



HEADLINES

As another busy term draws to a close we have much to celebrate including many 'firsts', such as the Senior School Careers Fair, the Junior School's Women's Week programme of events and a Rugby 7's Tournament. We also had a very successful Arts' Week with a range of activities including two performances of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, our 'first' musical.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the PSFA for their continued support of the School, not only did they host a very enjoyable Quiz Night in January but they have also made a significant financial contribution to some Junior School outdoor play apparatus and our new 3D printer in the Senior School's Design and Technology Department. The PSFA, in conjunction with some of the staff, are introducing a new event in the diary next term, a Race Night that will be held in the Budgell Hall on Saturday 18th April. They will also be organising the Summer Ball on Saturday 4th July. Please do come along to support both these events.

The Principal's Breakfast took a new twist this term when we tried our first 'afternoon tea' with a guest speaker. Author Adele Parks spoke to a good number of parents and staff. We hope to see you at the Principal's Breakfasts during the Summer Term - Thursday 23rd April and Friday 5th June.

Inevitably at the end of a term we have to say goodbye to some staff including Mr Jago who has been covering in the PE Department and Mr Cornish who has been supporting the English Department (although he will be returning as a permanent Part Time Teacher of English from September). Mr O'Connell, Teacher of PE, moved to Scotland at half term and Ms Linsell has recently left the Junior School as After School Care Assistant. We will however be welcoming some new permanent staff to the Senior School team at the beginning of next term; Ms Butterworth as a Teacher of English,



Mr Coogan as Teacher of Physical Education and Mrs McCallum as Reception Administrator. From June, Mr Robson will join as Deputy Head (Curriculum) of the Junior School to work alongside Mrs Fowler who remains Acting Deputy (Pastoral).

As some of you will know Mrs Varney has been doing some independent counselling work at the Senior School for a while but from the beginning of the Summer Term will be working directly for the School for 1.5 days per week. Teenagers are dealing with many issues as they mature and some may require the additional professional support that she offers. If you are interested in finding out more about this service, please contact your child's Head of Year.

As we look forward to the better weather and longer days of the Summer Term there are a few minor tweaks to the calendar that I need to make you aware of:

- Senior internal exam week (Years 7-10) will now be the week before half term, starting on Monday 18th May.
- In order to allow all pupils in the Senior School to attend Prize Giving we have moved the event to the afternoon of Friday 3rd July rather than the traditional Saturday morning. Parents and Guardians of prize winners and Year 13 leavers will also be invited to the event.
- The last week of the Summer Term for the Senior School will largely be run as an 'activities' week where most year groups will have an activity on the Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. More details to follow.

A few highlights for the Summer Term that you may wish to put in your diary...

Saturday 18th April

PSFA Race Night

Wednesday 22nd April

Musical Recital in St Mary's Church, Ewell

Friday 8th May

Senior School Sports Day

Friday 19th June

Junior School Sports Day (Years 1-6)

Wednesday 1st July

Summer Evening

Friday 3rd July

Nursery & Reception Sports Morning

Friday 3rd July

Senior School Prize Giving

Saturday 4th July

PSFA Summer Ball

Monday 6th July

Sports Awards Evening

Tuesday 7th July

Junior School Prize Giving

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very enjoyable and restful Easter holiday.

Peter Harris

Principal of Ewell Castle School



FUNKTION BAND

The Ewell Castle School Funktion Band recently performed at a charity concert at the Epsom Playhouse in support of the local Citizen's Advice Bureau. The evening raised in excess of £1,500. Well done boys.



SKI TRIP – AUSTRIA

February half term marked a change of destination for Ewell Castle’s annual Ski trip to Austria, as we moved to Saalbach/Hinterglemm’s ‘Ski Circus’. Staying in the self-contained Villa Olga, we made daily trips across Maishofen to Gasthof Unterwirt for our meals and made the short trip to the Vorderglemm end of the resort for 5 hours of ski instruction per day. After a full programme of skiing and evening

entertainments, all students competed in an end of tour slalom competition; particular well done to our medal winners: GOLD – Ben McManus, Lucas Coker, Max Day, Max McShee; SILVER- Pat Bell, Karan Dehmeshki, Alex Read, Manhee Park; BRONZE- Joe Forrester, Michael DaGama, Charlie Boorman, Ed Roberts.



