectly serviceable aeroplane. The day involved 6 hours mandatory ground training before we were allowed to make the jump. Because we were doing a 'static line' jump, we needed to be prepared for the eventuality of the canopy failing to open or only partially opening. So we went through (many times) the drills of cutting away the main canopy and deploying the reserve. I can still hear ringing in my ears: 'Malfunction - Look - Locate - Cut - Away - Pull reserve - Arch'. We spent a lot of time jumping out of a mock up of the aeroplane practising our exit and our arch.

As the day drew on it became apparent that we were actually going to have to do this. We piled into the aeroplane to practise where we would sit and how we would move to the door. There was very little room once everybody was in. It was hot and stuffy and intimidating. It had been decided that I would be first out. We went through to the hangar and put on all the gear: parachute, altimeter and helmet. We were given a radio to fit into our helmet as well so we could hear instructions from the ground if necessary.

We piled onto a van and were driven round the airfield. As we lined up to board the aircraft, we were blasted by a hot jet of air coming from the deafening engines. We pushed through it and climbed in the side door. I was last on as I would be first off; great! The jump-master slid the door shut and then the plane was racing down the grass airstrip. It soared up into the air at a very steep angle so that, facing backwards, I was looking straight down at the grass out of the rear windows. Within two to three minutes the plane had levelled off, the engines had slowed and the jump-master was beckoning to me to come down onto the floor by the door. Once clipped into the right bits, they opened the door. At this point the plane was banking over steeply to the side of the door so we were looking straight down at the ground 3,500 feet below us! 'In the door!' was the next thing I heard. I shuffled over and positioned myself half in,



half out of the doorway with my legs pulled back by the slipstream of the air. After a few more seconds, the jump-master shouted 'Go!' and I gave a big shove off the side of the plane to push me out and away into thin air. I did my best to arch my body as we had been taught and to resist the urge to flail around with the strange sensation of free falling.



Seconds later, there was a loud noise above my head and I looked up to see a big, rectangular canopy with no problems. I shouted with delight as the rest would be plain sailing from here. I experimented with left turns, right turns, speeding up and slowing down. Then some more rapid turns, one way then the other. This bit was great, the sensation of flying through the air on this parachute with nothing between you and the ground 3,000 feet below was wonderful.

All too quickly the ground started getting bigger and bigger and it was time to prepare for landing. I grasped the toggles and held them high above my head, landing into wind. 100 feet, 50 feet, 30, 15...half brakes, 5 full brakes. I landed on the ground at a run and after a few steps came to a stop. I gathered in the now collapsed canopy and looked up to see the others. Gradually they all came down... all except one. One canopy seemed to be disappearing into nearby Warwickshire. I saw it disappear behind the hangars and then we just had to hope for the best! A little while later, the missing skydiver appeared in the hangar, covered in grass and twigs, with an interesting story to tell. Several of the cadets said that it was the best thing they had ever done; scary but brilliant.

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different group realised they had planned to walk for 9 hours so a few quick changes remedied that situation!

The Silver group were particularly enthusiastic and completed a very successful year.



Summer



Drama Report

Academic Drama

The 4th Form Drama students presented their devised pieces - 4P's stimulus was 'light and dark' whilst 4Q were given 'the room'. The outcome was an impressive array of performances ranging from the intense 'Omega Project' to the emotional and angst-ridden play, 'It's all in my Head!' 'The Road Not Taken' needs a special mention here as the cast of actors effectively used a broad range of theatrical techniques including the use of chorus and flash-forward to convey their inventive story to the audience.

This term the 5th Form were taken to see 'Blood Brothers' at the Phoenix Theatre in London in preparation for their written exam. All the students enjoyed the show and benefited greatly from seeing the production.

Third form prizes were awarded to students whose recent performances in lessons had been exceptional or unexpected. The Exceptional Performance prizes went to Will Gee, Nina Wheeler and Richard Bevins. The Unexpected Performance prize went to Liam Price and Katie Hopkins.

School Productions, Events & Clubs

The summer term kicked off with a voice workshop for the L6th Drama and Theatre Studies' students conducted by the two Student Heads of Drama, Emma Denly and Tom Bell. It was impressive to witness the mature delivery of the workshop that aptly catered for the needs of the students who participated. From breathing to projection exercises, the Lower 6th were encouraged to discover their inner voice and become more aware of their acting apparatus.

On 16th June, the Junior technical club (Charlie Gordon, Christie Gorman, Owen Jones,

Teige Maddison, Harry Page, Will Rodgers, Dan Shepherd and Tom Walker) presented 'Space' to a full house of 1st and 2nd Form students. The ten minute lunchtime performance featured slow motion animation, an immersive set, classic sci-fi sound effects and superb graphics designed and created by Harry Page. The fourth wall between the actors and the audience was broken as the audience became 'passengers' on the journey to space. After the theatrical experiential experience, the technicians received a large round of applause from the entire audience and many positive comments were received about how inventive the piece was.

On the 17th June the Juniors arrived in the MAD hall with an abundance of energy and enthusiasm for the annual Junior Drama Day. This is an opportunity for the 1st and 2nd Form to showcase the skills and techniques they have accumulated over the year in their drama lessons. It is also an opportunity for them to share their passion for the subject with their peers and supporting staff. What never ceases to amaze me is the high level of commitment and support that is clearly evident in the behaviour of the Junior student body throughout the day. The plays were inspired by a variety of stimuli provided to each class by their teachers; ranging from the themes of conflict and misunderstanding to an inspiring piece of music.

The following certificates were awarded to students who achieved highly in their performance. The Most Confident Performance was awarded to Hattie Slep and Dan Shepherd. Stage Presence to Ife Olagabju. Andrew Foye was awarded for his effective use of facial expressions. Peter Bailey for his effective use of a Scottish accent. Jemima Molyneux was awarded for her clever use of vocal skills. Effective

use of Stage Craft was awarded to Aby Delaney, Callum Foster, Chris Watkins, Emily Hourahane and Matt Pirotta. Hattie Slep and Georgina Maddock for their use of teamwork on stage. Support to Group went to Chris Lee, Helen Frawley and Michael Radmann. Lily Brown was awarded for her audience awareness.

The term ended with the 3rd form production "Ruckus in the Garden" by David Farr, directed by Dave



Machin. For many of the cast, this was their first major performance on the LWC stage and their confidence visibly grew during the last frantic week of rehearsals. When two rival schools arrive for a day out at Homesleigh, a stately home, the intervention of the gods causes events to take unexpected twists, transforming a violent ruckus into a ceremony of peace, love and harmony. The cast brought out the verbal humour and also revelled in the chance to create physical and character humour - they were delighted by the response the play received. Clever casting and effective use of stage craft resulted in an engaging performance enjoyed by all. A special mention should go to Sue Stevens and her dedicated team of 3rd form students who researched and realised the set to help to bring Homesleigh gardens to life.

The Sanders Award for the Best Performance of the year went to Georgie Maughan for her larger than life performance of Judith Bliss in Noel Coward's 'Hayfever'. The Sanders Award for an Up and Coming Actor went to Ross Power for his performance as The Trader in 'The American Pilot' by David Grieg.

New students were appointed to positions of responsibility for 2009-2010. The Student Head of Drama is Verity Phillips. The role of Assistant Head of Drama is to be shared by Emily Barham and Rory Maclean. Christie Gorman will be Head of Junior Drama.

I take this opportunity to say a big thank you to Debbie Croft who has been an excellent acting Head of Drama. She has worked incredibly hard this year to continue to provide opportunities to enable pupils to explore drama and share their skills and passion for the subject with others. It was great to see that the commitment of the pupils and drama staff alike hadn't wavered during my absence and I am pleased to announce that Debbie will continue to teach in the department from September 09 due to the growing popularity of the subject.

Vic Allan





Upper Sixth Spanish Trip to Bilbao

Six of us and Mr Pering jetted off to Spain in the early hours of a crisp Saturday morning. We were met at the hotel by our official Spanish tour guide, Marta Enriquez, who has been helping us with our Spanish for the last two years at school. We were staying in the heart of the old part of the city. Our quiet street was one of the many avenues that weaved around the area opening out onto little market squares that were usually bustling with people- the perfect place to stay for our trip.

One of the highlights of the trip (closely following the adoption of Jamie's newly purchased pet fish Pablo) was the Athletic Bilbao football match. As the away team scored the crowd did not look up from their sunflower seeds apart from the tiny group of supporters in the corner but when Athletic Bilbao did the cheers were wild and enthusiastic.

The renowned Guggenheim museum is famed for its truly individual displays and exhibitions. We were accosted by a group of people giving

free hugs by the entrance! We were not disappointed by the array of different artwork inside, especially the giant sculptures we could walk through, but the most spectacular piece was the giant spider just outside the museum by the river Nervion.

We also visited some beautiful churches, scaled a bridge across the river that was pretty scary for some. Took a trip to the market square and travelled up the steep hill train to experience the views across the city.

As you would expect from a group of sixth formers we spent the a lot of our time eating. A good helping of pinchos were consumed daily. These are Spanish bread topped with Iberian ham, cheese or tortilla. Our meals varied from freshly caught fish cooked on the grill by the sea to the three course set meals of traditional Spanish food. Occasionally with a few chupitos thrown in at the end...Overall, a fantastic trip.

Sarah Augustine



Beat

I am currently a Young Ambassador for BEAT, National Eating Disorders Association. This role means that I work with the media to raise awareness of eating disorders, dispel the myths, and by doing this try and give hope to other carers and sufferers, that eating disorders can and will be beaten.

In February I was invited to speak at the House of Commons for the launch of the Eating Disorders Awareness Week 2009, to an invited audience of MPs, the press, and people from the fashion industry about my experience and also how the health system could be improved in England. It was a fantastic event, yet fairly daunting at the same time!

In the same week I was interviewed by Evan Davies for the Radio 4 Today program, following the publication of statistics showing a dramatic increase in the number of young people being hospitalised. I later found out that the interview was heard by over 6 million people!

Recently, I worked with a Production Company who were commissioned to make a documentary aimed at schools on battling anorexia. In the summer term they came to LWC to film, and the documentary was shown on Teachers TV throughout the summer and is currently on the Teachers TV website. It highlights the seriousness and potential life threatening nature of eating disorders without any sensationalism.

It also includes different ways that schools deal with eating disorders which is emphasised in the program by Mr. Power, where he discusses the careful balance between awareness, confidentiality and education without scare-mongering and this honesty is a real credit to the school and the ethos that is created at LWC.

Constance Barter





Oh to be in England!

With my year as the American Intern at LWC coming to close, people have been asking me what I will miss most about my time here. Each time I am asked this question, I think of something different, and I realize with greater clarity what an amazing year I have had here. I came to England after graduating from university at the College of William & Mary in Virginia, eager to explore English culture and history and teach the children at LWC something about my identity as an American. My goals were fulfilled beyond my belief as I found myself eating Sunday roast, listening to ceaseless conversations about rugby, and visiting more British war cemeteries than I have been to American ones! I have learned some crazy English terms ("taking the mickey"?! "Shattered?!"), drunk a lot of tea, and even played croquet on the lawn with a pitcher of Pimms! There is no doubt that I have loved every moment of Englishness while I have been here and that I now have a deep insight into English society.

Likewise, I have thrived on being the de facto American ambassador to LWC. From explaining the American Presidential election to just about everyone, to teaching Juniors about the American Civil War, I have been honored to represent my nation and explain why it is so special to be an American.

Furthermore, I am so grateful for the opportunities that I have been given here.

I have been able to travel all over Europe and the world and have gone to a total of 14 countries this year! I have studied world history from the British perspective, quite often while standing at the actual sites where that history was made! The teachers, staff and students at LWC have all been my teachers this year, and I have broadened my horizons both as a historian and a person. I have gotten to teach some awesome students and have found a second family within the walls of Junior House. I know that these experiences will be invaluable to me as I return to the US to pursue a PhD in American history at the University of Maryland.

So, what will I miss? I will miss the chocolate and crumpets, the neatly trimmed lawns and the sunsets over the blossoming fields. I will miss being able to walk to a village with more 17th century buildings than exist in the whole of the US. I will miss the constant tea breaks and teasing, and the discourse on Spitfires, Stalin and the Second World War. But most importantly, I will miss the people, and the remarkable community that makes this school so special. Thank you all so much for everything you have given me by welcoming me so warmly into your community and your lives. I am ever so grateful, and will miss you all very much. Please keep in touch: finktank86@gmail.com

Allison Finkelstein



RS Trip to Rome

We started our walking tour of Rome at the Vatican. After an awe-inspiring ceremony where the Pope spoke in many different languages, we took a short break at the cosy nunnery where we were staying. Then we walked to St. Peter's, but Izzy wasn't allowed in because her dress was too short. After some deliberation and drama the guards reconsidered, and Izzy was able to join us in viewing the pickled corpse of St. Jerome.

