



# BRIGHTON COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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## Open Morning

There are two Open Mornings this term. The Pre-Prep and Prep Schools will have a joint event on Saturday 25 April from 9.30am until Noon. The Senior School Open Morning for pupils aged 11+, 13+ and 16+ will take place on Saturday 9 May from 9.30am until Noon, followed by Lunch. There has already been enormous interest in both, and we would like to thank all those families who have recommended the schools to their friends and colleagues. Further details can be obtained from Mrs Brightwell on 01273-704201/2.



## Duke of Edinburgh, Snowdonia Expedition

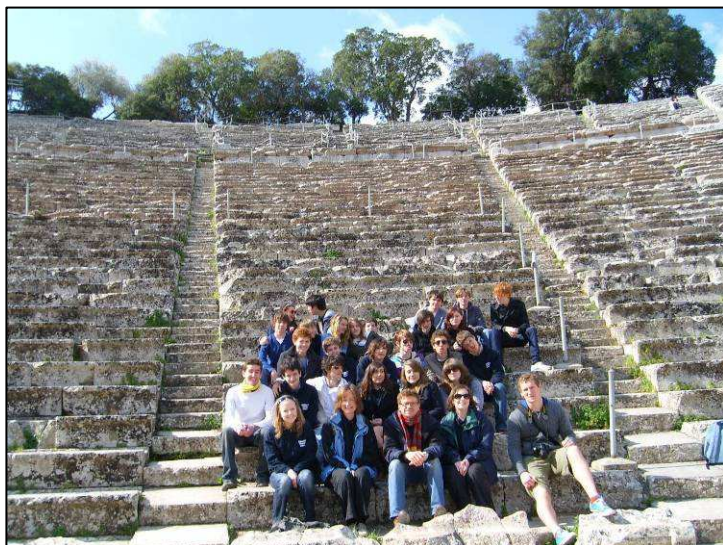
During the Easter break 29 pupils ventured north to the Snowdonia National Park to embark on what many vocally described as 'Mission Impossible 4'. Upon arrival in Betws-y-Coed we were greeted with not only breathtaking scenery but glorious weather, and spirits were high. For four days and three nights the participants embraced the challenge. The boys' group were strong, reliable and fast whilst the girls' group were very enthusiastic. The practice groups gave them a run for their money. One of the mixed groups, (the Jo Saxby group), impressed with their pace and accuracy.



Although a few were disappointed not to have had the opportunity to climb Snowdon itself, they can look forward to navigating more challenging terrain next time. Some groups benefited from a character-building climb up the not insignificant Moel Siabod (872m), the highest peak in the Moelwynion mountain range. There are now eleven pupils - Joe Davis, Tom Kelly, Jack Maughan, Jamie Proctor, Brad Vanstone, Laura Burt, Olivia Hall-Smith, Katie Hicks, Denisha Ramjas, Madeleine Sava and Sophie St Clair Jones who have completed their gold qualifying expedition and are well on their way to a day out at the Palace to pick up their award. Well done to everyone.

## Classics Tour to Greece

In the small hours of Thursday 19th March, twenty five bleary-eyed pupils and four sleepy staff set off on an action-packed tour of Greece organised by the Classics Department. The trip started with a visit to the famous Acropolis of Athens, before travelling a total of 1000 km around mainland Greece, taking in the ancient sanctuary sites of Delphi and Olympia, the Temple of Poseidon at Cape Sounion and the ancient city of Mycenae. At the wonderfully preserved theatre at Epidauros, visitors were even treated to an impromptu performance of 'Jerusalem' and 'Bohemian Rhapsody' by members of the group! Many thanks to all involved - both pupils and staff - for making this such a fantastic trip.



## CCF Isle of Wight Easter Camp

The CCF trip to The Isle of Wight during the Easter holiday was a huge success, with the cadets enjoying fine weather at Jersey Camp. They had excellent accommodation, and took part in many activities, including a 300 metre outdoor range, climbing, sailing, surfing and an overnight expedition.

## Seldon Fun Run

The Seldon House Fun Run will take place in the afternoon of Sunday 26th April, starting at 2pm at Hove Lagoon. The half marathon is being run - or walked - or skated - this year to support the Brittle Bone Society, so please give generously to the girls who will be coming round with their sponsor forms in the next few days.

## Librarian exchange in USA



The College Librarian, Miss Mayanobe, spent one week with a host family in Vermont and actively participated in the life of Chamberlin Elementary school, Edmunds Middle School, South Burlington High School and Harwood Union High School. She has returned with new library resources, innovative ideas to implement and a lot of memories: "I will fondly remember reading *The Gruffalo* to kindergarten classes, observing the progress of the 2 Bhutanese children who had recently moved from a refugee camp, answering the pupils' questions about school life in England and reluctantly helping the school librarian to take care of Fuzzy, the school pet tarantula...".

