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Theatre Royal on 28 February

All parents should have received a letter about this annual event presenting our performing arts in the splendid surroundings of Brighton's Theatre Royal. Families are strongly encouraged to reply as soon as possible as tickets are strictly limited. If your letter has gone astray amidst all the Christmas post, please be in touch with Louise Moore at lmoore@brightoncollege.net, who will provide a copy.

Parents are reminded, please, to drop off their children in Sutherland Road rather than on the forecourt in front of the main college gate. This is to maintain safe pedestrian access to the campus, avoid congestion on Eastern Road and improve visibility of the zebra crossing. Your help in this regard, for the safety of all members of our community, is much appreciated.

Green Week at Brighton College

From 1st to 5th February we are holding our first ever Green Week at Brighton College. As a school that is renowned both throughout Sussex and nationally for our pioneering and forward-thinking spirit, it is our responsibility to lead the way in protecting the environment. We will be holding a series of events throughout the week with a different focus each day in which pupils, parents and staff can all get involved. We hope Green Week will be both fun and informative and we look forward to seeing you at some of the events.

Monday 1st February – 'Switch it off' day *The Electricity Challenge*

We challenge all pupils and staff to reduce their electricity use on this day by switching off lights, photocopiers, computers, monitors and other equipment when not in use. We also challenge you to become more energy efficient at home by switching off lights and equipment – see how much energy (and money!) you can save.

Brighton College has signed up to the nationwide **10:10 campaign**, which means that we have pledged to try and reduce our emissions by 10% during 2010. We need everybody's help if we are to achieve this, and we will be asking pupils and staff to continue 'switching it off' over the coming year as part of this.

Boarders' Green Debate

Senior boarders will debate the motion "**This House Believes that fighting global warming should be regarded by all developed countries as the most important and urgent issue**" from 8.30-9.30pm in the Junior Common Room of Fenwick House.

Tuesday 2nd February – Recycling day *Brighton College's Big Swish*

Bored of the same old clothes but don't want to spend all your money on new ones? Bring your unwanted clothes and accessories into school on this day for Brighton College's first ever '**swishing**' (clothes-swapping) event. Swishing is a great way to stay on-trend without spending lots of money or wasting the Earth's resources, since every year UK consumers condemn 1.2 million tonnes of clothes to landfill sites.

Pupils can bring their unwanted clothes and accessories to **Seldon House at break and lunchtime** where they will receive tokens for each item until 1.30pm, and from 1.30-2.30pm these can be swapped for other items. Any items remaining at the end of the event will be donated to charity.

Unwanted rugby kit and mobile phones lying around?

We will additionally be collecting **paper, metal and plastic** to recycle on this day outside the Clocktower Reception. We also ask you to bring in any **unwanted rugby kit and old mobile phones and chargers**. We will be donating the rugby kit to the charity SOS Rugby Kit Aid, which gives unwanted kit to disadvantaged children around the world, and the mobile phones to the climate change charity Global Cool.

'Upcycle' your rubbish!

As part of Green Week we are holding a house '**upcycling**' competition. To enter as a house pupils need to work together to take waste materials or useless products that would otherwise be thrown away and turn them into something useful. The deadline is **5pm on Thursday 4th February**, so get upcycling! DT teachers will be on hand in the DT department to help pupils from 4-5pm on Tuesday 2nd February and during service time on Wednesday 3rd February.



Scholars' Lecture at 4pm

Mr Grocott will be delivering a fascinating lecture at 4pm in the Dimpleby Lecture Room for all scholars entitled **"Global warming – how big a deal is it?"**.

Wednesday 3rd February – Green transport day

The Green Transport Challenge

We challenge you to walk, cycle or take public transport to school on this day. The house with the highest proportion of pupils who change to a greener form of transport to get to school wins.

Thursday 4th February – Meat-free day

Veggie lunch

Brighton College is going veggie at lunchtime today to help lower its carbon footprint. This is because livestock farming generates 18% of human greenhouse gas emissions. Going meat-free for one day a week is a great way to do your bit to slow global warming.

Talk by Dr Caroline Lucas at 6pm

Dr Caroline Lucas, Leader of the Green Party and MEP for SE England, will be the first speaker in the new Head Master's Lecture series. Dr Lucas will be speaking in the Rose Lecture Theatre at 6pm on Thursday 4th February. 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 the Reception. Afterwards, punch and canapés will be served in the Library.

Friday 5th February – Campaign launch day

Your 2010 green pledges

On Friday we will be asking all pupils and staff to write down **one thing they will do in 2010** to be more green. All pledges will be displayed in the PAC café so come and have a look!