By now we were all tired and hungry and Freddie's feet were sore and blistered from wearing flip-flops all day, so we decided it was time to get something to eat. At the bus stop on the way back to the convent, Freddie and Matt decided to do some begging, and were almost successful until Mrs Power dragged away someone who was about to give them some money. Mr Leyshon then decided to do some busking, singing classics such as "bread of heaven" and "shine Jesus shine" on the bus. He was equally shockingly unsuccessful. It was an extremely long day and we were all glad to get back to the convent.

The following day we headed towards the Pantheon. Thirty minutes walk and many complaints later, we arrived at the spectacular church with a hole in the roof, which had been built nearly 2000 years ago as a Roman temple. You can't go to Rome and not experience an Ice Cream parlour, so we went to the world famous 'Giolitti'. The spectacular Trevi fountain was nearby, and to our surprise and Beth's delight we were there before we died of walking.

We decided to walk even further, passing famous buildings such as the Mercati and the Emmanuel on the way to the Coliseum. After a lengthy wait outside and many English/Italian words exchanged later we eventually got into the Coliseum itself and were impressed by the spectacular views and gained an insight into how modern the Romans actually were.

We ended our visit at the Anglican Centre – an enlightening experience, with the Archbishop of Canterbury's Representative to the Holy See and Director of the Centre, the Very Rev'd David Richardson, giving us an insight into life in Rome and relations with the Roman Catholic Church. After stopping off for pizza we returned to the airport and we made it back for lessons the next day.

*Matthew Champness, Freddie Stacy
Izzy Butcher*



Cycle Tour

For the summer cycle tour this year, a group of 7 pupils and Mr Kimber embarked on a Coast-to-Coast journey from Blackpool to Scarborough; accompanied by the ever-reliable logistics man - Mr Machin.

After a very early start we drove up to Blackpool to begin the challenge. We were inevitably greeted in sunny Blackpool by the rain. Mr Kimber then informed us that we still had about 60 miles until we reached the first Youth Hotel. Slightly reluctantly we set off in the rain and Jonny soon reminded us that tram lines in the wet do not have much grip!

And so, in true Mr Kimber fashion, instead of heading east towards Scarborough, we headed north towards the Lake District and surely some of the toughest terrain in England. After suffering from some serious stomach cramps, Jason unfortunately had to return home via a night in Lancaster Hospital. However, the rest of us continued north towards the Lakes and it was here that the best crash award was claimed by Ollie - after flipping his bike on a descent he then announced that he had even caught the crash on film using a camera mounted to his handlebars! Following Mr Kimber's annoying claim that erosion didn't seem to be making the mountains any smaller, we found ourselves at the foot of the notorious Hardknott Pass. With gradients of 1:3 in multiple places and 7 chevrons against us on the map, this is arguably the steepest road in England. After half an hour of extreme exertion through the soaking drizzle we finally reached the top; Tommy taking the honours of first to the summit. After the hazardous descent we then we faced the Wrynose Pass, a similar if slightly shorter climb, to round off the second day.

The final day in the Lake District included the Kirkstone Pass, our route appropriately being named 'The Struggle' (enough said!) with myself first to reach the inn on the top. Eventually, after two and a half days, we turned east towards the Pennines. After being accompanied by a vast number of motorbikes on the A686 Hartside Pass, we came into Alston, the highest market town in England. We all turned right over the cobbles up through the town. Or so we thought. It was a little while after when we noticed that Nick had not come with us. He in fact had continued straight on, adding another 6 or 7 miles to his tour mileage before Mr Machin found him.

A few miles into the fourth day, Mr Kimber notified us of a half mile climb and then another 17 miles to Brough, to be undertaken at our own pace. Tommy, Nick and I sped off ahead, only to realise that half a mile was in fact 10 miles of gradual climbing with a 'punch' at the beginning. Also Mr Kimber was hot on our heels. It was not until the summit of the eternal climb that he finally bridged the gap and caught Nick but Tommy and I were already off into the distance. Sorry Sir, but you had no chance of catching us! After leaving Brough we steadily climbed up to Tan Hill Inn (yes, with the Everest windows!) and dropped down into Reeth. Jack put on a sudden burst to pass the surprised Mr Kimber and comfortably beat him to lunch.

After an eventful evening at the cinema and more cycling over the North York Moors, including the picturesque route through Dalby Forest, we eventually reached Scarborough, 364 miles later.

Thanks must go to the hostels for putting us up for each night; providing multiple games of Jenga (Nick was the champion) and providing Jonny with various mountain biking magazines! Also, a huge thank you of course goes to Mr Machin, for his constant support of the group and his constant supply of much needed and delicious food! Thirdly, thanks go to everyone who sponsored us for the trip and helped us raise £800 for the charity CRY.

Pupils: Nick Cullen, Tommy Garland, Max Thomas, Jack Newman, Jason Gordon, Jonny Dow, Ollie Gower

Max Thomas



Holocaust Survivors Talk

On the 26th of June, two Holocaust survivors Mrs Freda Wineman and Mrs Susan Pollack, came to tell us of their experiences during the Holocaust. I attended the talk by Mrs Wineman.

As Dom Vaughan said "It's good that they teach us this stuff. But I'd still rather not learn about it." The actual topic about the Holocaust made quite a few of us uneasy. I for one enjoy history but the Holocaust is a very touchy subject, which generally brings up scenes that make your stomach turn.

So it was with great reluctance that we filtered into the Gavin Hall. As we sat down the mood became very quiet. You could probably hear a pin drop. From the look of the people next to me it was obvious that we were preparing ourselves for the horrors that would obviously come from the talk.

Mrs Wineman began by telling us why she is willing to remember her past fears so that we, the next generation, do not make the same mistake as the past generations.

She lived in Northern France with her family. They were on the border with Germany and had to move when war broke out. They moved to Southern France where the family was eventually arrested for being Jewish.

They were taken from Lyons by train to Auschwitz where they were separated. Later the survivors were transferred to Bergen Belsen, infamous for the atrocities committed there. Near the end of the war she was transferred to Theresienstadt. The ironic thing was that Bergen Belsen was liberated a few weeks later by the Americans.

The camp was finally liberated by the Russians during the last few weeks of the war. Mrs Wineman weighed 35 kilos. The prisoners were treated harshly but normally fairly, while the Germans were treated...well, like animals. After a few weeks she was reunited with her elder brother in France. They were slowly recuperated back into the world but the nightmares remained.

Will Reynolds

Below: Mrs Susan Pollack, Mrs Freda Wineman and history teacher, Allison Finkelstein





Maths

The UK Maths Trust competition is a great way to start the maths season at LWC. "Best in School" award was won by Owen Jones at Junior level, Max Thomas at Intermediate level, and Michael Ma at Senior level. The Senior team challenge took place at Southampton University in November, and our sixth form team finished 10th out of 29 schools from the south east region. In May, LWC hosted 57 other schools in two very successful team-challenge events.

The highlight of the year was "Number Day", for which the theme of the year was "Codes and Ciphers" (inspired by our lecture from Simon Singh last year). Students all over the school spent the day solving different codes and puzzles to win points and prizes. Mr Widdowson and Mr. Curran were ably assisted in their performances on stage in assembly by our maths department prefects, this year taking various roles, from Lysander to Mary Queen of Scots. At lunchtime, the "Countdown Challenge" drew out student's competitive spirit, as this annual event is now part of the house "superleague", where all points count.

In a lecture to the Wandsworth Society Chris Budd from Bath University gave an interesting insight into "Maths and Magic". Mr. Kimber also took some of our sixth formers and fifth formers to a lecture in Portsmouth on the science and maths behind "Things that spin". This lecture kept the audience enthralled, starting with bouncy balls and ice-cubes in coca-cola, visiting ice-skaters doing pirouettes and finishing with navigating the space shuttle outside Earth's orbit!

And this year for the first time Additional Maths GCSE was taken by a top set at the school, with excellent results of mostly A*s and an A. Congratulations to Max Thomas, Emlyn Price, Rhys Martin, Josh Pashley and Robert Lawrence, who all performed superbly.

Becky Lovelock

Inter-House General Knowledge

After a year's break, the Inter-House General Knowledge Quiz competition returned and offered a more intellectual and cerebral contribution to the year's Challenge. So quizzing is still not a "girly" thing?! Haygate made the best effort out of the three girls' Houses but once again it was School and Sutton who progressed to the final. Summerfield, whose team included college quiz-player Sam O'Connor, gave School a real fright in the semi-final. I suppose it was never going to be a surprise that School House would become runaway winners with three of this year's college team in their line-up; however, their all-round knowledge was admirable and they were worthily victorious despite the

heroic defence of Sutton's captain, Guy Kelly. My thanks as always to all those who were brave enough to participate in public, to the Houseparents for their support, to other colleagues who came to spectate, to Mrs Radmann for the use of her room and to Mr Murray for his increasingly 'cool' and adept audio and visual rounds.

C C Hicks

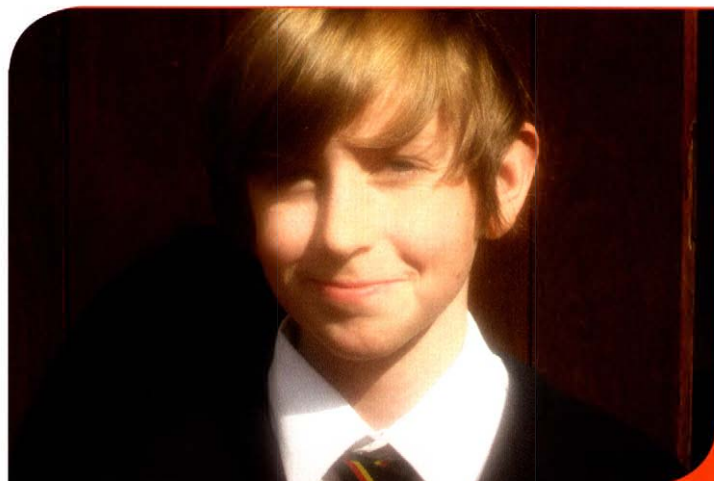
Winning Team: School House
 – Marcus Field, Andrew Frawley, Simon Fern, Dan Voller
 [Jack Farr also played]

Bangs, Explosions and Smells

A-level students have been making nylon, oil of wintergreen, aspirin, sweet smelling esters and aldehydes as well as a few foul smelling amides. These same students also are the chief demonstrators on Open Day; show prospective parents and students a volcano simulation; cannon fire using chemicals; catalysts at work in the 'elephant toothpaste' experiment; turning red wine into water, lemonade and milk and the

highlight for many was the firing of methane bottles across the quadrangle behind School House.

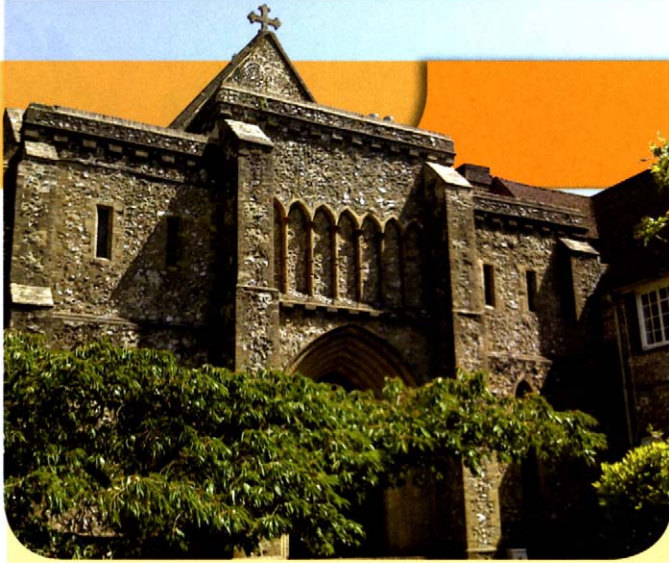
The A2 students enjoyed their final lesson of the year by throwing a 'fireball' around the lab. In a darkened room this is spectacular and quite frightening but great fun and Mr Ibbotson nearly set his trousers alight during the process!



Harry Page

Is this the new Stephen Spielberg educated at LWC? Harry Page has shown fantastic skills in ICT combining his art skills with a course on Stop motion animation. This was shown to parents at open day and everyone was amazed and inspired by Harry's talent. Stop Motion Animation was used to create Wallace and Gromit. Keep an eye on Harry. We expect many more wonders from him in the ICT Department.

