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SIMON REID, HEAD TEACHER

In an unprecedented turn of events, Lent term came to an abrupt halt for most of the School at the March leave weekend. Pupils from GE/Year 11 and GR/Year 13 stayed on for one extra and very surreal week, ending in a poignant and memorable Band Parade, charged with emotion for staff and pupils alike.

For leaving Grecians, it probably feels that they have had to say hurried goodbyes to their seven years at Christ's Hospital and have potentially been denied their traditional leaving celebrations; Beating Retreat, Leaving Service, Speech Day, let alone the chance for all their hard work to be appropriately rewarded with qualifications. However, they should be assured that their efforts thus far will convert to grades and qualifications and an appropriate leaving ceremony will be organised.

These are without a doubt uncertain times; the threat of Coronavirus has halted the world in its tracks and as Christ's Hospital adapts to what can only be described as difficult circumstances, I am so very grateful for the support of parents, pupils and staff.

The School is working extremely hard to ensure the quality of and commitment to remote learning; this is the hub around which pupil motivation, engagement and well-being is being built. Stimulating our pupils' distance learning vividly and inspiring is our top priority and is being achieved with plenty of initiative and creative energy. The future may be uncertain, but rest assured we are facing it dynamically.

Meanwhile, let us celebrate all that Lent term brought us, despite it being cut short; there were plenty of events and achievements to be proud of – as there will be again, in the not too distant future.

I look forward immensely to the reuniting of our wonderful CH community.



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the new 'CHat up lines', which exhausted almost every pun relating to CH. 'Are you yellow socks? Because I'd fall at your feet' being my personal favourite! As a result of all the orders for flowers and CHat up lines, the day contributed quite substantially towards the Grecians' Gift – which will be given to the School from our year group in due course.

Despite the unconventional end, the term was undoubtedly a success. It now has a fond place in my memories of school, especially given that it hosted our exit – stealing that privilege from Summer Term, with Lent now holding my warm memories of becoming a leaver.

However, we didn't get a leaving service and so have no bibles yet. Therefore, we are only arguably Old Blues. I am sure we will be back.

Andre Da Silva-Jenkins
Senior Grecian 2019-2020

When we returned in January for the new term, I had no expectation that it would be my last. Indeed, up until the ninth week of Lent Term, the possibility of a premature departure for my year group seemed fanciful. But now we are fresh Old Blues and that possibility has become reality. However, the abrupt end does not negate or even diminish some of the term's highlights.

In February, the Monitors organised the CH Mental Health Conference 2020 – hosting over 120 pupils and staff from other schools, with some Old Blues and parents in attendance too. We felt that discussion around mental health in secondary education needed to be more actively facilitated and so we had an ambitious idea of creating a forum, by way of a conference, through which wellbeing and mental health could be better considered and questioned. The keynote speech – given by Suzi Godson from the Times – and three subsequent workshops (on stress, mindfulness and LGBT anxiety) very successfully produced an environment of discussion and support. Our ambition indisputably paid off; the day was an achievement we are proud of.

Lent Term also saw CH celebrate St. Valentine's Day in our characteristically vibrant way. A whole school assembly, led by Second Monitor Rose, explored and emphasised the significance of self-love which set the tone for the day, redirecting the focus towards appreciation of self-worth. The afternoon then saw the dining hall light up with civvies, flowers and, of course,



Above: Class of 2020 before prematurely departing CH at the end of Lent Term, due to Coronavirus. Below: Final Band Parade was poignant for pupils and staff.



PUPIL-LED MENTAL HEALTH CONFERENCE

This year's team of 19 Monitors held the School's first ever pupil-led conference on the topic of Mental Health and Wellbeing, on 13 February. The Monitors planned this event of their own accord with minimal help from staff. Independent and state schools from all over south-east England were invited and attendees included over 150 representatives from 22 schools, from both the independent and state sectors.