CAREERS FAIR

We held our Careers Fair this term. Pupils, students and parents found the event stimulating and enlightening. We had an excellent cross section of employers ranging from universities, barristers and solicitors through to the Head of Strategy at BP. Feedback from those who attended the presentations was highly positive and included comments such as ‘the content of the presentation was really informative and thought-provoking’.

We were also very fortunate to have ex-pupils attend, which helped create a most lively and nostalgic atmosphere! Looking forward to next time.

Mrs E Paton



JOSEPH PRODUCTION

For the first time in many years the students of Years 7, 8 and those taking Music in Year 9 collaborated with auditioned soloists from Years 7-13 to produce a concert performance of Joseph And The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, as a scratch-musical for Arts Week. The ensemble was accompanied by professional musicians from the West End – Joshua Platman and Jonny Abrahams – and our resident accompanist, Jonathan Holmes. The performances played to two sold-out audiences and over 100 students were involved both on and off the stage. Special



mention goes to Joel Smith (Yr 10) for his performance as Joseph, as well as huge congratulations to all involved.



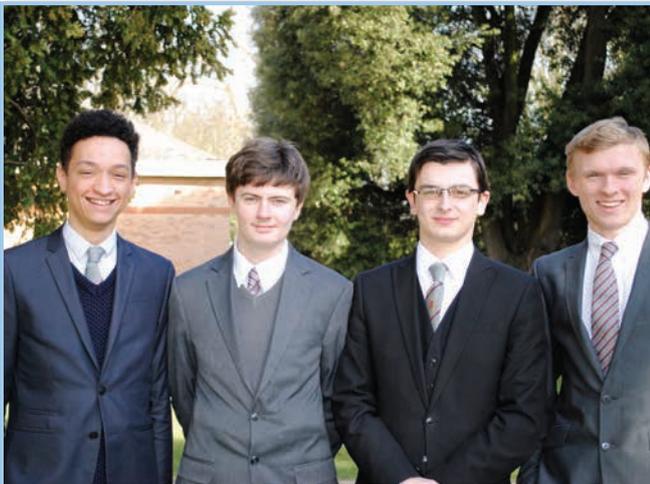
There is more Musical Theatre on the horizon at Ewell Castle: “Please Sir, I want some more...”

Mr B Essenhigh

SIXTH FORM REVIEWER

The idea for the *Sixth Form Reviewer* was created by Jonathan Campbell-Slaughter. He asked me to get a team together to create it and for me to edit it, as I am an aspiring journalist. With Michael Slavin and Sasha Vesovic we have been able to create a consistently informative newsletter every fortnight. They show great initiative and manage to find the articles that I want for the next edition. Working with them has been great this year and I'm sure their capable hands will keep the *Reviewer* in good stead for next year.

Chris Stevens – Editor, Sixth Form Reviewer



FRENCH PLAY

Ewell Castle School welcomed the Onatti Theatre Company on Wednesday, 11th February, to deliver their new French play after the great success of last year's performance. All Year 8 and Year 9 pupils that study French enjoyed an hour of drama entirely in French. For two pupils, Mihir Rao and Giles Barton, the afternoon took an unexpected turn as they found themselves becoming characters in the play. A challenging, but thoroughly enjoyable event for the boys; an afternoon to remember!

