

The Citizen

CLS WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

CITY ART AT ROYAL COLLEGE

Ten boys from OG to Third Form have been chosen out of hundreds of applicants to have their work shown at the prestigious Royal College of Art in a recent competition. Their work will be exhibited on the 12-15 May and four boys all in OG have been highly commended by the judge.

The boys all created pieces entitled *Imagine If* for which the only restriction was that it had to be a two-dimensional piece rather than a sculpture. Of the work produced by City boys there were prints, drawings and paintings.

The four Old Grammarians whose work was highly commended despite being up against boys up to three years older than themselves were: Jason Ching, Edward Evans, Rory MacLean and Mustapha Mirza. Their prints can be seen along with work from other OG's on the marble staircase which runs from Reception up to the Concourse.

From 1st Form Rohithan Carthigeya, Alfie Hayes, Paul Frederics and Ethan Silverstone were all winners as well as Second Former Zaid Hussain and Reuben Hamlyn, 3M, who will also have their work displayed.

Reuben said that he was "pleasantly surprised" by the news and was



"glad to have done something for the school" and Ms Easton said that it was "fantastic" and was especially pleased for the commended OGs.

The Royal College of Art is located in Kensington Gore, near the Royal Albert Hall and Hyde Park. It has been in existence since 1837 and has the status of a university. That is to say, the College awards its own degrees, although it is a wholly post-graduate institution offering MA, MPhil and PhD courses. It is a rare honour for school boy work to be displayed at this community of artists.

There is more excellent work made every week by boys here in School and whilst it cannot all be exhibited at the Royal College it is displayed all over our buildings and is highly praised in its own right. You only need to look at the sketchbooks and grades of those doing GCSE and A Level art to see how successful the

DVA department at City of London School has become.

I highly recommend going to see the exhibition and urge you to stop and look at some of the displays of art all around the school.

Noah Kidron-Style 3M

THIS WEEK:

- The return of the menus
- Letter From Mexico
- Working in a School in Ghana by Miss Eastman
- City success in rowing
- Teachers' Football Match - full report

EDITORIAL & DIARY

Welcome back! City of London School in the Summer Term is a busy and exciting place to learn, to study, to work and to teach. Let us look ahead to some of the highlights of the months from late April to early July.

Top of the agenda for a high performing and academic school such as ours are the public examinations, closely followed by the school exams. As regards the Fifth Form, there are just two more weeks of lessons before study leave and the first of the GCSEs which is German Listening, on 11th May. The Junior Sixth Form have just over three more weeks of lessons, then study leave for their AS Levels, but they, of course, return to school on 8th June for the final four weeks of term. The Senior Sixth Form will stay at City right up until half-term, but will then face their A2 modules which begin in earnest on Monday 1st June with Mathematics. Pupils in school years OG to Fourth Form will all have a week of formal exams in the five days immediately following half-term, Monday 1st June to Friday 8th June 2009 and then there are four weeks of school remaining until we break up on Friday 3rd July at 12.50 p.m.

Beyond the rigours of examination there are many other events to look forward to. We have three concerts featuring pupils of all ages in the pipeline. The Lower School production of *Oliver* is well into its schedule of rehearsals and looks set to be a sell-out during its four night run in June. One of our Senior Sixth Form boys, Daniel Pyzer-Knapp, is organising a one-day literary festival at school on Tuesday 12th May and has already booked eight guest speakers including a keynote address by a well-known novelist. Boys from all age groups will be allowed to become involved.

