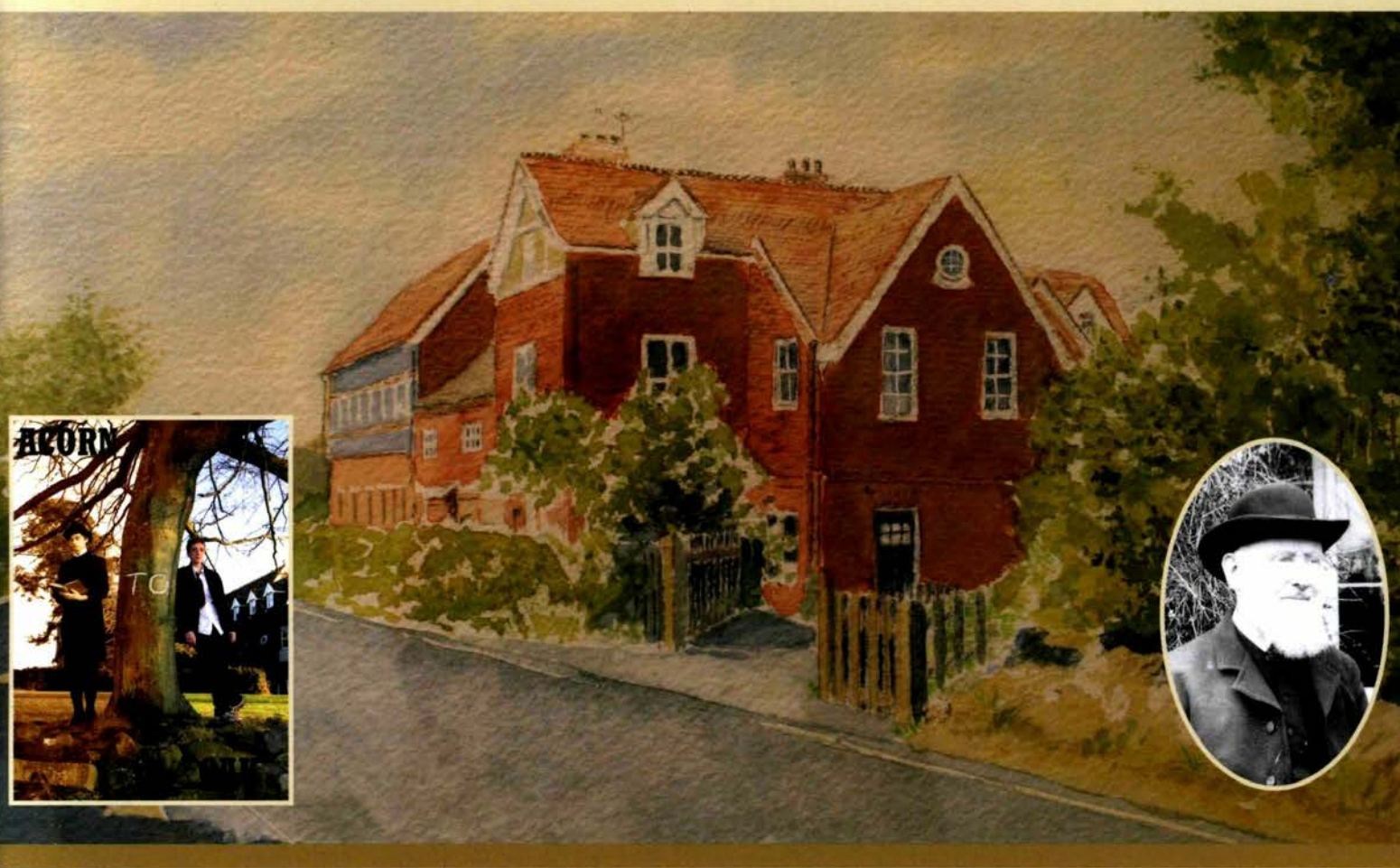




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# Welcome to the Bethanian Magazine

Bethany certainly is an enjoyable and exciting place to live and work. There is never a dull moment! In August I was absolutely thrilled to find that last year's Upper Sixth students had achieved a 99.5% pass rate at 'A' Level, with almost 50% of 'A' Levels being passed at 'A' or 'B' Grade. These statistics were superb. It was pleasing to see the most able getting their straight 'A' Grades, but equally satisfying to see the fine grades secured by some of those who have found academic life more challenging.

Nowhere was this sense of spirit and purpose more clearly reflected than in the School musical production of 'Acorn to Oak', a musical written in-house, with so many pupils of all ages, together with staff and parents working together to achieve a remarkable result.

Remarkable results are one thing, but to achieve this whilst at the same time having a staff and pupil body that is so fully committed to many other, valuable facets of school life, shows that the School is thriving in every sense. The calendar gets bigger each term and hardly an evening passes during term time without some major event or activity taking place on the campus. This is education in the fullest sense and it is what Bethany is all about.

Bethany is a very special community. We are that bit different and proud to be so! Thank you to everyone, the pupils, the parents, the staff, the Governors and the many friends of the School who have worked hard to make Bethany the place it is.

Special thanks must go to Alicia Houghton, our Marketing Manager, and John Cullen from the English Department for putting together this excellent snapshot of the School year.

Happy reading!

Nick Dorey  
Headmaster

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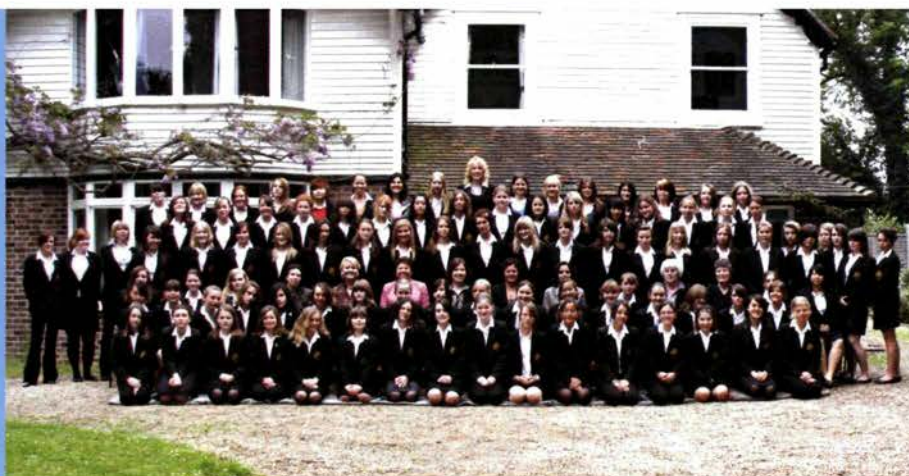
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# Old Poplars

Well, another year has flown by, and what a year! As usual there have been millions of things going on but I'll try and focus on the main events.



We started the year with 29 new girls and probably the most anticipated new arrival was a beautiful baby girl, Mathilda; congratulations to Mr and Mrs Morgan, her proud parents.

While Mrs Morgan was on maternity leave we were delighted to welcome Mr Gregory who did an excellent job replacing Mrs Morgan and we were all very sad to say good-bye to him at the end of the autumn term.

As usual we had our Charities Day in September. Years 7-9 walked around Bawl Water, the senior years did a more challenging cross-country walk and the Lower Sixth got to enjoy (or rather suffer!) a day with the army. We raised an impressive £1,810, half of which we gave to the NSPCC, our chosen charity, and the rest went towards House funds.

In November Mrs Healy took the Monitors out for a meal in Tunbridge Wells, to thank them for their efforts keeping the girls in line and for their hard work helping around the House. It was a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

During the spring term we had the school production, "Acorn to Oak", which told the true story of how Bethany School was founded. A very large number of our girls were involved. Well done to everyone, the performances were amazing. At the end of the summer term the junior production, "Scheherazade" took place and once again a large number of the girls from Years 7-9 performed brilliantly.



To celebrate the end of the school year, Mrs Healy and the tutors organised a mega barbecue and a bouncy castle for us. We were very privileged to have our burgers and sausages cooked for us by Jenny and the boys.

The end of term highlight was a fancy dress Christmas party. The girls certainly strutted their stuff in their many fabulous costumes. There was a prize for each year group and also for the teachers, whose prize was shared between Ms Romero, who came as a reindeer and Mr Gregory, dressed as an elf. It was a great evening with loads of quizzes and games and a good way to mark the end of a successful term.



The evening was an ideal opportunity to say "thank you" to Jean, our trusty tidy cleaner and to Matron for keeping us tidy all year. We also said farewell to Mrs Bailey and Mrs Morgan. Mrs Bailey is retiring after nearly 18 years at Bethany. She has been a valued member of Old Poplars as a tutor and has also given tremendous DLS support to so many of our girls over the years. We hope that she will come back and visit us often. Mrs Morgan is returning to Australia with her family after three years as a tutor in Old Pops. We will all miss her and hope that she will remember her time with us fondly.

I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of all the girls, to thank the tutors for their help and work throughout the year, and especially to thank Mrs Healy, our Housemistress, who manages time and again to make our House a really great place to be.

As the term draws to a close it is time for us to say goodbye. For the Lower Sixth and some Year 11's it's farewell instead of goodbye. For many of the girls, our years in Old Poplars have been a real life changing experience. We have all grown up and now it is time for us to move on. It has been a real honour and joy to have been a part of the Old Poplars' community and I am sure that we will all miss it. Many thanks to all the girls for making it such a great place to be!

*Laurie Tack  
Head of House 2007-08*



# Todmans



The new school year at Todmans started with our active induction day. We were pleased to welcome the new Year 7 and Year 8 boys, all of whom seemed to thrive during the orienteering and team building activities sparking the beginning of many lasting friendships.

It wasn't long before many of the boys settled in to life in Todmans and with the guidance and help of the year 8 students and House Captains, routines were swiftly established.

The annual charity walk took place at Bedgebury Forest for the first time this year and was an outstanding success. The boys continued their teamwork by raising well over £1000; half of which has been donated to Kent Air Ambulance, a worthy cause. The Poppy Appeal was the next beneficiary of the Todmans' students' generosity in November as the house raised just over £100.



The term was picking up pace and the Todmans' Christmas party was soon upon us. It was a fantastic night with 50 boys attending. There were fun games and superb prizes and the obligatory, traditional Christmas dinner (the first of many!!).



As well as revelling in the festivities, we sadly had to say goodbye to Mrs Head and Miss Saunders who were leaving at the end of the Autumn term. They have already been greatly missed as both contributed significantly to life in Todmans providing excellent pastoral care to their tutees.

At the start of the new year it was time to welcome Miss Nixon and Miss Rayner. They soon got into the swing of things, developing firm relationships with their tutees and contributing to the smooth running of Todmans. House assemblies were always interesting and this year the boys have covered many topics including countries, aspirations and the five Cs: communication, consideration, care, courtesy and cooperation.

Parents' day gave the House the chance to raise some more money for the learning resource centre in Todmans. Enough was raised to purchase some twenty reading books as well as worthy donations towards two brand new laptops. The Todmans hog roast was greatly appreciated by the 100 or so parents who attended the day and this gave them the opportunity to socialise with staff and other parents.



At the end of the school year we held our summer barbecue party, which this year included a bungee run, inflatable boxing and gladiator combat. The weather smiled upon us to create a superb evening with nearly all the Todmans' boys in attendance. After the burgers and sausages, it was time to say goodbye to two more of Todmans' tutors: Mr Keeling and Mrs Alder. Both will be sorely missed.

Overall it has been a very rewarding, enjoyable and exhausting year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the Todmans' tutors for their help in making this year a very successful one. Thanks must go also to the House Captains: George Allen, Hamish Price, Max Townley and Tom Greenhill. To all those leaving Todmans this year, thank you and good luck in your new Houses or schools.

*Mr C. Bingham*



# The Mount



The year began with an unusual announcement; there were to be two Heads of House, Winston Campbell and Mark Clifford; us! Chris Hangartner was appointed Deputy Head.

We were pleased to welcome new members to the Mount boarding community. Mathew Beattie, George Holker, Tom Difford, Ollie Donovan, Christian Langner, from Germany and Dan Wright, who converted from being a Kendonite, perfectly understandable! These new characters soon contributed to the excitement and buzz that was noticeable as soon as you entered the house, and that you could feel (and see!) as soon as you entered the common room.

The Charities walk was once again held on a sunny day, with Years 10-11 walking around the local Kent countryside, some of the Year 12's participated in the Army Experience, where they were ordered by drill sergeants to perform long and arduous exercises, while the Year 9's enjoyed a long but leisurely walk around Bewl. From the money raised we were able to make a sizeable donation to our chosen charity, Rainbow Kidz.

Towards the end of term the monitors had a wonderful three course meal with the first lady (well, she does live in the White house...), which included homemade lasagne and, most importantly, homemade Banoffee pie! Later in the term, breaking from tradition, the boarders decided to go to the Marden Tandoori, instead of



having the usual feast of Chinese take-away. This led to the beginning of a new tradition; the chilli eating competition! This was fun at the time, but afterwards we really started to feel the heat! The meal was followed by the infamous Mount sketches, 'Bricks' being particularly memorable this year. It was an enjoyable evening, full of laughs.

At the end of the autumn term we bid farewell to Christian Langner. He had arrived knowing no one, but returned to Germany knowing everyone and leaving us all with fond memories of his stay.

After Christmas we soon got back into our old routines. After school we went down to the sports hall to play football and we were also able to make use of the new Astroturf. Of course the term brought with it the pressures of a variety of internal and public exams. All the boarders enjoyed a really fun, formal dinner at the end of term, which included a magician and several rounds of quizzes. The monitors also went to Cosmo Chinese restaurant with Mr Khan and Mr Briggs. This coincided with Chris Hangartner's birthday which he celebrated by attempting to sample the entire menu!

We started the summer term with a Sixth Form BBQ in Mr. Khan's garden,

with a break from tradition in so far as last years' monitors were also invited. This was a very mellow evening, with much speculation as to who next year's Head of House might be!

Later in the term we had a barbecue for all the Mount boarders and staff members and, of course, a 45ft assault course, which we managed to recreate the Mount house photo on! The evening was filled with excitement and thrills as races, battle royals, and mass competitions were held on the assault course/battlefield/race course. Congratulations to George Holker, who eventually won the 'quickest time' competition.

So that's all the serious stuff, now for all the gossip ... Much as we'd love to divulge all the secrets, it's probably best if we keep them to ourselves, but rest assured there's a lot!!

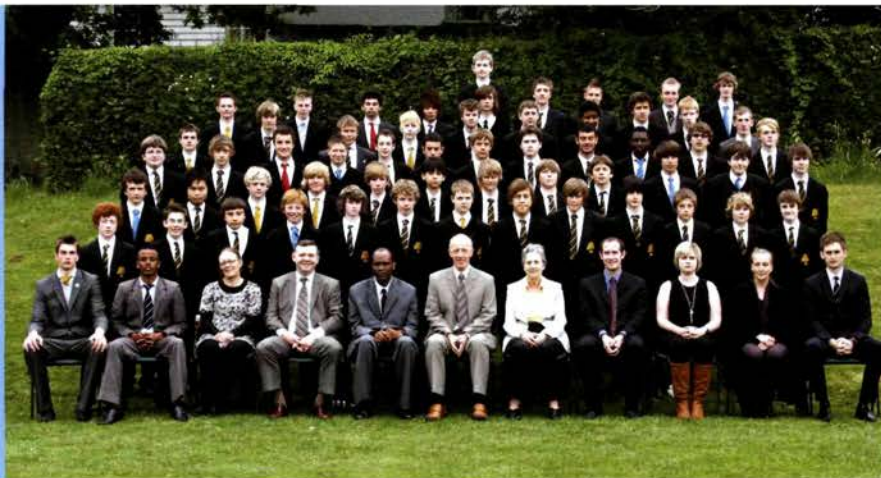
Finally, thanks to Matron and Joyce, goodbye and thanks to Mr Turner and Mr Paine, and hello to Mr Payne. Thanks, of course, to Mr Khan and Mr Briggs and all our Tutors. We leave the Mount in good spirits, with great memories, and will return!

*Mount Heads of House, Winston Campbell & Mark Clifford*



# Kendon

The first big event of the year was “Charities Day”, a chance for everyone to mix informally whilst strolling through the Kent countryside.



Year 9's went off to Bewl Water, the sixth formers were dispatched to an army training camp while everyone else went for a stroll, with lunch by the pond in Goudhurst and then a meander back to school. This raised vital funds for the House and our chosen charities.

School events dominated the rest of the term but Christmas saw us invading Cosmo in Tunbridge Wells for a well earned feast and then off to the cinema. Matron, Mrs Fox, was heavily pregnant at this time and we Kendonites were preparing our goodbye to our cool, hip matron. Shortly after Christmas we wished her well. However, Matron's son Edward was not the only new arrival. As the year unfolded Kendon turned into a crèche with two more new arrivals swelling our ranks! Mrs Vickerman, gave birth to Charlie, and Mr and Mrs Thomas also had a son, Kudzai. We welcomed them all to the House and will make sure that they enjoy the full Kendon experience. Many congratulations to all the proud new parents from everyone in Kendon!



With the departure of our old matron our new super matron arrived, Mrs Roberts, and she has certainly made a big impression after only a short amount of time.

Teamwork was the key that led to another successful year for the House on the footballing front with Kendon retaining the inter house cup. A stunning victory against Chelsea and the other Pengelly pro's: no extra time or penalties this year, just a straight 3:2 victory. Thanks must go to Mike Churchill in goal, Chris Levett who opened the scoring for us, Sam Elobeid who managed the team and organised the kit and, of course, the rest of the squad who gave their all. Support was not only

vocal but very active. Yet again, the underdogs prevailed, keeping Kendon's flag flying high for the second year in a row. A post match feast was enjoyed by players, supporters and guests alike.

On Parents' Day we just beat last year's record fund raising efforts and were able to support Kent Air Ambulance and British Humanitarian Aid, as well as boosting house funds.



The atmosphere generated by all in Kendon this year has given everyone a chance to flourish in their particular speciality, be it academic, sporting, musical, dramatic or as a personality. Some of our Year 11's will be returning to the Sixth Form next year to guide and encourage those fortunate enough to join Kendon next year. We hope they all like their food and trips to the cinema!

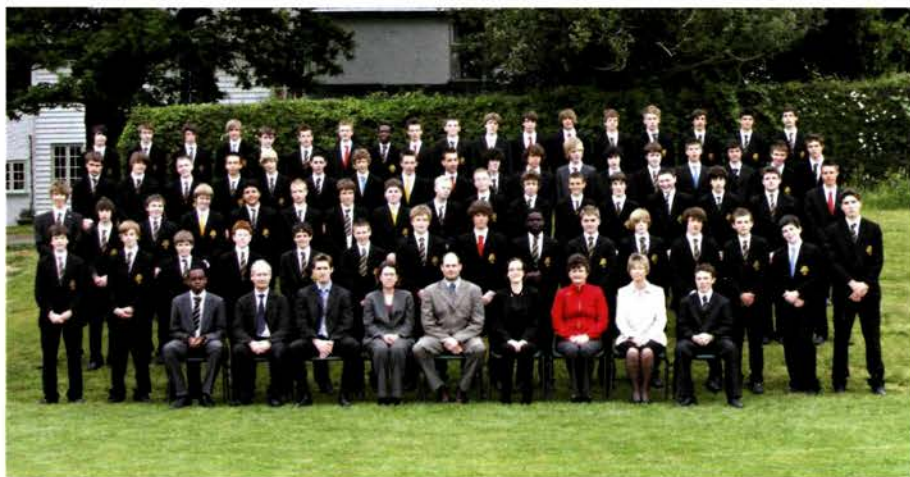
We all look forward to following the successes of 2007-2008 with even more next year. We are on a roll!

*John Arch, Sam Elobeid, Oliver Hindle, Tom Lloyd*





# Pengelly



As the year comes to an end, we can look back and definitely say that it has been filled with excitement and drama. It seems fitting, then, that we share with you some of the highs and lows that we have experienced in Pengelly this year.

As usual we started with the appointment of the Head and Deputy Head of House, Daniel Clifford and Joseph Dougan respectively. The team of monitors was then formed, with the new members of the House (Harry Huntington, Nick Panfilov and Tom Dixon) fitting seamlessly into the Pengelly community.

Sadly, soon after the term began, tragedy struck. Our beloved "1950's high definition TV" took its own life, mysteriously jumping off its high shelf. Soon, the TV was replaced, but the original will always have a special place in our hearts. In previous years, the fashion of gaming within the House had faded, but was soon revived. The likes of Harry Huntington and Hussein Lamptey continued the gaming saga, squaring up for combat for the prize of being crowned the Pro Evolution Soccer king.

The long winter nights limited our outdoor activities and forced the boarders into a state of near hibernation. This allowed greater bonding in the House with the new students coming out of their shells. Tom Dixon and Nick Panfilov added new humour with their sarcasm and jokes which had everyone in stitches at times. The end of term was rapidly approaching, but there would always be time to fit in a paintball trip to Delta-Force near Sevenoaks. The day began with the usual individual who thought they were the ultimate soldier and had the experience of fighting for their country, only to experience the sensation of being shot over and over again! The day was thrilling, with high amounts of adrenalin making you feel invincible. Time flies when you are having fun and that was certainly true that day. We all had an incredible time.



Soon the spring term arrived and the main activity was Pengelly football on the astro. This always resulted in Joseph Dougan and Tom Dixon going head to head and Hussein Lamptey complaining that the weather was too cold for a human to play in!

With the summer term came a new exchange student, Leander Lechner. He was welcomed into the House and we soon found some of his comments very entertaining. However, as the weeks went by, thoughts of the 9th Kendon – Pengelly football match popped up more frequently. On paper it appeared that the legends of Pengelly would once again make their mark on this big occasion. The skilful tricks of James Ashton and Joseph Dougan curling the ball into the top corner from a penalty got the crowd really excited, but the unexpected goal in the last minute lost the game for Pengelly. The highly rated youngsters have the potential to regain the trophy next year, which has been greatly missed in the past two years.

