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Top School in Sussex

Government league tables, published this week, highlighted the enormous achievements of college pupils. Brighton College came top in the whole of Sussex for GCSE grades in 2009, with a 100% pass rate and also scored the best A-level results of any co-educational school in England. The Headmaster said: "We are not afraid to stretch and challenge pupils. It is inevitable that children who are enthusiastic about their learning do well. We are also blessed with a wonderful teaching body".



Boarding community thriving in the snow!

With the threat of severe weather, a number of day pupils opted to stay in the boarding houses, to avoid problems getting to their examinations. They were able to revise and get a good night's sleep ready for their Monday morning papers. Meanwhile, the junior years enjoyed a holistic approach to education: from culinary skills to snowball fights and sledding on the New Ground. Mrs Murphy's flat became a hive of activity as the 4th form and some Lower 5th took over to make and (most importantly) flip their pancakes. There was also a trip to the Marina for some 10 pin bowling and a movie, a talk from Mr Tighe appropriately entitled 'Surviving the Arctic' and the obligatory snowman building contest.



Confirmation Classes

Bishop John Hind of Chichester will officiate at our annual Confirmation Service on Sunday, April 18. If your son or daughter might be interested in exploring confirmation (the classes are wonderfully informal and involve doughnuts) could they (or you) please contact Fr Robert (reaston@brightoncollege.net or 07793 417431) as soon as possible. It is hoped the classes might start next week.

Green Week @ Brighton College

The first speaker in the new Head Master's Lecture series will be Dr Caroline Lucas, Leader of the Green Party and MEP for SE England. Dr Lucas will be speaking in the Rose Lecture Theatre at 6.00pm on Thursday 4th February as part of a number of events which are being organised for 'Green Week'. Her talk will be titled "Do good lives have to cost the earth? The challenges of the economic and environmental crises". Parents are warmly invited to attend, and should collect tickets from Reception. Afterwards, punch and canapés will be served in the Library.



Music Exam Successes

Congratulations to all those who took Associated Board and Trinity Guildhall Music exams last term, achieving an excellent set of results. Six candidates passed grade 8: Eddie Henley (U6), Josie Hardy (U6) and Rosa Griffiths (U6) in singing, and Gabi Harris (U5) Emily Aspinall (U6) and Leah Varughese (U5) in piano. Distinctions were awarded to Louis Bickler (L6) – grade 7 Voice, Leora Taratula-Lyons (U5) - grade 3 singing, Charlotte Hartridge (L6) - grade 7 Jazz Saxophone and Nathan Pigott (L6) - grade 7 Jazz Saxophone. Particular mention should go to the three harpists, Emma Harris (4th), Corinne Hull (U5) and

Emily Grocott in the Prep School who all achieved distinctions. The exams test technical ability, musical performance and general musicianship and require many hours of preparation. All those who entered for the exams deserve warm congratulations for their achievements. The full list of results is as follows:

Louis	Bickler	Voice	7	136	Pass
Charlie	Brotherston	Violin	6	120	Merit
Jamie	Bulman	Voice	7	123	Merit
Tim	Calliafas	Saxophone	1	127	Merit
Charlotte	Dodge	Clarinet	6	114	Pass
Rosa	Griffiths	Voice	8	118	Pass
Emma	Harris	Harp	4	131	Distinction
Emma	Harris	Flute	5	123	Merit
Corinne	Hull	Harp	4	140	Distinction
Caroline	Jeffrey	Viola	5	100	Pass
Hui	Liu	Piano	6	105	Pass
Sophie	McGovern	Piano	2	117	Pass
Sasha	Morse	Voice	4	124	Merit
Shivani	Patel	Saxophone	1	117	Pass
Jemima	Poffley	Voice	3	127	Merit
Ashkon	Seyed-Safi	Organ	3	108	Pass
Freya	Soady	Voice	4	106	Pass
Leora	Taratula-Lyons	Voice	3	138	Distinction
Leah	Varughese	Piano	8	100	Pass
Catherine	Anderson	Flute	6	60	Pass
Ned	Lloyd	Jazz saxophone	5	78	Merit
Sam	Prince	Jazz saxophone	7	82	Merit
Charlotte	Hartridge	Jazz saxophone	7	89	Distinction
Nathan	Pigott	Jazz saxophone	7	90	Distinction
Gabriella	Harris	Piano	8	75	Merit
Emily	Aspinall	Piano	8	62	Pass
Lucy	Veck	Piano	3	87	Distinction
Eddie	Henley	Voice	8	81	Merit
Josie	Hardy	Voice	8	78	Merit



Head Master's Awards

Jake Mann is commended for phenomenal artwork in his mock exam.

Fergus Elias is commended for his constant support of the Boarding Community and his concern and interest in his fellow human beings.

Ollie Richards is commended in recognition of his Rugby success with Harlequins and Brighton College.

Olivia Howker is commended for the enthusiastic start she has made at Brighton College, both in terms of her commitment to her studies, her participation on the games field and her cheerful, helpful presence in the House.

Freddie Henwood is commended for his superb 'Panorama of the Downs in snow' photographs.

Imke Lau is commended for her positive influence in the house. She has engaged in all activities with enthusiasm and is a delight.

Tom Ballinger is commended for his positive attitude and for his excellent photography on behalf of School House.

Jordan Taylor is commended for the wholehearted preparation he put into his application to Cambridge, and for his rigorous and scholarly approach to academic work.

Michèle Gilling-Ulph is commended for spending a considerable amount of time painting her snow scene and also for battling through the country-side to get to school.

Bethany Clarke is commended for settling in so well after joining us after Christmas, and being so sociable.

Theo Smithis commended for making such huge efforts having also joined us after Christmas, and for his helpful contributions in class!

Astrid Harbour is commended for her continued hard work and for her willingness and enthusiasm for all aspects of school life.

Tom Spofforth is commended for being selected for the U14s Full Elite Football Squad to go to Gothenburg for the World Youth Cup this summer.

Distinctions

Congratulations to: Alex Bozic, Ryle; Tom Gibson, Ryle; Riley Goodman, Durnford; Peony Grainger, Fenwick; James Grey, Aldrich; Tegh Gujral, Durnford; Chierol Lai, Fenwick; Aron Lewis, Ryle; Connor Smith, Hampden; George White, Durnford.



Netball

Due to the weather most sports fixtures have been cancelled or postponed. However in the first round of the county cup the U14's had a comfortable win against Moira House. The girls initially lacked fluency in their play but the squad of ten all worked hard throughout the game and in the last quarter some attractive team work had developed. Most of the squad played at least two positions throughout the match which showed the girls versatility. Bea Carroll won good turnover ball during the game and Jenna Ash in her first match for the A's made a solid start at Goal Defence.

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