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS IN BRIEF

Monday 27th April

- Music Prizes, Great Hall, 9.30am-4pm
- Model UN Meeting with EM, Coulson, 1.10pm
- Senior Maths Circle, 409, 1.15pm
- 1st and 2nd Form Swimming, 4pm

Tuesday 28th

- Music Prizes, Great Hall, 9.30am-4pm
- English Mock Examination, 10.30am-12.30pm
- Debating, 4th Form and above, 434, 1.10pm
- Debating, 2nd and 3rd Forms, Coulson, 1.10pm
- Backgammon, 409, 1.15pm
- Water Polo, U14 v Trinity, KCS and Witley, Away, 4pm
- Battle of the Bands, Great Hall, 5pm

Wednesday 29th

- Music Prizes, Great Hall, 9.30am-4pm
- Debating, OG and 1st Forms, Coulson, 12.50pm
- Cricket, 1st XI, 2nd XI v Chigwell, Home, 1-6.30pm
- Creative writing, 315, 1.15pm
- Water Polo, U13 v Haberdashers' Aske's, Home, 4pm
- Brass Concert, Great Hall, 6.30pm

Thursday 30th

- Junior Maths Challenge, 2nd Form, 8.50-9.50am, 1st Forms, periods 2 and 3, Great Hall
- Music Prizes, Room 201, 9.30am-4pm
- Inter-House Water Polo, 4pm

Friday 1st May

- Music Prizes, Great Hall, 9.30am-4pm
- Barnes-Amis, Coulson, 12.50pm
- Junior Maths Circle, 409, 1.15pm

The Charity Committee has planned two mufti days, one battle of the bands, the annual sponsored walk, the regular summer fayre on the penultimate day of term, which I am told will be bigger and better than ever this year, and a cycle ride from London to Paris. This year's charity, "Seeing is Believing" which works to cure blindness in some of the world's most deprived cities and countries, will benefit enormously from the money raised at City of London School.

As regards trips and visits there are expeditions arranged for the Old Grammar, First Form and Second Form. There are Third Form visits to Le Mans and to the French Battlefields of WWI. The CCF has three camps for July and the China Exchange leaves for Beijing this summer. Our cricket teams will, of course, be in action all season and there is a cricket tour planned for the summer holidays. A basketball trip and a football pre-season training camp are also on the cards. Annual sports days for the OG to Third Form will be held at Grove Park during the week after half-term and parents are always welcome to attend.

This will be a great term for the whole community at CLS, including, I hope new parents and boys who have the opportunity to visit in May and June. For those who are counting, there are only nine school weeks until we break up for the summer holidays.

Charles B Fillingham

COLLECTORS EDITION

A very few copies of the special new look edition of *The Citizen* issue number 24 were printed without a photograph of Mr Dowler to accompany "The Big Interview". These rare copies can be compared with the highly collectable stamps where the queen's head is printed upside down or the early American one cent coin bearing the image of Abraham Lincoln. The photo of Mr Dowler is reproduced here for those who missed out before Easter.

CBF



TO THE EDITOR

Sir,

When I first read the important news upon which Joshua Fox reported (Wartime Pope Saves Thousands of Jews, The Citizen, 20 Mar 09), a question arose in my mind. Why did the Vatican refuse to open its archives for so long?

If Pope Pius XII had been subjected to one-sided or unreasonable criticism, why were the archives not released much earlier? I have often heard it said that Vatican officials refused access.

One answer is found in an interview (regrettably undated) by the Pave The Way Foundation with Bishop Sergio Pagano, Prefect of the Secret Archives. The later sections contain, among other things, some particularly interesting — and somewhat curious — comments about the universality of charity.

When I looked into this further on preparing to comment on Mr Fox's report I found an extraordinary debunking of Rolf Hochhut's seminal 1963 play, Der Stellvertreter/The Deputy, the English-language version of which apparently led to Pope Pius XII's poor reputation. Among other things, Hochhut is accused of basing his play on anti-Vatican KGB propaganda.

An opinion piece published in the International Herald Tribune last October summed up the issues quite well.

In my opinion, if the publication of the archives has done nothing else than to correct the reputation of Pope Pius IIX then justice has been done.

As the Jewish proverb says, "...whoever saves a life, it is considered as if he saved an entire world." And Pope Pius XII has, apparently, saved thousands.

Dori Schmetterling (parent)

ERRATA

There is one incorrect date in this term's CALFIX: The mock IGCSE English exam for all Fourth Formers and some Fifth Formers is next Tuesday, 28th April 2009 at 10.30am.

The date for the beginning of Junior Sixth study leave is correct in CALFIX and I can confirm that the boys will be finish school at 12.50pm on Thursday 14th May 2009.