Miss P Hernandez and Mr J March



SIXTH FORM ENTERPRISE WEEK

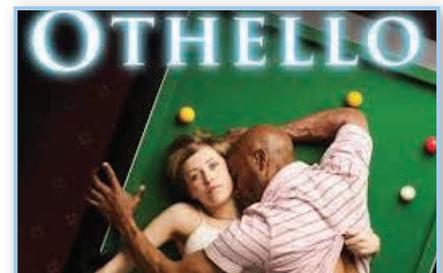
With a set of humorous adverts played in a Whole School assembly, the Sixth Form Enterprise week began on Monday February 9th. This annual activity is part of the Sixth Form Enrichment programme. The eight forms had to buy (at auction) the chance to sell one pre-arranged product – from heavenly hot chocolate, to delicious doughnuts – at specific sites at school. The groups put in money, buy the products and prepare. At Friday break-time, businesses opened their stalls. Over £600 worth of trading took place in about half-an-hour in a fun-filled atmosphere. The

winning form was 6MJC – not only on the money made, but also for their strategy, teamwork, accounts and presentation to judges. Profits made will be donated to charity.

**Mr J D'Souza
Head of Sixth Form**



SOME OF THE THEATRE TRIPS THIS SPRING TERM



PUBLIC SPEAKING

Two Ewell Castle Public Speaking teams entered the Rotary Youth Speaks competition this year. The first round took place in Reigate and only the winners of each age group could go through. Our Senior Team was chaired by Simeon Carter with Sasha Vesovic speaking fluently on the subject of democracy. His erudition was astonishing, and his argument was probably not well received by the judges, two of whom were local politicians. Konrad Cheung proposed the Vote of Thanks to round off a stunning performance. However, we came second to an experienced team from The Warwick School and hence did not progress.

Our Intermediate Team of Giles Barton, the main speaker and Ollie Carter (Vote of Thanks) was chaired by Mitch Elangco. Having practiced on the coach coming back from the Battlefields, the team were well prepared, even if some of the jokes were so bad they had to be removed. A brilliant performance meant that we won on the night and progressed to the district sem-finals.

These were held on a dark and cold Wednesday evening in February at a primary school south of Reigate on a night when the traffic was dreadful. We arrived slightly (but not too) late having had to wait a ludicrous amount of time for a pizza on the way. The competition was tough with teams from across Surrey, including some of the most prestigious schools. The wait for the result was nerve-racking. The top two teams would go through to the final.

In addition to the prizes for the winning teams, at this level there are individual prizes for each team member as well. We thought things were going very well when Mitch was awarded the prize for the best Chairman of the evening, but things were not to be and, although it must have been a very close decision, we did not go through.

Next year, though, we will!

Mr S Bromley

CHARITABLE WORKS COMMITTEE

We're supporting The Children's Trust by collecting Easter Eggs for their Spring Fair and we also held numerous cake sales this term. Members of the Charitable Works Committee also wanted to support Red Nose Day and Year 7 in particular took leadership on this initiative. Patrick Alford (7JM) sent off for a fundraising pack and organised a comedian sweepstake. The students also sold red noses and on the actual day 10LW and PBOC held a red nose theme cake sale. They raised over £120.00.

The Charitable Works Committee has also organised the Paired Reading Scheme with the Pre Prep School and they have created an Environmental Action Group to help clean up the local environment and, in particular, Church Street and St Mary's Church yard.

Next term, the annual Sixth Form fundraiser will take place, where the Sixth Form and their parents are invited to a Quiz Night at a local restaurant. Last year, the evening raised over £500 for the Philippines disaster and we hope to raise even more this year!

Ms C Hoddell



DUXFORD

On 7th February Year 10 Historians travelled to Duxford to learn about the Cold War. They also had a tour round the American hanger with its huge array of 20th century aircraft.

Mr J Blencowe



MUSIC RECITAL AND MASTERCLASS

The Classical Concert was given a new identity this term as we invited BBC Proms



soloist and Tallis Scholar Nick Ashby to join us in a combined 'Recital and Masterclass'. Following a succession of excellent performances by our music scholars and examination students, Nick worked closely with GCSE and AS Level musicians Jamie Wilkinson and Helen Yardley, helping them to improve their performance skills and musicality in front of the full audience. Both Jamie and Helen responded tremendously to the advice that Nick offered and should be commended for their courage and versatility. Other notable performances include those by Jason Liu (piano), Edward Smith (trumpet) and Orhun Isikoglu (piano).

