



Fifth Boarding House opens

The exciting news at the start of spring term 2011 was the hand-over of the College's fifth boarding house. Mowat House, the newly-built house for girls, opened its doors to students and staff for the first time. It has been built on the College's 'Westcott campus', where two other boarding houses (Westcott and Grosvenor) are located. One of the best features of the campus is the spacious garden.



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Miss Jo Norton (formerly a House Tutor at Westcott) has been appointed as the first resident Housemistress. Mrs Jackie Dorsey is the non-resident Matron/Housekeeper and, getting the House off to a good start, Miss Kate Guest temporarily occupied the position of resident Assistant Tutor. A new GRA (Graduate Resident Assistant) will replace Miss Guest for the summer term.

Ten new students were welcomed to the College, and alongside them four new members of staff.

Holly Huddart replaced Miss Norton at Westcott, Tom Langridge joined the team at King's, Simon Tomlinson joined Cheapside and Miss Ellie Sutcliffe took over as resident Matron at King's House. There were some vacancies to fill at the beginning of the spring, but also some consequential promotions. Mr Lawrence Dalton was promoted to be the College Head of Sport and House Tutor at King's. Alex Mitsis took over as House Tutor at King's, whilst Adam Pearson was promoted to Assistant House Tutor in the same House.



NEWCOMERS . . .



Miss Ellie Sutcliffe



Mr Tom Langridge



Miss Holly Huddart



Mr Simon Tomlinson

Meanwhile, students (and staff) continued their studies. The results of the English language examinations have been very good so far, but the mock (trial) GCSE examinations in January revealed that some students had only slender grounds for hoping for good results in the summer. Most students, however, showed that they had a solid base of knowledge. Members of the College staff are working very hard to help all students achieve the best possible results. For GCSE students the forthcoming holiday should be used not only for rest, but also for making preparations for the important examinations which will be held in the summer term.

A dozen members of the teaching and care staff gave up a week of their December holiday to continue their studies for the Certificate in TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages). All the course requirements should have been completed by the end of the summer term.

As always, House and Sports Reports are inside this edition of the 'College News'. There are more details of the College's charitable work and cultural activities. In addition to celebrating various events and talents in the College assemblies, a minute's silence was held on 14th March as a gesture of sympathy and respect for the victims and others affected by the Japanese earthquake, tsunami and nuclear incident.

Student reports have been distributed as usual this term, apart from one year group which has been sent by email. The College hopes to distribute all reports by electronic means in the summer term.

The College was very grateful that students, parents and guardians worked together to ensure that (with the exception of four students who were ill) everyone returned to the College on the right day after the spring term half-term. We hope that the summer term will have the same efficient start, with everyone returning on 26th April.

May I also take this opportunity to remind you that the summer term finishes on 24th June with Speech Day on the day before at 11.15 am. The College hopes to welcome all parents and guardians to this event.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Greenfield".

Dr Christopher Greenfield
Principal



The College minibus fleet now with a fifth vehicle

Academic Report

As I write this review of the term just before the Spring vacation, it pleases me to say that most of our students have worked particularly hard this term, being aware of the need to give of their best, particularly if they are preparing for public examinations next term.

The term did not start well for everyone, however, with several students in Years 11, E and F returning to College having not successfully completed their holiday work, nor having revised sufficiently well for their mock GCSE/IGCSE examinations in January. I would urge all parents, therefore, to ensure that their students, whilst having sufficient time to relax, prepare thoroughly for the very important summer term. Similarly, it is important to ask parents and guardians to provide as many opportunities as possible for students to listen to, speak, read and write English in preparation for all the examinations and tests that lie ahead.

The above comment, however, must not detract from the fact that, for many, it has been a very successful term. Enthusiasm has been high and I have individually interviewed many students whose grades have been good.

The College does not only work towards IGCSE/GCSE and EFL examinations but also prides itself in providing as many other opportunities as possible. For example, over

30 students each week undertake music lessons in the electric guitar, flute, guitar, percussion, piano, saxophone, singing and violin, whilst 19 pupils took part in the recent highly-successful music concert. Similarly 33 students took part in the nationwide Intermediate Mathematics Challenge in which 29 received an award (14 at Gold level) – results we believe to be the best in the College's history. Two students also represented the College in the local inter-school public speaking competition, whilst 12 girls acted in the Westcott and Mowat House play. Well done to all.