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LETTERS PAGE

The mailroom at Citizen HQ still has capacity to handle a few more comments and enquiries. Do not hesitate to write by email (cbf@clsb.org.uk) or by hand.

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The Dining Hall

Monday 27th April – Friday 1st May 2009

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Meal	● Tandoori chicken with rice & cauliflower aloo	● Beef lasagne with garlic bread & mixed leaves	● Turkey & vegetable pie with mash & peas	● Roast gammon with sweet onion gravy, broccoli & roast potatoes	● Fillet of fish of the day Baked fish fingers Grilled fish chunky chips, baked beans & peas
Main Meal 2		● Grilled fish of the day with roasted vegetables	● Cajun chicken steak with roasted onions & peppers served with seasonal vegetables	● Beef stir fry with bean sprouts, water chestnuts, Chinese leaves with egg noodles	
Vegetarian Meal	● Macaroni with three cheese & roasted vegetable bake served with mixed leaves	● Ratatouille strudel with new potatoes	● Vegetable tagine with cous cous	● Traditional Spanish omelette with tomato, basil & mozzarella salad	● Pea, leek & rocket risotto
Salads	Daily selection of salads including Crisp Mixed Leaves, fresh cut cucumber and tomato for you to choose to suit your tastes				
Hot Dessert	● Apple & sultana crumble	● Jam roly poly	● Treacle tart	● Fruit cake	● Lemon sponge sponge
Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt Pots	A selection of fresh cut fruit, homemade yoghurt pots, or fresh seasonal fruit served in peak condition, ripened and ready to eat				

Letter from Mexico (April, 2009)

You will have seen Mexican President Felipe Calderon, y Señora, making a state visit to the UK, plus attending the G-20 group. You would have noticed a relatively diminutive, even unprepossessing person. Yet, his slight stature fact belies his political strength and outright courage. Taking power a couple of years ago, Calderon has been outspoken in his determination to eradicate the cocky narco gangs over here, hitting them – particularly ones swanning about in the northern states – particularly hard. It is rare to see the nightly news on TV without various villainous mug shots gracing one's screen. And if there are no captured thugs to gloat at, it is certain that the Calderon's energized army will be featured. Recently, 44 gang members were nabbed at a family baptism!

It is no coincidence either that Hilary Clinton was down here, paving the way for the arrival of the Obama Messiah himself. (You did not have to see her to know she was in town: her motorcade and blocked streets caused traffic jams in large swathes of the city, just as his did. Polanco, where his hotel was, was in lock-down mode.) Evidently, both neighbours want to this ugly drugs problem to go away. Yet, despite much money invested in the police, the army, plus more rigorous border controls, it looks like both countries still are not quite sure how to achieve this goal. But, they are plotting. Despite everyone's desire for a quick fix (no pun intended), journalists here have been especially approving of Clinton's and Obama's frank acknowledgement that, without the huge U.S demand for drugs, the Mexican problem of rampaging gangs, carving out their territory, would be infinitely smaller. (Supply and demand has been a tired old US-Mexican chicken and egg argument.) Both politicians also openly admitted that cross-border gun-running - to narcos - has not been properly managed on the U.S. side of the border. They really knew how to wow their Mexican hosts.

Two other recent and popular visitors to these shores have been the 'Tsars' ("Zares") exhibition, from the Hermitage in St. Petersburg, staged at the Antropologia Museum, and the return of a most favoured son from Guadalajara, the amazing guitarist, Carlos Santana. The story of the Russian tsars, from the time of Peter the Great to that Nicholas II, is well told through a wide selection of china, tapestries, engravings, paintings, scientific and medical equipment and busts. Despite a too loud air-conditioning system operating throughout the exhibition, the information on the taped guide is clear. Closing soon, great queues still form outside for timed tickets, not far from those spinning 'Birdmen of Papantla' whom you may remember reading about here.

