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### HeadLines

The great Julia Child who was played so memorably in the film 'Julie and Julia' by Meryl Streep changed the face of American home cooking: her recipe for Boeuf Bourguignon is one of the all-time classics. What was the secret of her success apart from an ability to laugh at herself? She said, "The measure of achievement is not winning awards. It's doing something that you appreciate, something you believe is worthwhile. I think of my strawberry soufflé. I did that at least 28 times before I finally conquered it."

Perseverance and tenacity, it seems to me, are two of the lost arts of the twenty first century! We have come to expect instant results and immediate rewards for our limited efforts. Instead of having to pore over books for information, we 'google' it instead (Note: other search engines are available). Even in the field of culinary creation, so beloved of Delia and Julia and Nigella and the rest of the cooks whose names end in an 'a' and those who don't, we are a nation who are much better at buying books about food or ordering takeaways than we are at making delicious dishes from scratch.

The business guru, Lee Iacocca, exhorted us to "Don't just stand there; make something happen" but as another lesser known American writer, Sam Ewing, said: "Hard work spotlights the character of people: some turn up their sleeves, some turn up their noses and some don't turn up at all".

Do you get the impression that I have been reading too much Americana? Well, of course, you're right. In visiting the USA recently, I was struck by their tremendous work ethic underpinned by the ability to 'dream big'. I was privileged to meet a chap called Conrad and his family. He has built up a great family business building 'vintage hardtops' (If you are unsure what these are go to [www.norcalvintagehardtops.com](http://www.norcalvintagehardtops.com) and watch the Audi Spider advert showing on many commercial stations at the moment which features several of Conrad's cars). I was so impressed by his moral approach to his work and the amount of effort he was prepared to invest to make it successful. No, that kind of effort and passion is not unique to Americans, but perhaps it is easier to find over there.

What else did I find over there? A disillusionment with, shall we say, politicians who a year ago inspired people to paeans of praise, an obsessive interest in 'illegal immigrants' in Arizona and a worsening financial situation which had affected the retail industry in particular. I also pondered anew the fascination with baseball, wondered why it is always misty over the Golden Gate Bridge and saw a wonderful production of 'Wicked' preceded by a chat with a bartender in a beautiful hotel which I visited for research purposes only who seemed to believe that because I was English I must have met Princess Diana.

Recent British or international news was a mystery to most I met and no-one could quite remember the name of the new prime minister.

This week, each day has brought a new announcement about education funding and changes to be expected. Today, I listened to a depressing news item about university funding which will affect a generation of students in a way not experienced previously. 'A Hard Rain's Gonna Fall' in Dylan's words. No doubt I will be sharing specific issues with you in weeks to come, but I believe that a school in our position of strength will continue to prosper. However, it won't happen unless we work hard to make it happen because there are no automatic guarantees. As Clint Eastwood said in 'The Rookie': 'If you want a guarantee, buy a toaster.'

To conclude, let me share with you a piece of information which showed me that you must always re-examine what you have been taught. My History teacher at school taught me that George Washington had wooden teeth, but according to information recently gathered in the USA, I can announce that the first president of the United States had several sets of dentures made of hippopotamus ivory and gold. Unfortunately, springs hinged them together and poor George's mouth would pop open unexpectedly which rather unnerved his opponents. A set of his teeth was loaned to the Smithsonian museum but half of them were stolen in 1982. On reflection, I think I preferred the wooden teeth story.

**Sandra Samwell, Headteacher**



## ARTS NEWS

### Music Department Announcement

Many congratulations go to the following students who recently took their Rock School drum exams:-

Elizabeth Naylor	Grade 2	Pass with Merit
Stephen Andric	Grade 2	Pass
Alice Markham	Grade 1	Pass with Distinction
Zoe Littlechild	Grade 1	Pass with Merit

Well done!

*Mrs Bailey*

## WORLD FASHION SHOW

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> July**

**1.30 – 6.30 pm**

A reminder that tickets are now on sale from Student Services for our World Fashion Show event. Alternatively, you may like to purchase your tickets using our online payment facility. Please contact Student Services if you need a log-in.

### Library Notice

Orders from the Scholastic C2C brochure need to be handed in to the Library by the end of the school day on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June.

May I politely remind the Sixth Form that the use of mobile phones is NOT permitted in the Library or, indeed, in any other area of the school.

*Mrs Krajewski, Librarian*

### Year 7 Work Shadowing Day Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July

A reminder that all work shadowing forms should be returned by Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June. If you have any queries about your child's placement, I would be grateful if you could contact me as soon as possible. Many thanks.

