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Brighton College International

The announcement of a series of Brighton College schools overseas generated considerable media interest this week. Many parents will have seen the very positive reports on BBC News or in national newspapers. Whereas some schools have opened a single school abroad, the college waited until a deal could be struck which would bring genuine financial benefits to the school here in Brighton. As the Headmaster said on Wednesday, our aim is to generate income to fund bursaries, reduce fees and continue to provide the best facilities for pupils. A press conference will be held on Monday at the Emirates Palace in Abu Dhabi on 23rd March.



Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Field Day



Following the British success at the Oscars our very own leading cast of 65 enthusiastic Bronze Duke of Edinburgh participants, and supporting cast of 16 willing and wonderful staff, were out and about walking the boards of the South Downs in the Seven Sisters area last week. Our performance was ably assisted by some good weather ensuring a successful debut. The final dress rehearsal, The Bronze Practice Expedition, takes place on the first May Bank Holiday from 3rd to 4th May. Groups will be undertaking a two day, one night expedition around the South Downs, building their confidence to ensure they give a show-stopping performance on the actual expedition. Curtains rise on the live performance of The Bronze Qualifying Expedition in the last week of the Summer Term from 23rd to 24th June. We hope to be inundated with nominations for Best Group.

Second Hand clothes for Uganda

Georgie Aisbitt is collecting second hand clothes for a school in Uganda where she worked for a month last year. St James' Senior Secondary School provides an education and boarding facilities for children who are orphaned or have lost one parent to AIDS. The children range from four to twenty-one and are all desperately in need of clothing. Most of them have only one set of clothes to wear day in, day out, regardless of holes or dirt. If you plan a wardrobe clearout over the holidays, she would welcome male and female items for ages four to twenty-one. Anything from jumpers to shorts will be great! Please hand them to the House Mistress or Master when you return from Easter. Thank you.

Brighton Time

The Young Enterprise Competition 2008/2009 is now entering the final stages. Bright-On Time has been very successful with sales of our CD clocks nearing £1,000! We have made it through the preliminary presentation round of the competition and received very positive

feedback from the Judges. We are now preparing our presentation for the Area Final on 25 April at Roedean. A big thank-you to all teachers, parents and friends who have supported us. To those of you who intended to buy but never got around to it, it's not too late! Check out our website www.bright-on-time.com or if you would like a personalised clock, just e-mail us the photo or picture you would like on the clock to bright-on-time@hotmail.com.

Payment of School Fees

Parents are advised that the easiest way to pay school fees for the Summer term is to pay online. Please visit www.brightoncollege.net and select LINKS to access the online payment page. Please note that fees must be paid in full before the first day of the Summer term (Tuesday 14th April) unless you have a direct debit mandate in place.

New! Pupils of the Week

Every week, House Masters and House Mistresses nominate pupils from their respective houses and inform the Headmaster. We think these pupils deserve wider recognition, so to mark the end of this week we congratulate the following fine examples:

Abraham House - Arnold Kwok - Arnold is presently organising a charity raffle, and combines this with a good work ethic. He has also signed up to do athletics at Withdean, and continues to get strong effort grades - silver in his last one.

Aldrich House - Nathan Feldman - For being such a positive presence in the House. He completed 71 lengths of the pool in our 'Swimathon' despite not being the strongest swimmer and he was a fierce competitor in the House Football. He is always cheerful.

Chichester House Natalie Brooks - This time last year she was determined to do well in her GCSEs even though she found it difficult and in last week's AS results she scored 4 A grades. She has also come on enormously as a person and is a real credit to the house.

Durnford House - Jack Rysdale - It has been a pleasure to witness his progress this term; he has gained in confidence and his academic report has improved markedly as the term has gone on.

Fenwick House - Polly Hutchinson - For her musical achievement in virtually every area of the department. A fantastic girl!

Hampden House - Edward Gilbert and Toby Dawson - for organising the 'Rockinghorse' event so magnificently and helping to raise nearly £1,000 for that charity (this was the second such event).