Carlos Santana's recent performance at the Palacio de los Deportes was superb. He had two concerts back in Mexico on this tour, first in Acapulco, then in the capital. Three solid hours of old and new material mesmerized a most appreciative crowd. An ex-citizen of Woodstock, he says very little – he likes the idea of peace and is dead against narcos - but then, the music flowing from his famous deep green guitar, along with a brilliant ten-strong backing band, did all the communication one wanted. Air conditioning, if you like.

TMW

TAKING THINGS FOR GRANTED

I am writing this as I sit awake in the middle of the night due to the extremely loud worship taking part only yards from my bedroom under the African stars. I would shut my double glazed windows and attempt to sleep – but there is no glass, in order to allow some air to flow and cool in the stifling heat.

I find myself back in Ghana after my initial visit to volunteer on an HIV/AIDS education programme last August really inspired my love for the country and my desire to use my skills to help in any way possible to support the Ghanaian people in their fight to improve their country and raise their profile as a peaceful West African Nation.

This time my trip is due to a contact I made last time with a young man who has started his own NGO to help his community to deal with common problems such as Child Labour, Health problems and Human Rights Issues. In a country where grants are rare, the main source of funding for his projects comes from selling the eggs that the chickens in his home produce. Therefore the amazing good fortune I had in finding his organisation a grant from a British Trust, AW60, has made a massive difference, including allowing the purchase of a laptop on which I am now typing.

So, why did I decide to share this with you? I guess the truth is that I have been struck on numerous occasions this week by the difference between the average teenager in this community and the boys in our school. We are often told that we are very lucky to be in such a ‘great’ school, but do we really appreciate how lucky?

Philip’s current project on child labour took us this morning to the vibrant, and extremely pungent fishing harbour of Elmina, to do some research. In the short time spent walking around, we met young boys heading out on the boats to fish, and more worryingly, dive into the very rough sea to untangle nets. We saw young girls carrying enormous basins full of fruit, charcoal, and other saleables, balanced on their heads; but most alarmingly we met two of the main pimps involved in renting out girls aged between 8 and 16, part of the increasing sexual exploitation trade that is corrupting the community of this town.

This followed an interesting visit earlier in the week to a school, where I stood in front of 50 intrigued faces, trying to work out what the Obruni (white person) was saying as I spoke about the dangers of child labour, and the importance of education. It was here that I met an 8 Year Old boy, who had just joined the Kindergarten class, after being rescued from his life as a fisherman in the Eastern Lakes region of the country. His answer

of ‘I’m Fine, thank you’, when we asked his age only highlighted how far behind he is in his education.

Most striking however, was my visit to a jungle village, Ponkrom, which was reached by an extremely uncomfortable journey along 10km of dirt track weaving into the increasingly dense flora. On the way we passed a young boy pulling a heavy cart, strategically positioned at the front so that he would bear the brunt if the drivers behind lost control. On reaching the village, I was ambushed by a number of half dressed and very dusty children, all distracted from playing by the arrival of a stranger. An elderly lady standing nearby lamented that the local school had closed as none of the parents could afford the fees of 7.50 per year, meaning the teacher refused to come anymore as she was not receiving payment.

So, I ask you to think twice before moaning about the extra homework I set. I ask you to thank your parents for paying the thousands that many of them do, and I ask you to think yourself extremely lucky that this weekend you will not be pulling a cart, selling charcoal or diving into the sea to untangle nets. **ACE**



THERE'S A RECESSION! BUT DON'T STRESS, READ!

Stress. In fast paced modern life stress has become more and more commonplace. Children are as prone as adults (exam pressures and the like) and whole families can share the burden thanks to its contagious nature. Unsurprisingly, being inside an economic hurricane doesn't seem to have helped the situation. Recent reports say that workers are feeling more stress as the threat of job loss and business closures increases.

The NHS claims that stress can manifest itself in at least 24 physical, mental and emotional ways of which some can eventually jeopardise health or even be fatal. There is definitely very little positive about stress and naturally most will have a variety of methods for dealing with it. These techniques can range from gardening to yelling but according to recent discoveries by the University of Sussex it turns out that reading is by far the most effective. The tests show that after a mere 6 minutes of reading, stress levels are reduced by 68%.

