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# Welcome

## to the 2010 edition of the Bethanian magazine

It has been such a busy, successful and fun-packed year that it is hard to do justice to it all in one publication. However, I hope that you enjoy reading the following pages and that they give you the full, rich flavour of life at Bethany School! I am extremely grateful to Alicia Houghton for compiling this edition, and to all who have contributed to it.

I write this at the end of 13 years as Headmaster of Bethany School. They have, without doubt, been the most absorbing, exciting, fulfilling and fun-filled years of my career. I know I have said it before, but Bethany really is a truly unique school. When I first arrived in Curtisden Green in 1998 I described the school as 'Kent's best kept secret'. The secret is certainly out now! Helen and I feel privileged to have been able to share so much of our lives with such a dedicated, talented and good-humoured body of staff; such a fun-loving, caring and widely gifted array of pupils; such a wholly supportive and energetic group of parents and such a wise, fresh-thinking and focused Governing Body. It is a school that is, genuinely, much more than the sum of its parts and one that has a heart and soul that is second to none.

I know that Bethany will go from strength to strength under Francie Healy's energetic and inspirational leadership and I wish each and every member of the Bethany Community all happiness and success in the future.

**Nick Dorey**  
Headmaster



Nick and Helen Dorey with Lorraine Lovelace, Mr Dorey's PA, on Speech Day

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# Old Poplars



This year we were pleased to welcome 36 new girls to the Old Poplars' community including several overseas students. The new arrivals soon felt at home and, like the rest of us, were able to consider Old Poplars as a home from home. Miss Nixon joined Old Poplars as a Tutor and in the New Year we were able to congratulate Miss Goldsworthy on becoming Mrs Shier, following her very snowy wedding - CONGRATULATIONS!

In September, as we do every year, we had our Charities Day. Years 7 and 8 headed off to Bedgebury Forest for their sponsored walk, Year 9 walked around Bewl Water while the girls in Years 10 and 11 completed a fifteen-mile circuit of the local countryside; all in a good cause. The seniors accomplished a challenging but enjoyable midnight walk and the Lower Sixth enjoyed a High Ropes Course or a Bike Ride in Bedgebury. Old Poplars raised an impressive £1,630.00, half of which went to The Samantha Dickson Brain Tumour Trust, and the other half was spent on carpet and bean bags for the new and improved locker area for girls in school.



We were both delighted to be given main roles in this year's production of "GREASE". It was lovely to see so many pupils, and especially girls, participating in the show and enjoying every minute of it, from the tiring rehearsals, to the enthralling performances. Everyone was so committed and enthusiastic towards the performances that the outcome was FANTASTIC! We thoroughly enjoyed being part of it and will never forget this wonderful experience. Bring on the production of 2011!

All the Old Pops monitors were invited for a meal with Mr and Mrs Healy. It was an enjoyable evening and let's just say that we were completely and utterly full afterwards. That's what you get from a delicious all you can eat buffet!! On behalf of all the monitors we would like to say a big thank you for a great evening.

The Old Poplars' girls thoroughly enjoyed all the parties that were organised during the year, including the Christmas party and the summer barbecue. It was a delight to see so many taking part in the entertainment from Christmas Carols through to the fantastic bouncy castle of the summer barbecue! Both parties were a great way to end the term and were very much appreciated by us all.

We would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of all the Old Poplars girls, to thank both Miss Lager and Mrs Dorey for their help

and work throughout the many years they have been at Bethany. You have both been wonderful in assisting Mrs Healy with Old Poplars and being dedicated Tutors. We wish you all the very best for the future and want to let you know that you have both been amazing! We would also like to thank the Tutors for their utmost support; we wouldn't know what to do without you! Thank you for everything. Thanks too to Matron as well as to Christine and Karina for keeping everything in order, and a final mention to Danny, the House Buddy, who has done an amazing amount of painting and other jobs around Old Poplars in the past year.

I have been in Old Poplars since Year 7 and CJ has since Year 9. We have both come to realise that Mrs Healy has not only been our Housemistress, but a motherly figure and we could always go to you about anything. Now that you are moving on to the BIG HOUSE, you will be greatly missed by all at Old Poplars. You are such a supportive individual and without you, our House wouldn't be the friendly place it is today! We cannot explain how thankful we are for everything you have done for us and how you have made Old Poplars a second home for us. WE LOVE YOU AND THANK YOU!

As the term draws to a close it is time for us to say farewell to Old Poplars. Our years here have been an incredible experience and will never be forgotten. We have both grown as individuals and now (upsetting to say) it is time to move on. Many thanks to all the girls that have made Old Poplars a friendly and welcoming place to live.

**Becky Marshall and CJ Delieu**  
**Joint Heads of House**



This was most certainly a year of change for Todmans: a new Housemaster, a new tutor – Mrs Worby – and a new Common Room. The move into the centre of the school campus from the 'outskirts' by the Chapel has definitely been a success, with the facilities well used every break and lunchtime by many students.

The old Common Room was plundered and the TV, Xbox and book collection were moved down to new Todmans. House money was spent on table football, a pool table, a Wii console with extra controllers and games and a new stereo system which will, sadly, take students' iPods – although nobody's yet played anything even remotely resembling music yet (perhaps I'm just getting old...). The generous donation of 60 lockers provides each student with secure storage for valuables.

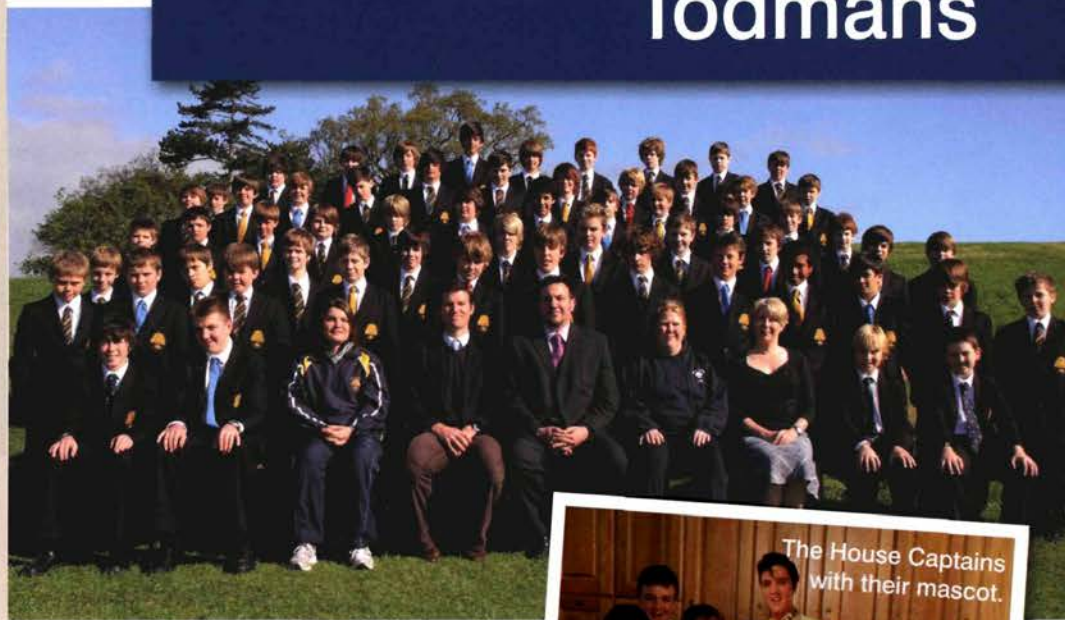
Despite the changes, some of the old routines are still in place, and the students raised a magnificent sum (well over £1,000) on the annual Charities Walk. The Christmas Party needed to be experienced to be believed – I'm not entirely sure that my ears have stopped ringing yet – and the team of captains proved that they were no match for the staff on our bowling trip. My thanks to Mr Cooper for organising those events, as well as the summer party, for which he also managed to book some good weather.

As if the thought of looking after 60 boys wasn't enough, my wife produced another in May, and Todmans was delighted to welcome Toby as our third mascot, after Niamh Davies and Evie Cooper. Early signs suggest that he eats like his father...



This has been a highly successful and enjoyable year for the House. I am very grateful to Mr Cooper, my Assistant Housemaster, and to my tutor team, Miss Rayner, Mrs Worby and Miss King. I know that the boys appreciate everything they do for them, as do I. A final word of thanks to my team of captains (Joe Holland, Alex Fuller and Nicholas Brockwell) and vice-captains (Chris Threshie, Ryan Griffiths, Fred Carter, Luke Shaw and Josh Novell), who worked very hard to ensure that we were the smartest and best House in the School!

**Simon Davies**  
Housemaster



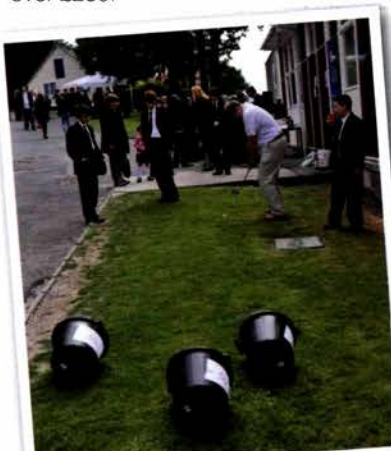
## Todmans Report 2009-10

This has been an exciting year for Todmans, with lots of different events taking place. On the sponsored walk, we walked ten miles around Bedgebury and raised money for Steps, the Air Ambulance and Cancer Research and the rest of the money went to Todmans.

In our new Common Room, we have a football table, a pool table, a TV and new lockers. Todmans is a place for doing homework, playing with the games or just relaxing. We also have a garden – it's much better than the old Todmans!

The Christmas Party was the first party for the new Todmans House. There were loads of games (which Mr Davies didn't win) and Mr Cooper had organised lots of other activities, such as Twister, musical statues and a balloon bursting game that ended up being a bit more violent than he intended. We had a full Christmas dinner (turkey with all the trimmings) and all had a really great time.

At Speech Day, we ran various stalls including Guess the Weight of Mr Davies' baby (called Toby) and if you won you got the weight of Toby in Korkers sausages. We also had a golfing competition and a tombola. We did very well and took over £250.



Towards the end of the summer term, Todmans celebrated with a fantastic summer party. The evening kicked off with games in the pool and, after a soggy start, we jumped, climbed, rolled, slid and crashed our way through the inflatable assault course and laughed, fell and cheated our way through a series of wacky races. After rescuing unlucky team-mates stranded during the races, we finished the party with a sizzling BBQ. What a great way to round off the year!

On behalf of all at Todmans, we would like to thank our tutors. You have tirelessly organised numerous brilliant House events and have been there to support us through all our problems, no matter how many we presented you with! We are truly grateful for your hard work in making our time at Bethany so enjoyable. As the Year 8s move on, we hope our new tutors will be as wonderful as you have been!

**Joe Holland, Alex Fuller and Nicholas Brockwell (Todmans Captains)**





# The Mount

I would like to start my report by saying how exceptional the Mount monitoring team has been this year. The co-operation that the team has shown and the time and effort that each monitor has put into the House has been amazing. The Mount remains one of the best Houses to be in because it has a unique atmosphere and family based structure, all in the classic Bethany spirit. I will take a moment to mention the Mount monitors. They were George Tanton, Josh Stanbridge, Kane Lucas, Dan Heaysman, Calvin So, Oliver Cooter and George Holker. A special mention to Kane, Dan and Calvin for their help at weekends.

The charity events run by the School and the House were very successful and funds were raised for both the chosen charities and for the House itself. The money raised went towards a new dishwasher and a flat screen TV which has been worshiped in its use.

For the monitors' cinema trip we went to see 'Paranormal Activity'. The film wasn't quite what we were expecting and wasn't very scary – well that's what most of us thought anyway. The film inspired us into making an even lower budget, but much better version for the Monitors' Christmas sketch. As ever the meal was fantastic and it gave the monitors a chance to really get to know each other.

The Christmas party was a huge success and everyone enjoyed it. There was definitely an atmosphere of unity and everyone had fun. There was no separation between the year groups. The curry was spectacular and the buffet style dining experience was an excellent idea. The sketches that followed were certainly entertaining if not a



bit too revealing into the minds of some of the pupils. The Christmas Olympics run by Father Christmas, AKA, Josh Chant, were memorable - I still can't get the image of the mince pie eating competition out of my head.

In the evenings the Years 7 and 8 boarders were kept busy with activities organised by Mr Briggs and the Gappies and they certainly did a good job wearing them out and also it gave the monitor on duty a bit of a break after they had supervised the prep session. Jason, the Youth Worker, also came into the House some evenings, accompanied by his Xbox and the younger boys enjoyed chatting with him. I also know that everyone enjoyed the weekend activities and even though I wasn't there, I heard that the Thorpe Park trip was excellent.

Fast forwarding to more recent events, particularly the summer BBQs organised by Mr and Mrs Khan. The main summer BBQ for the whole boarding house was really enjoyable and went to plan without the Australians taking over the BBQ! The inflatable assault course was great fun for everyone, despite Mathew Kipping's injury. Probably one of the highlights of the evening was the Gappies' and Miss Wood's race through the assault course.

Just when we thought that that BBQ couldn't be bettered we had the monitors' BBQ. Miss Bicheno joined the party and there were some great conversations and philosophical discussions about the future, especially since this would be Miss B's last Mount BBQ. The atmosphere was grown up but really enjoyable with games of cricket



and football. We definitely made a better team than England! As the evening turned to night we were invited into Mr Khan's home and all watched a film.

I have really enjoyed the time that I have spent in The Mount with Mr and Mrs Khan, their children and with Mr Briggs. I know that all the monitors will miss them as we move into The Orchard next year. But watch out, we will be back! I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank Mr Khan for all he has done to help me during my time in The Mount and I know that I have learnt a lot from him. I am very grateful to him for showing his confidence in me by making me Head of House.

**Spencer Garrett**  
Joint Head of House





After the summer break we came back to newly refurbished rooms but only half a house! The famous 10-18 corridor was undergoing serious reconstruction; however we made the best of a bad situation despite the VI form having to share for the first time in the House's history. There were a few new faces and plenty of old ones but it didn't take long for everyone to settle in and get on with the term.

The autumn term flew by with everyone getting on with their new work. Before we knew it we were sitting down for one of Mrs Hollman's famous Christmas dinners. This is a great occasion for the House as it brings all the boarders together. Speeches were made by Patrick and Mr Hollman and toasts were given to Mrs Hollman for her hard work in preparing the meal. Some of us were even given the privilege of doing the washing up! However no one could go off for Christmas without another meal although this time it was not so traditional as Cem led the attack on Tunbridge Wells' famous Cosmos' Buffet which was followed by a cinema visit. That marked the end of the autumn term and everyone, staff and students, went off for the Christmas holidays in high spirits.

We returned to heavy snow and to the delight of boarders the first day of term was a snow day! The snow then continued for nearly a week, this was fine except for the fact that A level exams were happening a week later. This gave plenty of time for revision however the prospect of snow was slightly more exciting. When the snow finally cleared everyone was ready for the delayed start of term. Exams soon passed and life went on as normal. The shorter term

# Kendon

passed even more quickly than the autumn term, and the whole school boarders' formal dinner was soon upon us. On the Kendon table we had two proud Scots in their kilts and attire, and as a whole we were by far the smartest table, not only in dress but also in intellect as the Kendon Kebabs brought home a prize for winning a rather demanding quiz. However we do feel that we were 'robbed' of a number of other prizes.

The House was somewhat empty at the beginning of the summer term, with the 'Ash Cloud' trapping many of our overseas students at home. Only a couple of weeks into term the mood in Kendon was one of revision with GCSE and AS examinations affecting many. Before we knew it the exams had come and gone and we were standing on the Firs awaiting the famous annual football match between Kendon and Pengelly, where we smashed our rivals in a 3-2 victory. Special mentions must go to Callum McConnochie for his two goals including an opener within a minute and to Captain Cem Osman for his stupendous goal from just inside the halfway line in the third minute. Other mentions must go to Dan Blewett for his debut Kendon game and to Ed Henderson and Marcus Woodhouse for their work in defence. They worked well with keeper Conrad Cserjen keeping Pengelly almost completely goal free until well after half time when their luck temporarily changed. Overall the team gave an immense performance and should all be very proud of the win.

With the football match over our attention turned to speech day where Mr Thomas's tutor group laid on the famous sponge the student stall and Mrs Hollman cooked her ever popular pancakes. We also ran a bottle



raffle and we all enjoyed lunch in the Hollmans' garden. Overall a large sum of money was raised for the House and its charities.



With speech day over the end of the year was in sight and so was the Lower Sixth time in Kendon. We must thank all the monitors, tutors, duty staff; Mr Thomas & Mr Cullen and most importantly Mr and Mrs Hollman for all their hard work during this year. When everyone returns in September they can look forward to the 10-18 corridor up and running in its new form. This has been a great year for Kendon and we hope very much that it continues into 2011 especially with the new corridor complete providing a great new facility to the members of this great house.

**Patrick Culliney & Cem Osman**  
Head of House & Head of Sport





# Pengelly

This year in Pengelly has been a vibrant one! We started the year with a greater number of students than usual, as well as a new Assistant Housemaster, Mr Sheppard-Burgess, who had joined the School as a member of the Games Department. During the first half of the term we had to shake of the summer fervour and we soon began to gel together as a House. The first big event of the year was the charity walk. The Year 9's walked ten miles around Bewl Water, the Year 10's and 11's walked around Goudhurst and the Lower Sixth had a choice between 'Go Ape', a high ropes course and cycling in Bedgebury.

For Christmas, we went on a paintballing trip; this really helped the younger ones and the new students to get to know each other, develop team spirit and gave them a very warm welcome into the House, for some it was the first of many Christmas Parties.

At the Easter boarder's dinner one of the housemates, Maxim Azad, made a video which summed up Pengelly life and the workings of the inner beast. This showed different students from the House acting out scenes as they saw the House. The catering staff did us proud and the dinner was superb. The Easter dinner is always formal and is a great way to mark the beginning of the Easter holidays.

During the year Pengelly faced an extensive painting project throughout the House which went on for many weeks. Although it was

frustrating at times it was necessary and the end result was a great improvement.

Speech Day took place on 19th June. Pengelly organised the traditional Penalty Shooting competition, 'Splat the Rat' and a barbeque exquisitely cooked by Mr Macdonald, Mrs Digby and Max Townley. There were other stalls outside Pengelly including the 'Help for Heroes' stall which raised over one hundred pounds, an Old Poplars cake stall, the Mount beer tent amongst others. The speeches in the sports hall were particularly emotional this year as this was Mr Dorey's final Speech Day. Tissues were needed as throughout the hall people were crying, including students as many had known Mr Dorey for a number of years. The speeches commemorated Mr Dorey's long headmastership at Bethany. There were many awards given out during the afternoon and several Pengelly boys were amongst the prize winners.

Towards the end of the year the Lower Sixth formers had a dinner at the local curry restaurant. This was to mark the end of the year and the transgression of the Lower Sixth to the Upper Sixth house, The Orchard.

During June the annual and very traditional football match between Kendon and Pengelly was played. Preparation for the match was intense. We were in our bright kit and full of confidence, unfortunately in the first ten minutes of the game we conceded two unjust goals. However, we quickly

picked ourselves up and got stuck into the game. Unfortunately right before halftime we conceded again, bringing the score to three - nil. The second half started strongly and soon Ben Ashworth scored and quickly after that George Allen scored a screamer from outside the box. This brought us right back into the game and an equaliser looked promising, but the Kendon defence held strong and a three two loss was the final score.

Later in the year the School had a power cut, this meant that we all had to get out and socialise more. Pengelly had a barbeque which was great fun, strengthening social bonds while we cooked and ate food together ahead of the summer holiday.

We would like to finish with a huge 'thank you' to Mr Macdonald and to all the tutors and staff who help make Pengelly such a happy House.

**Hussein Lamptey, John Cockcroft, Will Cairns and Max Thompson**  
House Monitors



# The Orchard



After years of being separated into various houses the time had finally come for us all to migrate to The Orchard! It was also time for us to get used to various alien appliances, such as the washing machine and the iron. With some quick tuition from Mrs Gale the majority got the hang of it in the end.

The school year got off to its traditional start with our sponsored night walk. We were raising money for an orphanage in Nepal which Mrs Presland supports and which Tom Wright and David Rider will be visiting during their gap year. Before the walk we went to the local Indian for a meal and everyone managed to get their food eventually! And so the challenge began - to walk around Bedgebury forest, twice, in the middle of the night. The evening was a great success and we were treated to a day off the next day to recover while the rest of the school went about their walks in various areas of the Kent countryside.

As many of us were prefects we were rewarded at the end of the Autumn term with the annual Prefects' Dinner which as always was fancy dress. The theme this year was cartoon characters and everyone rose to the challenge with costumes ranging from Cruella de Vil, Obelix and an army of Thunderbirds! Many thanks to Ms Bicheno and the Heads of School for organizing it and to Gary and his team for providing such amazing food!



With many of us being full boarders the weekends provided plenty of opportunities for us to practice our cooking in preparation for university. This was a regular occurrence and provided us with a welcome change from school food. As the weather turned snowy we found new and interesting ways to entertain ourselves such as baking a variety of different concoctions which continued for the rest of the year with peanut butter cookies being the most popular in the House.

As the exams drew nearer the stress began to kick in but our house staff were as supportive as ever, providing us with movie nights, take aways and regular shopping and cinema trips to keep us sane.

When May came to a very warm end we had our Leavers' Ball at High Rocks which was a great success and was a lovely end to the first half of the summer term. However, it was all over too soon and Leavers' Day finally arrived with a champagne breakfast organized by Mrs Presland and Mrs Gale. It was a lovely morning and provided a great time to relax and unwind before the Leavers' Service and speeches. The day was a bittersweet time as we knew that we were leaving but also that we were going on to something new and exciting with many of us going off to university, gap years and some into the real and very scary world of employment.

I would just like to take this opportunity to thank all of our tutors and teachers; for their help and support over the years, Angie, Beattie and Matron; for keeping the house clean and tidy despite the best efforts of some to make it as difficult as possible, Mr Davies; for giving up his Monday nights and occasional weekends to keep an eye on us, sometimes aided by Niamh (congratulations also on baby Toby), Mr Payne; for opening the gym on Tuesdays and running basketball

for those who wished to train for the team, Mr and Mrs Presland; for looking after us and running regular supermarket and cinema trips, and finally Mr and Mrs Gale; for allowing us to borrow from their extensive DVD collection and for picking us up from the station when we were stranded.

On a more personal note I would like to thank everyone in the House for making it such an amazing and unforgettable year.

**Sophie Matlock**  
Prefect



# Young Enterprise

Two companies locked horns this year, offering very different products and services. With 22 pupils taking part in the scheme, 'Classico' and 'Signature' maintained a high profile both in and out of the School. 'Classico' sold mainly within School; small affordable products such as mini-footballs. 'Signature' was arguably more ambitious; first selling their own Christmas Hampers both in School and at Greenwich market, and then successfully introducing a new school tie. The 'Dorey tie' commemorated the retirement of the Headmaster, and was very popular amongst staff and both current and former pupils.

Both companies did Bethany proud at the end of year YE Company Competition, with 'Classico' picking up the award for 'Best Trade Stand'. Special mention must go to Patrick Culliney from 'Signature', who won the area heat in the YE Public Speaking Competition and performed with great confidence in the County final.

I thoroughly enjoyed watching the pupils not only make a profit, but also learning from their successes as well as from their mistakes. I think both companies will agree that the biggest lesson for them to take from the scheme is the value of teamwork.

I would like to thank Gary Richards and Phil Mummery for giving up their time to assist the scheme as YE advisors. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Dorey. I started the scheme 13 years ago and during his time as Headmaster he has always been a keen supporter, taking a genuine interest in what the pupils are doing and backing any initiatives such as the Entrepreneurship Masterclass. He also allowed Bethany to be used as a venue for many Young Enterprise events, and was awarded a special recognition trophy by Young Enterprise South-East at April's company competition.

**Anthony Khan**  
Link Teacher



## Signature

Our financial year began in October 2009. After opening a bank account we raised £385 of share capital. During the first few weeks we brainstormed products, led by the operations and sales teams. We came up with several ideas, but our final choice was Christmas hampers. Signature purchased and created the hampers, and even took an all-expenses paid trip to Greenwich market.



With Christmas over we all once again contributed ideas and came up with the 'Grease Hoodie'. We made a profit of £112 on these, which enabled us to then purchase further products. This led to the creation of our famous 'N.D.B.D.

2010' ties in commemoration of Mr. Dorey's headship. We spent £1352 purchasing the ties which became a success. We made a great profit on the ties, and even had a stall on Speech Day (there are still some left if anyone is interested). Our financial year ended successfully and I would like to thank everyone who supported Signature. We definitely learnt a lot from the scheme and enjoyed our year together.

Finally, special mention to Patrick Culliney, who won the area public speaking competition and nearly pulled off a victory in the County final.

**Josh Stanbridge, Managing Director**

## Switch (formerly Classico)

We decided early on as a company that our principal goal was to pay our shareholders a high dividend. At the end of the year we returned the original share value, plus a 20% dividend, which we were very pleased with. We also paid our YE Tax and VAT.

Young Enterprise gave us all the opportunity to look at how to set up and run a business by ourselves. Each member of the group was assigned to a department through a vote. Our products and services ranged from selling Santa hats and setting up a confectionary stall over Easter. We also set up a football tournament which went on successfully during lunch breaks for Year 7's and 8's. Unfortunately we weren't able to finalise our Valentine's disco in time, however the football tournament compensated for this loss.



In April we were thrilled to win the award for 'best trade stand' at the area competition, particularly as we beat Signature!

Throughout the year we became aware of our strengths and weaknesses both as individuals and, more importantly, as a team. Young Enterprise was both fun and educational for all of us and was certainly one of the highlights of our lower sixth year.

**Richard Mills & Hussein Lamptey**  
Co-Managing Directors

# Pengelly Society

It is a pleasure to report that the Pengelly Society continues to go from strength to strength. With a membership of over fifty, the Society is now the largest it has ever been and a far cry from the days when a select group of ten or so boys would convene in Mr. Pengelly's office!

The year began with a musician. Mr. Andrew Keeping is now one of Bethany's guitar teachers but he told the Society about the days when he was himself a student; first as a pupil under Oliver Hunt – one of the finest classical guitarists in the country – and then as a student (and something of a rebel it seemed!) at the Royal Academy of Music.

Mr. Keeping entertained the Society with his accounts of performing at venues as different as the Alhambra Palace, the T.V. set of "Blue Peter" and in front of members of the royal family. He also played three classical guitar pieces one of which was a guitar duet with Bethany student Brandon Begg.