Ed Coetzer



Alton Abbey

and others thoroughly enjoyed visiting Alton Abbey, especially on a fairly sunny day. We enjoyed learning about the monks' faith and their daily routine, such as how they pray six times a day! And how strongly they feel about their religion and how serious they take it. They also said that many tried and fail to become a monk and few succeed in becoming a monk.

There are only 6 Benedictine monks living in the monastery, but they feel that during such hard financial times that may lead to more dedicating their lives to the Lord. Also some of them have been living there for 20-30 years! This shows they are completely dedicated to their God and all of them wear the habit. (This keeps them warm in winter and cool in summer.)

The grounds of Aton Abbey are very picturesque especially the Bluebell forest were the cemetery is that is also where all of the monks are buried. There is much care and time taken to ensure that stays so beautiful and they even have a gardener to help look after the gardens.

The church is also very beautiful and has no stained glass windows because Saint Benedict was very minimalistic and felt you didn't need such luxuries to express his religion.

All of the monks are very hospitable and have many groups a year to visit them and they made you feel greatly welcome in their home, especially The Revd. Dom Nicholas who likes to collect jokes about old people and drink lots of tea.

They run a guest house were The Revd. Dom Nicholas is the domt master. Where you can stay for a weekend retreat. They also run a bakery were they bake the special bread for communion.



D of E Gold

Gold training moved on as ever on a Wednesday evening with such scintillating topics as mountain weather and why you take a trowel when wild camping. The preliminary expedition in the Brecon Beacons went smoothly and good weather was enjoyed throughout. The 6.00am start from the college was enjoyed by all!



The navigation training day in the New Forest also sharpened up micro-navigation and again, all gold participants worked well, provided we got back in time for the Sunday evening carvery!

The assessed expeditions saw us start in the Dartmoor Expedition Centre where the groups met their assessors for the first time. One assessor appeared to be quite a stern individual who did not take kindly to Alex and Ollie's witty repartee and comments (not a great start!). Ruffled feathers were soon smoothed, however, and, as ever, the assessors were fair and kind in their dealings with the groups. The weather on Dartmoor was hot and sunny so the major problems tended to be getting sufficient water and seeing the interesting patterns of sunburn and insect bites appear on arms and legs. Each group encountered at least one quite tough day but all survived to gain good passes for all their efforts.

The Gold expedition to Dartmoor was a sad affair in the end as it marked the final expedition for a legendary member of the D of E staff, Peter Finan. He has been an inspirational and entertaining leader and his 'Finanisms' will be sorely missed. Thank you Pete.

Matt Curran





Harriet Sleep

Junior House Art Exhibition

Artwork from 1st and 2nd form was put up around Junior House for a special exhibition including paintings and chalk drawings and 3D construction of fantasy animals. While the guests enjoyed the impressive show, they were served with drinks and canapés by the Juniors themselves. It was great to see some of the up and coming talent from the younger years of the school. As Will Morris put it, it was "Truly inspirational".

Joshua Barlow, Joyce Yip.



Zac Davies



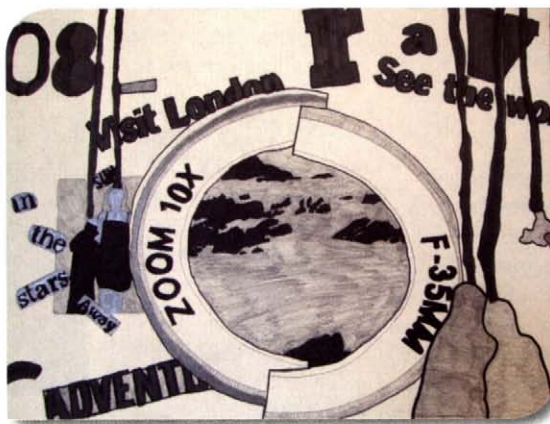
Molly Jermy



Jenny Beckett



Tom Brine and Grace Bailey



Ben Hooley



Oli Maxwell



Second Year Group Project



Fashion Is Forever - (Spy/James Bond Pastiche)

"Barter. Constance Barter - you need to get up" came the familiar but fearsome voice from outside the door. It was M - M for mother. Her punctuality and persistence hadn't weakened in 15 years, so after the third attempt the door was harshly opened, followed by her secret weapon...the light switch.

Barter squeezed her eyes shut - determined not to give into this interrogation.

"Go away...do you really expect me to get up?"

"No." The rapid response came. "I expect you to dress."

"I have your new mission - it's a big one."

M informed Barter that she had to get to LWC (which stood for London Weaponry College - the clandestine head quarters of MI5.) "There, you will need to register with the Matron, who will tell you the next part of your operation."

Barter instantly knew that this would be a complex assignment. By now it was 7.01 and she still needed to eat breakfast.

She rushed downstairs, after taking a brief glance in the hall mirror, where she was met by M who was already poised at the breakfast table sipping a hot cup of strongly brewed Earl Grey tea in her "I'd rather be a millionaire" mug. For 6 months now Barter had been attempting to persuade M that a Vodka Martini with a thin slice of lemon peel was an appropriate breakfast drink - after all it was her favourite - but M was having none of it. Barter was always a keen gambler, but right now, the odds-on for an argument with M were not in her favour.

So Barter took the 750g box of Cornflakes out of the dim-lit larder and checked for any

foreign bugs as she poured them into her bowl. Fortunately, or possibly not, only a free football disc fell out. Who the hell needs one of those she thought to herself?

"We need to go now!" M snapped from downstairs, but Barter had only just started straightening her hair. Recognising the relentless tone of M's voice she realised that just possibly, on this occasion her work came before appearance, so she unplugged them, took a final look in the hall mirror, thought about how she couldn't believe she was going out with only one half straightened and hastily skipped downstairs.

Barter leapt into the car, as M whipped it into third gear, and then promptly stalled it at the drive gates. M forgot that the Volvo Estate just didn't respond in the same way as the DB5 that Barter kept going on about, and their lateness had put her in a complete fluster. She tried various knobs and buttons. No stinger missiles. No emergency rear parachutes. No ejector seats - just 2-ten fm blurring out of the radio.

They promptly arrived at Alton station. This morning M had to go and see the Doctor.

"No!" cried Barter before M could pull off.

"Not without a kiss goodbye."

M kissed Barter, as she dashed out of the car and onto the 4 carriage train. At least M knew that Barter, really was the spy who loved her.

The sweat and smoke inside the carriage seemed to fill every pore of her dress and crease of her magazine. The train rattled along its familiar route to London as Barter tried to block out the claustrophobia. The goodbye kiss from M comforted Barter, she felt like she was going through rush-

hour with love now.

She coolly appraised her reflection in the window, and then returned to her fashion magazine to assimilate the latest data. It was a lethal combination - a teenage girl and a fashion magazine! M had taught her well. If you do only live twice, you might as well buy as many clothes as possible in the first life - they'll be vintage by the second!

At Waterloo, Barter checked the platform up and down, left the train swiftly and went straight to the waiting car organised by MI5. The driver weaved through the London traffic and after checking they weren't being tailed, drew up to the gates of LWC. Here it was always a risk whether the red and white barrier by the entrance gates would actually go up - and you had to get so close to it that you were practically in the barrier before it would make any attempt of moving.

Barter entered the building where she was met by Matron.

"I've been expecting you. Boss wants to see you. He needs your latest homework."

Barter opened her attaché case but to her horror it wasn't there. In fact nothing was there. Only some ham sandwiches, four colouring pencils and the free football disc from breakfast this morning. Immediately she knew that there must have been a swap on the train, but no, it can't have been. It was certainly crowded but she had her case on her lap the whole time. It must have been in the car. M had done it. M had betrayed her...

*Constance Barter
5th Form*

Ypres and the Somme

On the 23rd of May 2009 47 of the third form travelled to Belgium to see the Battlefields of Ypres and the Somme. Throughout the trip we were guided around by our two guides, Sean and Peter, both of whom were very knowledgeable in this field. At each stop they would explain what we were seeing and in some cases things we weren't. We spent a day travelling around the Battlefields of the Somme, where on the 1st of July 1916 a huge offensive was launched in order to direct German attention away from the French city of Verdun. Thousands of soldiers died, as we discovered during our battlefield walk, seeing cemetery after cemetery throughout the fields. We then came to my favorite part of the tour, the Ulster Tour. The Ulster Tower is an exact copy of "Helen's Tower" in Northern Ireland, and it was built as a memorial to the 36th Ulster Division which fought the Germans in the Thiepval Woods. We were shown around the wood by the lucky man who gets to live in the tower, Teddy. He guided us around the wood, where six trenches had been reconstructed so that they were in almost the same condition as on the 1st of July 1916.

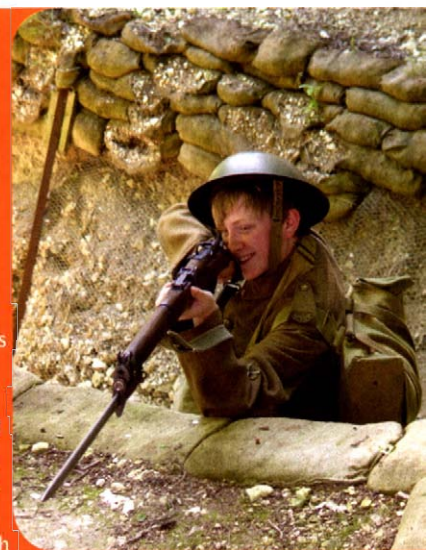
Some of the most shocking places were the Thiepval Memorial and the Menin Gate, which list the names of the thousands of men who went

missing during the battle of Ypres and the Battle of the Somme. The Menin Gate is a commemorative archway in the middle of Ypres.

Around the corner from our hostel was the Cloth Hall in which the "In Flanders Fields" Museum was built. It was a fantastic museum, where each visitor was given a character card of someone involved in the Great War, at three different points in the museum there was an opportunity to discover how the war affected your character through different points during the war.

In conclusion this was a fantastic trip, which gave us an opportunity to learn information we didn't know and to spend a fun weekend with friends.

Charlotte Gunn





LWC CCF "in good shape, good heart and good hands"

Air Vice Marshall Pulford CBE

The CCF reached a turning point a couple of years ago and subsequent progress and direction have really become clear with ever increasing standards and expectations across the unit.

These exciting developments are undoubtedly tied in with the appointment to the CCF of a Schools' Sergeant Instructor (SSI) Ron Campbell joined the CCF in the Spring of 2007 and was a real accelerator of change for the better; an electronics "whizz-kid", he was equally at home jumping from Adam to Eve on the summit of Tryfan in Snowdonia, hands in pockets! He also took charge of the NCO Cadre and their projects... the air rifle range, the mountain bike skills course and later the paint ball alley. He was succeeded by Nick Slater in the Summer term, who is already building on these solid foundations.

The Christmas camp went, as ever, to Capel Curig in Snowdonia. The gully climbing was a new venture but will now take its place alongside mountain biking and forays along narrowing ridges and wilder mountain peaks; indoor climbing on Anglesey was a definite bonus on a particularly inclement day! And while the main party didn't make the summit of Snowdon, other staff did in treacherous conditions...but without cadets! I was relieved to see them return safely with a story to tell...as much as I was glad to see the safe return of the cadets after the night navigation exercise around Llyn Elsi.

The Basic Wing Adventurous Training was based at Halton Camp, in Lancaster, giving us access to the Northern Peaks and southern lakes. Here, all cadets had the opportunity to go canoeing, caving, mountain biking, orienteering and into the higher mountains; however, I seem to remember most of the cadets being bowled over as much by all the female cadets there from other schools, some I understand, still in contact!

Several LWC cadets attended the Army Cadet Leadership Course at Frimley Park as well as the equivalent Royal Air Force course at Cranwell, developing and sharpening up their leadership skills. These are outstanding courses and open many doors to more advanced opportunities for anyone with ambition, determination...and at the end of the day, a sense of humour and of balance and proportion. Well done Ben Freeman, George Harker-Smith, Tom Holloway, Tom James and Paul Potter on your success in your leadership courses. As I write, Sara Mohammed is also completing her gliding scholarship, an immense achievement.

Congratulations also to Tom Quaye for being selected from more than a thousand cadets to go on an expedition to the Kingdom of Lesotho next year as part of the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Cadet Movement. Lastly, many congratulations also to George W Potter on the award of the Air Officer Commanding's Certificate for valuable service to the Air Cadet Movement. We have never had one of these before and none could be more thoroughly deserved. Well done George!

One of the last events of the CCF year was the Biennial Inspection, carried out this year by Air Vice Marshall A Pulford. The cadets on the day were excellent; although I hope he remained unaware

of the potential impact on an unsuspecting Headmaster of the flight of the barn owl. His report generously comments upon "a first class inspection of a high calibre CCF" and he acknowledges it is in "good shape, good heart and good hands".

