

# SUNNINGDALE

SCHOOL NOTES

LENT TERM 2007

## “COMMENT”



This has been the most amazing term. We have packed so much in to such a short time and the whole school has been buzzing with successes in different areas.

The rugby teams have been a joy to watch. The season started shakily but we soon gathered momentum and the 1<sup>st</sup> XV are as good as they have been for a long time playing some scintillating rugby at times. The 7s team have also done themselves and the school proud. It was nice to see the younger teams involved in matches and this will stand them in very good stead for the future. The cross country boys have also done well and performed in some very difficult conditions.

“Oliver!” was a triumph. Every boy worked so hard and the major players were outstanding. It was a wonderful whole school achievement and much enjoyed by all who took part and those who were in the audience.

The fantastic achievements of our two scholars at Wellington and Stowe really finished the term off in style and there is much hope for those boys taking their exams next term.

Such a successful term needs celebrating and we certainly did that on the last day of term!

## RUGBY FOOTBALL



**1st XV Played 9 Won 4 Drawn 1 Lost 4 Points for 189 Points against 143**

v. St. George's	LOST	7-48
v. Horris Hill	LOST	0-32
v. Woodcote House	LOST	10-17
v. Cothill House	WON	12-10
v. Woodcote House	WON	24-12
v. Lambrook Haileybury	WON	62 - 0
v. Bishopsgate	WON	64 - 0
v. Brockhurst Marlston House	DRAWN	0 - 0
v. Ludgrove	LOST	10-24

After a rather undistinguished start the 1st XV gelled together into an exciting unit. They practiced with great application and played with tremendous determination and a certain degree of skill. Their efforts were exemplified by the leadership of their captain Payne at No. 8 whose fierce tackling in defence and forthright running in attack set up many opportunities for the backs to show off their handling skills and especially by Hernandez ma. at fly-half whose perception of the game and his change of pace when he had the ball caused most defences a lot of trouble.

The whole XV improved a great deal during the term, willing to learn from their mistakes, accept constructive criticism and gaining in confidence. They were always very supportive of each other and not once in the season did their heads go down even when their backs were to the wall. This was forcefully demonstrated in their final match against Ludgrove who were bigger and stronger and possessing some quick backs. Only 5 – 10 down at half time they fought tenaciously and with a little more luck the final score would have been a lot closer.

It is invidious to pick out any other individual performances. Without exception they were all magnificent. It has been a real pleasure to coach this group. They should be proud of what they have achieved this term - I know we are.

Colours were awarded to: Payne, Hernandez ma., Henderson ma., Horsford, Shenkman, Plunket and Fox-Andrews.

The Rugger Cup was won by Payne and the cup for the Most Improved Player was given to Hernandez mi.

Team from: Payne (cap), Hernandez ma., Henderson ma., Horsford, Shenkman, Plunket, Fox-Andrews, G.Jones, Rowan-Hamilton, Hutcheon, Hernandez mi., Espinosa, Tyshkevych, Araluce, Gevorkyan, Carrelet ma., Cousins.

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## SCHOOL NOTES

**SCHOLARSHIPS.** Congratulations to Gustaf Borelius-Larson on achieving a scholarship to Wellington College and Oliver Plunket on being awarded the Roxburgh Scholarship at Stowe.



Congratulations also to Jeremy Ousey on being excused Common Entrance to Bradfield.

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The **FORM PRIZE WINNERS** were:

- VI Heffer ma., Park, Borelius-Larson
- V Billot, Cousens
- Va Kim, Reznikov
- IV Malik mi., Hulse ma.
- IVa Martinez, Ousey mi., F. Medlock
- II Rafique, Hart
- I Mountain, Matti, Lindsay

Mountain won the **SHOW UPS** prize.

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The winners of the **FORM PRIZE** was Form I.

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In our scheme of **CONDUCT & WORK STARS** the following earned **POSSIBLES**: Billot, Sun, Cousens, Hernandez mi, Lindsay, Plunket, Mountain, Hart, Diaz-Ward, Hobbs, Fox-Andrews, Henderson ma., Heffer mi., Adams mi., Reznikov.

