



Christ Church Cathedral School

Friday 17th May 2024

Dear Parents,

I had a wonderful evening last night, which I spent in the company of a number of you. Our Christ Church evening this term was wine tasting in the McKenna Room, which some of you will know. It is a large and attractive room at the top of the Great Staircase, very close to the entrance to the Great Hall. On the walls, portraits of many College worthies from over the five centuries stare down and the large windows give glimpses of the Victorian grandeur of the 'Meadows' Building and the vast walls of the Great Hall. A huge fireplace takes up much of one wall. Here, we were given a wonderful talk on some excellent wines from the College cellar by its keeper, Shaqir. He gave us a fascinating and informative presentation, guiding us through the principles of wine tasting. There was a quiz and a blind tasting, during which we were able to use the knowledge we had gained throughout the course of the evening. It was an event enjoyed by all. Shaqir told us a great deal about English wine, including about the Three Choirs Vineyard in Gloucestershire. Given our status as the only school in England with three College choirs, I am keen to purchase some of that! Please look out for next term's event. There are very few schools who are able to arrange access into places such as the McKenna Room or the Picture Gallery.

On Sunday morning, I found myself at the University Parks. Unlike a large number of the people who had gathered there, I was not wearing running gear. I was there to support the 20 boys from CCCS, who had managed to sign up to run in the event. Mr Harrison had organised a gazebo and CCCS tee shirts, which were sported by all the boys participating. Our boys did tremendously, with Edward Hare, Head Boy, coming 5th out of 460 and 1st in his age group – an extraordinary performance. It was also lovely to see so many parents in attendance. 'In attendance' is perhaps an inappropriate phrase in some cases, as there were some parents who actually ran the race alongside some members of staff. Next year, the sky's the limit!

One of the most exciting places to be this week was the Art department. Every pupil in the School visited it on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday to contribute towards the creation of a beautiful mosaic of the school crest. The mosaic, once it has been set, will be on display in the Walton Hall, then moved to the stairwell in the Walton Centre. It is a beautiful piece of work, with intricate pieces of stone placed carefully onto the backing board. I am certain that every pupil will be able to remember which part of the whole they were responsible for.

The Ashmolean is one of the most important museums in the country – it is certainly the oldest. There are often memorable exhibitions to be seen. At the moment there are two, the Breughel to Rubens, a fabulous collection of Old Master drawings from around the world. Prominent amongst them are some from the Christ Church Collection, but elsewhere in the museum is the Young Art Oxford Exhibition, in which a number of our pupils are featured. If it is possible to get into the exhibition tomorrow, then I would thoroughly recommend doing so. It is not often that school pupils' work will lie alongside Rubens!

And then there was the House Music Competition. The standard which in a normal year is extraordinary, was incomparable. I really don't know what to say, other than that the music told its own tale. Music really is a part of the air that we all breathe and it is a privilege beyond words to work in a place where such a day is possible.

I have just received the happy news that Mr Harrison is now the father of Theodora Jean Harrison – he tells me that both mother and baby are well. We look forward to welcoming the youngest member of our community before too long. We send Mr and Mrs Harrison our very warmest congratulations.

Mr Murray
Headmaster

Trinity 2024

Monday 20th - Sunday 26th May

<p>MONDAY 20</p> <p>2.30 - 5.00</p> <p>3.30 - 4.30</p> <p>4.10 - 5.00</p>	<p>U12 & U13 Cricket v MCS (Home)</p> <p>After School Chess Club (Form 2)</p> <p>After School Football Club (Forms 3 - 8)</p>
<p>TUESDAY 21</p> <p>11.30 - 1.30</p> <p>2.30 - 5.00</p> <p>4.00 - 4.45</p> <p>4.10 - 5.00</p>	<p>London Primary Schools' Singing Outreach (WWH)</p> <p>London Primary Schools' Singing Outreach (Cathedral)</p> <p>After School Mandarin Club (Forms 3 - 6)</p> <p>After School Summer Sports Club (Forms 1 - 3)</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY 22</p> <p>10.00 - 11.30</p> <p>2.30 - 5.00</p> <p>3.30 - 4.15</p> <p>3.55 - 4.45</p>	<p>Forms 3 & 4 Swimming</p> <p>LAMDA Exams (Common Room)</p> <p>U12 & U13 Cricket v APS</p> <p>After School Mandarin Club (Reception - Form 2)</p> <p>After School Chess Club (Forms 3 & 4)</p>
<p>THURSDAY 23</p> <p>9.30 - 11.00</p> <p>11.00 12.00</p> <p>4.10 - 5.00</p>	<p><i>Ascension Day</i></p> <p>Pre-Prep Stay & Play</p> <p>School Confirmation (Cathedral)</p> <p>After School Rugby Club (Forms 3 - 8)</p>
<p>FRIDAY 24</p> <p>8.45</p> <p>9.45</p> <p>2.30 - 4.30</p> <p>4.10 - 5.00</p> <p>4.10 - 5.00</p> <p>4.10</p>	<p>Cathedral Assembly, speaker The Revd Damian Howard, S.J. Catholic Chaplain to the University of Oxford</p> <p>Whole School Photograph (Merton Field) White Shirts Please</p> <p>CCCS Charity Fun Run</p> <p>After School Cricket Club (Forms 3 - 8)</p> <p>After School Mandarin Club (Forms 7 & 8)</p> <p>Half Term Begins</p> <p>CC: Half Term begins after Evensong</p>
	<p>GRADES</p> <p>CC: OUT</p>
<p>SATURDAY 25</p>	<p><i>The Venerable Bede, Monk at Jarrow, Scholar, Historian, 735</i></p>
<p>SUNDAY 26</p> <p>3.30</p>	<p><i>Trinity Sunday</i></p> <p><i>University Sixth Week</i></p> <p>PC: Evensong (Pembroke Chapel)</p>

