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Last year's Oxford record matched

With Cambridge offers still to arrive, we have received news of 9 offers from Oxford, equalling the school record set last year (9 Oxford, 7 Cambridge). Congratulations to the following pupils:

Morgan Griffiths Music St Peter's
Sohna Jawara PPE Lady Margaret Hall
Alexandra Knight Music St Hilda's
Georgia Lindsay English Christ Church
Stephen Poole Physics New College
Thomas Prince History University College
Ben Shaw Biological Science St Hilda's
Jason Tse Mathematics St Edmund Hall
Barnaby Wilby History St Anne's

News from Cambridge will be published next week.

Lower Sixth: Record Numbers

A record number of UK-based pupils have accepted places to join the Lower Sixth in September 2008: 50 in total. Almost a third of these are girls from local schools, keen to experience a 'first division' academic education in a co-ed environment. We will be holding a second round of interviews for the very limited number of Sixth Form places remaining for new entrants on 29th February. If you have a son or daughter who is interested, or friends with children who are interested, do please encourage them to contact the Admissions Office on 01273 704201 for further details, and also to attend our Open Morning on Saturday, 9th February.

New Staff

We welcome the following new members of the Common Room this term.

Ms Genevieve Charles will be teaching English part-time.

Mr Ralph Cowan joins the science department to teach Physics and Chemistry. He will also be helping with games, having played cricket for Sussex in the 1980s.

Ms Niamh Murray joins the Art Department.

Ms Lorna McLeod joins the French Department part-time, covering Mrs Jordan's maternity leave.

In addition, the following join us for one year as Assistant Teachers: Ms Corlischa Botha (Girls' Games and Resident Tutor in Fenwick), Mr Matthew Perkins (Boys' Games), Ms Wilmarie Potgeiter (Maths department). Mr Gilmour Gordon will also be joining us shortly to assist in the Music department.

Madrid Trip

64 Fourth Formers spent the first weekend of the Christmas holidays in Madrid, where activities were many and varied, ranging from being part of a crowd of 45,000 who watched Atletico Madrid's 1-0 victory against Getafe, to trips to Madrid's main theme park and the Royal Palace. The behaviour of the pupils was impeccable throughout, and thus much fun was had by all.



Dancing Tickets for the Family Society Burns Night Ceilidh: Saturday 26 January

There are still some dancing tickets left for the Burns Night Ceilidh in a couple of weeks. If you missed out on the dinner tickets or would like to come and dance the night away with us, you can still book dancing tickets for £10 a head including the live Ceilidh Band and a welcome drink. You don't need to have done any Scottish country dancing before as the caller talks us through the steps of each dance. The dance floor was packed all night last year because it is a very sociable way to dance and have fun in the middle of winter. To apply for tickets either click on this link <http://www.brightoncollege.net/news.asp?id=254045> or ask for an application form at reception of any of the three schools. We hope to see you there! For more information please contact Ashling Dodge by email AOD@doctors.org.uk.

Confirmation Classes

Our annual Confirmation service will take place on the Feast of Pentecost early in the summer term. Classes for those interested in exploring their Christian faith will start on Monday, January 14. Please discuss this with your daughter or son, and let Fr Robert, our chaplain, know if they would like to attend.

Sweet Charity and Evening of Dance DVDs

There are still DVDs available to order for the *Sweet Charity* performance and an Evening of Dance 2007. Order forms are available at reception and should be handed in to Joanne Moses.



Girls' Squash

The girls' first team played well last term and finished on a high, beating City of London School to move into the next round of the National Schools Championship. All girls had to play up, as No 1 string Holly Colvin was at her Cambridge interview. Madeleine Sava and Vicky Homer both played with skill to secure 3-0 wins. Acting No 1 string, Katie Browning, and Emily Close fought well but were ultimately outplayed. It was left to 4th former Sophie Benton, brought in as No 5 string at short notice, to save the day, which she did with great determination. Good luck in the Nationals!

Rugby Success

Congratulations to the following boys for their achievements over the holidays: Ross Chisholm played for the London South East U18 team, and he has now been selected for the England training squad in January. Hopefully he will make the final cut and possibly get an England Cap; James Tyas has made the London South East team for the U16s.

Choral Society

Brighton College Choral Society begins rehearsing next Thursday - 10 January at 7pm in the Hordern Room. We will be working towards a concert during the Brighton Festival in May and the music will include songs from George Gershwin's *Porgy and Bess*. All parents and friends are welcome to join the choral society, no experience is needed. For further information please contact the Director of Music, Sandy Chenery on 01273 704298 or schenery@brightoncollege.net.

And Finally..... The Demon Barbers

Autograph Concert

Wednesday 16 January 2008, 7.45pm Great Hall



*"They sing like angels, but I wouldn't trust any of them to cut my hair!"
(Chelmsford Cathedral Festival)*

Paul Thompson (counter tenor), Stephen Douse (tenor), Robert Scales (tenor),

Anthony Scales (baritone), Jeremy Birchall (bass)

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