Leconfield House - Chris Waters - He has been consistently helpful in arranging charities collection especially for home clothes on Friday of this week. He always finds time to do things in the house and is very motivated about extra activities he wants to operate in the U6th. He has also achieved great academic results.

Ryle House - Alex Bozic - for turning around his end-of-term report to gold and for being such a splendid chap!

School House - Ali Ersu - A talented guitarist, he has been involved in a variety of after-school activities, including playing in two college concerts. He has recently moved rooms in School House, and he has handled this potentially difficult move with maturity and sensitivity. He is good company and a considerate room mate. Ali also continues to get good grades and is emerging as a talented rugby player.

Seldon House - Setareh Ebrahimi - For the first time she gained an A grade in an English module - and it was for the new A2 module. She also got 90/90 in her Fine Art exam. After a difficult year last year she is now happy and excelling. A real transformation!

Williams House - Clementine Foulkes - Clementine has been at the school since the age of 3 and will be leaving at the end of this week. She has dealt with her impending departure with tremendous maturity and has maintained her high level of involvement and commitment to her studies and the extra curricular life of the College until the end. She will be particularly missed by the Music dept as well as all her friends.

Distinctions

Congratulations to: Matthew Sullivan, Aldrich; Jonathan Haney, Hampden; William Marks, Durnford; Jed Fletcher, School; Jemma Stanley, Williams; Clementine Foulkes, Williams; Matt Ponsford, Abraham; Cameron Crewe, Hampden; Hansy Shore, Seldon; Benedikt Scheffer, School; Fran Jarman, Durnford; Emily Savvidou, Seldon; Tom Rollinson, School; Alex Bozic, Ryle; Edward Rea, Hampden; Tuck Muntarbhorn, School.

If Cheryl Cole can do it...

The Bursar's PA, Jo Moses, will be climbing Mount Kilimanjaro on October 10th for the *Help for Heroes* charity, raising funds for injured troops in Afghanistan. It will be a 9 day trek and she aims to raise £3000. If anyone would like to sponsor her or make a contribution to this very worthy cause, please contact the Main Reception. Any help would be greatly appreciated!

Closure of St Mary's Hall - The college continues to receive enquiries from parents with children currently attending, or registered with, St Mary's Hall. We are deeply sympathetic to all children affected by the closure and will continue to do our best to help wherever possible. All enquiries of this nature should be directed to the Director of Admissions, Mrs Brightwell, on 01273-704201/2. She and her colleagues will be pleased to help as much as possible.

BCFS Summer Party 9th May 2009

Tickets are now on sale for this year's Brighton College Family Society Extravaganza.

We will arrive to the music of the Neil Carter Swing Band, meet friends, and chat over champagne and canapés, laugh at Terry Garoghan, *The Unofficial Mayor of Brighton*, and dance the night away to the 3D Mobile Disco. To join us send a cheque for multiples of £20 made payable to 'Brighton College' to BCFS, 9 Aymer Road, Hove BN3 4GB or for more information email hopscotch1@btinternet.com / telephone 01273 710477.

Sports Review

Netball v Cranleigh

Fourteen of the College Netball teams played against Cranleigh on Saturday. In the **1st VII** game neither team deserved to lose, which was decided by 1 goal 30 – 29 to Cranleigh. Both teams played netball of the highest quality with end to end play. Every girl gave their all in this final match of the season. The **2nd VII** lost 36 – 13, having gone behind heavily in the first quarter. The team gave 100 % and deserve special mention for holding the play together. The **3rd VII** played well against a good opposition but in the end could not stop Cranleigh scoring. Chloe Tai and Shanthi Rajkumar intercepted the balls into the circle and winning rebounds when shots were missed. Lost 13 - 28. The **4^{ths}** had a tough match against a strong side losing 37-14. With excellent shooting from Ellie Fraser and Vicki Bailey and a strong defence, the team managed to double their score in the last quarter to finish well.

