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### HeadLines

Whatever our views concerning the new government or even the new Secretary of State for Education, we cannot fault either on their ability to keep educational issues in the public domain. Despite the latest news at time of writing concerning apologies to be made, the many errors contained in the paper on Building Schools for the Future cuts and the minister being called a 'pipsqueak,' some of the developments to be introduced into schools via guidelines or changes in the statutes are of interest.

For example, 'they are introducing a package of measures aimed at handing back power to teachers and bearing down on classroom disruption'. These will include new powers of search and confiscation, removing children from classrooms forcibly, restrain unruly pupils physically without fear of legal action as well as Head being able to 'expel' without fear of being overruled. There will no longer be a requirement for giving 24 hours notice of a detention and teachers will be granted anonymity during investigations into allegations. All of this, claims Mr Gove 'will put heads and teachers back in control...heads will have the final say.'

It sounds like the stuff of dreams for those who yearn nostalgically for the return of the cane, rulers over the knuckles or a board rubber thrown skilfully at an errant pupil. Probably if we brought back sports jackets with elbow patches as compulsory wear for male teachers and hairstyles involving buns for female staff it would help.

Do I disagree with the measures? Why would I disagree with someone giving me more autonomy...with no questions asked? Well actually, I do think that there need to be appropriate checks and balances, to ensure that everyone in public office is conducting themselves properly, but I also know from cases of teachers being accused of impropriety unfairly and without foundation that teachers need to feel confident about their powers in very challenging circumstances. Some common sense is needed here with sufficient weight given to the views of experienced heads in successful schools but no knee jerk reactions and no subservient nods to the 'hang 'em and flog 'em brigade.'

A cheerier note is called for: Sports day was warm and full of good humour and school records, the Summer concert promises to be a terrific event with great performances, House Drama was funny and touching and brilliant and moving and everything you would wish it to be, the Year 6/7 parents' evening was 'standing room only' with some wonderful speeches by Mr Chappelow and two Year 7s. And before Work Related Learning week with its trips to Berlin and Croatia and the Lakes begins, we should all look forward to the World Fashion Show on the 18<sup>th</sup> July. Tickets are priced at only £11 for a quality event which includes a buffet. It will be an absolutely marvellous day with 85 models, a vast array of designer clothes, a professional set-up with raffles and balloon races and other charity fund raising aspects connected with our rich association with our South African partner school. We can guarantee you a wonderful time and hope that you will contact us today to buy or reserve your tickets.

Finally, may I thank, on your behalf, Andrew Pennycook who is stepping down after a very successful tenure as Chair of Governors. Andrew has been a great supporter of the school for several years, not least during his son Chris' time at the school, but, much more than that, Andrew has supported and promoted school activities, has shown a deep interest in the school, has always acted with integrity and has been incredibly supportive to me and to the staff. He has been Chair during a really exciting time in the school's history when so many types of praise have been heaped upon the school. Governors do not get paid. They give much to the school with more criticism than reward sometimes; the sacrifice of time is much greater when one is Chair of Governors for which I thank Andrew wholeheartedly and wish him every happiness in his 'retirement'. He will continue to be a member of the governing body. I will tell you about the new Chair next week!

John Ross gave his last assemblies this week as he is retiring as Assistant Headteacher this year; he has delivered some of the finest assemblies I have ever heard and this week was no exception. He read from 'Paul's letter to the Romans' using a Bible given to him when he left school and I would like to close with the last part of Chapter 12:

'Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. .... If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.'

'Overcome evil with good.' Whatever our faith, those words hold true.

**Sandra Samwell, Headteacher**



## ARTS NEWS

### Big Artsweek

Last week was Big Artsweek nationally, so in this school, as usual, we joined in the celebrations in lots of different ways. There were workshops, open rehearsals and face painting sessions at lunchtimes and the Arts formed the theme of assemblies and form time. Subject staff tried to deliver at least some of their lessons through one of the Arts and of course there was the House Drama competition on Thursday night.

To be honest, the Arts are so central in this school that I am not sure if the students noticed anything different, at least for the first three days of the week (the last two days were Sports Day and Ecoday, of which more below). But we wouldn't have it any other way. Yes, last week was Big Artsweek, but this week has also been filled with Arts activities, as will Work-Related Learning Week next week. Through their experiences of Art, Dance, Drama, Music and Literature, and through the steady encouragement of all the staff to think creatively in all subjects and to participate as much as possible in school life, our students develop into confident, articulate and enterprising young people, who unfailingly impress our visitors favourably.

