



# BRIGHTON COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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## Carol Services

The college has gathered together for two Carol Services at the end of this term, one in the west and one in the east. On Sunday evening we were at All Saints in Hove, where the spacious and lofty surroundings lent themselves to processions and some beautifully atmospheric singing by the choir at the back of the church. This morning, the whole school walked down through Kemp Town to pack St Mary's, Rock gardens for the service that concludes the term. Festive spirit and the imminence of the end of a long term led to some robust congregational singing, the like of which the church rarely hears.

## Choral Concert

A feast of opera choruses was the fare for this season's choral concert at St Mary's last Wednesday. Eschewing an extended choral work, the Assistant Director of Music opted for a range of pieces from Purcell and Handel to Mozart and Puccini. There was much to engage the ear, not least the performances of the five Sixth Form soloists, James Way, Shona Hull, Lucy Harrison, Patrick Edmond and Lizzie Sandell. Any parent, Old Brightonian or friend of the college who would like to sing in the choral society next term should contact Sandy Chenery, Director of Music.



## Celebrate Christmas at Brighton College

As is college tradition, Midnight Mass will be celebrated in Brighton College Chapel on December 24<sup>th</sup>. The Family Society will be providing mince pies and mulled wine to one and all from 10.30pm in the Cafe de Paris and the service will start at 11.00pm.



## Saatchi Gallery Sunday Telegraph Art Prize

Katie Lewis, in the lower 6<sup>th</sup>, has achieved incredible success by achieving third place amidst 22,000 entries with her submission of her experimental painting evoking the styles of Francis Bacon and Michelangelo. It was for her art GCSE, which she took as an extra subject with evening classes after school whilst attending the Sir James Henderson School of Milan. She said: "Shortly before I started on my work, I went to see an exhibition of Bacon's work in Milan. I had also been to see Michelangelo's David at the Galleria dell'Accademia in Florence which I thought was the most beautiful thing I had ever seen. I thought it would be an interesting challenge to combine the emotion and movement of Francis Bacon's work with the beauty and stillness of Michelangelo's sculptures." The winners were chosen by a panel of judges including Antony Gormley and Sir Peter Blake, the artists, Ekow Eshun, the artistic director of the ICA, Andrew Graham-Dixon, The Sunday Telegraph art critic, and Camila Batmanghelidjh, the founder of the Kids Company charity. Sir Peter said of Katie's work: "This is a powerful image. For an artist of this age it is a very mature work." The 20 works shortlisted for the competition will be featured in an exhibition at the Saatchi Gallery in London until December 14th.

## Million Dollar Media meets the Mayor

Five pupils from the college's Young Enterprise company, Million Dollar Media, met with Brighton & Hove Mayor Councillor Ann Norman in the Mayor's Parlour at Brighton Town Hall to present the innovative new media product that the company hopes to roll out across the city. MD-Media is helping local businesses to promote themselves to the YouTube generation, including local people and visiting tourists, by featuring them in a short video that will be aggregated across popular tourism and local websites for a fee that is far more competitive than traditional print media advertising.



The Mayor was enthralled by the potential to help local businesses to better promote themselves using a new digital medium, saying "It really is excellent. Nobody has done this before". Such was the Mayor's approval of Million Dollar Media, that the students were provided with a long list of contacts at council-operated facilities who would be interested in advertising using their product.

Mike Macfarlane, volunteer business adviser to Million Dollar Media, said "This is a real life business with a real product operating in a real market with all of the associated challenges and opportunities that require the

students to show real commercial aptitude and entrepreneurial flair. The skills of presenting commercial ideas and making connections with useful individuals are absolutely essential for the students to find success. Presenting to the Mayor put Million Dollar Media straight into a high-pressure scenario that they handled with considerable finesse and were able to turn to their own commercial advantage."

## Important information on admissions

The college has not experienced such demand for places in living memory and the Admissions staff are dealing with an unprecedented number of enquiries. Families considering Brighton College should call as soon as possible to ensure they do not miss out. Registration for admission to the college at 11+ closes on 15 January (assessment takes place on 16 January). All enquiries can be made directly with the Lower School on 01273-704369. Enquiries about all other age groups should be directed to 01273-704201/2.



