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Headmaster to attend historic meeting in London

In what might be regarded as a watershed moment in relations between government and independent schools, Ed Balls has invited the 40 leading Heads in England from both the state and independent sectors to find new and imaginative ways of developing deeper partnerships between schools. The Headmaster, Mr Cairns, and the Head of Kingsford Community school, Mrs Deslandes have both been invited. The Headmaster will be the only Sussex Head there.

The Headmaster and Mrs Deslandes have been leading work in trying to break down barriers between schools. Each has become a Governor at the other's school, a development that has made it easier for both Heads to launch a number of initiatives that have become a model of partnership, the latest elements of which can be seen at the Theatre Royal on Wednesday 11th February when the two choirs will sing together and on the Home Ground on Tuesday 3rd March when the two schools' football teams meet for the third year running. There is much more besides. We also have in our community at the college five wonderful young people from Kingsford: Tosin, Horatio, George, Beatrice and Antony. As you know, George is celebrating being the first Kingsford pupil ever to win a place at Cambridge (see this weekend's *Sunday Times*).

The conference is designed to be a forum of all the talents and will consider not only shared governance but how independent schools might support sport, science, curricular provision and, says the Headmaster "any other means by which we can pool our experience and talents in the interests of all the children of this nation."

Among the independent schools known to have confirmed their involvement are Ampleforth, Benenden, Brighton College, Charterhouse, KCS Wimbledon, Marlborough, Manchester Grammar School, Rugby and Wellington.

Open Mornings

The Pre-Prep and Prep Schools will host a joint Open Morning tomorrow (Saturday 31 January) from 9.30am until Noon. It is not too late for families considering a place for their children or grand-children to attend, even if planning ahead to 2010 and beyond. The College Open Morning, for admissions at 11+, 13+ and 16+ will take place on Saturday 7 February from 9.30am until Noon, followed by a complimentary lunch. For further details or to register, please contact the Admissions Office on 01273-704201/2.

Theatre Royal

The stalls of the Theatre Royal are almost full for the Brighton College evening on Wednesday 11 February. If you have not yet responded to your invitation to see this presentation of our performing arts, please do so within the next few days so as to avoid disappointment!

OB plays for Zimbabwe



Malcolm Waller, a key member of the successful Brighton College 1st XI 2000 – 2002, has just become an international cricketer; he scored 61 for Zimbabwe v Kenya. Following his first-class debut in the Logan Cup in April 2008, he was called up to the national team for a tour of Bangladesh, where he made his international debut in a One Day International on 19 January 2009. His career at the College began with the West Indies tour Dec 2000 - Jan 2001 and he played three seasons 2001 - 2003 for the College during a 'Golden era' in which time he scored 2080 runs at an average of 45. Waller's father, Andy, played for Zimbabwe in the 1980s and 1990s.



Chinese New Year Celebrations – Year of the Ox

The whole school joined in a colourful celebration of Chinese New Year on Monday, starting with a Lion Dance in Assembly and ending with a dramatic fireworks display on the Home Ground before a Chinese Banquet. Parents may have seen the coverage on Meridian TV throughout the day. A programme of activities included making red envelopes (traditionally given with money inside), singing in Mandarin and a presentation by pupils of all ages on the significance of the Chinese lunar calendar. The Chinese believe the animal ruling the year in which a person is born has a profound influence on personality, saying: "This is the animal that hides in your heart." As Dominic Reid told one magazine reporter: "It was really good learning about another people's culture, and the traditions that go with them."

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Pelican Racing Cake Sale



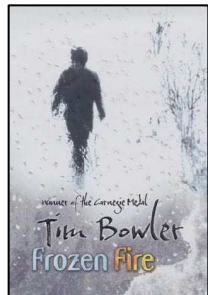
Every Friday at morning break, members of the Pelican Racing team will be putting on a cake sale at the bottom of the Library stairs. All the money raised will go towards materials and components for the car, which is currently under construction.

