



MORE HOUSE SCHOOL

## Newsletter

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2011

*Dear Parents,*

*This year's A Level Drama performances were astonishing. Every year I think that I have seen the best that there can be, and then the following year the bar is raised again. It has been a long time since I have been made nervous by a piece of school drama but I have to say that two minutes into *Deadly Sin* I was regretting sitting in the front row. Rehearsals are now running towards a climax as we start to approach the '3 weeks until the Concert' mark in the calendar. Elsewhere in this issue of The Newsletter you will find details of how to get your hands on tickets. Finally I know that you will be as saddened as the Staff and I were to learn of the untimely death of the husband of my predecessor but one, Mrs Falconer. I have written to express the School's sadness at this news and we, of course, hold her and her family in our prayers.*

### *Don't have nightmares*

There seems to be something about the A2 Drama devised piece which brings out the darkness in the UVith. It is very rare that they write and produce a comedy for this part of their examination, opting for powerful examinations of the darker side of life. This year was no exception, with one group opting for a short story about the evil work of a satanic cult whilst the other gave us a story about how family tragedy and drug abuse can lead to a descent into madness and ultimately suicide. Not too many laughs in either of them, although that said, the first group did manage to slip in a comic section involving a WAG ~ admittedly she was subsequently abducted by the cult and possessed but it was funny whilst it lasted!

What made the performances so effective was the girls' clear understanding and application of a range of acting techniques which were designed to unsettle and intimidate the audience. It is remarkable how unnerving a complete absence of expression can be. Both groups had opted for a very simple set with stark lighting and minimal costumes and this merely served to increase the pressure on the audience because there was nothing to distract them at all. A powerful evening's entertainment but not a comfortable one.

### *This sporting life*

**N**ot such a successful week, this week. Our netball teams came back on their shields rather than with them, having lost rather heavily to Francis Holland, Graham Terrace earlier in the week but there is always next time! The Football Squad has started its weekly training sessions with Mr. Heggarty stepping in to give Ms Maher a hand, even though this really is her thing. The flights are booked for Dublin, so it's all go for the Dublin tour.

### *Going around the Houses*

**W**alsingham continues to hang on to their lead for the race for the House of the Year but Canterbury is staying at their shoulder. We are fast approaching the start date for the Inter-House Talent Competition which has big bonuses for participation. Such events are usually where the 'lean, green organizing machine' that is Canterbury excels. Will this be the case this year?

### **House Cards go to the following girls:**

	<b>Canterbury</b>	<b>Iona</b>	<b>Santiago</b>	<b>Walsingham</b>
<b>Honours Cards</b>	<b>Scarlett</b> <b>Faith</b> <b>Ella H</b> <b>Alaia</b> <b>Elinor V</b> <b>Emma McW</b> <b>Abigail O*2</b>	<b>Mathilde</b> <b>Grace</b> <b>Ameena</b> <b>Maude</b> <b>Lauren</b> <b>Celeste</b>	<b>Andrea *2</b> <b>Meryem A*2</b> <b>Rouge</b> <b>Kate</b> <b>Anna H</b> <b>Ellie I</b>	<b>Ines *2</b> <b>Emilia C-B*4</b> <b>Madeleine D</b> <b>Natasha W</b>

**Special congratulations to the following girls on reaching their Certificate of Achievement (25 credits)**

**Mathilde**

**Grace H**

**Andrea**

**Particular congratulations to the following girls on reaching their Silver Certificate of Achievement (50 credits)**

Faith

Emilia C-B

Especial congratulations to the following girls on achieving their Gold Certificate (75 credits)

Meryem A

GRAND TOTAL	
CANTERBURY	1006
IONA	961
SANTIAGO	889
WALSINGHAM	1027

House of the Week is **Walsingham**

*In the weeks to come*

Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	3.30pm Senior Chamber Choir 3.30pm: Year 8 Drama ~ Scenes from <i>Romeo and Juliet</i> 6.30pm: Parents' Association Committee Meeting
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	3.30 – 4.45pm Junior and Senior Choir Rehearsals
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	4.30 ~ 6.30pm: Year 8 Parents' Evening
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day!
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	3.30pm Senior Chamber Choir

Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	All day: Year 10 trip to the Eco-Faith Conference TBC: GCSE Drama ~ public performance for parents and members of the School
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	3.30~4.45pm Junior and Senior Choirs
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Break: UVIP Charity Cake Sale P5~9: Y7 RS trip to the National Gallery pm: Year 9 trip to the theatre 4pm: Film Society
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	UVI Charity Mufti Day: in support of El Shadi

With best wishes for a peaceful and refreshing weekend

*Robert Carlyle*



# Choral Concert

On **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2011**, pupils from More House School will perform at our Easter Choral Concert in **Holy Trinity Church, Sloane Square.**

The programme will include a performance of **Karl Jenkins** *The Armed Man*.

To request tickets please contact Ms George in the school office on **020 7235 2855** or email **[events@morehouse.org.uk](mailto:events@morehouse.org.uk)**.

## **Ticket Prices:**

Child/Student/Concessions: £5.00

Adults: £10.00

Family Ticket: £20.00

(2 adults, 2 children)