The end of the summer term saw everyone getting involved in Parents' Day, with Richard Mills, George Palmer and Zak Bredin putting their bodies on the line as keepers in the penalty shootout stall. Patrick Watsham, Ben Smith and Charlie Watson got stuck in at the BBQ stand, flipping more burgers than they can remember!

The final thing that we would like to add is our "thank you's". Huge thanks to Mrs Kirk, for her two years as an Assistant in Pengelly. Thank you for putting up with all the grief that we might have caused you and both you, and your intriguing discussions, will be greatly missed. Thanks, too, to all the Housestaff, Tutors, Matron and everyone else who has helped us throughout this enjoyable year.

*Daniel Clifford and Joseph Dougan*



# The Orchard



Well that's it for 2008, and it's time for us to move on! We have had a wonderful year packed with numerous events such as the Bonfire Night party, BBQs, theatre visits, and of course, Film and Pizza nights.

This year, the girls outnumbered the boys in the boarding house, so instead of the Orchard being known as a 'boys' house with a couple of girls in it', it was a 'girls' house with a couple of boys in it. However, although the boys were outnumbered, they still found ways to make their presence felt!

In the autumn term the prefects enjoyed their annual prefects' dinner to celebrate and thank them for all their hard work. The theme of the party was the letter 'P' so there were several pirates, a priest, a parrot, a couple of Pink Ladies from Greece, and we even had our very own Saudi Arabian prince! It was a thoroughly enjoyable evening, which allowed many to relax and let their hair down.



The summer term saw the departure of Mr Paine, our third house assistant. It also signified the start of exam season, during which most of us cracked down to some hard work and revision in order to achieve the grades we needed. It was stressful



while it lasted, but we were all rewarded with a champagne breakfast and a Leavers' Ball at the end of June, which proved to be a fun filled and emotional occasion.

I personally cannot believe that the time has come for so many of us to move on from Bethany and enter the big, wide world, without the support of so many of the staff that we have here in Bethany. I would like to specially thank Angie and Beatie for being so wonderful and cleaning up after us in the House. Thank you too to Mrs James for being a brilliant matron. I am sure that without her many of us would not have known how to iron our own clothes or even wash them for that matter. Also thank you to Mrs Gale and Mrs. Presland for bearing with the sleepless nights they have occasionally endured and thank you for the numerous runs you have both made to Marden or Staplehurst stations to rescue the more disorganised among us.



On behalf of my peers I would like to say a huge thank you to all the tutors and staff who have been such a tremendous help to us during our time at the School.

In conclusion I would like to say thank you to all the pupils in the younger years and my fellow housemates for making my time at Bethany so enjoyable. I wish everyone success in the future and pray that we all achieve our dreams and goals.

A final goodbye to a place I will never forget. Thank you all.

*Elfriede Kormawa, Head of House*



# Enterprise at Bethany

## Young Enterprise

Two companies and a record 24 members of the Lower Sixth took on the Young Enterprise challenge this year. 'Alpha' and 'Bulldog' sold shares to investors, elected functional directors and held weekly board meetings, very much in the same way that a real business might run. Bethany also hosted the main YE company competition for the Ashford area, as well as an Entrepreneurship Masterclass in the summer.



Bulldog's main product was colour coded wristbands. They also ran a silent auction in the summer term and gave half of the proceeds from this, £91, to Kent Air Ambulance and also paid a 20% dividend to shareholders. They competed with great enthusiasm in the March company competition and certainly put on a very memorable presentation. The main lesson they learnt from the scheme was that if not all the team are willing to contribute, not only does this affect the work that those members were supposed to do, but it also affects the other members' morale. Ed Nash, who took over as Managing Director of Bulldog in the Spring Term commented, "Although we were disheartened when some members of the company decided to leave, this did give us the opportunity to organise ourselves more effectively. The Scheme has taught us a good deal about business life and its ups and downs, but the most important lesson learned was that of being committed to something". Bulldog certainly moved on from the challenges it faced and finished the scheme strongly.

Alpha had a range of products including Christmas gifts, Valentine's roses and Bethany engraved silverware. They also hosted a "Rage in the Cage" football tournament and sold signed memorabilia on Speech Day, which was particularly successful. They were able to pay themselves healthy wages, their shareholders a 50% dividend, and made a donation to charity. Everyone present will remember their presentation at the company competition, particularly Sam and Winston's entrance and many present felt the company was extremely unlucky not to win overall. Alpha's Managing Director, Sam Elobeid said, "We came up with the slogan "The first in business", however, we soon came to realise that there is a huge gap between planning something and actually carrying it out. We also learnt about the importance of being adaptable as not everything goes according to plan. Overall we had a great year. Yes, we made mistakes but we learnt from them and improved and we were very proud at being able to support the "Rainbow Kidz" charity."



## Young Enterprise Public Speaking

Sam Elobeid also represented Alpha in the YE public speaking competition in February.



He spoke superbly about housing in the South East, winning against strong opposition. He then went on to the County final in Maidstone, where he was pipped at the post. However, it was a great experience for Sam that will no doubt come in useful in the future.

## Entrepreneurship Masterclass



Late in the summer term all Lower Sixth pupils took part in an "Entrepreneurship Masterclass" event, run by Young Enterprise and hosted at Bethany. Two visiting schools also participated. Guest speakers included Marc Lemezma, a business psychologist and professional magician, Simon Loveridge, a local entrepreneur who has set up many businesses and invested in many more, and Graham Webb MBE, a Kent Ambassador and international entrepreneur. There were also a series of workshops and the day was enjoyed by all who attended.

## Business Issues

Finally, on Thursday afternoons a small group of GCSE pupils met to discuss current "Business Issues", such as the dominance of Tesco, the ethics of importing from China and the content of this year's budget.

*Mr A Khan  
Head of Student Enterprise*



# Pengelly Society Report

**The Society began on a high note this year with the return visit of local historian Mr. Bill Ogley. Using his most recent book as a starting point, Mr. Ogley spoke to a full house about the twentieth century history of Kent.**

There was a great deal of interest. For example, with many members of the Society in the process of starting to drive, it was interesting to learn of the history of the automobile in the county. Evidently in 1894 there was only one car owner in Kent and that was the mayor of Tunbridge Wells. How things have changed!

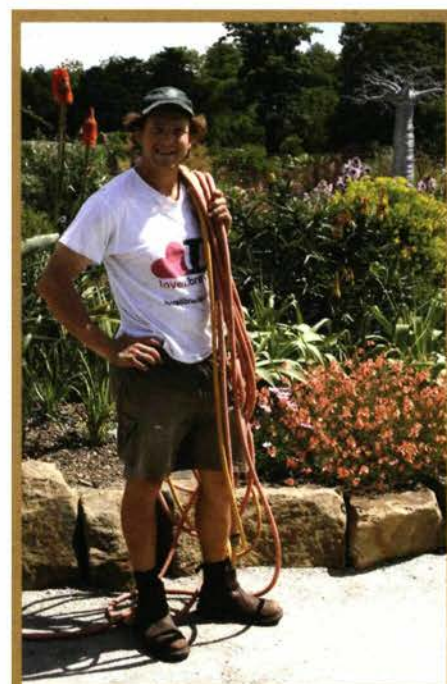
Mr. Ogley also spoke of the many well-known people who have close associations with the county. He mentioned authors such as Edith Nesbitt who wrote "The Railway Children", sportsmen such as Malcolm Campbell and, more recently, Mick Jagger who used to sell ice creams outside Dartford Library.



Mr. Lennox Cato is the Chairman of the British Antique Dealers' Association. When he spoke to the Society he did more than just explain the basics of the antiques world. He also brought with him various objects. These included tea chests, an unusual plate bucket and a matching set of tables and chairs all of which were exquisitely crafted. This meeting was followed by an exceptionally lengthy question and answer session during which it became clear that the audience had been as much impressed by Mr. Cato's entrepreneurial skills as they had by his knowledge of valuable items of furniture.

Mr. John Hare was the Society's next speaker on the 11th October. Supported by captivating images, Mr. Hare described the plight of the wild Bactrian Camel. This is the double-humped camel that is able to survive in the salty conditions of the Gobi Desert. It is now critically endangered and Mr. Hare is a founder member of the Wild Camel Protection Foundation which is dedicated to conserving these creatures of the Chinese wilderness.

The 220th meeting of the Society saw another return visit; that of Mr. Mike Trueman, an experienced mountaineer, who has led several expeditions in the Himalayas and to Mount Everest. It was felt that his presentation would be particularly inspiring to many of the seasoned Duke of Edinburgh candidates in the audience as well as fascinating everyone present with his breath-taking images of the so-called "Death Zone" through which climbers must pass to reach the summit of Everest.



The 222nd meeting took place on 24th April and the guest speaker was Mr. Tom Hart Dyke, designer and caretaker of "The World Garden" at Luddingstone Castle. Mr. Hart Dyke's talk focussed on his passion for all things floral – particularly the orchid. For many this had appeal. However, his account of being kidnapped by anti-government rebels whilst he was journeying through the Darien Gap in Panama intrigued everybody present and brought to an end another very successful year in the Society's 37 year history.

*Ross Marshall - Secretary*



## Winner of the Hunter Essay Prize

### How has the new Labour Government started?

Simon Perry – Year 12

As Gordon Brown and his cabinet look back over the last 246 days in power since 27th June 2007, they might feel they have endured a series of unfortunate events and sense the days of support for the new Labour government appear to be numbered.

However before we examine these ill-fated affairs we shall observe Gordon Brown's political history. From 1997 to 2007 he served as Chancellor of the Exchequer under Tony Blair and was largely credited for his work in this position as he obtained three major achievements within this post. Firstly, the UK recorded its longest period of economic growth, the Bank of England became independent and Gordon Brown delivered on an agreement for poverty and climate change in the G8 summit of 2005. In addition to these achievements he became the longest serving chancellor since Nicholas Vonsittort in the early 19th century. With these political credentials achieved through his position as Chancellor, the public viewed Gordon Brown as a competent, safe and dependable individual, an ideal candidate if he were to become Prime Minister. Therefore, when the Labour Party looked for a new leader when Tony Blair announced he would be stepping down from his position as Prime Minister, Gordon Brown was voted in by the majority of the party members to replace him.

When Gordon Brown took the position as Prime Minister on 27th June 2007 with a new cabinet they began well and dealt with the arising issues of the summer floods, terrorism and foot and mouth effectively and this new government's image was positive. The British public's perception of Gordon Brown was of a man in control, directing operations and showing strong leadership. This constituted the honeymoon period when any Prime Minister comes to power. This quickly dissipated with the somewhat clumsy way Alastair Darling (Chancellor of the Exchequer) tried to emulate his predecessor's achievements. This began with the capital gains tax new proposals in the pre budget report in October 2007.

This was received with fierce criticism by the majority of the business sector in the UK as many small businesses and entrepreneurs would be affected. However the government went back on this and devised a new plan. Darling in his first proposal was attempting to clamp down on big city bonuses, however he was viewed as politically clumsy as he had not thought of the entire consequences on other individuals within the business sector in the UK. In addition Darling further angered the business sector with his proposals of the non-domicile tax, where foreign people who worked in the UK, but haven't declared their earnings would be taxed £30,000 unless they declared their earnings to the government. This proposal received much criticism as it was argued this would give foreign people no incentive to stay within the UK.

The largest issue this new Labour government have had to deal with though has been the Northern Rock crisis. This occurred when the bank found existing lines of credit had disappeared after the collapse of the US sub prime market and banks became nervous to lend to one another. Therefore the markets seized up and the bank found it difficult to borrow. This term is referred to as liquidity. This led to Northern Rock applying for a loan from the Bank of England and this was accepted by Alastair Darling. This loan was important as it allowed Northern Rock to continue trading and the UK banking system to be stable. However when news of Northern Rock's financial problems reached the public, up to £4 billion was withdrawn in savings as there was fear the bank could go into administration. Consequently, the government assured people who had money in the bank that it would be safe as they would underwrite the assets of the bank. Alastair Darling then announced that the government would review options open for the bank such as selling the bank to private organisations or nationalisation. The government decided the bank would be nationalised for a temporary period to ensure the bank's long term stability. The bank would eventually be sold when "market conditions improve" This was described by Robert Peston, BBC business editor as the "biggest decision made yet by the Prime Minister". The government received criticism and praise with their dealings in this process. They received

criticism for "dithering" too long on many key decisions, but received praise for acting in a controlled and authoritative manner with the bank's crisis.

The new Labour government also received many embarrassing blunders in government departments such as the loss of child benefit data. In this case two discs which held personal details of all the families in the UK with children under 16 "vanished". Overall 25 million people were affected and 7.25 million families. The Conservative Party referred to this as a "catastrophic" failure. In addition this loss of data undermined the government's intention to launch national identity cards, as this loss of data undermined the system they had in place to store data.

There was also much embarrassment surrounding the proposed Autumn elections by the UK media. With the success of the way the government had dealt with foot and mouth, the summer floods, terrorism and so forth, the media believed he was in a position to call autumn elections until he ruled this out on 6th October 2007. This was viewed as an embarrassment for Brown by many as he appeared to be about to call one but public opinion turned against him for dithering and many felt he lost his nerve, which damaged his public image.

In conclusion I personally believe the new Labour government headed by Gordon Brown has been successful to a certain extent with issues such as foot and mouth, terrorism and summer floods. However several key figures within the Cabinet including Peter Haine and Alastair Darling have strived to damage this government's perceived competence. In addition Gordon Brown's public image does not benefit the Labour Party as he is often viewed as a poor communicator as well as his presentational skills being wooden and un-energetic. One such example of this was demonstrated in an interview by Ed Stourton in the "Today Programme" on Radio 4, when he asked Gordon Brown, "Are you enjoying it?" with the verbose response being "I am well aware of all the difficult issues and trying to make the best of it". This illustrates poor political narrative when he could have so simply replied "Yes". Brown's poor presentational skills and seeming inability to connect with the issues of the day, stand in stark contrast with those of his predecessor, and may yet be his Achilles' heel in the next general election.



# Winner of the C.A.R.E. Essay Prize

## Scarlett Fever

Juliet Alcaraz – Year 10

"I tried to call. I promise. My phone ran out of credit. It's your fault you didn't pick up!" said Scarlett.

"Yes, of course. Blame it on your phone. Never your fault is it?"

"You got it. You turn everything back on me. You're meant to be my mum, yet you weren't here to take my call. Then you think it's clever to say it's my fault, even though I wasted my money to tell you I'm okay...like you even care."

"Don't be stupid, I'm stressed out enough with your dad."

"Your marital problems aren't my fault, mum. Get over it or maybe you should just leave. It would be better for all of us," said Scarlett menacingly.

She opened the door of the kitchen and stormed up the stairs to her room. Things went flying as she passed. She slammed her bedroom door and promised herself never to talk to that woman ever again.

Scarlett and her family often argue - her parents especially. As soon as her dad got home from work they would start. Scarlett just wanted to run away at these times. She had a few times before, but only to try and shock her parents into being normal. The first time it sort of worked but after a few days it was back to fighting every day. The second time she ran away, her parents were fuming and she felt like they didn't care one bit. They never failed to tell her how much of a disappointment she was at school and how she never made any effort. Scarlett made a sound of weariness as she switched off her lamp and rolled over to go to sleep.

"Shut up! I'll be down in a minute. Eugh! You're such an idiot sometimes!" shouted Scarlett down the stairs at her mum. Even though Scarlett had vowed never to talk to her, it was hard not to when she was being so annoying. Her mum hadn't stopped moaning since she got up.

"Why can't she just leave me alone?" thought Scarlett angrily.

She arrived at her school in an increasingly bad mood. All her friends thought she was ignoring them. In reality, she was just consumed with anger for her home life. Everyone else seems to have loving, caring, laid-back parents. She knew this wasn't the case all the time but it certainly seemed like it.

"Hey Cass!" shouted Scarlett to her best friend excitedly.

"Oh, hey...you alright?" she asked in a bored voice.

"Yeah thanks. I'm great," lied Scarlett.

How was your holiday?" asked Scarlett.

"It was great. I made loads of new friends. They're really cool. I almost forgot about this stupid place," said Cassie impressively. Scarlett didn't really care about these so-called "friends" especially as she saw neither hide nor hair of them most of the time.

"Mmm...okay. I'd better get off to my first lesson. See you later," said Scarlett exasperated.

"Oh, hi Vicky. Hey Alice. I've missed you two so much. Being away from school where your best friends are is horrible, isn't it?" Cassie said while hugging them both in turn.

"And how was Tenerife? You're so lucky you got to miss school!" said Alice.

"It really wasn't anything special, I was with my family," moaned Cassie. She pretended to snore and both her friends laughed. Scarlett meanwhile made a fuss of looking for her maths book in her bag and overheard the whole conversation. It was like Cassie was two different people sometimes. Scarlett gathered up her things and made her way to maths, seething with anger.

It was lunchtime and Scarlett automatically went to where Cassie's lesson was ending. She waited as everyone filed out of the classroom.

"Cass?" questioned Scarlett, as Cassie walked straight past her.

"She can't have heard me," thought Scarlett frantically.

"She can't have heard me," she thought again. She quickened her step to catch up with her. "Cass? Cassie? Cassandra! Hey, answer me," Scarlett carried on shouting after her but she just carried on walking and then stopped to give Scarlett the dirtiest look she had ever been given. Scarlett felt her eyes well up and her throat go dry. What had she done wrong? But more importantly, what had those two stupid girls Alice and Vicky done right? She ran as fast as she could to the girls' bathrooms, locked herself in a cubicle and cried. She didn't go to lunch, nor her first lesson or any of her lessons.

The bell rang for the end of school and Scarlett looked in the mirror. It was obvious she had been crying.

"Scarlett, is that you? Because if it is, I'm having words with you!"

"Mum I'm not in the mood right now. Just please leave me alone for once," wailed Scarlett up the stairs.

"No, I will not. I got a call from the school earlier. They said you didn't go to any of your lessons this afternoon. Is that true?"

"So what if it is? It's only one afternoon."

"I can't believe you sometimes. You're grounded this weekend and I don't care

what you say, I'm not changing my mind."

"Why are you so nasty to me? You don't understand what I'm going through, all you care about is yourself and attempting to make something out of your joke of a marriage."

"That's it! You're grounded for a whole month and I'm confiscating your phone."

"What? You complete and utter..."

"And I'm taking your TV and you're not allowed on the computer for two months."

Scarlett ran up the stairs with her phone and called Cassie.

"Hello? It's Scarlett."

"Oh right, what do you want?"

"Why did you ignore me earlier?"

"I didn't, you're so sensitive sometimes, it's really annoying."

"Cass?"

"Yes."

"Are we still best friends? I mean you seem to hate me at the moment. You're always with Alice and Vicky, I don't really get a look in."

"Scarlett! You foul child," Scarlett's mum came in and snatched her phone.

"Mum, no!" cried Scarlett, "NO!" Scarlett's mum trod on the phone and twisted the heel of her boot across the screen. She walked out. Suddenly Scarlett realised that now she had no way of contacting Cassie. She was grounded for the foreseeable future and she had no means of saying she couldn't come round that afternoon. Scarlett sat in her room that night listening to the sounds of cars going past her house. Sounds of cats screeching. She also heard something that would change her life.

"Joanne, our marriage isn't a marriage anymore. I don't love you. My heart's not in this family. We could never be a normal family. Scarlett's not my daughter, never has been and never will be."

"Don't do this to me, Mark. I can't cope with her." With that Scarlett's dad - if she could call him that anymore - turned on his heel and left for good.

Scarlett had heard last night when her dad came back in the middle of the night, that he was having an affair. Her parents shouted for hours as they always had.

There was nothing for it. Scarlett had to leave and she wasn't coming back. She packed a small bag with money and essentials. She crept down the stairs and slowly turned the key in the door. She took one last night at her house and stopped to listen to her mother cry. She ran out into the darkness and out across the road. This is the quickest way to Cassie's house ...

She thought she saw light.

She heard screeching.

She felt herself break.



This year pupils were invited to write some “mini sagas”. The idea is to write, in no more than fifty words, a story encompassing a beginning, a middle and an end. Thank you to Freddie Hulbert and Matthew Webb for the illustrations.

### Ice Cold Water

Matt was in ice cold water. He was hoping someone would rescue him but no one answered his frantic calls. He started to panic splashing wildly in the water. Then he gave up splashing and in the middle of the night he gently froze to death. He will be remembered.

*Jordan Monks – Year 7*

### Tiny Visitor

I was sitting on a wall when a spaceship landed by my feet. It was three inches tall with flashing lights. A man got out and walked away. I was amazed and I followed him to a big house. He rang the doorbell and went in. Brrrrrring! I woke up!

*Emma Penney – Year 7*

### The Park

I stepped through the gate. Everyone was shouting and screaming with delight. I could hear the creaking of the swings and the squeaking as the youngsters slid down the slides. The sun was shining so brightly that the silver poles were dazzling. It was blinding.

*Au-Nais Fort – Year 7*



### My First Football Match

The date was March 30th 2002. I was going to see West Ham vs Ipswich at Upton Park – cheering on the Hammers. As we were going through the turnstiles the smell of pie and mash wafted through the air. The final score was West Ham 3 Ipswich 1. “Come on you Irons!”

*Bud Hedges – Year 7*

### Night

My eye-lids drooped. I was tired but not able to sleep. There was a shadow. My room started to spin. Voices saying, “Close your eyes, John. Hurry, hurry!” Then there was a flash of light and a voice creepy and deep, “I’m gonna get you.” Then my vision went black.

*Nic Baxter – Year 7*

### What the ... ?

There was a dark, whining sound. A sound so sharp that it made me quiver. I got out of my bed and looked into the darkness. Then something moved – getting closer. A light shone on me and suddenly I fell backwards with a crash. What had I seen?

*Billy Daus – Year 7*



### The Room

I was alone in the dark, cold room. The only sound a tap dripping. The only light a glistening moon. I was going to the tap but there was blood all over the floor ... and on my hands ... and on the tap! I knew then I did not feel alone ...

*Theresa Brattle – Year 7*

### English Room

I was sitting in the English Room wondering what we were going to learn today. Then the teacher said “Stop talking!” The room went silent. Then the teacher said, “Today, class, we are going to write a story in not more than fifty words.”

