

28<sup>th</sup> November 2008

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It hardly seems possible to me that I wrote to you twelve weeks ago, just before the start of this Autumn Term, with news of past achievements and future events, most of which have now happened. Time has flown past and I have much to report to you.

### School Visits



Our extensive programme of trips which supports many areas of the curriculum have included an Art trip to the London Aquarium for Years 10 and 11 who also went on a Business Studies visit to West Ferry Printers. Year 9 went on a Geography excursion to the National History Museum and all the pupils went to see a lively and thoroughly entertaining Spanish play at Marymount School. Most recently, Year 7's History visit to the Tower of London took place.

### Canbury's Chosen Charity



In their quest to find a charity for Canbury to support this current school year, the School Council shortlisted several local charities. Following a ballot involving all pupils, the majority of voters came out in favour of - **Kingston Churches Action on Homelessness** – an organisation which supports local young people in the Borough of Kingston who have nowhere to live. The School Council will be endeavouring this year to exceed the total raised last year - **£1,927.61 for "Born Too Soon"** – the premature baby unit based at Kingston Hospital. Already, a very successful **"Pink Day"** at Canbury raised **£173.80** together with the sale of a fantastic selection of deliciously **'naughty'** cakes, many of which were made by our talented culinary inspired pupils. **Raffles** are being organised to raise money at our **Christmas Entertainment** and details are in an enclosed letter.

### Sport



As always, sport has played a significant part in life at Canbury and, for the most part, games sessions have taken place in clement conditions. **David Orchard**, Head of Sport, has written a full report for you to read.

### Post 16 Education



Many of you ask me about the destination of our leavers when they move on from Canbury to other establishments having taken their GCSE examinations. Last year's cohort have all gained entry to Schools and Colleges to further their studies and these include **Esher College, Richmond College, Kingston College, Coombe Sixth Form and Claremont School.**

### School Houses – Campbell, Johnson and Noble



One of our current aims is to promote the 'House' system within the School and, to this end, pupils are being encouraged to enter more inter-house competitions and each House is being provided with a house lunch each term throughout the year. Results of the Inter-house **Chess and Christmas Card** competitions will be announced at the end of this term.

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### Prospective Year 7 Pupils



Either side of the half-term holiday, prospective parents were invited to the School for **Open Mornings and Afternoons** and then there was an **Assessment Morning** for prospective Year 7 pupils who wish to enter the School in September 2009. I am pleased to report that there is only one place available now for next year's entry and I appreciate that this healthy state of affairs is in part due to you for spreading the good name of the School throughout the locality – **thank you!**

### Christmas Entertainment



It has been a pleasure to welcome you here for the Parents' Evenings this term and it will be good to see you again for our **Christmas Entertainment** on the evenings of **10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> December**. See accompanying letter.

### Dates for Your Diary

You will also find enclosed a copy of next term's calendar together with next year's term dates.

### Change of School Times for Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> December and Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> December:

Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> December

Doors Open 8 45 am  
Registration 9 10 am

Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> December

**MUFTI DAY**  
**(£2 per pupil for our charity)**  
Doors Open 8 45 am  
Registration 9 10 am  
Term Ends Midday

### Mrs Annie Emslie - Acting Head Next Term

I remind you that Mrs Annie Emslie will be taking on the role of Acting Head during the weeks of my absence next term. Her email address is: [senco@canburyschool.co.uk](mailto:senco@canburyschool.co.uk) **Mr David Natt** will be her **Acting Deputy Head** and, of course, **Christine Powell** (School Secretary) and **Claire Rutherford** (Bursar) will be here to help you should you need it.

I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support of the School and to wish you all **Seasons Greetings and a very happy and peaceful New Year.**

Yours sincerely,

*Robin F Metters*

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