Double Success in Maths

Congratulations to Yuan Yuan Zheng (U6 Seldon) who achieved a Distinction in Round 1 of the British Mathematical Olympiad. This news marked a double success in the subject for Yuan Yuan as she has recently been offered a place next year to study Maths at Emmanuel College, Cambridge.



Southern Schools Book Award



A group of 4th form pupils who had been shadowing the Southern Schools Book Award since the start of the Michaelmas term travelled to Roedean School for the official ceremony. After a couple of months spent reading and reviewing the 5 books in competition and voting for their favourite one, our pupils finally got to meet the writers and to ask them questions relative to creative writing. They also received free books and book vouchers and were able to discuss their opinions with pupils from the 38 other participating schools. Tim Bowler, author of *Frozen Fire*, was voted winner of the 2008/ 2009 Southern Schools Book Award.

Distinctions

Congratulations to: Anna Ascott, Williams; Emily Aspinall, Williams; Izzy Bogle, Fenwick; Louis Charnaud, Abraham; Evie Chartres, Fenwick; Cameron Crewe, Hampden; Cameron Dashwood, Hampden; Alice Elias, Fenwick; Izzy Grainger, Fenwick; Tom Greenhalgh, Ryle; Sam Hammant, Abraham; Daisy Handley, Chichester; Jonathan Haney, Hampden; Henry Henley, Hampden; Chris Ho, Leconfield; Harvey Hunter, Leconfield; Alice Kirkaldy, Fenwick; Harry Klus, Hampden; Freddie Lewendon, School; Arun Lewis, Ryle; Kathy Liao, Fenwick; Hoi Liu, Fenwick; Sarah Maidment, Chichester; William Marks, Durnford; Juliette Murphy, Seldon; Jamie Newton, Leconfield; Gabriel Panayiotou, Ryle; Kieran Rajkumar, Hampden; Imogen Riley, Fenwick; Tom Rollinson, School; Tish Saunders, Fenwick; Emily Savvidou, Seldon; Hansy Shore, Seldon; Rebeccah Silk, Seldon; Michael Stevenson, Ryle; Leora Taratula Lyons, Chichester; and Leah Varughese, Chichester.

Weekend Sports Arrangements - Saturday 31st January

Football v KCS Wimbledon

(Please note that school pitches are not at the school)

1st XI 10.30 New Ground
2nd XI 10.30 New Ground
3rd XI 10.30 A
4th XI 10.30 A
5th XI 10.30 A
Under 15 A XI 10.30 New Ground
Under 15 B XI 10.30 New Ground
Under 15 C XI 10.30 New Ground
Under 14 A XI 10.30 A
Under 14 B XI 10.30 A
Under 14 C XI 10.30 A

Rugby v Wimbledon College

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1st XV 10.30 A
Under 16 10.30 A
Under 15 10.00 Home Ground
Under 14 10.00 Home Ground

Good Luck to College Netballers

The Under 14 and Under 16 college netball teams will be representing Sussex at the Regional Netball Finals being held at East Grinstead Sports Club on Saturday, with a place in the National Finals at stake. In the group stage the Under 14s will face Wycombe Abbey, Aylesbury High School, Marist, Lord Williams, Portsmouth GS and Ryde School. The Under 16s will face Wycombe Abbey, Aylesbury High School, St Gabriels, Headington, Portsmouth GS and Cowes High School in theirs.

Sports Review

Sophie Benton makes National Final

Over the week end Sophie Benton represented Horsham HC in the National Indoor Hockey finals. Saturday the Horsham team started well with good wins against Bowdon 3-2 and Taunton School 4-0. On Sunday although losing their first game to Harlestone Magpies 4-6, they beat Beeston 5-3 to reach the semi-final. Against Chelmsford HC in the semi they shocked many of the other teams by beating them -2 and reaching the final at the NIA in Birmingham. The opposition in the final was Harlestone Magpies. In a well fought game Horsham sadly came in second place losing 4-1.