This is part of Brighton College's commitment to participate in the nationwide **10:10 campaign** and reduce our emissions during 2010. The Brighton College **Green Council**, comprising pupil representatives from each house, will be leading the school through this campaign and will also be working on joining the **Eco-Schools programme**. If you wish to join the Green Council or want more information, please contact Mrs Thomas.

Green home clothes day

On Friday we will also be having a green-themed home clothes day to raise money for charity. Donations will be collected in houses - please give £1 to wear home clothes and £1 extra to wear something green.

Provision of Information

A reminder to all parents of the Senior School that the Parents' Handbook issued at the start of each academic year contains lots of helpful information. The electronic version can be downloaded from the Parents section of the school website. Other information such as the school's aims and child protection policy is also on the website under the General Information section.

Hard or electronic versions of the following information or policies are available on request from the Deputy Headmaster:

- policy and arrangements for admissions, discipline and exclusions
- education and welfare provision for pupils with statements and pupils for whom English is an additional language
- curriculum policy
- anti-bullying policy
- policy for health and safety on school visits
- rewards and sanctions policy
- academic performance in previous school year
- complaints procedure/number of formal complaints in previous school year
- staff, including temporary staff, and qualifications

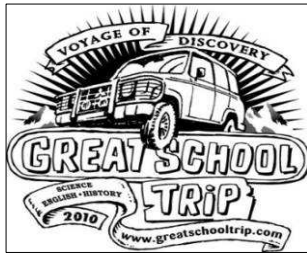
Local Students Take on 24 Hour Croquet Marathon for Charity

On January 29th, Brighton College will host the first ever attempt at setting the record for the world's longest croquet game, at a minimum of 24 hours. Trying to enter the Guinness Book of World Records are Jack Maughan, Adam Tarr, Bradley Vanstone and Jamie Proctor, three gap year students hoping to raise money for The Wings Of Hope, a children's charity working to provide free education in Africa and India.

They plan to play the traditional hoop and mallet game from 4pm throughout the night, without sleep or rest, until at least 4pm the following day at their old College, despite what are likely to be terrible weather conditions. Friends, family and sponsors will be encouraging the three fundraisers from dusk till dawn as they raise money for their chosen charity. 'We wanted to choose something that would capture people's imagination, and show true grit' says Lindfield's Jack Maughan. 'So we took a traditional, leisurely past time and turned on its head, setting ourselves an extreme test of endurance for a great cause.' Jamie and Bradley are not unaccustomed to unusual charity fundraising; in March 2009 they completed a London to Brighton triathlon wearing only thongs.



The lads also intend to visit their charity in India later this year, as part of another charitable enterprise. *The Great School Trip* is an independent project the three ambitious students have planned, in which they will drive from Brighton to India in a 4x4, working at children's charities in Romania and India, before flying to Sri Lanka to work at another orphanage. During the five month road trip they will also be teaching at schools in India to as many disadvantaged children as possible, even acting as a Travelling Mini-School in remote areas.



The trio need enthusiastic sponsorship and support, both from companies and individuals, in order to make *The Great School Trip* as successful as possible in its charitable aims. If you would like to find out more, or are interested in sponsoring Bradley, Jack and Jamie on 'The Great School Trip' to Sri Lanka, please visit www.greatschooltrip.com, email sponsorship@greatschooltrip.com or phone Jack Maughan on 07812694143.

It's All Work and Snow Play!

Whilst the snow set about causing chaos across the county at the start of term, Brighton College pupils used it as an opportunity to be creative. Pupils were invited to enter a snow competition by capturing a wintry photograph or writing a snow-inspired poem. They embraced the task full-heartedly and the entries flooded in, with some pupils even managing to do both. One poem and one photograph were selected from each house as the winning entries so a huge congratulations goes to the following:

Winners of the Snow Poem Competition:

Sam Hammant, Abraham (L5); John Tydeman, Aldrich (L5); Isabella Bainbridge, Chichester (4th); Alex Norman, Durnford (4th); Finn Maunder, Hampden (4th); Sam French, Leconfield (4th); Nick Wright, Ryle (4th); Zannia Kidd, Seldon (L5); Charlotte Varela, Williams (4th); Noah Mackay-Pritchard, Lower School D; Alex Attwell, Lower School M

Winners of the Snow Photograph Competition:

Victor Law, Abraham (L5); Freddie Henwood, Aldrich (4th); Megan Larner, Chichester (L5); Alex Dunkley, Durnford (L5); Terri Tsang, Fenwick (U5); Stefan Rjinbeek, Hampden (L5); Chris Agha, Leconfield (4th); Matthew Lavelle, Ryle (L5); Charlie Runcorn, School (U5); Emily Savvidou, Seldon (L5); Adi Whitworth, Williams (L5); Rufus Saunders, Lower School D; Sofia Varela, Lower School M

All of the winning photographs, plus a number which were shortlisted, have now been submitted to the Head Master who will be considering them for the design of next year's Christmas card. Here is a selection of work from our budding writers and photographers:

Snow

One weather grinds us to a halt,
Thrusts us into joyous anarchy,
No obligations, but leisure,
A soft, cold quilt,
I stare out of darkened windows;
Helpless happiness in powerless
paradise.