The Monitors decided to take action after they noticed that there are no such mental health/wellbeing conferences being run for the primary benefit of students and young people, although many already existed for teachers and adults. Organising this conference was for them 'a means through which we might take action; our own small way of making a difference in the world' and a way 'to seek out solutions as opposed to merely highlighting problems.'

The weather did its very best to disrupt the occasion but miraculously, the rain stopped for a brief period and the sun shone just in time for the School's daily band parade. The conference began with strong opening remarks from Daniel Onyango-Osuga (GR/Year 13). The keynote speech which followed was by Suzi Godson, The Times newspaper's sex and relationships columnist, award-winning author, blogger and founder of MeeTwo – an app which provides a safe and secure forum for teenagers wanting to discuss any issue affecting their lives, where they can receive anonymous help and advice from mental health experts, as well as other teenagers going through similar experiences.

There was then a four-way rotation of workshops, run by registered mental health professionals and experts from three different charities covering a range of mental health topics.

A number of delegates reconvened for an insightful and stimulating panel discussion, chaired impeccably by Eli Thomas (GR/Year 13), which explored a range of areas within the topic of mental health and wellbeing. Elise Farquhar (GR/Year 13) delivered the closing remarks, thanking everyone from the delegates who travelled to attend, to the catering staff who prepared the refreshments.



All in all, it was a resounding success and a key step in dismantling the stigma surrounding mental health. Special credit must go to the CH monitors who were an active presence throughout the day and put a huge amount of hard work and commitment in to delivering the event.



MUSIC NEWS

Music Colours

Several GR/Year 13 pupils were awarded Full Colours in Music (in absentia) at the end of the Lent Term, largely in recognition for the commitment they have made to the musical life of the school over many (in some cases seven) years. Of particular note are those Grecian pupils pictured: Molly Bielecki (awarded in Summer 2019), Amber Marshall-Porter (awarded in Michaelmas 2019), Rosanna Callas, William Harris, and Francesca Shannon, who have been members of all of the senior ensembles in the school – the Band, Symphony Orchestra, Chapel Choir, and Schola Cantorum – for several years. Their commitment and dedication is a wonderful example.

Associated Board Exams

We had an excellent crop of results for the ABRSM exams taken at the end of the Michaelmas Term, including Grade 8s for Rosie Callas (Bassoon), Eleanor Dykes (Piano), William Harris (Horn), Amber Marshall-Porter (Double Bass), George Oakenfold (Horn), George Sanger (Violin), and Jasmine Wang (Piano).

At the end of the Lent Term, ABRSM Grade 8s were awarded to Isaac Lordon (Violin), Lorna Zhang (Piano) and Theo Murton (Trumpet), with three Grade 8 singers – Isaac Lordon, Amber Marshall-Porter, and Molly Bielecki – gaining Distinction. Two pianists sat the ARSM diploma in the same session, so congratulations to Ashleigh Millen and Joshua Sze (who scored a superb 45/50 and was awarded a Distinction).



Chapel Choir and Schola Cantorum

In addition to leading the worship of the School in Chapel every week, the Chapel Choir has spent much of the term rehearsing Will Todd's *Mass in Blue* for the Angus Ross, unfortunately cancelled. We have had a particularly strong group of Grecian singers this year, and their leadership was evident in another major event of the term, the Spital Sermon, held at St Lawrence Jewry in London. Here Schola gave a mature performance of a challenging motet by J. S. Bach, *Ich lasse dich nicht*, as well as Christoph Dalitz's masterful miniature *Ubi Caritas*.

Congratulations to Lucy Horder who joins several other



current pupils/recent Old Blues in membership of the Rodolfus Choir, made up of the best members of the Rodolfus Choral Courses. An impressive achievement.

Band Concert

The CH Band were on sparkling form, with a programme as varied as it was accomplished, including Vaughn Williams, Bernstein, and the Beach Boys. It was particularly good to see recent Old Blue Charlotte Suckling (2011-18) amongst the ranks of the British Army Band, Sandhurst, who joined us for the concert, and the audience certainly enjoyed their playing. They were followed by a rhythmically exciting CH Training Band, before the CH Band and the BA Band joined forces for a final segment. The concert concluded with a magnificent performance of Shostakovich's difficult and detailed *Festive Overture*.