At this point, may I also take this opportunity to thank all the parents, guardians and agents who have supported us and our students so admirably.

Finally let's all hope that, unlike the beginning of the spring term 2010, we have no need to be worried about volcanic ash and late arrivals back to College. Prompt returns are always of the utmost importance, but particularly in an examination term

Philip A. Hardaker

Mr Philip A Hardaker
Vice-Principal



Excursion to Salisbury

King's House

It has been another great term for King's House; we have welcomed a new Matron to our House team, Miss Ellie Sutcliffe, as well as a new Graduate Resident Assistant – Mr Tom Langridge – and four new students who have all settled in well and are making lots of friends.

These were not the only changes though, as there have been a number of promotions within King's House in the wake of several departures. At the end of last term we sadly had to say goodbye to Mr Taylor and his family, as he left to become a Housemaster at Chetham's School of Music in Manchester. Mr Taylor had started at King's as a Graduate Resident Assistant and risen through the ranks to become Assistant Housemaster. He was an integral part of the King's family and we wish him all the best in his new job, along with Mrs Taylor and little baby Austin. His role has been filled by Mr Alex Mitsis who has been given the title of House Tutor.

Christmas also saw the departure of our Head of Sport, Mr Andre Black, who returned to his homeland of South Africa after a year with us. Mr Black had done an excellent job in reorganising the sports department and stimulating students' interest in sport, a job which his successor – Mr Lawrence Dalton – has continued this term.

The final promotion was the filling of the Assistant House Tutor role vacated by Mr Mitsis. This went to Mr Adam Pearson who has done an excellent job with his extra responsibilities this term.

Under the watchful eyes of our restructured team, the students have all worked extremely hard this term once again, showing maturity and commitment towards their studies and I am sure that their efforts will pay off next term when they sit their examinations.

As well as working hard, the students always play hard, and throughout the term we have enjoyed a full weekend programme including excursions to



Taunton and Salisbury as well as several shopping trips to Yeovil. These trips are relished by the students, not least because they allow them the opportunity to stock up on the latest DVDs, CDs and computer games with which to occupy themselves during their free time.

In addition to this the Saturday evening film club has proved very popular, with students welcoming the opportunity to catch the latest releases. There has also been some Saturday evening football which has proved popular, and the floodlight league will run during the summer term to give the students a chance to hone their skills in the off-season. This competition is always greatly enjoyed and well contested and whoever the eventual winners are I am sure all participants will give their of their best.. We have had a packed programme of sport this term, the Senior Football team – composed largely of King's boys – have done well under the guidance of Mr Mitsis and Mr Tomlinson, and this will culminate in the eagerly anticipated staff versus students match at the end of the term. The Basketball team have also continued to flourish thanks to the coaching of Mr Dalton and Mr Pearson, again, with many King's boys in the squad.

Mr Simon Bonelli-Bean
Senior Housemaster

Cheapside

Another term has flown past – which of course means that the exams loom ever nearer! While the business of revision has now to press on apace, the interview trips have also gathered momentum. The boys are really seeing next year over the horizon.

After the Christmas break all the *Cheapsiders* returned with renewed vigour and those resolutions: to listen more attentively; speak more English; get up and ready for school more punctually.....! And then the second week came around – mock examinations. Resolve was maintained and some good results were achieved. As each student reflected on their own attainment it became apparent that hibernating seemed the best survival tactic as the cold, cold weather returned.

Brian and Jack have represented Cheapside on College Committees – Brian on the Student

Representative Council and Jack met with the Dining Hall Committee. Ideas flow sensibly – although the request to have a full time chef at Cheapside wasn't met too well! Requests for a varied continental breakfast to be eaten in-house on a Sunday morning, fruit/biscuits after tea have been adopted.