*Sebastian Hewitson – Year 7*

### The Streets

Walking through the streets it was silent. I was shivering with the wind blowing against my face. It was starting to go dark and then, in the blink of an eye, the sun was gone and I was finding it hard to walk to the other side.

*Au-Nais Fort – Year 7*

### Blackness

The sky is black with one shining star. It’s flickering then gone and all is black. There’s a howling noise barely able to be heard. Then I hear a scream, a screech, a weird laugh and then I see it. A big red-eyed wolf. Then all is black for good.

*Nic Baxter – Year 7*

### Jack’s Escape

Jack ran like the wind, blood pouring from under his right eye from the cut the glass gave him. He leapt over the wall, running from the people out to kill him. He stopped. He felt the hot steel bullet break through his flesh. He dropped dead on the concrete.

*Charlie Barrett – Year 8*

### My Headmistress!

The caves around me echoed with the sound of the constant drip of water. The air was humid with a musty odour hanging around. I looked around and saw what I had been dreading all the time I had been down in these dark, damp caves ...

... My Headmistress was back!

*Max Foot – Year 8*

### Behind Enemy Lines

Before I knew it I was in the army and jumping out of a plane. Then I was told I was on my own with only emergency supplies and my M4 carbine gun and with enemy soldiers closing in. My only feeling is complete and absolute fear.

*Hamish Price – Year 8*

### The Zombies

The zombies are coming to get us. If they find us they will eat us. I can hear noises. Noises above us in the vents. We have barred the doors. We cannot get out. We have no weapons. They are moving in the vents. No, please. No, NO!

*James Creighton – Year 8*



### Unexpected Comeback

Murray v. Gasquet. Wimbledon. A match to get into the quarters. Gasquet, playing well wins first and second sets. Third set tense. It’s a tie-break! Murray wins it! Murray’s amazing. He wins the fourth set. Playing great tennis Murray wins the fifth set and the match. What a great comeback!

*Tom Fisher – Year 8*



## An Unusual Day

Dave is a normal person but with a difference – he has no family and no life. This day was different from all the others. He arrived back at work to find no-one there. The streets were also empty. He pinched himself. He was awake alright and it was all just beginning .....

*Jonathan Whittome – Year 8*

## Embarrassment

“Tom Greenhill, please come to the front of the stage. You have won the prize for the best History poster,” the Headmaster said. As I got out of my chair everyone began to laugh. My trousers were around my ankles and I was wearing pink underwear. It was terrible!

*Tom Greenhill – Year 8*

## My Wife

My wife is dead. She has already begun to rot. Her eyes are open and bloodshot. Her face is covered in blood. A huge cut gapes open on her head where the awe once lay. The police look at me and then at the person who was once my wife.

*Charlotte Bainbridge – Year 9*

## A Different World

I enter a different world. This world is torn apart from reality and from what is all in my mind. My thoughts tell me that everything is normal but my feelings differ. Something is watching me, something is here. It jumps, I turn, it stabs. This is where I end.

*Conrad Cserjen – Year 9*

## Dreams

A dark hole opens up beneath me. I tumble into a pile of fallen leaves. I hear mumbled whispers, laughter and chants. A group of beautiful spirits are dancing around a roaring bonfire under a full moon. I feel so drawn to them. Am I one of their kind?

*Bethan Gadd – Year 9*

## Heart of Water

I had been training for six weeks. I loved swimming. It was the night of the championship finals and the night of my future. I was shaking as I got onto the block. My throat went dry. I was choking on my breath. The starting gun shot.

*Holly Stevens – Year 9*



## Darkness

As I stand on the verge of this bridge, I think about my existence thus far and the motivation that brought me to this moment in time. My life starts with depression and will conclude with depression. I was born depressed, I live depressed, now I'm going to die depressed.

*Pia Hitchcox – Year 9*

## Depression

He drugged slowly back up that well-worn path as so many others like him had done. The salt from the spray stung his cheeks and mingled with his tears. A shaft of old gold sunlight broke through the thick leaden clouds and glinted on the water and he jumped.

*Henry Hume-Kendall – Year 9*

## Life's Lesson Not Learnt

People always talked to me. I knew I was the popular one so I listened to make myself feel special. But one day I didn't listen to them and that day I lost my life. Now I know what they were saying, “Be careful, don't forget to look . . .”

*Charlie Watson – Year 9*

## Dead Risen

The world gets emptier. Each day, each month, the species of humans are dying out from the virus. There are dead haunting the cities, our villages, the end of the world is coming!

The dead conquer our lives and destroy us as if we were voodoo dolls.

*Joe Reddy – Year 9*

## The Fire

George had just finished his last year of primary school and he couldn't wait to get home for the summer. As he walked along he saw a thick plume of smoke floating in the air. He rounded the corner and his house was on fire. He screamed and ran!

*Rory Brooks-Kent – Year 10*

## Life is Precious

Holding her in my arms whilst soaking up the blood with my shirt. Was she to live or die? I did not know. My heart was pumping and my arms were throbbing with pain from holding the innocent girl who lay still. Then a voice called out. There was hope.

*Becky Marshall – Year 10*

## In the Darkness Rules Power Unforgiving

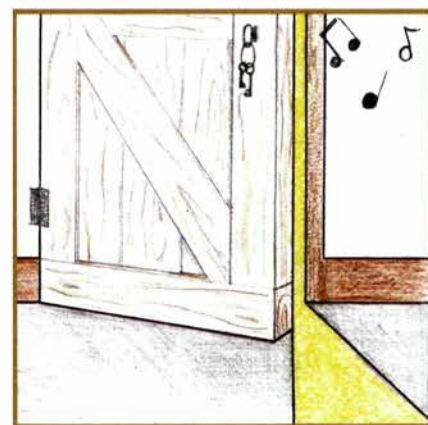
The priest stumbled down the aisle. Shadows moved quickly around the large stone pillars. A voice called out “Why?” then faded into the wind. “Your time ends now,” the same voice called. The shadows ceased movement and blood-red robes encircled him. “Goodbye . . . esteemed, holy priest.” Old blood on old walls . . .

*Alex Smith – Year 10*

## The Secret Door

There is a secret door in my house which has been locked since we came here. One day the door opened magically so I went inside. I saw a grand piano sitting there, waiting to be played. So now it is my lounge and I play it every day.

*Rebecca Knight – Year 10*



## Backwards Day

It started at the bus stop, when I realised something was wrong. I saw that a dog was walking a man. The driver of the bus was at the back not the front. At school the pupils were facing the wrong way. This was not a normal day. NO WAY!

*Katherine Marsh – Year 10*

## The Occupants

Floorboards giving way beneath me, plunging into the cellar, the sickening crack of snapping bones, hacking, coughing, spluttering from the enveloping dust of ages, I try to right myself, feel the rending pain as my ankle gives way, pause, scuttling in the depths, shadows circle me, I am not alone.

*John Cockroft – Year 10*



## Trapped!

James kicked at the door but it wouldn't budge. He paced around the room. He thought about all his training, it had to help him now. Then he saw it – his way out of this mess. It wasn't much but it would help him. Then suddenly the door burst open . . .

*Tom Cox – Year 10*

## Silence

Boom. Silence. Boom. What was that? Boom. Silence. Boom. It's just the guns. A strong, dark liquid is passed to me. A whistle blows. We clamber up the side. I trip. I stumble, which saves me from the bullet which strikes the man behind. I wake up. I'm soaking wet.

*Jonathan Rawlins – Year 10*

## The Haunted House

There is a house next to ours. A haunted house. I tried conquering my fears. The creaky gate and winding path mocked me each time I tried. One day I made it through the creaky gate and up the winding path. I overcame my fear. They mocked me no more.

*Jenny Newton – Year 10*



## The Last Journey

In the dim light of dawn his limp body was barely discernable. He could move only slowly now as the loss of blood was sapping his strength. He had to reach the anonymity of the crowds nearby. Ten more paces and safety, but no, the marksman had him in his sights . . .

*Andrew Vale-Taylor – Year 11*



## First Night

I wait in the wings, nervous but excited. Costume adjusted, make-up perfect. I run through the dance in my head. The knot in my stomach intensifies. I've been anticipating this moment for weeks, rehearsing daily. Now I'm on my own. The music starts . . . there's no turning back. I'm on!

*Gemma Houghton – Year 11*

## A Fresh Start?

The acceptance letter came in the post that morning. Yes, life at last was going to change for him. The drive that day seemed perfect. Powering around the lanes, the air fresher and warmer, the sky bluer. The road workers had started early that morning, stupidly forgetting their warning signs.

*Charlotte Harkness – Year 11*

## The Arrival

A man watched as two shadows drifted across the moonlit courtyard. He briskly drew his curtains. The candle illuminating the room flickered before finally stuttering out. Slow footsteps began to echo in the corridor of the tavern. They drew closer, becoming louder. The door handle creaked. The door burst open.

*Tom Wright – Year 11*

## Four Sailors?

Four sailors fight to save their lives in the midst of the worst storm to hit these Alaskan shores. A series of colossal waves then hit the bow causing the boat to upturn into the depths of the deep. But are these sailors dead or will they manage to survive?

*Sebastian Bignell – Year 11*



## Blood

He pulled her close for his fun. She didn't even think to scream or run. His cold fingers like alabaster, curled themselves under her chin. She became lost in an alien gaze, as statuesque as the veiled beast before her. She never stood a chance; her heart had its final dance.

*James Lees – Year 12*



## Reason to Shiver

The air is cool in the evening shadows but that's not the reason I shiver. I can feel his presence here; I sense his cruel gaze upon me. I hear him approach. The air turns even colder as he leans in towards me and whispers in my ear, "It's time"...

*Jenny Hookham – Year 12*

## The Cottage

It was a gloomy, cold, winter's night when James arrived at the dark, dismal cottage. As he approached the door he swore he could hear a rat scavenging around amidst the silence. He cupped his hand around the door knob, with secret anticipation as to what awaited him, then BANG . . .

*Katie Dougal – Year 12*

## Immigration

I forget the exhaust fumes eating at my throat. I forget the oil and dirt I am caked in - my camouflage. I forget my aching limbs because I can make a future for my child. The sniffer dog barks. "We've found one! He was on the underside of that truck ..."

*Katy Ward – Year 12*

## Guilt

I look at the immaculate iPod in my hand. I had lied, cheated, stolen for it. From my father's wallet, from friends, from everyone who held me in high esteem. As it whirrs into life, the silver screen is a lie, a façade of my desire. Is it worth it?

*Barney Toynbee – Year 11*



## Rugby!

The freezing, relentless winds gnaw at our sodden,  
bruised and bloodied bodies.  
The ground is hard and frozen with frost.  
Legends have been created on this God-forsaken  
muddy ground as  
Both teams await the final charge.  
Bethany taking courage in navy blue kits.  
Proven in combat.  
The Skinners' team waits  
For their order  
Into battle.

The Bethany Captain starts the battle with an almighty  
kick off –  
The whole team behind him.  
The sturdy and muscular Forwards  
Scarred and battered  
The lean and athletic Backs  
Fast and unmatched in pace.  
The mud and blood-splattered ball lands in their half.  
The Skinners' team looks up in fear  
Concerned for their flanks.

A young eleven year old boy is leading the Bethany  
charge,  
His blond hair flapping behind him like a banner in the  
blizzard.  
His stocky shoulders and heavy build heaving forward  
Like an armoured tank.  
He wants to prove himself to the rest of the pack.  
To prove he is worth his salt.

That boy is me.  
My first rugby game.  
My first share of battering and tackling.  
As a unit the Bethany forwards plough into the  
Skinners' lines.  
We ruck and we maul.  
We tackle until our bodies bleed,  
Until our shoulders are numb from the impact.

We battle on,  
Screaming at the enemy.  
Our training is perfected on the battlefield.  
The ball rolls out from the ruck  
The seams ripping from its grey fabric.  
My heart stops as I realise it is up to me to lead my  
team.  
I grab the ball and run at the Skinners' Forwards.  
I shoulder one in the chest.  
Screams of agony erupt as I shrug away his broken  
body.  
I dodge a high tackle,  
I ram into a Prop Forward  
The impact shaking my body.  
Before I have time to think,  
I am mobbed by the whole Skinners' team.

I lie in the mud.  
The ball is lost.  
Blood drips from my sweating head.  
My breathing is fast.  
I can't feel my lifeless body.  
"Get up, Tanton! We need you in the scrum!" they say.  
Rugby!

*George Tanton – Year 10*

## A Winter's Night in The Mount

The dinner is simmering.  
Hissing quietly in the blackness of a country night.  
This food isn't going to be used for its intended  
purpose.  
A riot is waiting, food is its fuel.  
The souls walk, making little commotion in the still  
silent night.  
Prep merely delays it.  
The heavenly words "Prep's over" echos.  
The stairs rumble like the depths of a volcano.  
Someone lands hard on the concrete, carpet,  
wherever.  
The pile up begins.  
The play-fights erupt.  
Cries of agony and laughter are summoned from  
the last ounce of their breaths.  
Then the music starts.  
The first chord sends shockwaves.  
The moshing begins.  
The bodies fly.  
Chairs are toppled.  
Everyone's absorbed.  
Oblivious to the goings on around them,  
They continue, worshippers of the deathly sounds  
Conjured from the depths of the television.  
A final chord and all is silent.

*Leo Johnson – Year 10*

## Bethany School

Bethany School, Curtisden Green,  
Was built by Kendon where the air was clean.  
He was told to move from a fever patch  
After his wife died from one easy to catch.

He lived amongst the poor and poverty  
Until one day he exclaimed, "God's sent a message  
to me."  
To build a school he was told  
For everyone, young and old.

To start with the numbers were small and few  
But eventually the school grew and grew.  
This was how Bethany was found  
Bringing in children all around.

Mr. Benian was next to rule  
The second Headmaster at the school.  
Out of the ground the buildings rose  
As Bethany was the one the parents chose.

More teachers and pupils came and went.  
More building appeared as new pupils were sent.  
Pengelly, Hayward, the Science blocks too.  
A place of sanctuary and education for you.

Bethany is still a growing school  
Orchard, library and the pool.  
The rolling countryside, the air is clean,  
Bethany School, Curtisden Green.

*Adam Nottingham – Year 10*



# Focus on Design Technology

This year the students have produced an excellent range of quality products that needed many hours of hard work and dedication. Many of the prototypes could very easily be sold commercially and the range of items made has been fantastic to see. Many of the GCSE and A Level candidates spend many hours of their free time in the workshop forwarding their project work. The results were worth the hard work. I hope you agree.

*M Norman*



Augusta Dorey A2



Charles Reid GCSE



Christopher Hall A2



Christopher Levett AS



Daniel Clifford AS



Daniel Wright A2



Hector Lindars GCSE



Ling Li GCSE



Andrew Vale-Taylor GCSE



Laurence Liddington AS



Sebastian Bignel GCSE



Thomas Felton-Smith A2



Matthew Beattie AS



Matthew Stockley GCSE



Matthew Webb AS



Sam Depoel-Wood GCSE



# Art & Design



B. Evans year 13

The quality of work being produced in all areas of the subject continues to improve. The number of those either choosing to work in the Art and Textiles room in their own time or take these subjects at examination level has never been higher and the most recent examination cohort of 87 students saw 65 of them secure A\*, A or B grades. In the first year A Level Photography has been taught at Bethany, Amy Saunders achieved one of the top five results in the country.

*P Norgrove*



A. Saunders Year 13



C. Levett Year 10



C. Mikelis Year 12

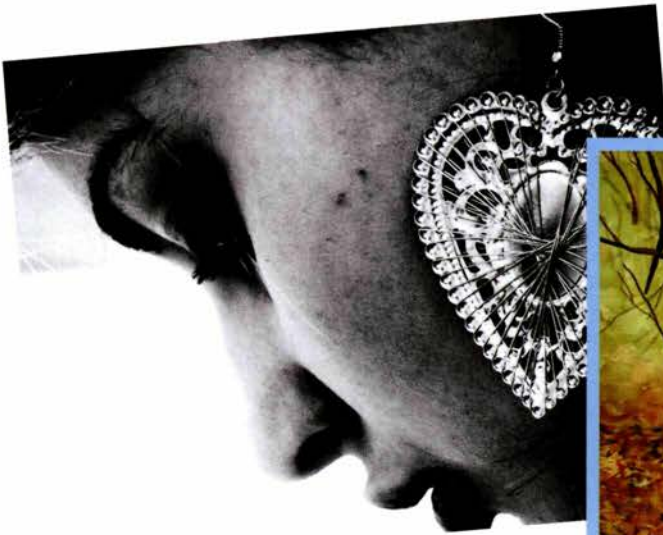


C. Harkness Year 11



A Woodhouse Year 12 Photography





C. Hall Year 13 Photography



C. Levett Year 12



M. Ackerman Year 13 Photography



P Keel Year 11



R. Reed Year 13 Photography



J Vaughan Year 12



A-N Fort Year 7





M. Boyle Year 11



F. Hulbert Year 7



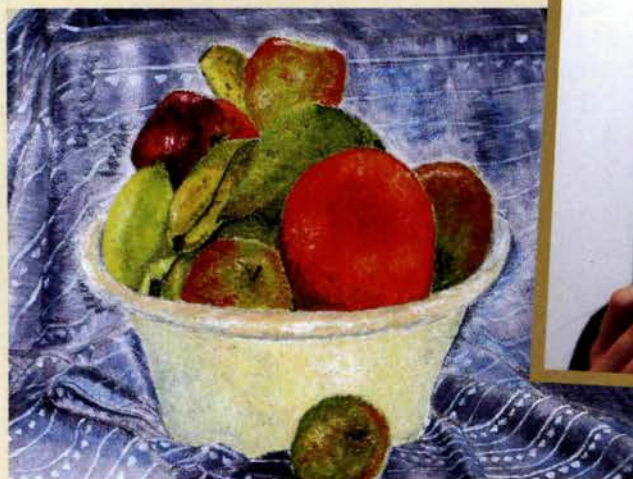
D. Golan Year 9



X. Wen Year 10



M Cox Year 13



S. Bignell Year 11



S. Jenkins Year 12 Photography



# Music



## Curriculum

At Key Stage 3 there have continued to be a series of successful afternoons of corporate music making. The first one of the year explored the exciting genre of film music. Mr. Proctor, the School's piano teacher, gave an outstanding mini recital, which included themes from 'James Bond', 'Titanic' and 'Star Wars'. Pupils who were learning a musical instrument spent a fruitful afternoon with Mr. Keeping learning the theme from the blockbuster film, "Mission Impossible".

Year 8 then had an afternoon learning about the chromatic scale. 'James Bond', 'Jaws' and 'The Phantom of the Opera' were on the musical menu. All of the pupils managed to play one or all of these themes with considerable skill.

Instead of a curriculum afternoon, Year 7's were treated to a trip to the Barbican to hear the London Symphony Orchestra. Prior to the



trip, they had been learning about the instruments of the orchestra as well as learning a catchy song for the occasion. Seeing and hearing a large modern symphony orchestra play some great tunes really inspired many of the pupils.

At GCSE and AS/A2, there have been some outstanding compositions produced by pupils as part of their coursework.

## Major Termly Concert

There have been concerts at the end of each term at which all of the Department's major ensembles have performed. The Symphony Orchestra has continued to go from strength to strength. I am grateful to Mr. Briggs in helping to make this flagship ensemble so successful. In September, he will take over the role of conducting this ensemble. The Orchestra has performed a wide range of pieces from the 1980's hit TV programmes 'Cagney and Lacey' and 'Dynasty' to Holst's 'Jupiter'.

Other instrumental/vocal groups which have given some outstanding performances at these concerts include: Concert Band, Brass Consort, Woodwind Ensemble, Mr. Fisher's band 'The Lizards' and the Choir.

Perhaps the highlight of the year for many of us was the second highly successful Summer Proms Concert. The Upper Dining Room was suitably dressed in red, white and blue balloons and bunting for this fun occasion. The audience were fantastic, singing all the patriotic songs with great gusto and enthusiasm. Flag waving and shouts of 'encore' helped to capture and recreate the atmosphere of the similar occasion enjoyed by millions of BBC viewers in September every year.







### Informal/Lunchtime Concerts

These concerts have enabled budding soloists to perform in a sympathetic and supportive environment. A number of special Informal Concerts have taken place in the intimate surroundings of the Chapel. This has been a perfect venue for a light-hearted and relaxed evening of music-making. It has been encouraging to hear beginners play alongside post-Grade 8 performers. The standard of performance has been consistently high throughout each of the evenings. Bethany's violin teacher, Miss Victoria, gave an outstanding lunchtime recital this year, which included Paganini's celebrated 'Variations for Violin'.

### Church Services

There have been some very special Church services at both Cranbrook and Marden parish churches this year.

At the Remembrance Day service in Marden the Choir sang a setting of some famous words associated with this solemn occasion, "We will remember them". The service opened with Miss Victoria playing the haunting theme from the film, 'Schindler's List'.

The Christmas Carol Service at Cranbrook was another great occasion at which many of our musicians performed. The Brass Consort unleashed their full power during the big congregational carols, commencing 'Hark, the Herald' and 'O Come, All Ye Faithful' with powerful fanfares. A vocal trio gave a moving and uplifting performance of the classic carol 'Silent Night'. The Choir gave an

outstanding and spirited performance of the classic carol 'Angel Tidings'.

The Easter Service returned to Marden for another memorable service. One of the musical highlights of the service was Rebecca Knight singing a song about Jesus' death and resurrection, 'The Power of the Cross'. The Choir sang a lively vocal piece, which captured the excitement and energy of the first Easter morning.

### Assemblies

Each week, soloists have continued to start each of Headmaster's weekly assemblies. We have been treated to a wide variety of instruments as well as different styles of music. I always admire pupils who play at this event. Playing in front of 400+ pupils with 40 members of staff behind you can be very nerve-racking.

### Scholars' Presentation Evening

In March, all of our music scholars performed a solo on their principal instrument. These music scholars have made a significant contribution to the wider musical life of the School and have hopefully inspired other musicians to aim for excellence within the performing arena.