Yet, in this day and age, people are being born into a culture where reading has turned from a hobby into a chore. The average child under six years old (a critical time for development) spends three times as

much time in front of the TV/PC than reading or being read to. The situation has become so serious that leading book specialist, Waterstones, is in the process of axing 200 jobs because like for like sales were down by 4.3% last year and have dropped an extra 3.1% since January.

It also seems that "respectable" newspapers are becoming less popular; one shocking statistic is that the New York Times has lost roughly three quarters of its share value since last year due to lack of readers. Some will put it down to not having the money to buy books or papers but the fact of the matter is that many are still prepared to dish out more than £7 on a monthly basis for their broadband subscription; this rises by another £16 for those with Sky contracts. Would an extra £6 for a book once in a while really be so demanding? And don't forget that library books are free.

Clearly there is a symbiotic relationship just waiting to be born. And whilst I would not suggest one rids oneself of their Sky box for the cause (24 season 7 is still keeping us hanging) it does appear that we need reading material and it needs us.

There, you should feel less stressed already.

Jack Cohen 4B

SCHOOL OFFICERS 2009/10

I am pleased to record in this week's Citizen that the following appointments have been made by the Headmaster, with immediate effect.

Head of School: Daniel Grendowicz (J6AJM)

Deputy Head of School (Administrative): William Pimlott (J6AJH)

Deputy Head of School (External Liaison): Jake Pittman (J6ATL)

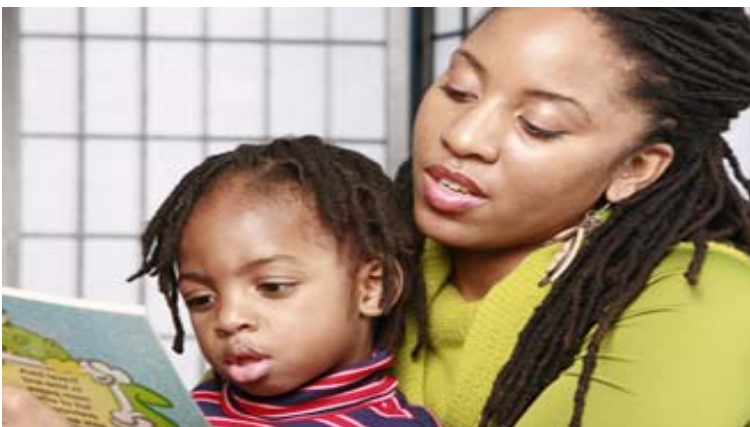
Deputy Head of School (Affiliated Prefects): Josh Hirschowitz (J6AJB)

Congratulations to them all!

These boys were presented with their ties in Tuesday's Whole School Assembly and their names were printed in *The Times* and *Daily Telegraph* on Wednesday, along with names of the retiring School Officers and the Scholarship Awards for September 2009.

I would like to thank the four Officers who have done such an outstanding job over the past twelve months: Nick Worsley, Will Sheldon, Toby Smyth and Guy Hindley and wish their successors all the best for their term of office.

GSG



REVISION

5th form Chemistry Revision Clinics

Date	Time	Teacher and room	Topic
Monday 16th Feb	1.20pm	JE 411	Industrial Processes.
Thursday 26 th Feb	1.20pm	KPR 515	Atomic structure and bonding.
Tuesday 3 rd March	1.20pm	GWD 511	Structure and bonding
Tuesday 10 th March	1.20pm	PCM 514	Organic chemistry.
Tuesday 17 th March	1.20pm	CP 513	Formulae and equations.
Monday 20 th April	1.20pm	JE 411	Sulphur, sulphuric acid, acids and bases.
Thursday 30 th April	1.20pm	PJN 512	'Moles'
Tuesday 5 th May	1.20pm	PCM 514	'Any questions'

5th Form IGCSE Mathematics Revision

Every Thursday lunchtime after half term.

Run by DRE. Room 413. 1:10 – 1:50.