The 229th meeting was handed over to some of the thirty members of the Bethany Himalayas trip. These lucky Bethanians had the excitement of spending a month in India which included two weeks trekking and a week working on a community project in Indian villages. One group helped to redecorate and refurbish a school which was in a shocking state of disrepair. The students were helped in this by using money they had raised at Bethany over the previous year. There were also some amusing anecdotes of time spent in Delhi and some excellent pictures to illustrate their account of sightseeing at the Taj Mahal and Agra Fort.

The next gathering of the Society witnessed the return visit of poet and screenwriter Leo Aylen. Taking his influence from everyday things, current events, celebrities and literature, Mr. Aylen recited his poems by heart. Several of his verses were humorous but it was also clear that he was passionate about his native South Africa and his poem "David and Goliath", which concerned apartheid, was particularly powerful. "Compelling" and "theatrical" would best describe large parts of Mr. Aylen's presentation but, for several present, the times when he spoke in Zulu were the most memorable – an extraordinary language!

On Thursday, 18th March, 2010, the guest speaker was Sally Kettle. Sally was a great inspiration to us all! She had successfully rowed across the Atlantic Ocean twice despite having failed at a first attempt. Incredibly she had to admit that she agreed to do this with no former rowing experience. However, having sampled the challenges involved

and completing the courses on navigation and survival, she was determined to succeed a second time. Accompanied by her mother she completed the crossing on her second attempt and did so in a highly creditable 77 days.

This achievement only spurred Ms Kettle on to greater things and a desire to beat the world record! This time she gathered a team of three other women to enter the race with her and, despite severe difficulties, they crossed the finishing line in 5th place and were the fastest women's team. Sally's energy and determination showed us all that nearly anything is achievable with really hard work and commitment.

As the 231st meeting of the Pengelly Society would be Mr. Dorey's last, Mr. Cullen paid tribute to the fact that, as President, the Headmaster had attended over sixty meetings. Mr. Dorey had shown his absolute support for the Pengelly Society as a thoroughly worthwhile tradition in the School and all the members were delighted to applaud him loudly and to wish him and Mrs. Dorey all the best in the future.

# Apprentice Challenge



The search for the 2010 Bethany Apprentice got underway in June. There were eleven applicants from the Lower Sixth and ten made it to the starting line. Two teams were formed; Clockwork and Amichi.



Lord Sugar (aka Mr Khan) had two new assistants this year; Nick and Karen (aka Mr Cooper and Mrs Digby).

The teams' first task was to create a name and a slogan for a new shower gel. They had to design packaging and

produce an advert which was played back to Lord Sugar in the Boardroom. Clockwork were the winners of this task for their innovative product "Mix It", although Amichi did produce the best advert and their presentation was excellent. It was a close call. Lord Sugar then fired two members of Amichi.

For Task 2 the teams were reshuffled and project managers appointed. Each team was given £30 and asked to organise a social event for Year 7 or Year 8 pupils. They were to be judged on their planning, organisation and numbers attending the event. Amichi organised a very successful barbecue for Year 7's which they had taken the opportunity to advertise widely on Speech Day. Mr Davies also bravely agreed to be 'sponged', which the Year 7's enjoyed hugely of course. Clockwork organised a swimming party for Year 8's but, despite the fact that some did take advantage of a lunchtime swim, it was not as successful as Amichi's event.



Back in the boardroom both teams gave a presentation to Lord Sugar and also presented their accounts. Amichi won this task and Lord Sugar fired all four members of Clockwork.

The remaining four candidates faced an interview with a panel of judges. They were questioned on their involvement in the challenges, their strengths and weaknesses and why they felt they should win the competition. All four performed exceptionally well, but Brandon Begg and Patrick Culliney were chosen by the panel to go forward to the final task.

The final took place on Thursday, 1st July. Each candidate gave a five minute presentation on what Bethany has to offer potential sixth formers. The result was exceptionally close with just two points separating the two finalists.

During the Headmaster's final assembly on the last term of term Lord Sugar announced:

"Patrick Culliney ..... you're hired!"

Congratulations to Patrick and to all those who took part in this year's challenge.

## The Hunter Essay: The Machine

by George Tanton

The alarm clock drove Doctor Ben Farland from his slumbers, the mechanized contraption vibrating to the waking moments of the doctor's vigorously structured life. Wake, Work, Sleep; the three major events in Ben Farland's lifestyle which had been made totally clear to him every waking hour of his adult life. The machine rose from his bed, his heart not gladdened by the sweet chirping of the sparrows outside his bedroom window or the smell of the roasting coffee beans from the Costa down the road. His heart was like icy cold stainless steel, no room for human emotion nor for the innocent pleasures in life such as listening to the sweet morning bird songs. He ate his shredded wheat in silence, the dull taste not sweetened or excited with a spoonful of berries. Outside, children were going to school and their shouts and laughing made the robot grumble as though they had disrupted his mechanised cycle and caused a malfunction. Warily, Ben stood in front of the mirror adjusting his black tie and smoothing out the creases of his second-hand blazer. After brushing his teeth and locking the back door of his house, Ben was ready for the cycle of the day to begin.

The institute was situated far away from the inner city and, for that matter, far away from any household. The huge iron gates welcomed Ben like an old friend as he drove up the drive, his heart warming towards them. A fellow machine, he thought to himself, something else which is warmed by the sun and frozen by the cold nights of winter, something which does not love or hate but lives around a structured way of life, Open, Close.....Wake, Work, Sleep.

Ben approached the reception taking note of the hundreds of pairs of eyes eagerly watching his every move as he did so from the hundreds of barred cell windows. "I bet you'd like to get your teeth around my neck you...." Ben thought allowed, the unnatural human emotion of anger rising in him like a poison as his machine-like mind calculated the chances of a full scale escape by the inmates from the institute. Probably the only pleasure he had in his life were the games he'd play in his head. "What were the chances of an inmate attacking him in the street.....?"

"Good morning Ben," said the bodyguard at the desk, "Your schedule states that we are expected to be inspecting C block, I have brought your stab-proof vest. Hopefully number 17 won't go for us this time," chuckled Harry the huge bald headed bodyguard which the institute had

employed to guard the doctors on their rounds of inspecting each individual inmate. The Rehabilitation Centre for Male Sufferers of Mania, as the institute was known, had an onsite team of protection staff who were trained in the arts of restraint. The two men walked through several corridors where the smell of toilet detergent and cold steel intoxicated the air. Ben checked his watch, "10th January 2034, 9:30am". The inmates knew what time their inspection was due and, as if on cue when the two men entered C block through the key coded security doors, they gathered like curious animals at their cell windows, their tongues lolling like rabid dogs. Ben hated them. He hated the way his life was mechanized around a structure. The fact that he had not laughed or cried for over ten years and still the machine-like state of his mind drove him onwards through the hell-hole of society. He detested the inmates for their natural ability to conjure up imaginary worlds for themselves where every deluded manic illusion and delusion was the norm. He envied them for their state of mind where everyday for them was to truly believe they were King of England or to believe they were part of a government conspiracy. They had fun. They were free to believe whatever they wanted. They could spirit themselves away from the mess of society and be whoever they wanted to be. All their troubles could be forgotten with the drop of a pill or the injection of a needle. They lived a life constantly drugged up and manic. Ben was jealous, jealous towards them for their excitement in their lives. He lived a life of stone-cold depression where every morning was an effort to activate the 'machine' and refuel it with shots of coffee just so that he could look after the maniacs and tell Jimmy, his 'work project', that everything was going to be just fine and that his imaginary vultures were not going to attack him.

"Are you ok?" whispered Harry as they approached the first cell.

Ben awoke from his thoughts, "Uh?"

"Your fists," replied Harry.

Ben looked down at his clenched hands, the flesh bloodless. He opened his hands stiffly before noting down the cell number and patient; Michael Cook, age 22, on a dose of anti-hallucination drug. "Can you hear the music," cried Cook. "Can you feel the beat?"

"No change in perceived state of self," muttered Ben as he jotted down notes on a clipboard.

"Still thinks he's at a massive rave!"

chuckled Harry, "What a lad."

"The boy was admitted one week ago. A drug overdose has corrupted his understanding of reality, I believe speed is the drug they found in his bloodstream," Ben made a mental note.

They made their way to the next cell where another youngish man with thick black curly hair lay curled at the foot of his cell door. "Careful with this one, sir. Thinks he's the bleeding Messiah," commented Harry, his eye warily watching the man as he sat up and glared at the two visitors.

"Doctor Farland," cried the man, and he leapt up grasping Ben's jacket and pulling him towards the bars. Harry swiftly drew his baton and raised it above his head,

"Wait!" cried Ben, "violence makes their condition worse."

"Doctor, I have been given a glimpse of the kingdom of heaven," started the inmate, "They spoke to me in my dreams, the lords of the high skies, they told me...."

"What lies have you been listening to?" replied Ben, eager to understand what made this man so confident in what he was saying.

"They say that in God's kingdom, everyone is equal, every creed and colour is his children. Every man whose soul is lost can find it. Every machine can throw back their grey blinds and let the glory of God shine in illuminating everything in vibrant colours," gasped the man, his eyes wide and manic.

The last sentence cut Ben like a razor. "Get off me!" he snapped and smashed the inmate, knocking the man to the ground, blood splashing on the concrete floor. Ben stood back shocked at his own actions and wiped the blood from his knuckles.

"Doctor...."

"He did it to himself."

"But I have just seen you...."

"He did it to himself!" and Ben threw the clipboard at the wall.

Back in his office, Ben locked the door and set about smashing everything, from the metal filing cabinets to the wooden bookcases. Why was he like this? Why did he reject the warmth of the sun on his face, the trickling of water? Why did he hate everyone and everything?

"I don't want to be this machine anymore," he screamed and he wept. Ben slumped to the floor, his hands bleeding from the glass cabinets he had punched through. "Please, oh God, please make me love, to be better than this machine!" he sobbed.



He closed his eyes, the familiar tune of a nursery rhyme clearing his empty soul. He could see himself with mummy and daddy at the beach, no worries just happiness. A memory of strobe lights and the hot sweet smell of perfume and drink brought him to his young and glorious years. The late nights out on the London streets, Harrington jackets, skinny jeans, a bag of chips and a can of cheap lager. Mates and parties. The smiles from the pretty girls. The joy of being alive and young. Not giving a damn about a small village in Afghanistan where the government had sent him at just twenty one to fight Taliban insurgents. The word 'Afghanistan' crippled him like two broken legs.

Why was he the only survivor of the car bomb? Why did he have to come home and explain how his mates were blown to kingdom come to their despairing families?

Being the machine had helped him to remain oblivious to the horrible pain and mental scarring of seeing his best friends horrifically mutilated in the blast. Being the machine meant to give up human emotion, to be free of the pain of depression. But now that machine was not needed anymore he told himself. Outside the smashed window, birds were singing. Yes, he thought, I don't need the machine anymore and he started laughing, the air escaping his lungs feeling like he was drowning. Then the tears came rolling down his face and he knew he was free.

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

## What Now?

Amanda Hill, Year 10

Melanie let the tears roll down her cheeks as she watched him drive away. So much had happened in this past week. Why now? She cried for herself, for her children and for the completely uncertain situation which they had been thrown into. Thousands of questions were going round inside her head, overwhelming her. She just stood there, tears streaming down her face.

On the opposite side of the road a man walked with his dog. When he saw Melanie he looked up and slowed his pace a little. Melanie was completely oblivious to this man until he walked across the road, stopped in front of her and produced a clean white handkerchief from his pocket.

Melanie looked at the man now standing in front of her. He was of average height and build. He had dark hair and olive green eyes. He seemed to be around the same age as Melanie. He looked perfectly normal holding the hanky out to her, so she took it and wiped her eyes with it. Melanie didn't particularly like dogs, but through the tears she didn't seem to notice the huge wolfhound sniffing up and down her legs.

"Hello," the mystery man said, in a deep musical voice which was strangely calming, almost hypnotic. "My name is Paul. I live just around the corner." He paused for a moment. Melanie filled the silence with a sniff before Paul continued. "I couldn't help but notice that you are a little upset." Another sniff from Melanie, but she managed to pull herself together just enough to choke out the word, "Yes" before more tears poured out of her eyes. Paul gently placed one hand on her shoulder before saying in his beautiful deep voice, "I'm guessing this is your house?" He gestured towards the cream coloured Victorian town house that they were standing in front of. Melanie nodded. "Well, I think you could do with a cup of tea, so why don't we go in? Do you mind if my dog comes in?" He was so relaxed, his voice was so smooth and enticing that Melanie agreed and, before she knew what she was doing, a complete and utter stranger (with what he said was a dog but to Melanie looked more like a wolf) was taking her into her own house for a cup of tea.

Melanie put the kettle on then slumped down in a chair. "How about I make the tea?" Paul asked, "Where are the mugs?" Melanie gestured towards the cupboard above the kettle. Paul managed to find everything he needed to make the tea. He sat in the chair across the table from Melanie, who seemed to be calming down slightly. "Why don't we start at the beginning? I don't know your name."

"M...Melanie," she stuttered. "Oh God, look at me. What a mess."

"I've been told I'm quite a good listener. Why don't you tell me what happened?" Melanie thought for a moment, I don't actually know this man but what have I got to lose? He doesn't look all that bad and he seems nice enough. She looked at the 'dog' sitting at Paul's feet, then decided that she had better be nice to this man. So she grabbed some kitchen roll, wiped her eyes, blew her nose and then began her story.

"I'll try not to bore you with all the details, I'll stick to the basics. I am..." she hesitated slightly, "...married and I have two children. I found out that my husband has been having an affair for about two years, that he doesn't love me and he only stayed with me because he couldn't move in with 'her'. This morning when I woke up he was packing. He left ten minutes later. That's when you saw me. The worst part is, I didn't suspect him at all."

There was silence for a moment before Paul said, "Well, you didn't lie about keeping it brief." At this point Melanie broke down again.

Paul tried to comfort her with his smooth voice and succeeded enough so that they could hear a knock at the door. "Are you expecting someone?" Paul asked.

"No. I'd better go and get it." Melanie walked to the front door and passed a mirror on the way. In a quick glance she saw she was in a complete state, but she didn't care. Her appearance didn't matter any more.

Melanie opened the door to a frantic woman wearing a smart suit. She was holding a furry lump in her arms, but before Melanie could work out what it was the woman said, "I'm sorry, so sorry!" As she spoke Melanie realised it was her cat.

Melanie could take no more. She collapsed by the door, her body racked with sobbing. She was vaguely aware that Paul was still in the house, she didn't know what he was doing but at the time she didn't care either. All she could think about was a saying that her mother always used to tell her, "Bad things always come in threes." Two bad things had happened, what was next? She thought of her children. She'd left them upstairs watching a film, hoping they wouldn't notice as their father left them forever. It must be over now.

She stood up, steadied herself and started heading back towards the kitchen. Out of the window she saw Paul digging a hole in the garden. She was so grateful he'd come. At that moment a loud, shrill scream came from upstairs, closely followed by a low growl.



In view of the success a couple of years ago, it has been decided, once again, to ask the pupils to contribute a short story of exactly fifty words. This time some brave souls have also attempted a fifty word poem – quite a tall order! In either case the title is not included in the word total.

### The Airport

He was late, very late. His flight was in an hour and he was stuck in typical rush hour traffic. The cautious taxi driver was driving like a snail. Finally, he reached the airport check in. The attendant laughed and said, "You're a day early! You'd better come back tomorrow."

Rachel McDermott – Year 7



### Waiting

I watched the clock move slowly. The old carriage was silent and a doll sat patiently on the seat. Her auburn curls dangled on her shoulders. Her blue eyes were made of glass and she held the hand of a small girl watching the distant hills pass the moving train.

Poppy Sadler – Year 7



### Reflection

I see her staring back at me but I just don't know the face. She seems so faded and sad as her make-up runs down her tired

cheeks. Her mouth quivers and her teeth chatter really fast. Her blue eyes are as big as flying saucers. Why is this me?

Esme Ham – Year 7

### Night with the Dogs

It was a cold, misty night when I heard the sound of dogs barking and chains rattling. The hunt was on! I grabbed my bag and ran. The gravel was crunching under my trainers. I knew that if I slowed down I would surely die. Then I lost my footing . . .

Sam Robinson – Year 7

### A Step Too Much

A house haunted with darkness. It howls and creaks. It makes me tremble in fear.

I take a step as I hold my breath. I take another step. I trip and the floorboards snap. I'm falling! Falling faster than the speed of light. I land with a thump, unconscious, blind.

Rosie Ward – Year 7



### Myths and Legends

Somewhere in my mind Mythical monsters you might find.

Lurking before and behind Cyclops and Gorgons of every kind.

The scariest creatures from ancient legends and books.

Many are more frightening than spooks.

Myths and legends are all they might be But open your mind so you can all see . . .

Druce Roberts – Year 7



### Bald Eagle

The eagle swirled and dived as the field mouse hid or died. He started to flap and glide, his wings spread out so wide. Gracefully landing in a tall tree feeling happy to be free. Out of the corner of his eye he saw his mate high in the sky.

Sophie Marland – Year 7



### The Cat

I am the cat with eyes so bright. My fur as black as a starry night.

I walk along the moonlit street. No-one hears my soft, black feet. I sleep all day and I hunt all night Until I see the morning light. I am the king of the night.

Jack Rodaway – Year 7

### Then and Now

"So, where to . . .?" I asked in the gentlest manner I could muster. She stood glaring at me. I can remember her warm face so well. Her eyes gazing up at me. There is only a subtle difference to her then and now. Then she was alive, now she is dead . . .

Frederick Carter – Year 8

### Demon Essence

Shining hatred, pure anguish. It closes on its prey to feed. It coaxes the foolish into its dark and foreboding clutches and then indulges on the shadows that infest their souls. Escape isn't necessary, and certainly is not possible. People merely don't understand its true, potential chaotic powers that corrupt us.

Luke Hosking – Year 8



### The Accused

"Alright! I've had enough!" He leaned over the table encroaching on the criminal's personal space. "Tell me!" he bellowed, coaxing him to divulge his greatest secrets. The criminal remained silent with a villainous smirk. "I've had enough! Bring in the truth serum . . ." The criminal remained smug. He had a plan.

Nicholas Brockwell – Year 8

### Sleeping Lions

The lion stirred. He opened his bleary eyes and shook his thick, bounteous mane of tawny hair. He stood, and then padded over the dewy grass towards the petrified girl on the edge of the village. His golden eyes never left her face. Suddenly he leapt, vanishing into the foliage.

Ruth Marsden – Year 8



### Cat and Mouse

The little mouse scampered silently around the park nibbling here, nibbling there. Suddenly the tabby cat's shadow loomed over it. The mouse was frightened and tried to run away, but a glimpse was all I saw of the little mouse before it had clambered into the jaws of the cat.

Antonia Brattle – Year 8



### The Eagle

The eagle swooped down with elegance and grabbed the skittish rabbit in its beak. The eagle's home was perched firmly on the side of the cliff. That was where it glided to with the petrified animal in its mouth. The eagle put the creature down and then demolished its prey.

Luke Shaw – Year 8

### The Flash

I couldn't press on. The weight of the gun on my back was agony. I couldn't take it. I tripped and stumbled over the tree roots. Then I saw a flash of orange in the corner of my eye. I turned suddenly and saw a giant tiger looming over me.

Harry Kelf – Year 8



### A Subtle Approach

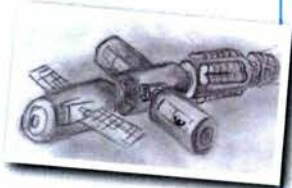
The little girl was playing with her dolls. She sat there – fascinated. Then she heard something slowly creeping up behind her, subtly approaching. Next she felt a cold, hard, bony hand on her shoulder. She froze. Then she heard a voice in her ear. "Holly," it spoke. "Dinner is ready."

*Ben Minchell – Year 8*

### Dead of Space

"ETA 80 minutes. All systems functional. On course. Also I... ." Suddenly I found myself talking to nobody. The radio was dead along with the entire craft. I was now helplessly floating in the never-ending vastness of space. I could only hear my breath until... "System maintenance check successful. Power restored."

*Nicholas Brockwell – Year 8*



### Mary had a Little Lamb – Exposed.

Mary had a little lamb  
Whose fleece was white as snow,  
And everywhere that Mary went  
The lamb was sure to go.

Sadly, one day, the lamb died. Mary was left alone. So Mary had no lamb whose fleece was white as snow. Mary now had a new furry jacket.

*Mia Hope – Year 8*

### Waiting

I was waiting in the dark alley waiting for my mum. I shivered. A breeze blew past.

Suddenly a shadow formed on the wall. I heard a bang and then felt the pain. I waited to wake up in the frenzy I usually did after a dream. But I didn't...

*Milly Clark – Year 8*



### Next to Yours

Your life is your own  
You breathe, you love, you hate.  
You die.  
Never mind them – him or her.  
Your life is your own.  
How can this be?  
My heart beats for yours.  
Yours beats against mine.  
Take my heart,  
Place it next to yours.  
Forever they will beat... forever.

*Izzy Carpenter-Calcutt – Year 8*

### When You're Alone

It scares you  
How it can creep up on you  
When you least expect it.  
It can scare you half to death.  
It will wait until you're alone,  
Until you're in the dark  
Where no one can see you.  
It will scare you  
When it finally attacks!  
You scared yet?

*Paige Goodger - Year 8*

### 21. Cakes and No Cakes

Five birthday candles on a cake. Five years old. The start of school. Eleven birthday candles on a cake. Eleven years old. The start of secondary school. Eighteen birthday candles on a cake. Eighteen years old. The start of university. Graduation, No cake. It is the start of real life.

*Luke Kavanagh – Year 9*



### England vs Algeria

So much for England being World Cup hopefuls after the dismal display on 18th June, 2010. They should have worked together more as a team and passed the ball better. A lack-lustre performance from the whole team. It was a total disappointment for the whole nation. England must do better!



*Ollie Kemp – Year 9*

### Missing You...

Every day I look at the picture on the wall and wish you were still here. Why is it that you'll never be by my side but you'll always be in my heart? You always kept me warm and safe but here, today, I am alone, detached and bitterly cold.

*Olivia Douglas – Year 9*

### Three or Four

Four leaf clover, very rare,  
As green as green can be.  
With its long green stem  
And its round, smooth petals,  
Swaying within the wind.

Three leaf clover, very common,  
Found both near and far.  
Also a long green stem,  
Three petals attached to it,  
Remaining beneath the sun.

*Emily Smith – Year 9*



### Panic!

Fleeing my prison, driven by the hunger, I found my victim. I struck! His blood flowed. The hunger was satiated but then... panic! The body was stuck on my tusks and my flippers were too short to remove it. The zoo-keepers stopped me ending the reign of the Vampire Walrus.

*Alexander Taurins – Year 9*

### Archery

I turned around looking at the audience as they waited patiently in their seats. I held my bow right up aiming at the target which was miles away with its colourful circles with arrows stabbed around it. I was on my last arrow. I took a breath and released it.

*Hannah Bonini – Year 9*



### Fear in Shiny Shoes

On a cold winter's day a mysterious man walked in. A strange breeze filled the room. Even though I could not see his face, I felt fear. He was wearing a long brown coat and a hat. His hands were in his pockets. He looked down at his shiny shoes.

*Au-Nais Fort – Year 9*

### Bob and the Bar

Bob walked aimlessly through the district at night. It was a cold, quiet night. The autumn breeze swept the leaves into a whirlpool. Bob gazed across the mountains admiring the landscape. He noticed a cosy-looking inn called the "Traveller's Rest" nestling in the trees. Bob walked into a bar – Ouch!

*Deniz Dogan – Year 9*

### Believe Mum

When I was little Mum told me that happiness is the key to life. I went to school. They asked me what I wanted to be when I grew up. I wrote "Happy". They told me I did not understand the assignment. I told them they did not understand life.

*Anna Burnham – Year 9*

### Being Dead

I could not believe it. I had died. What a way to go? The evidence was sure to baffle the investigators and police. My whole body is in pain worse than I've ever experienced before. But I can't be dead. You don't feel pain when you're dead. Or do you?

*Max Foot – Year 10*

### A Nice Day to Die

It's a nice day to die. The warm sun beats down upon the ground while a breeze blows through my hair. The ropes bite my wrists. The blindfold blocks my view. I hear them load. I hear birds in the trees, and I smile. It's a nice day to die.

*Louis Diebel – Year 10*

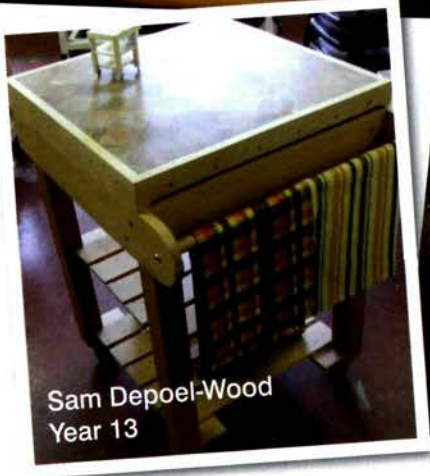
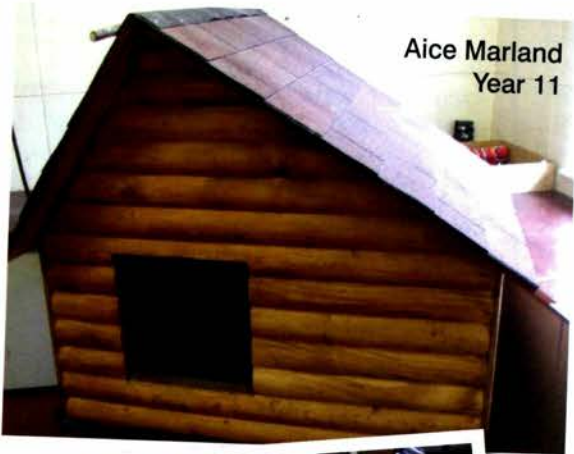
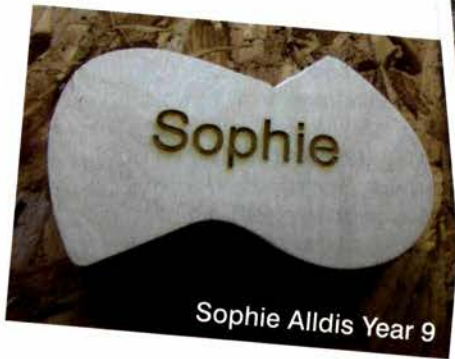


# Design & Technology

The excellent work produced this year really does show the hard work and dedication of all those that follow a path through the Design and Technology Department.

Our ever increasing facilities help push the students forward. All have enjoyed the purchase of a new Laser Cutter and what it can offer project work. There is always a great deal going on in both the Food Technology Room and the main Workshops every week and it is always great to see students using the facility during their lunchtimes.