### Speech Day

One of the most daring ventures of the year was to get the Brass Consort to play the opening fanfares at Speech Day in the vast acoustic of the Sports Hall. Thanks to Mr. Fisher, the portable organ was fed through the main public address system at full power. I felt like I was playing the magnificent organ at St. Paul's Cathedral. The echo was, I would venture, even longer than this great building in central London! The Brass Consort and Organ sounded magnificent, stirring and suitably rousing.

### Closing Remarks

There is never a quiet week in the Music Department! There is always at least one occasion or event which requires preparation and rehearsal. Within the Department there is a real sense of energy and purpose, but also camaraderie and fun. Bethany should feel very proud of the visiting instrumental teachers who do a magnificent job at nurturing and developing the musical talent in many of our pupils.

I would also like to thank the many staff who have supported musical events, through providing refreshments, performing in ensembles, supporting in the audience or arranging flowers for concert venues.

As I leave Bethany School and 'hang up' my baton, so to speak, I feel deeply honoured to have led the Music Department over the last four or so years. They have been exciting, exhilarating and rewarding times. Underpinning these years has been a strong desire on my part to ensure that all of the pupils come to love, respect and enjoy music making. The MGM film 'Mr. Holland's Opus' has always been an inspiration to me. In the film Glenn Holland, the central character, states, quite rightly, that "playing music is supposed to be fun... It's about heart, it's about feelings, it's about moving people, and it's not about notes on a page." I hope the pupils whom I have taught have captured this vision of what Music is really all about in recent times.

*R.J. Keeling  
Director of Music*





# Drama and Theatre Studies



The cast of 'Acorn to Oak'

**The Autumn Term began as usual with the auditions and rehearsals for the annual school production but this year things were a little different. We had decided to write and create our own musical based on the history of the School. Mr Cullen, one of our English teachers, volunteered to write the basic story which was then edited by the students and myself. The musical element was developed by Mr Fisher, Mr Briggs and the Lizards, the School's R&B band. Students, staff and parents worked very hard over the four month period to rehearse and prepare for the final performances. Yet again over 60 students were involved and it was great to see many more helping with the design, sound, lighting, back stage management and set design.**

The opening night was a very special gala evening attended by many Old Bethanians as well as by some members of the Kendon family, descendents of The Reverend Joseph Kendon, the School's founder. The performers certainly did justice to the very personal story and I would like to commend them for the progress they made and the final product. We enjoyed four sell-out performances and overall the show was an astounding success and a fantastic tribute to the success of Joseph Kendon's school in the twenty-first century. The principals were

of the highest quality and it was great to see new talent displayed with such eloquence, including Lydia Homewood, who in her first year at Bethany, rose to the challenge of a lead role. Our older and more experienced students again gave convincing and highly entertaining performances and Edward Nash, Oliver Hindle and Harriet Proud received praise and compliments in the form of many thank you letters and emails from audience members. The great thing about this project was that all those involved were able to have a role as we developed and adapted the script to suit us as we went along and the younger pupils displayed a wealth of emerging talent. As always I am incredibly proud of the achievements made in this production and of all those involved.



In the later part of the Autumn Term the A2 students performed their devised theatre piece to a live audience in the Drama Studio. This was based on the topic of 'Old Age' and aimed to portray the prejudices associated with old age and to question these ideas and opinions.



They had worked hard all term to develop and shape their ideas as a group and the final physical theatre piece was extremely moving and powerful, leaving the audience thinking about their own family and their treatment of the elderly.

When we returned after the well earned Christmas holiday the focus turned to the GCSE group and their preparation for the Paper Two performance exams. There is added pressure in this part of the course as a visiting examiner is present for all performances as well as family and friends. The group of 11 students performed two pieces; 'Journey's End', a classic naturalistic play based on life in the trenches during the First World War and the effects of war on the officers, and 'The Exam' a non-naturalistic piece that looks at three Year 11 pupils as they sit a GCSE exam and the pressures they face.





Both groups were very nervous but they had no need to be as I am sure that all those present would agree the work presented was first class and their final results reflected this with four pupils achieving 40/40, one of whom, Sebastian Bignell, we were later thrilled to learn scored 100% in the overall examination. He was in the top ten out of just under 70,000 candidates, a tremendous achievement!

Over the Easter holidays there was a Drama department first as 17 Theatre Studies' students and three staff members jetted off to New York for a fantastic four days of theatre workshops, Broadway shows, theatre tours, ice skating, sight seeing and of course shopping! There is no doubt that the trip was a resounding success. The students really enjoyed all the activities and excelled in the workshops, so much so that they were highly commended by one of the workshop leaders, a professional Broadway director. The success of the tour was largely due to the impeccable behaviour and sense of humour displayed by the students and of course the hard work of the staff who accompanied them. Many thanks to you all.

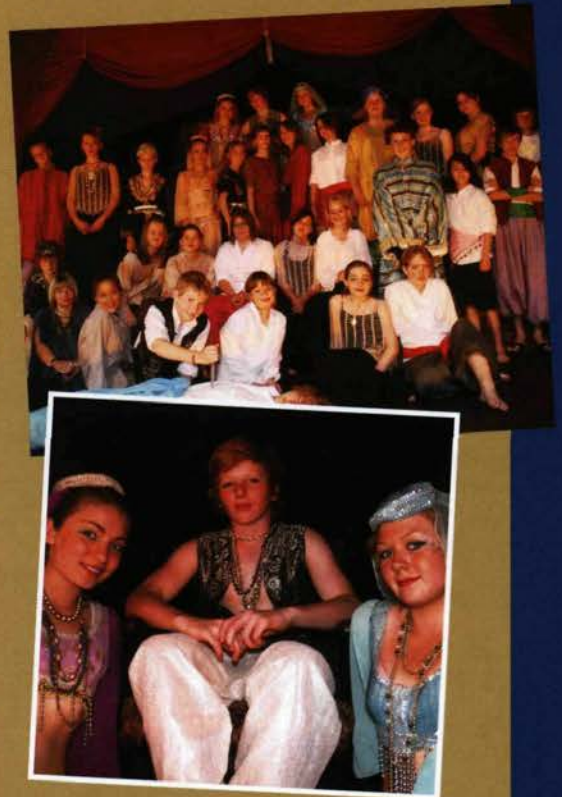


Shortly after the excitement of the GCSE work and the New York trip, the AS and A2 groups were in action again performing their Unit Two and Unit Five pieces. The large group of 12 AS pupils were directed by me in two contemporary political plays by Edward Bond, 'Great Peace' and 'Tin Can People', about nuclear war and the effects of this conflict on human behaviour. On the same evening the A2 students performed their self-directed version of the Bertolt Brecht classic 'The Caucasian Chalk Circle'. This was examined with one student offering lighting design as his skill which was very successful. The plays chosen were particularly challenging and the contrasting topics and staging styles made for another diverse and highly professional evening of Drama.

The results for this cohort were very pleasing with 100% pass rate and some very impressive marks for the practical components.

As the exam season drew to a close we began preparing for the Lower School Production of 'Sheherazade', an adaptation of tales from the Arabian nights. The show was the most challenging yet, with so many different parts and many students had to multi-role play which presented several challenges. The set and the costumes looked fantastic and thanks to the staff who helped out. The students certainly had great fun in the belly dancing outfits and turbans! Sixth formers played a large part in this performance taking control of many of the technical aspects of the show and back stage management. The two performances were very successful and all those involved should be very proud of their achievements.

As all of the above goes on throughout the year students' input and experiences have been enhanced by theatre visits. In total this year the Drama department has organised eight theatre visits. Some of these include the amazing 'Masque of the Red Death' which was set in the Battersea Arts Centre over five floors. Audience members followed the actors around the space and chose what they wanted to watch. The Year 13 students and I really enjoyed this experience and were left excited and ready to get back to the Drama studio and adapt some of their ideas! Another highlight was the Years 10 & 11 visit to 'The History Boys.'



The show is fantastic and I think everyone thoroughly enjoyed the experience and learnt a lot from it.

Once again this year two of our students took part in nationwide auditions for the National Youth Music Theatre and were successful. They took part in a musical adaptation of 'Great Expectations' performed at Bracknell Southill Arts Centre. John Cockcroft, one of our Drama scholars, was also selected to become a member of the National Youth Theatre which is a tremendous achievement as the audition process is very rigorous. This will be a fantastic opportunity for John, although he will have to wait until 2009 to begin training with them.

Yet again this year has been full of success stories and excellent achievements and as the Drama Department continues to grow so does the students' commitment and enthusiasm for the performing arts in general. As I look forward to next year and start planning for 'Guys and Dolls' and the various exam performances, I think we can expect even greater achievements and many more entertaining evenings. Thank you to all those students, staff and parents who continue to support the Drama Department.

Helen Kirk



# Making Maths Fun



## Bridge Building Day

In February the Year 10's together with some Sixth Formers had a Bridges, Maths and Design day delivered by Architecture Workshops Cambridge. Before being split into groups we were told about the basic maths and physics involved with bridge building. We started by building simple three dimensional triangular based pyramids out of 20cm doweling and elastic bands and we went on to build bigger and bigger structures and bridges. Our final task was to construct a cantilever bridge and we had to work out how to balance the bridge and make it as stable as possible. Our group's bridge, pictured here, only just stood up but the instructor was pleased with all the end results. I found the day very enjoyable and at the same time educational. It was a great idea to have it and I hope we do it again next year.

*James Billson Year 10*

## Maths Roadshow

In June pupils from Years 7 to 9 took part in a Hands On Maths Roadshow organised by the Millennium Mathematics Project. There were many different types of puzzles and tricks for us to try, all of which were challenging and some were even enjoyable! We were shown a fascinating trick which involved spelling out a card number.

Three cards were removed while spelling the number two and the next card after that was the two of clubs. My partner and I almost managed to replicate this but not quite. The puzzle that really got the class thinking was the massive spongy bedlam cube. The challenge was to join the differently coloured pieces to form a cube. The Year 7's, pictured here, were better at this than the Year 8's! The day was a great success, the time went very quickly and maths was never as much fun.

*Lydia Healy Year 8*



## Maths Challenge

In February 50 students from Years 9 and 10 took the Intermediate Maths Challenge and in May another 50 students from Years 7 and 8 took the Junior Challenge. In the tests, short, challenging mathematical tasks are set and incorrect answers are penalised by a deduction of marks from the accumulated total.



Congratulations to Nathan Taylor, winner of the intermediate Maths Challenge, and to Alice Healy, winner of the Junior Challenge. Next year attendance and results from this will be counted towards the inter house competition

## GCSE Maths Conference

In February 16 of the best GCSE maths students went to London for the day accompanied by Mrs Digby and Mrs Wood. The day was targeted at A and A\* students with a series of talks and lectures designed to enhance their performance and to stimulate interest in A level work. Of the 16 students who attended 12 were successful in achieving A or A\* in their GCSE exam.

## "MyMaths"

Also new for this year, we have registered with a web based mathematics programme called "MyMaths". This has enabled all students to access a fantastic revision / learning tool 24/7.



# Upper Sixth Leavers 2008



## MARTHA ACKERMAN 2006-2008

Martha Ackerman 2006-2008  
Art & Design, Communication Studies, History, Photography  
Pengelly Society Host  
Gap Year, then University (History of Art)



## ROBERT BLACKER 2001-2008

Biology, Business Studies, History, Spanish  
*Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award*  
Football 1st XI, Rugby 2nd XV  
Gap Year



## KEITH CHIU 2006-2008

Chemistry, Chinese, Maths, Physics  
EFL Prize 2008  
Economics and Finance  
Exeter University



## MOLLY COX 2006-2008

Art & Design, Communication Studies, Photography  
Art Foundation  
Wimbledon School of Art



## CLAIRE DOUGLAS 2006-2008

Biology, Business Studies, PE  
The Pippa Blackman Trophy 2008  
Estate and Property Management  
Royal Agricultural College



## NATALIE EDWARDS 2006-2008

Biology, Business Studies, Communication Studies, Geography  
Prefect, The Communications Prize 2008  
Netball 1st VII, Hockey Captain 1st XI, Rounders 1st IX  
Business Administration & Management  
Reading University



## BRUCE EVANS 2003-2008

Art & Design, English, Ethics & Philosophy, History  
Prefect, The Douglas Prize for Senior Art 2008  
Rugby 1st XV  
History  
Nottingham University



## KATE FATAH 2006-2008

Applied Business, Communication Studies, ICT  
Business and Media Communications  
Bath Spa



## NATASHA FITZGERALD 2001-2008

Art & Design, Ethics & Philosophy, History, Music  
Head of School-Prefect, Senior History Prize 2008  
The Thornton Cup & Prize 2008  
The Henry Howard Public Speaking Prize 2008  
Netball 1st VII, Hockey 1st XI  
History of Art  
Warwick University



## EUAN BEDFORD-COOPER 2003-2008

Applied Business, Geography, History  
Business Studies  
Chichester



## STEPHANIE CAMERON 2006-2008

Biology, Drama, Ethics & Philosophy, French  
*Deputy Head of School - Prefect, Millennium Volunteer's Award*  
Hockey 1st IX  
Gap Year, then University (French)



## DAVID CANNON 2002-2008

Business Studies, Design Technology, Geography  
Scuba Diving Instructor training



## AUGUSTA DOREY 2006-2008

Biology, Business Studies, Design Technology, Physics  
*The Breach Prize for Innovation 2008*  
Animal Behaviour & Wildlife Biology  
Anglia Ruskin



## EMMA EAMES 2002-2008

Art & Design, English, Geography  
Prefect, The McLaren English Prize 2008  
Art Foundation  
University of the Creative Arts



## RICHARD ALLEN 2001-2008

Business Studies, Drama, Geography, ICT  
Deputy Head of School-Prefect, Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award,  
Millennium Volunteer's Award, The Ross Turnbull Prize 2008  
Rugby Captain 2nd XV, Hockey Senior team  
Temporary work  
Applying for Theatre Studies



## JOE FAN 2004-2008

Biology, Chemistry, Chinese, Maths, Physics  
*The Physics Prize for A level 2008*  
Mechanical Engineering  
UCL



## THOMAS FELTON-SMITH 2002-2008

Business Studies, Design Technology, ICT, Photography  
Prefect, Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award  
Millennium Volunteer's Award  
Rugby 1st XV, Hockey senior team  
Gap Year, then University



## CALLUM GOLDS 2003-2008

Biology, Business Studies, ICT, PE  
Prefect, The Anthony Clarke memorial Trophy 2008  
Rugby 1st XV, Judo team  
Computer Informatics  
Plymouth University



**SION GRIFFITH-PAYNE 2001-2008**

Biology, Business Studies, English, Geography  
 Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award  
 The Humphrey Maxwell Prize for Senior Geography 2008  
 The Stobart Prize for Business Studies 2008  
 Football 1st XI, Rugby 2nd XV  
 Geography, Leeds University

**CHRISTOPHER HALL 2001-2008**

Design Technology, History, ICT, Photography  
 Prefect, Millennium Volunteer's Award  
 The Michael Williams Photography Prize 2008  
 Football 2nd XI, Cricket 1st XI  
 Building Construction & Management, Reading University

**CHARLOTTE HALL 2001-2008**

Art & Design, Ethics & Philosophy, Photography, Textiles  
 Prefect, Sociology/Social Science & Health Studies  
 Canterbury Christchurch University

**TOBY HARRIS 2006-2008**

Chemistry, Maths, Physics  
 Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award, Millennium Volunteer's Award  
 Hockey senior team, Cricket 1st XI  
 Marine Sports Technology, Plymouth University

**JONATHON HOLYHEAD 2001-2008**

Business Studies, Ethics & Philosophy, Geography, History  
 Prefect, Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award  
 Millennium Volunteer's Award  
 Rugby 2nd XV  
 Law, Canterbury Christchurch University

**THOMAS HUTCHINGS 2003-2008**

Business Studies, English, Geography, PE  
 Head of School-Prefect, Head of Speakers' Games House  
 The Roy Farquarson Trophy for Senior Sportsman 2008  
 Rugby Captain 1st XV, Football 1st XI, Cricket 1st XI  
 International Business Studies/Management, Swansea

**MATTHEW HUTTON 2006-2008**

Biology, Chemistry, Drama, English  
 Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award  
 English & Journalism  
 Coventry University

**ELFRIEDE KORMAWA 2002-2008**

Biology, Chemistry, Drama, Geography  
 Prefect, Head of Orchard  
 Millennium Volunteer's Award  
 The Biology Prize for A level 2008  
 Netball 2nd VII, Hockey 1st XI  
 Human Biology, Plymouth University

**WILLIAM LENANTON 2001-2008**

Applied Business, Photography  
 Prefect  
 Football 1st XI, Rugby 1st XV  
 British Army Officer Training, Sandhurst

**KITTY LI 2001-2008**

Art & Design, Chinese, Ethics & Philosophy, Photography  
 Millennium Volunteer's Award  
 Fashion and Textile Design  
 Hong Kong Polytechnic University

**ROSS MARSHALL 2003-2008**

Communication Studies, English, Geography, History  
 Pengelly Society Secretary  
 History  
 Dundee University

**NIAMH MCELLIGOTT 2004-2008**

Art & Design, Communication Studies, English, Geography  
 Criminology  
 Nottingham Trent University

**OLIVIA MCILVENNY 2006-2008**

Art & Design, Drama, English, French  
 Gap Year

**SHAUN MILES 2003-2008**

Food Technology, History, Maths, Physics  
 Computer Science  
 Portsmouth University

**ALEXANDER NELSON 2001-2008**

Art & Design, Business Studies, Ethics & Philosophy, Photography  
 Prefect  
 Hockey senior team  
 Gap year, then University

**TRANG NGUYEN 2004-2008**

Applied Business, Photography  
 Business Management  
 Oxford Brookes

**CHARLOTTE PIERCE 2003-2008**

Applied Business, Communication Studies, ICT  
 Prefect  
 Netball 1st VII, Rounders senior team  
 Communications  
 York St John

**LLOYD PRITCHARD 2001-2008**

Art & Design, Ethics & Philosophy, Photography  
 Millennium Volunteer's Award  
 Football Captain 2nd XI, Rugby 2nd XV  
 Gap Year





**ALEXANDER PROCTOR 2003-2008**  
Food Technology, History, Music  
Gap Year



**REBECCA REED 2006-2008**  
Communication Studies, ICT, Photography, Textiles  
Commercial Photography  
Anglia Ruskin



**MARIEKE RUYSSCHAERT 2006-2008**  
Applied Business, French, History  
Millennium Volunteer's Award  
Hockey senior team  
Business Studies and French, Newcastle University



**AMY SAUNDERS 2006-2008**  
Art & Design, Photography, Spanish, Textiles  
Deputy Head of School-Prefect, The Textiles Prize 2008  
Netball Captain 1st VII, Hockey 1st XI, Senior Rounders  
Foundation Course, London College of Fashion



**PHILIP SCOTT 2001-2008**  
Biology, Chemistry, History, ICT  
Prefect, Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award  
Millennium Volunteer's Award  
The Chemistry Prize for A level 2008  
The Alex Marks Trophy for Endeavour 2008  
Rugby 1st & 2nd XV, Senior Hockey, Cricket 1st XI  
History, Winchester University



**HESTER SMART 2003-2008**  
Biology, Geography, PE, Textiles  
Prefect, Millennium Volunteer's Award  
Head of Speakers' Games House  
Netball Captain 2nd VII, Hockey 1st XI, Senior Rounders,  
Tennis  
Sports Development, Portsmouth



**FRANCESCA SHELDRAKE 2003-2008**  
English, Ethics & Philosophy, Music  
Prefect, The Senior Sportswoman 2008  
Netball 1st VII, Hockey 1st XI, Senior Rounders  
Gap Year, then University



**MATTHEW SIMMONS 2001-2008**  
Design Technology, Geography, History, ICT  
Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award  
Millennium Volunteer's Award  
The Roger Kimber Prize for effort in A level Geography 2008  
Computing, Portsmouth University



**THOMAS TABOR 2003-2008**  
Biology, History, Photography  
Prefect  
Football 2nd XI, Rugby 2nd XV  
Gap Year, then University



**NICOLA THRESHIE 2004-2008**  
Biology, Ethics & Philosophy, Geography, History  
Prefect  
Netball 1st VII, Rounders senior team  
Midwifery, Surrey University



**ANGUS TODD 2001-2008**  
Applied Business, Geography, PE  
Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award  
Millennium Volunteer's Award  
Football 1st XI, Rugby 1st XV  
Gap Year



**HIEN TRAN 2003-2008**  
Business Studies, English, Ethics & Philosophy, History  
Law and Development Studies  
School of Oriental and African Studies



**THI QUYNH NGOC TRAN 2006-2008**  
Applied Business, Geography, Textiles  
The Hoopers Applied Business Studies Prize 2008  
Business Management  
Royal Holloway University



**BENJAMIN URIE 2006-2008**  
Business Studies, Communication Studies, English, PE  
Rugby 1st XV, Football 2nd XI  
Gap Year, then University



**EDWARD WAUGH 2003-2008**  
Applied Business, Design Technology  
Rugby 1st XV  
Business Management with Human Resource Management,  
Southampton Solent



**JACOB WEBER 2006-2008**  
Biology, Chemistry, Geography, History  
Millennium Volunteer's Award  
Gap Year, then University (History and Politics)



**THOMAS WILKINSON 2001-2008**  
Applied Business, Design Technology, ICT  
Prefect, Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award  
Millennium Volunteer's Award  
Engineering Foundation  
Bristol University



**WILLIAM WILLIAMSON 2003-2008**  
Business Studies, Drama, ICT, Music  
Prefect, Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award  
Millennium Volunteer's Award  
The Gardner Cup & Prize for Guitar 2008  
Popular Music & Record Production  
Southampton Solent University



**ROSA WONG 2006-2008**  
Biology, Chinese, Food Technology, Maths, Music  
Prefect, Head of Orchard  
The Amy Award 2008  
Music  
Royal Holloway







The Linguists honed their skills in ...