## Individual music lessons

Individual music lessons and rehearsals, e.g. Concert Band and Symphony Orchestra, start on the first day of the Lent term, Monday 4 January 2010. U5 pupils will not be timetabled for music lessons during the first week because of mock GCSE exams. U6 & L6 need to inform their music teachers when they have modules to avoid unnecessary clashes. Music lesson timetables can be viewed on the Intranet: senior music/resources/individual music lesson/surname of the teacher.

## An email from a member of the public on 5th December...

"Dear Headmaster,

*I thought that you would like you to know that I was very impressed and grateful to the young man, who on the No 1 bus from Churchill Square to Hove today at 4pm approximately, offered his seat to me. Although other seats became available later, he refrained from sitting down, preferring to let others seat themselves. It is so good to receive kindness and to know that your pupils know about and practice good manners."*



## Driver of the Year



Henry Duprey has won the U17 Go Kart Championships for the South East, and was named 'Driver of the Year' for all age groups. He is flying out to Valencia to test for 'Formula BMW'. If they are happy he will drive for them next year at this level. We wish him the best of luck and look forward to following his future progress.

## Inaugural Academic Symposium

On Monday November 30<sup>th</sup>, fifteen members of staff and twenty six sixth formers gathered at Sam's Restaurant for the inaugural Brighton College Symposium. The overarching theme was the nature of love, but the audience were to hear six unique speeches, reflecting a variety of personal and academic interests. Mr Sperring opened the proceedings by explaining some of the reasons why this topic has been of considerable interest to philosophers. He made some preliminary distinctions between different types of love, and then tried to suggest reasons why many philosophers, historically, have taken a dim view of love – particularly in its sexual form. Further speeches outlined some of the issues that arise when thinking about love and ethics, a defence for seeking the type of love portrayed in film (especially romantic comedies starring Hugh Grant) and literature; a controversially reductionist account of love and sex, based on recent scientific research; a powerful account of the sacrificial nature of Christian love – told in part through the medium of punk-rock, in the form of lyrics taken from a song by Richard Hell and the Voidoids; the way in which love has been portrayed by the poets, in its messy, non-idealised form; and an examination of a mother's love and how a sense of self may be subsumed by the demands that role entails. The audience were then given the opportunity to address questions to individual speakers, or to all of the contributors. Some interesting themes emerged, such as the destructive power of love, or what forms love might take in the future with the possibility of loving relationships between humans and robots raised by Mr Smith. A number of questions focused on the relationship between love and sex. The occasion was a great opportunity for all to engage in discussion of ideas which exist beyond the material studied in the classroom and seems likely to become an annual event in the calendar.

## Abraham House Dinner



The boys of Abraham House celebrated their Christmas Dinner last Wednesday evening with tutors and Mr. Rao, our special guest of honour. It was a night for reflection on what we had done in the House over the Michaelmas Term. After Joe Charnaud said the Grace, everyone enjoyed a very convivial evening. Boys talked about how they felt the term had gone and all agreed that the caterers excelled themselves; the dessert was superb! Head of House, Arnold Kwok, delivered the annual Abraham Awards, and the house bid a fond farewell to Mr. De Wet, our U5th tutor, who returned to his native South Africa last Friday. He made a moving speech about Abraham House and the boys in it, before he was presented with a pair of silver cufflinks. After the meal, the boys serenaded Fenwick House with carols, aided by John Lyons singing a solo, and retired to the PAC for some

more musical entertainment. (The girls of Fenwick were unavailable for comment on the quality of entertainment!).

## Car Parking

We appreciate the difficulties with car parking in streets near the college but respectfully ask that everyone is mindful of our neighbours and especially the parking bays that are reserved for their use.

## Distinctions

**Congratulations to:** Dominic Reid (Abraham L5th).



### Hockey v Christ's Hospital

After a disappointing first half in which the 1<sup>st</sup> XI went 1-0 down, the college's premier side came out in the second half with determination and spirit in their final match this year. However, Christ's Hospital managed to hold out numerous attacks and continued pressure from the 1sts. The 2nds put up a good fight in their final match, but sloppy play in mid-field meant that possession broke down too often. Final score lost 1-2.