Khalel and Gregory are honing their skills on the pool table out in the common room – we may eventually get a mini-league going. The piano in the common room is also getting good use with Marcus sounding quite accomplished.

Roman is the artistic designer behind the Cheapside Hoodie this year and I'm sure a Banksy style tagging image will be produced – if the numerous examples in his room are anything to go by.

Sport still features strongly with Martin, Brian, Jack, Ocean and Marcus all playing a strong game each week. The gym is well used by Roman and Georgiy, who have also started going to a boxercise class.

In previous years there has been a strong sartorial streak to the boys living here. The best we can do this year is Ocean having a chequered scarf almost permanently round his neck.

Next term will be relatively short and very quickly over. I, together with Mr Tomlinson and Mr Tyrie, hope that all will work and relax over the holiday in equal measure, but also return determined to prove that our faith in them was justified.

Mr Colin Stobart
House Tutor



Westcott House

As ever, the spring term has been a very busy one, starting with mock examinations for many of our students and continuing with intensive preparation for the fast-approaching external examinations next term. As well-deserved breaks from this schedule, we have enjoyed basketball and badminton matches, the swimming gala, an ice-skating excursion, a visit to Salisbury Cathedral, an evening out at a local Chinese restaurant to celebrate Chinese New Year and, more recently, our College Concert.

As well as some enchanting piano playing from Kelly, Isabella and Rebecca, the concert included two firsts from Westcott girls: the performance of an energetic dance by Jane and Natalia, and Ember playing her Chinese zither, or guizhen, another amazing spectacle. A number of girls also sang in the choir, enthusiastically demonstrating what they had learned during the term.

As a culmination of this term's highlights, the joint production of Robin Hood, performed by girls from Mowat and Westcott Houses was a great success. Fine performances from the cast ensured a most entertaining evening for the whole school, who came to watch and enjoy the show. We were impressed by the dedication of all those involved in the production.

Our especial thanks go to Miss Holly Huddart, Miss Cynthia Madziva and Miss Catherine Wright for all their hard work, encouragement and enthusiasm in producing the play, ably assisted by Mr Craig Tyrie who made creative additions to the script and Mr Adam Pearson who designed and directed the painting of the set. We were also grateful to other members of King's House staff who bravely contributed to the general merriment by performing their roles in brightly coloured tights. Sharing the excitement and fun of putting on such an enjoyable performance made a fitting end to a successful and productive term for everyone.

Many of our students will be making good use of the Easter Holiday Revision Course, but I hope that all will have some opportunity to relax and refresh themselves before the rigours of next term.

Mrs Frances Walker – Housemistress

Easter Egg Painting



The inaugural term at Mowat House has certainly been a busy one!

It feels like no time at all since January, when 13 girls who had previously lived in Host Families or Westcott moved in, along with 3 new girls. We also welcomed Mrs Jacky Dorsey as Matron/Housekeeper, and the familiar face of Miss Guest as Assistant House Tutor. Mrs Jennifer Donnelly, Mrs Caroline Scott-Flintan and Mrs Julie Woods joined us as duty staff.

Staff and students alike have been getting used to the new building with its motion controlled lighting, solar panels and under floor heating. Bedtime is indicated by a subtle dimming of the lights and the girls do not have to lift a finger as their main lights turn off automatically, when it is time to go to sleep!

Over the Spring term we have enjoyed shopping trips to Taunton and Salisbury and many of the girls chose to go on a special trip to Bournemouth to try out at ice-skating. We have celebrated Chinese New Year with a meal at a local Chinese restaurant, and International Women's Day was acknowledged with each member of the House receiving a flower. Many of the girls helped out on the House Open Day by showing staff round and giving them an insight into boarding life.

Girls from Mowat have been involved in all aspects of College life this term, from the Music Concert where Cyndi impressed us with her singing, and the Robin Hood play, in which Olga had a starring role, to the inter-House swimming gala where Jenny, Selina and Yuki competed for their sports Houses. Celine and Yulia have represented the House on the School Council and the Dining Hall Committee respectively.

We will be sad to say goodbye to Miss Guest, who is leaving at the end of this term after two extra terms at the College. We look forward though to our second term as the College's newest boarding house and the happy times that the summer term will bring.