Asturias in Northern Spain



The scuba divers qualified at Leybourne Lakes

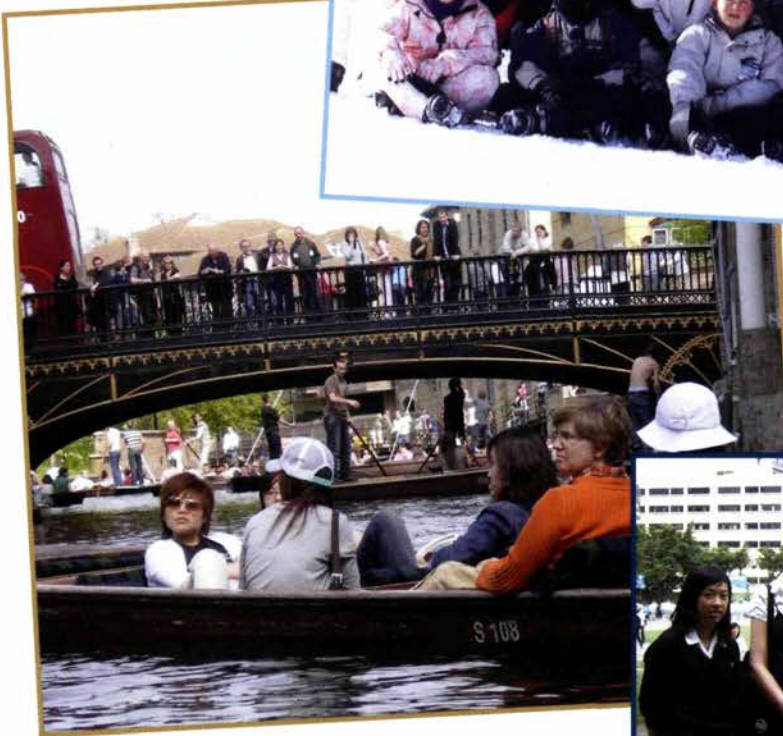




The skiers took to the slopes in Vermont



Stephanie and Vici experienced school life in Taipei



The boarders enjoyed the punting in Cambridge



The Lower Sixth relaxed on a post-exam day at Thorpe Park





The boarders spent a glorious day at Hever Castle.

13 students enjoyed an action packed weekend at the annual Camp Pepperoni at Carrot Wood. Silly games, late night walks, a low ropes course and barbecues were punctuated with some teaching about what can be learnt from the Bible's sense of fun.



In addition to all these trips the drama students visited New York, the footballers trained in La Manga and those taking part in D of E expeditions were anywhere from Dorset to the Lake District. Photos on other pages.



# Staff Moves 2008

## John Small



John Small's retirement on 31st March 2008 marked the end of the Small dynasty which had existed at Bethany for over 50 years,

including John, his father and his wife, Sue. John worked in the Maintenance Department for no less than 46 years and after many years as Maintenance Foreman, John was the School Caretaker for the last eight years of his long and loyal service to the School.

In the early 1960's John's father was running the School's maintenance team when the carpenter died suddenly, leaving the team very short staffed. At the time John was working for a company in Watford but was not enjoying travelling from Kent. It was typical of John that he offered to help out and change jobs to assist his father at Bethany for a short while. That "short while" lasted 46 years.

To describe John as 'Mr Reliable' would be an understatement. John was always there, be it to drive the minibus when one of the drivers was away, or to deal with a burst tank in Kendon at 2.00 am on New Year's Day. John's knowledge of the school facilities was encyclopaedic. He knew exactly where every underground pipe or cable ran, or which fuse box served which socket and this knowledge is sorely missed today. John had a wonderful gift of remaining calm and unflappable whatever the crisis that was facing him and this, coupled with his dry sense of humour, made him a popular and respected colleague and foreman.

John saw many changes at Bethany over the years and his contribution to all the developments was considerable, although frequently this was behind the scenes and therefore not recognised. With the final retirement of the Small's, Bethany has lost a family of very loyal friends to whom the community owes a great deal.

John and Sue have now moved to the Hastings area to be close to Sue's parents and we all wish them both a long and happy retirement and many more happy holidays touring in their motor home.

*Simon Douglass*

## Dawne Bailey

Dawne Bailey spent 17 years at Bethany working within the Dyslexia and Learning Support Department, the last four of which were in the role of Head of the Department.

Dawne cared deeply about each individual that came into her care. Through her support, encouragement and guidance, she had an exceptional ability to build the confidence of each pupil so that they could get the most out of themselves. This was true in her support lessons, but was also true of the work that she did for many years with GCSE English sets and as a Tutor. Her detailed and lengthy Tutor reports were testament to the insight she had into each pupil's character and quite a number of individuals had their lives, literally, turned around or transformed by the work Dawne did with them.



Another key part of Dawne's work at Bethany was her organisation of all the Entrance Assessments. This was a huge task, but one

which Dawne also structured so as to give each pupil and family genuine, personal attention. It was a privilege to work alongside her, particularly for the many hours we spent together going through each candidate's results before deciding the content of the individual letters we would write to the parents.

Dawne was also a great believer in the community life of the School. She was a stalwart member of the Choir and indulged her passion for singing with Cranbrook Choral Society as well. There was hardly a Concert, Play or major School event where Dawne was not present helping to organise the refreshments and host the occasion. Furthermore, all of us will remember the absolutely stunning flower arrangements which she produced annually for Speech Day and for major Concerts.

Dawne was also a long-standing staff member of the Pengelly Society, helping to arrange the Speaker programme in her final few years here. She was also prepared to stand up at the front and speak herself. I have fond memories of her presentations on her visits to the Galapagos Islands and to China.

Dawne will be sorely missed as a member of the Learning Support Department, but also as a member of the staff community. We wish her every happiness in her retirement.

*Nick Dorey*

## Carole Williamson



Carole retired from her post as the deputy nurse at the end of the summer term, having been appointed in

October 2001. Carole is not just retiring from Bethany – she is also ending an illustrious nursing career that started when she trained at the Nightingale Training School at St. Thomas's Hospital in London.

Having raised her family, Carole did further training as a community nurse and worked as a school nurse for the Kent education authority. She worked as a community nurse for both Eastbourne and Tunbridge Wells Health Authorities and as a community MacMillan nurse for Hastings and Rother Health Authority. She helped develop the MacMillan nursing service in Hastings and also set up the Marie Curie Nurses in the area.

Carole is a woman of many talents. She has spent much of the last two years working, often voluntarily, as the secretary to the Friends of Hawkhurst Cottage Hospital. She devotes a huge amount of time to numerous fundraising initiatives. She has also found time to be an assistant Guider at Benenden, do an IT course at West Kent College as well as manage her beautiful garden at home in Hawkhurst. She is also an excellent seamstress and made numerous costumes for the school productions here at Bethany.

Carole has been a great ambassador for Bethany. She has been a consummate professional and a huge support both to me, and to the hundreds of students who pass through our doors each year. She deserves to put her feet up – although knowing Carole she is bound to be busier than ever. I wish her a very, very long and happy retirement.

*Natalie Stevens*



## Simon Battersby (‘The Rev’!)



Simon arrived at Bethany School as our new Chaplain in September 2003. As is the case with most Chaplains in Independent Schools,

he made a full contribution to our teaching programme, delivering Religious Studies lessons from Year 7 right the way through GCSE and ‘A’ Level. He established lots of exciting new things in Chapel and beyond. The Worship Band (WB40) became a regular feature of School Concerts and major Services and lunchtime Christian groups proliferated. All of them seemed, peculiarly, to have names related to food: Café Uno, Pizza Express and the annual camp, Camp Pepperoni.

Simon managed to make the Christian faith accessible and relevant to all members of the School community and he also worked very effectively as a Chaplain to the wider community. Many parents, relatives and friends of the School appreciated the support he gave them at difficult times in their lives.

Shortly after arriving at Bethany, Simon became a Chaplain to the Territorial Army – a duty and service which he took extremely seriously. Fortunately, although he gave much support to members of the Forces in this country and abroad, he was never called overseas for active service!

Simon was also instrumental in developing our programme of Services held in local churches, including our annual Easter and Remembrance Services at Marden, the Carol Service at St Dunstan’s and our Founder’s Service. We wish him success as he moves into the role of Chaplain at Culford School.

*Nick Dorey*



## Rupert Keeling

Rupert was Bethany’s Director of Music for four and a half years. During that period he

transformed the musical life at Bethany, taking a department which was faltering forward to become a real showpiece for the School. Rupert had a genuine passion for his subject area, which was conveyed through his inspirational lessons and a huge variety of extra curricular activities.

Rupert’s deep Christian faith enabled him to tap in to the heart of the Bethany community and his work with three Chaplains and others in organising our weekday and major Services was hugely appreciated.

Whilst here he oversaw a doubling in the percentage of pupils taking individual instrumental tuition, together with the growth of a vast range of music ensembles. He even managed to assemble a motley group of staff together to perform as the percussion group, ‘Bongo Chic’ at the Carol Services! The termly Informal and Formal Concerts became genuine highlights of the Bethany Calendar, and the music provided for the annual School Musical Productions was of an exceptional quality. Rupert certainly achieved his twin aims of ensuring enjoyment and participation for the maximum number, whilst also developing quality at the top end.

A mark of the quality of his classroom teaching was the large increase in the number of pupils opting for Music as a GCSE and ‘A’ Level subject.

Rupert really put Music on the map at Bethany and we wish him, Marie and the boys well as they move back up North.

*Nick Dorey*

## Kari Morgan



In Kari’s three years at Bethany, she played a huge part in revolutionising the teaching and learning that took place in the History department.

She was always extremely modest about her role, but it was clear to me from a mere two terms working with her just how passionate she is about improving the learning experience for students. To walk into her classroom was to receive a lesson in excellent classroom management, which was not achieved through enforced strict discipline so much as the willingness of the students to work for Kari. In order to achieve this, she employed a huge range of ideas and strategies in her lessons. All of the students – especially higher up the school – had great respect for Kari’s subject knowledge, all the more remarkable as, having come here from Australia, many of the topics she had to teach were new to her.

A clear indication of Kari’s strength as a teacher is that so many of her students opted for history, both at GCSE and

A Level. These students have so far proved themselves well equipped for higher studies.

Kari was also an invaluable member of the team on History field trips and would make sure that she was able to help students as much as possible with the myriad questions which come at such times. This was particularly shown in the Canadian trenches and at Sanctuary Wood, Ypres, when her level of knowledge astounded even the staff.

I will miss her enthusiasm for our subject, her excellent – if occasionally wicked – sense of humour and her quite splendid baking. We wish her well now that she and Nathan have decided to return with Tilly and “Bump” to the slightly better weather of Sydney. Good luck and thanks.

*Simon Davies*

## Joy Alder



Joy joined Bethany for one term to cover Anna Bingham’s maternity leave. This was then extended to four terms as the English Department needed her help. Joy’s

concern to be able to help the students she taught, her meticulous preparation and the genuine desire to adopt new ideas, typified her approach. In addition, her willingness to put in many extra hours of her own time and her whole-hearted support of departmental initiatives were all greatly appreciated. We wish her every enjoyment as she moves to Sri Lanka to join her husband.

*Tim Hart Dyke*

## Tara Eastwood

Tara left Bethany in April 2008 after working here for just over three years, initially as a laboratory technician and then as senior technician. She brought with her a wealth of good experience and practice from the Wellcome Institute and her contribution in the prep room was greatly appreciated. She embarked on the tireless task of updating the science databases and her skill with A level Biology practicals, amongst other things, was always appreciated. We wish Tara and her family all the best for their future.

*Delaehle Gale*



## Anna Head



Anna arrived at Bethany in September 2003 with a brief to boost the profile of Religious Education within the School, with a particular emphasis on building the popularity of the subject at GCSE and 'A' Level. She certainly succeeded in every respect. Pupils at all levels in the School came to really enjoy their Religious Studies lessons and the numbers opting for GCSE and 'A' Levels, together with the outstanding results achieved in external examinations, were testament to the thoroughly passionate and dynamic approach Anna showed as a teacher. Hard work and professionalism were important here, but of equal importance was her tremendous ability to empathise with every pupil she came into contact with. She genuinely wanted to look after them and get the best out of them.

Not surprisingly, therefore, she was a superb Tutor to Year 7 and 8 boys in Todmans. Her strong Christian faith enabled her to make a huge contribution to the spiritual life of the School as well. She led many, memorable mid-week Chapel Services and also set up the highly successful 'Charities Club'. She really is a most gifted teacher and we all wish her well as she moves on to new pastures.

*Nick Dorey*

## Anna Bingham



Anna Bingham joined the English Department in 2005 and taught English to Years 7 to 12 and Communication Studies to the Lower Sixth. In April 2007 she took maternity leave and following the birth of her daughter, Louisa, sadly decided not to return to full time teaching.

Anna was thoroughly professional in everything she did and had excellent relationships with the pupils she taught. She was always meticulous in her organisation and was keen to adopt new initiatives. As a result, colleagues sought her out for advice and support and pupils willingly came to her classroom outside lessons to get extra help. Indeed lunchtime detentions have never been so

popular! Her results at GCSE and AS level were impressive and showed that she has a real skill at stretching the most able pupils and getting the very best out of those that struggled.

Outside the classroom Anna's bassoon playing in the School orchestra and in School drama productions was much appreciated. She also contributed to the pastoral welfare of the pupils and was a supportive tutor in Todmans. She will be missed by pupils and staff alike and we wish her every success in the future.

*Tim Hart Dyke*

## Alison Saunders



Alison was at Bethany for just over five years. When she sadly decided to move on in December 2007 I asked staff how they will remember her.

Here's what they said.

"Invaluable" The R.S Department  
"Excellent" Todmans' Housemaster  
"Irreplaceable" Activities' co-ordinator  
"An extremely considerate person." One of the Pizza Club/Christian group members  
"She has been a massive help to me" The Duke of Edinburgh co-ordinator

From my own point of view, her contribution to the Art Department was outstanding. She oversaw the expansion of the Pottery and the quality and variety of work that was produced there in all year groups was possibly the best ever and I am very grateful to her for all her hard work here, much of which was out of school hours.

One of our lasting memories of Alison will be of the 2005 carol service at St Dunstan's, her own church in Cranbrook. Who can forget that fateful night when Alison's night light arrangement burnt through the church water pipes and drenched a third of the congregation while being addressed about the Tsunami! Alison will always maintain this had absolutely nothing to do with her, but it's got to be more than coincidental, that possibly racked with guilt, she started a candle making club the very next term.

If Alison doesn't mislay her car keys we would be delighted to see her back here at any time and we wish her well with whatever career path she chooses to move onto.

*Pete Norgrove*

## David Paine



It hardly seems five years since David arrived, fresh faced from Loughborough University having initially finished his schooling at Framlingham College. His experience there prepared him well for life at Bethany and he quickly fitted into the Boarding House at The Mount as Assistant Housemaster and as Master in charge of Football in the P.E. Department.

David coached rugby and cricket teams bringing new and exciting approaches to these sports including SAQ (Speed, Agility and Quickness) which students found entertaining and challenging. It was in the Fitness Room where his expertise came to the fore and his Body for Life sessions with the Sixth Form students brought an insight into personal fitness. It was fitting that he finished his time here with a Football Training Camp at La Manga in Spain before leaving to take over as Head of P.E. at a Preparatory School in Surrey. I know his efforts, enthusiasm and experience on the Duke of Edinburgh Award was particularly appreciated by Philip Johnson. It was time that David moved on and I hope the experience he gained here holds him in good stead. I certainly enjoyed working with him as I know other members of the Department appreciated his unselfish approach to teaching.

*Phil Marriott*



# Sports Section - Rugby



## 1st XV

After the impressive successes of last year and the loss of so many influential players, the team was under no false illusion that this season was going to be different in many ways. Hence the focus for the season was to build the foundations of a side for the next two years. To their credit, the boys produced a string of very close defeats in addition to some very well deserved victories.

Despite losing a total of eight matches, the level of performance the emerging team has achieved throughout the season has been exciting to watch. There have been some excellent matches during which the Bethany squad has made top opposition work extremely hard to achieve any kind of result.

Thomas Hutchings captained the side and was instrumental in the team during the first part of the season until a knee injury sustained against Kent College ruled him out for the remainder of the season. The previous history of matches against Kent College coupled with the early departure of Hutchings brought about the most spirited, gutsy and resolute performance I have ever seen from a Bethany side. Their dogged determination through to the end earned them a well fought draw

against Kent College who were bitterly disappointed, but very lucky not to have lost. Victories were few and far between during the remainder of the season but it was fitting the season ended with a very close game against St Laurence College during which Daniel Brown scored the game's only try.

However, results are not always a yard stick with which to determine success. The tough, relentless season served to gel the team and to develop many individual players significantly. Therefore, huge thanks must go to all those students involved in the squad this year for all their hard work. Some special mentions must also go to: Callum Golds who not only stepped in as Captain but also never failed to be an impressive force on the pitch; Tom Felton-Smith who returned to the fold with his grit and determination often resulting in him being Bethany's Man of the Match; Guy Wilczek who was faultless in the back row and has much to offer in the future; and finally Daniel Helesfay who was immense - a true rock for the team who no doubt will continue to work hard next season.

*C Bingham*

Pl 12 - Won 3 - Drawn 1 - Lost 8 -  
For 85 - Against 235

## 2nd XV

The year started in a very promising way with record numbers of boys taking part in senior rugby. The enthusiasm shown was outstanding and selection always proved to be a difficult task of balancing getting the best team and giving as many players the experience needed to allow them to develop their skills at this level. Unfortunately, the early loss of Phil Scott and Richard Allen through injury prevented the newer members of the squad from benefitting from the experienced advice that was available on the pitch. This, inevitably, led to relatively inexperienced sides facing some tough fixtures and the results did not go our way this year.

We did, however, see the emergence of a number of players, some of whom went on to play for the 1st XV, such as Mike Churchill, Sam Elobeid and Salam Lamptey.

The most pleasing aspect of the year was the continued enthusiasm demonstrated despite the adverse results and I would particularly like to particularly thank, Greg and Remy Tack, Dan and Mark Clifford, Winston Campbell, Tom Lloyd, Charlie Reid and Sam Depoel-Wood for their contribution throughout the season. Hopefully, the experience gained this year will bring better results next season.

*D Schooledge*



## Colts

The team was faced with a strong fixture list at the start of the 07/08 season and took a while to gel. Early results went against them and although performances greatly improved towards the second half of the season, the team still struggled to convert constant pressure into points and ultimately deserved victories. The backs played superbly in the victory against Lingfield Notre Dame and Hussein Lamptey's destructive runs were influential in the team's victory against St Lawrence Ramsgate. The team certainly grew in stature during the season and the experience gained will enable the squad to step up comfortably to a new level of rugby next season.

## Junior Colts

The Junior Colts played their first match of the season against St Bedes and it was a great first match. The enthusiasm and hard work that the team displayed was enough to reduce the effect of St Bedes' physical size advantage, allowing them to win the match 21-5.

The second match, played away against Gravesend Grammar started off rather nervously, with nobody appearing to know what they were supposed to be doing. After ten minutes though, everything clicked and the rampage began. Senna Osman and Eddie Ephraim scored and, with Callum McConnochie converting the tries Bethany went into half time 14-0 up. In the second half, the same dominance of the game was seen, with Tom Difford and Eddy Ephraim scoring, only this time the tries were not converted. The Junior Colts' excitement at the final whistle was exactly what they deserved after their efforts – the final score of 24-0 reflecting their dominance in the match.

The third match was played at home against Cranbrook. The first half was outstanding, with the teams looking evenly matched. Bethany scored first, through Charlie Watson, and then scored again through Tom Difford, who converted his own try. Going into the break 12-5 up may have led the Junior Colts to relax a little, as Cranbrook scored causing the Junior Colts to panic a little and forget everything that they had done in practices and, indeed, the first half. First time tackles were missed and the ball was lost in the rucks and mauls. The final score of 31-22 was the wake up call that the Junior



Colts needed and the next few practices were dedicated to correcting these inconsistencies in performance.

After a few weeks of training the Junior Colts were ready for their match against Maidstone Grammar. Despite their enthusiasm, the Junior Colts found themselves 12-7 down at half time. They got themselves together and worked as a team, eventually working as one strong unit to come back and win the match 21-17.

The next match against Oakwood Park was expected to be a challenging match, but the Junior Colts were up to the challenge. They went into the break 15-5 up, leaving Oakwood Park, wondering what had gone wrong. Unfortunately, neither side scored again before full time, taking the score of 15-5 to the end of the match. This victory showed that the effort the team had put into improving had certainly paid off.

Duke of York is often a tough fixture and this season was not expected to be any different. The Junior Colts arrived keen to give of their best, and had a great start to the match. They surprised the opposition who, after ten minutes, put a few stronger players onto the pitch. This did not slow the Junior Colts down as they worked their way towards a well earned 41-24 victory.

The penultimate match of the season was played against Lingfield Notre Dame. The Junior Colts played as a team, supporting each other and working hard to retain possession of the ball. This positive attitude paid off, with a 50-5 victory a deserved result.

The final match of the season was played at home against Kent College. After a long, cold wait for the opposition to arrive after their bus broke down, the game eventually got underway. The Junior Colts took on everything with controlled aggression, putting Kent College on the back foot. Eddie Ephraim scored one try and set up another for Ben Smith, while Marcus Woodhouse

scored two tries. Tom Difford kicked 3 out of 4 conversions, taking the score to 26-0. In the second half, the Junior Colts settled into the match, working extremely well in defence, keeping all but one converted try out. When Bethany got moving forward again and spread the ball wide, Kent College's defence was left wanting and Senna Osman went over for a try. In the last 10 minutes Kent College organised a rush defence which was beautifully nullified by Tom Difford putting a cross-field kick over the defensive line which was dotted down by Callum McConnochie. The final score of 36-7 was a great end to a cold but exciting match.

The season's statistics show eight matches played, seven won and one lost, with 94 points against and 230 points for.

Well done to all the players in the squad for their perseverance, enthusiasm and hard work. You can be proud of your efforts and, of course, your results. Thanks must also go to Mr Marriot and Mr Davies for their invaluable assistance during the season.

