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Dear Parents

SCHOOL NEWS

Distinctions

Caroline Small (W) achieved three Headmaster's Distinctions this term.

Science Quest Week

In celebration of National Science Week, Dr Perry is pleased to announce the winner and runner up of the Science Quest Week. Fighting off tough competition from both Lower and Upper Sixth entries, the prizes go to:

Winner: Edward Boughton (U4, P)

Runner-up: Kean Amin (U4, Rn)

UCAS

Our pupils are holding a pleasing number of offers, broadly in line with other year. The early indications are that places through Clearing are going to be very scarce and that next year's UCAS application cycle will be very competitive. It is therefore vital that U6 holding offers should be realistic in the offers they accept, particularly the insurance offer and should discuss their decision carefully with HMM. Pupils should also be wary of rejecting offers, especially for competitive courses and re-applying next year, as course requirements may change.

Dubai Internship Competition

Mr Zacharias was generally very impressed by the quality of the reviews and he was very happy to pass them on to the editor at the Khaleej Times for consideration. Initially, the following students were put on a shortlist:

- Ben Grant
- Patrick Lewis
- Lottie Mungavin
- Jaspal Chana
- Alamine Al-Fekaiki
- Derek Cheng

After some discussion and deliberation, Lottie and Jaspal will be representing Epsom College in Dubai this summer. As for the others, we will almost certainly get another chance to do this at some stage next year, so they will definitely be considered then.

Headmaster's Awards

The following pupils were awarded a Headmaster's Award this term: Ben Scarles (H), Mark Tampin (G), for their work on '*Merchant of Venice*', Tom Burgess (G), Emily Newey (Rv), Laura Frazer (Rv), for work on '*Boys from Syracuse*', Caroline Small (W) for work as Editor of the most recent '*Epsomian*'

Other Awards

Investor Challenge

Yoon Song(G) Team leader, Jess Wong (W), Yasmin El Sayed (W) Osazeme Giwa-Osagie (Wh)

Investment Award

Peter Nichols (C), Michelle Ingham (R), Louise Mewett (R) Josh Phillips (F)

Mathematics Gold Award

Michelle Toh (W), Ellouise Bishop (Cr), Chau Mung Yeung (F), Michael Leung (G), Anna Halstead (Cr), Keanan Amin (Rn), James Steel (C), Edward Boughton (P), Matthew Pollard (H)

Best in School

Matthew Pollard (H)

Prep School Events

There have been a number of events run by Epsom College for Prep Schools in the local area this term. January saw us host our first ever *Prep Schools' Strings Day* which was a tremendous success with 100 children from 9 Prep Schools – violins, cellos, double bass. Four schools took part in the very popular *Prep School Challenge Quiz* for Year 6 children – hosted by OE Jonny Maitland, Downsends winning the trophy. Such was the success of the event that it is planned to extend the invitation to Year 5 children this Summer Term.

February saw Epsom College again playing host to the *Prep Schools Rugby Regional Finals* postponed due to weather from late January. Over 2000 players and spectators were on campus and we were fortunate that the weather eventually held for us! We also hosted another keenly fought *Prep Schools' Netball Tournament* with 10 local schools taking part.

March saw the *Prep Schools Rugby National Finals*, also postponed from an earlier date. The changing weather has definitely kept us busy finding a way to complete the tournament. In the end we had good weather and the finals went very well. The second annual *Prep Schools Cross Country Run* (around 100 children competing over a 2 mile course around the College grounds) took place, in a highly competitive, yet friendly atmosphere. Our first *Prep Schools Netball Skills Workshop* with Karen Atkinson (Current co-captain of the England Netball Team) – saw 4 Prep Schools bringing their star netball players. The term was rounded off with our *First Prep Schools' Public Speaking Competition* – 7 schools competed in Teams of 3 from Year 5.

CCF Report

The Epsom College Contingent of The Combined Cadet Force continues to flourish. This is largely due to the dedication of the Cadet Force Adult Volunteers. Although many are uniformed, other members of Common Room acknowledge the value of cadet force activity and volunteer their expertise to supplement the standard training. This often includes holiday activities. As is evidenced, many staff are willing to undergo further training to enhance their skills.

