



# BRIGHTON COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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## Sam Griffiths

The college was rocked at the start of this term by news of the tragic death of Sam Griffiths in the small hours of New Year's Day, which was widely reported in the local and national press. Someone with a big heart and an infectious enthusiasm for life, Sam was an able all-round games player, no mean actor and a tremendous friend to many in School House and throughout the college. Here at Brighton, and latterly at Hurstpierpoint, he was much loved and is now hugely missed. Some of his friends spoke touchingly about how much he had meant to them during his short life in a vigil in chapel on Wednesday evening in advance of the family funeral held in Chiswick this morning. The whole college community extends its love and sympathy to Sam's family.



## Open Mornings

Friends or relatives considering options for their children's education may wish to attend one of the forthcoming Open Mornings which take place this term. The Pre-Prep and Prep Schools will host a joint Open Morning on Saturday 31 January from 9.30am until Noon. The College Open Morning, for admissions at 11+, 13+ and 16+ will take place on Saturday 7 February from 9.30am until Noon and is followed by a complimentary lunch. We strongly advise families to register their interest in advance with the Admissions Office as recent occasions have proved very busy. They can be contacted on 01273-704201/2.



## Masterclass

Joanna MacGregor, an international pianist and conductor with a formidable reputation as an innovative performer, will give a masterclass for College pupils on Monday evening. Several of the College's pianists will perform for her and benefit from her inspirational advice and encouragement. The event will take place in the Hordern Room at 5.15pm and is open to the public.

## Autograph Concert, Wednesday 14 January – John Kitchen, Organist

The first of this term's Autograph Concerts will take place on Wednesday 14 January at 7.45pm. John Kitchen, one of the country's leading organists and harpsichordists, will give a recital including music by Handel, Bach, Elgar and Widor. The first half of the concert will take place in the Great Hall and will be performed on a copy of a Pierre Donzelague Harpsichord, the audience will then move to the Chapel for the second half which will be given on the College's fine 3-manual organ. As with all Autograph Concerts, Brighton College pupils can attend free, for others tickets cost £12 (£8 concessions) and are available from Karen Smith, Music Department Administrator (ksmith@brightoncollege.net or 01273 704341).



## 4<sup>th</sup> Form Madrid Trip 2008

Before the crack of Dawn on 11<sup>th</sup> December, 63 eager but bleary-eyed 4<sup>th</sup> formers left for Madrid on a 4 day educational visit. Our hotel was located in the very heart of Madrid, close to the Plaza Mayor and the commercial centre of the city, Sol. Pupils experienced a variety of Madrid's most beautiful and interesting sights, including the exquisite Royal Palace. The museum of modern art divided opinions and had the pupils busily discussing what was and was not 'art'. With its towering stands and impressive museum, the Bernabeu stadium was a hit with staff and pupils alike. The trip was a terrific opportunity for the 4<sup>th</sup> Form to get to bond and it was so pleasing to see people making so many new friends. Many lasting memories were forged, and for hopefully also the beginnings of an enthusiasm for Spain that will not dim with time.



## Carol singing in Lewes in support of Great Ormond Street

Rebecca Considine organised a group of carol singers from the Choir to sing in Lewes High Street during the holidays. They found the audience most appreciative, and collected £264 for Great Ormond Street.

## Distinctions

Oriel Bathurst, Fenwick; Alice Elias, Fenwick; Izzy Granger, Fenwick; Tessa Hutchinson, Fenwick; Imogen Riley, Fenwick; Tish Saunders, Fenwick; Emily Savvidou, Seldon; Amy Still, Seldon.

## Sports Diary – Lent Term



Although it's a short term there is a huge amount of sport look out for over the coming weeks. The **Football** sides kick off their season against **Wellington College** this Saturday, with the 1<sup>st</sup> XI keen to turn around last season's defeat. **Christ's Hospital** return to the fixture list for the first time in a number of years on 24<sup>th</sup> January. **KCS Wimbledon, Dulwich and Worth** will also involve about eleven Brighton teams.



The **Netballers** have an action-packed term ahead of them with the Under 16s and Under 14s in **Regional Finals** at East Grinstead on 31<sup>st</sup> January. Major fixtures will also be contested against **Epsom, Cranleigh** and **St Bede's**. The annual **SISNA** tournament takes place at Roedean on 7<sup>th</sup> March whilst the Under 14s, 15s and 16s are all making good progress in their County Cup competitions; watch this space for more details.