The Under 16s had a tough game against a physically very strong side. The defence battled all game to clear the ball but they were constantly under siege. Georgia Adams playing GK was player of the game. She had great movement and timing and cleared the ball time and time again. Once again the game was played with great team spirit. Lost 0-3

The Under 15 As finished the season well with a comfortable 2-0 over a tenacious Christ's Hospital side. Each player's all-round improvement was evident as every department on the pitch was won by Brighton College. As ever, the superlative Tabitha Worsley was the key threat, but other key players were Rebecca Silk, who tormented the opposition with strong and skilful running, Georgina Tyas, as the main tackling midfielder and Evie Chartres, who foiled virtually every Christ's Hospital attack with fine interceptions.

A very exciting game saw the Under 15 Bs take an early lead through a determined attack finished off by Danielle Naylor. Christ Hospital came back in the game and Brighton were 2-1 down in the second half. Dynamic play from all of the team meant that Brighton went on to equalise and then score the winner late in the game. Won 3-2.

Missing two very influential players, the Under 14 As started a little slowly and were unlucky to concede a very scrappy goal. After that they dominated much of the match, but lacked that assertive final touch in the opposite D and we just could not score. Late on, the opposition managed to score a break-away goal as we pressed hard for the equaliser. A disappointing loss 2-0. In a game that the Under 14 Bs should have won, the college side went ahead early and conceded just before the end of the game. Draw 1 - 1.

### Rugby v Eastbourne

After a very slow start the 1<sup>st</sup> XV stuck at their task in very difficult conditions. The surface was not conducive to open running Rugby but the College XV adapted their style and fortunately came out on top although they left it until the dying minutes. Not a great performance to finish an excellent terms results but still another win! Won 12 - 8.

After a strong showing against John Fisher last week the 2<sup>nd</sup> XV were unable to build up any momentum in a rather poor performance against an ordinary Eastbourne side. Despite doing into an early lead through Benzecrit (converted by Davies) the college side couldn't quite get the basics right and went down 25-7 in a game littered with mistakes. A disappointing end to an otherwise solid season.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> XV's could not finish of the season with wins. Both sides went down fighting in wet and windy conditions.

The Under 16 teams won 2 out of the 3 games against Eastbourne and were unlucky not to win the third. In the C game the college side won by 30 points playing good rugby at the New Ground. The B XV lost by a score 12 - 7 having tackled well throughout. They created a well worked chance in the final minutes of the game only to drop the ball over the line. In the A team game the college side played some of their best rugby of the season in dark and damp conditions. Having led 12-0 after the first 20 minutes, they conceded two tries just before HT to turn get to 15- 12. The second half reflected the team's ability to control the game in the tight and they won 25-15 with a James Thornley drop goal to seal victory.

The Under 15 A team completed their season with their 8<sup>th</sup> win in a row in a scrappy game against Eastbourne. They will continue to work hard over Christmas as they look forward to continuing their cup run in the new year. U15 A XV 13 Eastbourne 10. The Under 15 B XV lost 20-0 to Eastbourne in a hard fought contest. The boys couldn't be faulted for effort and commitment and made a huge number of tackles. However, Eastbourne's clinical finishing was the difference between the two sides. The Under 15 Cs finished their season off with a bang, defeating a strong Eastbourne side. In a close match Harry Klus and Ryan Meadows scored excellent tries, while the forwards channelled absent coach Mr De Wet and were particularly fierce at the break downs. An excellent result to complete a tough season.

The Under 14 As put in one of their best defensive performances of the season with the forwards tackling and rucking everything in sight. Eastbourne however, had a very strong back 3 with pace we simply couldn't match (all 6 of their tries came from their 2 wings). On several occasions the forwards made 50+ yards through a combination of mauling and consistent pick and go. One such period ended in Billy French powering over for Brighton's only try. L 36-7

In their last match of the season the Under 14 Bs played some exciting rugby and were unlucky to lose out 7-5 to Eastbourne. In the first half the team looked slightly nervous and were not quick enough to the breakdown allowing Eastbourne to have easy turnovers. This meant that attacking positions and opportunities were lost and the team went in to half time 7-0 down. The second half showed some great improvement and the team were unlucky not to score more tries. Tristan Sava had a superb game at 7, winning lots of ball and putting in some big tackles. Special mention should go to Euan Ramage who had to step in at prop for the first time this season and quickly showed why he has spent previous seasons there. He also scored the team's only try putting pressure on a charged down kick that he managed to react to first.

