



Christ Church Cathedral School

Friday 25th March 2022

Dear Parents,

Earlier this week, you will have received an invitation to next term's private tour in Christ Church. This time we are going to visit the Upper Library. I very much hope that many of you will be able to come. The Upper Library at Christ Church is one of the most remarkable rooms in Oxford and some of the books in it, of the very greatest importance. The librarians have agreed to get out a number of volumes for us to look at and they will give a talk about some of the treasures on display. Every time I visit the Upper Library, I learn something new and I look forward to doing so again. See you there, I hope!

I was delighted that the following pupils from our Form 8 won awards at senior schools this year:

Maurits	Music Scholarship	MCS
Ivan	Academic Scholarship	St Edward's
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Benjie	Music Scholarship	St Edward's
Hamish	Music Scholarship	Leighton Park
Alexander	Music Exhibition	MCS
Pascal	Music Scholarship	Stonyhurst
Dominic	Music Scholarship	Shrewsbury
James	Music Scholarship	Bryanston
Merlin	Music Scholarship	Radley
Henry	Academic Scholarship	MCS
	Music Exhibition	MCS

This is an extraordinary achievement and I am thrilled for all of the boys in question. All of these awards are the result of real hard work on the part of the boys and of real care and attention from our wonderful staff. I am delighted by what the boys and teachers have achieved and I am sure that the boys will all thrive at their senior schools and set a tremendous example to their future contemporaries. Thank you, as well, to everyone who has been involved in these successes. I am also delighted by the Form 8s, not mentioned here, who have obtained their places at their chosen senior schools.

I am so thrilled to see such a variety of schools represented here. We are, of course, a very small school but we send our pupils to a wide number of different senior schools. We take a great deal of care to help parents choose an appropriate school for their child and I am always delighted by the relationships we have with so many schools. I think it has been a very long time since we have sent anyone to Stonyhurst, for instance, but I am very pleased that we are now doing so!

I am afraid that the line on the coronavirus test kit has been appearing every day until today, so I have been incarcerated in my house for the whole ten-day period, which has been beyond frustrating. Interestingly, it has been a particular pleasure to read the Newsletter and have glimpse at what has been going on in the School. I am particularly sad to have missed the Mothering Sunday Service, a whole school event at one of the loveliest times of the year. I understand that there were large numbers of parents who came to the Cathedral, a wonderful reminder that our world has opened up again – at least for most of us! I look forward so much to seeing you all again on Brewer Street, on Monday. I hope you all take advantage of the wonderful weather which is forecast for the weekend.

Mr Murray
Headmaster

Hilary 2022

Monday 28th March - Sunday 3rd April

MONDAY 28	
3.30 - 4.30	After School Chess Club (Forms 3 & 4)
4.00 - 5.00	After School Football Club (Pre-Prep) (Merton Field)
4.10 - 5.00	After School Ancient Greek Club (Forms 7 & 8)
TUESDAY 29	
4.00 - 5.00	After School Tennis Club (Pre-Prep) (WWH)
WEDNESDAY 30	
12.15 - 2.45	Reception & Form 1 Visit to Oxford Story Museum
3.30 - 4.30	After School Chess Club (Form 2)
THURSDAY 31	
4.00 - 5.00	After School Football Club (Forms 3 - 5) (Merton Field)
FRIDAY 1	
8.30	Cathedral Assembly, speaker The Chaplain
1.30	Pre-Prep Palm Sunday Service
2.00 - 4.00	Easter Party
4.10	End of Term (return 27.04.22) CC: OUT
SATURDAY 2	
SUNDAY 3	

Arrangements for Friday 1st April

8.45: Cathedral Assembly

9.10 am: Final Assembly of Hilary Term in the Cathedral

Normal lessons with an Easter theme and a slightly earlier lunch

1.15 pm: Forms 3 - 7 go to the Meadows for an Easter Egg Hunt

Form 8 to set up stalls in the Walton Centre

Parents setting up stalls in the playground (in the event of wet weather we will move parent stalls into the hall)

1.30 pm: Pre-Prep Palm Sunday Service in the Cathedral

2.00 pm: Easter Party begins for the whole school

Boys will be issued with 30 tickets each in the morning (£15 will be added to School Bills) but more tickets will be available on the day

3.45 pm: Judging of Easter Hat Competition, by Miss Berry

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GET EXCITED

because

It's almost party time!

Easter Party

1st APRIL (Friday)

2 PM - 4 PM



Drinks Stalls
Tombola Food
And lots of fun

Easter Hat Parade will
be judged at 3.45 pm!

See you there!



