HOCKERILL E:NEWS



Principal's Column

Whilst dodging the torrential rain which has beset us over the past few weeks, I have been once again impressed by the range and depth of activities on offer at the College. Mr Bond and Miss Day assure me that the Little Shop of Horrors will be an entertainment extravaganza, and I have enjoyed eavesdropping on the rehearsals over the past week.

I am also delighted to welcome three new Parent Governors onto the Governing Body; Dr Tareq Abouharb, Dr Judith Braeckman and Mr Branimir Radukic. What was most heartening was the number of parents who took time to vote and that there were so many excellent candidates. Support like this makes life a whole lot easier! Mr Richard Markham

WHAT CAN BE DONE? THE GIRL EFFECT

Fundraising in Winchester - The Girl Effect



a charity which helps girls from different countries who live in poverty, receive a good education and learn skills they can use later in life.

events to raise money for The Girl Effect, www.thegirleffect.org

The charity was created by the Nike foundation, United Nations Foundation and Coalition for Adolescent Girls. Already, thousands of people around the world have raised money for this charity that strives to create a better future for underprivileged girls. So what did we do? Well, a disco is fun for everyone so we

could help break the ice in Year 7 while raising money for a

brilliant charity. We decided that on Friday the 13th September (very ironic) we would hold a Year 7 disco in St Alban's Hall. As none of us had ever done anything like this before, we knew organising it was going to be a challenge but we wanted to help the Girl Effect in any way we could. The first thing we did was to talk to Mr Whiteley, the Head of Year 7. He thought it was a really good idea and sent a letter

out to all the parents so they could send in a permission slip. We then created the posters and tickets. Kristie came up with a really cool design so we quickly set to work putting posters up around the College. It was then time to sort out the actual disco. Music is of course essential so we asked Sam Ainsworth and Luke Topolski in Year 12 to DJ for us. We also needed refreshments. We bought crisps,

fizzy drinks and decided on the prices and then we bought glow

sticks to make the disco a little more special.

On the actual night, we were all nervous, we so wanted this to be a success...and it was. The music was great, everyone was dancing and in total we raised £324! The disco was fantastic and we all enjoyed ourselves but this wasn't our job finished... On Saturday the 12th of October, we had a bake sale in the

Refectory at break. We had asked people to bring in cakes in the morning and as before, we were nervous. What if we had no cakes? What if no one came? Thankfully the bake sale was fantastic. We had delicious

chocolate and sponge cakes, cookies, cupcakes, doughnuts

and lots more. In the end, we were almost sold out and after

counting the money, we realised we had made £300! A massive thank you to everyone who baked or brought in a cake! We organised another disco social for the boarders before the October Half Term which raised another £100. Finally, we decided to make our own Christmas crackers to sell at the Hockerill Christmas Market. Once we had gathered all of

the necessary parts we encouraged the younger boarders in the House to help us to make them – we sold over £100 worth of crackers on the day so our final cheque for £852.04 has been sent to The Girl Effect.

an extremely important charity. We also had fun and it was lovely working together as a team, to do something that may help other girls our own age, across the world. Olivia Tomlinson, Day Boarders House Captain **Holocaust Memorial Day 2014**

Organising these events was a great experience for us. We used

our leadership, communication and team skills to raise money for



who came to Great Britain on 3rd May 1939, aged 13 via the Kindertransport from Hanover, Germany. Bob talked about his early life in Germany saying; "My early childhood was comfortable and I started school in 1930, but as soon as the Nazis took power in 1933 everything changed. New regulations were constantly imposed, making life for Jews more and more difficult. School was not too bad, until I started secondary education in 1936. Then there was much more bullying; my classmates were under orders not to associate with Jews – and usually we were made to sit at the back and not

On arrival in Great Britain Bob stayed with various families

eventually staying in a hostel in London, just in time to join a

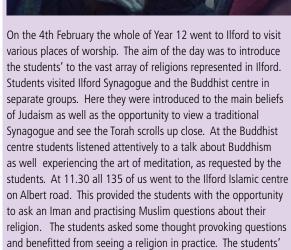
to hear from Bob and Ann Kirk, survivors of the Holocaust

school and to be evacuated to a town called Whipsnade. In 1944 he joined the Army and became an interpreter dealing with German prisoners of war. Today Bob and his wife Ann, another child of the Kindertransport, work to raise awareness of the Holocaust and the experience of the Kindertransport by speaking at activities for Holocaust Memorial Day and throughout the rest of the year. The day allowed Year 9 students to listen to the journey of survivors like Bob and Ann first hand; experiences future generations will not have. Thank you to all Year 9 students for their excellent participation and focus throughout the day and to the staff who accompanied

