

CANBURY NEWS

March 2009

Dear Parents and Guardians

The end of another busy term fast approaches with some lovely weather holding out the promise of Spring. Let's hope that this promise does come true for at least some of the upcoming Easter holidays.

The Term's Events

Years 10 and 11 have been out and about a lot this term beginning with the Business Studies trip to Disneyland Paris. As ever this was very successful and enjoyed by all (yes, even the teachers!) Marketing seminars were interspersed between roller-coaster rides and everybody learned something. In particular, one member of the teaching staff learned that it is wise to research a ride very carefully before getting on!



They also enjoyed history trips to a play about the history of medicine and the Holocaust Exhibition, both supporting their GCSE studies. In addition they have been to The National Portrait Gallery and both London Tates carrying out research for their art portfolios.



Year 9 furthered their understanding of Tropical Rainforests through a visit to Kew Gardens.



Years 7,8 and 9 have once again visited Marymount School to see a play performed by Marymount pupils and also went to see Horrible Histories at Wimbledon Theatre. A play based on the very successful book series, about the First World War.

A skipping workshop was held at Canbury for lower school pupils with some amazing displays of skill and fitness. Upper school pupils have had two very informative PME workshops and watched a play about the dangers of drink and drugs and driving.



Most of Year 10 took part in work experience in February going to such diverse placements as TK Maxx, a library, a recording studio, an advertising agency, a supermarket and many others. Everyone learned something about the world of work even if it was only to vow never to do that particular type of work again.



On Red Nose Day pupils came dressed in as much red clothing as they could find at home with all their spare change. Large red noses were made and we covered them with money during assembly. In this way we raised £92, involving a lot of counting of pennies by the bursar. Thanks to all involved.

The last day of term saw a new venture for house events at Canbury with a Talent Show. There was a great variety of acts and much fun was had. A big thank you to Mrs Hughes and Ms Porto for organising this.

As ever there has been a full programme of sport with many opportunities to compete against other schools in football, including Junior and Senior Canbury Invitation Tournaments at Goals. The Seniors won the whole tournament whilst the Juniors were runners up after a tense penalty shoot-out. Inter-house Cross country running and swimming have been closely fought competitions. The girls have also had the opportunity to receive lots of netball coaching with a tournament at the end of term. In school they have been able to experience aerobics and salsa dancing. A full sports report from Mr Orchard is available and our thanks go to him for his tireless organisational efforts.



STAFF CHANGES

Two new members of staff have been at Canbury this term having joined us late in the Autumn term, Ms Kirsty Nicholson who is working as a Learning Support Assistant and Mrs Helen Shaw who is our Lab Assistant whilst Mrs Kaz Stevens is on maternity leave.

Mr John Parker did a great job as temporary caretaker whilst Mr Ben Stevens was in Japan awaiting the birth of his first child but we were very pleased to welcome back the whole Stevens family including baby Amelie.

We extend a warm welcome back to Ms Noades who has returned from maternity leave and we have had to say a sad goodbye and heartfelt thank you to Ms Roberts who has been teaching Art whilst Ms Noades was away.

As you know I have been Acting Head for this term and whilst this has meant an increased workload it has been an interesting experience. Mr Metters is back from his travels and looking forward to returning to school in April.

GCSE NEWS

Following on from 'mock' GCSE exams in January both Year 10 and Year 11 have had a taste of the real thing by doing Science module exams (year 10) and Art GCSE (year 11) in March. Both year groups have also undertaken internal GCSE Assessments in Science. Year 11 have the rest of their exams starting in May and have been receiving advice on how to set up an effective revision programme between now and then. It is vitally important that they follow this advice in order to obtain the best possible grades in the Summer. The Easter holidays are a good time to start serious revision whilst still allowing plenty of time for essential rest and relaxation.



SCHOOL HOURS

I would like to remind parents that the school is open for pupils **no earlier** than **7.45am** and **no later** than **4.30pm** unless pupils have otherwise been asked to be at school by a teacher. Except in an emergency or an organised school activity staff are **not responsible** for pupils outside these times.

PARKING IN WARBOYS APPROACH

Please can everyone (other than those with Disabled badges) ensure they do not park on the yellow lines outside the school as we frequently receive complaints from other neighbours when this happens.



CHILDREN'S TB VACCINATIONS



The Department of Health is no longer offering TB vaccinations in Schools. However, there are private clinics that can offer this service. If there is sufficient interest, we may be able to organise for your children to be vaccinated in School. Please contact Mrs Powell if you are interested in finding out more about this service.

SCHOOL PHONE

The payphone in school is now working and **except in an emergency** pupils should use this phone for contacting parents during the school day if they cannot get a mobile signal. Mrs Powell will continue to contact parents in cases of illness and accident or substantial alteration of sports plans by the school.

ESHER COLLEGE

I have already contacted all Year 10 parents but would like to remind you that requests for an Esher College application form should be made on line (www.esher.ac.uk) between 21st April and 29th May only, for September 2010 entry. All application forms will be sent to prospective students on Monday 15th June and need to be returned as soon as possible, preferably within one or two days. Prospective students with Elmbridge postcodes will however be guaranteed a place at the college (provided they meet the entry requirements) until September 30th 2009. The college would still appreciate receiving your application form early though to assist with planning.

COURT FARM near ROSS-ON-WYE

We still have two/three places left for this fun and exciting weekend trip in this beautiful part of the country. If you would like to get the details once again, do please come and see Mrs Powell.

It just remains for me to wish all staff, pupils and parents a happy holiday and a happy Easter. I hope everybody enjoys the break and comes back full of energy, ready to face another busy term.

Annie Emslie
Acting Head