Mrs Cally Flickinger, the American librarian from Chamberlin, is visiting the College next week to enjoy a similar experience. She will be visiting the three libraries at Brighton College pre-prep, prep and senior school, Ardingly prep and senior school, as well as Helenswood Comprehensive School in Hastings.

## Headmaster's Awards for personal achievement

**Peemtat Utsahajit** won third prize in a Chinese essay writing competition in Beijing earlier this month. He is a tremendously hard working young man, and a credit to Abraham House.

**Kris Sales** has been admirably proactive in his University application preparation. He wants to study medicine, and over Easter did his second work placement at Worthing Hospital, (he did the other at Christmas). He also spent numerous hours preparing a portfolio of all his potential institutions and further research associated with Medicine. He has clearly worked very hard over the holidays and he is realistically ambitious about his future.

**Naoko McCabe** has done a huge and impressive amount of work organising the Science / Medical Society meetings throughout the year, inviting visiting speakers, arranging venues and staffing, and providing valuable opportunities for her peers to broaden their understanding and experience of various aspects of medicine.

**William Marks** has steadily improved his academic effort and attainment throughout the year, and he finished last term on an outstanding high. He has started this term in the same vein, setting an excellent example to his peers.

**Viraya Hirunpatawong** is commended for doing exceptionally well in the Chinese Essay Competition in Beijing.

**Kiran Rajkumar** has been asked to take part as a villager/slave in a professional production of *Aida* in Portsmouth on Thursday 23rd April. Kiran has represented the Under Fourteen A teams in rugby, football and cricket, and is also very committed to both his music and his drama. Despite the demands placed on his time by a very busy extramural life, he has never allowed this to prevent him giving sustained attention to the quality of his academic work, a model that many of the boys and girls at the school follow.

**James Tyas** has been called-up to the Scotland U18 side in Parma, Italy, where he was in the starting line up for the U18 side playing as Number 6. This week he was named Scottish Man of the Match in their game vs England on Wednesday and will hopefully be in the starting line again for the game against Wales on Saturday.

**Max Maidment** is commended for being an excellent Head of Ryle House.

**Leo Zelenkevich** and **Richard Ma** have both had their names engraved on to School House's 'Outstanding Contributors' plaque because of their commitment to all house activities, their efforts in raising money for charity, and for their continuous positive attitude and friendliness.

**Susie Dart**, one of the Seldon Heads of House, is commended for being supportive and so enthusiastic about the house.

**Caroline Jeffrey**, is commended for her achievements and contribution to netball both for the School and the County.

## Sports Review

James Tyas has been called up to the Scotland Under 18 Squad to play in the 5 Nations Tournament being held in Italy. Having played against England on Wednesday he has also been picked to play against Wales this Saturday.

## Netball news

Over the Easter holidays Caroline Jeffery and Georgina Tyas played for Sussex U14 Netball Academy in a regional versatility tournament. From this tournament 20 girls were selected to attend further training on the "player Development Pathway" at Aldershot. This will take place over a number of weekends this summer. Caroline and Georgina were 2 of only 3 girls to be selected from the Sussex Academy. At the end of their training session they will have the opportunity to compete for a place in the regional academy which is a first step on the England pathway.



Chloe Benford also represented Sussex Netball Academy at the U16 level and played in a day-long versatility tournament. Chloe was also very successful and has been selected to go forward for trials in September for the "Team South" team. This team plays in the national talent league against teams such as Team Bath and Loughborough Lightning.



## BCFS SUMMER PARTY, SATURDAY, 9TH MAY 2009

Don't delay in getting your tickets for this fantastic Summer Evening. From 8pm until Midnight we will be entertained by the legendary Terry Garoghan among others, and the Brighton College Swing Band. All this for only £20, inclusive of champagne and canapés. Come and join us by sending a cheque for multiples of £20 made to Brighton College to BCFS, 9 Aymer Road, Hove BN3 4GB. For more information email [hopscoth1@btinternet.com](mailto:hopscoth1@btinternet.com) or phone 01273 710477

## And Finally...

Jamie Proctor and Bradley Vanstone enjoyed what The Argus described as a 'thong-a-thon' to raise funds for their gap year projects which will take them to a Romanian orphanage, schools in India and Sri Lanka and Nepal where they intend to participate in conservation work.

The two cycled, ran and swam from London to Brighton, finishing in the sea! They raised around £1,000 towards their end target of £5,000 each and will be holding other fundraisers in the future as well as working for six months. They plan to tackle the trip early next year before going on to university next autumn.

Offers of sponsorship would be welcome by email to [brighton2colombo@live.com](mailto:brighton2colombo@live.com)

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