1	Thursday 19 th February	Powers and Roots Index laws, negative and fractional powers Percentages Reverse percentages, compound percentage change Degrees of Accuracy Upper and lower bounds
2	Thursday 26 th February	Circle Properties. All the circle theorems. Mensuration Sectors of circles. Surface area and volume. Similar figures.
3	Thursday 5 th March	Quadratics and more Factorising, quadratic formula, algebraic fractions, simultaneous equations – one linear, one quadratic-, inequalities
4	Thursday 12 th March	Expressions and Formulae Rearranging formulae. Direct and inverse proportion Surds
5	Thursday 19 th April	Graphs and Functions Function notation, domain and range, inverse. Cubics, quadratics and reciprocals. $y=mx+c$. Calculus Find maxima and minima. Kinematics.
6	Thursday 23 rd April	Set Language and Notation Sets, subsets, complement, intersection, union Vectors Vector geometry
7	Thursday 30 th April	Trigonometry Sin, cos, tan for obtuse angles. Sine and cosine rules. Area of a triangle. 3-D problems
8	Thursday 7 th May	Statistics Histograms. Cumulative frequency. Probability tree diagrams.

5th Form - History Department Revision Workshops - 2009

The History Department is running a series of revision workshops in the run up to, and after, the Easter holidays.

All begin at 1.10pm.

Week	Topic	Venue/Time
3 (Spring Term)	Core Content PTB	Tuesday 3 March Room 310
4	Liberal Reforms (Content) DJF	Thursday 12 March Room 310
5	Votes for Women/Impact of War (Content) KAS	Thursday 19 March Room 310
1 (Summer Term)	Germany NHM	Friday 24 April Room 310
2	Liberal Reforms (source-skills) AVJM	Tuesday 28 April Room 310
3	Votes for Women/Impact of War (source-skills) FNB	Tuesday 5 May Room 310

Attendance is advisable for those boys who achieved a B grade or below in the mock examination. We have run them in previous years and evidence suggests they make a big difference to your final grade. This memo is posted outside the History Office.

Please arrive on time.

THE PSHE DEPARTMENT

and

THE FRIENDS OF CLS

INVITE

PARENTS

to

‘BACK FROM THE BRINK’

A talk and question session by

JONNIE LEACH

on

Tuesday, 12th May

at

6.45 pm

City of London School

Jonnie Leach talks not only about drugs and their effects on the individual but also the reasons why children may become addicted or develop other debilitating problems such as self harm, eating disorders, alcohol abuse etc. He discusses how to keep channels of communication open across the age range to encourage discussion that will not only educate but also ensure that if they need you your children will ask. He speaks from personal experience of drug and alcohol addiction.

PLEASE RSVP to friends@clsb.org.uk if you plan on coming even if you are unable to confirm

AGM

Friends of The City of London School

April 2009

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of FRIENDS OF CLS will be held on TUESDAY, 5TH MAY at 5.45 pm in School . It precedes the Summer Concert.

All parents and guardians are members of The Friends and eligible to join The Committee. If you are undecided and would like to observe a Committee Meeting, you are very welcome to join us at The Committee Meeting on Tuesday, 28th April at 6 pm in School. You will be very welcome.. The duties are not onerous. Please feel free to contact me or any member of The Committee with any questions.

If you would like to join the Committee please fill in the form below. You can be nominated by any parent/guardian. In the event of more than 18 individuals being nominated there will be a vote. All members of The Committee must have a basic CRB check. The PTA Association who provide us with our insurance interpret this to be a legal requirement of The Children's Act. This is a simple process and is carried out in complete confidence by Administrative staff at CLS..

You are very welcome to join us for the AGM whether you are standing or not. We hope to see you then.

Kind regards,

**Deborah Dorrance-King (0797-443-1348)
Chair, Friends of CLS
(friends@clsb.org.uk)**

FRIENDS OF CLS NOMINATION FORM

NAME _____ **SON'S YEAR** _____

PHONE NUMBER/EMAIL _____

NOMINATED BY _____

SIGNATURE _____

SECONDED BY _____

SIGNATURE _____

I agree to be nominated to serve on The Friends of CLS Committee for 200892010

SIGNATURE _____ **DATE** _____

PLEASE RETURN TO SECRETARY, FRIENDS OF CLS, C/O BARRY DARLING, CITY OF LONDON SCHOOL, QUEEN VICTORIA STREET EC4V 3AL OR FRONT RECEPTION BY FRIDAY, 1ST MAY, 2009.

