



MORE HOUSE SCHOOL

Newsletter

Friday 18th February 2011

Dear Parents,

So Half Term is with us already ~ it seems but a moment that we were returning from Christmas and New Year. Once again the weeks are flying past, filled with work and play. This week saw the latest in the concert programme ~ the Composers' Concert. This was its usual delight and the musical talent on show was just a foretaste of the Choral Concert at the end of the term. I also heard this week that one of our girls has been elected to the Chair of the London Season's Executive Committee and that More House LVith are the backbone of this charity fundraising committee ~ so no real surprises there. The final two days of this half term have seen the LVith in their Mid-Term Exams. These mark the half-way stage of their AS level courses and represent an opportunity for all concerned to take stock and see what has been achieved ~ and what has not, and still needs to be, before the real exams in the summer! Whilst we are on matters purely academic, just a brief note for our Margaret and Elizabeth Scholarship holders, along with the More Scholars ~ positive new things are stirring in the School's organisation which will be coming your way in the near future.

A wonderful night of creativity

The *Composition Concert* is always something special. It is an opportunity for audiences to hear some of the best of our girls' new compositions in a very informal setting ~ in that respect it is a real contrast to the gravitas and spectacle of the *Spring Choral Concert* at the end of term. This year has seen an innovation, in that usually the *Composition Concert* is the province only of the GCSE, AS and A Level candidates who give us a taste of their examination pieces. This year Mr. Keeley (*Director of Music and Senior teacher*) decided to open this up to some of the younger girls who have been composing music either as part of their Music studies or just for the fun of it. As a result we had a whole range of Year Groups represented ~ from Year 7 through to the UVith.

One can never attend such things without being struck by the amount of talent which is washing around in the School, not only in terms performing talent but also now in terms of writing skill. We saw amongst other things: the birth of another band in the School, in the form of a trio of Year 7s; a drum solo ~ again a Year 7;

some wonderful piano pieces which ranged from Year 7 through to LVIth; a number of plaintive songs ~ again from Year 7 to UVIth. As ever the highlight of the evening was the work of the LVIth and UVIth musicians where we listened to piano pieces, guitar duets, and guitar and voice pieces. This Concert also marked the farewell composition performance of Phoebe, our most accomplished singer-songwriter who, being a member of the UVIth, is now turning her attention increasingly to her A Level examinations.

Future attractions

Coming soon ~ the launch of More House's After School Film Club. Watch this space!

Going around the Houses

Last week was the Inter-House Countdown Competition. Mrs Blenkinsop (Head of Walsingham House) has written this account for *The Newsletter*.

Each lunch time last week the Library was transformed into the Countdown Forum, *buzzing with brains competing for the longest words, target numbers and bewildering conundrums. It was a very close run contest: on Tuesday Santiago won for Years 7 and 8, on Wednesday Walsingham's Years 9 and 10 team took the honours and on Thursday Iona's Year 11 and Sixth Formers were victorious.*

So it was all down to a nail biting session on Friday with the Select Teams of 2 staff and 2 girls. With Miss Vardon's undoubted prowess in such matters Iona were confident of success – but it was not to be – and Walsingham were declared overall Countdown Champions! Well done, the Walzers! [a little bias creeping in there I think : Ed]

*Final Scores:
Canterbury 158
Iona 175
Santiago 179
Walsingham 185*

Congratulations to all those who took part and thanks to the Staff and House Captains for their support in setting up and running the Competition.

And finally: here is a conundrum for you to try and a chance to gain TWO HOUSE CREDITS – for the first 5 correct solutions given to Mr Carlyle – here it is:

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House Cards go to the following girls:

	Canterbury	Iona	Santiago	Walsingham
Honours Cards	Scarlett *2 Faith Ella H Alaia *2 Elinor V Abeer Emma M Sara Al Abigail O Elizabeth F Daisy F Eloise K	Catrin Grace H Isabella *3 Ameena Catherine D Charlotte D-V Lydia Ellen R Marie-Isabelle *2 Julia	Blanca Najd Kate Anna H Nicole *2 Ellie I*2 Tamara Suhayla Olivia F	Madeleine D*2 Charlotte D-C*2 Roksana Olivia M-W*2 Salome Natasha W Natasha H Abigail R-S Anum Joanna

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

Natasha Hanif

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

Scarlett Culhane

Elinor Valentine

Madeleine Doutney

Natasha Waddell

GRAND TOTAL	
CANTERBURY	926
IONA	899
SANTIAGO	818
WALSINGHAM	945

House of the Week is jointly **WALSINGHAM** & **CANTERBURY**

This sporting life

Following the success of the introduction of the after school Judo Club, this week has seen two taster sessions in Kick-boxing. Judging from the sounds coming from the Dining Room for both sessions, a good time was being had by all.

Two of our hockey teams were in action against Queen's Gate this week, although sadly neither managed to win: U12s lost 1 – 5; U13s lost 2 -4. Player of the match for U12s was Georgiana. Player of the match for U13s was Holly.

In the weeks to come

Monday 28th February	Term resumes 3.30pm: Senior Chamber Choir
Tuesday 1st March	
Wednesday 2nd March	Year 11 GCSE Science modules 3.30 ~ 4.45pm Junior & Senior Choirs
Thursday 3rd March	All day: LVIth English Study Day All day: Year 9 History trip to the Imperial War Museum Year 11 GCSE Science Modules 6.30pm: Year 9 Option Meetings for girls and their parents.
Friday 4th March	Year 10 & Year 11 Science Modules
Monday 7th March	All day: LVIth English Study Day 3.30pm Senior Chamber Choir
Tuesday 8th March	P2~9: UVIth History Study Conference 4:30 ~6.30pm: Year 10 Parents' Evening

<p>Wednesday 9th March ~ Ash Wednesday</p>	<p>9 am-1pm Year 10 Art trip to the National Gallery P8: Ash Wednesday Observance for all Catholic pupils 3:30 ~ 4.45pm Junior and Senior Choir rehearsals Evening: UVith A2 Drama Practical</p>
<p>Thursday 10th March</p>	<p>am: Year 8 HPV Vaccination all day: Year 11 GCSE History lectures all day: Year 9 & 10 Music trip to the German Music Exhibition</p>
<p>Friday 11th March</p>	<p>All day: UVith History of Art trip to the Wallace Collection.</p>

With best wishes for a peaceful and refreshing Half Term break

Robert Carlyle