



FROM THE HEAD MASTER

Dear Parents,

After a rather unusual start to the term with two staff and almost forty pupils stranded around the world by the Icelandic ash cloud, staff and pupils have been working with a real sense of purpose over the course of the Summer Term. Much good work has been going on in preparation for the public exams and I would hope that the efforts of all concerned will be reflected in the eventual grades.

We have already had a good number of GCSE and AS level exams and as our pupils head home for the Half Term break, those with public exams still to come will need to strike a sensible balance between revision and relaxation. Those pupils in the 2nd and 3rd Forms, the LE and the UF are spared having to revise at this stage, but should aim to read at least one good book while they are at home for the break.

Music events in the second half of term:

There are four big events in the Music School calendar coming up in the second half of term, all of which you are warmly invited to attend. On Sunday 12th June at 8.00pm in the Dining Hall, Christ's Hospital's ever-popular Choral Society joins forces with Horsham Children's Choir in a programme of Folk and Spiritual arrangements.

The annual Symphonic Concert will take place in Big School on Sunday 27th June at 7.30pm. The music will include Malcolm Arnold's *Little Suite* No.2 and Beethoven's *Symphony No.5*. There will also be a chance to hear the CH symphonic players of the future with the inclusion, for the first time, of the Intermediate orchestra. Tickets are available from the Box Office.

The Chamber Orchestra play Britten's *Simple Symphony* and Corelli's *Concerto Grosso* opus 6 number 10 in the Chapel on Wednesday 30th June at 7.30pm. On the same bill we have Schola Cantorum performing the fantastic *Rejoice in the Lamb* by Benjamin Britten.

The fourth major musical event will be the Big Band Concert which takes place on Thursday 1st July in the Theatre. This is a very popular event and if you would like tickets, you will need to book early to avoid disappointment.

Duke of Edinburgh Award.

In the last six months, twenty five pupils have gained their Bronze awards, fifteen have completed their Silver awards and remarkably, two have managed to complete their Gold awards. Our congratulations go to all concerned.

Parents Day 2010:

This will take place on Sunday 27th June starting at 1300 and I do hope that as many of you as possible will be able to join us at CH that day. An outline programme is attached for your information.

Clay Pigeon Shooting:

Clay Pigeon Shooting is an optional Sunday activity for pupils in UF and above (with 12 places available) and an optional Monday activity for Third Form and LE (also 12 places). There is a charge of £70.00 per term per pupil to cover the cost of clays and cartridges. If you would like your son or daughter to take up this sport, please leave a message for Mr R A Smith on the CCF answer phone (01403 263530) and he will get back to you with further information and an application form.

Martin Parr: One of Britain's most renowned photographic artists.

We are delighted to have the opportunity to work with Martin Parr who is spending a few days' with us at CH this term and possibly next.

Martin Parr's photographs are a social commentary and capture the essence of being British - our pastimes and preoccupations - with a sometimes ironic, often humorous, but always honest view that makes them unique in the world of modern photographic art. His work appears in major galleries and museums worldwide; he has published many photo books; and as well as his prolific image taking, he is an avid collector of ephemera.

In his latest project, he makes English public schools his subject and looks at the quintessential Englishness of these environments with their engrained rituals, routines and histories. He is hoping to capture some of these qualities on his visits to Christ's Hospital, which is truly unique amongst the great public schools of this country.

Before Martin Parr publishes or exhibits any of the photographs that he has taken in his visits to CH, he will need to have approval from the school and from the parents of the pupils concerned. Should you not wish your child to be included in images that are finally selected by us for use by Martin Parr, please email my P.A., Carole Clark, hmsec@christs-hospital.org.uk .

Finally:

I trust that you have a pleasant week with your child at home for the Half Term break and I hope to see you at CH on Parents' Day on the 27th June.

With every best wish from Kim and me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Franklin', with a horizontal line underneath.

John Franklin,
Head Master.

SPORTS REPORT SPORT

Many pupils have competed in a wide range of sports this term.

Swimming.

Both the boys and the girls have had a successful season. We have had 2 triangular fixtures recently – against St John's and St Bedes. Abi Hitchcock and Cerys Jenkins both came in good positions in their races and the senior girls only lost overall by 10 points.

It was a similar result against Charterhouse and Hurstpierpoint College which was a great improvement on last year. Henrietta Henry and Beth Scutt swam exceptionally well as did Finlay Reid for the boys.