This was the final Band Concert for our highly esteemed Bandmaster, Terry Whittingham, who retires at the end of the academic year. There will be an opportunity to thank him for all he has done over the last 21 years at CH at a later date, but this final Band Concert was certainly a fitting testament to all that he has built, nurtured, and refined over many years. Bravo Mr Whittingham and the CH Band.



English Chamber Orchestra Workshop

One of the highlights of the musical calendar is the annual workshop with our professional orchestra-in-partnership, the English Chamber Orchestra.

The visiting musicians led sectional rehearsals, gave several pupils one-to-one lessons and played alongside our Symphony Orchestra. It was also a great privilege to have three of the players perform for us during the cookie and juice break!

Judging by the sound of the Symphony Orchestra by the end of the day, being coached by and playing alongside members of the ECO was a real inspiration, and really encouraged our pupils to raise their game!



OUT OF THE ARK SINGING EXPERIENCE

In Lent term, Amelie Beauchamp, a Second Form/Year 7 pupil and drama scholar at CH, had the amazing opportunity to record vocals for Out of the Ark – a leading professional production company specialising in the writing and creation of musicals for schools.

This was a professional engagement for Amelie and an excellent opportunity for her to extend her experience in the performing arts.

Out of the Ark have just released Peter Pan the Musical, on which Amelie sings some of the vocals.

To hear some of the songs/productions that Amelie has been involved with, go to www.outoftheark.co.uk



MANDARIN COMPETITION

Having previously been successful in the regional heats before Christmas, pupils from CH took part in the National British Council Mandarin Speaking Competition final on the 5 February.

285 students from 82 schools completed in the heats, and 114 students from 42 schools competed in the final.

Eddie McCulloch (GE/Year 11) took part in the intermediate plus individual competition and came second in a very competitive field. This is a fantastic achievement for Eddie who has only been learning Mandarin for just over three years and not only gave his prepared speech on Chinese Tea Culture but also had to field questions in Mandarin about a range of topics.

All schools with representatives that made the final were presented with a

trophy from the British Council. The photo above shows pupils with their trophy and Eddie with his second place certificate.

Students who participated in the final group performance are Evie Jean Duckworth, Francesca Sophie Collins, Corinne Ann Dufie Agyemang and Charlene Njambi Murua (all LE/Year 9) and Kinda Mukhayer (UF/Year 10).

The Mandarin Speaking Competition is a great, fun opportunity for students to practise and improve their Mandarin Chinese language skills. Taking part in the competition increases students' motivation for learning the language, develops vocabulary and improves pronunciation, raises confidence for oral examinations, encourages students to interact with their classmates and inspires students to discover more about Chinese culture.



SPANISH DEBATING COMPETITION

In January, two GR/Year 13 pupils, Andre Da Silva-Jenkins and Gus Freeman, attended the National Spanish Debating Competition in Hammersmith.

They debated in fluent Spanish against pupils from 16 of the top schools, and eventually managed to reach the semi-finals, at which point they were placed third. Andre and Gus in fact defeated the pair who went on to win – though they obtained more points in the competition altogether and so went on to the finals instead.

Andre said: 'Our Spanish is the most fluent it has ever been, and we are very proud to have represented the School.'





SUCCESS FOR OXBRIDGE UNIVERSITY APPLICANTS

This term, nine Christ's Hospital pupils received university offers from Oxford and Cambridge, following a gruelling application process. The successful students come from a diverse range of backgrounds, including students on CH bursaries, and are: Aaron Aguma, Molly Bielecki, Leila Drew, Lottie Field, Sam Odu, Sachin Porter, Martha Sharp, Alex Wang and Juliet Webber.

