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Winter service

The first Sunday chapel service of the new term takes place on 13 January at 10.30am. It will take the form of a sequence of music and readings on the theme of family life. Pupils will lead the service and the chaplain will deliver a short homily. It will last about 50 minutes, with refreshments afterwards in the café. All are welcome, and pupils in Aldrich, Durnford, Fenwick, School and Williams Connor are expected to attend.



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.

How To...

Many parents will have seen in the last few days the extensive media coverage of our "How to..." classes that were introduced this year for Fourth Form pupils. The programme aims to teach life skills - how to iron a shirt, how to poach an egg, how to respond to a formal dinner invitation etc. Inevitably, the press have picked up on some aspects more than others in this varied and very useful programme, but we hope that the parent body as a whole feel that such classes once a week are valuable. The boys and girls are certainly enjoying them (with or without the cameras and microphones being present)!

Forthcoming Drama

Forthcoming events in Drama this term include a Sixth Form production of Simone de Beauvoir's play, 'A Woman Destroyed', two evenings of GCSE performances of scripted work, and a piece made by members of the Lower Sixth in conjunction with actors from the London-based company, 'The People Show'. Watch out also for this term's playwriting competition, open to all, with the best plays being staged in the Summer Term.

Here are the relevant dates:

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| 28th and 29th February: | GCSE pupils present two evenings of scripted work. |
| 6th and 7th March: | Sixth piece devised by the company in conjunction with 'The People Show'. |
| 9th March: | Deadline for Playwriting competition |
| 13th March: | Upper Sixth present 'A Woman Destroyed' by Simone de Beauvoir |

News from abroad.

Charles Grant, an exchange student with the English Speaking Union at Brighton College last year, is currently featured on a BBC website article concerning the American presidential election. Charles, now at Dartmouth College in New Hampshire, explains how at Brighton College he "experienced first-hand the need to restore the international community's confidence in America. I got tired of explaining to Britons how many Americans opposed the invasion of Iraq, didn't vote for Bush, and did, in fact, own passports" he states. The full article can be read on <http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/americas/7172122.stm>

Looking for a baby-sitter?

Look no further than Brighton College's lovely and reliable GAP Students, who can be reached on 01273 704215.

Ryle at Home

This annual event will take place on Thursday 17th January and will involve drama and music performances by Ryle house members. All proceeds go to the charity 'Leo House'.

Autograph Concert: The Demon Barbers

Wednesday 16 January 2008, 7.45pm Great Hall

The Demon Barbers offer a memorable musical event. Their repertoire is diverse – British and American popular songs, spiritual and comedic to name but a few. The musical arrangements for this five man a-cappella group bring out the best in their virtuosity. Audiences across the UK have been captivated by the DB's ability to switch musical mood – whimsical, witty, touching. Concerts have often been enhanced by specially commissioned pieces written by the Group. All this has helped the Group to re-define "light entertainment." Brilliant close harmony, an engaging and highly individualistic stage presence and delightful theatrical interpretations of songs will be the blend of entertainment to expect. Paul Thompson (counter tenor), Stephen Douse (tenor), Robert Scales (tenor), Anthony Scales (baritone), Jeremy Birchall (bass).

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.

Sports Review

Football

On Saturday, in the opening fixture of the Football season, the 1st XI battled hard against an organised and experienced Corinthians side who played as if they had something to prove after last year's result. The boys defended well with Ollie Gatting adapting well to his new position at right back and Justin Armitage relishing the opportunity to defend Mark Ramprakash. A fantastic double save from Jamie Proctor kept the score at 1-0 at half time.

In the second half the 1st XI continued to look dangerous on the break and Andrew Thornley scored a strong header from a corner. In the end, however, the Corinthians were too strong, scoring the pick of the day's goals to make the final score 3-1.

Result

1st XI v Corinthian Casuals Lost 3 - 1 A Thornley



Individual Honours

Congratulations to **James Tyas** who has been selected for the **London & South East Under 16 Rugby team** and will play against the other divisions over the next couple of weekends hoping to get an England call up.

If any other pupil has achieved any sporting honours over the holidays, please inform Mr. Nicholson as soon as possible.

All results are on the school website and following websites:

www.schoolsrugby.co.uk

www.schoolsfootball.co.uk

www.schoolsnetball.co.uk

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