

Wednesday 19 October 2016

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## A message from the Principal

Welcome to this, the first edition of the College newsletter this academic year.

The new academic year is well underway and already we are approaching the mid-term break: it's wonderful to see so many enthusiastic new students settling into College life, the fun of Freshers' Weeks behind them, immersing themselves in the challenge of studying with us.

This exciting stage of their journey with us began at Open Days last autumn; incredibly, it's nearly that time of year once again! Lessons are suspended during 19 and 20 October though many College students will be helping us welcome the prospective students and their parents/guardians over the two days. We have designated Friday 21 October, the last Friday of the half-term, as a catch up day prior to Reading Week.

It is a brilliant opportunity for students (and staff!) to catch their breath, organise their notes, finish their research and consolidate all that they have been learning in the first few weeks of College life.

## What's been happening?

[Results Day](#)

[Politics students meet Lord Kinnock](#)

[Doughnut Day](#)

[Blooming marvellous grounds](#)

[Freshers' Fayre](#)

[Oxbridge Teaching Tour](#)

[Birds of prey display](#)

[Psychology film review competition](#)

[Lessons go off with a bang!](#)

## Parent Governor Vacancy

There is a vacancy for a Parent Governor to join the College's Governing Body. We would be delighted to hear from any parent or guardian of a student currently studying at the College, who is keen to get involved and be considered for the role for a two year period from 1 December 2016 to 30 November 2018. For further details please [click here](#).

**Coming up....** See our [College Calendar](#) for all upcoming events.



**Later with Jools** - Thursday 10 November, 7.30pm. Later with Jools; a night of integrated folk, classical, pop and jazz music with drinks and commentary. To book tickets, please click [here](#).



**Open Afternoons** - Friday 11 November and Friday 9 December, 2.00pm - **booking required**. If you are unable to make it to our Open Evenings, Open Afternoons are another opportunity for you to visit the College. For more details please click [here](#).



**Parents' Consultation Evenings** - Wednesday 16 and Thursday 24 November, 5.30pm - 8.30pm. These evenings are intended for students and their parents/guardians, in both the first and second year, whose review data indicates 'improvements needed'. To find out how to book these appointments, please click [here](#).



**EPQ Presentation Evening** - Thursday 1 December, 5.00pm. This evening will showcase the results of our EPQ students' independent research over the last six months or so.



**Christmas Production: The Wolves of Willoughby Chase** - Wednesday 7 to Friday 9 December, 7.30pm.



**College Carols and Service of 9 Lessons and Carols** - Monday 12 December, 7.45pm. To be held at St Andrew's Parish Church, Farnham. Click [here](#) for more details

## Supporting Your College - Gift Aid

Whilst the spending review has some good points for colleges, it does still show reducing funding which colleges need to address.

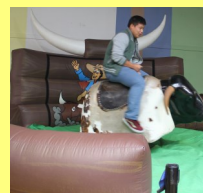
With this in mind, we issue another 'plea' to the many parents/guardians who have not registered for Gift Aid to consider a donation. This helps towards covering the cost of enrichment activities for which we are not fully funded and are a considerable cost to the College.

Most contributors prefer monthly direct debits which are easy to set up online through the Parent Portal or College website and we can assure you, any amount is welcomed - no matter how big or how small!

Click [here](#) for more information and to donate.

## Freshers' Week

Freshers' Week was a huge success and an amazing way to welcome new students to the College. The Student Association organised live music performances every day, along with activities such as a bouncy castle, rodeo bull and salsa dancing. The selling of popcorn, candyfloss, doughnuts and sweets also proved popular and raised lots of money for charity. It was great to see so many people get involved and we'd like to give our grateful thanks to My First Car for sponsoring the week's events.



## Our Student Stars ...

Click [here](#) to read about more stars on our website.

Our **Music scholars** for their first concert of the year.

Read more [here](#).



**A2 graphics student, Chris Lewis** designed the winning poster to promote RBC's 'Skilled Up' campaign.

Read more [here](#)



**The whole College** for supporting Pink Day so generously!



Our **Lady's Football Sevens** victorious in tournament.

Read more [here](#).

Psychology students **Selina Hutchins, Abby Goad and Amirah Quiday** for coming 1st, 2nd and 3rd respectively in this year's Psychology Film Review.



**Prospect Theatre Company**, for running a drama workshop with Ash Manor School.



Our **Swimming Teams** for taking 1st and 2nd place in ALL Hampshire Schools relays!



**Annabel Rice, Women's Rugby Captain** for appearing in the sports segment on BBC South East Today earlier this month talking about the rising popularity of women's rugby union.