Year 12 Visit to Ilford.

the trip.

participate in the lesson".



then boarded the coach for the short journey to the Karamsar

straight away the students were captivated by its grandeur. We

were greeted by our guide, Amandeep and taken into one of the

Gurdwara. The Gurdwara itself is a beautiful building and

prayer rooms for a question and answer session. After an hour of questions from Year 12, stomachs were rumbling and it was time to share in the Langar. Here the students were treated to traditional Indian foods along with a few chips and beans! The students were amazed at the concept of Langar in Sikhism and were very humbled by all the experiences throughout the day. Some of their thoughts about the visit were as follows; "The trip was very informative and opened my eyes to different religions" "An enlightening experience" "We live in a world where there is no one universal belief and looking at other cultures and beliefs such as religion is the best way to know someone who is different from you. The aim of this visit was to give us the opportunity to discover

something new about humanity and I really appreciate this"

Mrs N Ashlee-McCrae

Equipe Songwriting Competition



evening and managed to be both humorous and complementary. Anna Box, of Da Vinci, was first on stage and wowed all with her piece 'Lighhouse' and Kristian Peters, also of Da Vinci, was the pick of the juniors with his track 'Stay'. Our very own Tinie Tempah, Pascal's Folahan Omatola, produced a suitably stunning performance of his song 'Fade to Black', but it was Brunel's Sam Ainsworth, with 'Gone', who took first place. Mr G Dinwiddy Year 9 Workshadowing On the 9th June 2014, all Year 9 students will undertake a

workshadowing placement. This will help them gain an insight

into the world of employment. It is expected that the majority of

students will find their own placements as the College only has a

A letter has been sent out via Parentmail. We would appreciate your assistance in finding a placement for your son/daughter by

Ms A McCulloch

limited number of contacts that we can use.

Monday 31st March 2014.

Sports News

Rugby Tour Fundraising has progressed well throughout the

USA & Canada Rugby Tour

year with parents, students and staff rising to the challenge of amassing £20,000 before the tour leaves in June. I am confident that with a concerted final push over the coming months we will be able to reach our target. Upcoming events are; Year 7-9 Disco on Friday 7th March and Race Night on Friday 28th March. Please put these dates in your diaries and support these events in any way you can. Mr W Conolly

in place and this will also involve some of our year 8 girls. This is a fantastic opportunity for everyone involved and the PE Department are particularly excited to be a part of it. Miss N Hyde **GCSE PE Conference**

intensive revision conference that helps students of all abilities

attain better grades through a variety of exam techniques. The

students were fantastic and learned lots of helpful tips. Below: Hockerill's Y11 Sebastian Priest being interviewed by Great Britain Olympic Gymnast Craig Heap.



who were out in the rain. I have to say that NASA would have

harsh wet conditions.

Boys Hockey

SWCHS on 13th February 2014. Hockerill Won 1-0 with an excellent goal by Harry Croft. Well done also to some of the Year 8 boys who played up a year group in the fixture. Man of the match was Alex Radusin who was solid in defence. Congratulations!!! Mr R Loveday

been proud of those students who really engaged during the

after half term. Fortunately, we have managed to play some

Football

progressing in the cup competitions. The year 8s have progressed to the next round of the District cup, considering the extreme conditions of torrential rain and strong winds, they still managed to win the match 5-0 against Newport Grammar School with fantastic displays from Oliver Travell, Gareth James and Nathan Waterfield. The Year 7 & 9 cup matches have been postponed until after half term. The senior football team have also made a solid start to the season, winning both of their first two games; 3-0 and 5-0 respectively. The Year 10s have yet to play their first fixture as all of their games so far have been postponed, although they have a number to look forward to after the half term break. Mr J Ribbans **Basketball** The Year 8 basketball team have played some great ball upon their return from the Christmas holidays . They have played 4 and won 4. The most recent game against Birchwood away

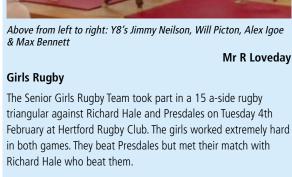
was a great spectacle for both players and supporters alike. The game was tied 12 all in the final 2 minutes of play. Some

great defensive work by the team gave them an opportunity to break away from beneath their own basket to apply pressure on

Birchwood. Some precision passing and off the ball movement allowed C.Y to lay up and score 2 points. They defended superbly in the last 45 seconds and just managed to hold onto a vital win. Their hard work In training has played a vital part in their success and long may it continue. Well done Year 8 basketball. Congratulations to all the Year 7 - 9 boys who have participated

Congratulations and well done.