Miss Joanna Norton
Housemistress

Grosvenor House

The beginning of the spring term is always a challenging time because the boys start their morning journey from Grosvenor House to the College in the dark and their return after lessons is also shrouded in darkness. But, as the term draws to a close, the working day is conducted in daylight, the gardens are stippled with the colours of spring flowers and sport is undertaken without a shiver.

We seem to have been blessed with a series of highly watchable (if you are teenage boys) films during the past three months, such as 'Narnia, Voyage of the Dawn Treader', 'The Green Hornet in 3D', 'Rango', 'Battlefield Los Angeles' and 'I am Number Four', so our cinema trips have been appreciated. On our excursion to Taunton, most of the boys played a game of pitch and putt golf in the local park. Unfortunately, the cold weather meant that no course records were set and there was no sign of a budding U.S. Open Champion. However, our trip to Salisbury was blessed by sunny weather. The boys managed to see one of only four extant copies of the Magna Carta, which was written nearly eight centuries ago. This was followed by a high level tour of the Cathedral, when they climbed stairs and walked wooden pathways that were created nearly 700 years ago. The building is a staggering testimony to the skills of the craftsmen from this era of very simple technology.



This has been an extremely busy term for football matches, even after three fixtures had been cancelled. The opening match against Millfield was played out in hurricane conditions and where each kicked ball landed was a complete lottery. The final result was a defeat by two goals, but it could scarcely count as a football match. We played a series of games against Sherborne School: one victory and two defeats but with the margin of only a couple of goals in each match. In two matches against Sherborne Prep School, it was a victory apiece. Very often this term, the opposing players have been bigger and individually more skilful than our players, but through sheer tenacity and teamwork the Grosvenor boys have played some excellent football.

The 26th Grosvenor House table tennis tournament was staged this term. There were a number of early upsets with the reigning champion being defeated in the first round. The first semi-final produced a narrow victory for Martin over Anton. In the second semi-final, despite securing an early lead, Kirill was finally defeated by Yury's greater consistency. The final saw Martin win by two games to zero in a closely fought match. The Grosvenor boys revealed hidden dramatic talents with the Junior class performing the Dragon Dance in celebration of the Chinese New Year in a whole College Assembly, whilst the students of Class 9B performed a short play based around famous teddy bears and their friends. Perhaps Class 9A will reveal their acting talents next term?

Earlier this term, we had the pleasure of visits from former Grosvenor students. Fedor and Vlad, (2008/2009), came to relive memories of yesteryear. Both boys are now well over 6 feet tall which is probably why both play in the second row of their respective schools' rugby teams. A week later, Rikiya and William Du, (2009/2010), appeared from Dulwich College where they are enjoying both work and play.

Mr Martin Broadbridge – Housemaster



Sport

Boys' Sport

AS 2011 ROLLED IN AND THE BOYS RETURNED TO THE COLLEGE, IT WASN'T LONG BEFORE THEY WERE TYING UP THEIR FOOTBALL BOOTS AND BASKETBALL SHOES, OR DONNING THEIR GOGGLES FOR OUR ANNUAL SWIMMING GALA.

The boys have enjoyed a term packed full of fixtures, with the College teams playing 22 matches overall. Immense improvement and progression was shown by all the teams this term with some great team and individual performances. However, it is fair to say that many results didn't quite reflect the effort and commitment that our boys have shown.

The U14 Football Team showed great tenacity throughout, never letting their heads drop and competing until the final whistle. A particular highlight for the defence was their 1-0 win against the Prep School, which happened to be the only clean sheet achieved by an International College team this year. Credit should also go to Anton who was a key individual for the young team as his 6 goals in 8 games helped the boys to 3 wins this season. The highlight of their term however, has to be their 3-1 win against Sherborne Boys School, in which David C scored a goal from the half-way line, as the team put in a classy and mature performance.

