



HEADLINES

Where has the time gone, the Summer Term certainly feels like busiest in the academic year and as this newsletter goes to print we have the Junior School and Senior School Prize Giving to look forward to as well as the much anticipated PSFA Summer Ball.

It is not unusual to reach the end of the academic year and say goodbye to some members of staff who leave the School either due to retirement, relocation, promotion or to pursue interests outside of teaching. This July we must say goodbye to the following Senior School staff: Jeanette Dow, Rose Iksilara, David Thompson, Chris Roffey and Ciaran Fitzgibbon. We thank them for their service to the School over their many years of service.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents that we will be introducing the new School uniform in September 2015 from Reception to Year 11. The uniform will be available to purchase from Lester Bowden in Epsom from mid July. Tacklebag provide the sports kit. They are an online supplier but will be in School on Friday 17th July.

Pastoral Care is vital to the school and has been rated as 'outstanding' by ISI. We are small, have small class sizes, inclusive and certainly have a family feel. To enhance this provision and to work alongside the current pastoral team and Heads of Year, we have appointed Victoria Ikwemesi who will be our new part time Religious Studies teacher at the Senior School and our whole School Chaplain. This term we welcomed Carolyn Varney as part time counsellor to the Senior School.

Please do encourage your sons and daughters to make the most of the opportunities on offer at Ewell Castle School. There are many, and something for everyone, sports teams, music, drama, art, design technology, ICT, extra-curricular, trips, clubs, Duke of Edinburgh etc. The School's vision is to raise expectations and to

"Achieve Each Child's Potential" and it is certainly true that the more pupils put in the more they will get out of it. "The greatest danger for most of us is not that our aim is too high and we miss it but that it is too low and we hit it" Michaelangelo.

The Sixth Form held a Leavers' Party on 26th June. We wish our Year 11 and 13 leavers well. Remember us and your Ewell Castle School friends.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the PSFA, especially the committee members, for their time, commitment, energy and leadership in organising various social events throughout the year, as well the additional funds they provide to the School which this year has enabled us to purchase a 3D printer and some outdoor play equipment for the Junior School. I would encourage all parents to support the PSFA and to contribute in some way. It is a fun and sociable way to get to know other parents and make new friends whilst also supporting the School.

As you can see we have had many achievements and successes from this year and our determination is to build on this as we take the school forward to its next phase of development. We are committed to investing in staff training and development as well as ongoing building improvements with



New Head Boy, Deputy Head Boy and Deputy Head Girl

the proposed new Music Department Pavilion. We welcome more girls to the Senior School in September, whilst initially they will be a welcome addition to our existing family.

Finally, I would like to thank this year's Head Boy, Daniel Crego-Bustelo, and Deputy Head Boy, Simeon Carter, for all their hard work and dedication to the task throughout the year. They have gone about their business with purpose and enthusiasm. It is with enormous pleasure that I can confirm to you the appointment of David Farrington as Head Boy, Will Dennis as Deputy Head Boy and Louisa Mills as Deputy Head Girl for the next academic year. May I take this opportunity to wish you a wonderful Summer holiday.

Peter Harris, Principal

EWELL CASTLE SENIOR SCHOOL MOCK GENERAL ELECTION 7TH MAY 2015



Some of the Sixth Form really got into the swing of this year's General Election. Student representatives from the majority of the political parties campaigned during the previous week, produced flyers and campaign posters, hoping to persuade pupils to vote for them on Election Day. Despite not attending the hustings and having undertaken very little campaigning, the winners of the mock election were UKIP, which even their leader admitted was "a bit of a joke and protest vote".

CHAPEL CHOIR AT SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL



The progress that the Chapel Choir has made this year has been enormous; eighteen months ago the majority of our choristers had never held a musical score, let alone sight-read from one, singing challenging music, in three-part harmony and in an assortment of languages! Their stunning choral blend and growing confidence is testament to their hard work and patience and they should feel exceptionally proud of themselves.