Our training programme has developed to allow a mix of joint service activity and specialist single service training. The College allows a two hour parade weekly when most training is undertaken. In addition we also encourage attendance at camps in non-school time and cadets have benefited from such opportunities, be this at traditional 'service style' camps or adventure training. Similarly, twice per year the whole Contingent benefited from whole day or weekend training. During the summer holidays some 250 cadets enjoy CCF opportunities. Adventure Training continues to be attractive for cadets and often we focus on the leadership training aspect of these activities. Easter camp includes traditional hill walking with other opportunities such as canoeing and climbing. There are opportunities for parachuting and diving in the South of France. Of particular note was a month-long leadership training Expedition to Uganda in 2006 which involved 28 cadets. Currently another 36 cadets are preparing for an expedition to Zambia in 2010.

Our new CCF Headquarters, provided by the College, is now fully functional. Our SSI (WO1 Bob Bonner IG) continues to be an excellent influence offering plenty of encouragement to cadets and supporting officers. He still uses service links to gain help both with personnel and equipment. He maintains the day-to-day running of the Contingent.

We continue to receive good support from 4 Cadet Training Team, the area Flight Sergeant and RN Chief. Also good liaisons have been forged with RAF Odiham, the Royal Army Medical Corps, 14Trg Regiment Royal Artillery and the Army Air Corps with well over 100 cadets recently experiencing helicopter flights.

Competition shooting continues to be very successful and numerous trophies have been won. We are grateful to a number of Old Epsomians who willingly give of their time to help with coaching. We are also pleased that a number of cadets have achieved national selection.

The main thrust for our CCF Contingent is to provide leadership training, especially for our 6th form which is followed through with genuine practical opportunities for them as NCOs. These NCOs provide most of the training for junior cadets. Complementing Wednesday parades have been additional training opportunities such as regular camps at Fremington for Adventure Training. The army has now established our own annual camp because of the shortage of places at central camps. This is staffed by Epsom College with additional support as can be arranged.

CCF becomes a voluntary activity in the sixth form and the interest in remaining is very considerable indeed. So much so that we may need to review our training programme to cope with ever increasing numbers. Around 80% choose to remain within CCF rather than transfer to non-CCF options. Likewise (although not a recruiting organisation) some 20 cadets regularly show an interest in joining the services.

The cadet movement as a whole is under considerable scrutiny at present. A political drive is to expand cadet involvement in schools especially in the state sector. Against this have been savings measures which saw withdrawal of pay for TA army personnel and training budgets frozen. It is difficult to predict what will happen in the future which will be further coloured by a general election. Epsom College tries to keep abreast of developments and intends to maintain a high level operation for the benefit of our cadets.

We now rely heavily on Old Epsomians returning to assist on Field Days, at Bisley and Camps. Some dozen OEs join us at Army camp. Complementing this, however, has been their willingness of many Epsomians joining University OTCs and University Air Squadrons. Their help has been invaluable in supporting Epsom staff.

The CCF 'team' is determined to continue to provide positive and worthwhile opportunities for all cadets.

Education Trust

The Education Trust and the OE Club continue in their efforts to link parents and pupils with our network of over 6,000 Old Epsomians. This term, seventeen 6th Form pupils and a number of parents attended the *11th annual OE Medical Society Dinner* at the Royal Society of Physicians. The *OE Legal Society*, a relatively new society, held its first dinner at the Inner Temple, which was also attended by many pupils and parents. On both occasions the pupils represented the College admirably and many gained valuable career advice and in some cases actual work experience opportunities. I hope you and your children will be able to take part in an increasing number of special events organized Education Trust and OE Club in the future.

On that note, the Trust and the OE Club have organized an alternative to the London Marathon. Parents and pupils (over 18) are warmly invited to take part in the first annual *Neil Laing Bursary Fund Run* on 25th April. The course will start and end near the Cricket Pavilion and all proceeds will go directly to the Neil Laing Bursary Fund, which is part of the General Bursary Fund. Neil was a much-loved member of the Common Room who died in 2006. Information is available on the College website.

