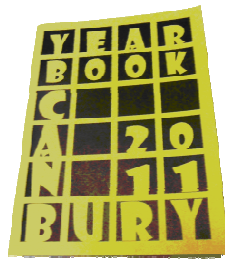


# CANBURY NEWS

The end of this academic year is approaching rapidly and I write to bring you news of past and future events.

## Year 11 Leavers

Our Year 11 class of 15 pupils are in the throes of completing their last few GCSE exams as I write this Newsletter. A farewell party was held for them and their parents just before the half-term break at which presentations were made and each student was invited to make a short speech to all those present – the standard of these was particularly high this year. Their exam results will be published in August and, as always, I shall let you know how well they fared.



## Sponsored Walk

The annual Sponsored Walk in Richmond Park is always a notable feature in the Canbury Calendar and this year was no exception. The intrepid band of Staff, a few parents, a variety of pet dogs and pupils from Year 7 to 11 set off on a fine Friday morning just before the half term break. All completed the ten mile hike successfully with the exception of the Year 10 group who returned to school after having their lunch at Ham House to sit their GCSE Business Studies exam. With some sponsorship money still to come in, the magnificent total currently stands at £1,750.05, a fantastic sum which will be presented to a representative of this year's chosen charity, "Small Steps", early next term.



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## Staff News

Eight members of Staff are leaving the school at the end of this term. **Mrs Pat Jevons (Biology)** will be retiring from teaching in July and will be devoting more time to her many interests outside school. Pat was appointed by my predecessor in **January 1998** and has been a loyal and enthusiastic teacher and supporter over the years. I am sure her pupils will remember those stimulating science trips to places such as the London Zoo, those occasions when she brought excitement to the science laboratory with her experiments, the time when her pet python made an unexpected appearance and the fun and enthusiasm she encouraged in her lively lessons.



**Mrs Wendy Faulkner (Music)** is our longest serving member of Staff, having been appointed by the School's founder, **John Wyatt, back in September 1994.** An accomplished musician herself, she has spent the last seventeen years at Canbury enthusing her pupils with the subject, producing many memorable mini concerts, organising trips to fascinating venues such as the Horniman Museum and groups, such as African drummers, visiting the School. She is also retiring to spend more time being able to pursue her other interests.



**Ms Kels Noades** joined Canbury **in September 2006** and has overseen the development of Art and the refurbishment of the Art Room with great care and efficiency. Her Art clubs at lunch time and after school have been popular and well attended by her pupils and the numerous trips she has organised to London's galleries and art exhibitions have been a strong feature of the Canbury calendar. She has also taught PHSE extremely effectively and last year received praise from the Inspection team for her outstanding teaching. She is wishing to spend more time developing another great interest of hers, photography and to being with her two young children.



**Senorita Raquel Porto (Spanish)** joined the teaching staff at Canbury four years ago and has been a great asset to the School, taking trips to Spain, acting as Form Tutor for Years 9 and 10, ably assisting the School Council as their "Facilitator" and running a variety of popular lunch time clubs. I am sure there will be many pupils who will miss all those extra events she has organised such as her Spanish breakfasts and mouth-watering cake sales.



**Mrs Kay Adams (Design Technology)** has been teaching at Canbury since November of last year, setting up the new DT Department and preparing the Schemes of Work for one of our new GCSE options. Kay has been a great help in the short time she has been with us.

**Mrs Claire Dannatt (Girls Games)** is also leaving in July. We shall be sorry to lose her services because she has been very successful in her games coaching with the girls and has been a stalwart in the Sports Department giving up much of her own spare time on many occasions.

Two **Learning Support Assistants, Michelle Turner and Patti Prieto**, are also leaving the School to train as teachers having spent a year here helping out in many ways inside and outside the classroom.



To all our leaving Staff we wish them all the best of good fortune in the future and thank them for their many varied and valuable contributions at Canbury over the years.

Over the past two months we have been very busy interviewing candidates for the above posts and I am able to report to you some new appointments.