MYP assessments.



and there have been a few additions to the team. The team went to Barking Abbey to play in the next round of the Essex Cup. The game was end to end with many opportunities for both teams.

count resulting in St Edmunds winning the game. Mrs P Trimble & Miss N Hyde The U15 netball team have played several games and various members of the squad have had the opportunity to play against different schools. The squad's results to date are: Hockerill 15 – 8 SWCHS Hockerill 19 – 4 Newport

The Year 9's have demonstrated dedication at training this

term. Numbers at training have remained high meaning that

Netball team has recently played games against Newport, St

we have been able to select an U14A & U14B team. The U14A

Hockerill 7 – 20 Bancroft

Hockerill 13 – 31 St Edmunds

against SWCHS and Bancroft. The U14B team have thoroughly enjoyed playing against other schools including Herts & Essex and Bancroft. Mrs K Mellis This term has seen the U13 netball squad grow in strength. We have had some very successful victories against Herts & Essex and Newport. There has been great team work and skill

demonstrated in matches despite being defeated by Saffron Walden and Bancroft. Unfortunately, some games have had

next school term. **MissL Watts Girls Hockey** Early morning Hockey club continues to be a great success with increased numbers throughout this half term despite the bad weather. Unfortunately due to the weather conditions games

> Mr R Loveday Director of Sport Miss N Hyde Head of Girls PE

On Tuesday 4th February, a group of

Books & Biscuits Club Trip



still have to play.

Through his vision he is reunited with his best friend Hector, who had completely disappeared into the brutal regime of the forces of the Motherland. Maggot Moon was the winner of the Carnegie Medal for being the most outstanding children's novel

Over the past few months the

NOTICES

College has been working hard to update and revamp its website. The product of all that time is now visible. I hope you like the new version and that you find it easy to navigate. I would like to thank Mr Jacobs for his tireless work on this project.

please <u>click here.</u> **HOW TO CONTACT US**

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GRENDON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

GIFT, the leading European agency in the education of, and in provision for, the exceptionally able, presents a week long course for those who enjoy learning, argument, debate, opportunities for creativity and revelling in an academic challenge. The week includes a trip to Oxford and visits to the world-renowned Ashmolean Museum of Art and Archaeology, and the quirky, bizarre Pitt-Rivers Museum (half a million early archaeological and ethnographic objects from all parts of the world in an unchanged Victorian setting). COST: The course fee for the week

accommodation, trips. Sponsorship may be available to those in financial hardship. More information about this course can be accessed at the following

is £346 inclusive of all meals,

files/summerschemail4_0.pdf **Boarders' Valentines**

http://www.giftltd.co.uk/

Saturday 8th February

Event



tables with white linen tablecloths and very patiently created the most fantastic designs from red serviettes with the assistance of Miss Tennison. There was a selection of love hearts confectionery scattered on each of the dining tables. The Refectory was turned into a spectacular display of red and white. Winchester and Roding girls did a fabulous job decorating St. Alban's Hall with red heart shaped balloons. Holroyd Howe provided a superb Valentines supper for the full boarders who dressed to impress. Following the meal there was a disco held in St. Alban's Hall and once again the Lightening Road Show proved to be very popular with the boarders who danced the night away. Mrs A Harris For Highly Able Learners

courses for highly able learners, have organised a series of standalone Masterclasses at the request

of local parents and schools. The venue will be the Tate Britain Gallery, Millbank, Pimlico, London SW1. The projects are all aimed

GIFT, providers of enrichment

at National Curriculum Years 7-11 (with one for VI Formers); are based in creative sketchbook art, the history of art, and creative writing with art as a stimulus; and take place from January to May on either Saturday or Sunday. Please see details at the following address: http://www.giftltd.co.uk/ files/TateSecEmail_27.pdf Mrs A Rajakumar Searching for the Edge The winners of the Searching for the Edge poetry competition were judged and announced by Daljit Nagra, our 2013-14 Poet in Residence just before half term.