Our far-sighted and committed staff works tirelessly in the interests of cadets; as ever, they have my admiration and heartfelt "thanks"; other units are ever envious of the wide skills and qualifications held by the CCF staff to which we now add the names of Claire Liggins, Peter Summers and David Proctor. You are all most welcome.

Ian Kerr, Contingent Commander



September 2009

Waterloo Haiku

The Third Form wrote haiku poems on Waterloo Station during their trip to London with the English Department.

Waterloo Station
The dirty glass roof,
Covers our heads, but the winds
Still rush through it.
Charlotte Gunn

Swarming
Swarming of people,
Drugs rattle in a glass jar,
Pandemic comes near.
Snapshot
Snapshot of their lives
Caught in silent innocence
A child sucks and stares
Beth Harris

Haiku
People walking, they
All need to go somewhere, and
They carry stories.
Grace Beadle

Waterloo Station
Minds from everywhere,
Wherever their heart takes them
Their footsteps follow.
Ricky Bevins



Girls' Hockey Tour to Barbados

August 2009

Summer in the West Indies is always hot but this August the weather was even too steamy for the locals as Hurricane Bill pushed sultry air down to the southern Caribbean. We could feel this as we stepped off the plane and we could certainly feel it when attempting a practice session on the day before our first match!

With exam results presenting a nerve-racking precursor to the training session on rather uneven grass, we were pleased to switch to Astroturf at the Sir Garfield Sobers Sports Complex where we had to play in the sweltering

heat against "Bajans Fuh Real" – they turned out to be the strongest team on the island. Aly Rigby's heroics in goal kept the score down to 5 - 0. Aly was unquestionably 'Player of the Day' but Sarah Chatt took a number of heavy blows and was sporting a highly colourful set of bruises.

The following day we took to the road in 4 x 4 jeeps to explore the island. Dramatic rainstorms gave us a drenching and a good covering in mud! However, guides kept us entertained and we saw breath-taking sights, learnt about the history, folk-lore and culture

of Barbados and had a brilliant lunch at The Sunbury Plantation. In the afternoon we played against "Combined Youth"...who (apart from a female keeper this time) turned out to be exactly the same girls as we played on Friday! We conceded 5 again but 'skipper', Emma Ranger notched twice from penalty corners. Player of the Day: Chloe Bidos.

On day six, we arrived for a 4 pm start but, as is customary in the West Indies, the locals were not necessarily expecting us! A quick 'phone round produced an opposition. Guess



Summer



The Sower



who?! We were very accustomed to these faces now and relations were becoming a little strained as familiarity was breeding a degree of mutual contempt...! We lost 4 - 0. Player of the Day: Constance Barter. All angst disappeared in the evening as we were entertained by a fire-eater, a limbo dancer, stilt-walkers and an excellent local band. Mr and Mrs H won the Bajan dancing

competition thanks to the overwhelming support from the crowd (i.e. the LWC team!).

Our last game was against Barbados University . We had a very competitive (at times very competitive!) game where we could have scored more but finished losing 3-1. CCH helped by sending off the opposition's star performer; Player of the Day: Hetty Abbott.

"The Boatyard" offered us a perfect beach, a sea trampoline, beach volley-ball and a rope from which we could swing out from the pier and leap into the clear-blue Caribbean. Figures of Mr Et Mrs H as a mermaid and merman emerged from the sand, fashioned by our expert sculptresses. We spent free time on board a catamaran, snorkelling amongst the Caribbean fish and beautiful coral, jet-skiing and swimming out to see the turtles.

Later, the live band at the Ship Inn was joined on stage by 14 English female hockey players while Verity was spotted behind the bar doing the washing-up (!?) Dave, the 'Reggae Bus' driver, was deafened by the LWC girls in full voice on our return journey.

The girls learned a great deal about how



to cope with tough oppositions. Their other experiences will stay with them for a life-time. Sports tours can have their anxieties for those in charge. With no hesitation we can say that these

ladies were fantastic company and a credit to the College in all that they did. Thanks girls!
Clive and Mary Hicks





Superteams 2009

A rain-soaked day didn't take the edge of this hard-fought contest, which this year included egg-throwing, Nordic skiing, sit ups and golf, but no tug of war because of the impossible conditions. Gosden and Summerfield emerged victorious and very, very wet.





Cricket 2009

Cricket at LWC continues to flourish. At times we were able to put 12 teams into the field. This is an amazing achievement and credit must go to the players and coaches, along with our gratitude to the groundstaff and catering staff for sustaining the whole programme.

All the senior teams enjoyed successful seasons and both U15A and B teams showed what cricket talent the school has. Although the U14 teams

struggled in matches initially, the players and coaches worked incredibly hard and tangible progress was made. The enthusiasm displayed by the Junior House teams augurs well for the future.

Our groundstaff led by Alistair Cotton worked long and tiring hours to produce magnificent outfielders and pitches of a quality never seen at LWC. Chris Jones and his catering staff were as always supportive and keen to maintain their reputation of

'great afternoon tea' providers. Our thanks to all of these very important people.

Our coaches were enthusiastic throughout the season and their positive approach to the game rubbed off on the players. LWC cricketers have a reputation of being fighters and, although keen to win, they play the game with the right attitude.

Coach: Tony Eysele

1st XI

Played	13
Won	8
Drew	0
Lost	5

The 1st XI team enjoyed an incredibly successful run of results until midway through June! What was most unique was that there were no drawn matches throughout the season.

The above summarises an eventful season of high quality cricket, spoilt by average performances in the last few games. LWC entered the newly constituted 50/40 league which included formidable opposition and started these league matches at a high tempo and played quite outstanding cricket. Tom Grimes, the captain, invoked a feeling of winning self-belief and both experienced and younger players gelled into a winning team.

A comfortable win against RGS Guildford set the tone for at least the first 9 matches. Wins against Reed's, Dauntsey's and Tiffin were followed by a remarkable game against St. John's Leatherhead. After batting on a difficult pitch and scoring only 136, the team managed to reduce St. John's to 132 for 9, only to be denied victory in the final over. What was evident during this game was the fighting spirit shown by the senior players Jamie Dunkley, Richard Kiddle, Tim Dixon, Simon Taylor and Jamie Richards. They were not prepared to accept losses and this attitude developed throughout the team. Alex O'Meara reacted positively to this and in his first few games played some very good innings.

Christo Arundel and Andrew House had established themselves as a classy opening pair, whilst Tom Grimes, Jamie Richards and Richard Kiddle were showing that they too could bat.

A further final over loss came against St. George's Weybridge, after we had scored 235 and

another last ball loss against Hampton dented our self-belief somewhat. Hampton went on to win the 50/40 league but we knew that we were actually the better balanced team!

An easy win over Christ's Hospital was followed by the win of the season for LWC. Taking on Epsom for the first time was going to be daunting but, after posting 267, we felt reasonably confident. Simon Taylor produced his best performance of the season and destroyed the Epsom team by taking 6 for 46. A wonderful win.

A loss against the MCC (we declared too early) and another against an average PGS team did much to destroy all the good cricket that had been played earlier in the season. However, two excellent wins in the 20/20 festival, particularly against a strong Krugersdorp team, restored some confidence.

Andrew House, Tom Grimes and Jamie Richards were the backbone of the batting line-up although when Christo Arundel learns to bat for longer periods he will add to that. Andy scored 5 half-centuries in 6 league games and was named 'man-of-the-league' - a wonderful accolade. Sadly, Andy did not go on to convert the 50s into 100s!

Tom scored 4 consecutive half-centuries in his final 4 games for the school and deserved a century against the MCC. Jamie started well and scored quite freely early in the season but then lost some form. His 94 was the highest in the season. He made himself unavailable for the last few games of the season which meant the team had lost a top left arm spinner.

On the field, Jamie Dunkley and Tom Grimes led by example although they were often matched by John Hodgson. These three fielded brilliantly all season and a few of the catches taken by Jamie close to the wicket and by John in the outfield were breathtaking.

A few younger players represented the 1st XI at various times during the season: Jonny Dow is a marvellous off-spin bowler and competent batsman; Robbie Heywood will develop into a good all-rounder; Tim Salmon bowls straight and at times was the most consistent in terms of line and length; George Sandford injured himself just as he was beginning to find some form and George Emery

came in at the end of the season and showed that he will be a useful asset in 2010.

Our thanks and appreciation go once again to Mr Clive Hicks who spent another season umpiring and assisting in coaching the 1st XI. His pragmatic approach to the game contributes to the team's success and his infectious sense of humour keeps the players' spirits up.

Player profiles:

Christo Arundel: aggressive and hard-hitting batsman. Needs to develop more patience when in the middle. A more than useful seam bowler.

Andy House: aggressive opening batsman who is developing a better defensive technique. Must convert 50s into 100s. A competent wicket-keeper - can become even better with more specific practice.

Tom Grimes: respected captain. Led from the front. Agile fielder. Showed the best temperament when batting. Deserved at least one century.

Jamie Richards: competent all-rounder. Good understanding of the game.

John Hodgson: excellent fielder. Batting technique requires some attention but his determination cannot be faulted.

Alex O'Meara: useful fielder and batsman, although he will need to work on a few technical areas next season.

Richard Kiddle: 'braveheart'. Never gives up. Reliable seam bowler and middle order batsman.

Tim Dixon: Quick seam bowler. Unlucky at times. Probably too inconsistent in terms of length early in the season. Good team player.

Jamie Dunkley: outstanding close-in fielder. Too harsh on himself when it came to batting - more patience would have resulted in higher scores.

Simon Taylor: good all-rounder. Should have taken more wickets. If he had bowled as he did against Epsom, he would have! Always positive and good for team spirit.

Jonny Dow: very competent off-spin bowler and useful middle order batsman.

Tim Salmon: reliable seam bowler and good outfielder. Needs to work at improving his bowling pace.

Coach: Tony Eysele





2nd XI

Played	9
Won	6
Lost	3

The 2nd XI played very competitively throughout the season and in exactly in the right spirit. There were many successful performances with the bat. James Brewin played with authority and power throughout the season. He was always up for the challenge and would relish the battle with any bowler particularly the faster they were. Jordan Gomez kept telling me and the whole team how accomplished he was as a batsman and he was promoted as an opener. Suffice to say we are all still waiting for that high score he is capable of!! George Dyer in his only game for the team against Epsom College won the game for us with a free flowing innings.

As a bowling attack the team were as unpredictable as the weather. Freddie Stacy on a good day was accurate and difficult to play against as was Ed O'Connell. Alex Richards started the season as a medium quick bowler moved into spin and then reverted back to pace. Freddie Wilson's leg spin on occasions was effective however when pitched too short became rich pickings for the batsmen.

As a fielding team there was much encouragement. George Emery's 'c'mon Fellas' was repeated throughout the game and Alex Richards made sure the team was focused on every ball. Who can forget Brewin taking a half volley in the groin at short silly mid off. We were all baffled how he got up and stayed on the pitch.

Against St George's Weybridge the XI played superbly in the field. Against a strong team they were all bowled out for 110. There was intensity in the field and every ball was on a length which brought success. Catches were caught and spirits were high.

The final game of the season was also a fine team performance. A tight game resulted in Epsom College 9 runs short. When the game came to the wire the team rose to the challenge and produced an excellent result.

Coach: Edward Walker

Squad: E. O'Connell, F.Stacy, G.Sandford, A. Richards, G.Plummer (Capt), G.Emery (Wk), J.Brewin, F.Wilson, H.Jennings, T.Salmon, G.Dyer, J.Jeram, J.Gomez, W.Hughes, G.Breddy

3rd XI

Played	9
Won	6
Drawn	1
Lost	2

The 2009 season started with the potential of being the best ever for the 3rd XI at LWC. Nick Ovens was appointed captain of a talented and committed group of players. The first game saw LWC bowling Reeds out for 144 with George Dyer taking 3 for 15. The LWC reply was rapid and convincing with Henry Jennings scoring 110 not out. This was a fine innings and LWC reached the total required in just under 16 overs!!

The second game was an excellent match between LWC and Pangbourne with LWC batting first and scoring 169-3, Ollie Mason top scoring with 56 not out.

Pangbourne in reply reached 166 all out with the victory margin only 3 runs.

In the next match, LWC scored 181 all out with Joel Scully top scoring on 39. Dauntsey's attacked the target but ran out of overs, and were running out of wickets, on 168-5; the match was drawn.

A trip to South East London saw us take on Tiffin as opposition and that game was quickly over with Tiffin dismissed for 65 and LWC reaching the target with the loss of 3 wickets.