Mothering Sunday Service



Today the whole school gathered in the Cathedral for Pre-Prep's Mothering Sunday Service. The boys and girls of Nursery and the boys of Pre-Prep have been thinking about why their mothers, grandmothers, aunts and families are so wonderful, and how their families and parents are always there to support them and help them grow.

Nursery had clear ideas about why they loved their mummies, Reception had petals of kind thoughts, Form 1 were the flowers their mothers grew with their love, and Form 2 read poems about how helpful their mothers are. The children have all been working hard, making gifts and cards which were given to their families after the service. There was also some beautiful orchestral playing from the School string groups. It was so nice to see the Cathedral filled with families.

We hope you all have a wonderful Mothering Sunday together. RF



French Trip News

We are considering a trip to France in March 2023, during the first week of the Easter holidays for a week of skiing lessons. We will be flying to France.

The cost of the trip looks to be between £1,100 -£1,500, depending on the number of pupils we take. Please email Mme Loyer: loyer.s@cccs.org.uk if you would like to express your interest in the trip, so that we can check whether this is a viable option for next year. SL

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Video: <https://youtu.be/RUQTPVoFSvc?list=PLaIQfZMys6WnMTzaifbHKhXbKcQG0hknI>





Summer Cricket, Forms 3 - 8

Please can all boys in Forms 3 - 8 have white Cricket shorts, a white Cricket top and predominantly white trainers ready for Trinity Term Cricket.

Cricket Whites can be purchased from Blue Blood Sports:

<https://www.bluebloodsports.co.uk/>

Senior boys will be advised when they need Cricket Whites, for matches.

Thank you. ADM



Nursery News

Despite being at home with Covid, the Headmaster still managed to take Story Time for the Nursery children on Wednesday morning.

The children were very excited to see Mr Murray, larger than ever, on our classroom whiteboard via a Zoom link.

Whilst it was great fun to have something different, we are looking forward to seeing Mr Murray back in person next week!

Get Well Soon, Mr Murray! NE

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

Over the course of the week, we have welcomed Raffie, Isaac, Troy, Solomon, Trust and Zac into the Boarding House to experience flexi-boarding. With the beautiful weather, the boys had lots of time to play outside with their friends and join in with tuck night, house movies, and games of 'Capture the Flag'. Onni, Matron Debbie's dog, was particularly delighted to join in with 'Capture the Flag' in his own inimitable way! A popular favourite of all the boys was tea and toast from the now fabled Debbie's Café.

We very much look forward to welcoming these boys back in the future, and I am always delighted to discuss flexi-boarding with any parents who might be interested in their sons joining us in the House. JR



Rainforest News

Forms 3 and 4 enjoyed the 'Rainforest Experience' at the Oxford Botanical Gardens on Monday.

We experienced the very hot climate in the tropical glasshouses, and all the useful plants that grow in the rainforest.



Our favourites were the banana plants, the cocoa and sugar cane plants and the carnivorous pitcher plants! SG

Music News



future will be very keen to meet the boys of Forms 3 and 4! Well done, everyone. SB

On Tuesday afternoon Forms 3 and 4 performed their annual concert, with wonderful two-part choral singing and plenty of individual performances too. Many thanks to the peripatetic staff for preparing their pupils so carefully, and to the boys for performing with such infectious enthusiasm. There are 14 talented pianists in these two classes, but it was exciting to see a wide selection of non-keyboard instruments too: lots of strings, a harp, a trombone, a horn and - almost unbelievably - two oboes and two bassoons, when some schools would be delighted to have even one double reed player. Orchestras of the

Football News

We have had a very busy last week of football with seven fixtures taking place. It seems like a long time since we played football in glorious sunshine, but on Wednesday our first team travelled to play Abingdon Prep School on a beautiful sunny afternoon.

With this being the final 1st team game of Hilary Term, it meant our Form 8 boys were playing football for CCCS for the very last time. It certainly was a great way to finish, dominating play in the first half and playing some very attractive football through the thirds, from back to front. It seemed impossible that we hadn't scored, coming in at half time at 0-0. The second half continued in a similar fashion, until APS took the lead against the run of play with a 30 yard screamer, flying into the top corner.

A little rattled, but determined to get back on top, we continued to play some very good football and bagged a deserved equaliser through Tobias, with ten minutes left to play. In the final five minutes we hit the crossbar, had three shots saved and one missed very narrowly wide - we just couldn't quite find the winner the boys deserved. Mr Potts is very proud of how the 1st team have developed this term and the boys should finish this term full of confidence, as we move onto cricket.



performance at the Tournament, our boys had a lot of self-belief which showed on the field.