Parents, staff and students enjoyed afternoon tea in the Library and

The winners were - Lower College: 1st Emily Roberts, 2nd Theo Chan, and 3rd Seyi Owoso. Upper College & Sixth Form: 1st Henry Walton, 2nd Amelia Chivers, and 3rd Ruth Carlson. Staff and Parents: 1st Hugh Michell,

2nd Sharon Chivers, and 3rd Julian

All the shortlisted poets were

invited to a workshop with Daljit

Nagra and will continue to work

with him on a project titled The

Final Letter which will tie in with

the World War 1 celebrations later

listened to the winning poems. The

winners were awarded Kindles and

there were book tokens for second

poems are currently on display in

and third places. The winning

the Library.

Wilkinson.

Miss S Davis

this year. Mrs J Ballard **Boarders Chocolate** Studio Trip

Sunday 9th February 2014

Do you love chocolate? Are you

obsessed with chocolate? Well,

this is the perfect place to go. My

friends were very excited to go on

this adventurous trip to experience a whole new place known as the Chocolate Studios! As we were no experts in chocolate and in cooking,

we were determined to explore and find out how to make our own chocolate pizza. We learned a lot of facts about chocolate. Pure chocolate is actually bitter which is why chocolate is almost always combined with other ingredients in

a chocolate bar! But the chocolate

part of the bar is what contains the

good stuff; fibre and magnesium. At least 32% of cocoa must be present in the chocolate to be classed as a chocolate bar. Did you know that a Cadbury's dairy milk does not have chocolate written on the wrapper anywhere as it doesn't have enough coca to be classed as a chocolate bar! Not only that, we learnt that chocolate is good for your health; daily chocolate consumption may reduce risk of a heart attack!

"I liked it because I got to eat and

make my own chocolate pizza; this

was a very exciting trip!" (Timi -

"I liked the variety of sweets that

we could put on our pizza and the facts that we learnt during the trip. Favourite part though was eating it!" (Justin - Yr8) By CY Siu and Justin Tang

(Canterbury House)

We are looking forward to being part of Touraid and welcoming the students and their teachers from Po Leung Kuk on Wednesday 5th March. The girls have a fun filled programme

During February the Y11 GCSE students attended an all-day

The weather has once again caused havoc with our football

season, causing a number of fixtures to be postponed until

Thank you to all the boys who took part in the Y9 fixture v

games and the boys have been excellent so far. Year 7s, 8s & 9s have got off to a good start, winning a number of games and

Boys Gymnastics in Gymnastics during curriculum lessons. I was very fortunate in my younger days to be coached by Barry Winch Great Britain Olympic Gymnast at the 1984 Los Angeles and I am sure he would have been delighted to see the high standard achieved by all the boys in particular the Year 8 and 9's. A very good set of

Girls Netball

The Senior Netball squad has continued to train hard this term

Barking Abbey made their shots count and went through to the

next round of the Cup. The team played St Edmunds in a friendly match. Again the match was end to end and with a slightly different team playing we were unable to make our shots at goal

Edmunds, SWCHS, Bancroft and Herts & Essex. The standard of competition has varied and the team beat St Edmunds, Herts & Essex and Newport with a convincing score of 21-15. They lost

to be cancelled due to bad weather but we hope to get these rescheduled in the second half of Lent Term in preparation for the Districts at the end of March. Players of the Half Term are Evie Hopwood and Alice Miles for excellent teamwork and noticeable performance during games. Miss A Calcasola I have been very impressed with the commitment and effort that the Year 7 girls' continue to show every Friday after school. Training has been effected by the changing weather conditions but we have ensured the girls progress through the training

programme to ensure they improve their own individual skills.

The Year 7 cup squad have grown in strength from September

and demonstrate this through their performance for each match.

The B/C/D team have had opportunities to compete against other teams and have improved dramatically with many wins under

their belts. I am extremely proud to be the netball coach of this year group and hope they continue with this progress into the

Festival of Literature. We had been reading Maggot Moon by Sally Gardner last half term. Maggot Moon is about a boy called Standish Treadwell who is dyslexic. Standish sees the world in a different way to most.

dyslexia. She also wanted to play with 'what if' questions that

Yr7)

could alter history. To hear the author explain about the book

have had to be postponed and rescheduled. We will continue to train on Thursday mornings in preparation for the cup games we

students from the Books & Biscuits Club went to hear Sally Gardner at the Bishop's Stortford College

Sally Gardner spoke about her own dyslexia and talked about Maggot Moon and how she wanted to write about a boy with

was a really fascinating experience. Darcey Elmer (8P) & Esther Grunbaum (9P)