*Miss Bond, Careers Coordinator*

## PTA News

Our theatre trip to see Mamma Mia on 24<sup>th</sup> June has sold out. Thank you if you have secured tickets, apologies if you have not. We will be planning more trips in the near future. You can still register an interest for future trips by emailing your details to [hhsatheatre@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:hhsatheatre@hotmail.co.uk).

If your child has out-grown their school uniform would you please consider donating it to the secondhand uniform shop to sell on. Please send it to school (clean please) if you can help.

Next meeting: Monday June 21<sup>st</sup> at 6pm in the Library. Please come along.

**Judith Stallworthy, Chair HHSA (01442 393266 or mobile 07749 727350), email [s.stallworthy@sky.com](mailto:s.stallworthy@sky.com)**



### Dates for Your Diary

**18<sup>th</sup> May-30<sup>th</sup> June** GCSE Examinations\*

**18<sup>th</sup> May-22<sup>nd</sup> June** AS Examinations\*

\*Practical examinations may take place outside of this date range

**14<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> June** Years 7 – 10 School Exams

#### \*\*\*Blue Week\*\*\*

**14<sup>th</sup> June** Year 10 Geography Exam

Year 10 Graphics Exam

**17<sup>th</sup>** Year 10 Graphics Exam

**18<sup>th</sup>** Year 10 Science Module

Year 12 EPQ students visit to Oxford

Year 13 BTEC Performing Arts Musical Dress Rehearsal

**18<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>** Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh's Award

Qualifying Expedition

**19<sup>th</sup>** Year 13 BTEC Performing Arts Musical

Performance

#### \*\*\*Gold Week\*\*\*

**21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> June** Design and Technology Week

**21<sup>st</sup>** Year 7 (L,N,P) Geography visit to the Chilterns

Year 10 Maths Exam

Year 12 'Hemel at War' talk

**22<sup>nd</sup>** Year 10 Textiles Exam

Year 10 Drama Exam

Year 7 (A,C,F) Geography visit to the Chilterns

Year 12 Higher Education Convention

**23<sup>rd</sup>** Year 10 Food Technology Exam

Year 12 Art Gallery visit

Year 7 Parent/Pupil Maths Workshop

**24<sup>th</sup>** Year 10 Science Module

**25<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>** Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh's Award

Qualifying Expedition

## Maths Puzzle of the Month

### May Solution

Let  $b$  be the original height of the blue candle and let  $r$  be the original height of the red candle.

Initially,  $b = r + 4$

After 4 hours,  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the blue candle has burned (assuming a steady rate), so its height will be  $\frac{1}{3}b$ .

After  $2\frac{1}{2}$  hours, the height of the red candle will be  $\frac{3}{8}r$ .

So,  $\frac{1}{3}b = \frac{3}{8}r$

$$b = 1\frac{1}{8}r$$

Substituting in the original equation gives

$$1\frac{1}{8}r = r + 4$$

$$\frac{1}{8}r = 4$$

$$r = 32$$

Hence the original height of the red candle is 32cm and the original height of the blue candle is 36cm.

### June Puzzle



#### Build a Wall



To build a certain wall, a supervisor knows that these builders work at the following rates:

- Ali & Bill take 12 days
- Ali & Charlie take 15 days
- Bill & Charlie take 20 days

Assuming that the rates at which builders work are not affected by their companion:

- How long would it take each of them working alone to build the wall?
- How long would it take to build the wall if they all worked together?

All entries should be submitted to your Maths teacher by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2010.

*Mrs Okusanya, Mathematics Department*

## GCSE, AS and A level Art Exhibition 2010

To celebrate the success of our Year 11, 12 and 13 Art students we are holding an exhibition of their work on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June between 4 pm and 7 pm. Everyone is welcome, parents and students, particularly if you are about to start GCSE or A level Art this September and would like to find out what sketchbooks and final pieces look like. We look forward to seeing you there.

*Miss Rayner, Learning Leader: Art*

## HEADTEACHER'S COMMENDATIONS

**For Excellent Attendance at College:** Kirsty Cowley 11A, Chelsea Sturges 11C, Lily Fender 11N, Roshi Ramsay 11P.

**For Excellent Progress at College:** Lauren Sumner 11C, Roshi Ramsay 11P.

**For Excellent Work in English:** Megan Archer, Rio Baah, Ruby Cantlon, Ella Grappy, Eloise Hepburn, Lucy Jackson, Akif Khan, Tessa Milligan, Nick Roel-Adams, Elliott Roper and Lauren Shirley 7F.