M. Norman







Salam Lamptey Year 13



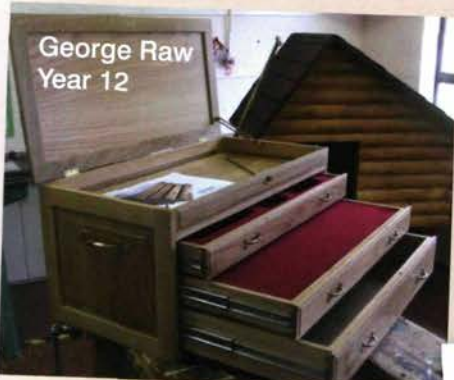
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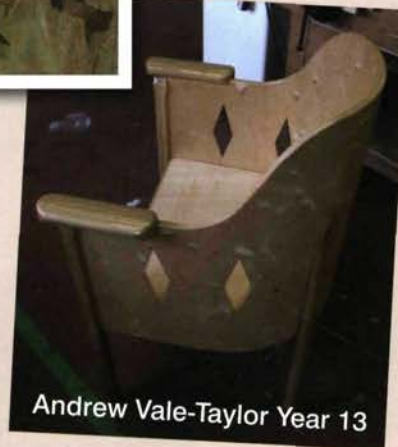
Alice Healy Year 9



Charles Reid Year 13



George Raw Year 12



Andrew Vale-Taylor Year 13



Ben Milan Year 13



Drew Richards Year 11



Emma Cartwright Year 11

# Food Technology



This year's Master Chef final was an all-boy affair between Jamie MacAskill and Elliot Waters from Year 7 and Luke Shaw from Year 8. The guest judges, pictured here with the finalists, were Neil McCue, the Head Chef from The Curlew in Bodiam (back left) and Gary Parker, the School's catering manager (back right).

The young chefs' task was to produce a two course lunch to be served at a local National Trust property to celebrate the visit of a VIP. They were judged on four elements: the quality of their food, organisation and hygiene, timing and presentation. The judges complimented the chefs on how calmly they had worked and on the quality of their dishes. They were particularly impressed that they had all chosen seasonal produce.



The winner was Jamie MacAskill. He had made fresh Kentish Asparagus Tart served with a salad of locally grown broad beans, cherry tomatoes and pine nuts with a honey and mustard dressing, followed by a chocolate brownie with Kentish strawberries and a white chocolate sauce. Congratulations to Jamie, who was presented with the Bethany Master Chef trophy on Speech Day.



During the year the A level students have visited Hazel Street Farm in Horsmonden which supplies apples to where they observed the latest technology and storage facilities, the Taywell ice cream factory, Sizzlers in Goudhurst where they had the chance to make their own sausages and also Rhokett Ltd in Cranbrook which produces premium desserts.

I was delighted with this year's examination results with a 100% A\*-C pass rate at GCSE and 100% A-C at AS and A2 level.

**Mrs A Wood**

# Mathematics

## Bridge Building

In April the Year 10's took part in a bridge building session, working with triangular based pyramids. The pyramids were merged to produce bridges and by the end of the session several bridges were merged to form a cantilever bridge. The session aimed to develop teamwork, problem solving and design skills.



## Magic Maths Day

In June pupils from Years 7, 8 and 9 took part in a day of Magic Maths with puzzles galore to experiment with.



## Tower Challenge

A new competition for Year 9's took place at the end of the summer term. Working in small teams, their task was to build the tallest possible tower using only 12 sheets of newspaper and 50cm of sellotape. The tower had to support a golf ball. The teams worked well and some towers were nearly 2m tall. Unfortunately, many of these didn't stay upright long enough to support a golf ball. The winning team of Natasha Brattle and Jordan Monks achieved a most impressive 1.61m which remained standing with a golf ball on top for considerably longer than required.



## Mathematics Challenge

The top students in the two national Mathematics challenge competitions were:

### Intermediate Challenge

**Gold certificate and best in school**

Alexander Clayden-Spence

**Silver certificate**

Kiko Zhou

**Bronze certificate**

Andrew Lockwood

An Vu

Dominic Williamson

Wai Lun Chung

Magnus Henderson

### Junior Challenge

**Gold certificate and best in school**

Frederick Carter

**Silver certificate**

Ben Minchell

Jacob Hill

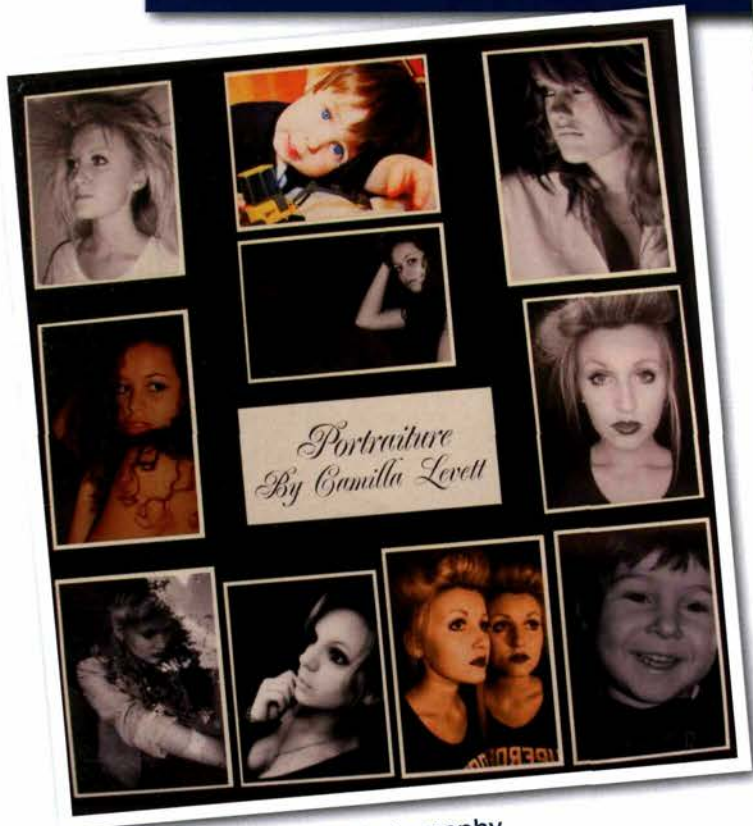
**Bronze certificate**

Ruth Marsden

Hannah Marsden

Nat Pearson

# Art & Design



Camilla Levett Year 12 Photography

This has been another busy year for Bethany's Art Department and the quality of work being produced across the age range continues to develop and improve. A variety of work was shown at an exhibition of the work of SHMIS schools in Ely Cathedral in November, at the John Downton show at Maidstone Town Hall and also at our own Parents' Day Exhibition. The Textiles group visited the 'Knitting and Stitching show at Alexandra Palace, Year 11 resourced a 'Colour' project at the Fauvist show at Tate Modern, the Year 9 group enjoyed the Summer Exhibition at the Royal Academy and the Photographers went to the World Wildlife Photographer of the Year exhibition at the Natural History Museum and the 'Beatles to Bowie' show at the National Portrait Gallery. The senior artists took a Eurostar day trip to look at the work at the Musée d'Orsay in February.

Mrs Kelly continues to produce outstanding work in the Textiles room much of which was showcased in the annual Parents' Day Fashion Show. Under the watchful eye of Miss Rayner the quality of our 3D work goes from strength to strength and the addition of Mrs Alexander to the Department ensures that we are able to cater for the large numbers opting to study Photography at both AS and A2 level.

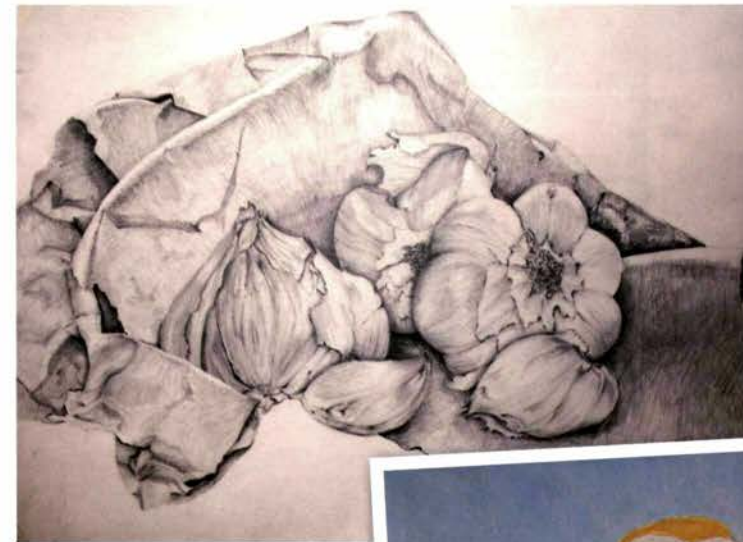
Public examination results in 2010 were again impressive. At GCSE all but one of our candidates achieved a grade C or above and at A2, 11 of our Art, Textiles and Photography students achieved the new A\* grade.

P Norgrove

Pia Hitchcox Year 11



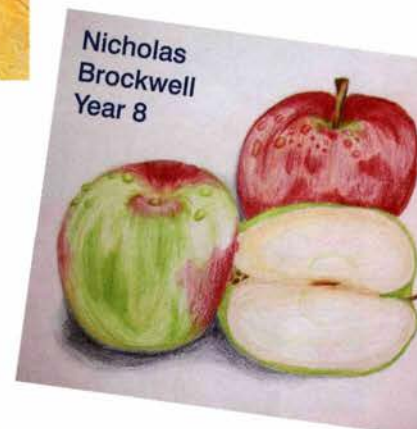
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Lawrence Zhang Year 10



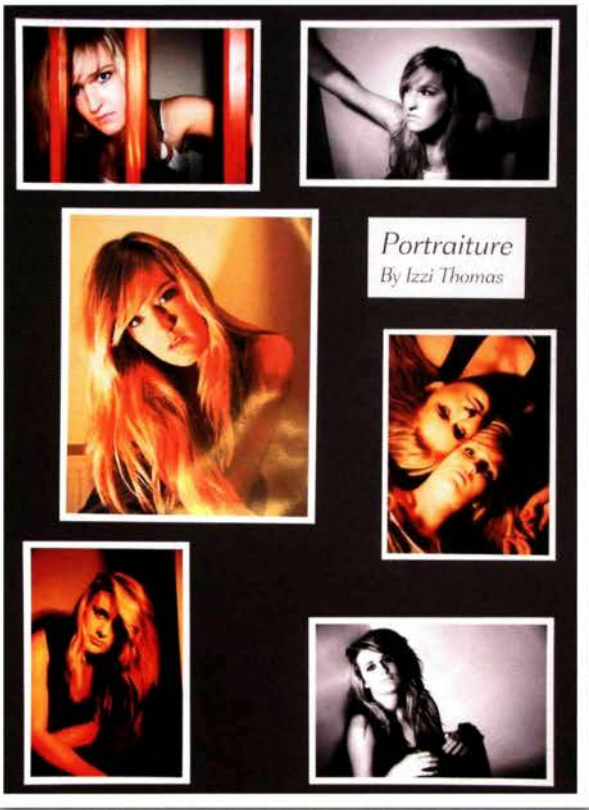
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Nicholas Brockwell Year 8



Harrison Jacques Year 8



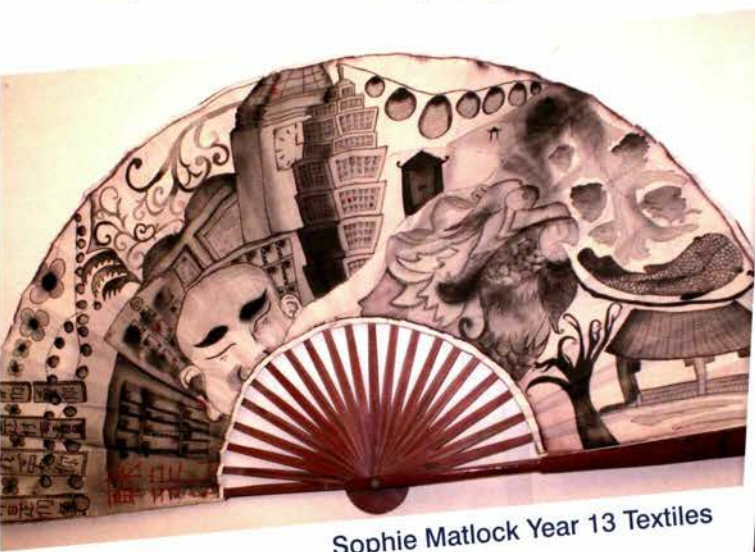
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Leo Weber Year 13 Textiles



Marcus Boyle Year 13



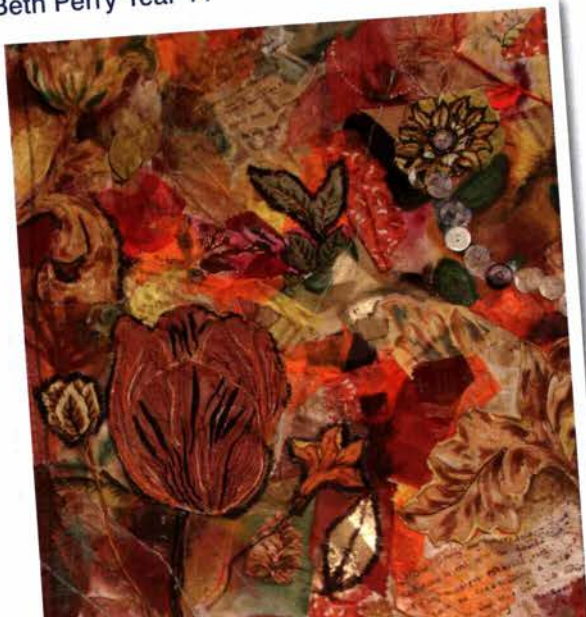
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Rachel McDermott Year 7

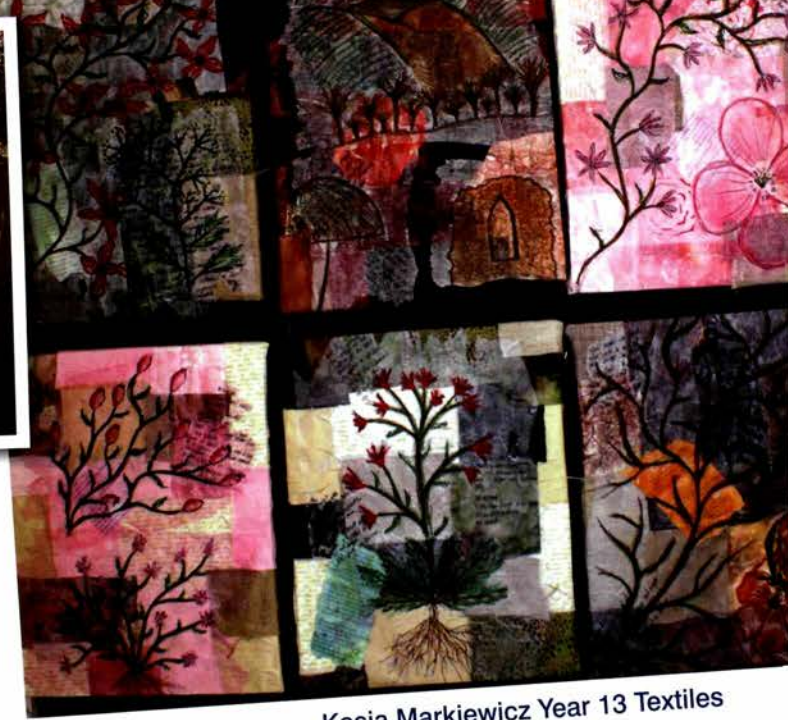
Beth Perry Year 11

Holly Stevens Year 11





Louis Summers Year 13 Photography



Kasia Markiewicz Year 13 Textiles

Sam Depoel-Wood Year 13 Photography



Faye Copsey Year 13 Photography

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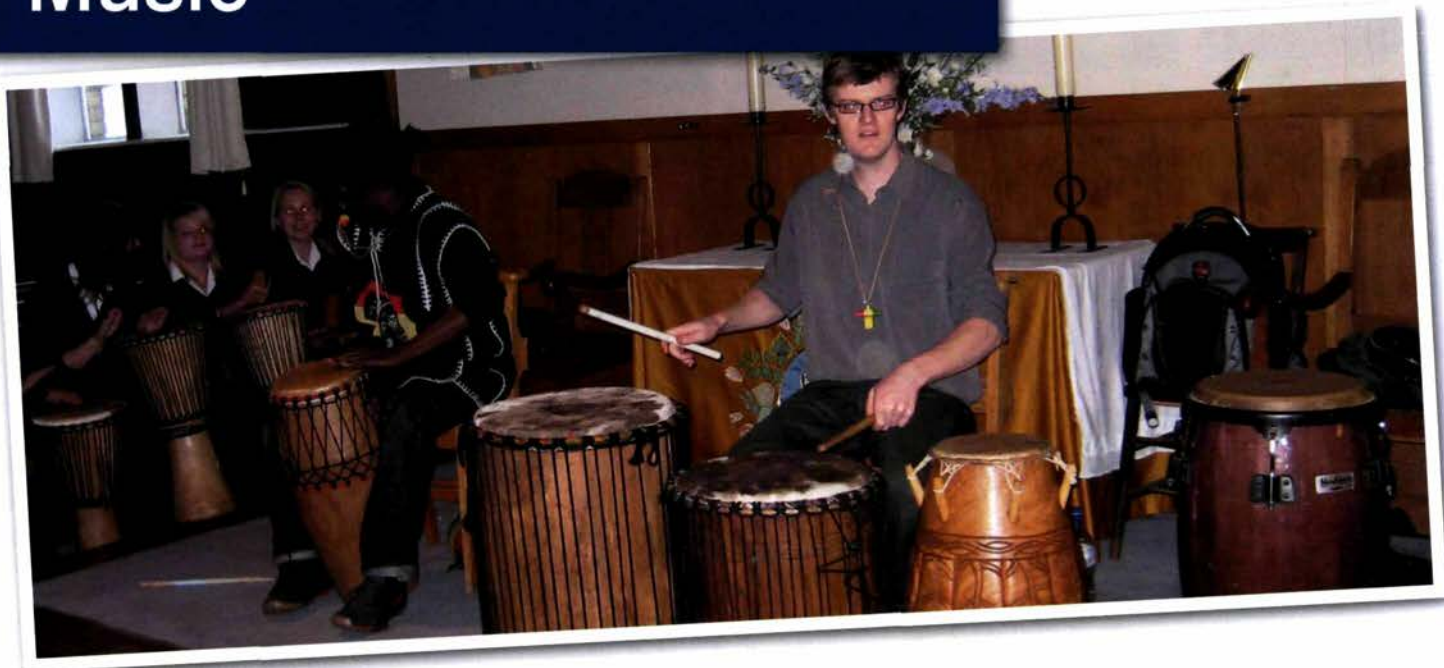


Billy Yeung Year 13 Photography



Phoebe Mills Year 7

# Music



## Curriculum

Year 7 students have enjoyed developing their performance skills in song, percussion, instruments of the orchestra and playing keyboards. Their major project of the year involved a visit to the London Symphony Orchestra at the Barbican for a concert based around music for film and television. Our students had prepared an arrangement of "O Fortuna" from Carl Orff's "Carmina Burana" (the X-Factor music), which was performed with the massed forces of the orchestra and other choirs gathered for the event. The highlight of the concert was the Star Wars theme; the wall of sound was electrifying.



Our ever-popular Music Curriculum afternoons for Year 8 and 9 continued this year with renewed vigour. Mr Briggs devised a new "carousel" system for sessions in the music school, giving opportunity for students to experience a greater variety of activities. One great example was the second Year 8 curriculum afternoon. Students explored the relationship between music and the World Cup, examining the instruments used, the

places where the World Cup took place and learning to play Hocus Pocus' world cup theme as used in the Nike advert. Particular thanks go to Mr Fisher on guitar and Mr Davies in his Music School debut on Bass. The session ended by a grand arrangement of "The Great Escape", played by the Y8 instrumental group.

Year 9 curriculum afternoon highlights included writing film music for a silent movie and learning "The Pirates of the Caribbean" theme tune. This was backed up in the classroom by composing background music for a longer section of a James Bond movie, using Cubase to ensure all the timings worked. In addition, Year 9 also had an inspiring workshop by Rob Navratil, with a full range of drums, agogo bells and boomwhackers.

The Year 10's were the first to prepare for the new style GCSE course, complete with composition being carried out under controlled assessment guidelines. They have risen to the challenge well. The number of excellent drummers within Year 10 was demonstrated in their unique arrangement of "Lady Madonna" at the October informal concert – musical chairs with a new dimension!

The senior pupils donned Tuxedos for an evening of Bond music at the Royal Albert Hall performed by the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra. Presented by Honor Blackman and conducted by Carl Davis, we were treated to a whistle-stop tour of musical styles used in the secret agent's films.

Year 11's continued their commissions for musical events in the life of the school. Nick Palfrey's piece for Founders Day became most appropriate for the School

Remembrance service, with its long, haunting trumpet fanfares and piano counter-melodies. Philip Woodhead's "Composition for Christmas" made a fitting overture for the annual Carol Service. Patrick Jenkins' "Fanfare for the opening of a Jazz Club" was a superb introduction for Jazz Band. Joshua Chant's "Dorey's Fanfare" was among many gifts presented to the Headmaster at his final Speech Day.

New developments in the courses for both AS and A-level include live performance of all compositions. The lower sixth ensemble became well established at the beginning of the year through its performance of Bach's "Air" and was therefore well prepared to play the theme and variations sets for their exam work. The upper sixth compositions called for great technical detail. Many thanks to Mr Chapter, Mr Tonbridge, Mr Andrew, Miss Eleni and Miss Victoria for their help in recording these pieces.



## The Symphony Orchestra

As last year, the Symphony Orchestra has had plenty of "pit work", playing both for "Grease" and "Godspell". In addition, they have played Verdi, Mendelssohn and Mozart. Mr Briggs has steered the group carefully through this varied repertoire over the last two years. As I take on the Orchestra next year, they will have a break from the Pit to focus on other aspects of the Symphony Orchestra's role.



## Lizards – the Ninth Year

The ever-popular Lizards Band has reached a sad milestone; its last founder member, Mr Fisher, leaves at the end of another action-packed year. In a new development, several younger students have been recruited. We bid farewell to Andrew Vale-Taylor, Sotonye Pepple, Tom Wright and Leo Weber, all of whom leave at the end of the year.

## The School Choir

In October, the School Choir was invited to perform at the Royal Tunbridge Wells Centenary concert. Accompanied by the City of London Sinfonia, the choir sang "Zadok the Priest", "Ave Verum" by Mozart and "Adiemus" by Jenkins. The choir also sang the "Hallelujah" chorus from "Messiah" at Christmas as part of Radio 3's "Hallelujah" sing along. Although the serious repertoire took time to prepare, the choir still found time to express itself in other repertoire, including "Beautiful, You Raise Me Up" and "Agnus Dei" by M Smith. In the context of the Christmas and Easter services, these items added a new dimension to the musical worship life of the school.



## Brass Ensemble

Although the Brass Ensemble had little time to rehearse this year, the strength of brass in the School continues to grow. Present at Christmas and for Founders' day, with two new fanfares learnt, their playing continues to add a feeling of dignity to all special occasions in the life of the School.

## Jazz Band

The Jazz Band has come of age this year, now working from big band arrangements. The transformation was immediately apparent in October with renditions of "Chameleon" and "The Girl from Ipanema". With "Fly me to the Moon, Mambo No 5, In the Mood" and several others quickly learnt, I realised this would be the band to liven up Speech Day morning and their sound could be heard drifting across the Headmaster's Lawn.



## Chapel Music

The Chapel band has now become a regular feature of services. They perform as students arrive and accompany the hymns with great aplomb. Particular thanks to the faithful group who set up and take down all the equipment; extra music stands are on the way!

The Music School also participated in former Headmaster, Christian Lanzer's memorial service. The orchestra accompanied the hymns and Tim Ellis and Mia Hope offered solos.

## Solo Items

As ever, students have been keen to play solo items in our informal and formal concerts and it was pleasing to see many new faces performing, including, Mike Chui with a first solo for the School's new trombone. Bethany Ward and Toni Brattle delighted amongst others and William Scott dazzled us with his array of superbly honed guitar styles. It was a pleasure to welcome back former student Rosa Wong who performed Ravel's "Sonatine" at the Christmas concert.



Our scholars gave high quality performances on Scholars' evening. Rebecca Thorpe's "Summertime" was a lovely foil for Rebecca Knight's heartfelt "Can't help lovin' dat man". Delightful miniatures by Emily Bristow and Amanda Hill were a lovely contrast to the structural and physical intensity of Jason Pan's Clarinet Concerto excerpt, and Tim Ellis' rendition of "Ballade No 1" by Chopin.

No Music School can operate successfully without the support of its instrumental teaching staff and I would like to take this opportunity to pass on my thanks to each and every one of them as well as to all those who have supported the department this year.

**G. Stubberfield**  
Director of Music



## Drama & Theatre studies

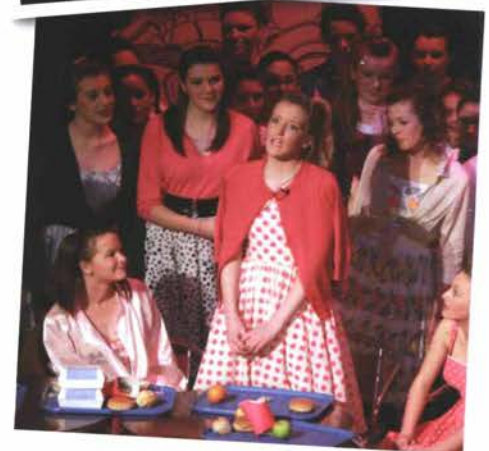
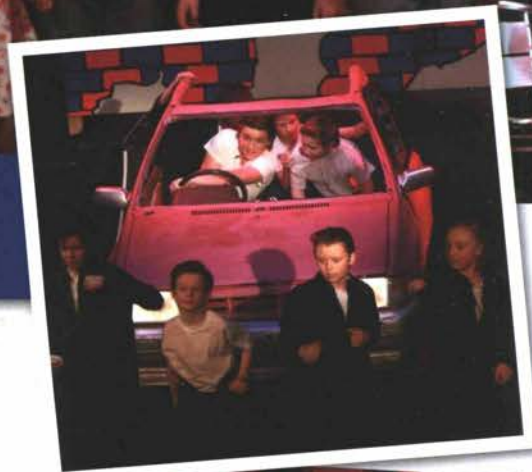
The year began with auditions for the annual school production which this year the Music and Drama departments had decided would be 'Grease.' As this is a favourite with many pupils the auditions proved to be very interesting. A wealth of new talent was uncovered and Mr Stubberfield and I had to make some tough decisions. However, decisions were made and the rehearsal programme was well underway by the autumn half term.