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The results of the **HANDWRITING COMPETITION** were

- Senior 1<sup>st</sup> Payne, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun, 3<sup>rd</sup> Rowan-Hamilton
- Junior 1<sup>st</sup> Martinez, 2<sup>nd</sup> Hart, 3<sup>rd</sup> Freeth

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The Winners of the **HOLIDAY GENERAL KNOWLEDGE QUIZ** were:

- Senior: 1. Hedley 2. Croft 3. Heffer ma.
- Junior: 1. Rafique 2. Mountain 3. Lindsay

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30 senior boys went to St. George's, Ascot for a **SOCIAL**.

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In the **TOWNSEND WARNER NATIONAL HISTORY PRIZE** Heffer came 5th and Locke ma. was highly commended.

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The **HEADMASTER OF**

**PANGBOURNE**, Mr Thomas Garnier, came to preach in chapel.

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Form VI went to a production of Shakespeare's **THE TEMPEST** at Stratford.

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We were entertained once again to a rollercoaster of a **LECTURE** given by Hektor Krome.

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TACND, JSW and PM attended a training day at **RADLEY** for Modern Languages and DT.

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*Form IV at La Vacquerie*

Form Va and Form IV enjoyed trips towards the end of term to **LA VACQUERIE**.

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JSW has created a brilliant **FRENCH WEBSITE** for the school on [www.targetlanguage.co.uk/school](http://www.targetlanguage.co.uk/school)

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At the end of term, to celebrate all the successes of the term the School took part in a whole School **EASTER EGG HUNT**, Richard, our chef, prepared a special **CELEBRATION TEA** and after Prize Giving the boys watched the new James Bond film.



*Form VI at the Tate Modern*

## MASTERMIND

In a very competitive and enjoyable evening of quiz-based entertainment the results of the Mastermind Tournament are as follows:

Senior

**1 Locke ma (specialist subject = Lord of the Rings)**

2 Heffer ma (Solar System)

3 Billot ('The Silver Sword' by Ian Serraillier)

Junior

**1 Ousey mi (English cricket since 1980)**

2 Rafique (Astrosaurs by Steve Cole)

3 Diaz-Ward (West Ham United since 1996)

JSW

## ART

The projects have been very varied this term, including, hand painted silk ties, still life inspired by Van Gogh, Andy Warhol portraits, wire sculptures, mosaics, watercolours and painted ceramic tiles as well as many other things. All the boys have worked hard and the standard of their work is really improving. Their work will be on display at the Summer Exhibition at the end of next term to which you are all invited.

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## 2ND XV RUGBY

Played 7	Won 4	Lost 3
Points for 190	Points against 95	
v. Horris Hill	Lost	15-22
v. Woodcote House	Won	47-5
v. Cothill House	Lost	14-34
v. Woodcote House	Lost	7-17
v. Lambrook Haileybury	Won	54-0
v. Bishopsgate	Won	32-10
v. Ludgrove	Won	21-7

'The success of the first team is almost entirely based on the second team being so strong, enthusiastic, and willing to make the step up into the firsts'. By the end of the season a friendly rivalry had grown between the 2XV and their more senior counterparts.

Win we often did in the 2XV, not always in style but more often than not with guts and determination. In many ways the season's greatest success was the way players came on and improved. Reznikov, for example, a talented footballer, was loath to get his knees dirty let alone pile into a ruck or maul at the start of the season, however, by our final game he could easily have been given the title of honorary opposition chiropractor, such was the intensity and ferocity of his running and tackling. Henderson mi 'the baby faced assassin' was another player who came on astonishingly, he does not possess the biggest of frames, but he would characteristically be the first man to enter into a David and Goliath type struggle and come out on top. All the players are to be hugely congratulated on their enormous improvement over the term.