### Ecoday

Thursday of Big Artsweek was a very unusual day. We are required to teach students about sustainability issues as part of their general education, and we are also asked to teach at least some of our lessons in a cross-curricular way. Killing two birds with one stone, we changed the timetable completely for the day, teaching the students in form groups for three 90-minute lessons. The theme was The Environment, with Year 7 focusing on Air and the atmosphere, Year 8 on Earth and recycling issues, Year 9 on Fire and global warming and Year 10 on Water. Sixth Formers helped plan the lessons and were involved in the delivery and in supporting groupwork.

Student evaluations of the day so far show enthusiastic appreciation for both content and delivery - not surprising when one considers that staff had planned lessons which included GPS tracking, making rainwater gargoyles, producing plays and raps, testing burning qualities of different fossil fuels and going down to the Moor to test the water in the river and comparing it to the results of water tests of the same river decades back in the past. For the record, the water quality is better now that it was then!

### The Dacorum Dance and Drama Festival

We didn't manage to fit it into Artsweek, but on Tuesday of this week the bi-ennial Dacorum Festival of Dance and Drama took place at the school. There were two shows: the first at 12.15 showcased the talents of Woodfield, Two Waters, Collett, Bovington and Hemel Hempstead schools whilst the evening slot saw performances from South Hill, Adeyfield, Chaulden and Hemel Hempstead schools, the Big Little Theatre Company and the Life and Soul Academy.

The standard of dance, song and acting was excellent throughout, with the less experienced performers really relishing the chance to perform to a 'strange' audience on a big occasion, and the more experienced troupers pulling out all the stops to make the show a memorable one. Altogether about 120 students performed for a large audience during the day and another 150 students appeared in the evening.

We had songs from 'The Button Box' from Woodfield School, some amazing interpretative dance, based on Greek myths, from Bovington School, extracts from their recent musicals from Collett and Two Waters schools and a dance from Hairspray from HHS. Both HHS and Adeyfield School gave their audiences some very funny Sixth Form Drama pieces, while South Hill students performed a very moving dance piece (their Rock Challenge entry) and Chaulden School did some excellent performances of Street Dance. Life and Soul Dancers gave us two energetic and lively performances while Big Little Theatre gave us an intriguing extract from the play they are currently working on. Pulse, the junior Dance Company at HHS reprised their earlier performance and a different group of Pulse dancers closed the evening.

Thanks to all who attended, performed in, or helped to organise this very successful event.

*Ms Darby, Assistant Headteacher*

### Music Department News

Congratulations to the following students who recently took the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music exams:-

Ellen Milligan	Grade 1	Clarinet	Distinction	Eve Murrell	Grade 3	Flute	Pass
Sidra Sadiq	Grade 2	Clarinet	Pass	Elliott Craven	Grade 3	Saxophone	Pass
Lucy Wiseman	Grade 2	Piano	Merit	Elizabeth Markham	Grade 4	Recorder	Merit
Robert Smith	Grade 2	Saxophone	Pass	Glenn Mitchell	Grade 4	Saxophone	Pass
Anna Wales	Grade 2	Saxophone	Pass	Lamorna Hooker	Grade 6	Flute	Pass
Emma D'Amery	Grade 2	Piano	Merit				

The following student also took Trinity Guildhall music exams:-

Ellen Milligan	Grade 3	Guitar	Merit
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Well done!

*Mrs Bailey, Director of Music*

## PTA News

### School Uniform

If you have any school uniform that your child has outgrown will you please consider donating it to the HHSA to sell on. Thank you. Our next meeting has been scheduled for September 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the Library. Please put this date in your diary.

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

## WORLD FASHION SHOW

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> July

1.30 – 7 pm

### REDUCED PRICE TICKETS!

Ticket prices for this event have been reduced as follows:

£11 for adults (including buffet)

£6 for students/children

(£11 to include buffet, or barbecue available at additional cost)

*For catering purposes please assist us by purchasing your tickets by Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July*

### Confidence and Catwalk Training

A reminder to all the students who have been selected to model at the Fashion Show that a further Confidence and Catwalk Training session will take place on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July in PA1 at 3.45 – 5.30 pm.