Whilst students and staff worked very hard at School getting ready for the final shows I was given some bad news. The venue in Southborough had to close immediately and for the foreseeable future due to electrical problems. This left us without a venue and only a few weeks before the performance dates. Mr Stubberfield and I did not panic at all! Honestly! Luckily after a lengthy search we were saved and booked into the Queen's Hall Theatre in Cranbrook, which is a fantastic venue. I would like to thank the staff at Cranbrook School for their kindness and co-operation.

Crisis over we began to pick up the pieces and get on with the show, as they say. We had lost valuable time and a lead member of our cast. As always the students pulled together

to make it work in the new venue and a special mention should go to Joe Reddy, who took on the leading role of Kenickie in January leaving him with just five weeks to learn the part. Nobody would have guessed as he fitted in perfectly. Musical accompaniment was once again provided by the school orchestra. I was amazed at their professionalism, particularly as they only joined us at the venue two days before opening night and simply brought the show to life.

The set was designed by Leo Webber and came to life once on the stage with the lights creating an almost ultra violet glow. We welcomed our new Music and Drama technician, Tom Martin, who got stuck in straight away to bring the technical elements together. The majority of the lighting, however, was programmed and run by Benjamin Smith from Year 11, a first for us so well done Ben. The end result of all this hard work was another fantastic display of talent and enthusiasm. It was great to welcome some newcomers to the stage and I very much hope this will continue. It is a huge undertaking and is truly a whole school production so thanks should be given again to all of the pupils, staff and parents involved in the show.



The academic side of Drama began with the Year 13 class devising and performing an original piece of physical theatre based on the topic of Fear. The students worked very hard to create a fantastic piece about a man trapped in his job through fear of not fitting into society and being fixated with not getting anywhere in his life. All the students were awarded excellent marks for this piece.

At this point in the term I was preparing for a very different production of my own, the birth of my daughter, Madeline Jane, who arrived in March! I handed over to Mrs Galagher in February just in time for all the various examination performances and I hand over to her now for the rest of this report.

**Helen Kirk**  
Head of Drama





I arrived at Bethany in January 2010 and was very excited at the prospect of teaching here. The first six weeks were spent working with Helen Kirk to ensure a smooth handover and we then wished her well as she embarked on her maternity leave.

Having had the opportunity to overlap with Helen for a few weeks I was well aware of her teaching ability and her great rapport with the pupils. I soon realised that I had a hard act to follow. Nevertheless my aspiration was not just to hold the fort, but to make my own unique contribution to the Drama department.

A handover can be a complex issue, both with regards to getting to know the students, and gaining their confidence and trust. The Year 11 students handled the change well and for the most part seemed unfazed by the change of teacher, especially taking into consideration the fact that they were at a crucial stage of their course, preparing for their final performances. Being such a large group, the drama studio was a hive of activity and creativity.

Overall it was another successful year for the largest ever group of GCSE students with a record breaking number of externally assessed performances, seven in all: 'Shakers' by John Godber; 'Blackout' by Lawenda Jones; 'Art' by Yasmina Rena; 'Words, Words, Words' by David Ives; 'Teachers' by John Godber; 'Sun Country' by John D Briggs and a devised



piece entitled 'Behind the Mechanicals' loosely based on the character called the Mechanicals in Shakespeare's 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. Instead of performing, three of the students from Year 11 elected to study a technical unit in disciplines such as set design, sound and lighting.

The students in Years 12 and 13 also dealt well with the staffing change. This may, in part, have been due to their busy schedule which did not allow them too much time to think about it.

The heavy snow over the Christmas and New Year period meant a late return to classes at the end of the break. This in turn caused the AS Drama group to fall a little behind. However, thanks to their hard work and a rigorous rehearsal schedule including after school sessions, they managed to make up for the missed time. They are to be commended for this effort and for their achievements in the group performance of 'Blood Wedding', and for the duologues from 'Yerma', both written by F.G. Lorca.

I was delighted with the results achieved by the senior Drama students this year. At both AS and A2 level there was a 100% pass rate.

As a new teacher to the School I was very much looking forward to working with the younger pupils as we embarked on the Lower School Production. I was excited at

the prospect of uncovering the wealth of talent that is just beginning to emerge amongst the pupils in Years 7 to 9. 'Godspell' was chosen for the production. It was an ambitious piece to attempt in the eight week summer term but, with the combined efforts of the Drama and Music departments it was a great success. 'Godspell' is a wonderful musical based on the gospels of Matthew. The actors/clowns told the story of Christ, capturing the message of the bible through the heart-warming enactment of his parables.

As with 'Grease' this show also had a last minute change of venue, albeit internal this time, caused by the building works which were being carried out. This meant that rehearsals and the final performance were moved to the Upper Dining Hall. The young performers were not perturbed and took the constant changes in their stride. Once again the Orchestra played an important part in the performance. There were some very gifted performers in the show and I am looking forward to working with them as they move up in the school and as we embark on 'Bugsy Malone' which we look forward to presenting in February.

**Claire Galagher**  
Acting Head of Drama



When Media Studies was offered as a subject for the first time last September the question from staff, students and parents was usually 'What exactly is Media Studies?' I'm sure the current Year 13 would be very quick to point out, if somewhat sadly, that contrary to the popular myth, Media Studies is not just watching films!

Media Studies explores the relationship between audiences and the media, how the media influences our everyday lives and perceptions and how we, in turn, shape and play a role in how media texts are produced. Media Studies requires students to get to grips with some fairly complex theories and key terminology and shares many cross curricular links in this area with Sociology and Business Studies.

The first group of AS Media Studies students have set the bar extremely high this year and their practical coursework was particularly outstanding with 75% A-B grades and 100% A-C for that unit. Students were expected to complete one moving image piece and two printed pieces along with an evaluative essay. The moving image pieces, which were mostly television or film trailers (following a brief decided by the examination board) showed creativity and flair and students seemed to thoroughly enjoy using the editing facilities to ensure their work was of the highest

quality. The print work, which was again stipulated by the examination board, saw students having to create two double page features for existing magazine titles, thus they had to fully research the brand, target audience and the values and ideologies of the publication in order to ensure their articles met the needs of the target audience. The course, like other subjects, found unexpected challenges with nature in the past year including the delay caused by snow and the unprecedented disruption caused by volcanic ash. This resulted in a sort of 'distance learning' approach for those stuck in Europe, Hong Kong and Zambia! The students approached the course with much enthusiasm and their hard work has seen them reap the results they deserve.

They have grown in confidence and have started to utilise their media skills for other areas of school life including trekking on this summer's Duke of Edinburgh's Award expedition with a video camera in tow. They have made me, as a new member of staff last September, feel very at home at Bethany and as we set off to face the challenges of A2 Media Studies the department continues to grow with new AS students and the introduction of GCSE Media Studies for Year 10.

Claire Wood



### My first record...

**IT'S LIKE THAT RUN-DMC VS JASON NEVINS**

"The first physical thing I bought was Run-DMC Vs Jason Nevins' song on tape from Woolworths. I was as susceptible to that sort of thing as most eight-year-olds are, and I remember watching it with my brother on Top Of The Pops and thinking it was the best thing in the world."

### A favourite lyric...

**'LOOK AT MISS OHIO' GILLIAN WELCH**

"The lyric is 'I wanna do right, but not right now'. It's a clever play on words, but it's also very poignant. She was introduced to me by Winston Marshall [Mumford & Sons, vocals/banjo] about a year ago. In my mind she's like a gritty, almost more real version of Joni Mitchell."

### A tearjerker...

**'THERE IS A LIGHT' THE SMITHS**

"Every time I hear it I get goosebumps. Great lyrics and a great melody... Joy Electric mentioned that The Smiths were the greatest band in the world so naturally I bought their Best Of. I thought that'd be a good place to start. It was literally life-changing!"

### Sunday morning song...

**'SNOKE GETS IN YOUR EYES' BRYAN FERRY**

"It's a version of the old doo-wop tune made famous by The Platters, that Bryan did for his 1974 album 'Another Time, Another Place'. I'd forgotten how exactly what you'd expect from the old lounge lizard. He uses this perfect out-of-time voice, and I love it when things aren't supposed to be perfect."

### Right now I'm loving...

**'celeb' JAY-Z**

"I've never heard them complain. I've got someone anyway, but Iain and I are really close. We have to be so weird in FML, so we're quite comfortable with each other, we're just weird the whole time now! I've didn't get a confirmation on Brandon and CJ, better luck next time!"

### To make me dance...

**'MILLIONAIRE' KELIS FEAT ANDRE 3000**

"When I'm at a club I go there to dance and have a laugh and I hate it when a DJ tries to avoid playing songs that make people dance. If I was a DJ I'd definitely play this - it's a really sophisticated, slick pop song."

### My karaoke song...

**'COPACABANA' BARRY MANILOW**

"I sang this at the end of a day's filming with Richard [Mills]. We went to this karaoke bar with the production team and had a great night. I can really imagine myself performing it in Vegas wearing a tuxedo."



**COMPANY**

"We have to cram in coursework, lessons and filming. So we hardly have a social life!"

With a brand new comedy drama series FML coming to BBC Three this Thursday, we thought we would nab an interview with the lead actors for you. Company's editor Victoria White asks them all about how they got into acting to what it's like filming together...

**All of you were picked out of your school to be in FML. How has it changed your life?**

CJ: We were all so excited when we heard that some actors were coming round to audition for a new TV show. So many people applied, and it wasn't just at our school. Iain, Brandon and I got to go to the same school, but Eddie came from a different area.

**Iain: The school work is really hard. We have to cram in coursework, lessons and filming, so we hardly have a social life! But it's fun. I guess it really helps that we all get along so well, otherwise it would have been a different matter.**

**Do you think you've learnt anything while being on set?**

Iain: I think you learn that when you're at school, everything seems so important, but you'll find that once you're on set, you're just over-reacting.

**But then again, it is of course to think that we have it easy at school, I like that FML will show them that kids do have some problems in their teenage years. I know that situations are a little exaggerated on the show, but they do represent a lot of real life things. My mom's seen the first episode and she agrees.**

**When you get a break while your filming, what do you do to have fun at school?**

Brandon: I love music, so I listen to my iPod. Or we've got little practical jokes we play on each other!

**Brandon: We've also got all the school work we have to do, so that takes up a lot of our free time. But when we have a chance to do nothing, we just sit around and chat about everything.**

**Do you get nervous when your about to do a shooting scene, like filming, or the drug bits?**

Brandon: At first I was, it was kind of like "is my breath okay?" but now we know each other so well, we feel comfortable.

**CJ: I was so worried with the drug bit my mom watching me, but it's all good, she knows I don't have a drug addiction or anything! I'm just hoping that people will see the effects that drug have on you, and maybe think twice about them.**

**Have you ever had a bad day on set?**

Iain: I'm pretty with my outfit, so it's my character. I love the whole cool/dirty look.

**Iain: I'm weird! I like. My character is a broody girl, and I guess that's the thing that we have most in common.**

**Is there anything you would change about yourself?**

CJ: I need to be a dancer, and I wish I had a 'g' given to go. I loved it. But while

all have things we don't like physically, doing something like that, when you're gonna be on telly instead of the whole country, you just begin to accept yourself, and you become more comfortable.

**CJ: I'd love to be able to sing really well. I'm so happy! I have my laugh so much!**

**Brandon: I would love to be a professional musician. I pretty much live music.**

**Iain: Being invisible would be so cool! And I do like to pass out and just have a morning companion with everyone!**

**What's the best relationship like like for people your age?**

CJ: If you have to be able to have a good time with them. You can like them, but if you don't "click", then there's no point.

**Brandon: Having the same interests helps, but it's also good to be different. If you're too much the same, you'll just get bored and lose interest.**

**Iain: Have a laugh! If you don't, what's the point? Just go out and have fun. Laugh at yourself!**

**Do you get nervous when your about to do a shooting scene, like filming, or the drug bits?**

Iain: Remember that you're only a teenager. Your not gonna get nervous just if something happens and it ends, there are more people out there.

**Do you get the death, except? Which of you are doing?**

Iain: (Trying not to let the others hear) I was thinking the whole time about my character. I'm not gonna get nervous just if something happens and it ends, there are more people out there.

**Do you ever hear them complain?**

Iain: I've got someone anyway, but Iain and I are really close. We have to be so weird in FML, so we're quite comfortable with each other, we're just weird the whole time now! I've didn't get a confirmation on Brandon and CJ, better luck next time!"

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ello, Richard. What are you doing on this Monday morning? Reading a newspaper Friday and I'm about to get a letter. I'm a high-falutin' start Monday. A letter! Whatever

day's a baguette me." to you make of it news? The tip of newspapers is terrifying. I read the front page, then I go to the sport, it's a film review, I see if Barry's anything to Perfect

to 'Perfect' you think it's a big hit? I'd love to see it. I've got lots of crime that we live in. What would you do if your girlfriend was taken from you when you were at work? I would fight unbelievably to get her back and I would not stop until I had her back in my arms." How long have you been together? "It's our three year anniversary in two weeks." People like an anniversary - it's a chance to think about what you've been up to. "Everyone's making anniversary out of anything these days."

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FML is becoming one of the most anticipated tv series from Britain. But, as Karen Edwards finds out, getting to that spot wasn't that easy.



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## R ROBINSON Vs MILLS (Perfect Secrets)



**Well some of these things sadly go unmarked. For many people these events aren't acknowledged on a wiki entry.**  
No, we shouldn't forget. Personally I feel people should make more of an effort to update their Wikipedia pages with these significant dates.  
**So you have your own Wikipedia page?**  
I don't know. I would guess that it just says that I'm a bloke who has a bit of acting and has been in a few films but then it would have links to all the 'Perfect Secrets' site.  
**Wait, I'll tell you what, I've just called up your page while you're been talking - it's all bad news.**  
I see. Is it?  
**Yeah it is. Now, 'Perfect Secrets' has its own page...**  
I see.  
**But as for individual members... well, I don't know how to say his but Courtney has a low page but you don't.**

**Richard is head of navigation for Jedward!**

**"Well the film was made as a tribute to Max Vinson's wife and Max recommended the song to Chris [Pilgrim, Musical director]. He had a listen to it and it had a real impression on him."**

**Why do you think he chose to use it?**  
"I think that when he first listened to it the lyrics fit with the film so well so we all decided that it would be a good fit for the soundtrack."

**What's your favourite band at the moment?**  
"The Mystery Jets are truly mind blowing! I met Blaine at the 'Barfly' in London with Henry and we got chatting, you wouldn't believe that they're brothers."

**Is your job easier than you'd like it to be or harder than you'd like it to be?**  
"It's very hard, but I love what I do so that motivates me to keep going. I love working with big stars that I have never met in person before. 'Perfect Secrets' has been really hard to show the emotion of the character that I play because I have never had anything like that happen to me for real."

**THREE OTHER RICHARDS**

**RICHARD ASHCROFT**  
Lead singer of the yowie. Slightly more crazy than Richard and more musical.

**RICHARD YATES**  
Novelist. Less crazy than Richard and less musical.

**RICHARD WRIGHT**  
Keyboardist for Pink Floyd. More dead than Richard.



**Things are about to kick off: heat is in Kent to interview the cast just weeks before the pilot episode airs on BBC Three. It's a surprisingly raw enlightening yet refreshing series; focusing on a mix of, as they put it, "real teen issues with a little bit extra".**

**We went to find out more about what is being referred to on twitter as a hybrid of skins and inbetweeners.**

**Do you wear sunglasses indoors now that you're famous?**  
B: We're not famous yet! All the time, but they've got to match my dress.  
I: Only sometimes, when the parents are out and about.  
C: I would if only it's a hot day and I'm tanning through the window!  
B: What you talking about mate, I don't wear anything when I'm not on set.  
E: That's actually true.

**Are you guys doing anything for Sport Relief?**  
E: We are actually, yeah, we've all decided to be ourselves together and run a mile.  
C: Yep, we've got a link to support us on the FML homepage, join in!  
B: Yeah, it is for charity and all.  
I: And you could always come join in to help out!

**Is it easy to make love to the camera?**  
I: Oh, I dunno I still get a little camera shy now and again.  
B: Ah, I've gotten used to it. At first it was a little odd putting  
B: Are you kidding me, I LOVE the camera, or well, I love the camera.  
C: I do have to admit I do kinda like it.

**Do you have a message to heat readers?**  
I: You guys are amazing, I love to read a little sneaky heat mag on the train home.  
B: You guys will love this new show!

**So about those drug scenes in FML...**  
C: The worst bit is that you actually have to sort this weird white powder stuff, it's not Coke though, so that's A-Okay.  
Brandon: I've seen doing a whole range of drug cocktails and believe me I never gets old, I'm pretty sure that in every episode I'll be doing some kind of 'recreational' fun.  
E: I think I'm the only character who takes pills in the series, hyperactive pills that is, but the props department, basically just food coloured a couple of headache tablets, they seemed to do the trick.  
E: I'm the only one in the whole series, out of everyone who isn't in a drug scene, I watched a couple of them being filmed but never had the chance to be on one sadly. [Giggles grin]

**Drug scenes but have been in a walk in the park by the end of it?**  
E: Well lets just hope somehow my character gets his hands on some!  
C: Are you kidding me? I still can't get used to the whole drug stuff, I have to have a little moment before I do them.  
B: It's only a nice fun guy!  
E: I'm sure it was for you guys!

**Do we guess the girl's name yet?**  
B: We've been some digging and we found out that one of our favourite new characters isn't our only... it and her name was mentioned on Facebook that they set in a relationship, and to be honest we couldn't be more happier!

**We just got credit for our role, we'd always go out for a walk in the park or to the pub, but we don't and before we both know it we were going out to have a drink as a couple.**  
C: I think that's the time we decided to officially get our own right after the original party because, at first I thought that every looking, but then when we started...

**Well as long as the audience is what with the party TV people, with the got I guess you were in the happy and all we can say is that the original someone put up on the show but that never really...**

**There are high hopes for FML with upcoming names like Russell Brand and Ellie Goulding joining them for the second series which has already been green lighted and underway.**

**In march Boyd Hilton wrote "forget 'da yooof' bring on the oldsters!" People do get things wrong and everyone knows that 'da yooof' are in fact 'da future' and this show is an easy example of that.**

**FML in on BB3 Thursdays, 10pm**

# Upper Sixth Leavers 2010



## Sebastian Bignell (2003)

Art, Design Technology, Drama, BTEC Sport  
 Prefect  
 Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award  
 2nd XI Football, 1st XI Cricket, 1st XI Hockey  
 Gap Year followed by Drama School



## Ching Chung (2006)

Applied Business, Chinese, Photography, Textiles  
 Prefect  
 Kingston, Business Management  
 Gap Year followed by university



## Karl Bostock (2005)

Biology, Business Studies, Geography,  
 History  
 Prefect  
 Royal Holloway, Geography



## Michael Churchill (2003)

Communication Studies, Photography, BTEC Sport  
 Head of Speakers  
 1st XV Rugby, 1st XI Football, Captain 1st XI Cricket  
 Gap Year followed by Sports Events Management



## Marcus Boyle (2003)

Art, Biology, Business Studies, Physics  
 University for the Creative Arts, Architecture



## Faye Copsey (2006)

Communication Studies, Drama, Photography  
 Hertfordshire, Music & Entertainment Management



## Cathy Brown (2008)

Art, Photography, Textiles  
 Brighton, Art Foundation



## Sam Depoel-Wood (2003)

Design Technology, Photography, BTEC Sport  
 1st XV Rugby, 1st XI Football, 1st XI Cricket  
 Gap Year followed by university



## Sam Butler (2003)

Business Studies, English, Ethics &  
 Philosophy, History  
 Prefect  
 York, Management



## William Dullely (2008)

Business Studies, Communication Studies,  
 Photography, Prefect  
 1st XV Rugby, 1st XI Cricket, 1st XI Hockey  
 Oxford Brookes, Communication, Media & Culture



## James Byrt (2008)

Business Studies, Design Technology,  
 Ethics & Philosophy, History  
 2nd XI Football  
 Coventry, Industrial Product Design



## Lucy Gerard-Pearse (2008)

Communication Studies, English, Food  
 Technology, Textiles  
 1st IX Rounders, Senior Tennis  
 Central Lancashire, Fashion Promotion



## Thane Campbell (2003)

Biology, Chemistry, Maths, Physics  
 Prefect  
 Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award  
 1st XV Rugby  
 Edinburgh, Medicine



## Thomas Gibson (2005)

Applied Business, Communication Studies  
 1st XI Football, 1st XI Cricket  
 Gap Year followed by university



## Winston Campbell (2002)

Applied Business, Biology, Chemistry,  
 Communication Studies  
 Deputy Head of School  
 Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award  
 1st XV Rugby, 2nd XI Football  
 Keele, Business Management with  
 Social Science



## Kayleigh Gowen-Smith (2006)

Communication Studies, Food Technology,  
 BTEC Sport  
 Prefect  
 Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award  
 1st VII Netball, 1st IX Rounders  
 Air Hostess Training



## Jonathan Chin (2003)

Applied Business, Chinese, Maths,  
 Photography  
 Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award  
 Sheffield Hallam, Marketing Communication &  
 Advertising



## Thomas Hamilton (2005)

Communication Studies, Ethics & Philosophy,  
 Photography  
 Lincoln, Advertising & Public Relations

**Charlotte Harkness (2005)**

Art, English, Photography, Textiles  
1st VII Netball, 1st XI Hockey  
Brighton, Art Foundation

**Tom Haydon (2003)**

Biology, Chemistry, Maths, Physics  
Prefect  
2nd XV Rugby, 1st XI Cricket, 1st XI Hockey  
Bath, Electrical & Mechanical Engineering

**Sean Ho (2003)**

Applied Business, Chinese, ICT, Maths  
Brighton, Business Management

**Robert Homewood (2005)**

Business Studies, French, ICT, Spanish  
Employment  
Salford, Business Management

**Gemma Houghton (2006)**

Business Studies, Drama, French, Music  
Head of School, Head of Roberts  
Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award  
Captain 2nd VII Netball  
Gloucestershire, Events Management

**Oliver Kreyer-Peake (2005)**

Applied Business, Communication Studies,  
Ethics & Philosophy  
Salford, Business Management

**Salam Lamptey (2003)**

Business Studies, Design Technology,  
French, Physics  
1st XV Rugby  
Loughborough, Science & Engineering  
Foundation

**Kasia Markewicz (2008)**

Geography, Photography, Textiles, BTEC Sport  
Prefect  
2nd VII Netball, Senior Tennis  
Gap Year followed by Exercise & Sports  
Science at Exeter

**Sophie Matlock (2008)**

Art, English, Photography, Textiles  
Prefect  
London College of Fashion,  
Art & Design Foundation

**Benjamin Milan (2008)**

Business Studies, Design Technology,  
Photography, Textiles  
2nd XV Rugby  
Employment

**James Morse (2008)**

Design Technology, Photography, Textiles  
West Kent College, Art Foundation

**Alice Murch (2008)**

Biology, Communication Studies, English,  
BTEC Sport  
Pengelly Society Secretary  
Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award  
2nd VII Netball, 1st XI Hockey, Senior Tennis  
Oxford Brookes, History of Art

**Sotonye Pepple (2008)**

Biology, Chemistry, Communication Studies  
Gap Year

**Charles Reid (2005)**

Applied Business, Design Technology  
Prefect  
Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award  
1st XV Rugby  
Gap Year followed by Business Management  
at Royal Agricultural College

**David Rider (2003)**

Design Technology, Geography, History, ICT  
Prefect  
Gap Year followed by university

**James Ruddy (2003)**

Biology, Business Studies, History, Photography,  
Prefect  
Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award  
2nd XV Rugby, 1st XI Hockey  
Cumbria, Adult Nursing

**Emily Saunders (2006)**

Food Technology, Photography, Spanish,  
BTEC Sport  
Deputy Head of School, Head of Speakers  
Captain 1st VII Netball, Captain 1st XI Hockey,  
Captain 1st IX Rounders  
Sheffield Hallam, Tourism & Spanish

**Phillip Semmens (2003)**

Biology, Chemistry, Drama, History  
Prefect  
2nd XV Rugby, 1st XI Cricket, Captain 1st XI  
Hockey  
RAF application

**Matthew Shephard (2005)**

Business Studies, Communication Studies,  
Drama, Food Technology  
1st XV Rugby  
Gap Year then university

**Nicholas Smith (2005)**

Business Studies, Maths, Photography,  
Spanish  
Prefect  
Portsmouth, Business Enterprise Development

**Matthew Stockley (2003)**

Biology, Chemistry, Maths, Physics  
Deputy Head of School  
Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award  
1st XV Rugby  
Bristol, Engineering Design

**Louis Summers (2008)**

Art, Design Technology, Photography  
Canterbury Christchurch, Art Foundation

**Guy Swan (2008)**

Business Studies, Drama, Geography, History  
Prefect  
1st XI Football  
York, Management

**Gregory Tack (2004)**

Applied Business Dutch, French, Spanish  
Prefect  
Employment

**Michael Thompson (2003)**

Applied Business, BTEC Sport  
Prefect  
Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award  
2nd XV Rugby  
Keele, Business Management & Marketing

**Timothy Threshie (2004)**

Communication Studies, Ethics & Philosophy,  
Geography, History  
Captain 1st XI Football  
Birmingham, Philosophy

**Bonaventure Touton (2008)**

Business Studies, Design Technology, Food  
Technology, French  
Employment

**Barnaby Toynbee (2005)**

Business Studies, English, Ethics &  
Philosophy, Food Technology  
Prefect  
Plymouth, Psychology

**Thomas Truman (2005)**

Applied Business, Communication Studies,  
Ethics & Philosophy  
Prefect  
Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award  
Gap Year followed by Business Management  
at Oxford Brookes

**Andrew Vale-Taylor (2003)**

Design Technology, Drama, Geography, Music  
Head of School  
1st Basketball  
Gap Year followed by Education Upper Primary  
at Canterbury Christchurch

**Lucy Van-Doren (2008)**

Geography, Photography, BTEC Sport  
Prefect  
Captain Senior Tennis  
Employment

**Leo Weber (2006)**

Art, Music, Photography, Textiles  
Bournville Art College, Art Foundation

**Andrew Whittome (2003)**

Communication Studies, Ethics & Philosophy,  
ICT  
Prefect  
Kent, Philosophy

**Alexander Woodhead (2005)**

Biology, Chemistry, Maths, Physics  
Lancaster, Physics

**Guy Wilczek (2003)**

Biology, Communication Studies, Drama,  
BTEC Sport  
Head of Roberts  
Captain 1st XV Rugby, 1st XI Football, 1st XI  
Cricket  
Bournemouth, Advertising & Marketing

**Thomas Wright (2003)**

History, Maths, Music, Physics  
Prefect, Head of Orchard  
Gap Year followed by Physics at Kent

**Billy Yeung (2008)**

Chinese, Maths, Photography, Physics  
Prefect  
1st Basketball  
University for the Creative Arts, Photography

# Inter-House Competitions

## KIPLINGS

## ROBERTS

## SPEAKERS



### TUG OF WAR

The first Inter-House competition of the year was the eagerly anticipated Tug of War. The event, which took place on a non-uniform day, involved mixed teams of four girls and four boys from the three Houses - Kiplings, Roberts and Speakers. The staff competition is always a particular highlight. Speakers were the overall winners having won four of the six rounds, including the staff competition.