Probably one of the best results of the season was at St John's Leatherhead where a competent St John's team were dismissed for 121 with good bowling and tight, focussed fielding. Wickets were spread out between the bowlers as they were throughout the season with no one bowler dominating.

James Price had his first good knock of the season and he and Alex Harding put on a half century opening stand and Ben Read also batted really well for his 44 not out.

Mid May and still no defeat and the 14th saw the visit of an unbeaten St George's team. St George's batted first and, inexplicably, were all out in 13 overs for 56 with Joel Scully, Ross Holmes and George Dyer all taking 3 wickets. LWC achieved the target in under 10 overs!! They say that cricket is a funny game and they are right!!

The visit of Hampton on a wet, cold day saw almost the total reverse of the week before and our first defeat. LWC all out for 66 and the opposition on 67-1...the least said the better but we all got home early!

The next fixture was a new one for LWC against King's College Wimbledon and Alex Harding's 57 and Ben Read's 80 not out saw us reach 174-2 in our over allocation. Alex Masters who took 4-5 assisted by all his other bowlers dismissed the opposition for 126 which was an

excellent victory.

The last game of the season was again a new fixture and saw us travel to Epsom. The opposition were 51-6 before a seventh wicket partnership of 100+ transformed their total to 186 all out.

The highlight was a remarkable hat trick from James Jeram. Bowling his last ever over in school cricket, as he leaves this year, he took 3 wickets with his last 3 balls and ended the Epsom innings. No one could have written the script better!!

We were never in it losing a crucial wicket in the first over, and whilst Alex Masters scored a fine 38, we succumbed to 76 all out although Neil Morton (Yes Neil not Gary) scored an impressive 14 not out as he made a guest appearance at the end of the LWC innings.

This has been the best season yet for the thirds without a doubt and there have been excellent victories and fine performances. Henry Jennings, Will Hughes and George Dyer started in the thirds but moved to the seconds and justified their promotions with some excellent performances at the higher level.

Thanks must go to Nick Ovens for captaining the side very positively and working hard at keeping everyone involved. I have mentioned some people in the report but all who played regularly contributed to the season's success.

Joel Scully bowled well and didn't take the wickets he probably deserved, Ollie Mason's all round contribution, Gary Morton's improving batting, James Price's contribution with bat and behind the stumps, George Harker-Smith's steady, effective bowling and progress with the bat, James Jeram's attitude and steady, accurate bowling, Ross Holmes' wicket taking and commitment all deserve a mention as does the overall spirit in which the games were played.

Thank also to Mr Eysle for arranging our best fixture list yet and to Mrs Harding for scoring in all weathers and doing it so cheerfully and accurately.

It's been an excellent season!

Coach: Bob Walters





The Sower - Cricket



U15 A

Played	10
Won	8
Lost	2

In terms of results this was a very successful season. We won 8 of the 10 fixtures played.

At times the team made heavy weather of securing victory and some of the games were closer than expected. This being symptomatic of a team with great individual talent but who collectively found it difficult to produce top-flight performances consistently. On occasions individuals produced outstanding contributions both with bat and ball. The standard of fielding varied from game to game and this important aspect of the game did let us down as too many chances were missed at crucial stages.

The top three batters always managed to get us off to a good start. Rob Heywood and

Toby Ward batted well and George Rigby's attacking style often turned games around quickly. Hopkin bowled the most overs and he and Heywood took 13 wickets apiece. Matthews, Dow and Vocat also bowled very well and all contained batsman with their spin bowling when needed. O'Meara captained the team very well, not an easy job these days when the format of the game changes from game to game.

Billy Maddock always gave of his best and gave a good all round performance. Rasheed-Horsburgh and Ambrose-Brunskill were enthusiastic fielders. Johnny Dow played a number of games for the first team and we missed his bowling. Rigby at times showed he has real class behind the stumps. A number of players carried injuries and unfortunately we were never able to field our strongest eleven.

My thanks to Mr A Williams for his valuable coaching input and support and to the College Cricket administration for their organisation.

Coach: Allen French

Squad: B Ambrose-Brunskill, T Dean, J Dow, R Heywood, J Hopkin, B Maddock, S Matthews, W O'Meara [capt], J Rasheed-Horsburgh, G Rigby, J Vocat, T Ward

U14A

Played	10
Won	1
Lost	7
Drawn	2

I totally support our Master in Charge of Cricket with his attitude that you will only improve your cricket if you play against strong opposition, and rightly so...and that is what we got this year, strong opposition. Our first game was against Reeds who were blessed with a very talented side and a wonderful bowling attack. More I will not say, but that was our low point of the year, and also the right time to have it - right at the beginning. Dauntsey's wasn't much easier but we managed to improve on our first game. We had our first good game against St John's but lost it again in the bowling department against St George's. Pangborne visited LWC and I could just feel something special was going to happen that day. We bowled well for the first time this year

and after scoring 210 runs restricted them to 120 runs. Our first draw of the season!

In a low scoring match at Hampton we again showed signs of improvement but lost in the end and against Christ's Hospital we had a good chance to snatch our first victory of the season, but the bowling just wasn't good enough. After a long and hard talk about bowling the boys finally pulled themselves together and bowled the way they can, lead by Paddy Tyldesley, bowling Epsom out for 138. Unfortunately that was not supported by the batsmen and ended up in yet another loss which could have been a victory. The boys saved the best for last against PGS. Bowling out the opposition for 97 runs and then clinching the winning runs with two wickets in hand. As I have said the whole season, bowl well and you will win.

31.33. This is a much improved team from the start of this season. Thank you for your work in the nets and behaviour on and off the field. A big thank you also to all the parents who came to every game and Mr. Tyldesley for scoring.

Well done to you all.

Coach: Ed Coetzer

Team: 'Regulars' - Ben Wells , Alex Hammond, Jack Berg-Allen, Emmet Fitzsimmons, Will Gee , Jake Whitby, Paddy Tyldesley, Elliot Blakeley, Jack Bilsland, Rupert Green, Fergus Hill, 'Irregulars' - Kevin Mountford, Harley Mitford, David Easterbrook, James Marks, Dan Hill, Harry Puttock



So, we did play against some very talented sides. Did we improve on our cricket by doing so? The answer to that is: definitely! We had some good individual scores and bowling figures. The highest score was made by Emmet Fitzsimmons - 49 and best bowling was by Rupert Green - 4 wickets for 12 runs which he saved for the last game of the season. Jack Berg-Allen had the best all round performance with 12 wickets and 188 runs this season averaging





U14B

Played 7
Won 2
Lost 5

In a season that promised much, the U14B worked hard to make progress but despite an excellent start failed to win critical games that could, and perhaps should, have made for a much better win/loss tally. An excellent start against Reading School and a strong KES Witley were mirrored by lacklustre performances against Hampton School and Christ's Hospital. Additionally, we were beaten by better sides in the form of Dauntsey's and St George's Weybridge but the team were left with a sneaky feeling that they might have done a little better. At the heart of the team's success was an excellent Captain, who – until his promotion to the A team – led the side in a most impressive manner with both bat and ball; Ben Read's overall contribution to the side was excellent and the highlight was an unmatched 50 against a powerful St George's side.

With bat in hand, Jonty Allen impressed as did Tom Hughes and Ben Karawala; the mercurial Ali McManus threatened often but was unable to cut loose as much as we would have wished. In the field, Harker-Smith was outstanding – bowling some aggressive seamers as did MacManus and Lewis. Hughes provided some interesting spin and overall the team played better in the field. Special mention must be made of Kes Meyerhoff whose leg spin came on leaps and bounds throughout the season as she earned the right to be the first girl to play competitive cricket for LWC.

Although all members of the squad applied themselves in both practice and match, we must concentrate next year on not throwing away wickets and also on minimising byes, both of which cost us matches.

Overall, not a bad season, but I expect to see a much higher win/loss ratio next year from the same talented and very amusing group of players.

Coach: Matt Perriss

U14C

Played 3
Won 2
Lost 1
Drawn 2

Our first game in glorious conditions was against King Edward's up at the famous Spinney pitch. Stand in skipper Harley Mitford won the toss and elected to bat. With 25 overs to bat Bevins and Poulson got off to a flyer. When Ben was run out in the eighth over the score was 1 for 57. A couple of quick wickets followed (Derham 0, Price 6) but then a partnership of 65 between skipper Mitford (40) and Sullivan (19) saw us make some good runs. Easterbrook scored a quick 15 off 7 deliveries which pushed the score to 9/185.

In reply King Edward's only managed 82 off 19.2 overs, even though they got off to a good start. Mitford had excellent figures of 3-0-8-4 (3 overs, no maidens, 8 runs, 4 wickets). Sharp & Easterbrook also bowled well each returning the respective figures of 4.2-3-6-2 & 4-1-21-2. Derham and Sullivan also took one wicket each.

The second game was also on Spinney and in true LWC style was very breezy. Against St George's Weybridge we again batted first and 'ring-in' Wells scored a super quick 50 off 33 deliveries, forcing a retirement from him to make way for others - maybe a decision I would regret later on in the game. Aside from a good supporting knock from Hopkins 18 (50), a total of 4/96 was all we could muster from 20 overs. Derham 8 (13), Poulson 2 (12) the only other scores from the bat. The opposing batsmen did teach us a lesson in power and quickly amassed their 100 runs in a mere 10 overs. Hmm...

The third and final game bought in some

raw talent from Junior House with the regular 14C bunch. We played a good game down at Junior and Poulson, our skipper for his second time won the toss again and decided batting first was the way to go. Price batted very well at the top scoring 28 (27) and in an effort to move the score along in this 20/20 game was desperately unlucky to get run out from a direct hit from a good way off. Simmons in next and POW, what a striker of the ball – looking for the ball in the hedges is never fun. He scored a very impressive 41 (31) and Jermyn with 26 (25) also batted very well. Butcher timed the ball extremely well and came in scoring two fours and then getting caught 8 (3) but helped reach a total of 6/135.

We used 9 bowlers and the wickets were shared equally between 5. Tyne (3-0-11-0), Whitten (2-0-8-1), Ashley (3-0-12-1), Poulson (3-0-15-1), Simmons (2-0-2-0), Seaton (2-0-1-1), Butcher (2-1-1-1), Sellers (2-1-2-0) & Jermyn (1-0-5-0).

A great season and a big thanks to the 'regulars'. Their enjoyment and commitment was thoroughly appreciated by their coach and I wish them well in their future cricketing years!

Coach: Charlie Lovelock

Squad – Ben Poulson (c), Liam Price, James Adams, Nick Brockmann-Smith, Oli Derham, Mike Whitten, Dan Seaton, Tom Tardiff 'Irregulars' – Zac Sullivan, Harley Mitford, Ben Wells, James Marks, Rob Hopkins, Jo Sharp, Richard Bevins, David Easterbrook, Matt Sellers, Ed Simmons, Oscar Jermyn, Angus Butcher, Nick Tyne, Mike Ashley.

Junior House 1st XI

Played 8
Won 3
Lost 4
Drawn 1

The quality of the cricket played and improvements in the players was not reflected in the results for the Junior House 1st XI. The team can be proud of their achievements during season; not least in their team spirit and the considerable depth of character demonstrated against strong opposition. The team had a core of senior players from the previous season, along with experience given to a number of 1st Formers in readiness for next year. Joint captains Hayden Bowman and Toby

Salmon led ably from the front; both scoring runs and taking wickets consistently, as well as maturing into the demanding role of a cricket captain. An influx of talented bowlers added depth to the attack and it was great to have three spinners in the team: Josh Harris, Morgan Bowman and Oli Maxwell. The bowlers were supported by some of the best fielding of any school on the circuit. A number of high quality catches and run outs were ample reward for the rigorous training sessions. The team always played attacking cricket, either with bat or ball, but sometimes the freedom to play extravagant shots was the undoing of the batsman. Despite this both Toby Salmon and Hugo Hammond scored fifties against Dauntsey's, while James Hampson and Hayden Bowman batted impressively to reach

40 against tough opposition. The highlight of the season was a prestigious fixture against a touring South African cricket academy. A splendid day was had by players, parents and visitors alike, despite the loss the juniors gained much from playing against such talented opposition. Overall a very enjoyable season from a great bunch of lads with some real champagne moments on the field!