The path to university is well travelled at CH, with 98% of pupils going on to university, but it is a tremendous achievement to have nine Oxbridge offers out of a relatively small GR/Year 13 cohort of only 129 pupils, especially as 87% of our main intake comes from state schools.

Martha Sharp, who has been offered a place at Oxford University to read German and Beginner's Arabic, spoke of the application process being very long: 'I had to take a few language aptitude tests first and once I had passed them, I was invited for interview. I stayed in Oxford for a full week as I ended up having five interviews!'

In preparation for their applications, CH students underwent a thorough and detailed support programme. As part of this programme, the students received detailed input into many different facets of a successful application, including how to select the right college, understanding the grades they would need to be successful and effective interview technique. The students also visited other Sussex-based schools to complete a mock interview, a valuable

process in supporting them to become more proficient in discussing their views and abilities in their chosen subjects.

Oxford and Cambridge universities place ever more weight on students' supercurricular pursuits. 'Supercurricular' is loosely defined as anything that falls outside of normal lessons, but is specifically related to the subject the student wants to study, such as entering essay competitions, attending talks, pursuing work experience placements and other challenges. 'All of our successful candidates have amassed a vast portfolio of supercurricular activities and these portfolios will have played a large part in their successes at interview,' says Will Richards, Head of Sixth Form.

Six of the nine CH pupils have secured offers from Oxford University to read subjects including Classics, English, PPE (Philosophy, Politics & Economics), Music, Economics and German; three further pupils have been offered places at Cambridge University to study Architecture, Computer Science and Human, Social & Political Science.

Meanwhile, CH has recently launched our new Oxbridge Support programme with our current DG/Year 12 students, of whom around a quarter are interested in the challenge of applying to Oxbridge for 2021 entry. We are hoping for similar success stories with our 2021 Oxbridge cohort; we wish them well with this challenge.

INSPIRING TALK FOR CCF CADETS



We were delighted to welcome Rear Admiral William Entwisle OBE to Christ's Hospital to present to CCF RN and RAF cadets, this term. In 34 years in the Royal Navy, Rear Admiral Entwisle has served under, on and above the sea all around the world.

Rear Admiral Entwisle spoke to cadets about the roles of the Navy and about what it costs financially in the context of UK public expenditure in relation to other government departments. He then spoke about his personal experiences, which have included flying, operations, diving

and a two stage career – 'doing' with ships and aircraft, then 'thinking' in the MOD and directing operations. He also provided pupils with guidance on how to think about any sort of career, success and failure, personal resilience and what it takes to 'succeed' in the big wide world.

Having been 'a profoundly average school child' Admiral Entwisle wanted to provide some encouragement to all those who are not captain of the football team or head girl or boy, on how to use their education in life.

CCF NAVAL CADET MUSEUM SESSION

The Christ's Hospital museum welcomed 14 naval CCF cadets in February for a learning session about the illustrious history of CH's Royal Mathematical School. Starting in Dining Hall, they learned about the Verrio painting which commemorates the founding of the RMS in 1673 by Charles II with CH's second royal charter; and how Isaac Newton, Samuel Pepys, Robert Hooke and Sir John Moore were all involved in the RMS.

It enabled 40 boys a year to have their education funded so they could train in the elements of navigation and ultimately follow careers in the Royal and Merchant navies, exploring and navigating the world, discovering new countries and stars, emigrating or being captured by pirates, suffering shipwrecks and even campaigning to abolish the slave trade.

The cadets were surprised to learn that 'mathematics' then meant navigation and that it involved lessons in astronomy, geography, geometry, calligraphy and drawing. They looked at the four marine paintings above the pulpit in Dining Hall marking sea battles in the Napoleonic wars of 1804, where our RMS boys fought alongside such heroes as

Admiral Nelson. In the Court Room they discovered the portrait of William Wales, Master of the RMS (a title continued today with our Head of Maths!) who famously sailed as Captain James Cook's astronomer and navigator on the Resolution ship when he made his second expedition (to the Antarctic). Wales taught ST Coleridge, the poet, inspiring him to write the Rime of the Ancient Mariner.