MUSIC

Inter-House Solo Instrumental Competition

This competition was held in January, and there were many performances of a very high standard, as could be heard in the winners' concert in February that showcased many fine individual performances across an incredibly varied range of instruments. All performances counted towards the House total, and in the House competition the final result was:

3 rd	Forest
2 nd	Robinson
1 st	Granville

Concerts

The first concert of the term involved a spectacular array of almost 200 performers in Big School, including Chapel Choir and Choral Society, with a full orchestra, under the direction of Mr Lodge. This was an extremely successful evening, with four superb soloists, and was greatly enjoyed by the large audience. The combined forces performed Mozart's *Requiem* followed by Bach's A minor Violin Concerto, superbly played by Christopher Chau (Fa), and a concert performance of Purcell's *Dido and Aeneas* including excellent solo contributions from Laura Frazer (Rv), Camilla Green (W), Becky Tattersall (Rv), Tom Burgess (G), Sophie Sachak (W) and Indy Wong (F).

Other concerts have included a well-received recital by Laura Frazer in the Music School, Mr Lodge, joined by his wife and Serena Kay, in an entertaining Director of Music's Recital in Big School, and a Prep Schools' Strings Day with over 100 young string players.

Outside College members of the Samba Band gave a well-received performance to the pupils of Wallace Fields Junior School, and The Downs Singers gave their annual concert at Westminster Central Hall.

Chapel Choir

The Chapel Choir has continued to lead the music in our worship with great skill and dedication, performing a range of complex anthems in a variety of musical styles. To produce such a high quality of performance in Chapel each week requires commitment and

hard work from all involved and as a school we are extremely grateful for the way this group enriches our lives each week.

A highlight for them was singing Evensong to a large congregation in the magnificent acoustic of Portsmouth Cathedral. The welcome from the Cathedral staff was incredibly warm and they were thrilled with the singing of the choir, performing music by William Byrd and Benjamin Britten.

Examinations

Practical examinations were taken this term by a number of pupils following the syllabuses of the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music, Trinity Guildhall and Rocks School. Not all certificates have yet arrived. Where they have arrived, those successful at a level below grade 6 have received certificates in Houses.

GRADE SIX

Olivia Jenkins (Cr) - piano

Michael Leung (G) - piano

GRADE SIX WITH MERIT

Camilla Bole (Cr) - clarinet

GRADE SEVEN WITH MERIT

Yoon Song (G) - violin

National Youth Choir

Isabel Thomas (W) deserves congratulation for gaining a place in the National Youth Choirs of Great Britain.

DRAMA

This has been a busy and challenging term for Theatre at Epsom. The academic Drama season started off in exemplary style with the A* success of the A2 Theatre Studies public exam performance of their devised exam, '*Plague within*'. Using an inventive combination of aerial silks and hoop, both dance, original costume and sound design and some impressive technical effects including flame gel, the group were able to present a powerful, mature split narrative drama exploring modern violence and the bubonic plague. Applying Artaud's '*Theatre of Cruelty*' style to their ideas as directors, designers and performers, the end result was an outstanding spectacle of physical theatre which plunged the audience members into the heart of the action both emotionally and physically. This marks the first practical exam at A2 of the new syllabus and it is exciting to see such a high standard of success across both acting and design skills at this level.

Two weeks ago Big School was transformed into Ephesus, with a full stage set, a large company, an excellent professional band and three nights of appreciative audiences. The ensemble worked very well to present a polished, comic portrayal of Shakespeare's original, '*The Comedy of Errors*'. With some lively musical numbers from Rogers and Hart, filled with entertaining choreography, the company brought this old classic to life to present a quick paced, visually impressive version of '*The Boys from Syracuse*'. Well done to all involved.

The Shakespeare season concludes next term with the Junior production of '*Macbeth*' in June.

Academic theatre continued to be pressured with the recent GCSE Drama exams, which were externally moderated by an AQA examiner last night. All of the pupils did justice to the months of preparation and rehearsal leading up to their final 30% practical coursework

exams, which were all staged inventively in both Drama Studios. The Drama department is very grateful to the many pupils and adults who supported their work by being such appreciative and warm audiences at the 6 scripted performance exams: *Potter's 'Blue remembered Hills'*; *Isitt's 'The woman who cooked her husband'*; *Russell's 'Stags 'n' Hens'*; *Waterhouse and Hall's 'Billy Liar'*; *Ayckbourn's 'Between mouthfuls'* and *Godber's 'Teechers'*.

