



HEADLINES

A very warm welcome back to everybody for the beginning of what, I trust, will prove to be an enjoyable and rewarding academic year. I have little doubt that the summer vacation proved to be long enough to relax and enjoy the company of family and friends. For the pupils, the time has come to return to 'academic pursuits'. The Autumn Term is the longest term and so a great deal has to be done to lay the foundations for future success. It will require a positive frame of mind and productive work ethic! It is important to use time wisely and endeavour to balance what is done in the classroom with valuable undertakings outside, be they sporting, musical, cultural, artistic or dramatic. In this school there is lots of talent and it is up to the individuals to make the most of their opportunities.

To all of our new boys and girls, parents and staff, I also extend the warmest of greetings. I am confident that you will enjoy and benefit from this association with Ewell Castle Senior School. Without doubt, there is a great deal to look forward to! Good luck and best wishes....!

Mr M Holder-Williams
Head of Senior School

EXAMINATION RESULTS

We are pleased to be able to report success in the public examinations. At A Level there was a 98.3% pass rate with 62.7% of the grades at A*-C.



Most of our leavers have been accepted on courses of their choice either at university or college. This year's top performers were Daniel Archer and Shamin Patel who took up their places at Bath University (Politics and International Relations) and Birmingham University (Law). We wish them well and, indeed all the others who will take up their places this month.

The performance by our GCSE candidates was very much in line

with expectations. Overall, the pass rate at A*-C was 88.28% a rise for the third consecutive year, and the percentage of pupils gaining 5 or more A*-C grades was 93.3%. Put another way this represents 8.88 passes per candidate. Congratulations to all those individuals who now have the opportunity to test their resolve at the next level. The strongest performers in this entry were Sasha Versovic (9A*s, 3As) and Hyunjae Lee (6A*s, 4As, 1B and 1C).

PUPIL APPOINTMENTS

The following appointments have been made for this academic year:

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| Head Boy: | Daniel Crego-Bustelo |
| Deputy Head Boy: | Simeon Carter |
| Senior Prefects: | Leo Adolph, Harrison Barlow, Kieran Blyth, Nicholas Boxall, Jonathon Campbell-Slaughter, Alexander Churcher, Samuel Conibear, Jack Dyer, Henry Geoghegan, Connor Hiza, Louis Tait |
| Captain of Rugby: | Charlie Westmoreland-Burns |
| Captain of Music: | Kieran Blyth |
| Vice Captain of Music: | Connor Hiza |
| Captain of Art: | Alexander Churcher |
| Captain of Drama: | Louis Tait |
| House Captain of Castlemaine: | Mark Goulder |
| House Captain of Essex: | Makhayeni Mtunzi |
| House Caption of Raleigh: | Sean Farley |



ARRIVAL / DEPARTURE AT SCHOOL



Senior School pupils should be dropped off and picked up in

Ewell Village car parks, on the A24 by-pass slip road or on London Road and walk up to the School.

Any cars which have to come into Church Street should adhere to the voluntary 'one-way' system:

Drive up Church Street from 'Il Laghetto' and down by the side of the Church towards London Road. Holman Court is a private residence and should not be entered.

Please do not park carelessly in Church Street or Glyn Close as this will inconvenience the residents and cause safety hazards for the pupils.

MEDICAL MATTERS

Please ensure you have notified the School of any new health issues concerning your child. An Individual Pupil Health-care Plan should be completed for any pupil who has a long-term medical condition of which the School should be aware (available on website and Portal). Epipens, asthma inhalers etc. should be carried by the pupil at all times and a named spare must also be handed to Reception for safe keeping.

DRAMA

The Drama Department's production of "Fools" by Neil Simon will take place on the 4th, 5th and 6th December. Tickets will go on sale shortly.

SCHOOL MEALS AND PACKED LUNCHES



The Ewell Castle Breakfast Bar is open 7.50am to 8.20am in the Budgell Building. A selection of fresh food is available for cash purchase each day including: bacon or sausage baguettes, toast, croissants, yogurts, cereal and milk, hot chocolate, tea and fruit juice.

Ewell Castle lunches are available each day at a cost of £210.00 per

term. All food is cooked freshly on the premises by Ewell Castle catering staff. We offer delicious nutritionally balanced and imaginative menus with vegetarian options available each day. All meat is supplied from a local quality butcher and chicken dishes are prepared from superior cuts of meat. There is a choice of desert each day which includes fresh fruit supplied direct from Covent Garden.

Polite notice: we are a nut-free School. Please ensure that you do not include any items which may include nuts in your child's packed lunch.



CYCLING OR DRIVING TO SCHOOL

We encourage pupils to cycle to school and have new racks which provide safe storage areas. All cyclists should complete a registration form (available on Portal) - whether they cycle occasionally or regularly. Don't forget helmets and lights.

Those in the Sixth Form who will be driving to School must also complete a registration form.

PRINCIPAL'S BREAKFAST

All parents and guardians are invited to the Principal's Breakfast, Friday 26th September from 8.30am to 9.30am in the Budgell Building. Come along to this informal event for a chance to chat to Mr Harris and other members of staff over coffee and pastries.