We harden as it does,
Gingerly venture into that sea,
Tender sea of chilled dagger-
tips,
Dash in at its icy fingers, rely on
log-fires,
Reheat, race down slopes on
makeshift magic;
Candy-taking pleasure in
speeding down excuses.

But soon, it must free the trees
of their burden,
Return the light, rob the
snowmen, crack the ice,
Allow green to slyly sneak in,
loosens its grip,
Uncover the forgotten
landscapes,
Fill us with dread, until
"I hope it snows tonight".

Finn Maunder, Hampden 4th



Charlie Runcorn, School U5th



Rufus Saunders, Lower School D

Snow Soldiers

They stood before me like soldiers of
snow in their sugarcoated armour
The ground below them barren and
white
Their branches outstretched saluting
the winter sky
Some like wounded heroes - bear their
scars of broken branches under heavy
snow
Knowing that with the passing of winter
Spring will bring them their just reward
A canopy of green medals

Sofia Varela, Lower School M

Snow Poem

When snow falls it falls so soft,
A blanket covering barn and croft.
Everything looks pure and new,
Without the taint of green or blue.

When snow falls the children cheer.
Yes, they'll be missing school, I fear.
Their day will pass in pure delight -
With sledging and a snowball fight.

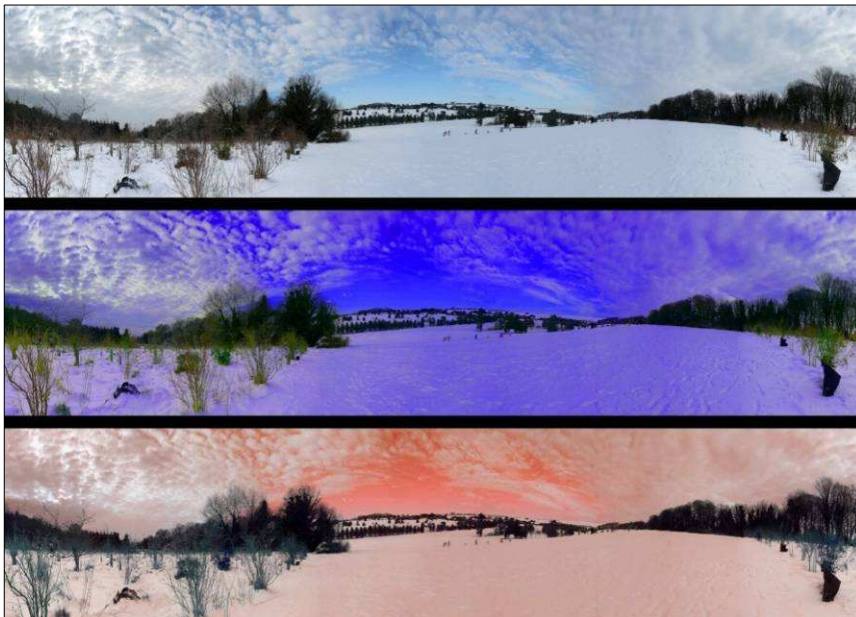
Snow is great, but there's a twist -
I slipped on it and broke my wrist.
You see, snow has a hidden vice,
It melts and freezes, turns to ice.

When poets write about the snow
They don't tell of this cunning foe,
Of how beneath the purest white
There lurks such danger, out of sight.

Sam French, Leconfield 4th



Megan Lerner, Chichester L5th



Adi Whitworth, Williams L5th

The Silence of Snow

A covered, monochromatic forest isolated from the outside world
A harsh, sharp crispness underfoot while the snow slowly swirls.
The chilling silence of the unforgiving landscape creates a deathly scene
But brings forth thoughts of life below, as yet unseen.
In time, white snowdrops will rear their heads, brave and strong
But now beneath the darkness of the forest is where they belong.