Having performed just one item of an Evensong service in the summer of 2014, this year the choir have performed two full evensong services: a local service at St. Mary's and later at the impressive (and vast) Southwark Cathedral, a service usually sung by the resident professional choir. Repertoire included *Magnificat* and *Nunc Dimittis* by Dyson, *For The Beauty Of The Earth* by Rutter and two outstanding voluntaries performed by our organ scholar, Orhun Isikoglu. Auditions are currently being held for places in the growing Chapel Choir, which welcomes lower voices (tenor and bass) from September 2015 (please contact Miss Holden or Mr Essenhigh for further details). We look forward to an exciting year ahead of recitals, services and trips, including a performance of Faure's Requiem in the Spring followed by a tour to Paris, where the choir will sing in Notre Dame Cathedral.

Miss V Holden

LIVING HISTORY GROUP

The 10th Essex WW1 Living History Group visited the School to talk to pupils about what life was like in the Trenches. They brought various artifacts and WW1 uniforms for the pupils to try on.

Mrs E Harrison



SIXTH FORM REVIEWER

The Sixth Form Reviewer has had a new start in recent weeks, with Sasha Vesovic and me taking over responsibility from Chris Stevens in bringing all the news from around the sixth form and publishing the work of those talented members of our Sixth Form. The first issue was a great success, keeping to the same format whilst making changes in order to try and constantly improve. We are highly grateful to Chris and Jonathon Campbell-Slaughter for creating the Reviewer and hope to continue with the success they brought to it.

Michael Slavin, Year 12



HENRY BLOODWORTH

Henry Bloodworth is continuing his success at windsurfing this season. At a recent competition, one week before the start of his AS exams, he was ranked top male youth sailor in the Under 20-year-old category nationwide. Over that weekend of six races he came first in four races, gaining him a substantial overall lead to take first place. As this newsletter goes to print he has just completed the RS:X Youth European Windsurfing Championships in Palermo, Mondello, Italy.

He has also been selected as one of four sailors to join the GB Squad to compete at the RS:X Youth World Windsurfing Championships in Gydnia, Poland at the beginning of July. We wish him well.



SENIOR SCHOOL SPORTS DAY 8TH MAY 2015



RUGBY TRAINING

Pre-season Rugby Training will take place at the school and will run over the holiday for current Yr9-Yr12 on Tuesday and Thursday from 3:30-5:00pm on the following dates.

14th July, 16th July, 21st July, 23rd July, 28th July, 30th July, 4th August & 6th August

In addition **pre season sessions** take place at Banstead Road and will run 3:30-5:00pm on the following dates

Tuesday 2nd September and Wednesday 3rd September all years pre season training

Thursday 4th September and Friday 5th September is U15-1st XV.

Kind regards
Mr G Coogan

CHARITY UPDATE

The Charitable Works Committee meet once a week to discuss ways of making a positive difference in the lives of others. This year we chose a 'home' charity and the charity chosen was Children's Trust Tadworth. Most of our fund raising has been by having cake sales! The Children's Trust tweeted they needed a new basket ball hoop and so, based on the efforts of our boys and their eagerness to eat cake, we have been able to buy one for them.

At The Summer Evening we held a book sale to raise more funds.

The CWC also organises paired reading with the Prep and Preprep and a new initiative this year has been the Environmental Action Group where boys have cleared up the churchyards and local area of litter before school.

We are always keen to have new members, so do see me or one of the Committee Members.

In the Autumn Term a meal at The Walton Tandoor is planned for Sixth Formers and their families. Watch this space for more details.

Ms C Hoddell



DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Year 10 have just finished their Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme final expedition. They covered thirty hill strewn miles, with full pack, in two days. It was very tough. The map reading is also challenging. Every group managed to finish the distance and not a single pupil dropped out – a remarkable record of this year group's determination and drive. Previous year groups were good, but not that good!

At the end of term we will be starting the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award training for the Year 9's with the intention of offering Silver next summer. They will have the high standards set by Year 10 to live up to.

J C W Blencowe



GAMELAN TRIP TO THE SOUTHBANK CENTRE



On Friday the 15th May, we went to a Gamelan workshop at the Southbank Centre. Once we had arrived, we went inside, travelled down several corridors and went into the Gamelan room.