The U15 Football Team have benefited from a couple of (to use the sporting vernacular) "new signings" in David and Madzhid. They've helped to steady the team's performances and have added some extra bulk to the midfield. The attacking threesome of Jorge, Max and Oleg have complemented this sturdy midfield with some creative flair. Although their results this term have not been great, their performances have improved considerably. The players have learnt to

work together, support their team mates and play passing football. I am confident that this team will continue to develop and their results, just like their performances, will improve significantly. Our Senior Football Team, the U16's, have played 7 fixtures this term, showing great improvement from the results of the first term. Captain, Javier has led from the front and has shown great examples of leadership, teamwork and talent. His impressive 15 goals this term have helped towards some vital victories, and his 19 goals in 11 games this season is a remarkable tally. The talented Javier was not the sole reason for some of their better performances, as man-of-the-match displays from other boys, such as In Hyun, Hubertus, Corrado, Ming Tak and Ullrich have all helped the team. The 2-1 win against Sherborne Boys School and the 6-1 victory over the Park School proved to be particular highlights for the team this term. As I write this, there is still one game left to play – The Staff vs. Student Football Match.

STOP PRESS: The official 2011 International College staff-student football match was won by the staff. The match was quite even, and for much of the time was 1-1. The staff did manage to find the target with a couple of shots, but the students were unlucky with some narrow misses. In the end the main match was decided in favour of the staff, the score being 6-1, but several staff players felt that their side had been lucky.

The U16 Basketball team worked hard in training, but were unfortunately unable to put this hard work in to wins on the court. The two matches played this term both resulted in losses but clear progression and potential for next year were evident. Henry and James played well once again, scoring 38 and 34 points respectively this season, but a big highlight this year has been the strength of the Year 10 players, who have been training with the team and were tried out in a few matches. These players showed a lot of promise and I'm sure with a number of new students joining the team next year, the U16 Basketball Team will go from strength to strength.

Away from inter-school fixtures, we also had an inter-House competition this term. The annual Swimming Gala took place in February with 36 boys competing. All swam their hardest to secure the illustrious trophy for their House, but in the end Lapping Blue House came away victorious. A close affair ended with 0.16 seconds being the difference between one House winning and one House losing. A notable mention must go to Ilya (Lapping House) who set a new College Record in the Junior/Inter Individual Medley with an impressive swim.

I would like to finish by congratulating all who have represented the College in fixtures this term and so far this year. I have been impressed with the dedication and commitment that has been shown to sport this term.

Mr Lawrence Dalton – Head of Sport



Girls' Sport

The new calendar year brought with it a brand new boarding house complete with two fully floodlit courts. The girls have made good use of these facilities and can often be found playing epic basketball games in their free time at the weekends and after prep. The courts have also been used for sport sessions including netball training with 20 or so students taking part.

The first fixture of the spring term was held in January against familiar rivals Sherborne Girls' School. The International College basketball team played well in the highly competitive fixture away from home and even took the lead in the second quarter. Although the end result was in favour of the opposition, it was clear that the team from the College had improved greatly since the last time the two schools met. In the words of their captain, Chevonne, they 'made infinity percent points more than last time', a true comment on how proud the girls were to have put some points on the board. The team returned to their Houses with their heads held high, having played well and basking in the praise from their coach Miss Madziva. The squad continues to take part in Thursday afternoon training and hopes to set up some post-season fixtures next term in the attempt to record a long awaited win.

February was the month for swimming as the English weather forced the outdoor sports to take shelter with the water babies in the pool. Making the most of the situation, the students from Mowat and Westcott Houses took the opportunity to try out and practise for the inter-House Swimming Gala. Though only a few girls took part from each House, the races in the gala were competitive and there were a couple of close finishes. A special mention should go to Alona who swam in a number of individual races for her House and finished the competition by swimming two legs of the mixed relay race!

On the first weekend after half term five pairs of girls from the College took on five pairs from Sherborne Girls School in a series of badminton matches. Yulia and Jane G were the most successful pair, recording 4 out of a possible 5 wins. Overall the College won nine games out of those played and competed well against some tough competition. Next term the girls are looking forward to the start of the athletics season, whilst those in the Junior, Year 9 and Year 10 groups are preparing to understand and play rounders, another traditional English sport, which is similar to baseball.