SPORT

Boys' Games

Hockey Ist XI

P 8	W 3	D 2	L 3
Epsom v Cranleigh		D	1-1
Epsom v Lancing		W	1-0
Epsom v Trinity		L	2-1
Epsom v Tonbridge		L	5-1
Epsom v Reeds		W	1-0
Epsom v Charterhouse		W	2-1
Epsom v Eton		D	1-1
Epsom v Sutton Valence		L	4-3

This was the most successful season for the 1st XI for many years. It really started with a number of victories on tour in Australia and the rapid progress continued in to the Lent term. The circuit remains extremely tough and to come away with only three defeats was superb. The gritty determination and willingness to work for each other was a huge factor, making us a very difficult team to break down defensively. Wins came against Lancing, Reeds and Charterhouse who are all very tough opposition. The draw against Cranleigh who have several premier league, County and international players was particularly special. The side was lead magnificently by William Shaw (H). William and the other U6th players have been totally dedicated to hockey in their time at Epsom and will be greatly missed next year.

1st XI Major Colours: *William Shaw (H), Harry Bradshaw (C), James Pease-Watkin (Fa), Xavier Daldas (C)*

Hockey Other Sides

All Senior, U16 and U14 sides have had a 50% or better win/draw record which is a great achievement on our tough circuit. The U14s have proved to be an extremely promising year group with a lot of talent all the way down to the E team and great competition for places. As a year group they won half of all their matches. The U16A side narrowly missed out on the County Cup but ended up winning the Plate Competition. Many of these will play a large part in the 1st XI next year. *Peter Small (Fa)* has represented Surrey U16s. His sister *Caroline Small (W)* has kindly umpired a great number of games this season for the U16A team, has umpired a Surrey v Wales U18 girls game and has been selected for the South England Hockey Youth Panel.

Football

1st XI - A season of near misses where opportunities to take wins were missed. As ever, injuries and changes to team structure affected the squad but a good win over Cranleigh and fine performance against a "strong OE side" cap a modest season overall.

Full Colours: Max Nicholson (Rn), Jack Billings (Fa), Andy Matthews (P), Jack Gospage (Fa), Sonny Coleman (F), Lewis Kuhler (P), Max Allen (C)

Half Colours: Tim Clews (P), Adam Tarpey (Fa), Ed Rosen (P), Andreas Demetriou (C), Will Freeman (G), Scott Dewar (G), Adedeji Elebute (F)

House Senior trophy: Fayrer

Boys' Rugby

Carroll Cup: Kyle Sinckler (G) (England U18) and Jordon Burns (Fa) (England U16)

Fencing

The fencing team have had a difficult second half to the season, fencing strong opposition from the much more experienced teams of Tonbridge, Worth and Charterhouse. However, a final victory over KCS Wimbledon by the 1st Foil team of Darren Tai (G), Peter Wilkin (Fa) and Laurence Willey (C) meant the team won the Ian Keeble Foil Trophy for 2010.

Half Colours: Darren Tai (G) and Laurence Willey (C)

Colts Colours: Peter Wilkin (Fa)

Cross Country

The team has enjoyed a most satisfactory season, and despite some appalling weather, all pupils have readily gone about each race in a true Corinthian spirit. Despite our captain Joe Toomey missing three fixtures because of County and National events, and three intermediate runners competing in the Senior team, there have been some very good performances, notably gaining a second team place in the Pat Bagnall Trophy race at Highgate School. There is much promise for next year.