FRIENDS

WELCOME BACK

We hope you had an enjoyable and refreshing break. We have a busy term ahead with a variety of events.
We hope to see you at one event if not more.

FRIENDS' OF CLS AGM

The Friends AGM will be held in School at 5.45 pm on Tuesday, 5th May immediately preceding the Summer Concert. Full details and Nomination Forms at the end of The Citizen

BACK FROM THE BRINK

There will be a talk and question session by Jonnie Leach for PARENTS on Tuesday 12 th May at 6.45 in School. He will talk on drugs and addiction. Further details in fkyler at the end of The Citizen. To help us cater please let us know if you plan on attending by email to friends@clsb.org.uk

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE

There will be a Second hand Uniform Sale on Monday, 11th May 5.00pm - 7.00pm. If you have any outgrown/unwanted uniform in GOOD CONDITION we would welcome it. We are in particular need of Blazers, Sports Tops and Socks. Donations may be left at Reception in a bag marked 'Friends of CLS - 2nd Hand Uniform'. Thank you.

2nd FORM COFFEE MORNING

There will be a Coffee Morning for Parents and Carers of boys in the 2nd Form from 9am - 11.30 am on Monday 27th April in Cafe Rouge, 5-14 St Paul's Churchyard, EC4 (CLS side of St Paul's) . All welcome. For more details, please contact Dolores Catterson at d_catterson@btinternet.com or Deborah Dorrance-King as below.

3rd FORM COFFEE MORNING

There will be a Coffee Morning for 4th Form Parents and Carers on Wednesday 29th April 8.30am - 11.00am at Cafe 101 (Salvation Army), 101 Queen Victoria Street, London EC4 - entrance opposite the swimming pool side of the school. All Welcome. For more details, please contact Fiona Yates on 07768863664 or fcyates@aol.com

5th FORM AND ABOVE COFFEE MORNING

There will be a Coffee Morning for Parents and Carers of boys in the 5th Form and above from 9am - 11.30 am on Monday 27th April in Cafe Rouge, 5-14 St Paul's Churchyard, EC4 (CLS side of St Paul's) . All welcome. For more details, please contact Deborah Dorrance-King as below.

4th FORM COFFEE MORNING

There will be a Coffee Morning for 4th Form Parents and Carers on Tuesday 12th May 8.30am - 11.00am at Cafe 101 (Salvation Army), 101 Queen Victoria Street, London EC4 - entrance opposite the swimming pool side of the school. All Welcome. For more details, please contact Stephanie Martinez on 07951 811 488 or stephanie@primex.co.uk

CONTACT:

Deborah Dorrance-King, Chair, FoCLS, tel. 0797
443 1348, email:friends@clsb.org.uk

SPORT

SUCCESSFUL BUT STRESSFUL DAY AT THE NATIONAL INDOOR ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS!

A record number of students travelled to the National competition this year, held in Battersea on 17th March. For the first time ever, the group also consisted of a team of 4 from the Girls School, and also Elliott Szabo from London Nautical School.

Hopes were high after a City domination in both the individual and team events last year, but the team was missing many of its previous 'stars' and pinning hopes on newer and less experienced racers.

The day started with the individual events, in which Harry Dorrance-King excelled to take a silver medal in the 2000 metre race, which he completed in 6.45. Despite being below his PB, the team were delighted with this result and the sight of a medal buoyed hopes. The fifth form team had to compete over 6 minutes, a painfully long time to be sprinting, using every muscle in the body, and the pain certainly showed. Despite a couple of nervous moments, all boys completed reasonable distances, and were pleased to be placed around the middle of a very large field of experienced rowers and huge 15 year olds, with Aran Garrod being placed a credible 17th out of 96.