Back at the museum, the pupils did a quiz on the RMS and handled objects related to naval history dating back to the 1800s. For example, log books hand written by CH pupils not much older than them on their travels to Jamaica, China and America; compasses and pocket watch prizes; sextant; badges and paintings.

They were surprised to learn that CH had donated money to sponsor a dog (called Bluecoat!), a pony and a sledge for Captain Robert Scott's expedition to the South Pole in 1912; that other pupils had links to finding David Livingstone in Africa; and that past pupils were signed up to sail on the famous Cutty Sark ship – an historic Tea Clipper now dry-docked as a heritage attraction at Greenwich, London.

ECORANGERS CLOTHES SALE

On 1 March, Christ's Hospital Eco Rangers hosted a second hand clothes sale, organised by the Rangers alongside Bags of Support and Sussex Green Living.

There was a huge turnout of students and staff, and vast sales, with 160 kg of second hand clothes sold, raising just over £600 for Bags of Support and Nkuringo Education & Community Support in Uganda. The money is going to be used to fund a solar oven for that community, to prevent the use of coal and provide a more manageable fuel source.

On the racks were hundreds of garments, in all sizes, with something for everyone. The price of the clothes was decided not per garment but by weight, with a cost of £5 per kilo. The clothes were provided by Bags of Support who run these clothes sales for charity. It has been great to see staff and students proudly wear their second hand clothes around the School.



The Eco Rangers are focusing this year on the devastating environmental impact of fast fashion, which is the second most polluting industry in the world. Some benefits of the clothes sale include: prevention of textiles going to landfill, prevention of greenhouse gasses in the manufacturing of new clothes, money saved by purchasing second hand garments, money raised for charity and owners being able to flaunt their new sartorial bargains! Some other methods of 'responsible' textile disposal involve shipping them to other countries, but the quality of textiles sent means they are not useful and are dumped abroad. This has a bad ecological effect and those who are meant to benefit from the 'charitable' donation do not, but are lumbered with excess waste instead.

The Eco Rangers are hoping to run further clothes sales in the future, which we hope to open to the public!

Freddie Northcott, DG/Year 12

CHRIS RIDDELL VISITS CH



The illustrator Chris Riddell gave pupil Ruari Finnegan an original sketch to keep.

To celebrate World Book Day, we were lucky enough to welcome the acclaimed illustrator Chris Riddell who came to speak and do a book signing for pupils from the Second Form/Year 7 and Third Form/Year 8.

Chris Riddell is an accomplished artist and the political cartoonist for the Observer. He has enjoyed great acclaim for his books for children, including the bestselling *Ottoline* books. He is the 2015-2017 UK Children's Laureate and has been honoured with an OBE in recognition of his illustration and charity work.

Chris reflected candidly on his life and work, while simultaneously illustrating his narrative with sketches, which were projected live onto a screen and entranced his audience, old and young. Some of the pupils were even lucky enough to be given one of Chris's sketches, as a reward for asking a 'good' question! Chris was kind enough to spend a long time after his talk with pupils, signing their books and drawing them sketches and personalised dedications.

We hope he will return in future to speak to seniors about art and political satire!-

CHARITY TRIATHLON

On 1 March, six pupils from UF/Year 10 raised funds for St Catherine's Hospice by taking part in a triathlon, as part of the Youth Enterprise Project.

The CH Youth Enterprise Team, made up of Lila, Alfiena, Luke, Timi, Izzy and Ollie, took on the challenge of cycling, running and swimming the total distance from Christ's Hospital to Big Ben. Not only that, but they surpassed their 70 km target by 30 km! They completed the challenge in the gym and pool at the School's Bluecoats Sports Centre.

All the money raised will go to St Catherine's Hospice towards helping terminally ill people and their families. Every year, St Catherine's needs to raise £6 million to provide its expert end of life care.