Week 4 Sports Report

Netball

v St Bede's

The 1st VII came up against the best team in Sussex and found the going tough, losing 15-35. Their opponents in both circles out-jumped them but they stuck to the task and found some dominance in the third quarter. Emma Gibson was tenacious at Wing Defence and Emma Thomas played with confidence at Goal Attack. The 2nd VII enjoyed a very good victory 29-25 against St. Bede's. Lizzie Foulds and Katie Hicks shot accurately and consistently, especially in the third quarter and player of the match, Captain Man Yiu Wong was superb, linking with Anna Horner and Louise Bains who both played scintillating mid-court netball.

Against strong opponents who played fast flowing, attacking netball the Under 15 As took an early lead 7-4 at quarter time and successfully extended it throughout the match to win 29-19. Harriet Vans Agnew played a great defensive game at Centre but also contributed well to the attack. Shan Thomas once again won the team the most turn-over ball. Despite good individual performances by everyone in the Under 15 Bs, a lack of team cohesion against physical opposition resulted in a narrow victory for St Bede's 14-13. Sasha Morse and Oriel Bathurst in the centre court gave athletic performances.

For the third week running the Under 14 As played superb netball, scoring 42 points to St Bede's 5. St Bede's were awkward opposition but were unable to feed the ball into their attacking third with Caroline Bennett and Tabitha Worsley in defence making countless interceptions. The U14 B team played some brilliant netball to beat a very competitive St Bede's team 34-5. Captained by Amy Still, the girls fought hard and remained composed throughout the match. Player of the match, Hannah Short was outstanding at Goal Defence, playing with great determination and making decisive interceptions.

v Christ's Hospital

Against CH Under 16 As the 3rds played exceptionally well against tough opposition. All seven players supported one another and gave 100% effort throughout the game. Victoria Bailey and Emma Stapeley made some great interceptions but unfortunately could not stop the CH shooters scoring. The score did not really reflect the momentum of the game and their competitive performance. Lost 24-50

The Under 15 Cs lost 15 - 16 in the final seconds after a closely fought contest throughout. Becky Ford had a strong game in defence and Bessie Armitage was the top centre court player. The Under 15 Ds found the going tough against experienced opposition and went behind early in the game. The side improved as the game went on and Steph Fitzgibbon starred as Goal Defence with countless interceptions. Karina Papalasova also worked tirelessly as Centre. The final outcome saw the college go down 5-23.

The Under 14Cs played a very spirited game against strong, well rehearsed opponents. The fast pace took the girls by surprise in the first half and they scored only once, but after the break they fought for every ball to score another three goals. The final outcome saw the college go down 4-13. A valiant effort by the Under 14 Ds proved futile as they were ultimately defeated by height rather than skill. Cissy Difford was sharp and made some great interceptions. Chloe Jackson handled the ball well and Clemmie Foulkes scored the two goals. All in all, they played well, never losing their team spirit or determination throughout but lost the match 2-30.



Football

v Christ's Hospital

The 1st XI continued their successful start to the season with a gritty win against Christ's Hospital. The first half saw the 1st XI dominate possession with a fine display of passing football. The back four, led by Felix Jordan, ensured a solid platform upon which the midfield and attacking players could link up well in some superb forward play down the flanks. It was a different story after the break with CH coming back strongly. It was now Brighton's turn to defend as they found themselves absorbing pressure from CH. The 1st XI defended well with some gutsy performances from Rupert Young and James Chapman but were unable to stop a well-struck CH shot from just inside the box, which put them firmly back in the fixture. But it was the star performances of Captain Harry Herbert and Stuart Maxwell, who dominated the centre of midfield that really led the team to a 2-1 victory.