As always in rugby it is the forwards who win games but the backs who decide by how much, and our forwards were a magnificent band of brothers. At the coalface the 2XV profited by the inclusion of that latter day man of steel Kim who really started playing his best rugby in the last three games where he was truly magnificent. Mamiev 'the bear', whose fitness was always a little wanting, lent strength to the front row and a heart as cold as the Siberian winter. In the second row, the engine room of the team, Sunningdale boasted the indubitable pairing of Borelius-Larson and DeUnger, the first a scholar, poet and sometime warrior knight, the latter a fierce brigand who fought with the passion and conviction of the righteous. DeUnger was very unlucky after his persistently fine displays not to have worked his way into the 1XV but the first's loss was the second's gain, as in conjunction with the ever bellicose Moynes the pack really forged itself into a unit.

The captain, and ever important link between forwards and backs, was the indefatigable Cousens who skippered the side with verve and flair, but instilled a healthy respect that led him to be known as 'The Iron Prefect', he had a tremendous season, including a cap for the 1XV and many starring displays for his own team. At fly-half Billot played with increasing confidence and became a tremendous kicker both from hand and at goal. Bannister ma, perhaps the find of the season, was a player whose mazy runs and wonderful running lines earned him the sobriquet 'il Riddler' as his movement could all too easily confuse even the most organized defences, and pose questions that could not be answered. On the wing Palling, 'The Punisher' showed himself to be a very fine finisher who was all too happy to administer his own rough justice on ill prepared defences tearing them asunder with his deceptive speed and physicality. On the other wing was Hugh 'The Entertainer' Hobbs whose matinee idol looks belied a fierce hatred of all things un-Sunningdalian. The backs were finished off by the old war horse and scarred veteran from last year's 2XV 'The Hitman' Croft, whose accolades included hard running, morale building and being strangely unable to tackle anyone in any other way than a wrestling hold.

It was a superbly fun season in which the boys put a huge amount of effort and they cannot be faulted either for their enthusiasm or dedication. The team missed out on three fixtures because of bad weather and such was the momentum built up by the end of the term that few will have doubted that they would not have been victories. Well done the 2XV.

Also played Jacob Lee and Peter Hedley.

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## The Sevens Tournaments

If anything the commitment, enthusiasm, skills, team spirit, leadership and determination to fight back in adversity were even more forcefully demonstrated than when they had fifteen players on the pitch. In thirteen matches they lost only four times. They played in three Tournaments and there were many magical and thrilling moments. None more so than on a freezing cold snowy day on the last Sunday of term where they reached the quarter finals of the competition of the I.A.P.S. Small Schools' Tournament at Oundle and lost a desperately close game by a single point 19 - 20. What a great group they have been.



The Sevens Cup was won by Hernandez ma.

Teams from: Payne, Hernandez ma., Plunket, Henderson ma., Shenkman, Fox-Andrews, Horsford, G.Jones, Hernandez mi., Hutcheon, Espinosa, Carralet ma., de Unger, Palling.

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## U11 RUGBY

Under 11

**Played 8 Won 2 Lost 6 Points for 136 Points against 167**

v. St. George's	Lost	0 - 31
v. Woodcote House	Lost	0 - 64
v. Cothill House	Won	14 - 12
v. Woodcote House	Lost	7 - 31
v. Lambrook Haileybury	Lost	33 - 12
v. Brockhurst	Lost	15 - 7
v. Thorngrove	Won	17 - 5
v. Bishopsgate	Lost	30 - 5

Without exception, the boys worked extremely hard throughout the term to improve on all aspects of their game. It was without question a tough season, and whilst the boys came across some stiff opposition they never gave up the fight.

We lost Diaz-Ward to injury before the first game of the term and missed his natural ball skills and presence in the pack, however, Ousey mi. moved into the pack from a short spell in the backs and led the forwards by example. It was the front five who showed the greatest improvement throughout the term and they worked tirelessly to supply good ball to our backs. Jones ma. rarely lost a ball against the head and was propped up admirably by Crossley and Slipchuk. Sadly when we won good ball we seemed unable to spread it out wide and exploit the pace of our wingers.

