

# The Citizen

CLS WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

## HEADMASTER BRAVES COLD WATER FOR OUR HEROES

Last Tuesday, our mighty Headmaster, David Levin, participated in the Iron Man challenge in the ominously-named Lake 42. The challenge was to swim across the lake, a 3.6km slog, in the freezing winter water. All this for a very worthy cause.

The cause is *Help for Heroes* and concerns providing support for those troops from our Middle-Eastern wars who have not died, but have received crippling injuries. Though they do not make the headlines as often as they should, they nevertheless need and deserve financial help to rebuild their lives. *Help for Heroes* was founded in October 2007, and is currently running a campaign to help those who decide not to continue in the Armed Forces, particularly the injured. According to their website, they are “strictly non political and non critical; we simply want to help”. Help they do, having donated money to the widows of servicemen, funding projects for troops who have lost limbs, and many more projects. In an exclusive interview for *The Citizen*, Mr Levin said that he did not think it would be right for him to propose a charity for this year’s City fundraisers, but surely the simplicity of this movement, and the



sacrifice of these men and women merits recognition?

Despite the freezing temperatures, which Mr. Levin remembers as colder than the English Channel, our own Ironman Headmaster turned up as the solitary swimmer without a wetsuit. Far from a lack of foresight, or forgetfulness, Mr. Levin thought that he should put himself through a truly discomforting experience in order to empathise properly with those whom he was supporting.

The prospect was made even worse by the fact that rather than being 3.6km, as anticipated, the organiser had miscalculated, and the 90 swimmers were instead swimming 4km. All in a day’s work for the Head of our *Great School*, who described it as, “wonderful once you stop”. The last ten minutes are, I am told, the worst, particularly if, like Mr. Levin, you are swimming with only your arms, due to a painful hernia

operation over the summer. Together, the swimmers raised in excess of £1050 on the day, with more coming in each week. The Head received a personal commendation from the organiser, stating “[His] privations certainly deserve a generous response”, and expressing surprise at the lack of a wetsuit.

Despite the freezing conditions, Mr. Levin would certainly recommend open water swimming to anyone, as you can really “get into a rhythm” that is impossible in a pool. When asked what his favourite open water experience was, he replied that it was certainly the Europe to Asia swim, as the Turkish massage at the end was “truly fantastic”.

Parents or boys who wish to donate money to *Help for Heroes* may pay monies into the general office. All donations will be treated in the strictest confidence.

**Harry Evans S6 ZLC**

For more information visit:  
[www.helpforheroes.org.uk](http://www.helpforheroes.org.uk)

### Inside this Week:

- Full Sports Round-Up
- Return of News and Comment
- Photo Quiz is back
- How to get cycle permit
- Photo of new staff

What are you an expert in? We all have our own area of expertise. I am not necessarily referring to the areas of the school curriculum, but rather the more esoteric fields of knowledge. Do you, for example, know all the players of the England cricket team? Or perhaps you can name the winners of the final FA Cup since the millennium? Maybe you can identify aeroplanes as they fly overhead? Or are you able to list the kings and queens of England in order? Do you know the dance steps for CEROC?

As teachers it is our job to deliver lessons in the formal academic disciplines which are associated with school. In addition, it is often our good fortune to get to know the pupils in our charge and to discover all kinds of useful or useless information from them. Parents will know only too well that boys can be a mine of information and that some can reel off endless facts and figures about the most unusual things.

City of London School provides ample opportunities for your son to learn academically and we will guide him towards top universities and exam success. Nevertheless, through our extra-curricular offer we can also help to grow his own areas of interest. At this time of year boys are offered a great range of clubs and societies. Now is the best time to try something new, as the societies begin again may I encourage all boys to join in the full life of the school.