*D MacDonald*

## Under 13

The Under 13 Rugby team started off the season with a win over Notre Dame which showed positive defensive qualities and attacking opportunities. They were then to experience a succession of teams which were just bigger and faster and, whilst they remained competitive, struggled to deal with the opposition. Many in the team were Year 7's which bodes well for next year. Max Penn-Hughes was the most influential driving force in the forwards and Sam Helesfay is developing into a good open side flanker. George Allen was the most influential back and will be very effective in the future, if he imposes himself more on the game.

*P G Marriott*



# Football

## 1st XI

The 2008 football season for the 1st team was the most successful season for five years. We improved on our previous season with some unexpected victories against teams such as Sutton Valence and Colfes. Highlights of the season were wins both home and away against Brighton College and Eastbourne. Although the team was one of the youngest we've ever had, the players certainly didn't lack experience as some had played for the 1st team the previous year, including myself, (George Curtis), Harry Dainty and Joseph Dougan. Having a Year 11 pupil as goal keeper was also a first for the Bethany team and Mike Churchill certainly pulled off some crucial saves. The upper sixth formers formed a strong and experienced defence, with Ben Urie and Will Lenanton bringing control and composure to the side.

Played 11 - Won 6 - Lost 3 - Drawn 2

*G Curtis, Captain*

## 2nd XI

Unfortunately it was not a season to remember for the Bethany 2nd XI Senior Football Squad in 2008. The team played 11 games and drew one whilst losing the others. However, this does not tell the whole story as there were several games that were lost by the odd goal, particularly when our finishing let us down whilst every shot the opponents had seemed to go in! There were also a number of Year 11 players in the team who took a little time to adjust to playing against opponents from one if not two age groups higher.

Despite the disappointing results there were still several stand-out performances throughout the season. Oliver Donkersley's confidence in goal improved as the season went on and his performances followed accordingly. Ollie Harris was a constant threat up front and despite only coming into the team for the last three games, Alex Pocock top scored for the team with four goals, including a couple of great long range efforts.

As stated, not a season to remember but the signs are definitely there for a much better and far more successful 2009.

*J Vickerman*

## Colts XI

During a mixed season, much interrupted by poor weather, the Bethany U15 team played some attractive football but unfortunately often failed to convert pressure into goals and good performances into wins. Nevertheless, spirit was good in the squad and the team played with determination when the opportunity arose. A strong performance and win against Kings Rochester was the highlight of the season. Richard Mills played with competence and determination at centre back while Rory Brooks-Kent scored a number of goals. The player of the season, Tom Dickson led from the front with strong assured performances on a consistent basis.

*M Payne*

## Junior Colts XI

Unfortunately due to extreme weather conditions which plagued much of the spring term, fixtures were extremely limited. This was a shame, as the team had many strong players and showed a lot of promise in training. In the few fixtures which did take place, the team always tried to play football through passing and moving rather than the long ball, which won many favourable comments from opposing managers. However, this style of play often fell down in the final third of the pitch, and shooting will need to be improved on for next year.

*R Briggs*

## Under 13 Football

It was a mixed season for the U13 football team last year; the only consistent thing about them was their lack of consistency! There were some great results and some great performances (a thrilling 4-3 defeat to a very strong Dulwich Prep School stands out) alongside some less positive ones (including a couple of six goal reverses). The team undoubtedly improved as the season progressed showing some excellent teamwork and attacking play at times towards the end of the season. Stand out performances were from captain George Allen (the most consistent player of the season), James Found, Sam Helesfay, Fin Hulbert and top scorer Huw Bristow.

*J Vickerman*

## La Manga

30 students from Years 10, 11 and the Sixth Form, together with four members of staff, left Stansted (in the heavy snow!) at the start of the Easter holiday to fly to the bright sunshine at La Manga for a five day football training tour.

Team training was led by Cyril Davies (a Chelsea FC Academy coach) and by David Paine and was aimed, on different days, at improving players' technique, positional sense, movement, awareness, shooting and formation shape. The boys trained with enthusiasm and energy, despite the high temperatures on some days. They acquitted themselves extremely well and can be proud of their performances which deserved to yield more than they eventually did against some very tough opposition.

There were plenty of leisure activities at La Manga, swimming and (especially for Mr Khan) sauna proved to be popular. Some of the Year 11's got in a couple of rounds of golf but the main event was the staff versus Year 13's crown green bowls competition, which the staff won but only by raising their game!

Everyone had a fabulous time - the resort was magnificent with fantastic facilities and some invaluable training which all the players benefitted from immensely. Many thanks to Mr Paine, Mr Khan, Mr Vickerman and Mr Davies and roll on next year's tour!



*Under 16's*



*Under 18's*



# Cricket

## 1st XI

It was a difficult season with the weather affecting the continuity of matches and the gaps between matches did not help the development of skills.

The first game of the season against a much improved St Bede's, who are taking their cricket very seriously these days, resulted in a five wicket loss. The highlights were a quick fire 50 by Dominic Grist, sharp stumping by Michael Churchill and economical bowling by Tom Gibson.

The second game was against Duke of York's and the team was determined not to let 'ball tampering' in again between innings. Freddie Hulbert bowled very economically taking 3 wickets for 23 in 8 overs. Daniel Helesfay also took 3 wickets for 17 and Dominic Grist 2 wickets for 34. Our batting let us down and only Michael Churchill scored a reasonable amount of runs totalling 22.

The XL Club scored 205 in their allotted overs with Tom Gibson taking 3 wickets. Daniel Helesfay and Freddie Hulbert bowled very economically and the team amassed 186 runs with Michael Churchill scoring 63.

The game against Cranbrook sometimes causes local rivalry and this year's game was no exception. Michael Churchill scored 61 runs and Daniel Helesfay 29 and whilst they were in, a win looked possible. Wickets fell too freely early on due in part to some interesting umpiring decisions and later on to undisciplined shot selection.

On the boys' side the less said about the match against the 'Strollers' the better, but George Curtis scored a creditable 90 and Freddie Hulbert 80, chasing a very large score.

Mr Pass would like me to express his gratitude to the players for their loyalty and hard work. He has new plans for winter nets so beware! We would particularly like to thank Chris Hall for his loyalty to the team. He has shown the sort of dedication which was normal in the past but is becoming rarer in the present day.

P G Marriott



## Under 15 XI

The squad embarked on the season with *determination and focus*. The first fixture was a test of both skill and character against Skinners, Tunbridge Wells. Up against a skilled outfit the team fought bravely but were unable to contain a strong batting line up which won Skinners the game. Nevertheless, a fixture against strong opposition set the team up well for forthcoming matches, and a very narrow defeat against St Bede's was followed by a comprehensive win against Notre Dame School. Cem Osman's 63 not out against St Bede's was a man of the match performance and the best innings by any player during the season. Michael Baker scored a significant 20 against Notre Dame, while Cem Osman returned with bowling figures of 5 for 17. These two performances were the backbone of a well deserved first win for the team. Games against T.W.B.G.S and Battle Abbey soon followed, and although the opposition faced resistance from Cem Osman with a 36 against T.W.B.G.S and the tail ender Michael Lees in both games, the opposition proved to strong and breezed past the total set with bowling to spare. The final game against Buckswood soon arrived and a very determined and buoyant team exited the minibus and strode onto the pitch. Buckswood were put into bat and an excellent bowling performance demolished the Buckswood batting line up. Michael Lees returned with figures of 5 for 17 and Cem Osman 2 for 7. After a collapse by the Bethany top order Richard Mills entered the game and delivered a mature and patient performance which ultimately saw Bethany home and a comfortable win achieved.

The team will now disperse into the senior ranks of cricket at Bethany and we wish them well and much success in seasons to come.

M Payne

## Under 14 XI

The weather played a major part in the summer term and consequently many of the U14 cricket fixtures were cancelled. However, the side did manage to play a handful of matches. Unfortunately, the team was unable to register a win. Nonetheless, they put together many spirited performances and most of the games went to the wire. The team clearly has potential for the future and hopefully next season they will not be affected by such poor weather.

Special mentions should go to Charlie "Lance Klusner" Watson for his big hitting with the bat, Will "the cat" Baker for some sensational catches, the bowling attack led by Jamie Banks, George Roberts, Patrick Elliot and Tom Difford. Coach Bingham would like to thank everyone involved and looks forward to next year.

C Bingham

## Under 13 XI

This season proved to be something of a mixed bag. There were some very good team performances leading to convincing wins over Skinners and Duke of York's, but careless batting often led to dismal collapses, as in defeat against Notre Dame and Rose Hill. If the players can focus on making themselves more difficult to dismiss, this team could develop well next year.

Notable individual performances came from Finn Hulbert, who played several fine innings including 98 not out against Skinners and took regular wickets with accurate fast bowling; George Allen, who kept wicket tidily and ended with a batting average of 54; Max Townley, whose leg spin was often a source of complete confusion to opposition batsman; and Sam Helesfay, who led the side extremely well and put in some good all-round performances.

There is a nucleus of good Year 7s who will develop next year and hopefully the team can build on the good performances shown this season.

S Davies



# Boys' Hockey

## Senior Boys' Hockey

The 2008 season began with two mixed matches, one against Lingfield Notre Dame and the other against Battle. As the girls were half way through their season and the boys had been working hard in pre-season training sessions, the results were positive – a 1 – 1 draw against a strong Notre Dame team (Freddie Hulbert scoring the goal) and a 3 – 2 win against Battle (where both Mark and Daniel Clifford scored).

Sadly this form did not continue, with the boys losing the next match against King's Rochester 3 – 0. The bad luck continued with a 4 – 1 loss against Cranbrook, although this gave Freddie Hulbert the chance to score a great goal from a short corner.

The team's luck changed, with a 4 – 1 win against Lingfield Notre Dame (Alex Barrett and Ed Nash scored one goal each, and Toby Harris scored two). Thankfully, the team had found their rhythm and developed their own style of hockey, with the next match (vs Battle) being a positive outcome with a 3 – 0 win (goals scored by Alex Barrett, Phil Semmens and Toby Harris).

These brilliant results were followed by a dismal defeat against Cranbrook, although the team won 3 – 1 against Skinners (one goal by Freddie Hulbert and two from Toby Harris).

The final match of the season, played away against Rochester Maths was, unfortunately, not to be ours, with several goals being scored with little reply.

With many things to work on before the start of the new season, this has been an interesting season. The team has adjusted to different formations, player changes and some challenging weather.

I would like to thank every hockey player that played this season. Your commitment and enthusiasm has seen you through another difficult season with very few casualties. Well done to all who played, but especially to Toby Harris, our top goal scorer with five goals, followed by Freddie Hulbert with three goals, Alex Barrett with two goals and

Daniel Clifford, Mark Clifford, Phil Semmens and Ed Nash with one goal each. A big thank you must also go to Brandon Begg for his outstanding work in goal.

Well done, Gentlemen, a great season with a lot of progress being obvious as time has gone on. I look forward to next season already!

*D MacDonald*

## Under 13

The U13 boys' hockey team finished off their season on a positive note with two wins over Claremont, 1-0 and Rochester Maths 2-1. Goals were scored by George Allen, Sebastian Powderham and Huw Bristow. It has been a difficult season but the team should be commended for their effort and enthusiasm. Skills have improved and special thanks should go to Max Penn-Hughes for his efforts in goal.

*P G Marriott*

## Charity Hockey

In March, the Upper Sixth challenged the Staff to a hockey match in aid of Sport Relief. After several training sessions, the pupils were ready to face the Staff, who had only managed to squeeze in one or two short practices.

Once the goal keepers were kitted up and the finer points of keeping had been explained to Mr Bingham, the match got underway. The Upper Sixth started well but the first goal went to the staff prompting some attacking play from the pupils who scored a lucky goal just before half time.

Following the half time break (much needed by the Staff!), the Staff used their superior experience (and size in some cases!) to rattle the Upper Sixth, causing much excitement among the spectators, especially when the Upper Sixth came close to scoring on several occasions. Richard Allen did well to keep most of the Staff attempts at goal out, until Mr Hollman (senior) worked his way into the circle to score a beautiful goal. A few minutes later, Mr Hollman (junior) flicked a cheeky ball over Richard Allen's diving figure to score.

Mrs Morgan played extremely well on the wing, showing that skill rather than speed is what counts. Mr Paine also demonstrated this, although he needed to stay on his feet to be more effective! Mrs Roberts played very well at the back and Messrs Hollman, senior and junior, worked together with telepathic understanding. Mr Simmons gave his all (so much that he had to be substituted at half time!) and Mr Bingham was outstanding in goal, providing much of the entertainment through some great saves and challenges.

The event raised over £100 – not bad for a lunchtime's work! A HUGE thank you to the Staff (including the umpires, Mrs Johnson and Miss Bicheno), to the Upper Sixth and to the spectators. The efforts of the Charities representatives did not go unnoticed and their help in organising the drinks and eats on sale was much appreciated.

Well done to all involved – thank you for a good laugh and some even better hockey!

*D MacDonald*





# Netball

## 1st VII

Led by their superb captain, Amy Saunders, this team had a spectacular season. They played 12 fixtures, won 9, drew 1 and lost just 2. This talented team, ("The Wild Cats'!), has grown and developed over the four years that some of them have trained and played together. This really shows on court, with swift passing and outstanding defending. The injection of other talented players in 2006 has resulted in great success over the last two years. Noteworthy wins this season include, two wins over Battle Abbey A's, Kent College 20-17, Combe Bank 31-7, Tonbridge Girls Grammar 14-9 and most recently a victory against Sutton Valence! The girls also participated in the annual Versatility Tournament finishing a respectable fourth, with Emily Saunders being named Player of the Tournament.

It has been a privilege to teach and coach this team. With six of the eight girls leaving this term they will be a hard act to follow. Special mentions to the whole team: to Amy & Emily Saunders for their sibling telepathy and outstanding shooting; to Natalie Edwards and Nikki Threshie for their agility on the wings; to Natasha Fitzgerald for her gazelle like interceptions; to Charlotte Pierce for her on-going hard work and organisation in defence and to Emeline Croome, the most improved player of the season. Last, but most definitely not least, to Frankie Sheldrake who holds everything together in centre court, always gives 100%, covers the whole court and zips around on her Nimbus 2000.

*S King*

## 2nd VII

During the Autumn term the team mostly played league matches where they were up against first teams, hence their scoresheet played 9, won 5, lost 4. However, during the Spring term the team had much greater success against other independent schools. There were two wins over Kent College Pembury, 18-17 and 25-9, both a result of some good team play and excellent shooting by Captain, Hester Smart and by Harriet Proud. The team excelled in their match against Sutton Valence, winning by 17-5, with no further goals being scored against them after half-time. Elfriede Kormawa was calm and calculating at centre and was well supported by Charli Swain and Natasha Hamilton-

Brown. Charlotte Harkness and Paige Ashton in defence worked tirelessly throughout. We also defeated Battle Abbey in both fixtures, when Kayleigh Gowen-Smith slotted seamlessly into attack.

The team worked well together and went from strength to strength throughout the season. They should be proud of their efforts and for achieving a high standard of play. Special mentions go to Elfriede Kormawa, most improved player and to Captain, Hester Smart, player of the season.

*E Cornell*

## Under 15

This team has some highly talented individuals but there seemed to be a lack of unity during matches. The season started well with a win against Kings Rochester 17-12 and they then had a hard fought match against Sutton Valence which resulted in a narrow defeat 15-17. Overall it was a good season but there is room for improvement.

*E Cornell*

## Under 14

The U14 netball team had a very mixed season. Playing some very competitive and outstanding opposition the U14's fought hard, continued to gel as a team and never gave up even when it looked like they were defeated. This team's spirit and determination saw them through to their final game where they convincingly beat Ashford School. The team still has room for improvement, however individual special mentions go to India Parry, Dani Golan, Gelly Newby, Yasmin Gordine and most improved player of the season Charlotte Bainbridge.

*S King*

## Under 13 & 12

The U13 "A" team played seven matches this season, winning two and losing five. The team was slow to get going in the Autumn term but their skills and tactics had developed by the time they played Dulwich Prep. The potential is there to do well with Nicky Richmond in defence, Rosie Wood at centre and Vanessa Lucas shooting. Lauren Garrett is developing as an excellent utility player, capable of playing in defence or attack. The team needs to become a more cohesive unit to reach their full potential, with all players putting in the maximum of effort in every match and supporting each other positively.

The U13 "B" team had five matches, winning one and losing four.

The U12 team won one of their three matches and again Rosie Wood and Lauren Garrett's skills were influential. Well done to all the girls.

*F Johnson*



## Charity Netball

A highlight of the Autumn term was the charity netball match between the 1st VII and a staff team to raise money for Breast Cancer Care. The staff took the event very seriously, even practising secretly at lunchtimes! The girls played extremely well considering the size of some of their opponents, not to mention Mr Gregory's memorably aggressive play! The final score was 10-7 to the staff and the girls should be very fortunate that it was only their egos that came away slightly bruised.



## Netball in Torquay

In March 11 girls from Years 10 and 11 travelled to Torquay to take part in the annual schools' tournament. The girls had been practising together as a team at lunchtimes and in an activities' session and their hard work paid off as they finished third overall. Many thanks to Miss King and Miss Shirley and particular thanks to Mr Scholedge for stepping in at the last minute and giving up his weekend to drive the minibus.



# Girls' Hockey



## Senior Team

The Senior Girls began their season with an away match against TWGGS. With just two practices prior to this, the intensity of the match was a shock to the system, leading to a wobbly start and few opportunities being converted into points. The match ended in a loss but, fortunately, not a loss of enthusiasm.

The second match was against Kent College, Pembury and once the players settled into their game, they were soon working well together and Natasha Hamilton-Brown scored a great goal. The final score of 5-1 to Kent College did not reflect the improvement and determination shown by the team.

In the match against TOGS the team struggled to impose itself and although Emeline Croome scored after the break it was sadly the only goal scored by Bethany. The final score was 5-1 to TOGS.

The match against Lingfield Notre Dame was a different affair altogether and the girls stamped their authority on the match with early goals from Emeline Croome and Natasha Hamilton Brown. Amelia Birrell and Danielle Shephard, filling in for missing players, worked extremely hard to force the opposition back into their own half to maintain pressure on the defence. Although Notre Dame exploited a lack of concentration on Bethany's part to score, the final score was 3-1 to Bethany.

In November an indoor team travelled to Combe Bank. It was a closely fought match, with both sides making the most of their opportunities to score. The second half was played at a frenetic pace, giving Bethany a 5-4 win. The adaptability of the players was obvious in this match, as was their determination to do well, with Frankie Sheldrake and Emeline Croome scoring two goals each and Natasha Hamilton Brown scoring one.

The final match of the term was against Kings Rochester. It was evenly matched to start with but, following a few injuries, Kings Rochester went ahead by three goals. Bethany's persistent defence, great tackles and determined attitude rattled the opposition, who only managed to score once in the second half, despite Bethany playing with only ten players.

Following Mrs Morgan's return from maternity leave, the girls continued to mature both as individuals and as a team. This was assisted by their continued training with the boys and with Mr MacDonald. They had a mixed match against Lingfield Notre Dame where they held their own both in attack and defence. Their season concluded with two wins. The first, a close and exciting game against Battle Abbey and the second a convincing win against Buckswood.

Special mentions go to Captain Natalie Edwards, to Frankie Sheldrake, the player of the season and to Emeline Croome, the most improved player and next season's Captain. The team improved tremendously during the season and their commitment to their team-mates and the enthusiasm and the obvious enjoyment that they got from playing hockey this term was clear to see. Well done to the whole team.

*D MacDonald & S King*

## Under 15

The U15 hockey team has gone from strength to strength this season. The side was captained by Amelia Birrell, who leads by example giving 100% in every practice and fixture and has motivated the team throughout the season. They have progressed well and have not just developed their individual skills but also their tactical awareness of positioning and communication. Everyone in the team should be very proud of their achievements and we look forward to seeing them progress further in the 1st XI

next year. Special mentions go to Amelia Birrell and Dani Shephard who have already made their débuts in the 1st XI. Also noteworthy performances from Ellie Hunter, Karen Emberson, Yvonne Shearer and Jenny Newton who has played exceptionally well in goal.

*S King*

## Under 14

The opening of the new astro coincided with the start of the girls' hockey season. The opportunity to use this excellent facility on a regular basis enabled everyone's stick-work skills to improve rapidly. The knock-on effect was that everyone found the game so much easier and consequently there was strong competition for team places.

The team improved their games awareness and set piece techniques with every match. We are developing a strong defence – wasn't it Arsene Wenger who said that good teams are built from this basis? We have a high calibre goalkeeper, a classic right back and a defence that can tackle and position themselves well – so we have conceded very few goals. Midfielders have also played well, holding and then distributing the ball to some fast running attackers. The downside is that unfortunately we seem to have consistently failed to convert these attacking opportunities – we need to develop a really goal hungry striker! However, if the team continues to develop at this pace – and we can find that goal scoring striker – then next season promises to be successful and fruitful.

*S Bicheno*

## Under 13

The U13 team played six matches over two terms. It should have been more but many were cancelled by the opposition. Although they only won one match, a 1-0 victory over St Gregory's, they had several narrow 1-0 defeats. Emma Callan has developed well in goal and Emily Smith's defensive skills have increased in confidence, alongside those of Fran Kenney. Georgia Jackson has led the team well as captain and is a sound midfield player. Lauren Garrett and Rosie Wood have also show excellent potential in their first season in the team. What the team needs now is goal scorers for the forwards to be more aggressive in front of the goal next season.

*F Johnson*



# Rounders

Bethany fielded six teams throughout the School with a mixed set of results.

The U12 team played four matches, winning two and losing two. They all mastered their positions and worked hard, but they found some skills difficult. In all they had a good season and their keenness and enthusiasm was evident in every match, as was their good team spirit.

The U13 team played three matches. They won three and lost three. There was a lot of talent in this team but they lacked concentration. Balls were sometimes missed or were inaccurate, which was a pity because on the whole they played hard. Next season they must build on the foundations laid this year.