There were numerous tactical changes of position, but by the end of term Bannister mi., who captained the team, and Perks who kicked very well, were building a partnership at scrum-half and fly-half. Carralet mi. secured his position at full-back with some awesome defensive displays, particularly against Cothill, whilst Dhaliwal proved to be more useful in the pack than in the backs. F. Medlock never shirked his duties in the second row and both Sheikh and Hulse ma. began to impress towards the end of the season with some crunching tackles from Hulse and some strong running with the ball in hand from Sheikh. M. Medlock made a number of incisive runs when some rare ball moved his way, but without question all of the squad showed significant signs of improvement and there is much to build on next year.



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## THE CONCERT. A parent writes:



The dark side of Dickens' London beautifully evoked by Amy Dawson's, Araluce's and Hernandez de la Cruz's superb and architecturally detailed set was a perfect backdrop for the exuberance of Sunningdale's performance of Oliver! With the wonderful Mr Elgie - looking so cool in black - directing the music, our great expectations were more than met.

Forms I and II, made up by Miss de Cordova and her assistants to look the opposite of having received their loving care, trudged on to the stage and threw themselves into the opening number 'Food, Glorious Food' with gusto and much good acting. The solo voices were lovely.

Archie Bannister was heart-rending as the eponymous hero, truly affecting when he sang his solo 'Where is Love'. The casting was inspired. Elliot Perks puffed himself up to play the pompous beadle and, with Gustaf Borelius Larson as a gangling Widow Corney, performed a delightfully funny double act in the flirtatious song 'I Shall Scream'. Archie Croft made a lugubrious undertaker and Oliver Cousens, a perfectly shrewish Mrs Sowerberry. Hugh Hobbs was a

most engaging Dodger. His cheerful face under the black topper was enchanting, and he handled the cockney dialogue masterfully. Oliver Plunket was delightful too as his mate, Charlie.

Of course, we were dying to see Fagin. Christopher Shenkman gave a bravura performance. He tottered on to the stage in wide-brimmed hat and patchwork gown, sporting (if you remember the classic David Lean film of Oliver Twist) a nose of Alec Guinness proportions. His singing was fabulously strong, his mannerisms conveying the evil though charismatic Jew. Fagin's gang, played by Forms IVa and Va, were a wonderfully louche-looking crew, all seemingly pickpockets to the manner born, relishing uttering "not arf".

Christophe Carrelet was divine as Nancy, and with such skilful acting made his audience suspend disbelief. This was a not the normally macho Sunningdalian, but a lovely cockney moll who sang an utterly convincing 'As Long as he needs me'. Alvaro Hernandez de la Cruz was a villainous Sykes and his violence towards Nancy was skilfully done, looking horribly realistic. George Henderson, so at ease on the stage was Nancy's trusty best friend, Bet, relishing showing a gartered leg in the jolly 'Oom Pah-Pah' number at The Three Cripples pub.

Freddie Fox-Andrews was touching as the optimistic Mr Brownlow and James Billot a most sympathetic Mrs Bedwin.

Dry Ice and red lighting were deployed to great dramatic effect at the moment when Nancy is murdered by Sykes.

Congratulations to all those helping behind the scenes: wardrobe, make up, props, lighting, set building. **It was a truly memorable performance.**



## OLD SUNNINGDALIAN NOTES

Congratulations to **Angus Campbell**, **Alexander Trenchard**, **Mark Godman**, **George Hyde**, **Archie Scott** & **Dan Scott** on their engagements, to **Patrick Hawes** on his wedding and to **Charles de Lisle**, **Richard Doxford** & **James Waterlow** on the birth of daughters & **Nick Allhusen** on the birth of his 3rd daughter. At **Eton** Tom Witherow gained 3 distinctions in Trials & congratulations on becoming OS and **Hugh Balfour** won the Queen's Prize for French. At **Marlborough** **Frederick Barratt** achieved AAB at A level. At **Stowe** **Freddie Shirley** embarks on A levels. News from **Henry Clarke** doing a MA in International Relations having completed Durham University. **George Farquhar** working for a Public Relations firm. **Hugh Farquhar** 2:1 from Nottingham Trent in International Politics. **Gerald Templer** off to Beijing for 6 months, from St Anne's Oxford. **Benjamin Templer** off to King's College London to read medicine. **Charlie Halter** in his 2nd year at Durham. **Robin Dastur** renovating houses! **Anthony de Norman** runs Aldenham Kitchens. **William Shirley** a 1st from Oxford & now works for Citigroup. **James Andrew** working as a sports reporter on a local newspaper. **Andrew Bushnell** working on Space Weather in the upper atmosphere. **Ted Malcolm** working in the city. **Freddie Windsor** at JP Morgan in the city. **Alexander Allan** in the Grenadier Guards and off to Afghanistan. **Mark Palmer** appointed Restaurant critic of the Daily Telegraph. **Harry Stapleton** was key note speaker at the National Canadian Business conference in Vancouver. **Samuel Barber's** first collection of poems 'Agamemnon's Abacus' is to be published in June. **Anthony Heywood** ordained at Ely Cathedral.