Coach: Simon Matthews

Squad: Hayden Bowman, Simon Matthews, Toby Salmon, Josh Harris, Leo Terry, James Hampson, Oli Pollard, Hugo Hammond, Oli Maxwell, Morgan Bowman, Michael Radmann, Dan Shepherd, Jordan Watkins, Jack Badger



Senior Boys Tennis 2009



In terms of results this has been the best season for a while (Played 8, Won 3, Lost 4, Drew 1). The two wins at the start of the season were very solid, and then to go on and beat Leatherhead (first time in seven years) was a real fillip for the players (and coach!). The only game lost that may have been different was the one against Shiplake. Three sets went to 7 - 5 or 7 - 6 and on such occasions it is the roll of a dice in terms of overall result. However as Ofsted et al are yet to inspect Racquets Clubs I can tell you that even more important than results is the enjoyment that the players derive and the beginning of their relationship with this wonderful sport. Many of these players play all year round, regardless of the weather, and James Baudains in particular has been a wonderful ambassador for the club. A regular at Friday training, James is a great role model to his peers and those in the junior ranks. His captaincy and quality of tennis has been an inspiration and undoubtedly lifted the games of those around him.

The future? Well with Dougal, Patrick, Lowndes, Calver and Jacobs in the wings, things look very promising indeed for next year. The Sternians may have drawn blood in '09 but next year could well be a different story.

Coach: Richard Kimber

Portsmouth Grammar School	Won	9 - 7
Reading School	Won	6 - 3
St John's Leatherhead	Won	5 - 4
(2nd VI	Lost	1-8)
Bradfield College	Lost	2 - 7
(2nd VI	Won	6 -3)
Shiplake	Lost	3 - 6
Oratory	Drew	3 - 3
Canford	Lost	3 - 6
Old Sternians	Lost	4 - 5

Squad: 1sts: James 'Boda' Baudains (capt), Ben Holden, Calum Dougal, Alex Patrick, Jack Lowndes, Alex Calver. 2nds: Peter Jacobs, Tom Jordan, Tom Hughes, Oli Leach.



1st Girls

Played	6
Won	3
Lost	2
Drew	1

This year we had some mixed results. Two days into the term, we played in the Aberdare cup for the first time. Our first round we won against Bedales with Jenny and Tana both winning their singles and we all stayed strong with our doubles partners. The second round was against Guildford High: it was a lot harder and we managed to give a good game but sadly were knocked out of the tournament.

Hampshire Collegiate had only two girls in their team, but they proved to be very strong. However our next game against Pangbourne was a very successful win. Chloe and Emma played their first game of the season and won convincingly without any problems. Also Verity and Georgie, having only played a couple of times together, worked very well as a team and came out with a promising score of 6-1 6-0. With great play from all 4 pairs, we came away with a 7-1. With the team feeling more confident, we arrived at Churchers with a good feeling about the next game. Despite the 1st team being incredibly strong, most games managed to reach deuce and despite the 1st two couples losing against them, they balanced their performance with a very strong win from the Churchers 2nd pair. Charterhouse away was the next fixture and the score suggested a heavy defeat. However all games were relatively close, some reaching a tie break with some tense rallies; so it was a good game against a very strong tennis squad. St John's Leatherhead was the best match of the season. Jenny and Chloe, playing at the 3rd pair lost narrowly to the first pair in a tie break, but managed to win their tie break against their second pair and giving the 3rd pair a hard game with a score of 6-3. Tana and Kate put up some long rallies but came through in the end with a promising win of 2-1. Helena and Rosie won against the 1st pair 6-2, therefore we came away with an encouraging score of 6-3.

All in all it was a good season with good wins and a few losses. Thanks to the whole squad for their efforts and their commitment. A big thanks to Mrs Neighbour for coaching us all this season and to Mr Kimber, for holding a Friday tennis session to enable us to play tennis in the winter.

Helena Castle-Smith

1st Team Squad

Helena Castle-Smith (captain), Rosie O'Neill, Jenny Douglas, Tana Maxstead, Georgie Cox, Verity Phillips, Chloe Bidos, Emma Ranger



U15 Boys

Played	10
Won	7
Lost	2
Drew	1

After a very successful season last year, we were looking to do even better this year. We had more matches against some strong schools. We played very well together as a team with some very impressive wins.

Again the squad was very strong with great depth, and this was the reason for our fantastic season. We got off to a great start with a 5 – 4 win over PGS. This was a great confidence booster for the remainder of the season, as we had lost to them last year. The team got better and better and we made huge progress throughout the term, losing only two matches, against St. John's Leatherhead and Canford. However, they are both very big schools and we were playing the Canford Sixth Form. We also had some very impressive wins against King Edward's, Witley and Bedales without dropping a set.

The team played very well and many will be big contenders for the 1st VI next year in the Fifth Form. Unfortunately, one of the excellent first pair Eddie Mallaby, who partnered Henry Manley-Cooper, was injured half way through the season and did not play again. However we were fortunate in his replacement, Gabriel Cattermull, who did a great job. Dan Cripps and Tom Lowndes also rarely dropped a set. Our third pair, Alex Rae and Pete Davies, also played consistently and was very reliable, winning many sets, on several occasions deciding the match. Ross Power also played for the team.

This season we won 7 out of 10 matches against some strong sporting schools, and the team were playing some really good tennis. We thank our coach, Mr Booth, who has been brilliant throughout the season, and was key to our success. Good Luck to you in the future and we hope you have another good season next year.

Tom Lowndes (Captain)

Although normally merciless on court, this group was amongst the most pleasant group I have had the pleasure of coaching. They have shown that they can work hard but with a cheerful enthusiasm that was exemplary. This excellent approach has meant that all members of the squad, including those who never played for the team, improved the quality of their play immensely, way above the norm for this age group. They have a great future in tennis. Thanks to all of them for a delightful season.

Coach: Peter Booth

U14 Boys

Played	5
Won	1
Lost	4

The Under 14's had a mixed season, with some excellent tennis and results mingled with some frustrating bouts of loss of concentration in matches that could have been won. A very tough opening fixture against PGS showed that there was a great deal of potential in the team, and despite losing 6-3 to PGS, it was a good start to the season. A traditionally tough fixture, St John's Leatherhead played some exceptional tennis in a 8-1 victory over LWC, but the boys showed good resilience to carry on fighting against a team of exceptional talent. The next match against Bradfield underlined the strength of the side, with an excellent win for LWC of 6-3, with Chris Allum and Jamie Rogerson outstanding throughout the match. In the fixture of the season, LWC were pipped at the post in the last set of the day against a tough Bedales

side, after the LWC third pair of Dylan Jones and Will Van der Bijl cruelly lost the last set against the Bedales 2nd Pair 7-5, showing great spirit and tenacity, with Bedales running out eventual winner 5-4 overall. Sadly, the Oratory fixture was cancelled due to rain, leaving LWC Under 14's with a record of played 5, won 1, lost 4. My thanks to Jamie Rogerson who captained the side superbly throughout, and to the rest of the team who were a pleasure to coach and to watch advance as tennis players. It should be noted that there was a large squad of players, many of whom did not get to play for the team, but who were excellent at training sessions and who gave enthusiastic support to the Under 14 VI players. Well done to them too.

Coach: Tom Shedden

Squad: Jamie Rogerson, Chris Allum, Luke Warner, David Radkiewicz, Dylan Jones, Will Van Der Bijl, Jack Farr, Owen Payne.

Boys 1st VI vs Sternians VI

This year's event took place on Saturday 21st June. The Sternians were again ably captained by Jon Slater and the School by James Baudains. Both knew that for the first time in six years the result was in more than a little doubt.

The match saw the return of two eight-year leavers in Jules Namihas and Brad Traynor, two of last year's leavers – Guy Scott and Matt Arnold, and two leavers from pre-historic times in the shape of 80 year-old John Reynolds and 69 year-old Ian Moore. An awesome line-up by any standard, but Boda had five of his usual six playing (himself, Lowndes, Calver, Dougal and Patrick) and new boy Pete Jacobs who is a rapidly emerging star of College tennis.

We didn't know it at the time but the match was to be decided in the first round when Arnold and Scott managed to turn a 2-5 deficit into a 7-6 victory. A rare slip-up from Dougal and Patrick opened the door and by the end of the afternoon we all knew it had been a crucial comeback.

Baudains and Jacobs overcame Namihas and Traynor (who were playing for about the 5th time since leaving 8 years previously!), and Lowndes and Calver went down to Slater and Reynolds. Books should never be judged by their covers and these guys won't look at an 80 year-old again in quite the same way!

Round 2 saw Patrick and Dougal again caught up in a hum-dinger of a tie-break set which they eventually lost to Slater and Ian. Baudains and Jacobs easily saw off Scott and Arnold and perhaps the match of the round was Namihas and Traynor vs Calver and Lowndes. Four big ground-stokers clashed excitingly before the Sternians overcame.

The final round was therefore started at 3-all and Baudains was seen rallying his troops for the push over the top. He and Pate did their job, convincingly taking out Slater and Reynolds (for John's first Sternian defeat) but the last two sets went the way of the Sternians. Overall winners 5-4.

Great day had by all, including the first double-figured crowd of the season.

Next year could well be a different story as five of the school team stay on. There's even talk of the Blatchfords returning from overseas to play for Sternian honour – watch this space!





Senior Girls

This has been my third year coaching this sport at the college and although there is plenty of work still to be done, generally we seem to be moving in the right direction. We had a lot more wins than in previous years, but also came up against one or two really athletic sides who took rounders to a new level.

We started the season with good wins over Churcher's and Epsom College. Despite the promising start, Farnborough and St George's were just too strong for us. Grace Blakeley proved a strong and enthusiastic captain. Then it was all change as the 5th form went on study leave.

Helena Clough took over duties as captain

and did a solid job for the rest of the season. Results did not go our way to begin with, but then we had a good Saturday tournament down at Hampshire Collegiate. Supported by half a dozen Juniors, we went on to beat Portsmouth Grammar School and HCS and were unlucky not to get into the final. Although the players remained plucky and up-beat, we finished the season with defeats at the hands of KEW and Churcher's who got revenge for earlier in the summer. Over 30 different girls represented the College for this team and overall I think that we had a lot of fun.

Coach: David Pering

U13 Girls

Played	15
Won	12
Lost	3
For	243
Against	168½

This was a particularly talented and lively bunch of individuals. Their talents blended into a very effective team with a magnificent spirit. We were fortunate enough to have five top-class hitters: Top-scorer, Jenny, also controlled much of the play at 2nd base, willing to go down on her hands and knees if need be; Laura had magic hands, being a very reliable catcher; Ellen's throwing from backstop put a lot of pressure on opponents; Nadja could be quite an amazing fielder (though with a wild arm!) while skipper Elizabeth directed operations from 1st base. We were fortunate to have such reliable fielders to go alongside these players: Leah, Grace and Sadiya could always be called upon to maintain the pressure on our opponents. However, the find of the season was Amy, as a bowler. With the speed of her bowling no side ever got on top of her and she maintained her discipline under all pressure. Amy also contributed some useful rounders when batting.

The two major highpoints of the season were managing to restrict St.Neot's to only 3 rounders in their second innings with a really disciplined fielding display and the all round performance against a very strong Churcher's side. We rounded off the season with a particularly impressive display in coming runners-up in a tournament down at Hampshire Collegiate, with Ellen scoring an amazing 11½ rounders in the last two matches.

The low point was, after having dominated Edgeborough in the first innings, we became silly and let them win.

This was a powerful, intelligent team – the word 'team' being the operative word. Never a dull moment – a pleasure to be around.

Squad: Bailey, Beckett, Carroll, Clark, Cook, Evans, Falkowska-Sturgeon, Holmes, Jermyn A., Jermyn M., Mohammed, Nimz, Olagbaju, Scott, Smith, Stamp, Luckraft, Maddock.

U13B Girls

Squad: Brown, Delaney, Hourahane, James, Van der Bijl, Bailey, Evans, Falkowska-Sturgeon, Olagbaju, Seymour, Molyneux

Junior House U12s

The Junior House U12 rounders team had a very successful first season at LWC.

The team developed into a very tight and supportive unit as the season went by, and they showed themselves to be quite formidable opposition, winning nine of their twelve matches. Georgie Maddock was captain, and she and Ellie Tresise were able to put their cricket skills to great use; both could throw and catch very well. The team had some excellent results; they scored 20.5-9 against St George's Weybridge in some very windy and slippery conditions, which needed accurate fielding. Against Cheam they won 25-9.5, and against Churcher's they won

18-12. This last match was really impressive to watch, and the girls gained many positive compliments on their fielding skills from several of the Churcher's parents, particularly as the pitch was situated on a rather severe slope. The U12 team also included Millie Carver, Megan Collis, Fana Ellis, Hattie Sleaf, Wendy Sellers, Helen Frawley and Caroline Gretton.

I cannot praise the girls enough for their efforts and contributions this season, and it has certainly allowed me to leave Junior House sport on a high note.

