

October 2007

Dear Parents/Guardians,

### **School Council**

This half-term sees the completion of our elections for membership of the School Council and the results are as follows:

	<b>Chairman</b>	<b>Joe Bishop</b>
	<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Becky Morgan</b>
<b>Class Representatives:</b>		
	<b>Year 11</b>	<b>Andrew Chappell, Jess Daley and Bryce Evans</b>
	<b>Year 10</b>	<b>Becky Morgan and Joe Bishop</b>
	<b>Year 9</b>	<b>Dylan Lallier and Marcus Esser</b>
	<b>Year 8</b>	<b>Sasha Byrne and Turkey Suleyman</b>
	<b>Year 7</b>	<b>Katherine Andrews and Joe Carling</b>

### **Charities**

The Council's first important task every year is to select a **local charity** which the School will support throughout the forthcoming year. This year the vote went to a charity which we supported three years ago and which really caught the pupil' enthusiasm – **Born Too Soon**. This organisation is based at Kingston Hospital and is a unit which supports Mothers who give birth to very premature babies. **Fundraising events** will, as usual, be held throughout the year and I am confident another very impressive amount will be raised like last year, when we gave a **£7,500 cheque to The Shooting Star Trust's Children's Hospice at Hampton**. .

Still on the subject of charities and fundraising, last week's **'Jeans for Genes'** day raised **£45.00** for this very worthwhile cause.

### **Sport**

The very impressive **Games Programme** has included **Football, Canoeing and Kayaking** for all age groups and **Swimming** for the younger pupils during the past few weeks. Mr Orchard, Head of Sport, has written a report which you will soon receive.

### **Landscaping of Playground**

Our latest planning application for the development and landscaping of the playground will be debated by the Neighbourhood Planning Committee of local Councillors' in the first week of the half-term holiday. We are, of course, very eager to complete all the works and finish the project. We will then be in a position to officially open the new building extension during this, the **25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** of the founding of this School. I will keep you fully informed of developments as and when they happen.

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### School Visits

The two trips during this first half of the term have been for **Year 7 who went to the Science Museum** to see a Space Exhibition and **Year 10 to the National Portrait Gallery and Tate Modern** to do a workshop run by Staff at the Tate and then they saw the infamous **“Crack”**.

### Great London River Race

I am always interested to hear of news and achievements of our pupils outside School and I think it well worth mentioning an achievement of two of our Year 11 students -

**Andrew Chappell and Ben Rutherford**. They both recently participated in the Great London River Race rowing over **22 miles** from **Ham to Greenwich in a “Gig”**, a four-man rowing boat. This feat took approximately four and a half hours. Andrew represented the Leander Sea Scouts and Ben the Ajax Sea Scouts. **Congratulations to them both!**

### Ex Year 11's

I know that many of you are interested to hear about where our last cohort of Year 11 pupils, who left Canbury last Summer, have gone. They are all doing A-Levels or other courses in higher education at the following places: Esher College; Richmond College; Coombe VI Form; Hinchley Wood VI Form, Brooklands College; Guildford College; and Mander, Portman, Woodward College.

### Forthcoming Dates

The half-term holiday begins at 3 35 pm on Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> October and ends at 8 10 am on Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> November. You should have received a copy of this term's calendar via your son/daughter but, in case you have not, I list below the most important dates for your diaries:

<b>Monday</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Y 10 + 11</b>	<b>Business Studies visit to Reuters and West Ferry Printers</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Y 11</b>	<b>Art trip to both Tate Britain and Tate Modern</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup> November</b>	<b>Y 7 + 8</b>	<b>5 30 pm Parents' Evening</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	<b>Y 9</b>	<b>Geography visit to National History Museum</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Y 10 + 11</b>	<b>Senior Cross Country Invitation Meet – Richmond Park</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>29<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Y 7, 8 + 9</b>	<b>Junior Cross Country Invitation Meet – Richmond Park</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> December</b>	<b>Y 11</b>	<b>Mock GCSE Art Exam</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> December</b>	<b>Y 9 + 10</b>	<b>5 30 pm Parents' Evening</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Y 11</b>	<b>Mock GCSE Art Exam</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup> December</b>		<b>7 00 pm Christmas Entertainment</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup> December</b>		<b>7 00 pm Christmas Entertainment</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup> December</b>		<b>11 20 am Final Assembly</b> <b>Midday Term Ends</b>

I wish you and your families a most enjoyable, safe and relaxing half-term holiday.

Yours sincerely,

Robin F Metters