Major Colours: Joe Toomey (Fa)

Full Colours: William Beadle (C), Alex Brunton-Reed (C), Hector Martin (F), Alexander Shammass (Rn)

Colts: Matthew Man (G), Jamie Hamill (C), William Stodhart (Rn)

Rhodes Cup: Alex Shammass (Rn)

Runner of the Year: Joe Toomey (Fa)

Squash

The U19 boys' team enjoyed an excellent start to the term by defeating Trinity in the second round of the National Competition. Although they bowed out of the Competition in the next round to Wycliffe, surely one of the finalists in March, it still ranks as a superb performance in this premier cup. In addition, while the boys' 1st V were defeated by Harrow and St Pauls in recent weeks, they also produced stirring efforts against St Johns and RGS Reigate, thus finishing in a high position in the overall Surrey Cup. We aim to win back this trophy next year! The season was rounded off in superb fashion by a valiant attempt to retain the prestigious Roehampton Independent School's Title, won by Epsom for the past two years. It was a close affair, with excellent victories over Charterhouse and Marlborough College, but defeat to eventual champions Harrow scuppered our chances and the team ultimately finished third overall. Well done to the 1st V squad of captain Jonathan Malynn (G), Lewis Kuhler (P), Olly Ramagge (G), Rory Chisholm (Fa), Oliver Costain (C), Ben Kuhler (P) and Jonathan Barker (F).

The U15 boys' team also enjoyed success this term with victories over Harrow and RGS Reigate. Oliver Costain and Ben Kuhler clearly benefited from experiences in the 1st V, and they were ably assisted by Jodie Koep (R), Sean Jagger (Rn), Andrew Cook (F) and Tzi Man (Rn). The future looks bright for next year.

Major Colours: Lewis Kuhler (P)

Full Colours: Jonathan Malynn (G)

Half Colours: Olly Ramagge (G), Rory Chisholm (Fa)

Boys' Junior Individual: Oliver Costain (C)

Boys' Junior Player of the Year: Oliver Costain (C) & Ben Kuhler (P)

Boys' Senior Individual: Lewis Kuhler (P)

Most improved player: Ben Kuhler (P)

Burrage Cup: Jonathan Malynn (G)

Basketball

The Senior boys Basketball team have had a very successful year. Playing in the County U19 league they have lost just two matches all year and finished second in the league.

Last Sunday we held an inaugural Epsom College basketball festival. After beating teams from City of London Freeman's School and Caterham we came up against a strong team from Dulwich in the deciding match. Thanks to some outstanding 3 point shooting from Chris Chau we emerged as winners in a tense encounter by 36-29.

Full Colours: Chris Chau (Fa), Nick Amin (Fa)

Girls' Games

Netball

U14E PLAYED 2 WON 1 LOST 1

With only two scheduled matches at either end of term it was difficult for the girls to get in their stride. However, they always trained and played with good spirit and determination. A very close match to win against Brighton and a tough loss to Wellington. Enthusiasm and team spirit especially from *Immy Ursell (W)* and *Lola Mallardo (Rv)*. *Notable improved players include: Elly Kasyan (Cr) and Charlotte Bae (Rv)*. Well done.

U14D PLAYED 7 WON 5 DREW 1 LOST 1

The U14D girls netball team all displayed team spirit and commitment throughout the term and always played with enthusiasm and enjoyment. An excellent scoreline reflects this with only one loss to a Hurstpierpoint B team. Some very tough fought matches, especially against Wellington, brought close scoring games where shooters *Lily Alert and Tilly Small* (both Raven) were reliable under pressure. An excellent season.

U14 C PLAYED 9 WON 5 LOST 4

The girls played really well this season captained by Tuscan Lambrechts (R), gelling together quickly and really producing some good play. Overall, the girls played very well, with consistently strong play from *Tara Doran (Cr)*, *Scarlett Brice-Adams (R)* and *Charlotte Dialdas (Cr)*.

U14 B PLAYED 8 WON 7 LOST 1

The U14 B's have developed throughout the season and have remained committed to their learning and their team. We have only lost one game this season winning all seven other matches. Their winning streak has come from their ability to focus and implement the task at hand whilst ignoring the outcome. My most improved player for the season is *Jae Youn Jung(Rv)* and my most committed player is *Jenny Dawkins (Cr)*.

U14 A PLAYED 9 WON 3 LOST 4 DREW 2

The A team were one of the unluckiest I have coached in my time at Epsom, narrowly missing out 3 times by only 1 or 2 goals. Great wins over Wellington and Eastbourne and a good showing in the County Finals beating the group winners were our highlights. Aply led by co-captains *Rachel Williams (Cr)* and *Rebecca Saunders (Rv)* and fabulous support throughout by parents.