Miss Joanna Norton
Housemistress, Mowat House



Certificates and Awards for Spring Term 2011

Credit Prizes

Junior Group – Anton Delius
Year 9 – Ta-Wei (David) Chen
Year 10 – Anastasia Usacheva
Year 11 (1 year GCSE) – Nobchanok (Fern) Somchitaree
Year 11 (2 year GCSE) – Anna Muzyka

*Please note that these certificates are awarded for progress in relation to student ability. They should **not** be seen as an indication of future examination success.*

Gold Award

Yi Na (Anna) Gao Evgeniya (Jane) Gordienko

Silver Award

Ta-Wei (David) Chen	Yiyun (Selina) Ding	Larisa (Lara) Minosyants
Yuk Chun (Calvin) Tsang	Yufei (Maria) Wang	Myat Thu Ya
	Boyan (Hanson) Zhang	

Bronze Award

Alena Akinshina	Yichen (Kelly) Chen	Corrado Frascchetti
Yuechen (Cyndi) Jiang	Natt Jungmeechoke	Se Hun Kim
Chon Sio (Anthony) Lam	Jun Xin (Yuki) Li	Weihan (Wusen) Lu
Anna Muzyka	Kei Nishino	Moritz Richter
Sirapat (Mew) Tonitiwong	Anastasia Usacheva	Jingyi (Karen) Yan
	Xingchen (Clive) Zhou	

Subject Awards for Progress

English

Anastasia Ivanova
Yulia Khlyzova
Zongxia (Steve) Li
Kirill Menshikov
Hubertus Neuhaus
Philip von Drechsel
Chengkun (Kelvin) Yang
Ming Tak Yung
Sixuan (Cloud) Zeng
Jiapei (Rebecca) Zhu

Mathematics

Olga Fokina
Olga Vashchenko

Biology

Khalel Abilgaliyev
Kirill Badertdinov
Alexander Bredikhin
Anton Delius
Vera Grankina
Ekarach (Leo) Kittiraweechot
Diana Korkina
Sze Yan (Leona) Lee
Chengda (Jeffrey) Li
Yana Mashenskaya
Nobchanok (Fern) Somchitaree
Nalin Tanchotikul
Gregory Tezhik
Olga Yakzhina
Ye (Ruth) Zhou

Chemistry

Olga Fokina
Yulia Khlyzova
Suet Yu (Alice) Lee
Sze Yan (Leona) Lee
Kirill Skoropupov
Olga Yakzhina

Physics

Natalia Alyukova
Yiran (Tommy) Ding
Hang (Henry) Lin
Jiakun (Ken) Sun
Jiapeng (Mark) Sun
Nalin Tanchotikul
Bohan (Brian) Wu
Hongze (Tom) Yu
Chao (Michael) Yuan
Jiapei (Rebecca) Zhu

Geography

Anton Delius
Shao Xiang (Eric) Ding
Ilya Gubkin
Yu-Han (Hank) Hsu
Kirill Menshikov
Mikhail Tkachev

History

Khalel Abilgaliyev
Pooja Bhoyroo
Diana Korkina

Business Studies

Fong Kiu (Chevonne) Cheung
Yiran (Tommy) Ding
Hiu Ting (Betty) Kwok
Ka Fung (Johnny) Lee
Anton Monich

Business & Communication Systems

Ho Yi (Ember) Chan
Chengda (Jeffrey) Li

ICT

Jiahui (Isabella) Dai
Maxim Mordasov
Jorge Quevedo Mayor
Mikhail Tkachev

Art

Alona Ginak
Suet Yu (Alice) Lee
Zhou Yang (Henry) Li
Elnur Odzhagverdiev
Yunpeng Zhou

Sport

Yinglei (Doris) Bai
Ilya Gubkin
In Hyun Kim
Zhou Yang (Henry) Li

Red Nose Day for Comic Relief 2011

This year on 18th March, the College held a non-uniform day for Comic Relief, a charity that aims to transform the lives of people across the UK and Africa. A full report, including details of the amount raised, will be in the 'International Shirburnian' next term.

