31st August 2007

Dear Parents/Guardians

As the long Summer vacation comes to an end, I write to welcome you and your children, especially our new pupils, back to Canbury and to give you news of events at the end of last term and the important ones planned for the forthcoming Autumn Term.

Summer Term Prize Winners

Year 10	Effort	**Ceri Juggins**
Year 10	Attainment	**Christopher Francis**
Year 10	House Points	**Jessica Mangat-Daley**
Year 9	Effort	**Berenice Bell**
Year 9	Attainment	**Jordan Leppitt**
Year 9	House Points	**Becky Morgan**
Year 8	Effort	**Elizabeth Wilson**
Year 8	Attainment	**Aolah Bokhari**
Year 8	House Points	**Munuse Suleyman**
Year 7	Effort	**Helen Rice**
Year 7	Attainment	**James Evans**
Year 7	House Points	**Turkay Suleyman**

Subject Prize Winners

Spanish	**Berenice Bell**
Geography	**Christopher Francis**
Drama	**Becky Morgan**
Art	**Jessica Mangat-Daley**
Science	**Christopher Francis**
History	**Joanna Mildren**
Business Studies	**Christopher Francis**
Mathematics	**James Park**
English	**Anthony Ford**
ICT	**Ben Rutherford**
Design Technology	**Joshua Thompson**

Special Award for 'Overcoming Adversity' **Wilf Edmeades**

Sponsored Walk

Most Sponsors	**Elizabeth Wilson and Thomas Urry**
Most Money Raised	**Thomas Urry**

Congratulations and well done to all the above!

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New House Names
At our final assembly last term, I announced that we will be replacing our current four Houses with three and the names of these will be – Campbell, Johnson and Noble. These names were chosen from a variety of suggestions. Campbell was chosen because of the School's connection with **Donald Campbell** who was famous for once holding **the World record for being the fastest person on both land and water** and whose home, for a number of years, was once at Canbury. **Johnson and Noble**, of course, are also both notable British speed record holders – in the air and on land – thus completing the connection.

Head of School and House Captains
Jessica Mangat-Daley has been appointed **Head of School and Captain for Johnson House. Andrew Chappell is Captain for Campbell House and Bryce Evans Captain for Noble House.**

Year 11 GCSE Results
Last week, our ex Year 11 pupils received their **GCSE results** and we were very proud of them as they were the best grades in the history of the School. Nine of the eleven candidates achieved five or more passes at grades A to C (that is 82%). In the 96 exams taken there was not one failure. Many of the grades candidates achieved were better than those that were predicted. Special mention must be made of the following pupils who gained grades no lower than C:

Joanna Mildren	**3 A*, 2 As, 2 Cs**
Simon Black	**2 A*, 1 A, 5 Bs**
Wilf Edmeades	**1 A, 3 Bs, 4 Cs**
Nezar Negm	**1 A, 3 Bs, 3 Cs**

These results reflect the determined study of all the pupils and the dedication of an extremely hardworking teaching staff at Canbury. ***Warmest congratulations to all of them!***

Redecoration and Refurbishment at Canbury
Our Site Manager, **Ben Stevens,** has been very busy redecorating the ground floor room during the holiday. New carpets have been laid in the School Secretary's Office and Year 10 and Year 11 classrooms. Various upgrades have been made to the IT facilities and a new water fountain has been installed in the new extension. However, it has been very disappointing that we have still not been able to resurface and complete the playground area. In spite of the local Planning Officers' recommendation that our application be accepted, the local Area Planning Committee, made up of the local Councillors', has refused it on ecological grounds. New revised plans showing more garden area have been submitted and we sincerely hope these will satisfy the Councillors wishes. If these are accepted, the work will be completed in the October half-term holiday. Meanwhile, a new section of boundary wall, plus new gates, are being constructed in readiness for the long-awaited completion of the project.

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Autumn Term
And so to this Term. The School has its maximum number of 65 pupils on roll, of whom 15 are new to Canbury and I extend a warm welcome to each and everyone. Also, we have one new member of staff, **Mr Diego Penagos,** who rejoins us as our **Chemistry and Games teacher.**

School Calendar
Next week you will be receiving our calendar giving you most of the planned events for this Autumn Term including **dates for Parents' Evenings**, **outings and games fixtures**. Among the new outings planned for **2007-2008 is a residential trip to Spain (not far from Madrid) and a History Department (day excursion) to Ypres in March.**

School Charity
The School Council will be choosing a new charity for the coming academic year and it will certainly be a challenge to beat last year's amazing total of approximately **£7,500 raised for the Shooting Star Trust's Children's Hospice in Hampton.**

Parking in Warboys Approach
During the Summer holiday, I received a letter from the Directorate of Environmental Services in Kingston with information about a new initiative in an attempt to improve road safety, particularly around Schools, with special regard to stopping and parking in restricted areas. **Vehicles equipped with CCTV cameras will be on patrol and the penalty for stopping in a restricted area will be high.** Therefore, please do observe the yellow lines in Warboys Approach!

All that remains for me to say is that I look forward to seeing your children on their return to Canbury on **Tuesday, 4th September (doors open at 9 30 am for registration at 10 00 am)** with some, no doubt, wearing the new uniform and to meeting you at the events planned during the busy forthcoming Term.

Yours sincerely,

Robin F Metters