

20th April 2009

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is good to be back at Canbury after a memorable sabbatical term and I would like to thank all the Governors and Staff, especially Annie Emslie, David Natt, Claire Rutherford and Christine Powell, for all their extra efforts and increased workload to make this possible for me.

Pupils

This Summer Term begins with 64 pupils on roll and three new names – Natarliaya James in Year 7, Christopher Rowan in Year 8 and William Pitcher in Year 9. We extend a warm welcome to them and their families.

Successful Activities and Forthcoming Exams

Last term was notable for many reasons (apart from the inclement weather!), especially the excellent games results and new events such as the Talent Competition. This term will be very busy with, most importantly, the Year 11 pupils sitting their GCSE examinations in May and June and all pupils in Years 7-10 preparing for their end of year examinations in the latter half of June.

Inter House Competitions

We shall continue to emphasise the House System with competitions in Creative Writing and a General Knowledge Quiz as well as the usual inter-house sporting events which include Athletics, Ten Pin Bowling and Softball.

School Visits and Events

You will see from the calendar (follow the links on www.canburyschool.co.uk) that several trips are planned for all Year groups. The annual Sponsored Walk in Richmond Park is on 22nd May (the day we break up for the half term holiday) and, before the final week's special activities commence, Mr Orchard is planning a long weekend for intrepid adventurers who will be camping and canoeing in Ross-on-Wye. Details of these and all other events for the coming Summer Term, including Sports Day on Thursday, 21st May, and Years 9 and 10 Parents' Evening, on Wednesday, 13th May, will be sent to you in due course (please check homework diaries and bags regularly!).

Canbury School feature in "The Surrey Comet"

I know that the School has an excellent reputation locally and I was delighted with the splendid full page article about the School which was published in "The Surrey Comet" at the end of last term. (In case you did not see this, a copy is pinned up in the front hall).

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Promoting Canbury

We recently produced a new impressive prospectus and, later this term expect to have a vastly improved website. All these things certainly help to spread the good name of Canbury to the wider community but, undoubtedly, what has the most effect is all that you, our current parents, have to say to your friends and acquaintances about the School. It is a fact that most prospective parents choose Canbury directly as a result of recommendation from present and past parents and pupils. So, I thank you for your continued support in these difficult economic times.

We are all looking forward to the challenges which lie before us in the weeks ahead and to meeting you again at the aforementioned coming events.

All best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Robin F Metters