### Bethany's Got Talent

The inaugural "Bethany's Got Talent" competition took place in November with eleven acts representing their respective Houses.

There were three especially invited judges; Caroline Turvey, a trained soprano and winner of many competitions for vocal work, Michael White, a former Bethany student who left in 1998 to study classical singing at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama and Ro Fisher, a retired PE and Performing Arts teacher. A variety of acts from the across the year groups took part. There were singers performing solos, duets or with guitar accompaniment. There was a polished dance performance from girls in Years 8 and 9 and a tremendous clarinet solo from a Year 7 with a hippopotamus!



Before the results were announced, the audience was treated to three surprise performances. First up was Mr Stubberfield, our Director of Music, with a rousing rendition of Robbie Williams' 'Angels'. He was followed by Mr Fisher singing an unaccompanied folk song 'January Man'. Mr Dorey then sang a heartfelt version of 'Feelings' with a trumpet interlude. All three received rapturous applause.

Matt Stockley, the compère for the evening, called the acts back to the stage to announce the results. In third place was Sotonye Pepple from Year 13 representing Roberts. She had sung 'Halo'. In second place, Ruth Semmens from Year 10 representing Kiplings, who sang a country and western number, 'Maybe He'll Notice Me Now'. The delighted winner was Jake Sauvage from Year 10, also representing Kiplings, who gave an outstanding performance of 'Flo-ri-der' on the drums.

### Public Speaking

Next came the Public Speaking Competition. Each House had a team of five which included: a Team Captain from the Sixth Form; two junior speakers from Year 7 and one from Years 8 or 9 who each spoke for between 1 1/2 and 2 minutes on a subject of their choice; an intermediate speaker from Year 10 or 11 who spoke for between 3 and 4 minutes on a topic chosen from an extended list; a senior speaker from the Sixth Form who spoke for 4 -5 minutes on a topic chosen from a limited list. Only cue-cards or basic notes were allowed. After the final speech the Team Captain managed a question and answer session and drew their team's presentation to a close. Amongst the topics chosen were swimming, hippos in Kenya, health and fitness and back packing. Roberts won three of the five rounds and were the overall winners.



### GRAVITY KART

The Gravity Kart competition was a new addition to the inter-house competitions and pupils from across the year groups had been working enthusiastically on their designs in the DT workshop since Easter. The competition was in three parts; best design, longest distance covered and points for number of participants from each house. There were nine karts in all and Kiplings had the most participants. The best designed kart was also won by a Kiplings' team. The longest distance covered was 31 m 24 cm by a Year 7 pupil, again representing Kiplings. The event will definitely become a regular inter-house fixture and some have already begun thinking about designs for next year.



The Charity Shield was awarded to Kiplings as its members raised the greatest amount of money on Charities Day in September. Just under £5000 was raised in total and Kiplings contributed £1,783 towards this amount.

Kiplings were also the winners of the Advent Calendar competition.

Speakers were the overall winners of the Jessel Shield when the results from all the competitions, including the sports events, were added together.

# Sports

## Rugby

### 1st XV

The 1st XV had one of their best seasons in recent years and played some exciting rugby along the way. Players trained well, consistently worked hard in the gym and were always available for selection. Many players rejoined the senior squads which added to the competition for places and increased the energy around the team. The Bethany forwards, small but powerful, proved difficult for many opposition teams to contain, while a good defensive backline proved equally difficult to break through. The team did not fail to score a try in any match this season and analysis reinforces their competitiveness, with a very good 5 and 5 win / loss ratio and stats of 221 points for to 189 against. Many of the teams we played this season such as Chislehurst, Gravesend, Duke of York's and St Bede's select players from a much greater base number, which further illustrates the efforts of all who played this season.

Team performances of the season included Chislehurst, when it took 60 minutes for a team brimming with county players and a sprinkling of England players to finally pull away. This was followed by the Rochester come back game which illustrated the true character and never say die attitude of the group. A strong performance against Duke of York's when the collisions could be heard from the side line was once again a fine Bethany effort.

Captain Wilczek led by example all season with elusive runs, strong tackles and a fine try scoring record. New boy Ben Ashworth



### 1st XV Rugby

**Back Row:** Owain Blunkett-Evans, Edem Ephraim, Maxim Azad  
**Second Row:** Mr M. Payne (Coach), Callum McConnochie, Salem Lamptey, Husseim Lamptey, Matthew Stockley, Matthew Shephart, Ben Ashworth  
**Front Row:** Winston Campbell, William Duley, Michael Churchill (Vice Captain), Guy Wilczek (Captain), Charles Reid, Sam Depoel-Wood, Thomas Difford  
**Absent:** Thane Campbell, Brandon Begg, Richard Mills

broke onto the scene in style with an astounding performance against Chislehurst and Sidcup and impressed in the lineout all season, while Salam Lamptey found try scoring form in sensational style when Bethany came from 19 - 7 down to beat King's Rochester 29-19. The front row lead by Blunkett-Evans was strong in the scrumage and the back row of Wilczek, Churchill and Begg defended and attacked tirelessly during every game. The Campbell boys also had a good season, adding strength and mobility to the front five. The half backs linked well and Duley was a powerful presence at inside centre, making good runs and bone crunching tackles that often set the tone for the match. A very young back three including McConnochie and Difford played beyond their years, giving confidence to the rest of the team. It is difficult to pick highlights but a 78-0 win against Lingfield, the performances against Chislehurst and Duke of York's along with two great performances against King's Rochester including 20-21 loss and a 29-19 win were memorable.

I would like to thank all the players for their outstanding efforts this season, making this year one of the most enjoyable seasons since I have been involved in school rugby. I wish the leavers good luck and success in everything they do.

Played 10 Won: 5 Lost: 5  
 Points for: 221 Points Against: 189

### M. Payne

### 2nd XV

This was a very successful and enjoyable season. The Headmaster remarked on several occasions that he could not remember the 2nd XV ever having had such a good year. It's hard to argue, especially when you look back two seasons to a time when not a single match was won. Even last season, we only achieved a measure of success after half term.

I knew the season would turn out well when, at half time in the first game against King's Rochester, after no training sessions and when we'd organised the half-back and line-out combinations only three minutes before the match, a spectator remarked on how 'well-drilled' we were. This game marked the first leg of our double victory over King's but was followed by a convincing defeat away to Chislehurst and Sidcup. Even in that game there were lots of positives, as we were 24-0 down at half-time yet managed to at least draw the second half.

A measure of how far we'd progressed came at St. Bede's, where an under-strength and out of form team came away with a draw. This wasn't progress, but the fact that we were disappointed with the result when last year we were pleased to lose only by fifteen points was. It was in this game that Eddie Ephraim scored the last of his four tries this season before being ruthlessly stolen by the 1st XV. Even though he only played half our fixtures, he was still our top scorer.



### 2nd XV Rugby

**Back Row:** Cem Osman, Ben Milan, Ivan Vergun, James Rutty, Patrick Elliott  
**Second Row:** Edward Henderson, Joe Dowse, Patrick Jenkins, Rupert Gibson-Hall, James Cameron, Michael Thompson, Mr S. Davies (Coach)  
**Front Row:** Daniel Heaysman, Benjamin Smith, Phillip Semmens, George Tanton (Captain), George Holker, Tom Haydon, Drew Richards



St. Bede's was followed by a much better performance and a fine win against Gravesend Grammar, a team which had put fifty points on us last year. A key point to come out of this game was our goal kicking under pressure, which was very good all year, with Cem Osman being very sound indeed and Charlie Watson and Patrick Jenkins chipping in.

The Gravesend game marked the start of a period where we were very sound defensively and made it very hard for other sides to score tries against us. This was backed up in the next game against Duke of York's, a bit of a grudge match, in which we went behind very early but then came back to win with three excellent tries, the best of which was scored by Ivan 'the Beast' Vergun. I don't think I'll ever forget his majestic 35 metre sprint to the line with opposition players bouncing off him left, right and centre and half their pack still hanging on as he plunged gracefully over the line, shouting his Russian war-cry.

Another fine defensive performance couldn't prevent a defeat against Sutton Valence, but the last game of the season against St. Lawrence gave us the desired victory to end the season, 32-0.

A record of played eight, won five, drawn one and lost only two is something to be very proud of and George Tanton can be very pleased with his team. A couple of words about George; he is the type of captain who does not always inspire with wise words and magnificent Churchillian speeches, but he always leads by example and deserves huge praise for that. The retiring Upper Sixth have had a very big part to play in the season, with Phil Semmens, Tom Haydon, James Ruddy, Ben Milan and Mike Thompson all making key contributions.

Most Improved Player: Cem Osman.  
 Players' Player of the Season: Phil Semmens  
 Player of the Season: Patrick Elliott

### S. Davies



### U14 Rugby

**Back Row:** Luke Kavanagh, Peter Drewett, Sam Hewes, Fred Roberts  
**Second Row:** John Pearson, Lok Yin Man, William Scott, Jordan Monks, Sebastian Hewitson, Rory Wilson, Henry Felton-Smith, Mr J. Sheppard-Burges (Coach) **Front Row:** Harry Gawler, Ollie Kemp, William Marshall, Benjamin Golds (Captain), James Loxley, Casper Gill, Daniel Blewett

### Under 15

The squad had a difficult season but credit to them for always sticking to the task and playing out all matches with commitment and enthusiasm. The team trained well and started all games with belief, however more often than not, the physical size and speed of the opposition proved too strong for the Bethany boys. A number of players did have a good season amidst the defeats and a special mention goes to Sam Helesfay who tackled his heart out all season, often making more tackles individually than rest of the team put together. Jamie Hagerty was always a strong ball carrier from the back row and Jamie Dougal a powerful runner in the centre.

Match highlights included a good display against Lingfield Notre Dame, losing 12-24, and a win against Gad's Hill 34-7. The squad will now move into the senior rugby set up and we wish them all well at whatever level they play next season.

Played 8 Win: 1 Lost: 7  
 Points For: 56 Points Against: 322

### M. Payne

### Under 14

The U14 Rugby team had a relatively mixed season this year with some good wins and some narrow defeats. Some schools proved too powerful for us, playing some very strong rugby. However in these games the U14's showed great pride and team spirit and fought to the whistle. Against Ashford in the first game of the season a close game resulted in a 10-12 defeat, nearly witnessing a great second half comeback with tries from Ben Golds and Will Scott. Ben Golds, the team captain, led from the front in every game, setting the example with his big tackling and strong runs, totalling 7 tries for the season.

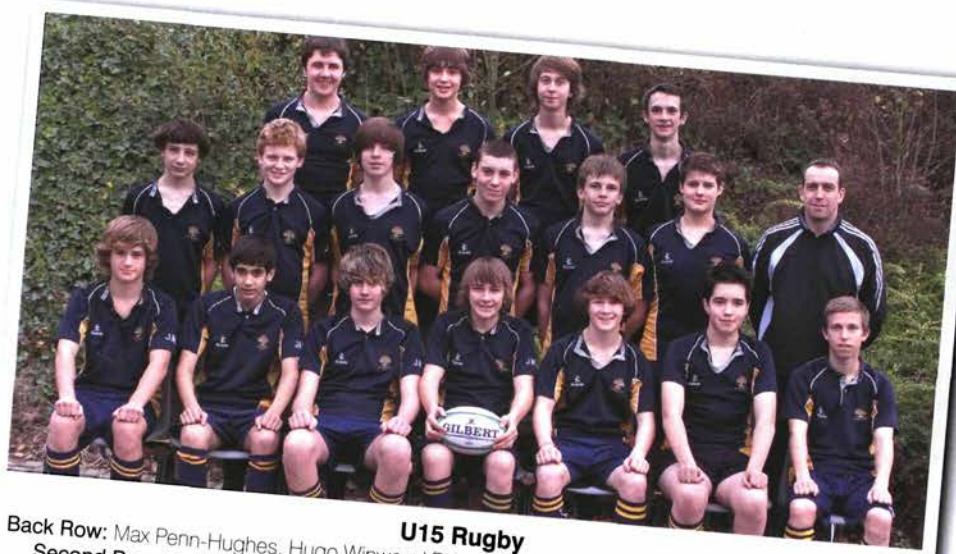
The best match of the season was against Chatham Grammar where we came out on top with an excellent 20-17 victory with Dan Blewett and John Pearson getting their first tries of the season. A hard fought defeat then followed against Kent College where we went down 12-22. Our strongest performance of the season came against Lingfield Notre Dame where we racked up 9 tries; Fred Roberts, Rory Wilson and Ben Johnson scored their first tries of the season. Ollie Kemp was the most improved player of the season, Ben Golds the top try scorer and Will Scott the most influential player. Played 6 Won 2 Lost 4

### M. Payne

### Under 13

The U13 team had a sound season which was wrapped up just before half term with a draw against Claremont and a loss to a strong Sevenoaks side. A good win against Gad's Hill back in October started the season well and although narrow defeats to Ashford, Chatham and Duke of York's followed, the team remained upbeat recording wins against Lingfield Notre Dame and St Lawrence during December. Many players had fine seasons but special mentions go to Josh Novell who always drove the team forward, James Lauth for all round forward play, Theo Rimmer for an excellent first season at fly half and Joe Holland who was the outstanding back of the season.

### M Payne



### U15 Rugby

**Back Row:** Max Penn-Hughes, Hugo Winwood Paine, Alexander Clayden-Spence, Freddie Raishbrook  
**Second Row:** Magnus Henderson, Angus Sutton, Eliot Hughes, Matt Kipping, James Found, Ed Dewing, Mr M. Payne (Coach) **Front Row:** Tristan Smith, Martin Richards, Jamie Hagerty (Vice Captain), Samuel Helesfay (Captain), Jamie Dougal, Tom Frank, George Allen

# Football

## 1st XI

Having lost a number of important players at the end of 2009 there was undoubtedly a feeling that some of the footballers who did so well in the 2nd XI and U15 Football Teams last year would have to work hard to prove they could make the step up in standard . . . and prove it they did with flying colours!

The season began with an away fixture against Lingfield Notre Dame. The game was switched to their Astroturf pitch at the last minute which left a number of our players desperately searching for appropriate footwear! However, it didn't take long to get into our stride as we dominated the match from start to finish and were disappointed to leave with a 0-0 draw. There were promising debuts from Eddie Ephraim and, in particular, man of the match George Roberts.

A home match against Sutton Valence was next; we knew they would provide a sterner test and so it proved, at least to begin with. However, we then simply stepped up a gear and were unlucky not to be ahead at half time after Cem Osman had a good penalty superbly saved. The second half began as the first had ended – with intense pressure on the Sutton Valence goal – but we couldn't quite make the breakthrough. Salam Lamptey then came on as a sub straight from an exam and within two minutes had put in a magnificent cross for George Roberts to head home for our first goal of the season. Our opponents had no response and the final score of 1-0 to Bethany greatly flattered Sutton Valence.

We laboured a little in the next match at home to Ashford but after a tight first half we again imposed our authority on the game in the second period – Cem Osman opened the scoring, making no mistake with his penalty this time, Hussein Lamptey doubled the lead soon after with a well-taken goal and the scoring was rounded off with a bizarre own goal leaving us with a sound 3-0 victory.

After a break in fixtures due to the weather and waterlogged pitches, the season finally resumed with a trip to the coast to face Eastbourne. We knew it would be a tough fixture but the team pulled out all the stops to produce a display of skill, composure and, yet again, dominance. The defence of Tom Gibson, Guy Swan, Guy Wilczek and Sam Depoel-Wood

was absolutely magnificent and Michael Churchill in goal produced a performance of real calmness and composure and pulled off one outstanding reaction save to deny Eastbourne's best opportunity, tipping a close-range bullet header over the bar. Further up the pitch, our midfield was industrious and inventive and carved out several chances with some brilliant interplay but we couldn't quite make them count. We were unlucky to have a last minute goal ruled out for offside and the final score of 0-0 was probably slightly unfair on us!

The difficult fixtures continued with another away journey, this time to Cranleigh – traditionally a very strong team against whom we have historically struggled. However, our task was made that much easier when, following a free kick taken by Cem Osman and flicked on by George Roberts, Tom Gibson tucked the ball away at the far post inside the first minute! We didn't rest on the laurels and continued to take the game to Cranleigh – our midfield quartet of Ed Henderson, Mikey Lees, Cem Osman and captain Tim Threshie played some absolutely marvellous football which left the opposition run ragged. Once again, though, we were left to rue several missed chances as, five minutes from the final whistle, a Cranleigh player got the ball just outside our area and blasted an unstoppable shot past Michael Churchill. The final score of 1-1 was outstanding and, in a season of brilliant performances, this was the best.

Having remained undefeated up to this point, we headed to Sutton Valence for a rematch. Our aim was to win with yet another clean sheet. The game proved to be as much of a physical battle as a footballing one, but once again we prevailed. We opened the scoring with a well-taken penalty from Tim Threshie and, despite Sutton Valence's apparent

desire to injure our players (more than ably dealt with by another fiery display from our midfield enforcer Ed Henderson), it was Bethany who scored again after a great run and low shot from Eddie Ephraim squeezed under their keeper; it was no more than Eddie or the team deserved. Things turned even uglier in the second half but our players kept their heads under great provocation and continued trying to play football. We couldn't extend our lead but this performance showed that, along with the skill, determination and ability our players have, they also have grit and composure.

The final score of 2-0 was a great way to end a hugely successful season in which the team was undefeated. We played six, won three and drew three. Although we only scored seven goals (distributed between seven different scorers!) it was not through lack of endeavour and to finish undefeated with and only one goal conceded is a quite outstanding achievement at this level.

So, for one of the most successful football seasons in recent history, would the following stand up and take a bow: in goal, Michael Churchill; in defence, Tom Gibson, Guy Swan, Guy Wilczek and Sam Depoel-Wood; in midfield, Tim Threshie, Cem Osman, Mikey Lees and Ed Henderson; in attack, George Roberts and Eddie Ephraim. These players were also supported with key roles from Salem Lamptey, Hussein Lamptey and Callum McConnochie.

This only leaves me to mention the end of season awards which were given to: Players' Player of the Year: Tim Threshie; Players' Young Player of the Year: George Roberts; Manager's Player of the Year: Tom Gibson.

**J. Vickerman**



**1st XI Football**  
Back Row: Mr J. Vickerman (Coach), Edem Ephraim, Tom Gibson, George Roberts, Guy Swan  
Front Row: Michael Churchill, Sam Depoel-Wood, Guy Wilczek, Tim Threshie (Captain), Michael Lees, Edward Henderson, Callum McConnochie



### U15 Football

**Back Row:** Mr J. Sheppard-Burgess (Coach), Ed Dewing, Freddie Raishbrook, Jamie Hagerty, Sam Helesfey, Magnus Henderson  
**Front Row:** Alexander Clayden-Spence, Angus Sutton, Toby Lansdale (Captain), James Found, George Allen

### 2nd XI

The 2nd XI had a fairly successful season. Against traditionally strong opposition they showed they had quality and came away with a well deserved, if not unlucky, draw with Eastbourne College and an excellent 2-0 win away at Cranleigh. At times the football played was mesmerising and took apart the opposing teams. James Clark, Drew Richards and Tom Difford played consistently well giving the team a solid backbone for the season with strong appearances also from Sebastian Bignell and Richard Mills.

#### J. Sheppard-Burgess

### Under 15

A season that was limited by both weather conditions and opposition withdrawing from fixtures, meant only a few matches were eventually played. There were glimpses of good play in games and particular individuals must be congratulated on their efforts. Toby Lansdale always tried his best and played some good skilful football, George Allen's pace and shooting skills were a constant threat, while Sam Helesfey

and Jamie Hagerty's boundless energy and effort was always a thorn in the opposition's side. Promise was shown by many players for senior football in years to come.

#### M. Payne

### Under 14

The U14's had a relatively good season this year. Some strong performances against Lingfield Notre Dame in a double fixture resulted in a very good win and draw either end of the term. Strong performances from Dan Blewett in the centre of midfield and Luke Kavanagh with a couple of goals up front were the pick of the season.

#### J. Sheppard-Burgess

### Under 13

The Under 13A football team begin the year in superb style, comfortably winning their first match away at Lingfield Notre Dame. This victory was all the more satisfying given that it was a new team and players were getting used to their positions and understanding each others roles. The team then took part in a five-a-side tournament at Dover and

did very well to progress through the group stages of this competition. This had not happened for a number of years. After a brief blip at home to Sevenoaks Prep, in which key players were absent, the team went on a superb run of winning all their matches away from home. This includes wins at schools such as St. Edmunds, Dover College and St. Lawrence. During this period the team began to play some stylish football and were complemented for their passing on more than one occasion. The team concluded the season with a loss at home to Claremont School. However, the effort from some of the first team players was outstanding, given the fact that much of the team were absent due to illness. Mr. Briggs would like to thank the team for their hard work during the season, and the team should take great pride from what has been one of the most successful junior football seasons in years.

#### R. Briggs

# Cricket

## 1st XI

The 1st XI began the season with a very unfortunate loss away to Dover College due to poor weather for our batting in the second innings. The response to the loss from the boys was brilliant and the team went on a winning streak with results against King's Rochester and St Lawrence. Against King's Rochester the 1st XI looked like a different team. Notable performances with the ball were from Tom Gibson and Phil Semmens who helped restrict the opposition to 187 from 30 overs. Chasing a decent total was not going to be easy against a good side. However, a wonderful innings from Michael Churchill, who hit 114 runs, and the only century of the season, backed up by good batting from Phil Semmens led Bethany to victory with 5 balls to spare. Against St Lawrence it was the bowling again that set up victory, with wickets from Tom Gibson, Michael Lees and Michael Churchill.

The next match put us up against the Forty Club, a team of very 'seasoned' cricketers. Unfortunately the experience of the opposition was too much for the 1st XI to handle and we fell to our second defeat of the season. It was however remarked, by the Forty Club captain, that the attitude and fielding performance of the 1st XI, led by Brandon Begg, was one of the best he had seen from a school side. Something to be very proud of.

The season ended with the traditional fixture against the staff. This, unfortunately, turned out to be a very one-sided affair with victory being wrapped up with time to spare. A quick 10-over match ensued with the 1st XI yet again embarrassing the staff team!

Michael Churchill captained the side well throughout the season setting high standards with the bat and ball, as did Brandon Begg in the field. It was the team

however that ensured a winning season with contributions made from every member of the squad.

## J. Sheppard-Burgess

### Under 15

A very competitive season got off to a flying start against Dover College. James Found scored good runs with the bat, 27 not out, and Freddie Raishbrook bowled with excellent line and length to demolish Dover with a 5 wicket haul and secure a comfortable win.

King's Rochester proved too strong for the U15's in the next match, as did Buckswood School in the game after that. Nevertheless, they played with spirit throughout both matches. Tom Frank opened the bat well, particularly against Buckswood and James Found was always a threat with the ball, taking good wickets in both games.

Battle Abbey was another fiercely contested match; Bethany batted well, Sam Helesfay in particular, scoring 41. However Battle played a fine innings themselves and secured the narrowest of victories by scoring the winning run with only two balls remaining.

With spirits lifted, Ashford came to Bethany and decided to field first. Solid bowling kept Bethany on their toes and while some players were struggling, Angus Sutton stayed strong and scored a fine 39 not out in a season best team total of 113. Bethany again bowled well with Sam Helesfay and Max Townley taking a couple of prize wickets. The bowlers were supported by super fielding and an excellent catch in the slips by James Found resulted in a win by 11 runs.

In the final game of the season against Lingfield Notre Dame we fielded first. James Found bowled exceptionally well, taking 4 wickets and a fine catch in the slips. Lingfield

finished with a good score of 136 and our openers set about the run chase well. Tom Frank scored a respectable 17 while others chipped away at the total and kept Bethany in the hunt. Some good scoring from the bottom order kept Lingfield's score under pressure but overs eventually ran-out and we finished just short. Overall a great effort by the U15 team this season.

Played 6 Win 2 Lost 4  
Granville League 6's tournament - 4th

## M. Payne



### U14 Cricket

**Back Row:** Nat Marshall, Ollie Kemp, Sam Hewes, Billy Dags, Benjamin Golds, Fred Roberts  
**Front Row:** John Pearson, Jake Martin, Sebastian Hewitson, Howard Hedges (Captain), Henry Felton-Smith, Rory Wilson, Daniel Blewett

### Under 14

The U14's enjoyed a positive season this year winning three games and narrowly losing their other two. They started the season poorly with a 73 run defeat to Lingfield Notre Dame. This was the first and last time the team were unable to bat for the whole 20 overs when needed. The natural desire to succeed was evident in their next game at home against Buckswood and all the players were more focused and determined. We set the visitors 119 to win; Bud Hedges top scoring with 21. We fielded and bowled much better resulting in an 11 run victory. John Pearson was the pick of the bowlers with two wickets and 15 runs from his four overs.

The third game was the return fixture at Buckswood. Credit to both sides for playing in what were at times terrible conditions. We batted first and made a very good 124 for the loss of 4 wickets. Poor bowling and fielding at the start of Buckswood's innings gave them encouragement but we soon regained focus and restricted our opponents to 93 runs, resulting in a 31 run victory. There were no stand-out performances in this game, just a superb team effort.