Mr Alex Mitsis – Housetutor



2011 Staff Pancake Race



The traditional pancake race was held on Tuesday 8th March this year. Students and staff turned out in large numbers to watch and cheer on the spectacle. The event also saw House staff and the new resident Matron at King's compete for first place, wearing fancy dress outfits over two heats and a final.

The start line saw a cricketer in full pads, a scuba diver, '118' characters, runners in pyjamas and even a competitor wearing a full all-in-one purple body suit. The final was won comfortably by Miss Madziva, a '118' character who had executed her effective game plan to perfection.

The crowd enjoyed the event immensely and the collection raised £105.10p for the OXFAM charity which works to overcome poverty and suffering around the world.

A big thank you is also due to In Hyun, Javier and Jane who worked hard with the collecting tins gathering in the contributions.

Two members of Year 10 class, Yiran (Tommy) Ding and Jorge Quevedo Mayor, were chosen to take part in the annual public speaking evening for international students, which took place at Sherborne School on 11th February. There were eleven speakers in total, representing six schools. Tommy and Jorge both gave excellent PowerPoint presentations. The judges were full of praise for them, and Tommy was awarded the status of Highly Commended for his very entertaining presentation, in which he explained to the audience why Chinese students are so successful in Maths. Thank you to Mrs Scott-Flintan for her work helping Tommy and Jorge prepare for the competition, and to Mrs Holmes and Mrs Ridout for their support.

Public Speaking Competition



Mr Geoff P Davey – Head of English

Special Meals

The College students and staff have for some years celebrated the beginning of the Chinese New Year together by enjoying an authentic meal at a local Chinese restaurant. On 15th and 16th February the Year of the Rabbit was joyfully marked by this traditional event.

The College is also proud of its culinary diversity and on 10th March the Dining Room hosted a special Portuguese Day lunch, as well as a celebration of the patron saint of Ireland with a St Patrick's Day lunch on 17th March. A special 'Red Nose' lunch was also served to mark the charity day on March 18th.



The whole College assembled on 7th March to be entertained by the students of Year 9B who performed a unique play, THE THREE BEARS, written and directed by Mrs Sally Ridout, Head of Art. The charming story provided an insight into the characters of three well-loved bears in British literary culture: Rupert Bear, Winnie the Pooh and Paddington Bear. Congratulations to all Year 9B who acted in the play and made the colourful props. Special mention should also be made of Mrs Anne Wiltshire, who helped the students with the pronunciation and delivery of their lines, and Mr Charlie Bell, the College caretaker, who made a guest appearance in the play.

Girls House Play 'Robin Hood'

The girls' House play this year was another brilliant success. Rather than following previous trends of doing a musical performance, it was unanimously decided that we should use the idea of the animal version of Robin Hood. This enabled the girls to be creative, using face-paints and designing costumes, which added another dimension to the play. The play tells the story of Robin Hood, a fox thief living in Sherwood Forest with his band of merry "men", who steal from the rich and give to the poor. Along the way, he falls in love with his childhood sweetheart, Maid Marian, who is locked in the tower by the Sheriff after refusing to marry the evil Prince John. It is up to Robin to save her!



Alena played a gallant Robin Hood, and the audience were awed by her acting performance. Diana and Olga played a dastardly duo in their portrayal of the wicked Prince John and his grovelling servant, Hiss. The audience were delighted by the final scene in which Robin and Marian are reunited and live happily ever after. The girls relished the challenge of learning the lines of the script, which was kindly adapted by Mr Craig Tyrie. Rehearsals began in earnest at the start of this term; the girls were committed to learning their lines, showing dedication and enthusiasm to the play.

Juniors and Year 9 girls from Westcott were involved in the experience by entering a competition for the best poster to advertise the play. Jane won the competition with her poster, which was displayed around the school. The hard work and determination of all the students involved made this play the triumph it was, and it was a pleasure to work with them. Well done girls!