The **Under 16 As** finished off a great season with a good win over Cranleigh by 35 goals to 24. They showed their true promise in two of the quarters with great shooting from Vicky Homer and defence from Chloe Benford. The **Under 16 Bs** had the result of the day when they beat Cranleigh by 42 goals to 20. Each and every player played with tremendous focus and determination and Lauren Palmer showed great leadership as captain.



throughout the game. Injuries and illness made a hard match tougher, but the girls rallied round each other to see out the game. Captain Karina Papalasoza battled at Centre as she has all season. Lost 25 – 3.

Against an excellent Cranleigh team the **Under 14 As** did not cope well with the windy conditions and the physicality of the Cranleigh girls. They fought hard to win possession but wasted too many opportunities with poor passing. Natasha Edwards in defence showed great anticipation throughout and Allie Rice in the centre court distributed the ball excellently. Lost 27 – 23. In a nail biting and closely contested game the **Under 14 B** result could have gone either way. Gemma Stanley opened the shooting with some fantastic long range goals which saw Brighton start strongly with good supportive court play from Beth Kelly and Rebecca Mortell. Cranleigh battled hard and in the final minutes sunk the decisive shot which saw them take the narrow victory. A great team performance from Brighton which saw them never give up with all giving 100% commitment at all times. Lost 19 – 18.



It was a rather slow start by **the C team** against a very fast athletic side. Brighton found it very hard indeed to score against a team who marked very closely and never missed a shot. Well done girls who gave a very spirited performance. Lost 26 – 4. In blustery conditions the **Under 14 Ds** worked hard against a strong Cranleigh side. Goal Keeper was the star of the Cranleigh team making countless interceptions and preventing the Brighton shooters converting their opportunities. Emily Lewis played well in the centre court and Imogen showed great versatility by playing in attack, centre court and defence. Lost 21 – 4.

Football

v Ewell Castle

The **1st XI** failed to finish several well worked chances in the final game of the season. Losing 2 – 1 after working hard through out was a disappointing way to finish a very successful season.

The **2nd XI** dominated the game right from the start and proved to be too physical and organised for the opposition. Matt Thomas opened the scoring with a well taken chance and Brad Vanstone added the second. However, the story will be about the number of missed opportunities as a result of poor finishing and excellent goal keeping from the Ewell keeper. M Thomas got his second in the second half and an Ewell own goal made it a very comfortable victory to end a very good season for the team. Won 4 - 0

Rugby

1st XV – Worth 7s

The 1st XV won the Worth Sevens beating Hurst and Tonbridge in the group games. Tonbridge was an excellent win setting Brighton up for an easier route to the final. The 1st XV then beat Worth and Reeds school comfortably to reach the final against Reading Oratory School. After a close first 5 minutes the XV finally broke free winning the encounter 40 points to 12.

Group Games



v Tonbridge Won
26 - 12

v Worth Won 38 -
0

v Hurst Won 26 -
10

Quarter Final (Cup)

v Worth Won 35 -
0

Semi Final (Cup)

v Reeds Won 38 -
10

Final

v Reading Oratory
Won 40 – 12

2nd XV – Worth 7s

An opening fixture against Worthing College resulted in a 38 - 0 win, which was followed with a tough 17 - 12 win over Reigate Grammar School. Winning the group meant that the team were drawn in a cup semi-final against local rivals Hurst, a fixture which was won 29-7. The draw for the final put us up against Reigate for a second time in the afternoon and after a shaky start the boys put in a sensational final performance to win 27-10. Special mention goes to try scoring machine Horatio Georgestone, playmakers Richard Broad and Robbie Thompson and a hugely tenacious afternoon from Jamie Duffell.

Group Games

v Worthing College Won 38 – 0

v Reigate Won 17 – 12

Semi Final

v Hurst Won 29 – 7

Final

v Reigate Won 34 – 10



Under 16s – All England 7s

In one of the most difficult 7s tournament the Under 16s found the going tough against high quality opposition. Playing well in defence they were unable to settle in attack.

Group Games

v Judd Lost 22 – 12

v Truro Won 12 – 7

v Reading Oratory Lost 24 – 12

Under 15s – Embley Park 7s



The Under 15 As marched to a convincing victory in the main cup competition at the Embley Park Sevens. They improved through every match, although had to fight hard to win a scrappy Semi Final against Portsmouth. Their success in the final against St Josephs was based on excellent and urgent press defence, forcing errors from St Josephs and then finishing their tries well.