## FIVES



This season we have been very short of practice with so much going on and this has shown in our results. The backbone of the team is in the U12 age group and they, with much practice, could prove difficult to beat next year.

In our first fixture at Ludgrove, we should probably have won in both courts but we were unable to be clinical when it mattered. The Highgate pairs were once again too strong although the 1st pair did show that at times they could compete.

We did well in the U12 tournament at Cranleigh and lost perhaps as we were too inexperienced.

In the Prep Schools Tournament at Eton we took a weakened side as many boys were in France. The first pair was disappointing early on but they got better and should have been able to win the plate competition but faltered in the semi final. The other pairs were very inexperienced but all enjoyed the day and will have learnt a great deal.

### Results:

v. Highgate (Eton)	Lost	0-4
v. Ludgrove (a)	Lost	0-2
v. Ludgrove (h)	Lost	0-3
v. Charterhouse (h)	Lost	1-2

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## CROSS-COUNTRY



*Freezing cold in Malvern!*

We have had a mixture of results this term. We had a disappointing time at the Ludgrove Relays, and as far as the juniors were concerned the bad luck continued into the Horris Hill relays where Kaba performed the best with his 21<sup>st</sup> place out of 34. The seniors improved greatly, however, and the team finished second overall with Bannister ma, Hernandez ma and Henderson ma coming 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>.

The final meet of the term was the Nationals in Malvern and the senior team did remarkably well to come 9<sup>th</sup> overall, beating several larger schools. Bannister ma and Henderson ma also excelled individually with their 21<sup>st</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> places respectively. The Dundas Cup was run on the last day of term and won by Bannister ma. closely followed by Bannister mi. and Henderson ma.

**Senior Team:** Bannister ma (captain), Henderson ma, Hernandez ma, Palling, Sun, Cousens, Araluce

**Junior Team:** Bannister mi, Kaba, Jones ma, Perks, Heffer mi, Hulse ma, M Medlock, F Medlock



JSW

## SCHOOLBOYS DOWNHILL RACE - Les Menuires 2007



We were blessed with the perfect conditions, with the snow arriving a few days before us and the sun arriving with us.

Day one was a knock out competition of the team parallel, but as our first draw was against Millfield 18 year olds we used it more as warm up, getting used to the start gates and the slopes.

From there we went from strength to strength. Very early starts ensued and pre-race training from Mr Carrelet and Mr Henderson proved invaluable. Monday was the slalom and the boy's confidence and times improved with each race. Freddie and George Henderson and Christophe Carrelet received our fastest times for this.

Tuesday was our most successful day, the giant slalom. Freddie Henderson achieved our best time in this event, but each boy knocked at least 5 seconds off their times, all achieving a personal best and looking very professional. George Henderson won a first prize medal for an un-seeded skier in his age group.

It was our first year at these races and I think it was a huge success; the boys were all very impressive and definitely looked the smartest team! None of this would have been possible with out the generous sponsorship of the Perks and Slipchuck families and St. Brides Media, London. I would also like to thank Mr Carrelet for his hospitality, coaching and delicious cooking, Mr Henderson for all his support, Mr Perks for fabulous photos and Mr Howroyd for all his help.

The team: Clark, Henderson ma, Hernandez de la Cruz ma, Hobbs, Carrelet, Henderson mi, Perks, Espinosa de los Monteros, Hernandez de la Cruz mi, Spencer.