Loads of potential for this talented side who just need to believe in themselves a little more.

Inter-House Result:

4th Wilson

3rd Raven

2nd Crawford

1st Rosebery

U15 D PLAYED 6 WON 4 LOST 2

The team have had an excellent season and have been ably captained by *Imogen Willis (R)*. The highlight was surely the 44-1 victory over Eastbourne, but the girls have trained and played hard all season, and have been a pleasure to coach.

U15 C PLAYED 8 WON 6 LOST 2

Once the girls got in their stride they performed really well. An outstanding performance all season from *Harriet Bantock (Cr)* as a very versatile player must be mentioned. The team was an excellent unit and really relied on each other. The match of the season has to be split between their game between Eastbourne which we won by nearly 10 goals and the last match against wellington although we lost it was by a very small margin and the girls performed their best game.

U15 B PLAYED 8 WON 4 LOST 4

The girls had a level season. Although they started the season well, there was a bit of drift as tiredness set in. The girls did develop their playing style and had some good wins against the Pangbourne third team and Jags, though lost the last couple of games in close matches.

U15 A PLAYED 15 WON 9 LOST 6

The team worked very hard all term and clearly enjoy their netball. The 'keeping possession' message has got through, and they now know that they will be severely punished should they give the ball away. They had some really tough games, but learned from them, and are beginning to understand that having (and using!) a 'netball brain' is essential for further progress next year.

As a group, they get on well and enjoy playing together. They did very well to reach the last four at the Surrey Finals, and with the same desire next year, they could do even better. As the term reached its conclusion, they were quite evidently tired, and will have been sorry to lose their last match against Wellington.

Inter-House Result:

4th Wilson

3rd Rosebery

2nd Raven

1st Crawford

U16 B PLAYED 8 WON 8 **UNBEATEN**

It has been a season of incredible Netball, enormous passion, and team spirit.

The girls listened in practise and took every opportunity they had in matches to dominate their opponents, which they did at every single game. The under 16B's are an unbeaten side this season, which is a fantastic achievement. The girls had great patience with each other

and learned to play with different combinations in each game. They learnt to use their court space exceptionally well and to move forward to receive the ball as well as the importance of the timing of their passes to each other. Their skills have improved dramatically over the season as well as their confidence in themselves and in each other as a team.

U16 A PLAYED 8 WON 6 LOST 2

The girls have played really well all season with most matches being won convincingly. The girls have built on their core skills and developed a maturity as a team, improving their ability to read the game and out-think their opposition. Excellent shooting proved crucial, as well as the exceptionally strong defensive combination who kept the opposition under constant pressure, forcing errors and making numerous interceptions. The mid court consistently played well both in attacking and defensive play, working as an extremely effective unit.

Colts Colours: Sophie Cordery (R), Rachel Mewett (R), Camilla Shopland (R), Maddie Billings (W), Alice Davidson-Richards (W), Caoimhe Murdock (W), Harriet Skan (W), Lauren Higgs (Rv), Margaux Monfared (Rv), Zoe Sciver (Rv)

Inter-House Trophy:

4th Raven

3rd Rosebery

2nd Crawford

1st Wilson (Collect Cup)

4TH TEAM PLAYED 4 WON 2 LOST 2

The girls secured a very comfortable win against Bradfield and a close win over Cranleigh. Gaps between matches meant that it was difficult to perform as a team and absences took their toll.

3RD TEAM PLAYED 7 WON 5 LOST 2

Always enthusiastic, this team has worked hard in training and fixtures to see a significant improvement in their skill levels and match play. Captain *Lowri Needham (Wh)* has shown sheer determination and inspirational leadership throughout. Most improved player in this team goes to *Emily Field (R)* for her sterling work in defence and commitment to training.

2ND TEAM PLAYED 7 WON 3 DREW 1 LOST 3

It has been a good season for the 2nd senior netball team. They have all developed their skills as netball players and they really began to gel as a team towards the end. They performed with real class against Bradfield, they were 7-1 down in the first quarter and then they pulled their way back up to make it a draw in the last quarter, they are certainly determined and it was great to see that they never give up. *Emma Albon (Rv)* has captained the team well and really tried to get them to think like a professional netball team; the warm-ups are well led and she is a great role model on the court, puts her heart and soul into the game and fights for every moment.