The year 10 race saw old rivals Stefan Avanesian and Cameron Thorp battle it out, and over the 5 minute race, they were separated by 1 metre - with the challenge being taken by Stefan.

The Year 9 race was for many the City highlight, as Dominic McLoughlin and Rene Zamudio came head to head for the first time, and were chased closely by a whole team of both new and experienced third formers. Side by side on the machines, Rene leapt into the lead with a massive start, but Dom was not letting go easily. Halfway through the excruciating 4 minute race, Dom's machine disappeared off the big screen, and it appeared Rene was in the lead; however, what we couldn't see was that Dom was storming ahead, and Rene was beginning to pay the price for his start. With 100 metres to go the gap widened steadily, and Dom crossed the line 56 metres ahead, but very impressive scores put Dom 5th and Rene 20th in a huge field of 161 entries.

Stars of the day however, were Oliver Elliott and Daniel Kenway. Despite being given an estimated race time of 1 pm, terrible organisation at the event and record numbers of entries saw their race pushed back to 4.30pm. Exhausted by the amount of nervous energy expended, both put their all into their 2 minute sprint, and performed credibly for their first race.

The big disappointment, was that due to the aforementioned 'organisational difficulties', the Team had to leave before the relay race, which was scheduled for some time around 7pm. But of course, we all know, we would have been the champions anyway!..

ACE





CITIZEN SPORT

CLS STAFF FOOTBALL MATCH REPORT.

CLS STAFF VS HABERDASHERS ASKES HAATCHAM COLLEGE STAFF, FRIDAY 20TH MARCH IN NUNHEAD.

On Friday, The CLS Staff Football team travelled to Haberdashers' Aske's in Nunhead to defend a **7 year unbeaten record** stretching all the way back to the last time they played.

CLS started brightly, Team Captain Miss Saunt fearlessly charging into tackles with opponents three times her size. Bracken dispossessed with ease, feeding through to the fancy footwork of Mr. Eade, who would beat 3 or 4 men at time before delivering inch perfect through-balls for Eddie the Kiwi Work Experience guy to chase down. . Hilton-Dennis was commanding in the air and Dawson was fast and furious, both showing a Carlos Tevez-like tenacity to win balls and turn defence into attack.

Having already created several chances, Santry opened the scoring on 10 minutes with a daisy-cutter from 25 yards into the bottom left corner. Seeing Santry on the scoresheet got Apaloo fired up and inspired him to repeatedly blast long range efforts at a keeper who struggled to keep them out.

CLS continued to dominate, Santry and Apaloo went increasingly close with efforts from distance, Mackrell rose above his marker to thump a beautifully timed header inches over

the crossbar and then Ratnasabapathy toe-poked two good opportunities just wide. We went into the half time break full of confidence and surprise at how well we had been playing.

The self-congratulations prompted some showboating – the ubiquitous Santry nearly scored a spectacular volley from a corner, Apaloo was taking on half their team for fun and it was no surprise when he burst through 3 defenders like Fernando Torres to calmly slot the ball home. 2-0 to CLS. With tactical master Flower commanding the troops from centre back it seemed as though we were cruising to victory.

But then disaster struck. With 10 minutes to go, in an unthreatening position, a simple back pass from Eade hit a divot, wrong-footing Davies in goal and tamely rolling into the net. Haberdashers, who had been anonymous, suddenly sensed a comeback and forced Mr. Davies into a couple of smart saves. He could do nothing about the unstoppable blast into the top-right corner that came next. 2-2.

Could CLS show the ultimate failure in psychological resilience and lose a match in the last 10 minutes? Both teams abandoned tactics and the ball was desperately hacked from end to end in search of a winner. Apaloo forced two excellent saves and some last ditch tackling from Bracken and Flower spared our own defence. With the final kick of the game, a 35-yard curler from Ratnasabapathy flew up, down and wide of the upright to leave the spoils shared.

Despite blowing a 2-0 lead, the team's first performance featured an impressive amount of skill and the team should be confident of future victories. Bring on UCS and Highgate!

Man of the Match : Mr. Bracken for his rock-solid performance at the right of defence. Any tougher and he'd have put people in hospital.

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