



Christ Church Cathedral School

Friday 10th June 2022

Dear Parents,

Early June is always a time of mixed emotion for me. This week our Form 8s have taken their Common Entrance exams, the exams which mark the end of their time at the School. In some cases the boys have been here since Nursery which means they have been pupils at CCCS for over a decade. At the age of 13, that is a very considerable proportion of their lives. Leaving CCCS is therefore a really significant occasion. No teacher, I suspect, can ever fully reconcile themselves to the fact that the children they have got to know so well are ready to move on, despite the fact that this is what the School is set up to achieve. When the children arrive in Nursery they cannot read or write, most have a fairly limited vocabulary but looking at the boys taking their exams on Tuesday, I was struck by how many high level skills they had mastered. There can be no period of life where the changes are so significant and it is a privilege to be involved with such a profoundly important period in a person's life.

We are very proud of these senior boys – so often at Open Mornings it is our pupils, who undertake the tours, whom the parents remark upon and I'm not surprised. We have adopted the tradition of displaying photos of the boys in the Dining Hall for one year after they have left us. The boys decide how they want to be remembered, whether that be with a reading book, nursing a Rugby Ball or playing a trumpet with the panache of a modern day Louis Armstrong. I always think that these pictures say a great deal both about the boys and about the School. For me they focus on our leavers as individuals – there is no typical Christ Church boy; our boys are allowed to be themselves and the School has a wonderful way of letting them flourish and nurturing their talents, something which the photos make very clear.

Another aspect of the photos which struck me when I was looking at them recently, was the way in which they remind us of the number of different schools that our boys go on to after they leave us. Of course, the central mission of a Prep school is to prepare boys for their senior schools. And this is a task which we take very seriously indeed. I believe that there is no overall best school, but I do believe there is a best school for any one individual and our role, working with parents, is to identify what that school is and to prepare our boys to get into that school. We work hard to have relationships with all our many destination schools and an important part of my job is to get to know the Heads and Registrars of those schools so that I can ensure that boys go to the right school.

It is always a pleasure therefore, to welcome senior school staff to preach at Cathedral Assembly and we were fortunate to have Paul Smith, Registrar at Eton, speak to us this morning. He spoke movingly about the Prodigal Son setting up a fruitful dialogue with the boys who were desperate to answer his questions. He asked some boys to hand out a beautiful and touching painting by Rembrandt of the Prodigal Son. It was a work painted towards the very end of Rembrandt's life and shows an old man with his hands gently touching the back of his returning son. The quiet intensity of the emotion displayed in the painting is deeply moving and ensures that this is one of the greatest of the master's works. Mr Smith, having already realised the erudition of his listeners, asked who they thought had painted it. A voice responded, sounding clearly round the Cathedral, "Was it you?" Someone has learnt already how to ensure that he makes friends!

I enjoyed watching our Colts A and B playing against New College on Wednesday. I was delighted that we managed to win in both games. Such an achievement was predicted by one of the New College boys. He spotted one of our boys who used to be at New College who was playing in the Bs. "Oh no," he said, "If he's in their Bs rather than their As, we're all dead!" The result wasn't quite as drastic for New College as the boy had predicted, but, fortunately for us, he wasn't far wrong!

Mr Murray
Headmaster

Trinity 2022
Monday 13th - Sunday 19th June

MONDAY 13	
9.00	School Exams (Forms 5 - 7)
2.15	Senior House Cricket
2.30	1st XI v d'Overbroecks (Home)
3.30 - 4.30	After School Chess Club (Forms 3 & 4)
TUESDAY 14	
	HPV Catch-up Vaccinations (Form 8)
9.00	School Exams (Forms 5 - 7)
2.30	U8 v Dragon (Away)
2.30	U9 A & B v Dragon (Away)
4.00 - 5.00	After School Tennis Club (Reception - Form 2) (WWH)
WEDNESDAY 15	
9.00	School Exams (Forms 5 - 7)
2.30	Colts A & B v Dragon (Away)
3.30 - 4.30	After School Chess Club (Form 2)
THURSDAY 16	
	Form 8 Leavers Photographs
	Form 4 Camping Trip to Youlbury
2.00	Confirmation Service
3.15	U9 A & B v APS (Away)
3.15	U8 A v APS (Home)
4.00 - 5.00	After School Football Club (Forms 3 - 6) (Merton Field)
FRIDAY 17	
	Form 4 Return from Youlbury
	Form 8 CE exam results
8.30	Cathedral Assembly, Baptism
9.30	Onwards Eye Screening (Reception)
4.00 - 5.00	After School Cricket club (Reception - Form 2) (Merton Field)
SATURDAY 18	
SUNDAY 19	<i>The First Sunday after Trinity</i>

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Form 2 Gardening News

Form 2 boys have been very busy in the garden: planting peas, beans and tomatoes, measuring the height of the sunflowers, weeding and hoeing.