The Under 14Cs ended the season with a bang as they ran in five second-half tries against a competitive Eastbourne side to win 31-0. This was an impressive team effort which was built upon tenacious tackling. In the first half each player was fully committed as the two sides cancelled each other out in difficult weather conditions. The second half saw Brighton seize control of the game as the pack kept possession and strong, direct running from both forwards and backs forced Eastbourne onto the back foot. Marcus Taylor took his chance well scoring the team's opening try and then tries in quick succession from Skerritt and Tizro took the game out of Eastbourne's reach. By the end of the game Nedev had scored his first try of the season and Tizro his second of the game as the under 14Cs ended the season playing some of their best rugby.

The Under 14D XV ended the term with a 39-0 victory, spurred on by fantastic support from the A, B and C teams. Despite heavy rain and fading light, Brighton played free-flowing rugby. The College dominated possession and scored several well-worked tries out wide. Max McKendrie and Ollie Connell carried the ball strongly in the forwards, providing a strong platform for the backs to exhibit their skills. The pick of the tries came from Will Emery – converted from second-row to winger on the day – who returned a kick-off 70 metres, swerving round his opposite number on the way. However, the most pleasing aspect of the performance was the obvious desire not to concede a try.

### **Under 12 Netball v Roedean**

Both under 12 netball teams had strong wins against Roedean on Saturday. The progress made by the L3rd girls this term was obvious to see and the shooters in both teams excelled.

U12A 27 Roedean 5  
U12B 14 Roedean 2

### **Under 16 National Qualifiers**

Despite never playing to their true potential the Under 14s missed out by just one point for a place in the finals of the Sussex round of the National Schools. Having been drawn in a particularly difficult section the girls struggled to find any fluency to their game and made too many unforced errors that the opposition were quick to capitalise on. Bea Carroll, Tabitha Jackson and Lydia Thomas all gave 100% to the teams cause. Imberhorne and Burgess Hill from the same section were the eventual qualifiers for the Regional round.

v Imbrehorne won 8-4  
v Burgess Hill lost 13-10  
v Hurst lost 10-9  
v Uplands won 8-3  
v Mayfield won 6-5  
v BHHS won 12-7

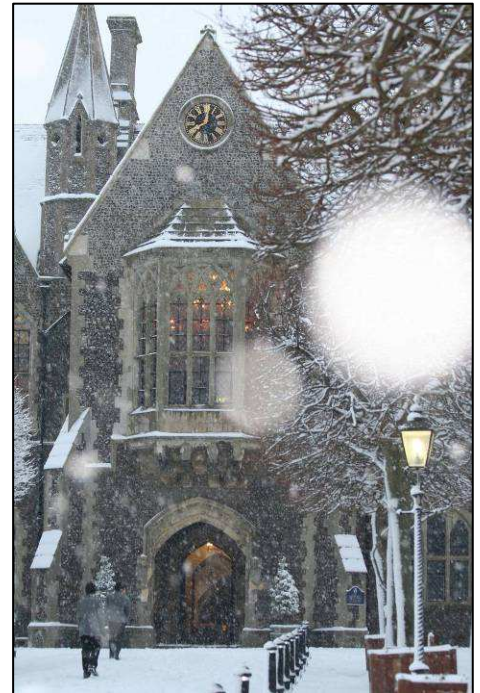
### **Under 18 National Qualifiers**

A new draw placed schools in divisions, with 5 teams in each. The two teams that beat the 1<sup>st</sup> VII went on to win the finals and qualify for the next round. Despite the wet and windy conditions the Brighton girls played well as a team but found difficulty in converting their chances. Emily Keighley and Phoebe Unwin were the outstanding players.

v Ardingly won 6-1  
v BASVIC drew 6-6  
v Roedean lost 2-7  
v Sion won 8-6  
v St Bede's lost 4-7

***And finally...***

***On behalf of everyone at Brighton College, we wish you a very happy Christmas and look forward to another great year in 2010. It has been a long and exhausting term, enjoy the break!***



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