It was packed full of instruments that you would find in any typical Gamelan, but the instruments that dominated the room were the two huge sets of Gamelan gongs, taking up roughly a fifth of the room. Once we were inside, our guide, Sophie gave us a mini quiz to find out what we knew about Gamelan music and where it came from.

Then we got to play the instruments. I got the chance to play the smaller of one of the gongs. You have to be careful when you get inside the framework that the gongs are suspended from, as it is very easy to hit your head!

I had quite an easy job as a gong player. This is because Gamelan music is cyclic and has interlocking melodies, and a gong is used to mark a new "cycle" of the music.

I also had a chance to play one of the numerous metallophones in a Gamelan. I was not exactly great at it to begin with, and to add insult to injury, you have to dampen (press the notes so they stop ringing) every note you play!

Towards the end of the trip, Sophie showed us a piece on the metallophone I had been playing which had an extremely long cycle. Then we were shown the Rabab, (the Gamelan equivalent of a violin) which we didn't have to chance to play as it was quite fragile.

Overall, I really enjoyed this trip to the Southbank Centre.

Noah Sanders, Year 7

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AND OLD EWELLIANS

The Old Ewellians (Alumni) Association held two very successful events this term. The inaugural Golf Day at Kingswood Golf Club on 17th April was attended by over twenty Old Ewellians; not only did it include a golf competition and luncheon but also an evening drinks and golfers grill. This was followed a couple of months later with the annual reunion at The Castle on 13th June, where over ninety Old Ewellians, as well as former and current members of staff, enjoyed an afternoon to reminisce and enjoy tours of the School, which were conducted by some of our current Sixth Form. The Old Ewellian Association continues to grow in strength and numbers and we encourage all our Years 11 and 13 leavers to register their personal contact details with the Alumni Office before they leave Ewell Castle School. This way, we can update them on reunions and networking events that they may be interested in attending and which may be of benefit. Contact: oldewellians@ewellcastle.co.uk and visit the Old Ewellians section of the School website for further information.



Ms C Hernandez

PSFA

At the time of writing, the Summer Ball is a few days away but with another year of great ticket sales and a fabulous weather forecast, we are hopeful of a repeat success. The Silent Auction has moved online this year with another set of impressive items for which I must thank those who have contributed. We will be hosting our first unwanted clothing collection, using ClothesAid, on Friday 18th September. The collection will coincide with the first Principal's Breakfast of the new academic year and proceeds will be divided between Charity and the School. Please start saving your unwanted clothing items now and further details will follow in early September. Until then, I hope you all have a wonderful summer!

Vicki Craig - Chair

EC SPORTS ACADEMY

Some of our EC Sports Academy Members



NETBALL IN THE SIXTH FORM



DRAMA: LOWER SCHOOL

ANNE ARKY

Several boys from Years 7, 8 and 9 presented a memorable performance of 'Anne Arky' in May; the cast seemed to enjoy performing just as much as the audience enjoyed watching! Credit must go to all performers involved, they portrayed roles that were challenging to say the least. The standard is very high in the lower years and all pupils are encouraged to continue performing in School plays, Summer Evening and of course, Wassail!

Miss L Jones



LAMDA

The Drama Department introduced LAMDA examinations to the Lower School this year; the pupils undertook a series of workshops to prepare them for these well established and challenging examinations. All entrants did exceptionally well; achieving Merit and Distinction levels. The examiner was very complimentary and expressed his praise for all pupils involved.

LAMDA Examinations will be open to Years 7, 8 and 9 boys next year, we look forward to another successful run!

EWELL CASTLE SAILING REPORT

A group of Year 10 pupils and I have been sailing at Mercers Lake and I'm sure it's fair to say that we were not exactly Olympic level sailors after the first week (although a few were pretty good)! We usually drive up to the club after lunch and then go straight out on the water. The first few times we sailed we were doing 15 minute theory lessons but the more we sailed, the more time we have spent out on the water and engaging in sailing.

Learning a completely new sport is always going to be hard and frustrating, but I have to say that it has been a really fun, exciting and (at times) scary experience. Mercers Lake is a fantastic place

to learn, and the instructors provide you with good teaching and ensure you always have a good time. We have learnt how to sail around a triangle course, how to rig our own boat and reef it for specific wind conditions and how to hike out to keep the boat flat when it's really windy!

