



# EPSOM

## COLLEGE

From the Headmaster

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Dear Parents

It has been a warm welcome back to a very full school of 723 pupils, with 129 new M4s, a handful of new U4s and 44 new L6th, of whom three quarters are girls.

### **A2 Level Results**

55% of all our grades were As and over 82% As and Bs. A third of all candidates achieved AAA or better. The best overall subjects were Art, Chemistry, Economics, Business Studies, English (its last year at A Level and its best ever), Geography, Politics, Spanish and Theatre Studies. [Click here](#) for full results.

### **AS Level Results**

52 pupils got three As or more and 30 got A grades at everything they took. All of this was done without any contribution coming from the English Pre-U because it is only examined at the end of two years. 46% A grades was excellent and the percentage was especially high in Art, Critical Thinking, Economics, Geography, Mathematics and Physics. [Click here](#) for full results.

### **GCSE Results**

William Broad, Jen Lewsey, Philip Longhurst, Stuart Morris, Natasha Nichols, Martin Norton-Amor and Jade Warner got 8 A\*s. Darren Tai and Ed Rosen got 10 A\*s and Sam Duff 11 A\*s. In all, just under 70% of all grades were at A\* and A. Particularly excellent results were achieved at the top end in Art, Spanish, Design Technology, English Literature, Geography, History, Information Technology and PE, which was the first year it has been examined at GCSE at Epsom. [Click here](#) for full results.

### **New Staff**

We welcome onto the staff this Michaelmas Term: Miss Hannah Brabham, Teacher of Modern Languages straight from the Government's Teach First scheme and a Tutor in Rosebery; Miss Nicola Hanger from Baliol, Oxford, undertaking the Graduate Teacher Programme, teaching Mathematics and a

Tutor in Carr; Miss Saba Hassan coming from Deloitte, undertaking the Graduate Teacher Programme in Mathematics and a Tutor in Rosebery; Mr Jonathan Whatley, a former officer in the Royal Engineers in Her Majesty's Armed Forces, undertaking the Graduate Teacher Programme in Economics and a Tutor in Carr; Mr David Wilkinson teaching Physics and a Tutor in Holman, having come from a New Zealand independent school and before that King's College School, Wimbledon; Ms Sam Walker, Epsom's first ever Artist in Residence, who will work with pupils in and out of lessons as well as continuing to do her own painting; Mr Bill Beatson returning here for another term of maternity leave to teach Biology and a Tutor in Raven; and Dr Frances Perry also returning to the College after a space of ten years to teach Biology and a Tutor in White House. We also welcome Mr Tom Doran back as a trainee teacher and Resident House Tutor in Granville.

I must also draw to your attention that Mrs Roxanna Harrop, the Head of Careers and Higher Education, is available throughout the week for consultations and parents and pupils are asked to check her availability in advance. Mrs Emma Glasford has replaced Mrs Lynne Isaby as Secretary to the Deputy Heads.

Lastly could I welcome into the core of the College Mr Rob Young and his wife Rebecca, Mr Young having taken over as Housemaster of Granville, and Mrs Pippa Woolmer, who has taken over as Housemistress of Raven.

### **Extended Day**

The College now runs an Extended Day scheme which offers to Day pupils supper at school and supervised prep. [Click here](#) for more information.

### **Building Projects**

As we made clear to parents earlier in the summer, in the current financial climate we intend to carry out a very much reduced programme of work to minimise our costs. We have restricted ourselves to relatively small changes and a single major refurbishment. Our tasks have included: A complete refurbishment of Fayrer with new carpets, soft furnishing and furniture where applicable; redecoration and reorganisation of spaces in the Art School and creation of a new Artist in Residence studio; detailed work within Forest and Holman Houses; reorganisation of the space within the Old Armoury so that it can be used for Photography lessons, IT and Textile activities; new light fittings in Sports Hall 1; and major refurbishment or redecoration in 10 staff houses.

### **Summer Vacation Activities**

There have been a large number of these as usual, which have included:

Mr Kennedy and members of the school undertook a sponsored cycle journey between London and Paris to raise money for the CLIC Sergeant Cancer Charity. Over £15,000 has been raised so far.

The National Shooting Championships at Bisley; William Broad and Sam Owen (both Carr) won the Cadet Pair Shield and Jen Lewsey (W), Alex

Brunton-Reed (C), Alastair Mazumdar (P) and Ben Ross (G) won the Schools Four Tankard. The team between them won several other trophies.

Athletics: Ejiro Avwunu (H) was in the top ten in the triple jump at the Junior Boys National Athletics Championships held in Sheffield in early July, which is an outstanding performance.

Hockey: Mr Oliver led the U17 and U16 boys' hockey teams for a highly successful tour in Australia and they have come back very confident for this season, as have the girls' hockey teams, who did their pre-season training in Holland led by Mrs Drinkall, and the boys' rugby teams, who did pre-season training in Normandy led by Mr Drinkall. The girls' hockey team won the Pangbourne Trophy and the Christ's Hospital Trophy in pre-season competitive matches.

CCF: A CCF army camp took place in Swynerton, RAF adventure training, CCF adventure training in Scotland and a D of E qualifying expedition had to endure the worst of Brecon Beacons weather.

Golf: The Epsom College golf team finished runners-up in the national finals of the HMC Foursomes competition held at the Royal Ashdown Forest golf club. This competition was contested by the eight regional winners throughout HMC so the standard of play was outstanding. Having already won the regional final in the south of England, Epsom played Birkenhead and then Rugby on the way to the final where, in the last match of the competition they played Millfield. The three pairs, Gareth Blease (C) and David Boote (Rn), Madeleine Kuhler (Wh) and Lewis Kuhler (P), and Jeremy Morgan (H) and Danny Cullen (P), all top-class golfers playing extremely well, lost to Millfield, which is a sports academy and thus has actual sporting advantage over all other teams. This is the second year in succession that Epsom has made the last stages of the national competition and we hope very much that in the future we win the competition!

Other items of interest can be found in [The Link](#) or indeed on the College website at [www.epsomcollege.org.uk](http://www.epsomcollege.org.uk)