**For Representing the School Excellently:** Danielle Griffin-Fair 8C.

**For Excellent Work in Geography:** William Bell, Ollie Cox, Billy Elborough, Max Flintoff, Lauren Gofford, Danielle Horton, Abigail Morris and Leela Pocock 7N.

**For Excellent Progress in Literacy:** Peter Darvell 8A.

## Write a Poem

You might not consider yourself 'a poet', but by sharing your verse with 'Poetry Rivals' you could find yourself performing your poem in front of a panel of judges and a live audience, plus be in with the chance of winning a publishing contract with the UK's largest publisher of new poetry, and winning your own top of the range laptop to produce even more masterpieces!

All you need to do is write a poem on any subject, in any style and any form and upload it directly on to [www.poetryrivals.com](http://www.poetryrivals.com), or pass your poem to a member of the English Department by the end of the Summer term.

Poetry Rivals are urging that you relinquish the burden of being your own harshest critic and let them judge your verse. You never know, the winner of Poetry Rivals could be you!

*Ms Redfern, English Department*

## LOST PROPERTY

Please may I ask parents to encourage their children to check the lost property area outside Student Services for any items they may have mislaid. Parents are welcome to come along and take a look themselves, if they wish. At the end of term, any uncollected lost property will be passed to the HHSA to be sold at the next Jumble Sale.

*Matron*

# SPORT



## FIXTURES

### Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>

Year 7 District Cup Cricket v Cavendish (H)

Year 9 Friendly Cricket v Longdean (A)

### Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>

County League 5 (Jarman Park)

### Friday 18<sup>th</sup>

Year 7 Athletics Match v JFK and Longdean (Jarman Park) 4pm- 5pm

### Monday 21<sup>st</sup>

County League 6 (Woodside)

### Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>

Year 9 Rounders Tournament @ Ashlyns (2.30pm start)

Year 8 District Cup Cricket v JFK (H)

## Sports News

### Junior County Badminton Trials

I have had notification of the forthcoming County Badminton Trials. If students who play Badminton on a regular basis outside school would like to attend, please see Miss Bevan in the PE Department for further details of how to register your interest. The dates are as follows:

Under 15 (Born 1996/97) Sunday 27th June

Under 13 (Born 1998/99) Wednesday 29th September

Under 11 (Born 2000 or later) Wednesday 29th September

A new Badminton Academy has been set up at JFK School. Supported by Sport England, the coaches are Steve Willis, Hertfordshire Player and University of Hertfordshire Head Coach and Liza Parker, Hertfordshire County Player and former England International. If you would like to attend, players of all ages are encouraged and are welcome. The sessions are as follows:

#### Coaching sessions:

Monday Coaching Junior beginners 6.30 - 7.30pm

Monday Coaching Junior County Standard 7.30 - 8.30pm

Monday Coaching Seniors 8.30 - 9.30pm

#### Games sessions:

Thursday Games Juniors 6.30 - 8.30pm

Thursday Games Seniors 8.30 - 10.30pm

All sessions take place at JFK School, Hollybush Lane, Hemel Hempstead, HP1 2PH. The first session is free after which you will be charged £40 per month for one coaching session and one games session per week. Please see [www.team-ss.com](http://www.team-ss.com) for more details.

*Miss Bevan, Learning Leader: PE*

#### Gold Letters issued recently:

- Letter 199** Year 8 Work Related Learning/Enterprise Week
- Letter 200** Year 12 Work Related Learning/Enterprise Week
- Letter 201** Year 10 Work Related Learning/Enterprise Week
- Letter 216** Year 9 Lake District trip
- Letter 217** Year 12 Higher Education Convention
- Letter 218** Visit to Schools Library Service
- Letter 219** Dacorum Schools Carnegie Event 2010
- Letter 220** Extended Project group visit to Uni of Herts
- Letter 221** A2 Geography Fieldwork
- Letter 222** Year 9 End of Key Stage Report
- Letter 223** Sixth Form Induction Programme

#### Sickness/absence line

Please will all parents contact us daily if your child is sick, going to be late in due to a medical appointment, or is absent for any other reason. Please call our sickness/absence line on 01442 390103 by 9am if possible.

School policies can be viewed on our website under 'about HHS/School Policies'. If you require a hard copy of any of the policies please get in touch with the School Office.