Coach: Patti Sandham





Music Report



Georgie Maughan, Winner of the Cotterill Cup Music Competition, being presented with the cup by Mr Brian Cotterill

The summer term saw many musical events take place, both in and out of the College. The first event was the Confirmation Service at All Saints' Church, Long Sutton. This saw the Chamber Choir sing two anthems and lead the hymns for the service, where the Bishop of Basingstoke confirmed several members of the College and others from the local area. In May, there was a Rock Concert, where some of the College's pupil bands performed a wide range of music, including many of their own compositions. Musicians from LWC also performed at several local events, including the Long Sutton Village Fête and the South Warnborough Fête. Adam Stoodley, Alice Gunn, Alice Franklin and Ashley Hunt played a selection of wind quartets and the Barbershop ensemble sang a collection of songs from the Beach Boys, The Beatles and Ben E. King, to name just a few.

On 13th June, Park House hosted the Midsummer Soirée, an outdoor concert where the audience were invited to bring a picnic. The Brass Group performed a selection of Big Band numbers such as 'Oh When the Saints' and 'Pennsylvania 6-5000' and the Clarinet and Flute ensembles played some well known pieces including the theme tune from 'Wallace and Gromit'. Barbershop performed some of the repertoire that had been sung at the local Village Fêtes and soloists including Harley Mitford, Sadiya Mohammed, Gemma Edney and Immie Carmichael-Jack showcased their talents. Lucy Wollam and Georgie Maughan gave a first-class performance of 'The Flower Duet' from Lakme and the Choir sang two songs - 'Something Inside So Strong' by Labi Siffre and 'Somewhere Over the Rainbow' (in the rain!).

In June, Junior House had their Inter-House Music Competition, where each house was tasked with producing a 15-minute programme of music on the theme of 'Musicals'. This programme had to include a whole-house song, an ensemble performance and a solo. Assistance was provided by the staff for accompaniment but all of the organisation had to be done by the House Captains. The Juniors rose to the challenge very well and the concert included whole-house songs from Grease, The Sound of Music and Lion King. Solo performances from Les Miserables and Jesus Christ Superstar also impressed the judges.

The last event of the term was the Chamber Concert at Junior House. Performers included the Junior Girls singing ensemble, 4th form girls singing ensemble, solos from Kat Luckraft (voice), Hugo Hammond (trumpet), Emily Noithip (cello) and Helen Frawley (piano). Also, some of the best performances from the Junior House Music Competition were repeated, this time for the entertainment of the parents.

Andrew Frawley

Junior Athletics

Athletics at Junior continues to improve from year to year. Many of the 2nd form competed regularly and successfully both as first year U15's as well as in their own U14 age group. Natasha Scott achieved the double of becoming District Champion in High Jump in both age groups - a rare achievement. Connor Gentry achieved the equally rare double of becoming District Champion in two events - the high jump and 200m.

In the 1st form, the outstanding athlete of the season was Hattie Sleaf who was able to race well over any distance on the track, but excelled at 600m in which she won both District and County Championships breaking an already very respectable school record. Michael Radmann and Tobin Hatton-Brown developed a healthy rivalry over both 600m and Javelin, both boys achieving excellent results in both events.

Both boys and girls in each year group raced to new school records in their 4 X 100m relays, reflecting the increased motivation to train and improve baton changeover techniques this year.

The final competition of the season at Dunhurst was a fitting end to a very successful season. Both boys and girls combined 1st and 2nd year teams were overall winners in their age group, beating seven other schools. We have entered this competition over a number of years, but have never before achieved this kind of success. The future of our College athletics looks to be very healthy.

Top performances of the season were as follows:

2nd Form				
Sadiya Mohammed	100m: 13.4	200m: 28.9		
Natasha Scott	High Jump: 1.42	200m: 28.6	300m: 49.4	
Rachel Carroll	Long Jump: 3.95	800m: 3.02.4		
Ife Olagbaju	Shot: 7.88			
Connor Gentry	High Jump: 1.53	100m: 12.7	200m: 26.6	Shot: 9.20
Josh Harris	75m Hurdles: 12.7	80m Hurdles: 16.5		
Oscar Jermyn	100m: 12.5	800m: 2.33.8	Long Jump: 4.65	
Angus Butcher	Javelin: 23.90			
Ed Simmons	Long Jump: 4.42			
Tom Brine	Shot: 8.54			
Ross Jones	Discus: 23.70			

1st Form			
Fana Ellis	80m: 11.5	150m: 22.2	
Hattie Sleaf	80m: 11.6	600m: 1.53.5	1500m: 5.44.5
Helen Frawley	Long Jump 3.53		
George Black	80m: 11.8		
Dan Shepherd	150m: 21.7		
Michael Radmann	600m: 1.52.7	Javelin: 30.86	
Tobin H-Brown	1000m: 3.38	Javelin: 25.05	
Jordan Watkins	1000m: 3.35		

Marian Eldridge

County Pentathlon Championships

Once again Megan Dawson (U15) and Tom James (U17) acquitted themselves very well at the County Pentathlon Championships in May. The five events that they competed in were: Sprint Hurdles, High Jump, Long Jump (Megan), Discus (Tom), Shot Putt and 800m. Against stiff competition, Megan came 4th in her age group, while Tom came 3rd in his. This qualified them both to compete for Hampshire in the Regional Round of the English Schools A.A. Combined Events competition later in the term.



Senior Athletics



This Summer was one of the more successful Athletics seasons for the ever expanding squad of athletes. We produced 11 District Champions, 4 County Champions and of these Andy Provost joined the elite few of College athletes who have been selected to compete at the English Schools' Championships, the highest level of competition in National Schools' athletics.

The U19 boys squad was dogged by injury this year, while the girls were few in number. Jack O'Connor high jumped consistently well, while Harry Burt, Stuart Evans and Mike Johnson were reliable competitors in the javelin, sprint hurdles

and sprints respectively as was Hamish Hill in both sprints and long jump. James Lovell showed some early season form. Top performances in this age group were:

James Lovell	100m: 11.50		
Mike Johnson	200m: 25.7		
Stuart Evans	110m Hurdles: 17.30	Triple Jump : 11.1	
Jack O'Connor	High Jump: 1.82	800m: 3.02.4	
Harry Burt	Javelin: 39.98		

Although unable to compete regularly, Phoebe Raley maintained her fitness well enough to break school records in both the 100m and Long Jump, while Siena Hatton-Brown showed great promise over the sprint hurdles. Lucy Dickens competed regularly over the middle distance events. Performances of note were:

Phoebe Raley	100m: 12.70	Long Jump: 4.61
Siena Hatton-Brown	100m Hurdles: 18.4	

Our U17 squad was undoubtedly the strongest of our boys' teams.

They were beaten only by Eton and Harrow in the 4X100m (Callan Bryan, Xyrenn Maddox, Tom James, Will Lenny)

at the Radley Relays and were subsequently unbeaten in this event throughout the season. Andy Provost was unbeaten at 800m, lowering his time from an early season 2.09 to 1.58.4, which qualified him to compete at the English Schools Championships. Tom James continued to improve his PB's in a number of events, regularly winning Discus and Shot competitions in addition to his 200m sprints. Top performances in this age group were as follows:

Will Lenny	100m: 11.9				
Callan Bryan	100m: 12.5	Long Jump: 5.63	Triple Jump: 10.88		
Andy Provost	800m: 1.58.4	Triple Jump: 11.82			
Xyrenn Maddox	100m: Hurdles: 15.5	100m: 11.9	Triple Jump: 10.75	Long Jump: 5.61	
Tom James	100m Hurdles: 16.8	100m: 11.6	200m: 23.8	Discus: 32.46	Shot: 10.57
Luke Buckner	High Jump: 1.70				
Chris Adams	Triple Jump: 10.85				

The U17 girls were enthusiastic in their training and competition this year, turning out a fairly full team for most matches, and filling in gaps where possible to improve their team scores. Noteworthy performances were:

Helen Breddy	300m: 47.50	
Laura Marks	800m: 2.41.8	1500: 5.48.0

The U15 squads were largely made up of 2nd year athletes (where Junior fixtures permitted) this year, giving them experience of competition in an age group which they will continue to be in next year. Of the 3rd year athletes, Megan Dawson once again showed her dominance over 100m, unbeaten and unchallenged over this distance, even at the County Championships. Megan, along with Katie Hester, frequently putt the shot for the U17's, as we had strength in depth in this discipline at U15 level. The four 3rd year boys (Dan Voller, Chris Legg, Jarrod Eastwood and Will Reynolds) who formed the backbone of the boys' team, gallantly filled as many of the events as possible, when not supported by the 2nd year athletes. Performances of note (excluding the Juniors - see their separate report):

Megan Dawson	100m: 13.10	Shot Putt: 7.09
Katie Hester	Shot Putt: 7.25	

Marian Eldridge



Andy Provost





Athletics Champions 2009

DISTRICT CHAMPIONS

U17 Age Group

Will Leney	100m	12.0
Andy Provost	800m	2.02.5
Xyrenn Maddox	100m Hurdles	15.5
Tom James	Discus	32.46

U15 Age Group

Megan Dawson	100m	13.4
Natasha Scott	High Jump	1.39

U14 Age Group

Connor Gentry	200m	26.6
	High Jump	1.52
Natasha Scott	High Jump	1.42
Ife Olagbaju	Shot Putt	7.33

U13 Age Group

Hattie Sleaf	600m	1.54.9
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COUNTY CHAMPIONS

U19 Age Group

Jack O'Connor	High Jump	1.82
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U17 Age Group

Andy Provost	800m	2.00.8
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U15 Age Group

Megan Dawson	100m	13.5
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U13 Age Group

Hattie Sleaf	600m	1.53.5 (School Record)
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New Boys' Athletics Records 2009

	Event	Record	Previous Record and Year	
6th Form				
Stuart Evans	110m Hurdles	17.30	17.50	2004
Rupert Jones	400m Hurdles	64.20	None	
5th Form				
Xyrenn Maddox	100m Hurdles	15.50	16.26	2005
4th Form				
Andy Provost	800m	1.58.4	2.04.0	1989
Andy Provost	Triple Jump	11.82	11.65	2000
2nd Form				
J. Harris	75m Hurdles	12.70	None	
Ed Simmons, Connor Gentry, Josh Harris, Oscar Jermy	4 x 100m	54.30	55.80	2008
Connor Gentry	High Jump	1.53	1.50	2007
1st Form				
Handcroft	4 x 100m	61.10	61.89	2005

New Girls' Athletics Records 2009

	Event	Record	Previous Record and Year	
6th Form				
Phoebe Raley	100m	12.70	13.02	2001
Hollie Light	300m	49.80	None	
Lucy Dickens	800m	2.58.1	3.14	2001
Gosden	4 x 100m	55.80	59.73	2000
Michaela Neame	Javelin	20.68	15.01	2003
Phoebe Raley	Long Jump	4.61	4.21	2007
3rd Form				
Sadiya Mohammed, Natasha Scott, Akilah Thomson-Fyle, Megan Dawson	4 x 100m	56.50	57.34	2001
2nd Form				
Natasha Scott	300m	49.40	63.80	2002
Sadiya Mohammed, Ife Olagbaju, Rachel Carroll, Natasha Scott	4 x 100m	60.04	61.98	2005
Natasha Scott	High Jump	1.42	1.35	2005
1st Form				
Hattie Sleaf	600m	1.53.5	1.55.5	2001
Hattie Sleaf	1500m	5.44.5	None	
Helen Frawley, Ellie Tresise, Hattie Sleaf, Fana Ellis	4 x 100m	61.70	65.80	2003



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Peter and I are just putting the finishing touches to another very successful summer for LWCE. We have played host to 565 French language students throughout July and August, plus their attendant supervisors and teachers, a small increase on numbers from last year, despite Swine Flu and the credit crunch! And as usual, we have had really positive feedback from the French about the accommodation, facilities, grounds and, of course, the food – delights such as the organic paninis and locally-reared meat are appreciated as much by our visitors as by our own pupils!

Our work isn't just about the 'Summer Lets', though. The cricket pitches have been much in demand, thanks to the growing reputation of the quality of our wickets, and this year we have provided indoor and outdoor training facilities for both Hampshire and Surrey Cricket Boards, plus numerous other local cricket clubs. The Astro turfs have been fully booked too, and for any Southampton FC supporters out there, we're delighted to be welcoming their Youth Training Academy back to LWC for the coming Season – it was looking pretty grim for a while!

The swimming pool remains popular, particularly with local diving schools, as it is one of the only pools in the area with a depth of 3 metres. Our newest diving group is Scuba Trust, an organisation run by volunteers to enable disabled divers to 'experience the freedom' of being underwater. Able-bodied divers are very welcome, too; visit www.scubatrust.org.uk for more information.