To make a donation, please go to their Just Giving Page:
<http://justgiving.com/fundraising/christ-s-hospital>



SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS



Team CH at the South-East Regional Schools' Fives Championships.

Badminton

The Senior Badminton team had three well fought fixtures against Charterhouse, Tiffin School and Wilson's School. All matches were notable for the CH team spirit and the players determination to succeed. There were outstanding performances from Yui Nitza Yau, Maxwell Singh-Kingdon and Chun Ringo Yau. All of the GR/Year 13s will be sorely missed next year and Mr Fritsch would like to thank all members of the squad for their commitment and dedication to the development of Badminton at CH.

Basketball

This term saw Basketball grow from strength to strength as an inter-school sport at CH. The U16s had a squad of over 14 enthusiastic players, who made good progress; in particular they gained a greater appreciation for structured play and work rate in defence. Results this term included wins over Lingfield (twice at home) and Greycourt; there was also a strong performance in defeat to RGS Guildford. Stand out performers in the group were Sam Gadd, Ryan Cho (both of whom played regularly for the U18s), Isaac Lai and Ringo Yau. The U18s had some epic encounters during the course of the season. There were a number of narrow defeats by 3 or 4 points, and performances against Tonbridge and St Wilfrids showed the upward trajectory of this group of players. A win in the final match versus Greycourt was just reward for the teams' efforts. There were significant contributions from top points scorer Iyanu Owete, Brian Cheung and Malachai Hallett. Joel Meek-Orr, injured for much of the season, became a more than capable assistant coach. Mr Grindrod would like to thank the coaches and all of the players; both squads have been a real pleasure to coach.

Fives

It was a bumper term of Fives, with the sport gathering momentum, as many players improved their game hugely and many new players showed the beginnings of strong talent for the sport. Each year group played against the strongest Fives schools in the country, and returned some extraordinary results. At the lower end of the school, Gabriel Birkin, Conrad Kilshaw and Markos Panoutsos showed much promise. The U14s played their first season and, against the likes of Tonbridge and Alleyn's, learnt valuable lessons. Our U15s developed their game superbly and their highlight of the season was a convincing victory at Eastbourne College. The U16s formed a formidable and cohesive unit this season; they played strongly throughout. The likes of Tommy Worth, Max Hughes and John Sergeant performed supremely well at the South East Regional Tournament. We say goodbye to a talented group of players in

GR/Year 13, in particular Murray Dare and Oliver Heath; it was fitting that Murray finished his CH Fives career by winning the South East Regionals singles title. There were also excellent contributions from Will Harris and Josh Sze. The Girls squad had some success at the annual South East Regionals, in particular Aiysha Alli and Rachael Baxter. Mr. Callaghan would like to thank all players and coaches for their superb efforts this term.

Football

This season there was a definite drive to do well in the league for some of the strongest teams; the 1st XI, U15B, U14A and U14B were all going well having won the first two rounds of their SKIL league matches. The 1st XI, led by George Young, will be remembered as a young, dynamic team, full of promise and potential who were improving with every match. When the season came to an abrupt end, ten of the squad had already scored goals and the statistics matched those of the very best Christ's Hospital 1st XI teams of the past (P10 W8 D1 L1 F34 A13). The most prolific scorers throughout the school included Nonso Chinye (U15B) on ten goals, George Young (1st XI) and Jesse Agwae (2nd XI) on eight each, Alex Manuel (U16A) on seven with Malachi Hallett (1st XI), Travis Suckling (1st XI) and Louie Tremarco (3rd XI) all on six. At the time of curtailment of the season, all the Football teams combined were on a 41% win rate (52% unbeaten), marginally down on last year's impressive end-of-season 48%. There are encouraging signs of a number of strong age groups coming through in the next few years, all adopting attractive, attacking styles of play.