TENNIS

Ewell Castle wins Surrey League Finals

The U13 Ewell Castle Tennis Team – Oliver Noon, Benedict McManus, Callum Roff and Nicholas Palmer won the Surrey League 'B' Division finals against Rutlish on Friday 12th September 2014. The Final was a hard fought battle against a very strong Rutlish School team ending in a 2-2 draw. The teams then had to play a Champions' Tie Break, finally winning 11-9 thanks to a final ace serve from Callum Roff. It was an amazing result for both the team and the School and is perhaps fitting that it should coincide with the school launching its Tennis Academy in partnership with Tennis Avenue Academy.



U15 RUGBY



The Under 15's took to the field against Reigate Grammar School in their first match of the season. It proved to be a good start with a 50 - 5 win. First half tries

from Lachlan John, Henry MacQuire, George Whalley and Chauncey Taylor set Ewell Castle on their way. A gritty 2nd half saw the home team score a try of their but Ewell Castle responded well with two tries from winger Trocon Barchue. A victory in which the whole squad contributed and a great start to the season - well done boys.

YR 7 AND YR 8 DISCO

We are holding a disco for Years 7 and 8 on Friday 3rd October in The Castle Hall between 19.00pm and 20.30pm. Pupils from Aberdour and Downsend have also been invited and tickets are just £3 which includes crisps & unlimited soft drinks on the evening. Tickets can be purchased from the PSFA, please see letter on Parent Portal for details.

SIXTH FORM AWAY DAY

This year, with a whole new Sixth Form Tutor team and the biggest Sixth Form ever, we decided to take everyone on a teambuilding day to Sussex.



We were blessed with excellent weather and everyone was in great spirits. The students remained in their Tutor Groups, the staff formed a team of their own and the day's competition got off to a great start. The students were taken on a journey which involved problem-solving activities and feats which took them all out of their comfort zone.

As the points were counted at the end of the day, the form class to be the runaway winners were 6DV - the mathematicians! In retrospect, however, everyone was a winner and as we made our way back to school, tired and happy, one student remarked, 'I got to know everyone in my Tutor Group, it was such a great day.'

2015 SKI TRIP INFORMATION EVENING

We would like to invite all of the skiers (and their parents) who have a place on next year's ski trip to Saalbach, Hintertglemm, Austria to an information evening from 7.00-9.00pm on Wednesday 12th November in The Budgell Building.



SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING – YEAR 10 AND YEAR 11 PUPILS INVITED

All Year 10 and Year 11 pupils and their parents are invited to attend the Sixth Form Open Evening on Thursday 2nd October 2014. The event will be held between 6.00pm and 8.00pm in the Budgell Building and you will have the opportunity to meet Joint Heads of Sixth Form Mr D'Souza and Mrs McManus, as well as talk to some current Year 12 and Year 13 students.

Please RSVP by 26th September to events@ewellcastle.co.uk. Stating the number in your party.

MUSIC AT EWELL CASTLE

"Ewell Rock!" On 15th October, Ewell Castle School becomes the stage of a new Rock and Pop phenomenon. Pupils from all years of the Senior School will be performing popular music numbers, from Adele to The Zutons, for your delectation. The concert will start at 7:30pm and entry costs just £5 for adults and £3 for children (under 16). Nibbles and refreshments will be provided. Tickets on sale soon.



PSFA

The primary aim of the PSFA is to provide a social setting where families can come together, get to know each other and have a great time, numerous social events are organised throughout the year including a Summer ball. We invite all parents to be involved in the PSFA, whether on the committee or by helping out at events. Look out for information in the Weekly School Bulletin and on the PSFA page on the website. The PSFA also raises money for the School and has recently funded a School minibus and outdoor furniture.

In the meantime, please put the following date in your diary and further information will follow in due course: Fireworks Display, Friday 7th November during the evening at The Castle.



SCHOOL HOUSES



When pupils join the School, they are put into one of three Houses; Castlemaine, Essex and Raleigh. A pupil transferring from the Junior School will remain in the same House, as will siblings. There are regular House and inter-House activities and competitions. House competition is principally of a sporting nature; however Chess,



Music, Drama and Debating currently flourish. House meetings are held fortnightly. All members of teaching staff are assigned to a House to offer support to the Head of House with House activities and pupils are expected to support their Head of House and House Captain in an appropriate fashion. The Head of Raleigh House is Mrs Harrison, the Head of Castlemaine House is Mr Manley and the Head of Essex House is Mr Grindrod.

STAFF NEWS

Mr B Essenhigh becomes Director of Music. Mr M Agass is now Head of Business Studies and Economics with responsibility for Politics. Miss E Walford has joined the Mathematics Department, while Mr K Joy has joined to teach Physics. Mrs L Wilkinson joins the History Department and our new Sports Professional is Mr M Warner-Green.

There are a number of internal appointments that should also be noted. Mr J D'Souza is now Joint Head of Sixth Form with responsibility for Psychology. Mrs E McManus is also Joint Head of Sixth Form. Mr D Vijapura is Head of Mathematics and Mr K Hungsraz is Head of Science. Mr S Leigh has been appointed Head of Teaching & Learning. On the pastoral side Mr S Getty (Year 11), Miss C Hoddell (Year 10) and Miss P Hernandez (Years 7 & 8) are all Heads of Year. In a non-teaching capacity Mr A Makhecha is now the ICT Network Manager.