The 2nd XI started slowly allowing Christ's Hospital too much time and space. Poor marking resulted in CH taking the lead with free header after 10 minutes. Brighton suddenly started to play with more energy and determination. The first half ended with Brighton having most of the territory and possession and played some attractive football but without reward. CH started strongly in the second half and capitalised on a rare defensive lapse to go 2-0 up. That was the last threat to the Brighton goal as the 2nd XI pushed hard for a goal which finally came in the last 5 minutes with plenty of other chances having been wasted. Better finishing and more quality with the final pass would have given the team a better result than the 2-1 loss.

In difficult conditions the 3rd XI held out for a 0-0 draw against a strong CH side. Despite the heavy pitch the boys demonstrated their commitment to passing football and played with confidence after last weeks result. The match was evenly contested throughout and the 3rd XI were unfortunate not to claim the win when Nick Greenway's excellent finish was deemed offside.

In the Under 15 A match, Christ's Hospital scored an early goal and defended stoically as Brighton's superior passing game piled on the pressure. Unfortunately a couple of injuries unsettled the Brighton team and although an equaliser was a distinct possibility, CH held on to win 2-1. The Under 15 B game finished 2-2. Ben Hornby gave the college the lead in the first half of an even game against Christ's Hospital. Lapses in concentration then let CH back into the game and the college were 1-2 down at half-time. Jack Nicols- Marcy scored a deserved equalising goal five minutes from time.

The Under 14 As secured a gripping 1-0 victory over CH. Tom Harvey-Jones scored an early goal and the team defended brilliantly to gain their first win of the season. In the Under 14 Bs match, the college gained early momentum. They had much of the possession and the best of the scoring opportunities. It was disappointing therefore to lose concentration late in the second half to give a final score that did not really reflect how close this game had been; 0-3.

Midweek Results

Netball

1st VII Falmer League

A new 1st VII line-up played at Falmer on Tuesday. The team played with spirit but struggled without the height of Milly Cannon in the circle. Rosa Griffiths changed to shooter after the first quarter and led a brief revival with a 100% score rate for almost 30 minutes. Emma Thomas worked tirelessly in attack & Emily Keighley played a feisty game in the centre of the court. Thanks to Laura Burt who played even though it was her 18th birthday. 1st VII: 17 Minxes: 32

Under 14 Sussex Cup

In the quarter-final of the county cup the Under 14s had a thrilling game against an excellent Mayfield Team. The game was played at a great tempo with few unforced errors from either team. Mayfield made a late surge in the final quarter and despite showing a little lack of composure under pressure, the girls fought hard to maintain their lead. Natasha Edwards was superb at Goal Keeper despite being several inches shorter than her opponent and Charlotte Dodge at Centre was industrious throughout seamlessly linking defence and attack. Brighton 26 Mayfield 20.

v St Bede's

A fantastic overall team performance which saw the Under 16s lead from the start and increasing the margin with confident and strong play to win 40 points to 6. The defensive combinations were particularly outstanding with the opposition scoring only 1 goal in the last half of 30 minutes.

Rugby

v Warden Park

The U15A rugby team put in a sound performance to beat a committed and talented Warden Park XV on Tuesday 7th January. Handling, something that has been worked on in training, was improved and the side scored 4 well made tries in a 26-17 victory.

Football

v Warden Park

The Under 14 A XI lost 3-0 to Warden Park on Tuesday. After a promising opening 10 minutes, the opposition proved to be too strong. Harry Lord and Alex Bozic tackled tirelessly in defence.

In the B team game a strong Warden Park defence was largely untroubled by the small number of Brighton attacks, but it was pleasing to see yet again some good passing movements in midfield. Defensively there are still problems with mistakes leading to both of the Warden Park goals. Final score 2-0 to Warden Park.



v Weald

A very professional performance from the Under 15 A XI winning 3 -1. Ben Hornby and Alastair Thomas were exceptional in defence providing the rock for the midfield and attack to express themselves. It was nice to see both teams playing a passing style of football and for the few spectators it was a very watchable game.

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