Miss V Holden



DUKE OF EDINBURGH

The Year 10 BRONZE AWARD is running well. We had a great practise day walk on the hills about Reigate on 15th March. The boys practised their map reading and compass skills in preparation for the overnight expedition next term. Hopefully the weather will be warmer.

Mr C Blencowe



LORD CHANCELLOR SPEAKS TO THE SIXTH FORM

Chris Grayling MP for Epsom & Ewell, Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice, visited the School earlier this term and spoke to the Sixth Form during their Enrichment afternoon. It was a fascinating talk and included a lively question and answer session which included questions about justice, the law, education and immigration.

Mrs E McManus



CLASSICS

The Year 9 and 10 Classicists are currently on their trip to the Bay of Naples. Highlights will include climbing Vesuvius and visiting the preserved remains of Pompeii and Herculaneum buried by the Volcanic eruption in 79AD.

Mr C Blencowe



ARTS' WEEK – ART DEPARTMENT

Art saw a collaboration across all the year groups to produce the wardrobe for the 'Joseph' production. Collograph and poly prints were layered over the vivid, technicolour background with Klimt inspired bejewelled, appliqué displayed on top. Zentangle designs were created for the flowing ribbon sections from the collar-all resulting in a fabulous dreamcoat! The Year 12 students designed and crafted the Pharaoh's hat, adapting a traditional style to exhibit a contemporary head piece.

The Photography students were incredibly fortunate to learn from guest speaker Mr Carter, a very experienced photographer with the Royal Photographic Society; whereas the GCSE Art groups enjoyed an educational trip to the Tate Modern!

Ms D Carrick



ARTS' WEEK READING COMPETITION FINAL

The final of the Arts' Week Reading Competition took place during lunchtime on Thursday 12th March. This competition began in English classes towards the start of term, with almost all pupils in Years 7-11, as well as those studying A Level English in the Sixth Form, taking part by delivering a reading of choice to their English teacher in front of their class. The best three pupils from each class (ensuring one from each House – Castlemaine, Essex and Raleigh) were put through to their year group semi-final, which was judged by Mr Leigh. This whittled down the number of competitors in each year group to three (again, ensuring one from each House). On Thursday these three went head-to-head in a very close final judged by Ms L Jones (Drama) who was most impressed with the quality of the readings from students in all year groups. The final results were:

Year 7 Winner

Patrick Alford – Castlemaine

Year 8 Winner

Dilan Jayasena – Raleigh

Year 9 Winner

Mithiran Elangco – Castlemaine

Overall Year 7-9 Winner

Mithiran Elangco - Castlemaine

Year 10 Winner

Alex Webb – Castlemaine

Year 11 Winner

Josh Miller – Essex

Year 12 & 13 Winner

Simeon Carter – Essex

Overall Year 10-13 Winner

Simeon Carter - Essex

The winning pupils will be rewarded with certificates and prizes, along with earning House points for their respective Houses. Very well done to the winners named here - and to everyone else involved.

Mr S Leigh

ARTS' WEEK – MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Whilst the Music Department were very aware of the impending 'Joseph' performances, there was still time to have an 'Electric Jam' in the Sports Hall, where students from all year groups tested their jammin' skills, with Tobi Okuwa (Yr 8) testing out some classic rock riffs, on his bass, alongside Kieran Blyth (Yr13), on the drums. An acoustic version of 'The Jam' was held on Friday lunchtime, along the balcony of the Budgell Hall, featuring a performance by the Guitar Ensemble. Wednesday saw students and staff take part in a 12 hour Drumathon, which consisted of two drum kits being played constantly in the entranceway to the Budgell Hall between the hours of 8am and 8pm, with money raised going to The Children's Trust.