Overall I would say it's been incredibly fun. Whether it involves learning how to capsize or listening to Patrick's



music on the bus, I can speak on behalf of everyone when I say we've all had a great time.

Harry Bannister, Year 10

SIXTH FORM LEAVERS' EVENING



ART GRAFFITI WORKSHOP

On Monday 15th June a group of Year 9 and Year 12 art and photography students travelled up to Shoreditch to take a tour of London Street Art. Our expert guide Dave took us on a fascinating amble around the streets explaining the different styles and techniques of street art and graffiti and regaling us with fascinating tales of feuds and friendships between the artists.



We were overwhelmed by the volume and breadth of the work he showed us including all sorts of art created from painted chewing gum, electrical tape, explosive paint, paste up and 3 dimensional art forms.

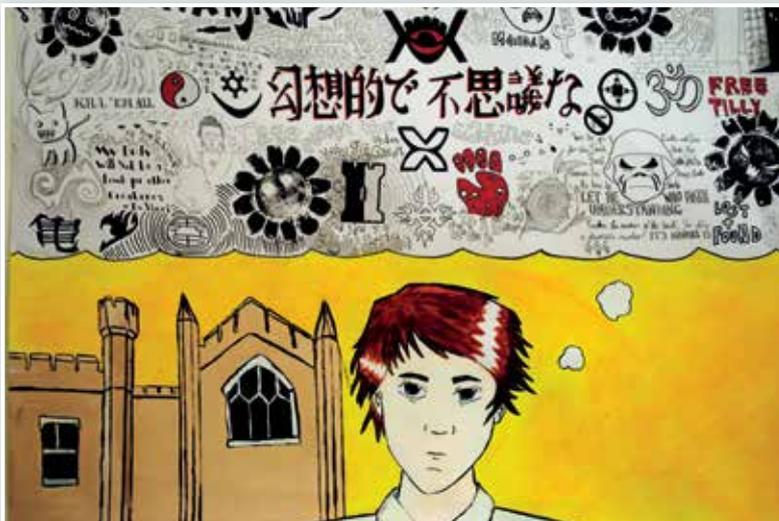
Gregos, LovePiePenBrinck and Shepard Fairey, our trip ended with a rather spectacular Banksy piece.

Many thanks to Mr Roffey and Miss Carrick for accompanying us and congratulations to the students who behaved beautifully, asked lots of questions and enjoyed the trip so much.

Having seen the work of many artists including Phlegm, ROA, Pure Evil,

Mrs E Shepherd

ART EXHIBITION



U13 CRICKET

This has been a difficult season for the U13 cricket team, as the boys often found themselves up against strong, experienced sides. The batsmen have had trouble posting sizeable totals, and often have been bowled out too easily when chasing runs.

The bowlers have struggled to find the required lines and lengths to pressurise batsmen, and too many wides have been conceded during the season.

The one notable highlight of the season was the superb win away at King Edward's School, Witley, where the team were convincing winners by 8 wickets, with the captain Max McShee making 25 not out, well supported by Daniel Sultan with 12 not out.

The boys have been keen to learn and improve, have generally been immaculately turned out for matches, and I hope the lessons they take away from the season will stand them in good stead for next year. I commend them to play as much as possible for their clubs over the summer holiday, to make further progress with their skills.

Mr S Brooks



FUN RUN AT NONSUCH PARK



CASTLEMAINE - WINNERS OF THE HOUSE MUSIC COMPETITION



ATHLETICS

Athletics at Ewell Castle School is going from strength to strength with each year group participating in a number of meets over the course of the summer term. Events vs Glyn at The Harrier Centre, The Claremont Invitational and Sutton Grammar's Athletics Meet were just some of the events that the pupils competed.

The highlight of the term was the Year 10 boys winning the Claremont Invitational as well as our Year 10 boys winning the 4 X 100m Relay at Surrey District. A number of Year 10 boys off the back of that event were put forward for County Trials. These including Trocon Barchue and Henry MacQuire for the 100 metres, George Whalley in the Triple Jump and Chauncey Taylor in the Shot Put.

Mr J Grindrod