Full colours: Anna Hurley (Rv), Stephanie Rew (Wh), Wendy Sun (Wh)

Half colours: Emma Albon (Rv), Jessica Wong (W), Samantha Duff (R), Yasmin El Sayed (W), Jenny Waterman (Rv)

1ST TEAM PLAYED 8 WON 6 LOST 2

This team worked exceptionally hard with lots of new talent joining the team. Their Captain *Rebecca Kjaedegaard (Cr)*, a seasoned pro after being in the 1st team for 3 years, lead by example and encouraged and motivated her team throughout the season. The attack comprised of *Sophie Reynolds (Cr), Lottie Mungavin (W), Tamsin Barber (Cr), Catriona*

Melville (Rv) and Natasha Nichols (R), all of which are remaining with us, apart from Lottie Mungavin, next season. In defence *Rebecca Kjaedegaard (Cr)*, *Stephanie Crouch (Rv)* and *Natalie Sciver (Rv)* were a force to be reckoned with and certainly showed their defending talent in the fixture against Wellington. In summary the 1st team had a short but successful term.

Inter House Trophy:

5th White
4th Rosebery
3rd Raven
2nd Crawford
1st Wilson

Full Colours: Steph Crouch (Rv), Lottie Mungavin (W), Catriona Melville (Rv), Natasha Nichols (R), Tamsin Barber (Cr), Sophie Reynolds (Cr),

Major Colours: Rebecca Kjaedegaard (Cr), Natalie Sciver (Rv)

Rugby: Girls VIIs

After the initial lack of numbers to training the girls got underway very quickly this year. Two good wins in our warm up games against Eastbourne and Christ's Hospital showed us the talent we have. This potential came through by winning the Sussex 7's with some truly excellent rugby. With a bit of tweaking the Rosslyn Park National tournament will be an exciting adventure.

Girls Squash

This was another strong term for Girls' Squash. Louise Kelly (W) and Jen Lewsey (W) joined captain *Alice Davidson-Richards (W)*, *Jodie Koep (R)*, *Jenny Watkin (W)* and *Rachel Mewett (R)* in the 1st V squad. Despite a frustratingly close 3-2 defeat by Cranleigh at home, things were soon on the up as the team beat St. Catherine's 5 matches to 0 and claimed an even more impressive victory against Christ's Hospital for a match in which they did not concede a single game.

This term also saw our M4 girls play their first matches in the U15 age group. *Rhiannon Tambini-McGee (R)*, *Briana Norris (R)*, *Tuscan Lambrechts (R)*, *Hannah Wilkinson (R)* and *Lousie Reid (R)* gave a solid performance in their away match against Cranleigh and although they lost 3-2, their team spirit and good sportsmanship was impressive to see. Rhiannon and Briana also stepped in to play with the 1st V against Charterhouse, with Epsom winning four matches to one. A great term, girls. Well done!

Half Colours: Jenny Watkin, Louise Kelly

Colt Colours: Alice Davidson - Richards

Girls' Lacrosse

Lacrosse has continued to grow this year, resulting in some excellent performances. During the autumn term, a mixture of U15 and U16 girls travelled to Cranleigh. Captained by *Harriet Skan (W)*, the mixed team unfortunately lost, but showed much promise. This term, the U15 team played Coloma Convent School on two occasions, winning one. *Roisin Monaghan (R)* ably captained the squad, with outstanding defensive play contributed by *Sareena Blackburn (R)* and *Eimear Monaghan (R)*. *Lindsay Sinclair (R)* and *Fran Dakin-White (W)* excelled at attack. Some promising play from M4s *AnnMarie Heijna (W)* and *Dani Tullet (W)* during the U15 match bodes well for the future!

Girls' Games

Hendelah Waley: Natalie Sciver (Rv)

Girl's House Games Cup: Rosebery

Other Games

Volleyball

Few Matches this term – Boys beating Rikkyo home and away but narrowly losing to London Oratory. Girls narrowly losing to Rikkyo, serving being the difference, and forming a mixed team to play Oratory's seconds (them being a boys school). A team of recent OEs also came to show that they had lost none of their magic.

