



CHRIST'S HOSPITAL

COMMUNITY BULLETIN



From time to time, we will be sharing news and information with the local community.

This is in response to feedback received from our neighbours and local colleagues who wish to know more about the facilities and events at Christ's Hospital. This is the first issue of an occasional Bulletin we will be publishing to keep the community up to date on news, activities and forthcoming events at the school and the Foundation.

John Franklin
Head Master

About Christ's Hospital

Christ's Hospital is a charitable institution, whose mission is to offer a high standard of education to help children from families in social, financial or other need to achieve their full potential.

The school was set up by King Edward VI in 1552. Originally located in London, the school moved to its current location – south of Horsham – over a century ago, in 1902.

Christ's Hospital remains one of the last and largest truly charitable schools and gives financial support for more pupil places than any other independent boarding school in the UK.



Christ's Hospital Band

The 120 strong Christ's Hospital Band performs regularly in the local area as well as further afield. On Friday 8th May the band will perform during the England v West Indies Test Match at Lord's.

School and Community News

Appointment of New Clerk and CEO of Christ's Hospital Foundation

The new Clerk and Chief Executive of the Christ's Hospital Foundation, the charity that funds the school, is to be Rear Admiral David Cooke. David's past career has been with the Royal Navy, where he commanded submarines and a frigate, before taking on such roles as Director of the Strategic Defence Review Implementation Team and Director of the Equipment Plan before becoming Fleet Commander Operations and Head of the Submarine Service.

David, who comes from a naval family, was educated at Tonbridge School prior to the Britannia Royal Naval College. He is married to Sarah and they have 3 children.

Some facts and figures

- Christ's Hospital is one of the largest employers in the Horsham area, with almost 500 members of staff
- Up to 840 pupils (aged 11-18) board at Christ's Hospital. Currently 14% of parents pay nothing at all and only 3% pay the full fee; those in-between pay on a sliding scale according to income
- The Christ's Hospital estate, owned and managed by the Christ's Hospital Foundation, comprises 1,200 acres to the south west of Horsham, 200 acres of which is used for the school's activities
- The school has excellent facilities, many of which are shared with the local community
- During the school holidays the facilities are used for activities and events such as weddings, language courses and filming
- Through the Community Action programme, 200 pupils and staff are regularly involved in the local community, with placements in charity shops, hospices, and homes for the elderly and primary schools. An annual summer project sees senior and former pupils working with children with special needs in Romania

Verrio tours

Guided tours during term time, which include visiting the museum and chapel, watching the school's famous band parade, followed by lunch in the dining hall, can be booked by telephoning 01403 247583.

Did you know?

Why use the word 'Hospital' to describe a school? Historically, the word 'hospital' had a wider meaning. When Christ's Hospital was established in 1552, Hospitals in the City of London were places that had been founded to provide 'hospitality' in the form of 'relief, comfort and help to the poor who were not able to help themselves', as well as looking after the sick. The 'hospitals' were to be used for their original purpose. It is for this reason that this word is so significant in the name of 'Christ's Hospital' as a boarding school that continues to help families today.

Primary Schools' Introduction Day

Primary school teachers/governors can visit Christ's Hospital on an introduction day at the school on Wednesday, 3 June. The day is designed to establish a useful link between us and feeder primary schools who may be aware of children who would like to apply for a place at Christ's Hospital. Please telephone 01403 247407 for more information.

More information

Full details of school news and events can be found on the school's website: www.christs-hospital.org.uk

Contacts

To submit feedback on items in this Bulletin, or to suggest topics you would like to see in future, please use the following contact details.

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CHRIST'S HOSPITAL FACILITIES AVAILABLE TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY



Performing arts

During term time, the school's 500-seat courtyard-style theatre hosts both professional and pupil productions. Music performances are also held in the school's Court Room and Chapel. The termly arts programme can be seen on the school's website www.christs-hospital.org.uk

Lunchtime Concert at Chichester Cathedral

Tuesday, 12th May 1.10 pm

It is a great honour that some of Christ's Hospital's talented senior pupils have been asked to perform at Chichester Cathedral as part of the cathedral's weekly recital series. Come and enjoy the performance in one of Britain's most spiritual buildings. Free admission.

Sports facilities

The Bluecoat Sports Health and Fitness Club has a range of facilities including a 25 metre swimming pool, gym, tennis, squash and badminton courts, sports hall and dance studio. Further information and membership details can be found at www.bluecoatsports.co.uk