The U14's played five, won three and lost two. This team really enjoyed their rounders. Tremendous improvements were made in their batting and fielding skills and they gave their all in every match.

The U15's played six, won four and lost two. This team was outstanding throughout and developed as a unit as the season progressed. The most exciting match was against Sutton Valence where we succeeded in bowling the opposition out after 19 balls (it was a 30 ball innings) and we went on to win 11 - 3. Well done to all the squad members.

The Senior A team played four, won three and drew one, while the B team won their two matches. There was a wealth of talent in both teams with players who could hit the ball hard and also throw great distances with accuracy. The A team had convincing wins against Sutton Valence (26-6) and against Cobham Hall

The B team was a pleasure to coach as all the players were so competitive and showed great team spirit. A memorable match was that against Cobham Hall which Bethany won 18-5.

It is a pity that more fixtures could not be arranged as both senior teams were so competitive, but with examinations looming this did not prove possible.

E Cornell

# Tennis



What a difference a year makes! This time last year the tennis players were looking forward to playing on the resurfaced hard courts and the new floodlit astro courts, as well as hopefully having training sessions with a visiting coach – and what a success it has all been! The courts have been appreciated by our opponents and our coach, Oli Pearce, will be returning in September with a winter training programme.

Tennis continues to go from strength to strength. About 40 players, boys and girls, have competed throughout the year in 16 different competitions and tournaments. The teams would like to thank Miss Rayner and Mr Briggs for their help and encouragement.

This year there have been some famous victories, with Oli Donovan and Joe Reddy reaching the quarters of the one day winter tournament and all the other pairs missing out by just one game. George Allen and Jake Sauvage did the same in the summer tournament, whilst Richard Mills and Cem Osman made it through to the round of 16, then the quarters and just missed the semis by a whisker. At this stage of the tournaments we are only being beaten by the boys' grammar schools or schools with tennis academies. Our target next year must be to break into these top four places. In recognition of his success and contribution to the tennis squads a special award was made to Richard Mills.

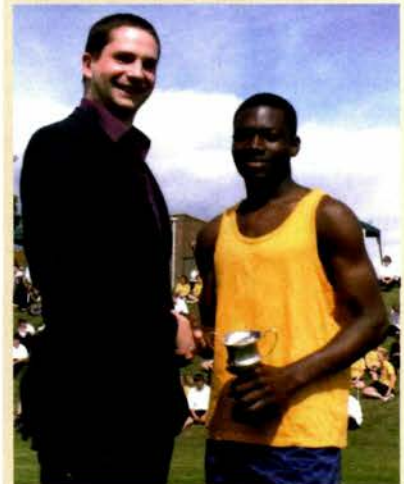
There were very few ignominious defeats, although there were rather too many occasions when we managed (I misquote) to snatch defeat from the jaws of victory! Somehow we did not close out a point or a game at the crucial time. Next term we will arrange for a

sports psychologist to come in and give practical advice on how to convert those break points etc. As Ana Ivanovic said, "It is the same court and the same tennis balls – how I deal with it is all in my mind".

These are exciting times for tennis at Bethany and there are big targets for the teams to achieve next year. It will take commitment and hard work but the squads have good examples to follow. In recognition of their contribution to school tennis in general and getting Bethany on the map in Kent schools tennis circles in particular, full colours were awarded to Dan and Mark Clifford.

S. Bicheno

# Athletics



Former pupil, Alex Dale, the School's 100 metre record holder, is pictured here presenting the cup to the winner of this year's senior boys' 100 metres, Salam Lamptey.



# Sporting and House Awards 2007-2008

The Roy Farquharson Trophy :

Senior Sportsman –  
THOMAS HUTCHINGS

Damien Jones Cup – DANIEL HELESFAY

The Powell Cup:  
Junior Sportsman – RICHARD MILLS

Anthony Clarke Trophy –  
CALLUM GOLDS

Senior Sportswoman –  
FRANCESCA SHELDRAKE

The Claire Lindsey Trophy –  
AMY SAUNDERS

Johnson Trophy: Most Rounders –  
FRANCESCA SHELDRAKE

The Green Cup: Junior Sportswoman –  
DANIELLE SHEPHARD

Pippa Blackman Trophy For Academic  
Excellence in P.E. – CLAIRE DOUGLAS

Catchpole Tankard:  
Contributions to minority sports –  
DANIEL AND MARK CLIFFORD

Ambrose Rogers Cup:  
Greatest Contribution to 1st XV –  
THOMAS HUTCHINGS AND  
CALLUM GOLDS

Simon Halfhide Cup:  
Most Improved 1st XV player –  
GUY WILCZEK

Treanor Cup:  
Greatest contribution to 2nd XV Rugby  
– DANIEL CLIFFORD

Stubbs Trophy:  
Greatest contribution to junior Rugby –  
RICHARD MILLS

Evans Cup:  
Junior Cross-Country Winner –  
MAX TOWNLEY

Rowan Tinn Cup:  
Intermediate Boys Cross-Country  
Winner – HARRY LINDSLEY

Junior Girls Race Winner-  
VANESSA LUCAS

Intermediate Girls Winner -  
AMELIA BIRRELL

Senior Girls Winner –  
NATASHA HAMILTON-BROWN

C.S.C. Cup: Senior Boys Cross-Country  
Winner – SAM ELOBEID

Nigel Kimber Cricket Cup: 1st XI –  
FREDDIE HULBERT

Ray Richard Cup:  
All-Round Achievement in Junior  
Cricket – MICHAEL LEES

Jack White Trophy:  
Bowling Averages – FREDDIE HULBERT

Lawrie Mann Trophy:  
Greatest Contribution to Football –  
HARRY DAINTY

Top Goal Scorer – HARRY HUNTINGDON

Pippa Blackman Trophy:  
Greatest Contribution to Netball –  
AMY SAUNDERS AND  
FRANCESCA SHELDRAKE

## SCHOOL COLOURS

### Full

Rugby Tom Hutchings

Football None

Badminton None

### Netball

Amy Saunders, Natalie Edwards,  
Charlotte Pierce, Natasha Fitzgerald,  
Hester Smart.

### Rounders

Amy Saunders, Natalie Edwards,  
Hester Smart, Natasha Fitzgerald,  
Francesca Sheldrake, Charlotte Pierce.

Cricket None

### Hockey

Francesca Sheldrake, Natalie Edwards,  
Philip Scott.

### Tennis

Daniel Clifford, Mark Clifford.

### Half

#### Rugby

Callum Golds, Bruce Evans, Alex  
Barrett, Tom Felton-Smith, Angus Todd,  
William Lenanton, Daniel Helesfay,  
Daniel Wright.

#### Football

George Curtis, Joseph Dougan, Harry  
Dainty, Will Lenanton, Angus Todd.

#### Hockey

Natasha Hamilton-Brown, Natasha  
Fitzgerald, Amy Saunders, Elfriede  
Kormawa, Emeline Croome, Katie  
Dougal, Stephanie Cameron, Hester  
Smart, Daniel Helesfay, Richard Allen,  
Freddie Hulbert, Alex Nelson, Alex  
Wilson, Toby Harris.

#### Netball

Emily Saunders, Emeline Croome,  
Nicky Threshie, Harriet Proud, Elfriede  
Kormawa.

#### Judo

#### Rounders

Nicky Threshie, Elfriede Kormawa,  
Harriet Proud, Emeline Croome,  
Natasha Hamilton-Brown, Jennifer  
Heaysman, Emily Saunders.

#### Cricket

Daniel Helesfay, Chris Hall,  
Dominic Grist, Michael Churchill.

Tennis None

Athletics None

## HOUSE TROPHIES

The Jessel Shield: Best House of the  
Year – ROBERTS

Russell Shield: Rugby Winners –  
ROBERTS

De Winton Cup: Cross-Country  
Winners – ROBERTS

Catling Cup – Squash Winners –  
NO COMPETITION

House Trophy – Cricket Winners –  
ROBERTS

Warner Cup – Football Winners –  
KIPLINGS

Netball – ROBERTS

Basketball – NOT COMPLETED

Badminton – NOT COMPLETED

Rounders – SPEAKERS

Hockey – ROBERTS/SPEAKERS

## ATHLETICS TROPHIES

Old Boys Shield for House Winners:  
KIPLINGS

Benjamin White Cup for Senior Boys  
Victor Ludorum: SAM ELOBEID/SALAM  
LAMPTEY

Wing Cup for Intermediate Boys Victor  
Ludorum: EDDIE EPHRAIM

Greenhill Cup for Junior Boys Victor  
Ludorum: TOM GREENHILL

Senior Girls Victor Ludorum:  
NATASHA HAMILTON-BROWN

Junior Girls Victor Ludorum:  
INDIA PARRY

Willoughby Cup for Senior 100m:  
SALEM LAMPTEY

Ford Cup for Senior 200m:  
SALEM LAMPTEY

Frost Trophy for Senior 400m:  
PHILIP SCOTT

Anthony Cup for Senior 800m:  
SAMUEL ELOBEID

Newham Cup for Senior 1500m:  
SAMUEL ELOBEID

Wilson Cup for 3000m:  
TOM HAYDON

Naylor Shield for Senior Javelin:  
DOMINIC GRIST

Burnham Trophy for Senior Discus:  
DOMINIC GRIST

Baldock Cup for Intermediate 1500m:  
DANIEL HEAYSMAN

Kenyon-Slaney Cup for Junior 1500m:  
ALEXANDER CLAYDEN-SPENCE

Forden Cup for Best Performance in  
Inter-School Athletics – Not Presented





## SWIMMING CUPS

### Junior (Div III) -

Colin Fells Record Cup:

1 length breaststroke – HUW BRISTOW

Toby Anderson Cup:

Individual medley – HUW BRISTOW

Hill Cup:

Victor Ludorum – HUW BRISTOW

Junior Girls Victrix Ludorum –

HOLLY STEVENS

### Intermediates

Graham Maisey Cup:

4 lengths crawl – GEORGE WOOD

Scovell Cup:

4 lengths breaststroke – GEORGE RAW

Colin Fells Memorial Cup:

Victor Ludorum – CHARLIE WATSON

David Tuddenham Trophy –

RICHARD MILLS

### Seniors

Coronation Shield: 4,2 and 1 lengths crawl.

(1) ALEX WILSON

(2) ALEX WILSON

(4) RICHARD ALLEN

Charter Trophy:

2 lengths butterfly – EDWARD NASH

Ramsey Neseiyif Cup:

4 lengths breaststroke – OLIVER

### HINDLE

Plunge Cup: NOT AWARDED

Robert Mullet Cup:

Medley relay – KIPLINGS

Senior Boys Victor Ludorum:

EDWARD NASH

Senior Girls Victrix Ludorum:

HARRIET PROUD/CHATTY FORSTER

### Open

Most Records: No Records

House Shield: SPEAKERS

## HOUSE COLOURS

### Swimming

C.Forster(K), E.Nash(K), R.Allen(K),  
C.Hangartner(K), J.Vaughan(K),  
E.Croome(S), C.Douglas(S),  
A.Wilson(S), O.Hindle(S), S.Jenkins(S),  
H.Huntingdon(S), N.Hamilton-  
Brown(S).

### Netball

N.Threshie(K), N.Fitzgerald(R),  
E.Croome(S), E.Saunders(S),  
H.Smart(S).

### Rugby

T.Tabor(K), M.Clifford(K), D.Clifford(K),  
A.Barrett(K), C.Hangatner(K),  
S.Lamprey(K), E.Waugh(K),  
G.Wilczek(R), W.Campbell(R),  
B.Evans(R), R.Blackler(R), S.Griffith-  
payne(R), C.Levett(R), O.Hindle(S),  
T.Felton-Smith(S), B.Urie(S),  
F.Hulbert(S), D.Wright(S), A.Todd(S),  
L.Pritchard(S), M.Churchill(S),  
J.Dougan(S).

### Cross Country

C.Pierce(K), T.Haydon(K), R.Sutcliffe-  
Robert(K), M.Beattie(K), M.Hutton(K),  
O.Donkersley(K), G.Lusted(K),  
R.Dodd(R), E.Kormawa(R), T.Felton-  
Smith(S), G.Curtis(S), N.Hamilton-  
Brown(S), A.Saunders(S), H.Smart(S),  
E.Saunders(S).

**Badminton** None

**Squash** None

### Football

T.Truman(K), A.Woodhouse(K),  
C.Hall(K), D.Brown(R), C.Levett(R),  
R.Wells(R), G.Curtis(S),  
H.Huntingdon(S), L.Pritchard(S),  
B.Urie(S).

### Hockey

K.Dougal(K), S.Cameron(R),  
N.Fitzgerald(R), E.Kormawa(R),  
M.Ruysshaert(R), N.Edwards(S),  
A.Saunders(S), H.Smart(S).

**Basketball** None

**Tennis** None

### Athletics

S.Lamprey(K), D.Grist(K), E.Hunter(K),  
R.Marshall(K), B.Bowler(K),  
F.Sheldrake(R), J.Hookham(R),  
N.Hamilton-Brown(S), E.Croome(S),  
A.Birrell(S).

### Rounders

J.Heaysman(K), B.Bowler(K),  
C.Foster(K), P.Ashton(R), K.Dougal(R),  
W.K.Sui(R), E.Saunders(S),  
E.Croome(S), N.Hamilton-Brown(S),  
C.Swain(S).

### Cricket

P.Watsham(K), E.Nash(K), T.Lloyd(R),  
T.Gibson(S), M.Churchill(S).



# Swimming Sports Winners 2008

## Senior Boys

2 L Fly	E.Nash (K)	34.3
4L Free	R.Allen (K)	77.9
4L Breast	O.Hindle (S)	108.4
4L Back	C.Hangartner (K)	98.0
2L Back	S.Jenkins (S)	40.4
2L Breast	E.Nash (K)	36.3
2L Free	A.Wilson (S)	30.8
1L Fly	E.Nash (K)	14.8
1L Back	S.Jenkins (S)	18.5
1L Breast	O.Hindle (S)	20.5
1L Free	A.Wilson (S)	14.2
4*1 Free	Kiplings	61.1
4*1 Medley	Kiplings	76.3

## Senior Girls

4L Free	C.Forster (K)	89.2
4L Back	C.Forster (K)	100.8
4L Breast	C.Forster (K)	118.7
I.M.	C.Douglas (S)	99.03
2L Back	E.Croome (S)	44.2
2L Breast	H.Proud ®	41.7

## Senior Girls

2L Free	C.Douglas (S)	34.6
1L Fly	H.Proud ®	21.1
1L Back	E.Croome (S)	19.3
1L Breast	H.Proud ®	19.2
1L Free	H.Proud ®	16.0
4*1 Free	Speakers	66.7
4*1 Medley	Speakers	83.2

## Intermediate Boys

IB 4L Free	G.Wood (S)	89.8
IB 4L Breast	G.Raw (K)	109.5
IB I.M.	R.Mills ®	95.9
2L Back	C.Watson (S)	39.0
2L Breast	A.Fields (S)	43.7
2L Free	C.Watson (S)	32.3
1L Fly	C.Watson (S)	19.0
1L Back	C.Watson (S)	17.2
1L Breast	A.Fields (S)	19.3
1L Free	G.Wood (S)	14.5
4*1 Free	Speakers	61.9
4*1 Medley	Speakers	74.4

## Junior Boys

I.M	H.Bristow (S)	97.6
2L Back	H.Bristow (S)	48.3
2L Breast	J.Dougal ®	46.2
2L Free	H.Bristow (S)	34.4
1L Fly	J.Newell ®	19.9
1L Back	J.Dougall ®	19.00
1L Breast	H.Bristow (S)	23.9
1L Free	H.Bristow (S)	15.9
4*1 Free	Speakers	72.6
4*1 Medley	Speakers	84.0

## Junior Girls

2L Back	L.Paffard ®	46.4
2L Breast	H.Stevens ®	43.9
2L Free	N.Brattle (S)	40.8
1L Fly	H.Stevens ®	16.1
1L Back	T.Brattle (S)	19.7
1L Breast	H.Stevens ®	20.9
1L Free	F.Valentine-Hosein (S)	15.4
4*1 Free	Speakers	96.1
4*1 Medley	Speakers	68.8

# Athletics Sports Results 2008

1st		
SB 100M	S.Lamptey (K)	12.41
SB 200M	S.Lamptey (K)	25.9
SB 400M	P.Scott (K)	61.9
SB 800M	S.Eloheid (K)	2.16.7
SB 1500M	S.Eloheid (K)	4.56.4
SB 3000M	T.Haydon (K)	13.51.0
SB LJ	S.Eloheid (K)	5.53m
SB TJ	S.Lamptey (K)	11.30m
SB DT	D.Grist (K)	22.75
SB SP	C.Golds (K)	9.58m
SB JT	D.Grist (K)	29.96m
SB 4*100M	KIPLINGS	51.1
OPEN 4*400M	KIPLINGS	4.12.9
SG 100M	K.Emberson ®	15.2
SG 200M	N.Hamilton-Brown (S)	31.1
SG 300M	E.Hunter (K)	50.0
SG 800M	N.Hamilton-Brown (S)	2.51.5
SG 1500M	E.Hunter (K)	6.58.0
SG LJ	J.Hookham ®	3.96m
SG TJ	R.Marshall (K)	7.60m
SG SP	W.Siu ®	7.81m
SG DT	F.Sheldrake ®	20.03m
SG JT	F.Sheldrake ®	24.31m
SG 4*100M	ROBERTS	60.1
JG 100M	Y.Holyoake (S)	16.6
JG 200M	I.Parry (K)	33.4
JG 300M	G.Jackson (K)	54.7
JG 800M	V.Lucas (K)	3.06.9

1st		
JG LJ	Y.Holyoake (S)	3.38m
JG HJ	I.Parry (K)	1.05m
JG SP	Y.Gordine (S)	6.28m
JG JT	A.Newby ®	19.04
JG 4*100M	SPEAKERS	65.5
Yr 10 B 100M	H.Lamptey (K)	13.5
Yr 10 B 200M	G.Holker (K)	26.3
Yr 10 B 400M	T.Dixon (K)	59.3
Yr 10 B 800M	D.Heaysman (K)	2.25.0
Yr 10 B 1500M	D.Heaysman (K)	5.15.0
Yr 10 B LJ	M.Lees ®	5.03m
Yr 10 B TJ	T.Jackson (K)	9.23m
Yr 10 B HJ	G.Holker (K)	1.45m
Yr 10 B SP	G.Holker (K)	8.90m
Yr 10 B DT	D.Heaysman (K)	22.30m
Yr 10 B JT	R.Mills ®	31.31m
IB 4*100M	KIPLINGS	51.8
Yr 9 B 100M	E.Ephraim (K)	12.4
Yr 9 B 200M	E.Ephraim (K)	24.84
Yr 9 B 400M	D.Richards ®	64.5
Yr 9 B 800M	G.Roberts (K)	2.24.9
Yr 9 B 1500M	G.Roberts (K)	5.43.0
Yr 9 B LJ	J.Dowse (S)	4.55m
Yr 9 B HJ	P.Jenkins (S)	1.32m
Yr 9 B TJ	E.Ephraim (K)	9.95m
Yr 9 B SP	M.Azhad ®	9.96m
Yr 9 B DT	S.Osman (S)	25.16m
Yr 9 B JT	B.Smith ®	26.80m

1st		
Yr 8 B 100M	G.Allen (K)	13.9
Yr 8 B 200M	G.Allen (K)	27.7
Yr 8 B 400M	A. Clayden-Spence ®	74.0
Yr 8 B 800M	M.Townley (K)	2.45.3
Yr 8 B 1500M	A.Clayden-Spence ®	5.41.0
Yr 8 B LJ	T.Greenhill (S)	4.20m
Yr 8 B HJ	L.Prust ®	1.35m
Yr 8 B TJ	A.Clayden-Spence ®	8.34m
Yr 8 B SP	M.Kipping (S)	8.10m
Yr 8 B DT	J.Dougal ®	19.80m
JB 4*100M	SPEAKERS	60.7
Yr 7 G 1500M	R.Wood ®	6.40.0
Yr 7 G LJ	F.Valentine-Hosein (S)	3.62m
Yr 7 G HJ	R.Wood ®	1.10m
Yr 7 G TJ	R.Wood ®	6.94m
Yr 7 G SP	L.Garrett ®	6.59m
Yr 7 B 100M	J.Pearson (S)	15.6
Yr 7 B 200M	J.Pearson (S)	32.8
Yr 7 B 400M	J.Smith (S)	75.2
Yr 7 B 800M	J.Monks (K)	3.12.0
Yr 7 B 1500M	J.Smith (S)	6.31.0
Yr 7 B LJ	J.Pearson (S)	3.88m
Yr 7 B HJ	J.Smith (S)	1.12m
Yr 7 B TJ	J.Pearson (S)	7.09m
Yr 7 B SP	C.Gill ®	6.34m
Yr 7 B DT	F.Hulbert (S)	15.80m
Yr 7 B CB	F.Hulbert (S)	51.17m NSR



It was very satisfying to reach the end of another highly successful year for the Award Scheme at Bethany. 13 Upper Sixth formers achieved Gold awards, 16 completed their Silver and 31 their Bronze award. It epitomizes the fantastic effort that Bethany students put in to achieve such a high success rate.

Expeditions for the Gold award took place in Snowdonia and the Lakes. At Silver level the groups travelled to Dorset and the Peak District while the Bronze level expeditions took place on the North Downs. There were huge contrasts in weather from beautiful sunny days to challenging wintry conditions.

Participants were involved in a variety of activities from volunteering at the Leonard Cheshire Home and the Hospice in the Weald to various sports and drama productions. There were some very enterprising choices amongst those completing the residential element of the Gold award, such as taking part in a Tall Ships journey to working with Youth Music Theatre UK in a production of 'Great Expectations' at the Aberdeen International Youth Festival.

My thanks to everyone who gave up valuable weekends and holiday time in order to ensure that the Scheme continues to be such a success. Congratulations to all the participating students for their tremendous effort and enthusiasm at all levels. Well done!

P Johnson  
D of E Co-coordinator

## What do you know about DofE?

Bethany is one of a select number of schools in the south east of England that is licensed to operate the Award Scheme independently.