Group Games

v Forest Won 24 – 0

v Romsey Won 24 – 7

v Perins Won 24 – 7

Quarter Final (Cup)

v Forest Won 36 – 0

Semi Final (Cup)

v Portsmouth Won 17 – 7

Final (Cup)

v St Josephs Ipswich Won 48 – 0

Under 14s – Reigate GS 7s

The Under 14 7s rugby team got off to a great start when they fought back from being 14 - 0 down against St Paul's to snatch the match with the last movement of the game, winning 19 - 14. The rest of the day was not as successful though and Brighton did not manage a victory after the first match. Yet it can be said that much was learned and the outing was definitely worth our while.

Group Stage

v St Paul's Won 19 - 14

v St Benedict's Lost 7 - 26

v Warwick Lost 7 - 21

Semi Final (Shield)

Tiffin Lost 12-19

Midweek Results

Under 15 Girl's Cricket – Sussex Cup Final

The Girl's Under 15 cricket team played some fantastic cricket on Tuesday to win the Sussex cup. None of the three teams against whom Brighton played could match Brighton's depth and excellence in the bowling, batting or fielding departments. To top it off the girls showed excellent attitude and body language at all times and looked far more professional than the other teams thanks to their match kit. The fact that there is still ample room for improvement suggests that this team can reach the national final as strong contenders for the trophy.



Results

v Littlehampton Won by 23 runs

v Ratton Won by 69 runs

v Helenswood Won by 25 runs

1st VII – Falmer League

The U6th Parents' Evening gave some Upper 5th players the chance to step into the breach. Lora Maxwell demonstrated her versatility by playing Goal Defence, Caitlin Horner stretched tall against a 6 foot shooter and Lucinda Horsley made a lively contribution at the other end. The team was in the lead, briefly in the second quarter, but the height and speed of the opposition made the task a difficult one. Lost 21 – 38.

Rugby

1st XV - Surrey 7s

At one of the most difficult tournaments in the country the 1st XV won their group and progressed into the last 16 of the Daily Mail 7s Competition held at Richmond RFC. In the first knock out round and for the second time in two weeks they met Wellington. In a fiercely contested game the 1st XV conceding two soft tries and with a minute to go had a chance to seal the result but were called for off side and to much dismay missed their chance to beat the eventual winners.

Group Games

v Wallington Won 36 – 7

v St Benedict's Won 36 – 0

v St John's LH Won 24 – 12

Last 16 (Cup)

v Wellington Lost 17 - 12

Under 15s – John Fisher 7s

Group Games

v Reigate Lost 19 - 17

v Wallington Lost 24 - 10

v Dulwich Lost 18 - 0

v St George's Lost 15 - 7

Under 14 s – Sussex 7s

The Under 14s became County 7s champions at Worth on Tuesday. Improving on their performance from Sunday they started to play 7s and as a result ran in a number of tries to win.

Group Games

v Warden Park Won 33 - 12

v Dorothy Stringer Won 39 - 5

Quarter Final

v Uckfield Won 41 – 0

Semi-Final

v Warden Park Won 45 – 0

Final

v Beacon Won 35 – 0

Brighton and Hove Schools Swimming Championships

The College had a great turn out from all year groups from the girls and boys at the Brighton and Hove Swimming Championships. In every year group medals were achieved from Gold to Bronze. The girls had a great battle against 8 other schools just missing taking the cup by a few points. The boys also had a fight on their hands with many good swimmers against them, the end result for the boys was to come away with the title of 2009 Brighton and Hove school Champions.

And finally

Sainsbury's Active Kids 09

We are collecting the Active Kids vouchers, given to Sainsbury's shoppers until Wednesday 3 June. Any vouchers you wish to donate can be handed to the Main Reception. In previous years we have amassed a significant number of vouchers, providing real benefit to pupils.

We wish pupils and their families a very happy and peaceful Easter and look forward to welcoming you back for the Summer Term.

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