The Marquee has been well used by the School and for private functions by members of staff this summer, but we decided to take just one external booking, as a trial run. So, thank you to the pupils and supporters from Treloar Trust, who were sort of 'guinea pigs' for us, and enjoyed a Cricket Dinner only slightly drowned out by the July rain. The Marquee will be more widely available for hire next summer, though, so if you're looking for a really fantastic location for a summer event, book soon!

Finally, we are always open to new ideas for making a profit, and all the profit we make goes towards enhancing facilities at School. If you've had a 'Eureka' moment that you'd like us to investigate, please get in touch! (Don't forget, the facilities are only available for external hire when not needed by the School).

*Tina Harrison
Administration Manager, LWCE*

The Development Office

The Headmaster's dedication to the work of the Foundation at the heart of the College has been marked by the establishment of the lan Power Fund for the Lord Wandsworth Foundation. Donations exceeding £6,500 from parents, staff, pupils and governors are a clear demonstration of the respect and admiration we hold for lan and his 12 years at the College and on behalf of the Trustees I pass on grateful thanks to all those who have supported the Fund.

In May, members of LWC's very own legacy club, the 1912 Society, celebrated its first anniversary on a scorching hot day at Kew Palace, kindly hosted by the Manager of the Palace, Sternian Steven Lovegrove. There are now more than 40 members who have each pledged to leave a gift in their will to the Foundation. Many of the members have themselves been Foundationers and their very personal gifts to the Foundationers of the future are poignant and much appreciated.

More supporters are now choosing to make regular donations to the Foundation by standing order, which is making it easier to make budgets and plans which directly affect the lives of our Foundation students and their families. Each year, we turn away a significant number of children who have lost one or both parents because we do not have sufficient funds to support them. If you would like to make a donation to the Foundation or support in any other way, please contact Kate Chernyshov or Gill Kelly in the Development Office on 01256 860243 or email development@lordwandsworth.org.

And finally, some food for thought: analysis of all donations recorded on our database show that Sutton House (est 1944) leads School House (est 1928) in both the number of donors and the value of donations. I would expect that these two, being the longest established of the houses at LWC, would be ahead of the field, but with Sutton being younger by 16 years, has this inter-house competition been won by the young upstarts?

The Sternian Year

Congratulations to the Sternians U21 rugby squad who reached the final of the Cronk Cunis Plate competition for the first time in 12 years. On their way, the team, captained by Ben Rubio (2001-08 Summerfield), beat both Eton and Oundle – strong rugby schools – before losing narrowly to RGS High Wycombe. It has been decided to make the Rugby Sevens and Netball Tournament a bi-annual event so look out for it next September. Andrew Eborn (1976-81 Hazelveare) presented at Prize Giving this year and impressed all with his motivating speech. The intense cold and frosts of January resulting in frozen Astros and pitches meant that the annual Sternian hockey fixture against the 1st XI teams unfortunately had to be cancelled. The Cotterill Cup music competition is sponsored by the Sternians' Association and this year's worthy winner was Georgie Maughan. Brian Cotterill (1978-85 Summerfield) returned to enjoy the high standard of the competitors and present the cup. For the first time a Sternian 1st XI took part in the whole day of the 20/20 cricket tournament in June which included our annual match against the College and this year, we won! Huge thanks to Charlie Pidgeon (1995-02 Summerfield) for organising the team and I must admit it is very useful having two Eysele boys on our side now. A Sternian team also won the reunion day tennis match against LWC, fielding a squad whose ages varied from 25 to 80. Reunions were again

held at the Royal Festival Hall in November and May and Bournemouth in April. The former Heads of College who served each of the twelve years under lan Power's headship, were all invited back to join him for lunch at his final Long Sutton reunion in June and remarkably most of them managed to make it. There was a great atmosphere with many generations of Sternians mingling with past and current staff, helped not a little by showing the Lions test featuring our own Ugo Monye (1995-01 Sutton) playing live from South Africa.

An innovation this year has been to introduce 'Emails for Life'. When a pupil leaves, their LWC email address is automatically changed from bloggsj@lordwandsworth.org to bloggsj@sternians.org. You can keep this email address for life and use it to contact us or your friends as well as for all your email correspondence. Should there be more than one person with the same name and initials, the second initial of their first name will be used, as now. In the event of having more than two people in this situation, the year they would have left in the U6th will be added. And finally, no one should be late for chemistry ever again thanks to the Sternian clock which now adorns the refurbished Science block lab tower!

Gill Kelly



Heads of College 2007-2009



Prideaux Society

On Tuesday 11th November, the Prideaux Society were visited by a former bodyguard to Nelson Mandela, Rory Steyn. Rory is now the director of security, and has previously served in the South African Police, working as an investigator, intelligence worker and also section head for the bomb disposal unit, before transferring to the Presidential Protection Unit in 1996, where he was appointed as team leader of President Mandela's personal protection team. On top of this, he is also one of the founders of NSA, one of the world's largest protection companies.

It would have been easy, perhaps, for Rory to speak purely about his life as a bodyguard, but it was clear from the outset that he wanted us to take something away from the lecture, to really think about different issues. Mainly speaking about the future of technology, and also the importance of relationships, Rory managed to link in apt, and often humorous, anecdotes from his experiences in security, and his evidently vast knowledge that he has acquired. For those in the audience that were perhaps a little disappointed in the lack of "bodyguard-talk", there was a question and answer period for the second half of the session, in which Rory spoke about various experiences he had had whilst working with President Mandela, and also answering questions on the current situation in South Africa. For an audience who had not really known the difficulties of Apartheid South Africa, and what it was like to be living there, it was a worthwhile experience to find out what it was like for a white police officer, having served in the South African Police Force under the Apartheid Regime, and eventually becoming the team leader for the protection of Nelson Mandela, and coming to the realisation that he would risk his life for a black president, topics which Rory talks about in his autobiography, *One Step Behind Mandela*.

It is no mean feat to talk to over a hundred 16-, 17- and 18-year-olds for an hour without them losing interest, but Rory managed it with style. Everyone came out having taken something, even if it was just his humorous impressions of Nelson Mandela, with them, and I'm sure that the Sixth form won't forget this Prideaux in a hurry.

'Don't stop us now, we're having such a good time! We're having a ball!'

This past academic year was ever such a sad one, for it saw the departure of arguably the most successful, attractive, intelligent and highly regarded year in the school's rich history. But, as Nelly Furtado so eloquently put it: 'all good things come to an end' and their passing must be celebrated in a way which befits the amount they'll be missed - in this case, immensely. As per tradition these days, a lavish and lush Leavers' Ball was put on in May so that pupils could celebrate their imminent emancipation in the only way they know how: with a sit down meal and a tribute band.

The spectacular Las Vegas themed evening was held in the school's increasingly useful marquee - turned into a beautiful ballroom and casino for the evening. Its transformation was remarkable, to the extent that we could quite easily have been in the Nevada metropolis for the evening. Unfortunately the bursar wasn't convinced that an overseas trip was feasible, so a tent on the lawn it was. Nonetheless, the theme was embraced by all as guests all turned up looking stunning. Special praise must go to Chris Jones and his staff, who supplied the huge party of people with a delectable three course meal.

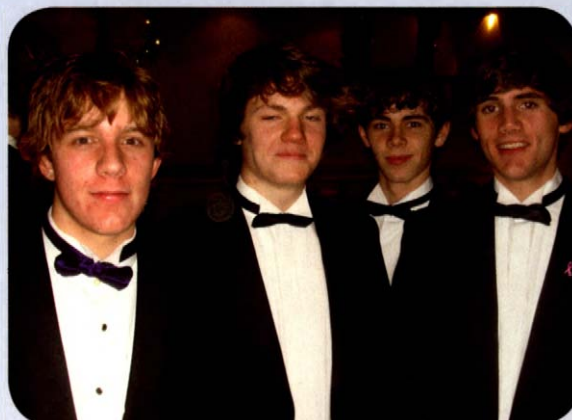
Furthermore, entertainment for the evening was sublime, making everyone go gaga. It came in various forms, from Mr. Eysle as Master of Ceremonies to casino tables, a magician who left even Oxbridge applicants beguiled (though they'd never admit it), a killer Queen Tribute band and Mr. Walker's 'dancing'. Steady Eddie was perhaps the surprise of the night, moving on that D-Floor as if back at the early-90s. Add to that the general jovialness of parents fuelled



by the notion of being released from the stranglehold of school fees; the pupils' ecstasy (only in its abstract noun form, I must stress) of excitement at what's yet to come, and the teacher's joy at just being out - then you have a hugely happy and successful evening. Spirits remained high for the duration, with that crazy little thing called love still very much in the room as people started merrily making their way home, and one by one biting the dust.

Finally, I mustn't refrain from tendering a colossal vote of thanks to the Friends' Society for organising the event, in particular to Phillipa Cowles - whose effort and enthusiasm in endeavouring to perfect every aspect of proceedings and to appease all groups was wholeheartedly appreciated, and gloriously successful. It's a kinda magic which is hard to create, but the blueprint is now set.

Guy Kelly





Head Boy's Farewell Speech

Whenever I used to hear anyone tell me that "these are the best days of your lives", I used to feel a bit more worried about the future. There have been several times when I've felt I wanted to change everything or that in the future I'd regret what I was doing. But for now, looking back over the last seven years, I realise that there's virtually nothing I would change and I don't regret half as much as I thought I would. So although it still may be a cliché to say that these are the best days of our lives, it may also be true.

There's a tradition in these speeches to share your memories with everyone. At first this seemed to be a perfect opportunity to embarrass the people who'd managed things like getting stuck headfirst in a ladder or falling in a bog on D of E... but I realised that it's almost impossible to compress the last seven years into a few pithy statements. In years from now when we look back at these memories, they will all be good. However, it's also true to say that we've had times that perhaps we'd rather forget. This might seem like a pessimistic thing to say, but what makes this school so valuable is that its people have constantly been there for us. We may not want to remember the darker times we've had, but I personally won't forget the fact that we always had people here to help us through them. The kind of support we've been given from friends, teachers, tutors and everyone else is truly invaluable.

Needless to say, the school has always had a lot to offer above and beyond an academic level. I know that everyone says most of what they've learnt was outside of the classroom, but in my mind it's a justifiable. Besides, any school where you can experience the sheer joy of Mr. Murray's trumpet impression and see the bizarre sight of your teachers stripping on stage in a staff charity concert definitely can't claim to be ordinary. There are so many of these things that I appreciate now, but I know that there are so many more I'll only be able to fully appreciate when we're no longer surrounded by them.

On behalf of the year I'd like to thank Mr. Power for his support during our time here. Also, I'd like to thank the Houseparents who have been absolutely instrumental in our lives and also all the tutors and teachers.

So as we're now in this position of suddenly becoming nostalgic about all our experiences we also need to remember to look forward to the future and remember how our time here has truly prepared us for that. Thank you.

Luka Krsljanin (2002-2009 School)

Head Girl's Farewell Speech

I'd like to say congratulations to the class of 2009 - we've made it - be it the full 7 years, an impressive 5 or simply the last 2, we've made it through, and pretty much in one piece.

Of course when writing a leavers speech, it is nigh on impossible not to mention our teachers - you have hauled us through countless lessons, detentions and exams, occasionally with us kicking and screaming. So for every ambition you have ever given us, every grade you have ever gotten us and every life lesson you have ever taught us- thank you (apart from the endless Beatles analogies- Mr Badger we will never be thankful for those!!) Although we're all moving on to new experiences from here, I am curious as to whether at any point throughout our lives we will find people who will go through quite as much. Will anyone else ever pull you out of marsh land whilst you're stuck up to your waist like on D of E? Will anyone else ever accidentally flash teachers, get caught drunk in school on their 18th birthday, run a charity race dressed in tweed, not quite grasp the use of fake tan, make a giant igloo or human pyramid, or steal your towel and pelt you with flour? Even if they do, the point here is that these memories are for life.

I would challenge any one of you not to say that at some point along the way you have found a friend for life, and let's face it that will be the thing that will last years - our friendships, the people we've met - be it those bonds that have endured 7 years of arguments, or those that have only just been made.

I know that I have had the time of my life whilst being here, especially in this last year, and I hope that I speak for everybody when I say that.

This quote was suggested to me by both a young wise man and an old wise man, and I hope that it is one that you will remember, just listen carefully:

"It may be that the gulfs will wash us down;
It may be we shall touch the Happy Isles,
And see the great Achilles, whom we knew.
Tho' much is taken, much abides; and tho'
We are not now that strength which in old days
Moved earth and heaven, that which we are, we are,
One equal temper of heroic hearts,
Made weak by time and fate, but strong in will
To strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield."

(Extract from "Ulysses" by Alfred, Lord Tennyson)

Phoebe Raley (2003-2009 Gosden)



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6th Form Leavers 2009