Our next game was away to Mascalls. This game was played at Matfield and provided the highlight of the season. Mascalls set us 135 to win with some superb batting. After 11 overs we were 61 for 5, still needing 74 to win from our last 9 overs (8.22 an over). Then Sam Hewes came to the wicket, the outstanding player of this match. In his first over he hit the bowler for 16, including



### 1st XI Cricket

**Back Row:** Mr J. Sheppard-Burgess (Coach), Cem Osman, Charlie Watson, William Dulle, Brandon Begg, Guy Wilczek **Front Row:** Baz Bignell, Phillip Semmens, Tom Gibson, Michael Churchill (Captain), Sam Depoel-Wood, Tom Haydon, Michael Lees

# Boys' Hockey



**1st XI Hockey**

**Back Row:** Mr Macdonald (Coach), James Rutty, Patrick Elliott, Will Cairns, Tom Haydon  
**Front Row:** Baz Bignell, Brandon Begg (Vice Captain), Phillip Semmens (Captain), Ben Ashworth, William Dullely **Absent:** C. Cserjen, O. Donovan, S. Osman, B. Smith

## Senior Boys Hockey

The 2010 hockey season was keenly anticipated, with a number of the team practising at lunch times to sharpen their skills before the season officially began. After losing several early season practices due to the snow at the start of the Spring term, it was great to eventually get onto the astro to play our first fixture against Buckswood. From the whistle, both teams showed that they wanted to be the first to score, with Buckswood sneaking in two goals to Conrad Cserjen's one goal in the first half. The time to re-focus during half time paid off, with Conrad scoring off a penalty corner early on. We relaxed a little, allowing Buckswood back into the game, but then jolted into action, scoring two team goals finished by Phil Semmens and Patrick Elliott before allowing Buckswood yet another goal. Some desperate defence and gutsy work by the whole team got Conrad onto the end of a pass to score his third goal in the final minute of the match. The 5-4 win was thoroughly deserved but was also a bit of a shock to the system, going from enforced inactivity during the snow to a 60 minute match.

St Lawrence was next at home. We started well, applying pressure, but could not break through their defence. In the second half we were fortunate to survive a penalty flick, given for an aggressive, but fair tackle made by Brandon Begg. After all our effort, the 0-0 draw was a well deserved result, if a little disappointing.

After half term, we played Battle at home. It was a very cold and wet day, but the speed of play was impressive. James Rutty made several good saves, but by half time we had conceded two goals. We came out

focussed and determined after the break and despite conceding an early goal, regained our momentum. Our defence held strong and we converted the pressure, Brandon Begg scoring from a penalty corner. Despite our best efforts, we could not score again, finishing the match with a 3-1 loss.

The last match of the season was away against King's Rochester. As seemed to be the pattern this season, we absorbed a lot of pressure, patiently building an attack of our own, only conceding two goals in the last few minutes of the half. The second half saw James Rutty and the defence keeping King's out of our D. Just before full time, our patient build-up of pressure told and Ollie Donovan scored. A 2-1 loss was a creditable result considering the depth and strength that King's has to draw from. I was especially proud of the unselfish, gutsy performance that the team gave.

It was a tough and frustrating season, with a number of fixtures falling away due to the weather. The analysis of the season shows the hard work that each and every member of the team put in.

We played 4, won 1, drew 1 and lost 2. There were 7 points in our favour and only 9 against. Top goal scorer was Conrad Cserjen with three, supported by Brandon Begg, Ollie Donovan, Patrick Elliott and Phil Semmens with one goal each.

A huge thank you to all members of the team; your effort and enthusiasm paid off and, although we did not win every time, we gave it a good go!

**C.D. Macdonald**

two fours and a six. He'd definitely decided if we were going to lose we were going to do so fighting. We lost two more wickets and by the 16th over we were on 99 for 7 still needing 36 for victory from the last 4 overs. John Pearson played an intelligent innings in support of Sam, grabbing quick singles to get Sam back on strike at every opportunity. Mascalls put all their fielders out deep to prevent us from scoring boundaries, a real 20:20 atmosphere was developing. Mascalls' efforts were in vain as Sam was now in his stride and determined to see us home. In the final over we needed 6 to win. Sam hit the first ball for 6 and victory was ours. Cricket is a team sport and all the players did their bit but Sam Hewes won this game with a superb batting performance. He finished on 58 not out, off approximately 35 balls, including six fours and three sixes.

Our final game of the season was away to Tunbridge Wells Grammar. With a depleted team we battled well but were unable to defend the 105 target they had set. A disappointing but hard fought end to the season.

15 players were given an opportunity to represent the team this season and all acquitted themselves well, showing great enthusiasm and determination. All acted in a mature manner and showed respect to their team-mates and opposition alike.

**J. Austin**

## Under 13

The U13 team had a good season this year with victories against Dover College, St Lawrence, Mascalls and Ashford. Adam Ranson captained the team well, leading by example, including an excellent 87 not out. Other noticeable contributions with the bat came from James White, James Lautch and Tom May. With depth in the bowling attack wickets were shared around evenly but Theo Rimmer, Jake Hardy and Adam Ranson were the pick of the season with tight bowling and key wickets. The season was wrapped up nicely with the annual Sixes tournament at St. Lawrence, after the Bethany Sixes had unfortunately been rained off just a few days before. The U13's demonstrated some excellent cricket as they surged their way to finish second overall.

**J. Sheppard-Burgess**



**U13 Cricket**

**Back Row:** Joseph Holland, Thomas May  
**Front Row:** Kip Roper, Josh Novell, Adam Ranson, James Lautch, Theo Rimmer  
**Absent:** James White, Jake Hardy, Jack Whittaker, Chris Threshie, Jack Wood

## Under 15

After a slow start due to the poor weather at the start of the term, the Under 15's played their first match against Dover College. The first half got underway with both teams battling to get and retain possession. Just before half time, we got the ball into the D, and managed to trap the keeper's deflection and through pure persistence, Tristan Smith scored. We went into half time with a 1-0 lead. We absorbed a lot of early pressure in the second half before reasserting ourselves, allowing Dom Williamson to score a well worked goal. After a true team effort, a 2-0 win was a perfect start to the season and we hoped that it would continue. Unfortunately this was not to be, with two heavy defeats, against King's Rochester and St Lawrence.

We regained some pride in the match against Skinners. We started well with James Found scoring an early goal. We hung onto our lead until the last few seconds of the half when Skinners equalised. The second half was played in an urgent but controlled way, with many breaks into the D, none of which resulted in goals. Skinners scored again towards the end of the half, taking the final score to 2-1.

The last match of the season was a seven-a-side match against Battle Abbey. We started well, soaking up a fair amount of pressure before allowing Battle to score three goals in quick succession. Dom Williamson kept us in contention by scoring a well worked goal. We played more structured hockey in the second half, although by then Battle were in their stride, scoring four goals to Max Townley's one. A 7-2 loss was a rather disappointing end to the season, but did not reflect the effort that the entire team had put in throughout the match.

Dom Williamson was the team's top scorer with two, followed by James Found, Tristan Smith and Max Townley with one each. Overall it was a good season, with some heavy defeats and some well contested close-run matches. The team has worked hard and progressed in all areas of the game. Well done boys, a tremendous effort!

### C.D. Macdonald

## Under 13

A series of matches during the half term saw the U13 hockey team become stronger and more skilful as the weeks passed. Although beaten in their first game against King's Rochester, promise was shown. Joe Holland was strong in defence and Josh Novell always a threat going forward. Charlie Ryder, Theo Rimmer and James White held their own in midfield against older boys, while George Reed and Tom May also performed well. Two excellent draws against more experienced opposition in the form of Dover College and St Lawrence, Ramsgate followed and was credit to the team's energy and determination. The final match against Rochester Maths was a defeat but endeavour and energy was once again evident. A special mention goes to Jorge Hoad who made his debut season in goal and performed very well having never played as a goalkeeper before.

### M. Payne

# Tennis

Weather seems to have been the underlying theme for tennis this year. There were hot, balmy, t-shirt and shorts days in September and early October, gale force winds in November when the outcome of any point was a complete and utter lottery, then torrential rain, then severe frosts, then the snow and eventually something that resembled decent weather in the summer! Rumour has it amongst the tennis players that we should start to raise money for a bubble!

Despite the weather there have been record numbers of people playing tennis throughout the year; either in PE lessons, where we discovered some up and coming players, senior games or lunchtime sessions with Oli. His coaching and quiet encouragement has benefitted players from Year 7 to the UVI; emphasis has been, in particular, on games play, constructing the point and finishing it and also doubles positioning.

Five senior teams – boys, girls and mixed – competed in the winter leagues. The girls came up against a traditionally strong TWGS team but surprised them by taking a couple of sets. The mixed teams played some entertaining tennis against St Bede's but lost out to two very strong pairs and some even stronger winds! The boys' A & B teams were drawn to play one another with the As prevailing and progressing through to the knock-out stage of the National tournament. We played Worthing College – a tennis academy! Their players have a minimum of seven hours on court with their coaches each week – so the outcome was rather inevitable, but they were seriously impressed by Cem Osman's single handed, Federer style backhand!

In the summer the senior boys also progressed through to the knock-out stages of the summer National tournament, the Glanvil Cup, where they played the best of three set matches (singles and doubles) against Ardingly. There was some really entertaining tennis but they proved just too strong for us.

There were successes for the junior teams during the summer as well. Quarter final places for all bar one pair at the Kent Schools one day tournament held at Bromley – our best showing to date. A third place for the girls and a runners-up place for the boys at the Granville league tournaments.

There have been tennis visits as well; to the O2 in November for the ATP Masters, where we were lucky enough to see Federer v Murray, to Prested Hall in June for the seniors to try their hand at real tennis and, also in June, a visit to Wimbledon.

Overall it has been a really enjoyable year's tennis and the standard of play just continues to improve. Many thanks to Oli, our coach for his work and support, and finally, well done to all of the players and classes throughout the year – you have persevered and improved even in some pretty diabolical weather conditions.

I hope Mr Payne enjoys taking the tennis teams as much as I have and I wish all of the players the very best of luck for next season and remember 'you've got to be in it to win it'!

### S. Bicheno



### Senior Girls Tennis

Lucy Gerard-Pearse, Kasia Markiewicz, Lucy Van-Doren (Captain), Alice Murch



### 1st Team Netball

**Back Row:** India Parry, Rebekah Marshall, Kayleigh Gowen-Smith, Holly Stevens  
**Front Row:** Courtney Delieu, Emily Saunders (Captain), Angelica Newby

## Netball

### 1st VII

It is to the team's credit that, apart from a tough league tournament, they have faced defeat only once this season. With only three girls remaining from last year, the team gelled quickly following dedicated pre-season training and lunch time practices. The girls kicked off the season with a convincing win against Gad's Hill. This was followed by an impressive 25-4 victory against Ashford. Their successful season continued with wins against Combe Bank (15-11) and Maidstone Grammar (23-16).

Our impressive statistics of 95 goals for and 50 against are testament to the accuracy and consistency of the shooters Emily Saunders and Kayleigh Gowen-Smith. But the shooters can not win on their own. In centre court, Angelica Newby and CJ Delieu worked tirelessly, with India Parry making a strong impact on the team, improving with every game. In defence Becky Marshall and Holly Stevens were a force to be reckoned with, intercepting, blocking and stopping anything, both in and out of reach.

This has been a fantastic season for a young 1st VII team. It has truly been a team effort with no game having just one player of the match. Nevertheless, every good team requires a good leader. Captain Emily Saunders certainly delivered, leading by example both on and off the court. Her commitment, ability and will to lead her team to victory could not be faulted.

All the girls should be extremely proud of what they have achieved this season and I would like to thank them for all their hard work, especially Emily, Kayleigh and Charlotte who have all played in senior squads for the past four years.

It was difficult to single out individuals however after consideration the most improved player of the season was India Parry and the player of the season was Emily Saunders.

### S. King

### 2nd VII

This year the 2nd VII was a young team with five of its members drawn from Year 11. Unfortunately three matches had to be cancelled due to the weather conditions hence fewer games were played than had been planned.

Bethany has fewer girls than most of the schools we played against but the team put their hearts into every match. They turned up regularly for practices and I thoroughly enjoyed coaching this group of players

In spite of this, they played well throughout the season and achieved a notable 11-7 victory against Sutton Valence. In the Granville League Tournament we came 3rd losing only to Ashford A, who went on to become the overall winners.

My thanks to the whole team for their enthusiasm and particular thanks to Gemma Houghton, who proved to be a very responsible and able captain.

### E.P. Cornell



### 2nd Team Netball

**Back Row:** Izzi Thomas, Charlotte Bainbridge, Aurelie Tack, Kasia Markiewicz  
**Front Row:** Danielle Golan, Yasmin Gordine, Gemma Houghton (Captain), Alice Murch, Kirsten Enticknap

### Under 15 A

This year was the first time we have fielded two U15 teams. The U15 A's had a very busy and relatively successful season. With a fixture every week, except cancellations due to the snow, the team played 8, won 4, lost 3 and drew 1. They also came 3rd in the Granville league tournament where they played to their potential throughout.

The team should be commended as the girls never gave up even when facing defeat. This is mainly due to the example set by their captain Lauren Clark. Special mention must also go to Vanessa Lucas for her outstandingly accurate shooting throughout the season and to Isabella Healey who made numerous spectacular interceptions. The team has strengthened since last year and learnt to capitalise on their interceptions. Most of this team will feed the 1st and 2nd teams next year where I look forward to seeing their further development.

Most improved player Isabella Healey  
 Player of the season Vanessa Lucas

### S. King

### Under 15 B

From the beginning of the season when they struggled to gel and lost 12-14 to Gad's Hill, until the end, when they won convincingly against Sutton Valence 17-3, the team progressed vastly. Despite suffering some defeats, the girls played some good netball, in particular against Battle Abbey where we 13-9. In the Granville Tournament we drew 2 and lost 2.

The team had a successful season in many aspects and everyone involved made progress. Hopefully a number of the squad will form the core the 2nd VII next season

Played 6 Won 2 Lost 4

### E.P. Cornell



### U14A Netball

**Back Row:** Sophie Alldis, Natasha Brattle, Alice Healy, Rosie Wood

**Front Row:** Lauren Garrett, Theresa Brattle (Captain), Fabienne Valentine-Hosein

### Under 14 A

The season did not start well for the U14 A's with a home defeat against Beechwood. The rest of the games showed a marked improvement as the players became familiar with each other's roles within the team.

A closely fought match was played against Ashford with the half time score being neck and neck. The girls' concentration improved in the second half and we won 15-12. Despite putting on a good fight the girls lost the next game to Hillview by 7-9.

After half term the girls' hard work came to fruition bringing a newfound confidence and the necessary gelling of the team, to produce a convincing 22-10 win against Combe Bank, followed by a 22-5 win against Homewood.

The squad worked incredibly hard to improve their play and became a well organised team.

Played 5 Won 3 lost 2

### E.P. Cornell

### Under 14 B

This was the first time we have fielded two U14 teams. The U14 B's did struggle to find consistency in their play. With a few games cancelled, hit by the bad weather, they only played 4 games. However they were very dedicated and always attended their lunch time practices. The highlight of the season was the 13-2 victory against Ashford B.

The team has demonstrated that they have the skills and commitment to develop into a better team next year. Special mentions should go to captain Izzy Dowse, to Thea Marshall for her continuous enthusiasm and to Emma Penney who played well in defence.

### S King

### Under 13

This was a good season where the team's enthusiasm and potential were seen early on in a convincing 7-0 win in their first match against Beechwood. In the second match against Skippers Hill we had to put our coaching to the test and, by keeping to our resolve to play at our pace, we managed to win 7-6. Unfortunately we then lost our Goal Keeper, J.J. Lipman, so some adjustments had to be made and players had to change positions, resulting in the team losing the next two matches to Gad's Hill and Combe Bank.

In the second half of the term, Esme Ham was moved up as Goal Keeper to play with the U13's and she worked well with our agile and aggressive Goal Defence, Paige Goodyer.

We ended the season memorably with an 8-1 win against Beechwood with some accurate shooting from Ciara Reddy and Amelia Page. This was followed by a 6-1 win against Skippers Hill where the centre court players, Toni Brattle, Millie Clarke and Izzy Carpenter-Calcutt, played textbook netball with slick, accurate passing down the court.

The team approached all their fixtures with eagerness and determination and a thank you to Mia Hope who carried out her duties with efficiency as reserve.

Played 6 Won 4 Lost 2

### E. Cornell

### Under 12

The U12's had a challenging season, playing a variety of prep schools and secondary schools. Many of these teams have played together for many years and therefore we had a slight disadvantage with our newly formed team.

Despite several losses the team remained positive throughout the season and even in defeat have fought with courage, determination and never gave up. Although it took a while for the team to combine



### U14B Netball

**Back Row:** Jemima Harris, Olivia Douglas, Emma Penney, Jenny Nightingale

**Front Row:** Thea Marshall, Izzy Dowse (Captain), Anna Burnham

individual developing skills and team work, their victory against Beechwood in their final game indicates how much progress they made. They are a promising netball team for the future, with a few hints of brilliance from individual players.

Special mentions go to Rachel McDermott, the most improved player and to Esme Ham, who carried out her duties as captain efficiently and is awarded player of the season.

### S. King

### Torquay 2010

With a clear speedy journey down to rainy Devon, we arrived and settled into our accommodation to plan centre strategies for last minute stand in Lauren Clark. A later start on Saturday morning gave the girls an opportunity to go shopping in Torquay. Arriving back at Barton Hall the girls were keen to get their tournament underway and focus on the task in hand.

Playing different teams and with some players in different positions meant it took a while for the girls to get into their stride. The first match saw them 3-0 down at half time but after a quick change around the girls began to play to their potential, coming back for an amazing 4 all draw. The afternoon continued much the same way with some periods of exceptional play.

Against some strong opposition in their group, they finished the afternoon in 4th place, the highlight of the day being a 7-2 victory over Studley 5.

The weather had improved by Sunday for the remainder of the round robin part of the tournament. Here the girls played very well with captain India Parry and Vanessa Lucas' shots on target. Holly Stevens and Charlotte Bainbridge played exceptionally well in defence. We achieved another win and a much improved performance against a very strong team. This meant that the team achieved their target and made it through to the semi finals. Unfortunately we drew tough opposition and lost to the eventual tournament winners, finishing a respectable 4th.

All the girls should be commended for their impeccable conduct and their hard work both on and off the court. Well done to all the girls. Special mentions go to Lauren Clark, captain India Parry and Bethany's player of the tournament Holly Stevens.



# Girls' Hockey

## Senior Girls



### 1st XI Hockey

**Back Row:** Alice Murch, India Parry, Aurelie Tack, Holly Stevens, Yasmin Gordine, Mr Macdonald (Coach)  
**Front Row:** Danielle Golan, Angelica Newby, Kirsten Enticknap, Emily Saunders (Captain), Alice Marland, Elizabeth Perry, Jenny Newton  
**Absent:** Rebekah Marshall, Courtney Delieu, Charlotte Harkness

The Senior Girls had a busy 2009 season. With a relatively young squad, a good deal of preparation was needed to ensure that we were as competitive as we could be. The overall results (played eight, won four, lost three, drew one) are evidence that our hard work throughout the season paid off. The first test of our preparation was the Granville Schools Under 18 7-a-side tournament in Ashford. It was a challenging afternoon, with matches against King's School Rochester (drew 0-0), Gad's Hill (won 2-0), Ashford (drew 0-0), St Lawrence (lost 3-0) and Dover College (drew 1-1). The squad played very well, showing their versatility on the pitch and a willingness to get fully involved. We finished just below Dover College, King's and St Lawrence, the eventual winners, in a very respectable fourth place.

Next was a 7-a-side match at home to Benenden. We started well but our concentration lapsed, allowing the strong Benenden team to score. Before half time, Benenden scored again but we were able to reply through a beautifully finished short corner, entering half time one goal down and itching to get another. We scored twice in the second half and hung onto our lead, working hard to win the match 3-2.

The first 11-a-side match was away against King's Rochester, a traditionally tough fixture. From the start, we were under pressure, but managed to defend well, conceding only one goal in the first half without reply. The second half was similar, with King's applying constant pressure. Despite our best efforts we conceded four goals; the final score being a disappointing 5-0 loss.

Sadly, our match against St Lawrence showed a continuation of our poor form. Although it was a well contested match, we could not breach the St Lawrence defence and conceded three goals, ending in a 3-0 loss.

A new fixture for this season was against Maidstone Grammar School. We started the first half well, scoring in the first few minutes. We then seemed to switch off and conceded three goals before half time. We did regain our focus and scored five goals. Maidstone could not convert any of their opportunities, despite several attempts, so the match ended in a well deserved 6-3 victory.

This improved form continued against Gad's Hill. The younger members of the squad had a chance to shine against Gad's Hill, scoring all the goals in a satisfying 10-0 win, with Yasmin Gordine scoring four.

Our matches against Battle Abbey are always keenly contested and this one did not disappoint. We attacked from the whistle, working the ball around the opposition and making several attempts at goal. We scored but Battle replied. We then squeezed the ball past the keeper, taking us into half time with a one goal lead. Battle scored first in the second half, giving us the motivation we needed to reassert ourselves. Playing with controlled urgency, we scored twice, finishing with a well deserved 4 - 2 victory.

The penultimate match was at home against Dover College. Despite working hard, we could only score once while conceding four. Although a disappointing result, it left us with some positives and the motivation to work extra hard in the final match against Ashford. This match started well, with both teams working hard to retain possession. We absorbed some early pressure but the second half was more competitive with both teams pushing hard to score. The result was a pleasing 0-0 draw.

After a lot of hard work, we ended the season on a positive note with some good statistics. Points for: 24, Points against: 16. Emily Saunders and Yasmin Gordine were the top goal scorers with six each, followed by CJ Delieu, Holly Stevens and India Parry with three each.

Our defence worked tirelessly, communicating well with each other and the forwards. The attack worked hard too, deserving each goal scored. Well done to all on a great season. Thank you for your commitment and excellent attitude. Thank you to Emily Saunders for doing such a great job as captain. Thank you also to Miss King and Mr Hollman for your invaluable (and sometimes very vocal!) support.

### C.D. Macdonald

#### Under 15

The Under 15's played a long, difficult season with not as much success as they would have liked.

The first match of the season was against Buckswood at home. Keeping our structure well allowed us to score three goals before half time. Buckswood scored soon after

half time, to which we managed to reply. The final score was a well deserved 4-1 victory with 3 goals to Vanessa Lucas.

The next match was away against Battle Abbey. Being the first 11-a-side match of the season, we got off to a shaky start, conceding three goals before half time. The second half was much better, with everyone lifting their game, only conceding one goal in the last 20 seconds. The 4-0 loss was a disappointing result, but it was at least a pleasing team performance in the latter part of the match.

Dover College at home was next and we started well, playing cohesively. Unfortunately, we had trouble covering the holes in our defence and conceded a goal before half time. The second half was a great improvement, although we could not convert any of our chances and despite our best efforts, we lost 1-0.

The form we had had against Dover seemed to escape us when we played Beechwood. We could not hold our structure and conceded several goals without reply. Eventually, we managed to score in the dying seconds; the final score a smarting 7-1 defeat.

After an intensive training session, we hoped that our performance against Gad's Hill would show an improvement. We started slowly, but grew in confidence, scoring just before half time. We worked well around the opposition and scored again. It was a pleasing team performance; the final score 2-0 with goals from Jessica Peters and Georgia Jackson.

We started well against Sutton Valence but lost our structure and conceded two goals. We fought back, trying to even the score, managing to score before conceding another goal. Despite a valiant second half effort, the match ended in a 3-1 loss.

We faced Battle Abbey again, also away. After a wobbly start, we conceded three goals before getting our focus and structure back.

We managed to hold the opposition off until the last few minutes when Battle exploited a lapse in our concentration, scoring the final goal of the match.



### U15 Hockey

**Back Row:** Jessica Peters, Francesca Kenney, Amanda Hill, Georgina Marland, Lucy Paffard, Catherine Snow, Bronwen Cross  
**Front Row:** Jess Leaper, Chloe Houghton, Vanessa Lucas, Georgia Jackson (Captain), Lauren Clark, Megan Knapp, Ruth Semmens  
**Absent:** Abbie Robinson

After all the effort that we had expended, it was a frustrating loss. The first half against Ashford started well despite us conceding two goals. The second half was a bit better, with the opposition all over our defence; we hung on, only conceding three goals. Sadly we could not reply and, despite a committed team performance, the final score was a disappointing 5-0 loss.

We travelled to St Lawrence to take part in the Granville 7-a-side tournament. The final match of the tournament was probably the most exciting, with both teams playing their hearts out and the ball moving rapidly from end to end. Despite a disappointing overall result, the squad enjoyed taking part in the tournament and benefitted from the experience.

The penultimate match was a cracking match at home against King's Rochester. The whole team worked really well together. We conceded only one goal throughout the match; the final score of 1-0 not disappointing in any way following an outstanding team performance.

We ended the season away against St Lawrence. We defended well at the start despite lacking structure, conceding two goals in the first half, scoring one goal of our own. The second half was better and, although we could not score we conceded only two goals, successfully absorbing the pressure applied by the opposition.

The statistics show that the season was a difficult one, but the team managed to keep their heads up and never once gave up. The whole team improved, both on an individual and a team basis. I am very proud of their efforts throughout the season; well done!

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**C.M. Macdonald**

### Under 14

The Under 14's had a long and busy season during which they worked hard to improve skills and develop team strategies, all of which paid dividends. Having played seven, lost five and won two, the statistics do not look good, until one realises that there were 25 points scored against us, while we scored 24. Overall, it was a pleasing season, with a lot of very competitive hockey being played.



#### U14 Hockey

**Back Row:** Jenny Nightingale, Theresa Brattle, Lana Gillah, Olivia Douglas, Rosie Wood, Emily Smith  
**Front Row:** Anna Burnham, Au-Nais Fort, Fabienne Valentine-Hosein, Lauren Garrett (Captain), Jemima Harris, Isabella Fatah, Natasha Brattle

The first match was at home against Buckswood. The team was quite nervous, as it was the first time they had played together, but with nerves under control we applied early pressure and went into half time 3-0 ahead. The second half was similar, with play flowing from end to end and we scored four more. The final score was a very pleasing 7-0 to us; a well deserved victory! Rosie Wood scored 4 and Lauren Garrett 3.

The next fixture was also against Buckswood. A somewhat strengthened team arrived and really made us work for goals. We entered the second half 2-1 down, so had to really get stuck in to get back into the game. This we did with two well deserved goals. Unfortunately, we also conceded two, so lost the match 4-3.

Our only indoor fixture was away to Combe Bank. After a quick coaching session to explain the different rules, the match got underway. It was closely contested, with both teams making several attempts to score. We scored first, but then conceded two in close succession. We focused on the task of scoring again and scored four before conceding one. We were very pleased with a 5-3 victory. Well done to all, but especially to Theresa Brattle who bravely played in goal at short notice.

We played our first 11-a-side fixture away against Ashford. We started well, competing strongly for the ball and really getting involved. We conceded an early goal, but stuck together creating chances to score, converting the pressure into eventual points. The second half was very competitive, with Ashford throwing everything they had at us. We conceded two goals, and then managed to scrape two of our own before the final whistle. It was a closely fought match, with a frustrating final score of 4-3.

Benenden travelled to us to play a lunchtime fixture. The match started well, with flowing play, both teams determined to win. With the score at two all we upped our work-rate in the second half, using the wings and peppering the goal with shots, managing to get one past the keeper. We also conceded two, ending a tense match with a 4-3 loss.