Mr B Essenhigh

SPORT



NETBALL

On Wednesday 11th March the senior netball team had their second game of the year at The Harrodian School. Lead by Joanna Wilshire the team played with determination and drive, but narrowly lost the game.

Miss E Walford

FOOTBALL U12

The two highlights for the U12 team this season is drawing 4-4 with The Cedar School having been 4-0 down at half time, drawing 3-3 with Sutton Grammar and beating Glyn 5-3 having been 3-1 down at half time in that match also. A special mention should go to Tommy Barrell, Shea Brophy, Luis Dyer and Kelechi Nwoko who have played up a year from the Junior School.

FOOTBALL U13

The U13 team have produced some excellent performances in the first half of matches but seem to lack the fitness and tenacity to maintain this level throughout the second half. A 1-1 draw against Sutton Grammar on the last Saturday of the season was a positive finish to a tough term. Notable performances have been Nick Palmer in goal, Kieran Baynes, Joe Forrester and Ollie Hawkins in defence and Andrew Thomas in midfield.

FOOTBALL U14

The U14 team have had a tough season in all, with losses to Glyn, Wilson's and Kingston Grammar School. The boys have tried to work on possession football and at times during the course of the season have played some effective attacking play. Guy West and Tom Smith deserve a special mention for their drive and determination in midfield.

FOOTBALL U15

A well deserved thrashing of Wilson's was followed by a frustrating 2-2 draw with St Pauls having been 2-0 up at half time. A defeat to Glyn was followed with a 1-1 draw with Kingston Grammar School. The final Saturday of the term saw Ewell come from 2-0 down to beat Sutton Grammar

3-2 with goals from Joe Cotsworth, Darrian Holder and Terry Larkin. The team have scored some good goals with Henry Macquire scoring his fair share along the way with some spectacular long range efforts from George Whalley.

FOOTBALL 1ST XI

A difficult start to the term with a 4-0 loss to Wilson's was followed with a 1-1 draw to Glyn, Sam Wilton getting the only goal. The following week, the team travelled to John Fisher and were on the right side of a 6-0 scoreline which saw Captain Mark Goulder claim a hatrick, Otsan Sousa scoring two and Sam Wilton adding to his tally from the week before. Two further disappointing losses to Christ's Hospital and Kingston Grammar School were then followed by a 4-0 win against Richard Challoner and against Sutton Grammar School, 2-0. The team finished the season with another high, beating Reigate Grammar School 2-1. Special mention to Mark Goulder and Otsan Sousa who have been the energy and creativity in midfield, and to Sam Wilton for scoring some important goals at times.

FOOTBALL 2ND XI

The 2nd XI endured a challenging season with tough matches vs Wilson's and Kingston Grammar. Some of the squad played in some matches with the 1st XI including wins against John Fisher, Sutton Grammar and Reigate Grammar. Special thanks to Adam Venables and Khaya Mtunzi for helping organise team selections and for their contribution on the pitch as well.

Mr J Grindrod



U14 RUGBY REPORT IN THE 2013-14 EWELLIAN MAGAZINE

The following report should have appeared in the 2013-2014 Ewellian Magazine, but a different report was printed instead. Please accept our apologies for this error.

UNDER 14 RUGBY 2013



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The Under 14 season was an exciting and successful one to be had. As ever, the Under 14 squad is bolstered by the additions of new pupils in the school and Mr Krause had a nice problem to have competition for places. The season started brightly with convincing wins against Halliford and Royal Alexander and Albert. The next match against Reigate was a particular highlight with each team scoring 4 tries and taking the lead on several occasions. Unfortunately Ewell Castle lost 28 – 26 but it was a great performance led by Captain Lachlan John, who had also recently been selected in the Harlequins squad.

The team recovered from the disappointing loss to go and gain convincing wins against Richard Challoner, Claremont Fan Court and Salesians Chertsey. In these matches, the forwards set a great platform for many of the tries scored with Louis Bramwells, Edward Jackson and Prasanna Uthayanan making strong runs and tackles. In the backs, Will Harding at scrum half moved the ball quickly to allow room for the pace of George Whalley, Henry Macquire, Chauncey Taylor and Trocon Barchue to score numerous tries throughout the season.