If you have been selected you MUST attend this training. Please make sure that you look out for rehearsal dates.

*Mrs Ramnarine*

### Direct Dial Telephone Numbers

Please note the following new direct dial numbers which may be used for contacting the school Matron or Student Services:

**Matron:** 01442 400105

**Student Services:** 01442 390101

### Do we have your email address?

Please may we remind all parents/guardians to provide the school with a contact email address if you have not done so already. Thank you.

### Gold Letters issued recently:

**Letter 203** Year 7 A,C,F WRL/Enterprise Week

**Letter 206** Year 7 L,N,P WRL/Enterprise Week

**Letter 207** Year 8 WRL/Enterprise Week

**Letter 208** Year 10 WRL/Enterprise Week

**Letter 209** Year 12 WRL/Enterprise Week

**Letter 210** Year 9 WRL/Enterprise Week

**Letter 246** BTEC Sport RAF Training Day

*All Gold Letters can be viewed on our website:*

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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.

### 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.

## HEADTEACHER'S COMMENDATIONS

### For Citizenship

Ross King 10N and Rhys Cassidy 10P.

### For Representing the School Excellently

Fay Breed 11N, Bridget Philpott and Zoe Harbour 11P.

### For Excellent Work in English

Peter Darvell, Ellie Kirton, Chanel Norman and Murray Witherall 8A, Zoe Bothwell 8C, Harry Hartnell, Mathew Pinkney and Georgia Totten 8F, George Nicodimou 8L, Kimran Hussain and Aiden Smart 8N, Victoria Bennett, Bradley Gubbins, Amy Kitchener, Joe Nicholls and Andrew Sells 8P.

### For Innovative Service to the School

Thomas Sibley 7C

### For Excellent Organisation of House Drama

Coco Alainia, Matthew Gill and Kenny Mitchell 12A, Natalie Atkinson, Adam Edgeworth and Helena Mansbridge 12C, Amber Bartlett and Andy King 12F, Jake Brown, Megan Impey, Paige Minns and Alex Rutherford 12L, Jamie Allen, Sarah Nicholls and Joe Welton 12N, Samantha Rees and Polly Taylor 12P.

## Dates for Your Diary



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

**12<sup>th</sup> Jul** Year 7 Safety Day

**13<sup>th</sup> Jul** Years 7 – 10 Prizegiving Assemblies

Year 8 Gifted and Talented Maths students to  
Watford Girls School

**14<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> Jul** Years 10 -13 Music Tour to Croatia

**14<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> Jul** Year 9 trip to Lake District

**14<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> Jul** Years 11/12 Duke of Edinburgh's Award  
Silver/Gold Qualifying Expedition

**15<sup>th</sup> Jul** Year 12 Sports BTEC RAF Basic Training

**15<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> Jul** Work Related Learning Week

**16<sup>th</sup> Jul** Year 10 History trip to Berlin

**18<sup>th</sup> Jul** **Fashion Show fundraiser for Mgezwa  
Dance Tour**

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

**20<sup>th</sup> Jul** Years 6, 7 and 8 Gifted and Talented Workshop

**21<sup>st</sup> Jul** Last day of term. **School finishes at 12 noon.**

*Did you know....? The Newsletter is printed in blue or gold to correspond with the blue or gold timetable of the following week.*

# SPORT



## SPORTS DAY 2010 RESULTS

### Overall Results

	Ashridge	Chalfont	Flaunden	Latimer	Nettleden	Pendley
<b>Year 7 Boys</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>40</b>
Year 7 Girls	42	31	30	44	41	37
<b>Year 8 Boys</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>38</b>
Year 8 Girls	41	50	46	20	38	35
<b>Year 9 Boys</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>49</b>
Year 9 Girls	36	38	31	28	43	31
<b>Year 10 Boys</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>49</b>
Year 10 Girls	48	35	44	33	35	48
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>337</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>327</b>

### Events won by each House

Ashridge won a total of 19 events

Chalfont won a total of 15 events

Flaunden won a total of 17 events

Latimer won a total of 20 events

Nettleden won a total of 12 events

Pendley won a total of 16 events

### School Records broken

A number of records have been broken with several very close to existing records. Well done to the following who are now record holders:

#### Existing record

##### Year 7

G Bartlett High Jump 1.22m

##### Year 8

Nettleden Relay 4x100m 59.9

A Serrano Triple Jump 10.25m

##### Year 9

I McIndoe 800m 2.22.7

##### Year 10

C Babb Hurdles 11.8

G Harewell 1500m 4.39

C North 800m 2.16.1

K Chamberlain 800m 2.46.0

M Togers High Jump 1.50m

#### New record 2010

Courtney Elvin High Jump 1.25

Chalfont Relay 4x100m 59.5

Mark Whyte Triple Jump 10.42m

Chris Andric 800m 2.20.89

Aaron Austin Hurdles 11.72

Ross Taylor 1500m 4.33.41

Christan Schramm 800m 2.13.51

Sophie Morris 800m 2.35.45

Sarah Grover High Jump 1.54m

	Year 7 Girls	Year 7 Boys	Year 8 Girls	Year 8 Boys	Year 9 Girls	Year 9 Boys	Year 10 Girls	Year 10 Boys
<b>100m</b>	S. Banks 13.5	C. Hart 13.1	B. Lloyd 13.6	M. Woodhouse 12.7	C. Gurney 13.0	C.Hart 11.8	V. Samson/ S. Allen 13.5	J. Austin 11.7
<b>200m</b>	S. Dashwood 31.4	B. McFarlane Barnes 27.1	M. Rogers 27.7	B. McFarlane Barnes 25.9	E. Phillips 28.1	E. Rose 24.5	K. Pollard/S. Dashwood 28.0	M. Larman 23.2
<b>300/400m</b>		B. Dumbleton 63.2		D. Lake 60.7		J. Barnett 57.7	H. Miles 45.8	P. Foscoe 56.13
<b>800m</b>	S.Morris 2.49.07	A. Wright 2.40	S. Morris 2.35.09	J. Eykelbosch 2.35.0	S. Morris 2.31:0	C Andric 2.20.89	S Morris 2.35.45	C Schramm 2.13.51
<b>1500m</b>	R. Armorgie 5.22	J. Barnett 4.59.7	A. Eykelbosch 5.41.01	J. Barnett 4.58.0	R. Armorgie 5.24.02	J. Hoskins 4.51.8	R. Armorgie 5.20:0	R Taylor 4.33.91
<b>Hurdles</b>	L. Williams 12.6	B. Walker 12.5	C. Halse 12.3	B. Walker 12.1	A. Djan 13.2	D. Jerram 11.9	H. Welton 12.9	A Austin 11.76
<b>Javelin</b>	J. Minter 16.34	J. Toms 27.48	A. Watt 23.49	D. Rogers 35.07	A. Watt 24.70	K. Calcutt 39.75	A. Watt 26.95	D. Wood 42.20
<b>High Jump</b>	C. Elvin 1.25	M. King 1.38	E. Murphy 1.35	T. Edwards 1.55	E. Murphy/ S. Grover 1.46	J. Hobbs 1.61	S Morris 1.54	J. Copson 1.70
<b>Long Jump</b>	I. Hudson 3.75	Z. Booth 4.66	S. Edwards 4.56	C. Hart 5.32	L. Hermans 4.58	C. Hart 6.20	S. Siseci 4.39	C. Hart 6.26
<b>Discus</b>	E. Scott 19.00	L. Harvey 22.96	E. Scott 21.81	S. Watson 32.15	K. Spikings 21.37	S. Watson 34.44	E. Scott 23. 41	D. Rogers 35.56
<b>Shot</b>	H. Bullock 6.98	G. Summers 9.20	Z. Littlechild 7.81	R. Khan 10.26	K.Young 8.61	D. Rogers 11.70	L. Wright 9.16	M. Scarisbrick 13.10
<b>Pole Vault</b>		A. Cracknell 2.20		J. Doyle 2.50		A. Cracknell 2.85		D. Ferguson 2.85
<b>Triple Jump</b>		L. Austin 9.30		M Whyte 10.42		Z. Booth 11.32	E. Baker 9.34	A. Serrano 12.38
<b>Relay</b>	Chalfont 62.3	Latimer 57.7	Chalfont 59.6	Latimer 54.5	Nettleden 57.6	Pendley 51.7	Latimer 58.4	Pendley 49.7

**Cricket Results:** Year 7 District Cup v Longdean won by 80 runs, Year 9 District Cup v Ashlyns won by 10 wickets, Year 10 District Cup v Adeyfield lost by 30 runs