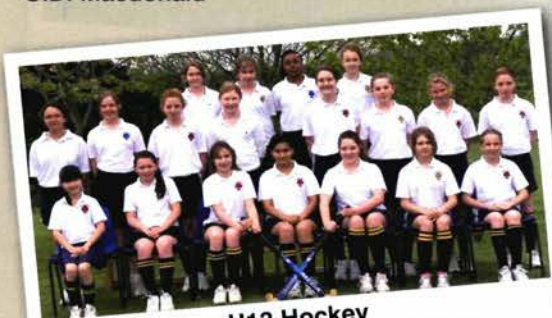
The penultimate match was away against Ashford. Coming off of the back of an outstanding performance, we were highly motivated and worked well together on a cold and wet evening. We did not start well, conceding four goals before getting ourselves together and fighting back. We managed to score three and conceded only one in the second half. It was an outstanding team performance with a disappointing end result.

The final match was away against Sutton Valence. The weather conditions made the task of playing well quite difficult. Despite our best efforts, the form that we had displayed against Ashford deserted us. We struggled to maintain our structure and could not score. We also struggled to defend against a very determined attack.

The final score was a 'miserable' 5-0 loss.

The team has played very well this season, working hard to improve skills and team play. Lauren Garrett was the top scorer with 11, followed by Jemima Harris and Rosie Wood, each with four. They have been very enthusiastic about everything; whether it was drills, losing or winning, they have always been in good spirits. Well done, girls, on a great season! A big thank you must also go to Miss King and Mr Hollman for their help and support this season.

**C.D. Macdonald**



#### U13 Hockey

**Back Row:** Amelia Clark, Phoebe Mills, Cheyenne Walker, Amelia Page  
**Second Row:** Mia Hope, Ruth Marsden, Connie Dervish-Hussein, Olivia Shelbourn, Amy Tucker, Sophie Marland, Hannah Meharg, Bobbie Derlish-Hussein  
**Front Row:** Eden Fort, Alex Tate, Emily Bristow, Antonia Brattle, Ciara Reddy, Rachel McDermott, Poppy Sadler

### Under 13

The U13's have played mostly 7 a-side matches this term. They have developed as a squad and have been keen to practice at lunch times. Fixtures have been minimal to ensure a thorough grounding of basic skills, however the number of fixtures will vastly increase as U14's, so be prepared.

The highlight of the season was the final game against Skippers Hill. The girls played tremendously throughout the first half, matching the opposition for skill and determination and went into the break with the score at 2-2. Unfortunately Skippers came back in the second half, however, the U13's show much promise for the future. It is not possible to single one player out therefore special mentions go to all the girls: Ciara Reddy, Amelia Page, Milly Clark, Amy Tucker, Ruth Marsden, Olivia Shelbourn, Antonia Brattle & Mia Hope.

For many of the U12 it was the first time they had picked up a hockey stick. With new rules, regulations and skills to pick up, it has been a struggle at times. However the girls have persisted and made good progress. They are a determined bunch, displaying controlled aggression on pitch, good spatial awareness and a will to score goals, which is refreshing. They now need to develop their close control in order to beat opponents. Special mentions go to Emily Bristow (Year 8) for keeping and to Cheyenne Walker, the most improved player.

**S. King**

# Rounders

## Senior 1st IX

This year's senior rounders squad was packed with talented players, who were all committed and keen to play. To their credit, amongst exams, revision, practice papers and assignments they developed good team spirit, covering for each other when more pressing engagements occurred.

Captained by Emily Saunders (and Kayleigh Gowen-Smith in her absence) the team had a short but competitive season. They maintained an undefeated season with games against Maidstone Grammar, King's Rochester, Combe Bank and Sutton Valence.

With consistent bowling from Kayleigh Gowen-Smith and Izzy Thomas, the team fielded strongly throughout the season. Playing as backstop, Angelica Newby provided safe hands and quick reactions to link with Yasmin Gordine on 1st post. The remaining posts and short field were covered by Emily Saunders, India Parry and Holly Stevens. These players made the opposition work hard for points and stumped them out at every opportunity. The deep field was covered by Becky Marshall, Lucy Gerard-Pearse and Danielle Golan, aka 'muscles'.

Kirsten Enticknap provided the team with a strong 9th batter. Emily Saunders receives the Johnson Trophy for the second year in a row having scored the most rounders this season.

The girls should all be very proud of their achievements. It has been a pleasure to coach them.

**S. King**

## Under 15

The season started well with a convincing win against Homewood School: 14-4½. The fielding was slick and Georgia Jackson was the highest scorer. The second match against King's Rochester was expected to be very taxing, but the side produced their best performance of the season with good batting and fielding skills all round, resulting in a 12½ - 8½ win.



### U15 Rounders

**Back Row:** Mrs E. Cornell (Coach), Georgina Marland, Jessica Peters  
**Front Row:** Lauren Clark, Georgia Jackson, Vanessa Lucas (Captain), Ruth Semmens, Bronwen Cross

We travelled to Ashford for our next game and what a great match it was. After a close and well fought innings we lost 16½ - 14½. In the Granville tournament we came 5th having won against Ashford and King's Rochester. We were also beaten quite convincingly in our final match of the season by Beechwood, 29-20, which was a great shame as it was last time the team will play together as a year group.

**E. Cornell**



### U14 Rounders

**Back Row:** Fabienne Valentine-Hosein, Izzy Dowse, Theresa Brattle, Jenny Nightingale  
**Front Row:** Natasha Brattle, Sophie Alldis, Rosie Wood (Captain), Olivia Douglas, Thea Marshall

## Under 14

This team is a very dedicated and enthusiastic one, always keen to practise and improve their skills. Unfortunately very few schools have this year group on a Wednesday afternoon so securing fixtures proved difficult. However, they did play three matches and the first, against Beechwood, was exciting with some excellent catches and batting, resulting in a draw, 18½ - 18½. The second was against Gad's Hill where with refined ball handling, more determination in hitting and assertive fielding the team won 12½-8. We ended the season with an 8-11½ loss against Ashford who had really powerful batters.

Well done to all the hard working team players.

**E. Cornell**

## Under 13

The team played and achieved wins against Dover College, King's Rochester and Gad's Hill with a narrow defeat of half a rounder against Ashford.

The U13's have been a strong side this year with many of the same players in the squad from last year. The girls displayed sound skills, good tactical play and enthusiasm to win every game.

A welcome addition to the side, Olivia Shelbourn, proved to be a talented bowler controlling the game from her square. Milly Clark and Milly Page were very slick, stumping the opposition out at 1st with



### U13 Rounders

**Back Row:** Izzy Calcutt, Paige Goodger, Ruth Marsden, Clara Reddy  
**Front Row:** Milly Clark, Amelia Page, Amy Tucker (Captain), Olivia Shelbourn (Captain), Antonia Brattle, Emily Bristow

lightning speed. Ciara Reddy made some outstanding catches and Toni Brattle played intelligently at 2nd post. In bat all players contributed to the overall score indicating good depth throughout the team.

Congratulations on a successful season, well done.

**S. King**

## Under 12

The U12 statistics: Played 4, Won 2, Lost 2 do not do justice to this talented side. They achieved good wins against Dover College and especially Gad's Hill. However their defeats were extremely narrow, losing by just four rounders to Ashford and by ½ a rounder to King's Rochester. All players made significant improvement throughout the season and became more away of tactical play.

Captained by Rachel McDermott the squad was very committed and worked hard to make progress. Special mentions go to Esme Ham for her magnificent, speedy bowling and to Phoebe Mills and Rosie Wood for their consistency throughout the season.

**S. King**



### U12 Rounders

**Back Row:** Rosie Ward, Cheyenne Walker, Phoebe Mills, Alex Tate  
**Front Row:** Grace Hebblethwaite, Esme Ham, Rachel McDermott, Daisy Barro-Bligh, Eden Fort

# Curling

Bethany's curling squad consists of nine members: Amelia Brett, Emily Bristow, Gemima Ellis, Eden Fort, Jim Haydon, Rob Homewood, James Latch, Olivia Shelbourne and Chris Threshie.

In March the team took part in the English Schools' Curling Championships. They played exceptionally well with everyone in the squad throwing accurate stones and

keeping their cool. Rob Homewood even rushed back from Spain to play!

In the first round we were narrowly beaten by Walthamstow Hall but we rallied in Round 2 and won against Hayesbrook. We then faced the favourites, Judd. By skilful placing of our stones, we kept them to a one all draw which meant we were still in with a chance of coming second overall.

In the play-offs we fielded our last squad member and won every end against Hayesbrook's team 2. We came a very

close third, only losing out to a place in the final by a few points.

I would like to say a big thank you to all nine members of the squad who kept their cool and played intelligently throughout. Everyone played as a team and the Skips, Jim Haydon and Rob Homewood, were outstanding. Emily Bristow was "man" of the match for her accuracy in placing her stones under pressure.

**Mrs J. Digby**



## Sporting and House Awards

The Roy Farquharson Trophy:

Senior Sportsman – Michael Churchill

The Powell Cup:

Junior Sportsman – Samuel Helesfay

Anthony Clarke Trophy – William Dulley

Senior Sportswoman – Emily Saunders

The Green Cup:

Junior Sportswoman – Lauren Clark

Pippa Blackman Trophy for Academic

Excellence in PE. – Emily Saunders

### Rugby

The Halfide Cup: Most improved 1st XV player – Salam Lamptey

Treanor Cup: Greatest contribution to 2nd XV Rugby – George Tanton

Stubbs Trophy: Greatest contribution to Junior Rugby – Jamie Hagerty

### Football

Lawrie Mann Trophy: Greatest Contribution to Football – Tim Threshie

### Cricket

Nigel Kimber Cricket Cup: 1st XI – Michael Churchill

Ray Richard Cup: All-Round Achievement in Junior Cricket – James Found

Jack White Trophy: Best Bowling Average – Michael Churchill

### Netball

Pippa Blackman Trophy: Contribution to Netball – Emily Saunders

Junior Netball – Vanessa Lucas

### Girls' Hockey

Hockey Most Improved Player – Becky Marshall

Hockey Player of the Season – Emily Saunders

Greatest Contribution to Junior Hockey – Georgia Jackson

### Rounders

Senior Rounders Award – Emily Saunders

Junior Rounders Award – Jessica Leaper

Johnson Trophy: Most Rounders – Emily Saunders

### Tennis

Senior Tennis Player – Lucy Van-Doren

Junior Tennis Player – Angus Sutton

Most Improved Tennis Player – Sam Hewes

### Athletics

Wing Cup for Intermediate Boys Victor Ludorum – Alexander Clayden-Spence

Greenhill Cup for Junior Boys Victor Ludorum – Joseph Holland

Intermediate Girls Victrix Ludorum – Lucy Paffard

Junior Girls Victrix Ludorum – Amelia Page

### Swimming

Hill Cup: Victor Ludorum – Mike Chiu

Intermediate Girls: Victrix Ludorum – Isobel Dowse

Junior Boys Victor Ludorum – Ryan Askew

Junior Girls Victrix Ludorum – Esme Ham

### Junior Awards

Marriott Junior Boy Performance & Commitment Award – Joseph Holland

Marriott Junior Girl Performance & Commitment Award – Amelia Page

### Half Colours

#### Rugby

Salam Lamptey, Charles Reid, Ben Ashworth, Callum McConnochie

#### Football

Michael Churchill, Tom Gibson, Cem Osman, Guy Sway, Tim Threshie

#### Cricket

Brandon Begg, Sam Depoel-Wood, Tom Haydon, Philip Semmens

#### Hockey

Ben Ashworth, Brandon Begg, Sebastian Bigness, Will Cairns, Patrick Elliott, Alexander Field, Tom Hayden, Philip Semmens, James Rutty

#### Netball

C J Delieu, Gemma Houghton, Kasia Markiewicz, Alice Murch, Angelica Newby, India Parry, Holly Stevens

#### Girls Hockey

India Parry, C J Delieu, Alice Murch, Yasmin Gordine, Jenny Newton, Charlotte Harkness

#### Rounders

Lucy Gerard-Pearce, Yasmin Gordine, Angelica Newby, Rebekah Marshall, Isobel Thomas

#### Tennis

William Dulley, Hussein Lamptey, Kasia Markiewicz, Oliver Donovan, Patrick Jenkins, Joe Reddy, Will Cairns, George Raw

## School Colours

### Full Colours

#### Rugby

William Dulley

#### Cricket

Michael Churchill, Sebastian Bignall, Tom Gibson

#### Netball

Kayleigh Gowen-Smith, Charlotte Harkness, Emily Saunders

#### Girls Hockey

Emily Saunders

#### Rounders

Kayleigh Gowen-Smith, Emily Saunders

#### Tennis

Lucy Van-Doren, Cem Osman, Richard Mills

## House Trophies

The Jessel Shield – Best House of the Year – SPEAKERS

Russell Shield: Rugby – KIPLINGS

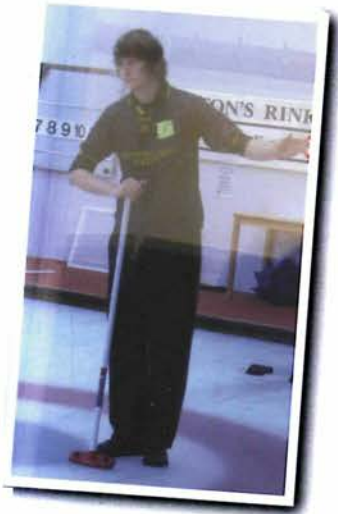
House Trophy: Cricket – SPEAKERS

Warner Cup: Football – KIPLINGS

Hockey – KIPLINGS & ROBERTS

Athletic Sports – ROBERTS

Swimming Sports – SPEAKERS



# Athletics Sports Results

Event	1st	Time/ Distance			
100m U13 B	T Rimmer (R)	14.28	Javelin U13 B	T May (R)	16.38 m
100m U13 G	A Tucker (S)	15.63	Javelin U13 G	A Clark (R)	10.98 m
100m U14 B	L Y Man (K)	12.59	Javelin U14 B	D Dogan (K)	21.75 m
100m U14 G	F Valentine-Hosein (S)	14.28	Javelin U14 G	S Alldis (R)	12.55 m
100m U15 B	G Allen (K)	12.00	Javelin U15 B	S Powderham (R)	30.14 m
100m U15 G	V Lucas (K)	15.60	Javelin U15 G	V Lucas (K)	12.65 m
200m U13 B	J Baxter (K)	30.63	High Jump U13 B	L Shaw (K)	1.10 m
200m U13 G	A Page (R)	31.65	High Jump U13 G	P Goodger (R)	1.05 m
200m U14 B	M Chiu (S)	28.60	High Jump U14 B	J Smith (S)	1.30 m
200m U14 G	T Brattle (S)	36.16	High Jump U14 G	R Wood (R)	1.00 m
200m U15 B	C Griffiths (R)	27.94	High Jump U15 B	A Clayden-Spence (R)	1.25 m
200m U15 G	L Paffard (R)	31.59	High Jump U15 G	L Paffard (R)	1.20 m
400m U13 B	E Walters (R)	1.19.93	Long Jump U13 B	J White (S)	3.66 m
300m U13 G	C Dervish-Husseini (S)	53.40	Long Jump U13 G	A Page (R)	3.93 m
400m U14 B	W Scott (K)	1.04.91	Long Jump U14 B	W Scott (K)	4.70 m
300m U14 G	I Dowse (S)	54.32	Long Jump U14 G	F Valentine-Hosein (S)	3.49 m
400m U15 B	M Richards (R)	1.02.18	Long Jump U15 B	T Smith (R)	4.40 m
300m U15 G	B Cross (R)	1.06.87	Long Jump U15 G	E Porter (R)	3.41 m
800m U13 B	H Woollam (S)	2.54.34			
800m U13 G	E Fort (S)	3.28.22			
800m U14 B	R Wilson (K)	2.41.12			
800m U14 G	J Harris (S)	3.12.44			
800m U15 B	A Clayden-Spence (R)	2.30.41			
800m U15 G	C Snow (R)	3.55.09			
4 x 100m U13 B	Roberts	1.01.47			
4 x 100m U13 G	Roberts	1.05.60			
4 x 100m U14 B	Kiplings	55.09			
4 x 100m U14/15 G	Roberts	1.02.60			
4 x 100m U15 B	Roberts	53.93			
1500m U13 B	J Holland (S)	5.33.94			
1500m U13 G	E Ham (R)	6.20.00			
1500m U14 B	J Smith (S)	5.41.00			
1500m U14 G	R Wood (R)	6.57.00			
1500m U15 B	F Raishbrook (R)	5.20.00			
1500m U15 G	L Clark (R)	7.03.28			
Shot U13 B	J Lautch (R)	5.98 m			
Shot U13 G	O Shelbourn (K)	5.82 m			
Shot U14 B	L Kavanagh (R)	8.60 m			
Shot U14 G	A Healy (S)	5.90 m			
Shot U15 B	M Kipping (S)	10.19 m			
Shot U15 G	R Semmens (K)	6.04 m			

# Swimming Sports Results

Event	1st	Time
1L Free U13 B	R Askew	15.19
1L Free U13 G	O Shelbourn	17.53
2L Free U15 B	S Hewes	34.78
2L Free U15 G	I Dowse	35.44
1L Breast U13 B	O Plummer	19.6
1L Breast U13 G	A Page	20.88
2L Breast U15 B	M Chiu	37.94
2L Breast U15 G	N Brattle	42.53
1L Back U13 B	G Reed	20.2
1L Back U13 G	H Bonini	23.06
2L Back U15 B	C Gill	46.19
2L Back U15 G	T Brattle	42.62
4 x 1 Free U13 B	Speakers	67.47
4 x 1 Free U13 G	Roberts	73.74
4 x 1 Free U15 B	Speakers	64.0
4 x 1 Free U15 G	Speakers	65.63

# Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme

This was another very successful year for DofE at Bethany. 47 Year 10's embarked on their Bronze Award, 17 Year 11's continued with their Silver Award and an impressive 32 pupils prepared for their Gold Award of whom 14 were new to the Scheme.

2009 saw the introduction of the latest initiative in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme whereby all new participants enrol in DofE. Through this participants have greater control over the management of their progress in the various activities. Each participant has their own unique web page onto which they upload evidence for each section of the Award and they can then see at a glance how they are doing. Examples of some activities they are currently involved in include: Archery, Bee keeping, Cadets, Climbing, Cooking, Dance Appreciation, Dog Walking, Silversmith, School Archives.

Expeditions for the Bronze Award participants included a practice in the North Downs and a qualifying expedition in the Ashdown Forest. The Silver Award candidates spent four sunny days in Dorset for their practice but it was very wet for their qualifying expedition in the Peak District in September. The Gold Award is of course meant to be a challenge and it certainly was with two practice expeditions in Snowdonia and the Lake District in preparation for the qualifying expedition in Chamonix.

On a personal note, as I prepare to hand over the reins of DofE to Dave Schooledge at the end of 2010, I would like to say a huge thank you to all the staff that have supported the Award Scheme during my 12 years at Bethany. A large number of them of given up precious weekends and holiday time. I would like to give particular thanks to my wife, Fiona, for her support and hard work; she has made a significant contribution to the success of the Scheme at Bethany. Thanks too to Anne Presland. I must apologise for ambushing her on her first day at Bethany all those years ago, I am not sure she realized what she was letting herself in for. I for one will miss her cooking. I am very grateful to Nick Dorey for his unstinting support of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award at Bethany and for his excellent company on many of the expeditions, particularly those in Chamonix. Finally thank you to pupils past and present for their tremendous effort and enthusiasm.

**Phil Johnson**  
D of E Co-ordinator



Christian Scott, D of E's South East Regional Director, presenting Bethany's Operating Authority licence, which is reviewed every three years, to Phil Johnson.

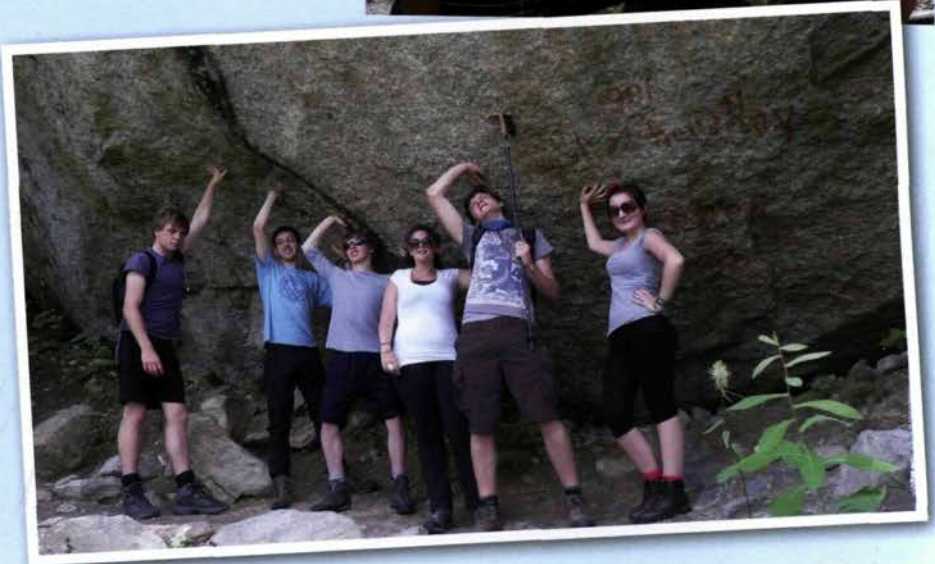
## Gold Award Qualifying Expedition – Chamonix

There was great anticipation as 32 pupils and eight members of staff met at school in the early hours of 3rd July. This was to be my final trip as leader in charge of a Gold Award expedition with Bethany. There was suspense as we wondered whether one missing pupil would make it to the airport in time – he did! The expedition was the culmination of two year's planning and training but I was sure we were all ready for the challenge.

Once settled at our base outside Chamonix we made final preparations for the expedition.

On Sunday all six groups took part in an acclimatization walk around the Bosson Glacier above our base.

Dave Schooledge and I oversaw three groups each and the routes followed varied slightly. Dave Schooledge's diary follows.



**Day 1** – An early start saw us catching a coach to our start point in Flaine. On the way we passed Nick Dorey on his bike; he had left the base two hours earlier but we met up with him at the start. The weather at the start was good with clear views of the track snaking its way up to the first check point at Col Pelouse 2227m and our first encounter with snow. Despite the changing conditions and some delays due to navigation choices amongst the many paths at the col, the groups were making good time and spirits were high.



After the steady descent through the Combe des Foges, a steep drop into the valley at Maison Neuve was followed by a riverside walk to the first campsite at Pont de Sales. This was a basic site close to the river and proved a comfortable stop. Everyone had coped well with the first day and there was an encouraging, positive feel among the groups.

**Day 2** - Having climbed down into the valley the previous afternoon, most of the morning was spent climbing back up. The reward was the spectacular views, particularly of the impressive Cascade de la Sauffaz waterfall, as we gained height. We rounded the impressive cliffs of the Pointe de Salles and reached the alpine meadows of the Anterne plateau, with an impressive display of wild flowers. An easy walk took us to the Alfred Wills hut for our lunch stop. At this stage the threatening low cloud introduced some urgency into the proceedings and the afternoon saw us climb to the higher section of the plateau, passing the Lac d'Anterne in an increasing amount of snow and then climbing through the snow to the Col d'Anterne (2257m).



The more observant members of the groups were rewarded with views of marmots searching for food between the snow patches. Fortunately, the weather had improved and the day ended with the steep descent down to the Refuge de Moede Anterne for our second camp. Putting up the tents was made more interesting by the fairly strong wind, but after a hot meal, everyone soon settled down for the night.



**Day 3** - Fortunately, the next morning saw a return to clear and sunny weather and all groups quickly organised themselves and started towards the Col de Salenton, using a ridge route giving superb views of the Mont Blanc range, before joining the main path below the col. The climb to the col (2526m), across a combination of snow and scree, was challenging, but the staff were impressed with the students' determination.



Reaching the top was a great moment for all and a break gave us the opportunity to enjoy the views. Following a briefing from our guide, we carefully made our way down the other side of the col. Initially, this was across a steep snow field that required some care, but, eventually, we reached the snowline and returned to the path to the Refuge de la Pierre a Berard and a well deserved rest in the sunshine. The final part of the day was a relatively easy walk down the valley to the third camp at Le Buet. It did seem odd passing groups of people sunbathing along the river, but provided a 'change of view'.



**Day 4** – The final day of the expedition started with the inevitable climb up to the Col de Montets. This was followed by a steady walk through the woods along the Petit Balcon Sud, passing above Chamonix, before dropping down into Les Bossons and returning to Chalet Beaumont.

The final day in Chamonix provided an opportunity for those who wanted to, to experience river rafting. Others spent the day relaxing.



Overall, the lasting impression of the groups was the determination, co-operation and good humour that was continuously on display throughout the expedition. The measure of how much the pupils had put into the expedition was the look on their faces as they reached the chalet on that final day – relief, satisfaction and exhilaration! It was a tremendous effort by all concerned. To quote the D of E assessor, "it was a hard core Gold Expedition!"

**Dave Scholedge**

# Staff Moves

## Nick Dorey

**A Great Headmaster 1997 - 2010**



Even before he was appointed Nick had assessed what Bethany was about, and what it needed, with remarkable clarity and accuracy. In his letter of application for the headship dated May 1997, he summarised

his thoughts in seven beautifully hand written, numbered, paragraphs: Leadership, Commercial Reality, Pastoral Care, Prudence, Partnership with Parents, etc. As we all know, the selection panel also assessed what Bethany needed, with equal clarity and accuracy – Nick Dorey.

And what an inspired choice it turned out to be.

An old pupil from the pre-Dorey era coming back for the first time might find it difficult to recognise their school. As a result of Nick's ability to analyse and solve problems, his foresight, intelligence, charm, determination, hard work, quiet but unshakeable Christian faith, Bethany almost doubled in both pupils and budget during his stewardship. Exam

results have improved, campus developments have been rapid and continuous, our finances are secure and Bethany is as well placed to weather the current economic difficulties as any similar school I can think of.

Not least among his many talents has been the ability to recognise and attract committed and talented people to work with him. As a result Bethany staff are not only more numerous than ever before, they are more talented and have been inspired by his leadership and dedication to the School.

The physical results of his hard work are apparent for all to see. Everywhere there are new buildings too numerous to mention, culminating in the Science Block which, rightly, is the envy of many other schools.



But Nick's achievement is so much more than buildings, pupil numbers, and finances. He has maintained the special and precious ethos and spirit of the School as a caring environment in which young people can learn the skills needed for life in a changing world. Not only has he been Bethany's principal, he has embodied its principle.