Sam Hammant, Abraham L5th

The Figure in the Snow

It's a blank piece of A4
Waiting for the artist's first stroke
Except instead of a paintbrush it's a fresh set of footprints
Made by the early morning adventurer
Or the late home stumbler
Either way no others notice
The figure in the snow

It's the highlight of winter
Giving point to the freezing temperatures
It's children's dream come true,
An adult's worst nightmare
And the commuters' arch nemesis
But no more than that for most,
disclosing
The figure in the snow

It can be as welcoming as a warm bed
Or as harsh as a scolding mother
But it makes a subtle difference
The varying emotions painted on the faces of passers by
Eyes lighting up with the joy of innocence
Or frustration at being stranded; yet all this bypasses
The figure in the snow

Schools shut due to treacherous roads
That and the fact that sometimes it's the little things that need to be enjoyed
Snowballs whiz through the air closely followed by howls of indignation
Flakes drift lazily to land sizzling on the tongue of a smiling toddler
Cautious walkers remain with gazes fixed on the floor
This and more does not escape
The figure in the snow

Frozen lakes named 'unsafe' by Mothers are ventured upon by the daring
Driving is reserved for the idiotic or those with 4 by 4's
Compacted snow turns into deadly black ice
Friends huddle, shivering round a roaring fire
The constant Drip, Drip, Drip, of melting ice goes unnoticed in the background
But all this in solitude for,
The figure in the snow

But as I sit here hidden within this land
I see and I know, I understand
As I watch the comings and goings of those around me
It is not the snow I yearn to see
But the shadow that accompanies the first falling to the last
Winter is when I come out
When I venture beyond safety
For glimpses I strain to catch, for I am not oblivious to
The figure in the snow

Zannia Kidd, Seldon L5th



Terri Tsang, Fenwick U5th

Holiday on Ice

On Wednesday evening the 4th and lower 5th Fenwick boarders enjoyed a special treat, a trip to the Brighton Centre to watch the Holiday on Ice performance of 'Spirit'. The spectacular costumes, energetic dancing combined with graceful poise and airborne gymnastics of the performers drew praise from the girls. The voyage from east to west, recreated the ethnic splendour of Asian Culture, the ancient mysticism of Stonehenge and the tribal gatherings of Native American Indians. The boarders returned enthused and ready to dance as they were put to bed.



Issah Abdul Moomin for his organisational skills around the house and his willingness to consider others before himself.

Sam Whitworth for running 3 miles in the snow from a Saltdean traffic jam to enable him to sit a Physics examination.

Anna Schaverien for her great ability to combine hard work and extra-curricular activities with a minimum of fuss.

Tom Fiedosiuk for excellent interim grades and consistently good effort in class throughout his first two terms in the college.

Chierol Lai is commended for her culinary contributions to the house: chocolate cake, pancakes and bran muffins all in a week. She is always eager to be doing activities and her enthusiasm is valued.

Eddie Henley for his contribution to school choir and for passing his Grade 8 Singing Examination, while giving sustained attention to the quality of his academic work.

Ben Hornby for his energetic support of the new House well-being initiative.

Harvey von Biel is commended for his commitment to the musical and sporting life of the school. The latter was demonstrated this week when he played No. 1 string for the U14 squash team with a cast on his playing arm.

Luke Redstone is commended for being a helpful, considerate and positive member of the boarding community.

Zannia Kidd is awarded the HM award for this week for her thoughtful and imaginative poem. Her hard work in all aspects of school life and her cheerful smile are much appreciated.

Izi Noakes for her perseverance and determination to succeed both in and out of the classroom.

Rufus Saunders for his consistent commitment to all aspects of school life.

Joe Chesson for his progress on the sports field. His rugby has improved a lot over the year and he was a valuable defender in the football team last term.

Distinctions

Congratulations to: Katherine George, Chichester; Nancy Gladwin, Chichester; Archie Greenslade, Ryle; Hina Inayat, Seldon; Tabitha Jackson, Chichester; Alia Jones, Chichester; Lucy Knott, Williams; Jessie McGregor, Williams; Izzy; Meikle-Small, Chichester; Hugo Mercer, Aldrich; Dillum Patel, Durnford; Emily Simmons, Williams



Rugby

U15 A beat Simon Langton 26-3 to proceed to Rd 6 of The Daily Mail Vase Competition where they will be playing Franlingham. The winner of which will be in the quarter finals.

Football

2nd X1 Lost 5-0 The Weald.

Squash

The Junior Squash Team put up a valiant fight against the strong opposing team of Westbourne House on Thursday at Corals Club in Hove. Congratulations to Freddie Lewendon (L5th, School House), whose positive, tenacious attitude led him to a well-earned victory after a long and arduous 5-set match. Jamie Connell (L5th, School House) played two matches, winning one of them, and the captain, Harvey Von Biel (4th, Ryle), distinguished himself by defeating his opponent easily despite playing with a broken arm that is still in plaster cast! Westbourne's strength in depth led them to overall victory but the match showed that Brighton's junior players – who also include Owen Male, Tom Willis, Tristan Sava, Bryce Williams-Watson and Tom Rollinson - have the spirit and determination to win future fixtures.

A special mention must go to Harvey Von Biel who has established himself firmly as a talent in the Sussex County Squash Team. He has done exceptionally well to have been selected for the Sussex Under-15 team, despite still being 13 years old.

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