Our Colts A team managed a fantastic win against APS and despite numbers being slightly depleted by Covid, it was the style of football that laid the foundation for a fantastic 10-3 victory. Sener was solid in goal and Max and Edward controlled things in the mid field - James had another good game up front. After last week's



we took on defenders, meaning we lost possession and began to argue amongst ourselves. Mr Dickinson gave a very stern team talk at half time, which thankfully did the trick and we started moving the ball around more. With some good build-up play we dissected the defence to take the lead. They came back immediately and equalised soon after the kick off. To the boy's credit, they showed the fighting spirit that we are used to and managed to score the winner, with only a few minutes to go. Carl was outstanding in goal and deserves a special mention - and well done to all the boys for a much better second half!!

Our U10 team were full of confidence after doing so well at the Bruern Abbey Tournament. Unfortunately, we seemed to have forgotten the key ingredient of our success, namely, teamwork. In the first half, we also forgot the concept of passing. Instead,

Football News Continued...

Another group of boys played against the Colts from Windrush Valley school. This meant that all boys in Form 5 and 6 represented the School on Wednesday. We played some attractive football, but unfortunately we were on the wrong side of the score line on occasion.

On Thursday, it was the turn of the younger boys to take on APS. Our U9A team were beaten by a well drilled team who passed the ball around very well indeed. Our boys never stopped trying and created chances of our own, but just weren't able to convert them. We missed Luke, who controls the mid field for us because he was ill.

Our U9s played a late away match in sunny Abingdon. Our A team made a slow start, with Abingdon using their star striker to help set a 4-0 lead at half time. There was more effort and determination in the second half but sadly we came second in a 6-0 loss. Well done to Hugo for some fantastic saves to keep us in the game.

Our U9B team played a cracker and were unlucky to lose 3-2 to their larger squad. Good blocks by Raffie and stoic defending by Ian were great to see. Navraj, fortuitously, scored two goals in the match. A good afternoon in the sun!



We hosted APS for an U8 fixture. Unfortunately, APS were only able to bring one team, so we played each half with a different team to give all the boys a game. The game was a very close affair with both teams creating many chances to score but failing to make the most of the opportunities. An unavoidable own goal gave APS a 1-0 win. Our boys played well and battled hard on a good afternoon of football. It was great to see five Form 2 boys playing in the match. PS, DB, SP



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Trinity Music Exams

Trinity Music Exams will be on
Tuesday 29th March.

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**Please could boys be reminded not to forget
their instruments.**

Thank you. SB

PA News

If you would like to donate any past school uniform items, we will be selling these next Friday at the Easter Party. Please get in touch if you have any questions about this.

Without further ado, introducing this week's Meet and Greet who, I might add, is putting on his first production at CCCS after two years of not being able to do so, I know I am on the edge of my seat already!

Meet and Greet

Mr Richards - Classics and English Teacher

What did you want to be when you grew up and what are you doing now? A fireman – more for the opportunity to dash around in the smart red engines than for the fiery challenges. Currently, I am a schoolmaster with few fire-fighting duties.

If you could travel anywhere in the world tomorrow, where would you go and why? New Zealand. English is spoken, the Queen reigns, Nature is allowed some space – and I have never seen the Southern Cross or the Magellanic Clouds.

Who is your idol, and why? I have no idol; but I admire those whose approach is 'It can be done'.

Favourite city or town and in which season? York in the gripping winter of 1968. Things were simpler, cleaner and breathtakingly beautiful.

One thing you would change in the world if you could? Despoliation of the planet.

Favourite Book? I have never had a favourite book – or painting or piece of music – and not sure what that would mean. (Imagine being marooned with one novel!) Not very many fiction books I would read twice – save Waugh's *Decline and Fall* and any Wodehouse featuring Wooster.

Is there a family trait/habit that you have? Unpleasing handwriting.

If you could start something new (hobby/interest or sport) and were not limited with time/age/money, what would it be? Learning the Lute.

Any advice on how to relax at the weekend? Taking an impromptu ride on the railway to somewhere different. (That's advice to self and readers – not a regular pastime.)

If you head to New Zealand you must stop in at Christchurch, in the South Island, where you can obtain Lute lessons. Don't expect to be able to buy one from a shop, as you know they are hand-made, so you must phone ahead and let them know you are coming.

I am personally quite pleased to hear you have bad handwriting as they often say that this is a sign that your brain can not keep up with your pen, creative and/or exceptional - maybe both in your case. Everything we need in a teacher. What are your tips on coordinating a room full of young active brains and training them to listen, remember and perform? It may assist my skills as a parent! Believe it or not, there are only nine stops by train, travelling from here to Wellington, NZ, covering around 19,510km. The romantic notion of travelling by train may have escaped you by the time you arrive, but at least your Lute will be waiting for you at the end and if you plan your trip well, you will arrive in winter when the air is clearer, life is simpler and the views are breathtakingly beautiful. Thank you Mr Richards, it can be done!

Kathryn