The Senior house competitions took place last Friday and were won by Peele and Coleridge.

Boys Tennis.

The tennis teams have played some good tennis in recent weeks and are beginning to hit their stride. Congratulations in particular to Tolu Kehinde and Captain Henry Kilminster, who held their nerve to narrowly win a crucial tie break to take the match against KES Witley. Mention should also go to 3rd formers Felix Davies and Paul Cho who have been competing at U15 level.

Girls Tennis.

The girls have continued to play with great enthusiasm and energy and there have been some extremely close matches which have gone to a tie break. The 1st Team lost the crucial tie breaks against both Charterhouse and Epsom College, who certainly have some strength in depth in their teams. The most consistent pairing this term has been that of Pippa Moss and Hannah Wood, but for competitive edge and strength it has been Helena Bewick and Susie Wilson.

The U14 B side had excellent wins over both Epsom and Brighton and the A side over Brighton and Bedales with Rachel O'Boyle and Coralie Strong proving to be a very determined and confident 1st pair.

Athletics.

It has been a very successful fortnight for both the boys and girls. In an U13 and U12 boys match v Warden Park School CH won both the age groups. In round one of the ESSA Track and Field Cup, the Intermediate girls were 2nd and the Junior girls 4th. The Intermediate boys were 4th and the Junior boys 1st which will hopefully see them into the Regional Finals which will be held after half term.

11 pupils have been selected to represent Mid Sussex in the County Championships in June and we wish them well.

Cricket.

We have been blessed for the first time in years with dry weather for the whole first half of term and as a result, no fixtures have been cancelled.

In the past 3 weeks, the Under 12s have continued to develop and the A team has now won twice. The U13s are coming up against some very good opposition, which makes winning difficult, but the B team went close to winning last Saturday. Congratulations go to Liam Shipsides in scoring a maiden 50.

The Under 14A team has been playing some very good cricket. They have recorded 3 wins so far and have been very close in two other matches. Congratulations go to Freddy Wordsworth on scoring his maiden 50, and in particular to captain, Arthur Elmes, who has scored heavily in nearly every match and who has passed 50 on four occasions. The U15s had a very good win last week and are beginning to show real grit and determination.

There was unbounded joy in the 3rd XI when they claimed a victory under Captain, Niall Smith. We were all delighted to learn of the 2nds emphatic win over Witley, which featured a maiden century for Ed Harmer, and we shared their agony when they lost off the last ball to Box Hill's 1st XI.

The results for the 1st XI have been mixed, but they beat Witley, where Max Hayward took his first five-wicket haul, and came mighty close to overhauling Reed's imposing total. They like many sides have a long lay-off now, but we hope that they will prosper when the exams are passed.

National Girls Fives Championships.

The first ever National School Girls Rugby Fives Championships were held at CH on Sunday 16th May. We entered in all categories, U18, U16, U14 and U13, and had success in each. All the girls played with outstanding professionalism, will-to-win and good manners and were congratulated in such terms by the organiser and the many luminaries from the world of fives who were present.

Hazel Rowland-Jones,
Director of Sport.

PARENTS' DAY 2010

27th June

1.00pm onwards

Parents are invited to bring their own picnics to lunch in the grounds with their children (In the event of heavy rain, the Dining Hall will be available)

1.00-4.00pm

Grecians West BBQ (Grecians West Parents only)

2.00-3.30pm

Entertainment in the Quad/ Cloisters

Stands organised and run by CH Scouts and also pupils in aid of the Xmas trip to Nepal: apple bobbing, treasure map competition, lollipop gamble, Sweeties in a Jar, kit demonstration etc

Solar Telescope (if sunny)

History of the CH uniform (The Verrio Tour team outside Staff Common Room)

Art/ DT departmental displays

Symphonic Concert - controlled viewing of rehearsals in Big School

Gospel Choir in the Quad

Refreshments/BBQ at the Scout Hut – this is the 80th anniversary of Lord Baden Powell's opening of the CH scout hall and there will be a display in the building to mark this (please bring any Tesco or Sainsburys school vouchers you might have as the scouts would love to have these.

Museum open

3.30-5.00pm

Tea etc at boarding houses (tea and cakes provided centrally by Chartwells – no sandwiches needed). On Avenue lawns if fine, in house if wet.

5.00pm

Parents Day ends – pupils will need to be back in house and preparing for evening chapel from this time. We regret that due to lack of space this evening service will be for pupils and staff only.