Art News

We welcomed a visiting mosaic artist, Rachel Shilston, to school this week, who helped us create a big mosaic of our CCCS crest. Every child contributed - from Nursery all the way up to Form 8. We've had a great time. You will be able to see the finished piece at our Art exhibition next month (Friday 28th June).
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YOUNG ART OXFORD EXHIBITION 2024

THE ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM, OXFORD

OPENING TIMES:

17th and 18th May 10.00 am - 5.00 pm

Do go and see the CCCS exhibits, as well as exhibits from other schools, tomorrow at the Ashmolean if you can.

Entry is free.

Well done again to the CCCS children who have Art work on display there. EE



Making the Most of Oxford Club

This week, our Making the Most of Oxford Club visited Pembroke College Chapel.

Pembroke is one of the colleges where boys from CCCS are choristers and we were shown around by the Choirmaster, Mr Wilson.

We spent most of the time looking at the organ, with the college Organ Scholar explaining to us how it works, and what the many 'stops' and pedals do.



The Organ Scholar and Mr Wilson both played music to show us various effects and techniques. Included was a piece by Bach, played entirely with the organist's feet! KS

Oxford Town & Gown Run

Last Sunday, 20 of our boys and some of our staff ran in the Oxford Town & Gown Run.

Well done to all of our boys.

Special mention to Edward, who finished 5th overall - and 1st in his age group. LK



Form 3 News

Form 3 were lucky to escape their Maths lesson this week! We had to work as a team to build a fraction wall, order fractions, find equivalent fractions, add and subtract fractions, and solve fractions problems to find the code to escape.

Congratulations Form 3. You did it! SG



More Form 3 News...

Form 3 had a really interesting time at the Ashmolean Museum on Monday.

We explored all the wonderful Ancient Greek objects, finding characters from myths that we know, on pots, and choosing which fabulous piece of gold we would like to take away with us.

We looked around some of the other rooms connected with the History we've worked on already this year: the Prehistoric Room with its Neanderthal skull and its enormous cooking pot (about which we had a lively discussion on how many people could come to the King's party); and the Egyptian Rooms with mummies and lots of things we recognised.



We are so lucky to have somewhere as special as this just ten minutes' walk away! AF

Form 1 News



Form 1 have been enjoying learning about measurement in our Maths lessons. We have experimented with capacity, height, length, and weight, using practical resources and story roleplays to bring the topics to life.

The class have also been mastering understanding and using coins and notes in a Money topic. Parents, please beware that your children may now be more clued-up on negotiating a pocket-money raise! TR



New Talent Festival

Over £16,000 in Prizes!

New Talent Festival 2024

13th & 14th July 2024

- For young musicians 4-18 yrs
- Over £16,000 in cash prizes and scholarships, Admission into Junior Royal Academy of Music and many more
- Strings | Piano | Voice | Woodwind & Brass
- Jurors and faculty made up of heads of departments and professors of Royal Academy of Music, Royal College of Music, Royal Northern College of Music and Director of Music of Eton College and Harrow School

Festival Includes

- ✓ International Competition
- ✓ Interactive Workshops
- ✓ 1-1 Masterclasses
- ✓ Gala Concert

Entry Deadline

2nd June 2024

Venue

Royal Academy of Music London

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Myth Competition 2024

Choose a classical myth (Greek or Roman). Produce a piece inspired by the myth.



It could be a retelling of the myth in your own way, a poem inspired by the myth, a piece of drama, a painting or model.

Four ways to enter:

- Poem
- Story
- Picture or model
- Drama

Your entry could be in the form of a film.

Hand in by Friday 24th May (Half Term).

There will be prizes for the different categories in Junior (3 & 4), Middle (5 & 6), Senior (7 & 8)



D.T. Corner



Any more entries to this year's Myth Competition?

Please hand in by the end of next week.

Thank you. NH

Life Skills News

This week, in Life Skills, the boys have been learning about the life-cycle of growing potatoes, talking about chitting, and the sprouts coming from the potatoes' eyes. The boys also re-planted strawberry plants, and we really enjoyed planting sunflower seeds. Let's see if we have green fingers... MM



PA News



Yesterday, the Parents Association held an informative and sociable Wine Tasting Evening in the McKenna Room at Christ Church. Expertly guided by Shaqir Hasani, Buttery and Wine Cellar manager for Christ Church.

We had a wonderful time tasting a range of wines and a friendly, competitive quiz. It was wonderful meeting parents from so many different Forms and learning so much about the wines on offer. Looking forward to the next events - please do suggest any ideas to your Class Rep! Savita, mum to Thomas (Reception)