Hockey

With a large number of first time hockey players, particularly GR/Year 13s joining Boys' Hockey this term, it was impressive to see how well the 'freshers' merged with the 'experienced pros' of the squad. Whilst in terms of technical ability we were always going to struggle to topple many of our strong rivals, the boys' effort and attention to tactics and strategy really paid off and led them to a couple of very close matches. A particular highlight of the season was coming third at the annual Lord Wandsworth VII's tournament, having had five virtual hockey debutants in the squad. This paid testimony to the boys' attitude, their ability to take on technical information and improve!



Netball

This term the Christ's Hospital teams trained hard and played matches against schools in Sussex and Surrey, including Sutton Valence, Collyer's, Lancing College, Eastbourne College, Worth, Churcher's College, Burgess Hill for Girls, Charterhouse, Mayfield, Seaford College and Windlesham House School. Junior teams took part in the SISNA tournaments giving exposure to plenty of fast paced matches. Whilst the annual Old Blues match saw past CH pupils take on the current 1st/2nd VII in an exciting match, not long after the senior girls returned from their exciting and fun filled tour of Jersey. The term was very busy with lots of strong wins and a good share of tough and competitive matches. All the CH teams gained lots of valuable experience and look good for next year.

Rugby

At U12 level the boys had to endure the wettest Lent term for a number of years. Despite this, the boys worked well and since September the shoots of progress developed well. A different approach in the delivery this year saw the boys grasp an understanding of the game more quickly, which will give them a good base to build upon as they progress through the school. On the 7s front, due to ongoing concerns about COVID-19 transmission, many tournaments were cancelled and only the U13s managed to participate in any. In the two tournaments that the U13s attended, 15 boys represented the school and they were building strongly towards the National School 7s that were unfortunately cancelled.

Squash

This term the junior players continued to show a positive attitude towards the game and their skills certainly developed well. In matches, when up against more practised schools, they showed themselves to be great sports and were certainly not deflated in any sense, when pitched against players with more experience. Our seniors also showed similar spirit and they trained in a committed manner, despite there being a number of cancelled fixtures.



The CH U12s at the Mid & North Area Netball Tournament

CHIEF CONSTABLE OLIVIA PINKNEY TALK



Lent term saw Chief Constable Olivia Pinkney join the long list of incredible individuals, representing a plethora of careers, who have visited CH to share their expertise and experience. After a succinctly profound introduction from her son, Arthur Pinkney (GR/Year 13), Chief Constable Pinkney addressed a packed audience on the topics of Crime, Justice and Gender; incorporating personal stories and anecdotes into her deeply informative and insightful talk.

Her style of delivery was impeccable: no-nonsense, clear and genuine and this was extremely well received by the pupil audience who were respectfully silent and thoroughly engaged throughout the talk. Perhaps the clearest indication of the effect of her talk on those present was the queue of over 30 pupils who stayed behind to ask her questions in addition to the 10 or so she answered during the allotted Q & A time. Chief Constable Pinkney's talk will certainly live long in my memory.

By Daniel Onyango-Osuga (GR/Year 13)

'MISSING' SECTION OF DOWNS LINK TO REOPEN

A previously disused section of the Downs Link bridleway, on the old Guildford Line behind Christ's Hospital station, is expected to re-open to the public (date TBC) following an extensive programme of repair. The upgrade – a long term collaborative project between CH and West Sussex County Council – will mean that anyone using the Downs Link between Mill Lane and the station will now be able to do so safely off-road.

The Guildford Branch Line was closed in 1965 as part of the Beeching Cuts. The last train ran on 14 June when a group of CH pupils decided to mark the occasion by singing 'Abide with Me' as the train pulled out of CH Station. In 2011, Christ's Hospital purchased a one mile section of the former Guildford Branch Line, which was very overgrown and in



disrepair, so the route was diverted along the local road network to Christ's Hospital. Anyone using the bridleway has, in the intervening years, had to resort to using the road for this 1.2 mile stretch, so the upgrade is very welcome indeed!



Christ's Hospital Station during track lifting, probably in 1966. Photo by J. L. Smith



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