We added some oxygenating plants to the pond to keep the water from stagnating and to provide a friendly habitat for butterflies, bees and moths. EF



Where Was I?

Architecture Club yesterday visited this Grade-2 listed quad, home to sixty-plus undergraduates. It was built in the 1960s with Portland Whitbed and Roach Stone, giving it a somewhat cheerier appearance than many concrete constructions of the 60s. It has been described as 'one of the best buildings of its kind' and as an eyesore.

In which college were we? NR



Flexi-Boarding



We are now able to offer flexi-boarding for £55.00 per night.

If any of our parents would like to use this facility, please contact

Mrs Kemp: registrar@cccs.org.uk



CCCS School Barber

Men's Haircuts - £17.50

Children Under 16 - £13.50, Over 60s - £13.50

Students - £15.00, Clipper Cut - £10.00

Beard Trim - £5.00

Call Andrea on **07748 105192** to book an appointment.



Chorister News

Just before half term, the Cathedral Choir travelled to Sweden for a Concert Tour. Our first stop was in Stockholm where the boys sang an afternoon concert at the Cathedral. Whilst in Stockholm the boys enjoyed very much staying in a boat hotel, which was moored on a lake at the edge of the historic 'old town'. The following day saw a trip to the Museum of Modern Art and an evening boat trip, where the boys performed again.

Upsalla is a beautiful University Town which boasts the largest Cathedral in Sweden. There is an interesting quirk of firing a cannon every time a Doctor graduates from the university. Our tour of the university coincided with the graduation of several dozen Doctoral Students which made for a very spectacular (if noisy) event. The boys sang both an evening concert and High Mass before departing for our final destination - Rattvik.

Rattvik is a beautiful, sleepy place with one of the longest piers in Europe jutting far out into the lake. Rattvik has an amazing and quite unexpected American Diner in the centre of the town which was a particular favourite of the boys. The Cathedral Choir sang two concerts to an eager and enthusiastic gathering of over three hundred festival-goers.

Our boys were such wonderful ambassadors for the Cathedral Choir and the School and were greeted with standing ovations after every concert. JR





CCCS Parents' Association Summer Ball

This year's Summer Ball
will be held on Friday 1st July.

Tickets: £100 per person.

If you would like to attend
please email

Mrs Laura Kemp:
registrar@cccs.org.uk

for payment details.

Dress Code: Black Tie

Enterprise Day

Week commencing Monday 20th June, we are looking forward to an 'off timetable' week, where the boys will be doing a wide range of activities from Monday through to Thursday, with transition day on Friday. There will be a Talent Show on Tuesday 21st - boys will be asked to confirm their talent by Friday 17th June.

During this week, we will hold three Enterprise Days. Monday will be run by Forms 7 & 8, Tuesday by Forms 3 & 4 and Wednesday by Forms 5 & 6. There will be a variety of stalls and you will have seen, in an email sent to you this week, that boys will receive £5 worth of tickets for each day. There will be tickets on sale on the day if you would like to send your son in with a little more money.

On Friday 24th June, we have Transition Day. Pre-Prep will be starting at 1.30. Forms 2 – 7 will follow the normal school timetable, but in the class they will be in next year i.e. Form 2 will be in Form 3 for the day.
ADM

Sports Day

Another important day to remember will be Sports Day, which is compulsory for all boys. This is on Saturday 25th June and begins at 10.00 am.

There will be coffee, tea, pastries and bacon rolls available from the start and a variety of lunch options being sold from 11.45 am.

Please save these dates in your diaries. PD

Pre-Prep News

Reception and Form 1 enjoyed the sunshine on the meadow today, whilst eating ice lollies and doing relaxing summertime yoga! EH



Music News

Trinity Term: Friends and Family Concert

7.15 pm, Wednesday 6th July



Our annual Friends and Family Concert will take place on the evening of Wednesday 6th July in the Walton Hall. The aim is to get as many people involved as possible, so do please get planning (and practising).