Further competitive matches against Orleans Park, St James and Esher High enabled a number of tries to be scored, particularly by winger Trocon Barchue who became a more intelligent player as the season continued. Gritty displays from Ollie Rickus, Aidan Gardner, Tom Buller and Joe Cotsworth provided the squad with the energy when it was needed most.

With more boys playing together in the same club teams, an understanding of each other's game play was beginning to show. Edward Jackson, Chauncey Taylor and Henry Macquire are all part of the Surrey Training Squad, providing them with the opportunity to train and play with some of the region's strongest players.

The squad look to next season for improvement in playing a more rounded team performance rather than perhaps relying on the "impact players". With the added incentive of the Nat West Cup, we are hoping and expecting big things from these players.

Mr J Grindrod

ARTISTS OF THE TERM

ARTS' WEEK POSTER COMPETITION

Year 7 Winner
Hyeonsoo Jang

2nd Place
Ethan Woodcraft

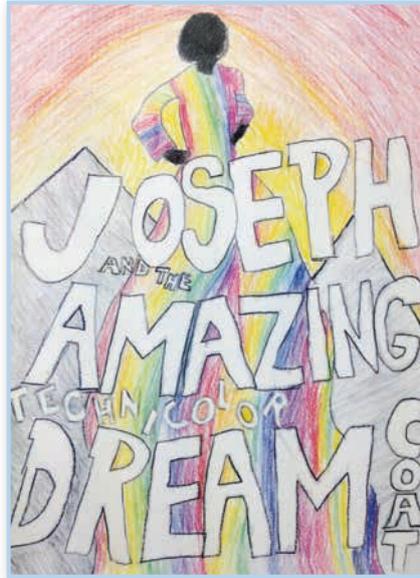
3rd Place
George Greensmith



ARTIST OF THE TERM

Year 10
Sean-Harry Pritchard
(the grapefruit collage)

Year 11
Long Ngugen
(the painted figure)



A-Level Photography
Charlie Westmoreland-Burns
(the leopard)

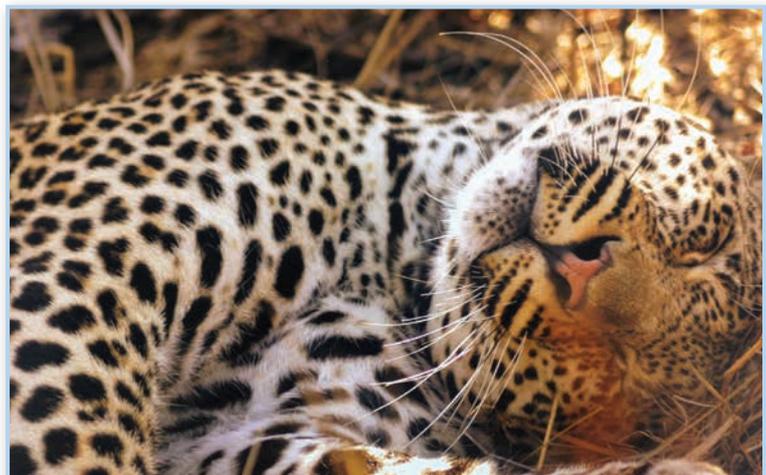
A-Level Art
Jack Hazell

YEAR 10, 11, 13

Year 10 Runners Up
Louis Bramwells,
Juhwi Kim, Mac Murfitt

Year 11 Runners Up
Will Ellis, Brian Jung,
Luke Steeper

Ms D Carrick



LAMDA



Several boys from Years 7, 8 and 9 have had a busy few weeks preparing for their LAMDA examinations, taken on Monday 2nd March. The candidates had to perform two contrasting monologues from memory and present them in front of a LAMDA examiner, they also had to answer questions on the character, subtext and context in order to realise the specific demands of the piece.