The final numbered paragraph in his letter of application was headed 'The Family Team'. Nowadays it may be politically incorrect to insist the boss's wife is a vital part of the team. But she is, and rightly so. What a treasure Helen has been. Without her neither Bethany nor Nick could have achieved what they have.

Nick and Helen arrived with very high marks but leave with even higher. In the true Bethany mould, they have been the personification of Value Added. Nick was an outstanding Headmaster, a man for all seasons, and a true Christian Gentleman. The entire Bethany Community owes both Nick and Helen a great debt.



Nick's finest achievements were of course his pupils so it is right the last word should come from one of them:

*"Mr Dorey, my fondest memory of you, was how every year, every single student in the whole school would get a personalised report from you. I think, no, I know you are one of the best headmasters I have ever met, you were always so passionate about everything the school was doing, and you had a massive impact on my life. I am eternally grateful for all the help and support Bethany, and especially you, gave me throughout my five years there".*

**Andrew Pengelly  
Chairman of  
Governors**





## Helen Dorey

Every now and then a member of staff comes along that is the exception to the rule that no-one is irreplaceable. To me, Helen is that person. When she arrived at Bethany over eleven years ago she immediately made her presence felt within the Department and her willingness, innovation, keenness and enthusiasm were infectious. Her real love of teaching and of the pupils she taught meant that she would give up hours of her time to help and support those she taught and those she tutored.

Apart from teaching her lessons, she volunteered to do a tremendous amount to support her colleagues in the English Department and to increase and improve its resources. She spent weekends and holidays producing resources, mastering ICT and in supporting her Head of Department.

Drama was a particular enthusiasm of Helen's and she was very keen on teaching it both within the classroom and on a wider scale, for instance whole school plays; she directed her own adaptation of *The Hobbit* and also directed *The Canterbury Tales*. She has also been tremendously valuable assisting in other school productions, such as "Grease" and "Joseph and His Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat".

Helen's role within the community has been wide and varied. She has worked closely with the girls' boarding and day house, has been responsible for marketing and promoting the School, with great success, and has been on countless trips to promote the School with her husband.

Helen's very supportive and caring approach to everything she did meant that she was well-liked by the whole School community. This is because she put herself out for others, without any thought for herself or what she would gain or lose. She was an extremely valuable member of this community and will be sorely missed.

**Tim Hart Dyke**



**The English Department**

From left to right: Tim Hart Dyke, Dilys Coley, Claire Wood, Helen Dorey, Frances Healy, John Cullen

## Mandy Mole

Mandy Mole joined Bethany School as a part time teacher in the DLS Department in 1997. Countless Bethany pupils have benefited hugely from her dedicated and caring and extremely professional approach to her lessons. Mandy also organised all of the examination concessions for pupils – an ever growing and more complex task. During her final years she became Bethany's first ever dedicated Examinations Officer. We could not have wished for a more meticulous, thorough and well organised person to fill this role. I never worried with Mandy at the helm. Whatever panic Mandy may have felt as modules proliferated, ICT systems constantly changed and exam room regulations grew like topsy, on the surface things seemed to us to run amazingly smoothly!

Mandy was a very talented and successful golfer. It is perhaps fitting that this tribute should continue with a golfing theme.

'When a little birdie told us that Mandy Mole was thinking of retiring we were stunned –

as if someone had clubbed us over the head. Retiring, we thought? We're all green with envy. Most of us have a fairway to go before we can do that.

Mind you, she had been looking tired and a bit below par at times – a bit rough even.

Someone also told us that she'd got a handicap – but that it would almost certainly reduce once she had retired.

A lot of people tend to ease off as they move towards retirement. Not Mandy! She never took her eye off the ball – her eagle eyes never missed a detail.

Mandy taught her DLS lessons like a pro – and she ran some clubs, too.

Her ability to iron out our problems with exam entries was as sharp as a pin.

Now we've had to start from scratch with Dave. I'm sure he'll get us out of a few holes, too. Mandy thought he was off his trolley to take her job on. Still, she said he'd be fine once he got into the swing of things.

We'll really miss Mandy – especially as we head into the next round of examinations. As she puts Bethany behind her, we wish her every happiness in her retirement.'

**Nick Dorey**



## Chris Fisher



Chris Fisher has retired from Bethany after nine years of loyal service to the School. He joined as Head of Geography in 2001 having been a Senior Lecturer in geographical education at Canterbury Christ Church University for five years, prior to which he had 21 years teaching experience in state schools. In 2007 Chris took on the expanded role of Director of Teaching and Learning and made a significant contribution to the School's training of NQTs. He has also been involved in the development of the School's internal departmental inspection programme as well as the School's professional review programme.

It is difficult do to justice to the magnitude of Chris' contribution to the life of the School in just a few words but after much thought I have summarised this into three words - **ABLE MAP MAN**

**A** – A glass half full. Chris is ever the optimist. He could always be counted on for an encouraging and positive comment.

**B** – Bass Guitarist. Chris' first passion is his music. Teaching has just been a convenient job to pay the bills!! Chris has shared his passion for live music with numerous generations of student 'Lizards' who have gone on to really use their music. As an unofficial member of the Music Department Chris has played a major role in almost every musical concert and many productions, whether performing or helping out on the technical side.

**L** – Loyal Friend. Chris has been a loyal friend not only to me but to many of the staff. In our times of crises, pain and confusion he has stood with us.

**E** – Enthusiastic and Fun! Chris' enthusiasm for life and his sense of fun have made us laugh and inspired us.

**M** – Model Teacher. During the years that Chris and I have worked together I have learnt from him and drawn on his experience with training geographers. He has been a great mentor and a key influence on my teaching, for which I thank him. Chris has also helped many colleagues who started at NQTs and professional reviewees. He has always been on hand to provide advice to anyone from NQTs to senior management.

**A** – Ale Drinker. One of my great memories of working with Chris was when he conducted my first professional review in a local pub. The blazing fire and smooth pint of Harveys really helped us focus on the task in hand.

**P** – Professional. Chris has set the highest standards of professionalism for himself and has consistently challenged the staff to be professional in their approach to their jobs here at Bethany.

**M** – Match of the Day. Chris loves football and particularly enjoyed refereeing the Pengelly-Kendon derby.

**A** – Adobe Photoshop. Another of Chris' passions is photography. He has taken snaps of countless Upper Sixth leavers and events for the school magazine, as well as some great action shots of rugby on the Firs.

**N** – Notable Feature. Chris is a one-off. His contribution to Bethany has been amazing. We would all like to thank him for being our colleague, our friend and an inspirational teacher.

We wish Chris a long, happy and healthy retirement.

**Garry Simmons**



## Carole Lager

Carole Lager joined the Modern Language Department at Bethany in 2005 and taught French to students in Years 7 to 13 and Spanish to Year 9's. Carole married Frank Shepherd in 2009 and this summer we were all delighted to hear that she is expecting a baby early next year. She has decided to take a break from full time teaching and enjoy her new role as a mother.

As part of her activities in the department Carole organised regular trips to Boulogne for the younger students. This gave them the opportunity to be introduced to the flavour of French life and culture, combined with educational activities.

During her time at Bethany Carole was also Assistant Housemistress at Old Poplars. She added a touch of French chic to the staff room and was very keen on physical fitness. Many people will remember seeing her in the gym or on one of her frequent runs around Curtisden Green.

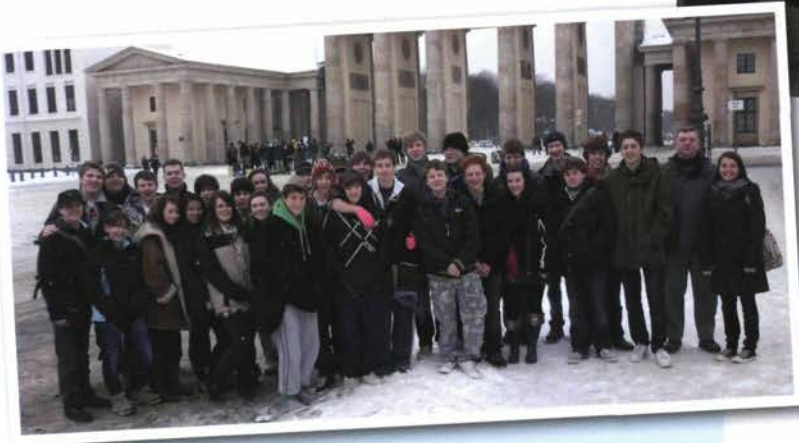
We wish Carole the best of luck in the future and look forward to meeting the "little Shepherd" next year.

**Cinta Romero**

## ... in Spain

In March 2010 nine Sixth Formers and I travelled to Gijón in northern Spain where the students met their host families. They experienced the Spanish way of life, attended nine hours of lessons and tried the delicious "chocolate con churros". The trip did wonders to their listening and speaking skills!

**Miss C. Romero, Head of MFL**



## ... in Berlin

31 senior historians and three staff went on the History department's trip to Berlin in February half term. They visited the key points in Nazi and Communist history, including the Brandenburg Gate, the Reichstag, the Russian war memorial, Checkpoint Charlie, the Holocaust memorial, the site of Hitler's Chancellery and infamous bunker and the remains of the Wall. The students heard about the brave attempts made to flee the East and about how the Nazis conducted their reign of terror. The trip also included a visit to a former Stasi prison and to a Nazi concentration camp on the outskirts of Berlin. It was an excellent trip and everyone learned a huge amount from this very hands-on experience.

## ... at the Salters' Science Festival

In May four young scientists, Esme Ham and Max Kelly from Year 7 and Hannah Marsden and Frederick Carter from Year 8, went to the Salters' festival in London. The festival aims to promote the appreciation of chemistry and the youngsters were put to work straight away solving a murder, following which they were given a fascinating demonstration. They all had a great day.



## ... in Canterbury

The Year 7's visited Canterbury in June for a combined History/Geography trip. At the Canterbury Tales experience they learnt about Medieval life through Chaucer's "Canterbury Tales". This was followed by a tour of the Cathedral to see the site where Thomas a Becket was assassinated. The afternoon was spent walking through the city centre and writing a Haiku poem about their impressions of the city. Pupils also investigated how parts of Canterbury have experienced urban regeneration.



## ... at the WW1 Battlefields

In March 55 Year 9's set out for a two day visit to the WW1 battlefields around Ypres. The trip included visits to the trenches at Sanctuary Wood and Hill 62, Tyne Cot cemetery, Wellington Quarry and Notre Dame de Lorette, a museum and trench reconstruction next to the cemetery housing the tomb of the French unknown soldier. It was a tiring but valuable two days. We arrived home on time (apart from the coach which missed its time slot on the shuttle), in one piece (apart from the coach which broke down in Ypres) and unscathed (apart from Henry and his broken finger). I love it when a plan comes together!

**S. Davies, Head of History**





## Parents' Day, Speech Day, Leavers' Day

Speech Day 2010 was Nick Dorey's final Speech Day; his farewell to Bethany and the School's official farewell to both him and Helen.

For many the day began with a champagne breakfast in The Orchard. Joining the leavers and their parents for breakfast was a large group of former pupils who were at Bethany in 1980 who had gathered from many parts of the world for their 30 year reunion.



The annual Fashion Show took place in the Textiles Room. Girls and boys from Years 7 to 11 modelled a wide range of work from GCSE, AS and A2 coursework and exam work. There were two shows and during the interval visitors were treated to a wonderful array of refreshments prepared, as always, by Mrs Wood and the Food Technology students. The proceeds from the shows, over £300, were donated to the Hospice in the Weald.

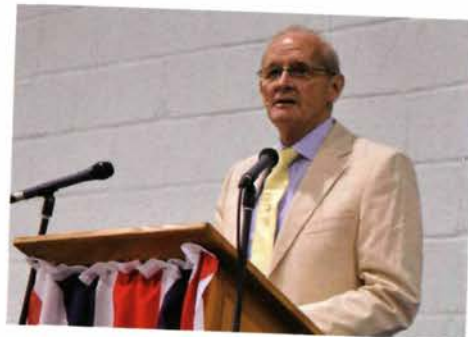
There were superb displays of work in Art and DT and all over the campus stalls were run by the Houses while outside the Science Centre the Music department provided entertainment.

At midday the leavers and their families assembled in the Chapel for the Leavers' Service. It was no surprise that this year the Upper Sixth invited Mr Dorey to be their guest speaker. The theme of his address was "new beginnings". Each member of the year group was presented with a gift and the service concluded with a rousing and emotional rendition of "Jerusalem".

While the rest of the School picnicked in their Houses, the leavers and guests enjoyed a buffet lunch in the Upper Dining Hall, while those attending The Bethanians' Society Reunion Day had lunch in the main dining hall, before holding their AGM in the afternoon.

The formal proceedings of Speech Day began with "Dorey's Fanfare", a GCSE composition by Joshua Chant from Year 11. Andrew Pengelly, the Chairman of Governors, welcomed everyone including the chief guest, Paul Holmes, former pupil, teacher and Senior Housemaster. In his address Mr Pengelly reflected on the achievements of the past year; the responsibility the Governors had

had in appointing a new Head Teacher and a new Deputy Head, the academic achievements, particularly the outstanding value added figures and the successful Ofsted and ISI inspection reports. Looking to the future, Mr Pengelly said that the School was well placed to cope with the unpredictable financial times. The recently established endowment fund is growing and the Governors constantly strive to reduce costs and maintain quality. Above all Bethany has a clear goal and a strong sense of purpose; its mission statement.



Nick Dorey opened his speech by recalling his first visit to Bethany in May 1997. He said, "It had a warm heart and soul and a quirkiness that really appealed to me". He was instantly captivated. Both he and Helen loved Bethany and after 13 years do so even more.



The Head went on to talk about the many changes that have taken place in the intervening years. On his arrival there were 275 pupils; the internet, laptops, mobile phones and ipods had yet to arrive. Despite this Bethany pupils retain the very special qualities that he noticed on his first visit. The staff too, although different in some ways from 13 years ago, are thoroughly committed. "I also experienced from day one, the most caring and supportive and cohesive Common Room I had ever come across – and it still is".

During his Headship the school campus has also changed considerably, with many new buildings and facilities. The Governance of the School is more formalised and parents too are different but still very supportive of the School.

Despite all the changes, the things that remain really important, that underpin the community and will sustain it, remain unchanged. The School's Mission Statement and Aims have also remained unchanged, despite regular reviews.

The Headmaster thanked Chris Fisher for his inspirational and unstinting support of the School over the past nine years. He also thanked Frances Healy as she stepped down from her role as Housemistress of Old Poplars after 13 years. He then thanked Helen Dorey for all the many roles she had fulfilled within the School, for the support she had given him and their two sons and for her utter dedication and unselfish devotion to a workaholic husband.

Mr Dorey thanked the Governors, for the opportunity they had given him, the parents, staff and the Senior Management team for their support and last, but by no means least, he thanked the pupils for their inspiration, openness and sense of humour. He went on to say how thrilled he was that Francie Healy would be succeeding him. He described him as the most outstanding Deputy he had come across in his 30 years in education. "I have never met someone with so much energy, vision and passion for the School, but also humility and a very unique Irish sense of humour!"

The Speech concluded with the following words:

"As Francie takes over the mantel and you all look to next year, I thought I would leave you with a few special words to ponder.

When I came for my interview at Bethany, the Governors asked me to make a short five minute presentation of my vision for the future of the School. I actually put it together on the train and these were the words that it was based around. I think they reflect what Bethany is about and also provide words to inspire and encourage all of us as we face our futures".



"Through all the changing scenes of life, in trouble and in joy, the praise of my God who still my heart and tongue employ".

Following Mr Dorey's speech there was a long, warm and emotional standing ovation.

Paul Holmes presented the prize winners with their awards before making his address. He congratulated all concerned and gave the background of some of the names behind the prizes. He talked about the wider opportunities available to pupils at Bethany and presented four Sixth Formers with cheques from the Skene Catling Trust as they embark on worthwhile projects overseas during their Gap year. He hoped that all the Leavers would remain in touch with the School through the Bethanians' Society and said how much he had enjoyed meeting the large group of former pupils who had returned for Reunion Day.



Mr Holmes went on to pay his own tribute to Nick and Helen Dorey and said that the School had been wonderfully served by them. On behalf of all the guests, he thanked everyone for their warm hospitality and for a most memorable day.

The Heads of School, Gemma Houghton and Andrew Vale-Taylor, gave a vote of thanks to Mr Holmes and presented him with a gift on behalf of the School. They shared their own personal memories of Mr and Mrs Dorey and on behalf of the pupils presented Mr Dorey with a painting of one of his favourite views of the School, and Mrs Dorey received flowers.



Mr Dorey then joined The Lizards for a rousing rendition of "10 out of 10" by Paulo Nutini. This was followed by a surprise addition to the proceedings. On behalf of all the parents, Mrs Saunders and Reverend Threshie took to the stage and delivered thanks to Mr Dorey using the letters of his name. Dedication, Optimist, Radical educator, Energiser, Young (at heart). They presented him with gifts from parents past and present together with a contribution to the "Dorey Travel Fund".

Andrew Pengelly returned to the podium to offer a tribute to Nick on behalf of the School and the Governors. He presented him with a painting of some of the buildings he had helped to create at Bethany and the final presentation was two beautifully bound books containing several hundred very moving tributes from what Mr Pengelly described as Nick's finest achievement – his pupils.

Following a further standing ovation Mr Dorey left the hall and everyone joined members of the Bethanians' Society for tea.

As Mr Holmes had said – it certainly was a memorable day!

### Alicia Houghton



# The Bethanians' Society



All former pupils become members of The Bethanians' Society once they leave the School. Membership is free and the Society's committee aims to organise a variety of social events throughout the year.



## Alumni Dinner in Hong Kong

In October 2009 an alumni dinner took place in Hong Kong, hosted by Headmaster, Nick Dorey during his annual visit to the Far East to meet current and prospective parents. The event, the first of its kind for Bethany alumni in Hong Kong was held on the roof terrace of a restaurant owned by a former parent offering stunning views across the bay. The evening was a huge success and was attended by over 70 former pupils and some of their parents, as well as a number of current parents. Mr Dorey was touched by the loyalty to the School exhibited by former parents and pupils and it is hoped that the event can be repeated in future years.

## Football and Netball

In March former pupils gathered at Bethany for a football and a netball match. The football match was very competitive and the netball was particularly entertaining. There weren't quite enough girls so the boys joined in too. Their height, not to mention their ability to throw the ball the entire length of the court, may have given them a slight advantage, however, the fact that they didn't have a clue about the rules of the game, probably helped the girls. The final score was 12-6 to the girls. After the matches everyone made their way to the Star and Eagle in Goudhurst where a buffet had been laid on and they all had a chance to catch up on news. A huge thank you to everyone who played in the matches. Particular thanks go to Tor Harmer for organising a great afternoon.



## Annual Dinner

The Society's Annual Dinner took place at Brown's Restaurant in London in September. Guests included the Headmaster, Nick Dorey and his wife Helen, the Heads and Deputy Heads of School as well as former Headmaster, Christian Lanzer. There were several generations of Bethanians at the dinner and all enjoyed the opportunity to meet up with old friends.



## Reunion Day

This year's Reunion Day was very well attended. As mentioned in the Speech Day report, a large group of former pupils from 1980, pictured below left, had arranged to hold their 30 year reunion at the School. Three of the group had travelled from the USA, Canada and Spain and for many it was their first visit back to the School. After lunch the AGM took place, during which



Nigel Kimber was installed as the Society's President. We wish him well for the year ahead. Following the AGM, members of the Society joined the rest of the School for tea and Robert Pilbeam made a presentation to Nick Dorey to thank him for all the support he had given the Society during his Headship.

## Christian Lanzer Memorial Service

In May a memorial service was held at Bethany for Christian Lanzer who passed away in January 2010. Christian was Headmaster at Bethany from 1970-88 and had remained in close contact with the School throughout his retirement; indeed he attended Reunion Day 2009 as well as

the Society's Annual Dinner in London in September 2009. The Service, led by the School's former Chaplain, Tony Beauchamp, was very well attended by former pupils, staff past and present and Governors, as well as by Christian's four daughters and their families.



# Prizes & Awards 2010

## THE J. J. KENDON PRIZE for Effort

Year 7 Esmé Ham  
Year 8 Frederick Carter  
Year 9 Alice Healy  
Year 10 Ruth Semmens  
Year 11 Philip Woodhead

## Special Mentions

Year 7 Matteo Bonini, Sophie Marland,  
Poppy Sadler, Isobel Sherlock  
Year 8 Nicholas Brockwell, Joseph  
Holland, Hannah Marsden,  
Ruth Marsden  
Year 9 Isabella Fatah, Oliver Kemp,  
Jennifer Nightingale, Rosie Wood  
Year 10 Thomas Frank, Lydia Healy,  
Bethany Parrott, An Vu  
Year 11 Oliver Beams, Kirsten  
Enticknap, Andrew Lockwood,  
Angelica Newby

## THE KILBY PRIZE for Junior Art

Zofia Markiewicz

## THE DOUGLAS PRIZE for Senior Art

Xi Wen Zhang

## THE TEXTILES PRIZE

Cathy Brown & Sophie Matlock

## THE MICHAEL WILLIAMS PHOTOGRAPHY CUP & PRIZE

Emily Saunders

## THE STOBART PRIZE for Business Studies

Guy Swan

## THE HOOPER'S APPLIED BUSINESS STUDIES PRIZE

Charles Reid

## THE YOUNG ENTERPRISE ACHIEVER OF THE YEAR

Signature Josh Stanbridge  
Switch Richard Mills

## THE NOTLEY PRIZE for Craft

Alice Healy

## THE SAMUEL KENDON PRIZE for Craft & Design

Charles Reid

## THE BREACH PRIZE for Innovation

Salam Lamptey

## THE JUNIOR FOOD TECHNOLOGY PRIZE

Joseph Holland & Max Kelly

## THE SENIOR FOOD TECHNOLOGY PRIZE

Charlotte Bainbridge

## THE MASTER CHEF WINNER

Jamie MacAskill

## THE ROCHE PRIZE for Drama

Guy Swan

## THE JUNIOR DRAMA PRIZE

Thea Marshall

## THE CHELMSFORD HALL CUP & PRIZE

Emma Penney

## THE HELEN MEMORIAL CUP & PRIZE

Philip Woodhead

## THE McLAREN ENGLISH PRIZE

Barnaby Toynbee

## THE JUNIOR ENGLISH PRIZE

Fabienne Valentine-Hosein

## THE HUNTER ESSAY PRIZE

George Tanton

## THE ADLER C.A.R.E. PRIZE

Amanda Hill

## THE HENRY HOWARD PUBLIC SPEAKING PRIZE

Matthew Stockley

## THE COMMUNICATIONS PRIZE

Faye Copsey

## THE E.F.L. PRIZE

An Vu & Xi Wen Zhang

## THE MICHAEL DALZIEL GEOGRAPHY PRIZE for GCSE Geography

Thomas Hupje

## THE HUMPHREY MAXWELL MEMORIAL PRIZE for Senior Geography

Guy Swan

## THE ROGER KIMBER PRIZE

for effort in A level Geography

Kasia Markiewicz

## THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF St GEORGE

Junior History Prize

Angelica Newby

Senior History Prize

Thomas Wright

## THE LORD STAMP MEMORIAL PRIZE for GCSE

Mathematics

Andrew Lockwood

for 'A' level Mathematics

Nathan Taylor

## THE MASON PRIZE for French

Dominic Gasson & Thomas Hupje

## THE SPANISH PRIZE

Dominic Gasson

## THE FINCHAM CUP & PRIZE for Strings

Amanda Hill

## THE GARDNER CUP & PRIZE for Guitar

William Scott

## THE HALL PRIZE for the highest music grade

Emily Bristow

## THE LUSTED PRIZE for Woodwind

Jason Pan

## THE CHRISTOPHER MONEY CHORISTERS CUP & PRIZE

Ruth Semmens

## THE MUSIC PRIZE for progress

Alvin Lam

## THE JAMES MORRISEY-CROUCH MUSIC AWARD

Jessica Leaper

## THE PRIZE for Brass

Amelia Brett

## THE THORNTON CUP & PRIZE

Gemma Houghton

## THE JAMES HALL MEMORIAL PRIZE for Religious Studies

for Juniors

Rosie Wood

for GCSE

Rebecca Thorpe

for A Level

Barnaby Toynbee

## THE BIOLOGY PRIZE for GCSE

Oliver Beams

## THE BIOLOGY PRIZE for 'A' level

Matthew Stockley

## THE CHEMISTRY PRIZE for GCSE

Thomas Hupje

## THE CHEMISTRY PRIZE for 'A' level

Thane Campbell

## THE PHYSICS PRIZE for GCSE

Andrew Lockwood

## THE PHYSICS PRIZE for 'A' level

Matthew Stockley & Alexander Woodhead

## THE STAMPER PRIZE

Amelia Mecklenburgh & Alexander Smith

## THE MAYNARD PRIZE for the best GCSEs

John Cockcroft

## THE POWELL CUP for Junior Sportsman

Samuel Helesfay

## THE JUNIOR SPORTSWOMAN

Lauren Clark

## THE ROY FARQUARSON TROPHY

for Senior Sportsman

Michael Churchill

## THE SENIOR SPORTSWOMAN

Emily Saunders

## THE PIPPA BLACKMAN TROPHY

for excellence in Academic PE

Emily Saunders

## THE ANTHONY CLARKE MEMORIAL TROPHY

William Dulley

## THE SKENE CATLING TRUST AWARDS

David Rider, James Ruddy, Barnaby Toynbee,  
Thomas Wright

## DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S GOLD AWARD WINNERS

Sebastian Bignell, Thane Campbell, Winston Campbell, Jonathan Chin, Kayleigh Gowen-Smith, Gemma Houghton, Alice Murch, Charles Reid, James Ruddy, Matthew Stockley, Michael Thompson, Thomas Truman, Peter Wei

## THE AMY DONELAN AWARD

Kayleigh Gowen-Smith

## THE RICHARD ASHLIN PRIZE

Lydia Healy

## THE CHALLENGE CUP FOR GOOD CITIZENSHIP

Sophie Matlock & Gregory Tack

## THE ROBERT COUPLAND PRIZE

Oliver Kemp & An Vu

## THE FENECH CUP

George Tanton & Lucy Van-Doren

## THE ALEX MARKS TROPHY for Endeavour

Winston Campbell

## THE TIMOTHY SEDGEWICK PRIZE

Emma Acheson-Gray

## THE ROSS TURNBULL PRIZE

David Rider & Thomas Wright

## THE JESSEL SHIELD for the winning House Speakers

## THE WILLIAM RUZZAK MEMORIAL PRIZE

The Deputy Heads of School  
Winston Campbell, Emily Saunders, Matthew Stockley

## THE EDWARD HAYWARD MEMORIAL PRIZE

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Gemma Houghton, Andrew Vale-Taylor



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