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A word from the Principal

As we see the last of the winter months and enjoy this lovely time of year, it's important to bear in mind that very soon students will be sitting down to undertake the most important exams of their lives. With so much riding on the Summer exam period, it is critical that all first and second year students prepare for the challenge.

Whilst subject teachers will have advised classes on how to plan an effective revision schedule, please impress upon your son/daughter the importance of thorough preparation: in my experience, a good Easter revision period can add a grade to the final result.

Spring is always a busy time in the life of the College; you will see from the newsletter the wide ranging activities in which so many of our incredible students are engaged.

I would also like to congratulate our newly elected Student Association for 2016/17, who are featured on the final page of our newsletter - I look forward to working with them over the next academic year.

I hope you all had a very happy Easter.

See our <u>College Calendar</u> for all upcoming events.



Term Dates - The summer term begins on *Monday 11 April 2016*.



Information Evening - Wednesday 20 April 2016 from 5:30pm to 8:30pm. Information Evening is for parents/guardians and prospective students who have been offered a place at the College for September 2016. It is not compulsory to attend, but you may find it helpful if you feel that you need more advice regarding your subject choices. More details about the evening will be sent out via email nearer to the event.



Chamber Orchestra and Big Band Concert - Thursday 21 April 2016 at 7:30pm in the Prospect Theatre. Get your tickets here for this entertaining evening featuring two of College's largest instrumental ensembles: Chamber Orchestra and Big Band!



Chamber Choir Choral Evensong at Romsey Abbey - Tuesday 26 April 2016. The College Chamber Choir have been invited to sing Evensong in Romsey Abbey. Come and enjoy beautiful music surrounded by stunning Norman architecture. Please note that this is a nonticketed event and the service starts at 5:30pm.



Scholars' Concert - *Friday 29 April 2016 at 7:30pm in the Prospect Theatre.* In a joint venture with postgraduate students from the Royal Academy of Music, our current Music Scholars perform a variety of works in what promises to be a very exciting concert. Tickets are available **here**.



Summer Dance Show - Wednesday 18 May 2016 at 7:30pm in the Prospect Theatre. Admission is free.



Year 10 Open Afternoon - Wednesday 15 June 2016. We are pleased to be able to offer an opportunity for current year 10 students and their parents/guardians to visit the College to truly experience what it is like to be a student here. Prospective students can attend taster sessions and parents/guardians will hear from the Principal and receive information about our brilliant pastoral system. For further information and to book, please click <u>here</u>.

What's been happening?

<u>Student returns to share #whereSheisNow</u> - Ex-student Katie Lambert speaks about the Civil Service.

<u>Saatchi Gallery exhibits student work</u> - Student artist shortlisted for prestigious prize.

<u>Holocaust Memorial Day event</u> - Students share their experiences and hear from a survivor.

<u>Celebrating Oxbridge offers</u> - 23 students receive offers to study at Oxford and Cambridge Universities.

Media and Film Trip to LA - Students meet industry experts and get inspired by film sets.

Volunteering Week 2016 - College hosts a week of events and community engagement.

Numeracy Week - The vital role that numeracy plays is celebrated College-wide.

TEA Fair 2016 - College hosts its biggest ever Training, Employment and Apprenticeships Fair.

TES FE Awards 2016

The College is delighted to have been shortlisted for the Sixth Form College of the Year in the Times Educational Supplement Awards 2016.

Two of our teachers, Andrew Mason, Senior Curriculum Manager for Mathematics, and Kirsty Ratcliffe, Subject Tutor for Fine Art, have also been shortlisted for Teacher of the Year. Find out more about the Awards and read the shortlist **here**.

Performing Arts Spotlight

A group of second year BTEC Performing Arts students have just returned from touring with their devised workshop: read more here.

Read about the Music departments first concert of 2016 in the historic setting of St Peter's Church, Farnborough here.

Read about The Starburst Foundation's Pantomime, Rapunzel.

The College was delighted to welcome 3Fall Dance Company when they visited us to run a workshop with A level Dance students: read more here.

Congratulations to the students who passed their LAMDA Bronze or Silver Awards, gaining a Distinction grade.

Have you seen the new Prospect Theatre logo? See it <u>here</u>.

Read about the latest collaboration between the College and Henry Tyndale School: <u>Coppers Award</u> <u>present 'A Musical Medley'</u>.

Read about the <u>Choral Social and Chamber Choir Concert</u>: an extraordinary night of music making.

Our Young Enterprise Team 'Revolution' who won the award for Most Innovative Company at the YE Trade Show.



Graphics student Hannah King whose artwork was chosen to be displayed at TAG Farnborough.



Read more **here**.

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Congratulations to the student who is part of the GB synchro team who won Bronze at the French Open.

Read more here.

Our Health and Social Care students who have been promoting good health to students and staff.



Read more here and here.

Our **Badminton team**, who are through to the final four of the AoC National Cup, and our **Rugby team**, who won the QMC 7's Plate and the Hampshire Schools RFU Plate.

Second year students Charlie Flynn and Emily Hampson for their success at the BPhO, the British Physics Olympiad.



Students Nista Bhattarai, Suruchi Gurung and **Maia Gordon** who have contributed to UCAS promotional videos which can be seen <u>here</u>.

Congratulations to **AS student James Vaughan** for his winning logo design for children's charity O2E.

Read more here.

Student Tegan Johnston-Brunn, who was named 'Judge's favourite' in the 'There's no place like home' category in this year's Focus on Society photographic competition.

Read more **here**.

Student Thomas Edwards who is ranked in the top 10 on the South East leader board for the TARGETCareers Challenge - Thomas will be attending the Grand Final at the BT Tower in London!

Students Dominic Tweed and Jack Fabian who took part in the a National History Debating Competition.

Read more <u>here</u>.

First year students who took part in the 10th Anniversary of Oberursel Exchange.



Read more here.

The New Student Association 2016/17 click here to read about the newly elected SA.