There are three levels of programme which, when successfully completed lead to a Bronze, Silver or Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award. The main differences between the levels are the minimum length of time it takes to complete them, how challenging it is and the minimum age you can start.

An Award is achieved by completing a personal programme of activities in four sections (five if going for Gold).

These sections are:

- **Volunteering** – undertaking a service to individuals or the community
- **Physical** - becoming fitter through sport, dance or fitness activities
- **Skills** - developing existing talents or trying something new
- **Expedition** - planning, training for and completing an adventurous journey in the UK or abroad
- **Residential** - Gold programme participants must also complete an additional fifth Residential section which involves staying and working away from home doing a shared activity.

The length of time spent on each section depends on the level of programme undertaken.

## Why do Bethany students participate so enthusiastically?

Good question!

It could be because from the first day to the last it's a real adventure. Every section is so different and there are so many new experiences to enjoy. The Scheme provides students with the opportunity to discover new talents and to face new challenges.

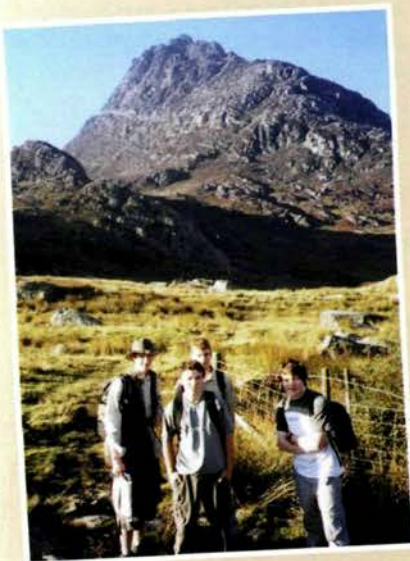
Achieving an Award gives students the skills, confidence and a view on life that everyone is looking for, from employers to colleges and universities. The Scheme provides recognition for doing things they want to do (and may even be doing already). Plus they can make a difference to other people's lives and to their community, be fitter and healthier, make new friends and have memories to last them a lifetime. And above all, it's a great fun!





# EXPEDITIONS

During October half-term 13 students from the Lower Sixth took part in their first practice expedition in Snowdonia for their Gold award. They spent one day climbing the north face of Tryffan and Gregory Lusted is pictured successfully undertaking the traditional, but perilous, step called "Adam and Eve". This group was exceptionally lucky with the weather which enabled them to make the climb. Tryffan was followed by a two day expedition on the Carnedd Range, including one overnight wild camp.



The next Gold practice expedition took place over Easter when a large group travelled to the Lake District. With Easter falling early they knew they were in for some mixed weather and this definitely turned out to be something of an understatement! Gale force winds and snow for much of the time made for some very challenging conditions and was certainly a test for all the kit!



Despite the weather everyone kept going and kept their sense of humour over the four day trip. Dana, our Gap student from Australia, was surprised at the amount of snow they experienced and the conditions certainly made for some interesting photos!

Those taking part in the Silver award successfully completed their qualifying expedition in the Peak District in September, having previously undertaken their practice expedition in Dorset in June.

Here is an extract from one of the groups' diaries.



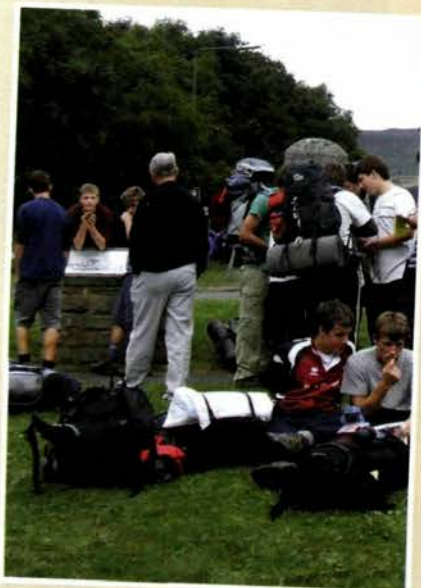
## Day 1

After a five hour journey to the Peak District we set off on our expedition. Our walk took us over viaducts and around the Ladybower Reservoir in the Upper Derwent Valley. During World War II this is where 617 Squadron, "The Dambusters", practised their raids by releasing their "bouncing bombs" from a height of 60 feet at 222mph. We reached our campsite at around 6.00 pm, put up our tents and prepared our "boil in the bag" supper. It had been a sunny day and we had had a pleasant and picturesque start to our expedition.

## Day 2

We awoke to rain and layered ourselves in our wet weather gear.

After an initial wrong turn, our walk that morning took us along a path called the "Roman Road". We walked for a long while along a ridge, rather too long as we had not spotted the footpath we should have taken. However, we were able to identify where we were from the map and eventually reached our checkpoint. The afternoon was rather eventful but despite minor disagreements over the route we finally reached our campsite, where half the groups were camping that night. We enjoyed our pasta supper but the cleaning up would have been easier if someone (you know who you are!) had remembered to put more water in the pan to cook the pasta!







### Day 3

We were the last of the three groups to set off that day and our walk was quite straight forward. We pretty much followed the Pennine Way, passing through the campsite where the other two groups had camped overnight. We walked through farms and up to Jacob's Ladder, a rough stepped path up, what is said to be, one of the steepest ascents on the Pennine Way. Just when we thought we'd reached the top, another hill appeared. It was quite a mission but once we reached the top the view was breathtaking. Being a Sunday there were lots of walkers out and about.

We reached our checkpoint and discovered that for once one of the other groups (not us this time) had taken a wrong turn. From there we followed a sheep track and yes, we went wrong again. We re-set the compass and instead of retracing our steps completely decided to attempt a steep hill to get back on track.

When we reached our next checkpoint we were exhausted and were singing loudly (well the girls were) to keep our spirits up. After a much needed rest we headed off downhill and came to a ford. We decided to paddle and although the water was cold it was so refreshing. We reached the next

checkpoint without incident and carried on along a ridge with lovely views over the village of Edale. The campsite was only a short walk from here. We'd made it and celebrated with more pasta!

### Day 4

An early start ready for the drive back to school.

The Peak District was so pretty and we had been quite lucky with the weather. It may not sound like it, but our group really did work well together. We were a small group and we had great fun together. It was an amazing experience!

*Kayleigh Gowan-Smith, Tom Hamilton, Gemma Houghton, Tom Truman*



## VOLUNTEERING

**Here's a look at what three of our students have undertaken as part of the Volunteering section of the Award.**

Chatty Forster is working towards her Gold Award. For the last two years she has been working at the Hospice in the Weald's Charity Shop in Paddock Wood on Saturday afternoons. Even though Chatty has now finished the Volunteering element of the Award, she has carried on supporting the shop as they would have to close without her help. She thoroughly enjoys the work and has come to know many of the customers very well.



*Chatty working in the Hospice in Weald Shop in Paddock Wood*



Vici Fields is also working towards her Gold Award. She visits the Leonard Cheshire Home in Staplehurst, which mostly cares for people with Multiple Sclerosis, every Wednesday afternoon, as well as during the school holidays. Vici, along with other students from Bethany, chats to the residents and plays board games with them; their favourite game is dominoes. She has also organised fund raising events in school for the Home, such as a sponsored hockey match, an own clothes day and a coffee morning. Later in the year the Choir and Orchestra will visit the Home to entertain the residents.

*Vici is pictured above with Linda, Lianne and Trev from the Leonard Cheshire Home along with Chris Hangartner and Dan Wright from the Upper Sixth.*

For the Volunteering element of her Silver Award, Gemma Houghton helped the fund raising team of the Heart of Kent Hospice in Aylesford near Maidstone. She helped at many different events, including the "Voices for Hospices" concert at Mote Park and she is pictured here helping at the Family Fun Weekend at Leeds Castle.





# Parents' Day, Speech Day, Leavers' Day

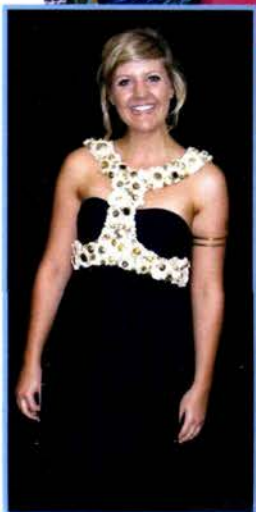
This year's Speech Day took place on Saturday, 21st June and although we were not blessed with sunshine, by and large the rain held off.

The Houses put up their usual stalls, although one or two were moved inside this year, just in case. As ever, the Fashion Show in the Textiles Room attracted a large audience and just over £350 was raised for the Hospice in the Weald. The variety of work on display was extremely impressive and a "first" this year was a dog on the catwalk, proudly modelling his owner's creation. Mrs Wood and her Food Technology students provided some mouth-watering delicacies to round off the event.



At midday the leavers and their parents made their way to the Chapel. Each year the Sixth Formers ask a member of staff, someone they feel has played an important part in their lives at Bethany, to address them. This year they chose Mrs Vince, the School Secretary, who had of course got to know some better than others over the years, depending on the frequency of their visits to her office. She told them, "It has been a true delight to see you all grow from that timid little child on your first day, through the somewhat taxing years of adolescence, into confident and well rounded young people ready to attack the world." She suggested that it would be appropriate for the leavers to thank their parents for their support, their endless taxi service and their forbearance over the years with a round of applause. She told them how much she had enjoyed sharing their moments of triumph, be it exam results or driving test successes and asked them to remember the poem in her office and always approach life with a smile.

After lunch the formal speeches took place in the Sports Hall. Thankfully there was to be no repeat of last year's drenching as the Sports Hall roof had finally been replaced! (Thank you Bursar!) The Chairman of Governors, Christopher Jackson, opened proceedings by outlining the School's plans and objectives for the coming years. He recognised all the staff for their huge efforts to ensure that Bethany is such a happy and effective school. Mr Jackson particularly thanked Mrs Gale, our Head of Science, Simon Douglass, the Bursar and Brian Chapman, the Estates Manager, for the amazing job they had done in setting up temporary science laboratories following the dramatic fire last summer and for all the work they had put into the planning of the new science centre, the most complex and costly project the School has ever undertaken.

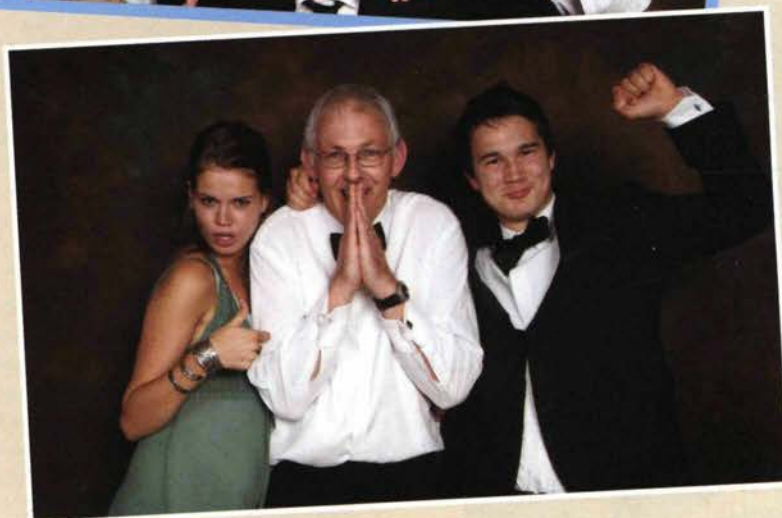




The Headmaster reflected on what a pleasure and privilege it is for teachers to see young people grow and develop in the seven years they are in a secondary school such as Bethany. He offered a series of guidelines to teachers and parents to follow as they take young people through these vital years and try to nurture their self-confidence and self-esteem. He reminded the leavers that they had not become well-rounded and confident just because of the support and framework provided by the School but because they had committed themselves to the opportunities that had been made available to them. He went on to offer ten tips on surviving teenagers, encouraging the students to listen carefully so they could begin to understand what it can be like to be a parent or a teacher! Having thanked all the members of staff leaving Bethany at the end of the term he finished his speech on a similar vein to Mrs Vince's earlier in the day (a true coincidence we have been assured) by quoting Andre Maurois, the French author and man of letters who said: "Smile, for everyone lacks self confidence and more than any one thing a smile reassures them."

Our guest speaker, Mike Trueman, an experienced mountaineer, who has led many expeditions to the Himalayas and Mount Everest, presented this year's prizes before delivering his speech. He focussed on how quickly new opportunities in life are becoming available to the younger generation as advances in science and technology gain momentum. He pointed out that all students have skills which they may or may not have yet discovered, and with the increasing opportunities that are now available, many will be successful in ways that they may not have yet considered. He emphasised that schools have a responsibility to prepare young people to manage risk and congratulated Bethany for the wide range of activities such as the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme, and expeditions, which are made available to everyone in the School. He wished our leavers good fortune and hoped they would grasp exciting opportunities in the years ahead.

The Heads of School, Natasha Fitzgerald and Tom Hutchings gave the vote of thanks, after which parents, students, guests and Old Bethanians gathered for tea on the Headmaster's Lawn, before the leavers set off to prepare for the Leavers' Ball at High Rocks. It was a wonderful evening with many members of staff present with their partners. A memorable highlight of the evening was the raffle. Mr Simmons was overjoyed to win the final prize of the evening and there was much ribbing in the staff room when he returned to school after the weekend with his newly straightened hair!







Past OBS Presidents at Reunion Day 2008

Back row left to right: Paul Holmes, Neil Pollard, Robin Toop, Eric Adler, Freddy Proctor, Paul Grist  
 Front row left to right: Robert Forsyth, Brendan Parke, Elizabeth Barry (Alumni co-ordinator), Adrian Chapman, Billy Cheesman

# The Bethanian Society



In a significant and exciting development in its 121-year history, and following discussions with the School and Board of Governors, the Old Bethanians'

Society (OBS) – the association of former pupils of Bethany School – is to be re-launched as an expanded, vibrant and technically state-of-the-art 21st century alumni association to be known as 'The Bethanian Society' (TBS). Under the new scheme, all former Bethanians will become automatic members.

The core values of the Society will remain in place with its aims unchanged since 1887 to "strengthen those ties of friendship formed at school and which it is a matter of regret that the fact of leaving school should sever", and it will continue with its wide range of social events, such as dinners, dances and sporting events of all kinds. Commenting on the new

Society, Robert Pilbeam, a past President and Honorary Secretary of the OBS, said: 'I know former Bethanians of all ages will welcome this initiative and both the School and the OBS have worked very hard to ensure the long-term future of our Society for the benefit of its members. The future looks bright and we look forward to making lots of exciting plans with the kind support of our School.'

As part of this development, The Bethanian Society has welcomed Elizabeth Barry as its new Alumni Co-ordinator. Elizabeth comes from Goudhurst and is married with a young daughter, but before that her background was in event management. She has been appointed by the School to work with the Committee and the School to oversee the re-launch and to act as an organiser and point of contact for Bethany alumni.

The Society, in its new form, has recently produced a new-look newsletter, though published with its traditional name 'The Bethanian',

which is being sent out to all members and there are plans to take the Society into the 'technological age' with the introduction of a new website and improved communication via e-mail.

It also has many events planned for the next year such as a Headmaster's dinner for Bethanian Society members in Hong Kong and a social event in Tunbridge Wells in November.

We would like to keep our contact details of all members as up to date as possible and the best way of doing this is by keeping in touch with Elizabeth via her e-mail address, [alumni@bethanyschool.org.uk](mailto:alumni@bethanyschool.org.uk)

Elizabeth would also be interested in hearing about news and activities of members, which she can add to the newsletter, as well as receiving any interesting memories and mementoes of Bethany which could be added to the Society's archive.



# Prizes & Awards 2008

## THE J. J. KENDON PRIZE for Effort

Year 7	Alice Healy
Year 8	Chloe Houghton
Year 9	Andrew Lockwood
Year 10	Jonathan Rawlins
Year 11	Gemma Houghton

## Special Mentions

Year 7	Isabel Enticknap, Lana Gillah, Lydia Homewood, Finnegan Hulbert
Year 8	Thomas Greenhill, Lydia Healy, Francesca Kenney, Jessica Leaper
Year 9	Oliver Beams, Danielle Golan, Thomas Hupje, Patrick Jenkins, Rebecca Thorpe, Philip Woodhead
Year 10	Rebekah Marshall, Jennifer Newton, Thomas Spencer, Xi Wen Zhang
Year 11	Thane Campbell, Poppy Keel, Alexander Woodhead

**THE KILBY PRIZE for Junior Art** Catherine Snow

**THE DOUGLAS PRIZE for Senior Art** Bruce Evans

**THE TEXTILES PRIZE** Amy Saunders

**THE MICHAEL WILLIAMS PHOTOGRAPHY CUP & PRIZE** Christopher Hall

**THE STOBART PRIZE for Business Studies** Sion Griffith-Payne

**THE HOOPER'S APPLIED BUSINESS STUDIES PRIZE** Ngoc Tran

**THE YOUNG ENTERPRISE ACHIEVER OF THE YEAR** Alpha Samawal Elobeid

**THE NOTLEY PRIZE for Craft** Francesca Kenney

**THE SAMUEL KENDON PRIZE for Craft & Design** Christopher Hall

**THE BREACH PRIZE for Innovation** Augusta Dorey

**THE JUNIOR FOOD TECHNOLOGY PRIZE** Alexander Clayden-Spence

**THE SENIOR FOOD TECHNOLOGY PRIZE** Charlotte Harkness

**THE MASTER CHEF WINNER** Kirsten Enticknap

**THE ROCHE PRIZE for Drama** Oliver Hindle

**THE JUNIOR DRAMA PRIZE** Dexter Hedges

**THE CHELMSFORD HALL CUP & PRIZE** Oliver Donovan

**THE HELEN MEMORIAL CUP & PRIZE** Guy Wilczek

**THE McLAREN ENGLISH PRIZE** Emma Eames

**THE JUNIOR ESSAY PRIZE** Patrick Jenkins

**THE HUNTER ESSAY PRIZE** Simon Perry

**THE ADLER C.A.R.E. PRIZE** Juliet Alcaraz

**THE HENRY HOWARD PUBLIC SPEAKING PRIZE** Natasha Fitzgerald

**THE COMMUNICATIONS PRIZE** Natalie Edwards

**THE E.F.L. PRIZE** Keith Chiu

**THE MICHAEL DALZIEL GEOGRAPHY PRIZE** for Junior Geography Andrew Vale-Taylor

**THE HUMPHREY MAXWELL MEMORIAL PRIZE** for Senior Geography Sion Griffith-Payne

**THE ROGER KIMBER PRIZE** for effort in A level Geography Matthew Simmons

**THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF St GEORGE** Junior History Prize Thomas Wright  
Senior History Prize Natasha Fitzgerald

**THE LORD STAMP MEMORIAL PRIZE** for GCSE Mathematics Thane Campbell  
Alexander Woodhead  
for A level Mathematics Wing Ki Siu

**THE MASON PRIZE for French** Gemma Houghton

**THE SPANISH PRIZE** Thane Campbell

**THE FINCHAM CUP & PRIZE for Strings** Peter Wei

**THE GARDNER CUP & PRIZE for Guitar** William Williamson

**THE HALL PRIZE for the highest music grade** Leo Weber

**THE CHRISTOPHER MONEY CHORISTERS CUP & PRIZE** Isabella Healey & Jessica Leaper

**THE MUSIC PRIZE for progress** Andrew Lockwood

**THE JAMES MORRISEY-CROUCH MUSIC AWARD** Alexander Woodhouse

**THE PRIZE for Brass** Brandon Begg

**THE THORNTON CUP & PRIZE** Natasha Fitzgerald

**THE JAMES HALL MEMORIAL PRIZE for Religious Studies** Year 11 Barnaby Toynbee

Year 10 Rebekah Marshall

Year 9 Rebecca Thorpe

**THE BIOLOGY PRIZE for GCSE** Matthew Stockley

**THE BIOLOGY PRIZE for A level** Elfriede Kormawa

**THE CHEMISTRY PRIZE for GCSE** Alexander Woodhead

**THE CHEMISTRY PRIZE for A level** Philip Scott

**THE PHYSICS PRIZE for GCSE** Thomas Wright

**THE PHYSICS PRIZE for A level** Joe Fan

**THE STAMPER PRIZE** Jessica Ferdinands

**THE MAYNARD PRIZE for the best GCSEs** Laurence Liddington

**THE POWELL CUP for Junior Sportsman** Richard Mills

**THE JUNIOR SPORTSWOMAN** Danielle Shephard

**THE ROY FARQUARSON TROPHY for Senior Sportsman** Thomas Hutchings

**THE SENIOR SPORTSWOMAN** Francesca Sheldrake

**THE PIPPA BLACKMAN TROPHY** for excellence in Academic PE Claire Douglas

**THE ANTHONY CLARKE MEMORIAL TROPHY** Callum Golds

**DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S GOLD AWARD WINNERS** Richard Allen, Robert Blacker, Thomas Felton-Smith, Sion Griffith-Payne, Matthew Hutton, Jonathon Holyhead, Toby Harris, Matthew Simmons, Philip Scott, Angus Todd, Thomas Wilkinson, William Williamson

**THE AMY AWARD** Rosa Wong

**THE RICHARD ASHLIN PRIZE** Rebekah Marshall

**THE CHALLENGE CUP FOR GOOD CITIZENSHIP** Laurie Tack

**THE ROBERT COUPLAND PRIZE** Oliver Donovan

**THE FENECH CUP** Jessica Ferdinands

**THE ALEX MARKS TROPHY for Endeavour** Philip Scott

**THE TIMOTHY SEDGEWICK PRIZE** Jonathan Rawlins

**THE ROSS TURNBULL PRIZE** Richard Allen

**THE JESSEL SHIELD for the winning House** Roberts

**THE WILLIAM RUZZAK MEMORIAL PRIZE** The Deputy Heads of School Richard Allen,  
Stephanie Cameron,  
Amy Saunders

**THE EDWARD HAYWARD MEMORIAL PRIZE** The Heads of School Natasha Fitzgerald & Thomas Hutchings



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