



MORE HOUSE SCHOOL

Newsletter

Friday, 1st October 2010

Dear Parents,

It is staggering to think that we have just two full weeks left before half term, and even less than that before the Italy Music Tour leaves. This term just seems to be racing by. This week has seen the Year 9 Science Department trip to Alton Towers to look at the issue of forces and vectors, as well as the psychology of fear I would imagine. We also had the excellent Florence Fund-raising Evening and further rehearsals for the term's Drama production and the Music Tour ~ don't forget that the Pre-Tour Concert is coming up on the 11th October. This event is open to all, not just the parents of those in the Tour Choir. Last week also saw our Autumn Term Mass, taken by our Chaplain who is greatly recovered after his successful back operation. Finally, my thanks to those of you who took the time and trouble to complete the ISC online survey, about which you will have received an e-mail last week. More details about the results to follow..

Hello again

Avid readers of *Hello!* Magazine (you know who you are [Ed]) will have noticed that in the current issue our girls have, once again, made it onto the glossy pages thanks to their participation in *The London Season's* charity fund-raising 'Debutants' Ball'. As usual we were struck with how well they all scrubbed up and how glamorous and photogenic they looked in their white dresses and borrowed multi-million jewellery. This year's prospective 'Debs' will be going up for interview in the near future ~ along with their mothers it would appear!

Molto Bene!

Tuesday of this week saw the annual Music Tour fundraiser. This year it had an Italian theme appropriately enough. The event was a sell out with some parents being disappointed that they weren't able to get tickets at the last moment. Guests were treated to an excellent three-course meal, including more pizza and salad than you could shake a stick at and some excellent ice cream. Alex and Claudia sang for us, along with the very talented Ms Moran, whilst the auction served to separate guests from their money as

painlessly as possible, All in all the evening raised £2,382.32p which was an excellent effort from all but especially Mrs Leach who masterminded the domestic arrangements.

This sporting life

Ms Maher certainly made her mark with last week’s extremely successful Inter-House Sports Day which was marked by smooth organisation and good humour. The weather was far from kind to us, serving up an irritating and persistent mizzle as well as a cuttingly cold wind. This did not seem to put a damper on things. If anything it seemed to encourage the girls and Staff to rise to the occasion. As was remarked later ~ it is easy to do a successful sports day when the weather is good; the real test is how well can you do when the weather is bad? This year’s competition was not as tight as in the previous two years, with Canterbury establishing a clear lead by lunch time and managing to hold on to it, despite the other Houses, especially Iona, attempting to erode it. This makes Canterbury now three-time winners of the Inter-House Sports Shield.

First blood to More House in this season’s netball fixtures. The U12 netball team defeated Queen’s Gate 6 ~ 0 in a ‘friendly’ fixture (There are no unfriendly fixtures. However that is never an excuse for going easy![Ed]) which really gave both the players and also Ms Brown, who has volunteered to help with the coaching of the Junior Squad, a lift at the start of term. Let’s hope that this is the start of a very successful season.

Going around the Houses

A pleasing crop of Honours Cards this week. It is clear that it will not be too long before the first Certificates of Achievements will be issued. There have also been a number of Headmaster’s Merits issued ‘for service above and beyond the call of duty’ this week. Especial congratulations to the girls concerned. No doubt your Houses were grateful, given that a Headmaster’s Credit is worth 5 Credits in one go.

	Canterbury	Iona	Santiago	Walsingham
Honours Cards	Eleanor Norris Faith Farlow Alaia De Santis- Odabash Taylor Wall*2 Holly De Wesselow Emma McWalter	Florence Smith Catrin Bywater Anna Zaphiriou- Zarifi	Eve McKenna Myriam Wallis Rouge Eldin Cameron O' Saul Anna Haripersaud Niamh McGovern	Emilia Coady- Booth Madeleine Doutney Olivia Mason- Williams Carolina Pestana- Viera Biba Thomas Natasha Waddell

GRAND TOTAL	
CANTERBURY	133
IONA	107
SANTIAGO	104
WALSINGHAM	97

House of the Week was **Walsingham**

Don't forget

Thursday is Open Evening, and therefore there are special arrangements for the girls for the afternoon and evening of that day.

In the weeks to come

Monday 4 th October	3.30 ~ 4.30pm Senior Chamber Choir rehearsal 3.30 ~ 5.30pm Play rehearsal 6.30pm Parents' Association Christmas Fayre Sub-Committee meeting
Tuesday 5 th October	GCSE Drama trip to see <i>The Woman in Black</i> 4.15 ~ 6pm: Play Rehearsal
Wednesday 6 th October	3.30 ~ 4.45pm Tour Rehearsal
Thursday 7th October	No afternoon lessons Afternoon: Music Tour rehearsals 5.30 ~ 8.30pm Open Evening
Friday 8 th October	3.30 ~ 5.30pm: Play Rehearsal
Monday 11 th October	3.30 ~ 4.30pm Senior Chamber Choir rehearsal 3.30 ~ 5.30pm School Play Rehearsal Evening: Pre-Tour Concert
Tuesday 12 th October	4 ~ 6.30pm VIth Form Parents' Evening
Wednesday 13 th October	8.30am Tour Choir leaves for Florence All day: LVith Classics trip

Thursday 14 th October	am: VIth Form Drama trip to the National Theatre 4~6pm: VIth Form Life Drawing class
Friday 15 th October	3.20pm: Term ends for half term

With best wishes for a peaceful weekend

Robert Carlyle