Well done to all boys involved!

Anne Arkey – Comedy

On Thursday 7th May, the Drama Department will present 'Anne Arkey', a comedy about the strange and somewhat hectic goings on during a school production.....a concept we understand all too well! Tickets will be available from School office, costing £6 for adults and £4 for children.

We do hope to see you on show night.

Miss L Jones
Teacher of Drama

CLASSICS TRIP TO ANTIGONE AT THE BARBICAN



The Sixth Form Classicists visited The Barbican on 18th March to see Antigone by Sophocles. A central play for the A Level syllabus it covers the appalling consequences when a duty to obey the law and a duty to the family and Gods collide.

STUDENT COUNCIL

The Student Council met on Thursday 12th March and discussed many issues; from the addition of more extracurricular clubs and activities, to how the new prospectus should be shaped. A big thank you deserves to go the students who gave up their time to attend: V. Songui (7JM), G. Greensmith (7CHR), G. West (9KH), V. Khaka (9EW), N. Ali (10JB), M. Davies (10KJ), R. Winter (6VH), S. Carter (6MA), D.Crego-Bustelo (6MA). Whilst everything cannot be 'green lit' immediately, (a school gym and food technology as a subject), the group is driving the School forward now, and in the future.

Mr S Getty



TRIP TO MARY ROSE

On 27th February Year 8 went to the Mary Rose in Portsmouth. The great hull is now fully preserved and there is a great range of artefacts whereby we can learn a great deal about the lives of sailors at the time, we also looked at the different theories as to why it sunk.



Mr C Blencowe



CWC delivering Easter Eggs to Children's Trust

THE CASTLE SOCIETY REVIEW

The Castle Society has held four guest speaker events so far this term:

- Elizabeth McManus, Head of Sixth Form, led the way with a very interesting talk in January on “Irish Pride & British Disgrace in Recent Films”, which explored the use of realism in modern cinematography for understanding Britain’s role in Ireland’s 20th Century history.
- Visiting speaker Andy Woodward, a former History teacher at Ewell Castle School, gave a detailed, illuminating account on “The Morality of the Crusades” which challenged many widely held views of an important, formative period in Christian-Islamic history. 
- Natalie Shalet, a consultant to leading pharmaceutical businesses, gave a talk on Health Economics. Detailed insights were provided about the use of cost-benefit analysis for deciding what new drugs can be adopted by the National Health Service. 
- Ben Essenhig, Director of Music at Ewell Castle School, ended the Spring term programme with a fascinating perspective on “Left-brain/right-brain theory as applied to the World of Music”, using the work of percussionists to explore the theme in considerable detail.

All events were well attended by Year 10 – Year 11 students and there was time for lively question-and-answer sessions with discussion. We are now seeking to organise the Castle Society’s programme of events for the next academic year and, with this in mind, we would be very interested to hear suggestions from parents for inviting guest speakers.

Mr M Carragher

ECSPORTS ACADEMY

The pupils on the Sports Academy are training well and Ben McManus was awarded the most improved player this term. The morning training sessions



are running well with students being put through their paces through Hapkido, boxing, circuits and sprints.

Mr J Grindrod

BIOLOGY CONFERENCE

On 11th February all A-Level and AS Level Biology students attended a series of lectures in London. The keynote speaker at this event was Professor Lord Robert Winston.

The students enjoyed a morning of lectures given by Lord Robert Winston on the topics of DNA and cells, tissues and organs. After lunch, a Cambridge academic spoke on the topic of ‘The Variety of Living Organisms’, followed by the world-renowned expert in Cardiovascular Genetics from University College London, Steve Humphries, talking on ‘The Biology and Genetics of Heart Disease’.

The students found the experience most interesting and were particularly inspired by Professor Lord Robert Winston.