The **Rugby** players look forward to the start of the 7s season after Half Term. The 1<sup>st</sup> XV have tournaments at **Sussex, Surrey, Bryanston, Worth** and the **National 7s**, with the annual trip up north to the **Sedbergh 10s Festival** to work towards. The Under 15s will host **Judd** in the **Sixth Round of the Daily Mail Cup** on the Home Ground on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January and the Under 14s play **Dorothy Stringer** in the next round of the **County Cup** the following week.

The **Girls' Indoor Cricket Team** aim to make the final of the **Lady Taverner's Indoor Competition** at Lord's in May if they can progress through the County and Regional rounds this term. **Squash, Swimming** and **Cross Country** teams are also involved in a variety of friendlies and national tournaments.

Other **Brightonians** to watch out for include OBs **Holly Colvin, Sarah Taylor** and **Laura Marsh** representing England in the World Cup during March in Australia, whilst **Matt Prior** will be heading off to the Caribbean with the England men's team. **Jordan Turner-Hall** will be looking to guide Harlequins to a European Cup Final and **Ollie Phillips** will captain the England 7s team.

As ever, parents are encouraged to support the college teams whenever possible. The PAC is always open afterwards for hot drinks and sandwiches.

For more information on Fixtures and Results, please go to the college website or schools' sport website:

- [www.schoolsnetball.co.uk](http://www.schoolsnetball.co.uk)
- [www.schoolsfootball.co.uk](http://www.schoolsfootball.co.uk)
- [www.schoolsrugby.co.uk](http://www.schoolsrugby.co.uk)

## Weekend Arrangements - Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> January

### Football v Wellington College

- 1<sup>st</sup> XI Away 2.30pm
- 2<sup>nd</sup> XI Home 2.30pm
- 3<sup>rd</sup> XI Away 2.30pm
- 4<sup>th</sup> XI Home 2.30pm
- 5<sup>th</sup> XI Away 2.30pm
- Under 15 A XI Home 2.30pm
- Under 15 B XI Home 2.30pm
- Under 15 C XI Home 2.30pm

### Football v Ewell Castle

- Under 14 A XI Away 10.30am

### Rugby v St Olave's

- 1<sup>st</sup> XV Home 10.30am
- Under 16 A XV Away 10.30am
- Under 15 A XV Home 10.30am
- Under 14 B XV **Away** 10.30am

### Netball

- 1<sup>st</sup> VII and Under 16s at St Catherine's Tournament Away 10am
- Under 15 A and Under 14 A VIIs v Roedean Away 2pm

## Sports Review

### Football

The 1st XI started their campaign with a pre-season friendly against Corinthian Casuals men's team only three days into the New Year. The team started well, working hard off the ball to gain possession and it was especially good to see a mix of all three of the senior year groups, with James Chapman of the Upper Fifth settling well in his 1st team debut at right back. Brighton showed some promise down the right flank with Louis Collard-Watson, Harry Herbert and Richard Muronda combining well in some slick passing moves, but it was the Casuals who broke the deadlock with a crisply hit volley from the edge of box. Brighton continued to work hard and put pressure on the experienced Corinthian team with half-chances falling to Collard-Watson and Michael Chapman. The opposition continued to play some lucid football and were only kept out on a number of occasions by good performances from Felix Jordan and Rupert Young. As the game wore on the Casuals (with many former professional and semi-professional sportsmen among them) started to dominate possession and scored more than one 'wondergoal'. Led by their Captain Harry Herbert, Brighton continued to battle but injuries in the second half saw them suffer their first defeat.



### Netball 1<sup>st</sup> VII v Rugby 1<sup>st</sup> XV (Michealmas Term)

On the last Monday of last term the 1st Netball played the 1st Rugby in a charity netball game. In the first quarter of the game the girls pulled ahead with the boys struggling to score even one goal. As the game progressed the boys began to intercept passes made by the girls and also began to score goals with Harry Leonard as their top shooter. Ross Chisholm also played well in the centre court. In the end the girl managed to hold off the boys with a 13 - 6 goal win, however this was the closest match so far. Well done to all who played and thank you to everyone who came to watch, over £70 was raised.

**A date for your Diary next term: Sports Day – 9am, Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at Withdean Stadium**

## And Finally...

### Alison Polawski moves to Roedean

After working on the grounds department for 16yrs Alison Polawski, Deputy Head groundsman, left the College at Christmas to take up the position of Head Groundsman at Rodean School. Alison well known within the College, mainly maintaining the Sports facilities at the New Ground site, was never afraid to tackle any job given her, especially happy when digging holes or breaking out concrete for new post sockets. Outside the College, she quickly gained the respect in a male dominated profession with a happy cheerful attitude and probing questions. She will be missed at the College, but we wish her well in her promotion.



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