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## MUSIC

*Reviewing the Situation* during the weekend following 2 amazing performances of ‘Oliver’, I can look back on another term of outstanding musical achievement by an ever increasing number of our boys. The ability to perform with confidence and to an optimum level was so much in evidence in this year’s show and I have to say that it ranks amongst the best in my 35 years of music teaching. The soloists, without exception, truly excelled, giving depth and character to their roles and were backed by committed performances from every form. The journey which was ‘Oliver’ was a very happy one! What other school, with as many demands on time as ours, could produce such an incredible experience in just 7 weeks?

Around the production work much other music has taken place. Indeed, squeezed in between the 2 show performances, every boy in *Form I* performed in a class concert to an invited and very appreciative audience. The concert was confidently ‘MC’d’ by Alec Lindsay. Motion’s trumpet performance of ‘See The Conquering Hero Comes’ showed a particularly promising musician in the making.



On the 1<sup>st</sup> February we enjoyed a wonderful *informal concert* which gave an opportunity to hear the progress of our musicians at each stage of the performance ladder. It is rare that boys produce their best performances when a large audience is present but on this occasion it really did happen! Amongst the highlights were Dhaliwal’s faultless keyboard performance of ‘At the Fair’, the theme from ‘Swan Lake’ played by Martinez, Rafique’s ‘The Moth’, Suri’s ‘Allegro in F’, and G.Jones’s ‘Catchy Toon’. Technical dexterity was certainly required, and given, in Babynin’s expressive performance of ‘New Orleans Nightfall’ and in Sun’s stunning performance of Mozart’s ‘Rondo alla Turca’. The vocal intensity of Carrelet’s performance of ‘As Long As He Needs Me’ and the quality of the vocal ensemble in ‘Who Will Buy?’ certainly generated eager anticipation for the production which was to follow. Staff joined the Chapel Choir for ‘Pueri Concinite’ (7 part harmony at one point!) and ‘Come Thou Redeemer’ and the return of the ‘Spaceman’ was well received!

The *Chapel Choir* continues to demonstrate their loyalty and dedication in providing anthems for all our Sunday Services. It is no coincidence that all the soloists in the show have trained their voices through the choir and gained confidence through weekly performances. New anthems this term have included Faure’s ‘Pie Jesu’ (soloist Plunket), the 3-part unaccompanied African song ‘Siyahamba’, ‘How Can I Keep From Singing?’ (1<sup>st</sup> solo for Hernandez mi, plus Henderson mi & Croft), and a jazz/Gospel arrangement of ‘All We Like Sheep’ At half term Plunket succeeded Borelius-Larson as Head Chorister. I have been hugely fortunate to have had 2 boys of such quality and who have such high standards to lead and influence what is a large chapel choir.

16 choristers took part in the Stowe Choral Day in February. The sound produced by over 600 young voices was absolutely amazing and the heights were undoubtedly reached in a unique and magnificent performance, including full organ and brass, of the coronation anthem ‘Zadok the Priest’. Even the hairs on my head stood on end!

Meanwhile, back in Berkshire, Moynes, in full clan dress, was performing bagpipes in the St. George’s Ascot production of ‘Macbeth’. The performance, which gained him much credit, was repeated at the South Hill Park Theatre in Bracknell.

*Still to come* before the end of term.... following on from the outstanding Michaelmas Term exam results we wish all 7 boys taking exams the very best of luck.

Following the success of the ‘Voices’ CD we have accepted an invitation to record songs for a company who produce music software material for schools throughout the land. This will take place the day before term ends and will involve Hobbs, Heffer mi., Jones ma., Baydur, Berezowskiy and Hart.

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### ASSOCIATED BOARD EXAM RESULTS

Gleb Berezovskiy	Piano	Prep Test	Pass
Tom Jones	Piano	Grade 1	Pass
Harry Locke	Violin	Grade 2	Pass
Jeremy Ousey	Piano	Grade 2	Pass
Elliott Perks	Piano	Grade 3	Distinction
Vitaly Babynin	Piano	Grade 5	Pass