Miss Holly Huddart, Miss Cynthia Madziva and Miss Catherine Wright

The Three Bears



College Choir



Spring Concert

Our first concert of 2011 broke new ground in a number of ways. For the first time we were able to make use of the brand new Tindall Hall in Sherborne School's music department. This is a state of the art venue and seemed to inspire our performers to new heights. It was good to welcome the traditional mixture of piano, singing and guitar (with helpful contributions from our guitar teacher, Dean Carter). Especially noteworthy were Cyndi singing *Caro mio ben* (in Italian), Leo jamming with Mr Carter in *Autumn leaves*, William's performance of Massenet's *Méditation* and Calvin transporting us to another realm with Liszt's *Liebestraum*.

For the first time we were treated to a traditional Chinese instrument in the shape of Ember and her guizheng, a zither. Her performance of *Typhoon* was a visual as well as a musical spectacle. Another innovation was a dance, *Run devil run*, performed by Natalia and Jane, again a delight for the eyes. The College Choir once again brought proceedings to a rousing conclusion.

We are most grateful, not only to the students who played, but also to the individual music staff whose untiring efforts have led once again to such a memorable and inventive afternoon. We look forward very much to our second concert on 19 June.

Mr Martin Walker
Head of Music



The Sound of China

Term Dates 2011-2012

AUTUMN TERM, 2011

ARRIVAL DAY	Tuesday 6 September (from 09.30 – 17.00) – new students Wednesday 7 September – returning students (14.00 – 22.00 hrs)
HALF-TERM	Friday 21 October (before 12.00 hrs) to Sunday 30 October (14.00 – 22.00 hrs) inclusive
DEPARTURE DAY	Friday 9 December (before 12.00 hrs)

SPRING TERM 2012

ARRIVAL DAY	Sunday 8 January (14.00 – 22.00 hrs) – returning students Monday 9 January – new students (09.30 - 17.00 hrs)
HALF-TERM	Friday 10 February (before 12:00 hrs) to Sunday 19 February (14.00 – 22.00 hrs) inclusive
DEPARTURE DAY	Friday 30 March (before 12.00 hrs)

SUMMER TERM, 2012

ARRIVAL DAY	Tuesday 24 April – returning students (14.00 – 22.00 hrs) Tuesday 24 April – new students (12:00 – 17:00 hrs)
SPEECH DAY	Thursday 28 June
DEPARTURE DAY	Friday 29 June (before 12.00 hrs) or Thursday 28 June (if parents or guardians attend the College Speech Day Ceremony)

EXEAT DATES 2011/2012

Autumn Term
24/25 September
Second exeat flexible
19/20 November

Spring Term
28/29 January
10/11 March

Summer Term
5/6 May
Second exeat flexible

Two weekend exeats per term are allowed (except Autumn Term in which three exeats are allowed). It is helpful if IC students choose the above dates for exeats. All exeats can commence from 12.10 hrs on Saturday. Students must be back by early evening (approximately, 20.00 hrs) Sunday.

PRIOR PERMISSION MUST BE OBTAINED FROM THE RELEVANT HOUSEMASTER/HOUSEMISTRESS BY THE PREVIOUS THURSDAY.

EXEAT PERMISSION WILL ONLY BE GIVEN TO STUDENTS VISITING PARENTS OR GUARDIANS

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HOLIDAYS AND EXEAT WEEKENDS

Please provide details of travel and accommodation arrangements for a student's exeat weekends, half terms and holidays in good time to the College's Travel Administrator, Mrs Caroline Bennett
Email: cbennett@sherborne-ic.net

Exeat Weekends

Information needs to be received by Mrs Bennett by **2:00 p.m.** on the **Thursday** before the student's departure on the Saturday. **Late requests for exeats cannot be allowed.**

Half Term and End of Term

Information needs to be received by Mrs Bennett **at least one week** before the student's departure for half term and end of term. **Arrangements cannot be guaranteed for late requests.**

Information Checklist:

- Name of student
- Exact flight details (when appropriate)
- Date and time of departure from the College
- Date and time of arrival back at the College
- Full details of accommodation, including telephone numbers
- Full contact details of guardian, including mobile number

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LATE/LEAVING EARLY IS
NOT ACCEPTABLE.**