**Mr Diego Penegos**, who currently teaches Chemistry and Games here, will cease taking Games and will take up teaching **Biology as well as Chemistry**. **Miss Pippa Cornell** has been appointed to take over the **Art and Design Technology** Departments and will also be teaching **PHSE to Years 7, 8 and 9**. Pippa holds a **BA (Hons) degree in Art Illustration and a PGCE in Art and Design**. Most recently, she has been teaching Art, Food Technology, Graphic Design and Textiles at a school in Walsall. The Spanish Department will be taken over by **Miss Rachel Tejero**. She has a **BA (Hons) degree from Leeds University and a MA and PGCE from Sheffield University**. She comes to Canbury from teaching Spanish, French and PHSE at a school in Doncaster. **Mr Andrew Whitehorn** has been appointed as a part-time **Games Coach** for games afternoons and also to teach the **theory section of GCSE PE**. He has been a senior Physical Education Teacher and has spent nine years as a Royal Marines Commando. Currently, he works at a David Lloyd's centre and holds numerous coaching qualifications.

I shall be in a position to announce the remaining appointments in my next Newsletter early next term but, meanwhile, we extend a warm welcome to all our new members of staff.

### School Diary for the Next Two Weeks

Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June )  
 Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> June ( Internal End of Year Exams for Years 7, 8, 9 and 10.  
 Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> June ) (Timetables already published.)  
 Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> June Years 7 and 8 to visit Recipease Cookery School. (Details sent.)



**Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> June** Induction Morning for new pupils joining Year 7 in September. Senorita Porto, Mrs Ryder and 10 pupils going to Wimbledon.



**Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July to Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> July** Mr Denham, Mrs Emslie, Ms Noades, Mr Learnihan, 2 parents and 25 pupils go to Iceland. (Details already sent.)



### Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> July

All pupils not in Iceland arrive at School at 07 30 in 'old clothes' for trip to PGL Marchants Hill, Hindhead, accompanied by Senorita Porto, Miss Hanson and Mrs Rabson They will arrive back at school at approximately 18 00. Details already sent.

### Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> July

All pupils not in Iceland arrive at school by 08 10, wearing school uniform. They will go to London Zoo with Mrs Jevons, Mr Orchard, Mrs Knivett and Miss Brook. They will return to school at approximately 15 30. Details already sent.

### Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> July

All pupils not in Iceland arrive at school by 08 10 wearing school uniform. They will go to the Science Museum with Mr Penagos, Mr Williams, Ms Choudhry, Miss Brook and Miss Duncan and will return to school at approximately 15 30. Details already sent.



**Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> July**

All pupils (including Icelanders) arrive at school at normal time for registration at 08 10. Inter-house competitions with bowling in the morning and games in the park in the afternoon.

Dress code for the day: Games clothes and trainers. (details on blogsite)

Lost property to be handed out. All personal belongings to be taken home – please bring bags.

**Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> July**

All pupils arrive at school at normal time for registration at 08 10 wearing school uniform.

Musical event organised by Mrs Faulkner.

Special Sports Assembly – Prize Giving.

Final Assembly and Prize Giving.

School ends at midday.

**Staff Email Addresses**

All parents and guardians should have recently received a list of staff email addresses which, we hope, will help with communications between home and school. This list will be updated at the start of next term with the arrival of new members of staff. It would be most helpful if all parents provided us with their email addresses. Please send this to: [secretary@canburyschool.co.uk](mailto:secretary@canburyschool.co.uk) if we don't already have it.

**School Photograph**

The School photograph, taken in May, is on display in the front hall. There are three versions and, if you would like to order a copy, please speak to Mrs Powell who has the order forms.

**Learning to Touch Type**

I am attaching a leaflet giving details of courses for pupils which are held during the summer holidays.

**Refurbishment**

Last Summer the Art Room received a complete refurbishment which was designed to incorporate both the Art and Design Technology Departments. This Summer the **ICT room will be completely gutted and redecorated, a new lowered ceiling constructed with air conditioning and modern lighting, state-of-the-art furniture installed with a new set of computers, server and associated hardware and software.** New storage areas at the end of the playground, particularly for the sports equipment, will be created and various rooms will receive a lick of paint and new carpets. All these developments and improvements will be ready for use in September when we return to School.

### **Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme**

We are making plans for the introduction of the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme for which

Mr Denham has been receiving training throughout this past school year – details will follow later.

As you can see, the School continues to develop and make improvements – there is no time to stand still! I wish to thank our very supportive Board of Governors, our dedicated Staff and you, our loyal parents, for your continuing support and for spreading the good name of Canbury. Have a great Summer holiday and we look forward to seeing your children again at 10 00 on Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> September.

All best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Robin F Metters