This is the opportunity for:

- Parents to perform with their children
- Pupils to perform duets with each other
- Family ensembles to play together

...and any other combinations you can think of. Please email biddell.s@cccs.org if you or your son(s) would like to perform! SB

SUMMER HOLIDAY SOCCER SCHOOLS 2022

Mon 25 - Thur 28 July

New Beaconsfield, SHIPTON

Mon 1 - Thur 4 August

FREELAND Village Hall

Mon 8 - Thur 11 August

Windrush Primary, WITNEY

Mon 15 - Thur 18 August

Windrush Primary, WITNEY

Mon 22 - Thur 25 August

New Beaconsfield, SHIPTON

Tue 30 Aug - Fri 2 Sept

FREELAND Village Hall



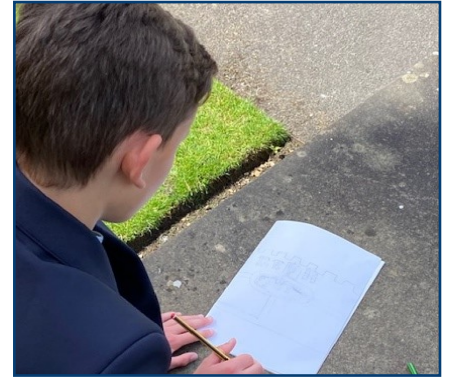
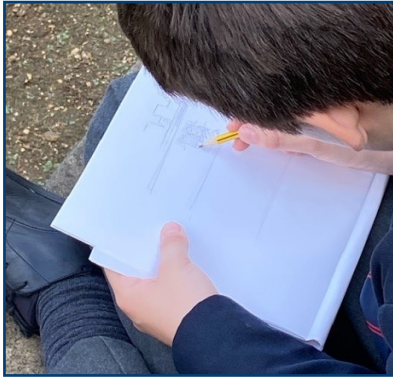
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Art News

Our Form 7 Art group spent their lesson outside today drawing details of the buildings of Christ Church for their New Buildings and Architecture project.



Cricket News

Our Colts B played a New College School B side in what was an entertaining game on a great sunny afternoon. We bowled first and restricted New College to 75 with good concise bowling from Jonathon and Will K. Then we went in to bat with some great boundaries hit by Jonathon and Hugo and some fantastic, brave batting from Jason to get us over the line. We earned a convincing 20 run victory by the end of 20 overs.

Our Colts A team lost the toss and fielded first. Some exceptional bowling upfront meant that we could rotate the bowling more than we normally would with proper cricket. Max had figures of 3 overs 1 wicket for 3 runs and Henry had figures of 3 overs 2 wickets for 3 runs. The rest of the boys also bowled well and restricted New College to 57 runs in their innings.

When we batted we got off to a really bad start losing our first 3 wickets for just 1 run!! Archie, Will S and Max steadied the ship and, after some lusty hitting from Edward, we got the score with 5 overs still to be bowled. Max finished on an impressive 12 not out and Edward got 10 not out.



We also played two matches against Chandlings on Monday. Unfortunately, we lost both of these, but good performances were seen from Max, Edward, Henry and Will S for the A team. In the B team game Troy and Jason batted very well.

For next time, we need to work on looking at our opponents and how they field, in order to take more advantage of their weaknesses, which took us a while to recognise. However, by the end of the game we were paying much more attention and had begun to use this to our benefit.

A very good week of cricket with excellent wins on Wednesday. We need to listen more carefully in lessons, so we can improve the basics of fielding and running between the wickets. SP

Meet and Greet

Ayesha Rana - Parent of: Eynan

What did you want to be when you grew up and what are you doing now? I wanted to be an Artist and now I am.

If you could travel anywhere in the world tomorrow, where would you go and why? I would like to go Kuwait where I was born.

Who is your idol, and why? My Mother is my idol - as a hardworking woman.

Favourite city or town and in which season? Lahore in December (winter time).

One thing you would change in the world if you could? Homelessness.

Is there a family trait/habit that you have? We all have a sweet tooth.

Favourite Book? Isfaq Ahmed (Urdu writer).

If you could start something new (hobby/interest or sport) and were not limited with time/age/ money, what would it be? My passion towards painting in my own studio.

Any advice on how you relax on the weekend? Cooking my family's favourite food and doing fun activities to spent quality time with them.

Nothing like hardworking women to inspire you to do great things. Lovely to hear about your passion of pursuit to be an artist, as you can put your tools down and pick them up again at any time and you can still have your skill at the ready, to take with you, wherever you go. It is so unfortunate that you ALL have a sweet tooth! how you manage to share the last bar must be a real test of parental selflessness. I remember as a child thinking it must be so good to be an adult as you can buy sweet things all of the time, whenever you wish... sadly I can hear my great aunt saying once on the lips, twice on the hips. Charming! I'm sure you are much better at self control that I am. Lahore, the 'City of Gardens' and the cultural Heart of Pakistan, good to know that winter is the best season to visit, as I make a note in my little black book. I just need a year or 3 to visit all of these magical destinations. Thank you Ayesha.

Enjoy your weekend.

Kathryn
PA