Mr S Manley



PSFA



Once again, the Quiz Night was a sell out and raised over £800 which helped to contribute towards a new 3D Printer for the Design 3 Technical Department. I am proud that, with your support, we have been able to provide equipment for all three sites during this academic year. As we move into the Summer Term, the first event will be upon us very quickly. The Summer Ball will be held in the grounds of the Senior School on Saturday 4th July. Please hold the date, it was fantastic fun last year - tickets will go on sale early in the Summer Term. We will be launching the ‘Silent Auction’ to conclude at the Ball. If you know of anyone who would be able to donate an item, we would be extremely grateful. Last year we were able to raise close to £2,000 with the generous donations of food hampers, tickets for events and experiences. As always, we would be grateful for any extra offers of help, no matter how big or small. I am always keen to hear suggestions for new events so, if anything strikes you, please get in touch!

Vicki Craig – Chair, PSFA

RUGBY

Rugby 7's St James Senior Boys' U15 Invitational Sevens

It was the 2nd annual St James Senior Boys' U15 Invitational Sevens. Six teams in two pools, the winner of each pool played for the Cup. Team: Chauncey Taylor, Lachlan John, Prasanna Uthayanan, Joe Cotsworth, George Whalley (Captain), Henry Macquire, Trocon Barchue, Edward Jackson, Louis Bramwells, Tom Buller, Ollie Rickus.



We had two 20min training sessions prior to the tournament. We started a bit sluggish taking us the first game to put into practice the 7's game plan we had worked on in the training sessions. Once we had this in place we were fairly unstoppable. All the squad contributed admirably, led well by George with some outstanding performances from Lachlan and Trocon.

Game 1 Beat Orleans Park 33 – 21

Game 2 Beat Thomas Knyvett 45 - 0

Final- Beat Leighton Park (winners of the other pool) 44 – 0

Mr M Warner-Green

U15s Surrey 7's

Won our first two matches beating Glyn and Wallington Grammar, taking us through to the Bowl comp where we lost in the semi final.

Ewell Castle Rugby 7's

The inaugural Ewell Castle Rugby 7's festival for the Under 15's and the Senior Team took place on a bright and sunny afternoon on 11th March. The festival was held at Sutton & Epsom RFC and it proved to be a truly fantastic day.

With music playing from the main stand, the smell of freshly cooked burgers not to mention the hub of activity taking place on the rugby fields.



The Under 15's playing in a league format won 3 matches against Glyn (21-5), Richard Challoner (24-0) and Lingfield Notre Dame (50-0). In the last match of the league to decide who would go through to the final as league winners, Ewell fell short losing to Greycourt 24-26. It was a real nail biter of a match but it did mean that the two teams would face off against each other in the final. As it was, Greycourt went 3 tries up and Ewell did their best to claw back the deficit only to run out of time, losing 17-12. A great effort from the boys.

The Seniors tournament was a 2 pool format made up of 3 teams in each group. Ewell were matched up with St James and this match kicked the Senior Tournament off with a 28-5 win. Next came the match against Lingfield Notre Dame and another impressive display from the boys saw Ewell Castle win 36-7. The two wins meant the boys went through to the final to play Royal Alexander & Albert School who finished group winners from the other pool. In a tough contest, Royal Alexander & Albert had a little too much speed and power, winning 26-0 and claim the trophy.

A great day in all with both Ewell Castle teams reaching the final. Thank you to Sutton & Epsom RFC for hosting the event, the parents for their vocal support and to the pupils for their participation and help on the day.

Mr J Grindrod

SWIMMING GALA

On Wednesday 18th March, the Senior School held its annual Swimming Gala at Epsom College. In a smaller venue with only competitors and parents watching, the boys were able to still create a competitive atmosphere, spurring the swimmers on to victory. Raleigh were looking to make it 2 wins in a row and Castlemaine and Essex weren't there to make up the numbers!

In the Lower School, Essex House took top spot with Year 7, 8 and 9 swimmers all doing their bit. In the Upper School Raleigh House totally dominated the pool building a points margin of almost 25 points. As it stood with all of the points added it up, it was in fact Essex House who won the overall 1st place from Raleigh and then Castlemaine.