Full Colours: Chris Chau (Fa), Anka Giese (Wh)

Table Tennis

Not much to report on the Table Tennis front, other than the one match against Ernest Bevin School, which we drew. This is a pleasing result because Ernest Bevin are traditionally a strong Table Tennis playing school.

Target Rifle Team

A quieter term, as we got our heads down to concentrate on Country Life, which was shot on the 9th March (final results yet to be announced). The whole squad have been working hard and they put in a promising performance on the day.

In wider circles, we have been lucky enough to have two Athelings selected, *Jack Ball (Fa)* and *Alex Dowle (C)* to represent GB in Canada this summer. *Alex Brunton-Reed (C)* has also been called up as one of the two Reserves for the squad, which is a great achievement. The three boys attended exercise Maple Taste with *Jen Lewsey (W)* who was trialling for the UK Cadet Rifle Team to the Channel Islands; she has since been selected as one of the final 12 travelling this summer and is awarded Full Colours in recognition of this achievement.

Outstanding from last term are the team's success in the Staniforth Competition, which they retained for the 6th year in a row, maintaining their title as School's Indoor National Champions, and the result of the Club Championships, which was won by *Alex Brunton-Reed (C)*.

Sailing

The Papercourt Sailing Regatta took place on Saturday 20 March in very poor weather with almost continuous rain and a very blustery wind in the morning. The college sailors coped well with these conditions, with the more experienced sailors doing very well. In the fast fleet *Morgan Bowen-Perkins (Rn)* came 2nd overall with *Ben Ross (G)* as his crew.

In the slow fleet there were several classes of boats, with *James Booker (G)* coming 2nd overall in the Topper class. He was in fact 2nd in every race, and but for the discard system would have won this class.

The best result however was that of *Sam Oulton, (Rn)* who won each of the 4 races in the single hander Pico class, thus winning the class trophy. This is the best result that we have had in these regattas for at least 12 years.

Winner of the 'Pico' class: Sam Oulton (Rn)

Swimming

The Bath and Otter Cup and House Swimming for both Boys and Girls, were the major swimming events in the Lent term. We took a youthful team to the Crystal Palace for the

Bath and Otter Cup, some great performances on the day, led to both the boys and girls teams just missing their respective finals. This was a good achievement in a National Competition. House swimming produced some very competitive races, especially in the girl's competition. Special mention must go to *Sean McGrath (Rv)*, who not only won all three of her individual races, but also broke the record in each one.

U14 (B) Carr & Propert, U14 (G) Rosebery

U15 (B) Fayrer, U15 (G) Crawford

House Standards (B) Carr, House Standards (G) Rosebery

U16 (B) Propert, U16 (G) Raven

100m Cup (B) A. Pullen (Fa), 100m Cup (G) Catherine Mills (Cr)

Over 16 (B) Fayrer, Over 16 (G) Crawford

Individual (B) A. Pullen (Fa) and W. Brown (H), Individual (G) Sean McGrath (Rv)

Relays (B) Propert, Relay (G) Rosebery

Overall House (B) Fayrer, Overall House (G) Rosebery

GENERAL

Term Dates

School term dates are published about a year in advance. I would urge parents not to book holidays outside these dates. It is extremely disruptive for teachers and adds a huge extra burden on to them.

Fifth Form Parents

Parents are reminded that they need to let the Bursar know in writing by Wednesday 14th April 2010 if their son or daughter is leaving the College at the end of the summer term, other than at the end of the Upper 6th. Fees in lieu of notice may be charged if the requisite one term's notice is not given.

Electronic Fee Invoices

With effect from Michaelmas Term 2010 each fee invoice issued by the College by means other than email attachment will attract an administrative charge of £10.

Finally

I have been delighted and most grateful for the leadership provided by *Mark Tampin (G)* as Head of School for the Lent Term just ending; I have all possible confidence in *Anna Hurley (Rv)* as she takes over for the Summer Term. My congratulations to *Laura Frazer* the new Raven Head of House.

Can Glynis and I wish all parents and their families a rewarding break at Easter.

S R Borthwick
Headmaster