Boys with a flair for writing have already begun to write for The Citizen this year. I hope that readers will be interested, amused and challenged by articles written by pupils. Last Friday there were sixty wannabe journalists at the editorial team meeting in room 111 at lunchtime. It is possibly the smallest

# EDITORIAL

## Events Next Week in Brief

### Monday 21st September

- Football, U13A, U13B, U13C, U13D, U13E, U13F v The Hall, Away, 1-5pm
- Senior Maths Circle, 409, 1.15pm
- Basketball, U16 v Alleyn's, Away, 5pm

### Tuesday 22nd

- Square Mile Club, Dr Anthony Julius, Mishcon de Reya Solicitors, Great Hall, 1.10-1.50pm
- Debating, 1st Form and OG, Coulson, 1.10pm
- Water Polo, U14 v Highgate, Away, 4pm
- Barnes-Amis Lecture: HMS on "Shakespeare's Bawdy", Asquith Room

### Wednesday 23rd

- Debating, 2nd and 3rd Forms, Coulson, 12.50pm
- Swimming, Inter-Form, OG, 1st and 2nd Forms, 4pm

### Thursday 24th

- Senior Debating, KPR, Coulson, 1.10pm
- Water Polo, U15 v Highgate, Home, 4pm
- Aero Society, 507, 4.10pm
- Basketball, U19 v UCS, Away, 4.15pm

### Friday 25th

- Barnes-Amis, Coulson, 12.50-1.45pm
- Inter-House Maths Competition, Maths Department, 1-1.50pm
- Creative Writing, 315, 1.15pm
- Junior Maths Circle, 409, 1.15pm

room in the school and seemed to be an unusual choice. Nevertheless, more interested parties are welcome today. Let us make this weekly newsletter as good as it can possibly be.

Best wishes,  
**Charles B Fillingham**

## STAFF NEWS

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Farrelly on the birth of their second child, a son, Joseph. He was born last Thursday weighing just under 9lbs. Mother and baby are well. Mr Farrelly's lessons this week are being covered by Mr David Quinn, an experienced art teacher from Yorkshire.

**CBF**

## CYCLING TO SCHOOL

Boys who wish to cycle to School are encouraged to do so. Bicycle racks are available in the Lower Playground and in the North Car Park, where lockers are also available for cyclists. Cycle permits and lockers are issued by Mr Fillingham upon receipt of a letter of consent from the boy's parents.

**CBF**



## SCHOOL NEWS

### MATHS CIRCLE

Mathematics has always been a strength at CLS. More boys achieved an A\* in Maths GCSE than any other subject (89A\*s out of 137). Last June the school were 3<sup>rd</sup> nationally in the Team Maths Challenge, the school's best result ever. Going back further in history, there have been many successes worth remembering. In 1970 Bernard Walter Silverman of CLS made up the UK team in the International Mathematical Olympiad held in Hungary before completing his PhD at Jesus College, Cambridge. Professor Bernard Silverman FRS is a British statistician, Master and Chaplain of St Peter's College, Oxford and a member of the Statistics Department at Oxford University. The International Mathematical Olympiad (IMO) is the World Championship Mathematics Competition for High School students and is held annually in a different country.

John Robert Rickard was in the team in 1975 (Bulgaria), 1976 (Austria) and 1977 (Yugoslavia). John Rickard completed his degree at Trinity College, Cambridge. In 1980 Peter Benedict Kronheimer and Jeremy Charles Rickard took part in the IMO held in Luxembourg. They also took part in the IMO held the following year in the USA. Peter Kronheimer completed his degree at Oxford University and is presently a Professor of Mathematics at Harvard University. Jeremy Rickard is presently professor of mathematics at the University of Bristol. Mark Victor Bravington was in the IMO team during the 1983 IMO held in France. Alexander Paul Selby completed his PhD at Cambridge in 1993, having been an IMO team member in 1985

(Finland). Andrew David Smith took part in the 1986 (Poland) and 1987 (Cuba) IMO. Joshua Robert Xavier Ross was the most recent Old Citizen to have been an IMO team member in 1988(Australia). Who will be next?

Selection for the IMO team begins with the Senior Maths Challenge(SMC) held in November. There are two follow up rounds, the BMO Round 1 and 2, before selection for the 3 training camps held in Bath, Hungary and Trinity College, Cambridge. From the 20 that make it to the training camps six are chosen to represent the UK. All of the 2008 IMO team answered 23 or more questions out of 25 correctly in the Senior Maths Challenge. So the Old Citizens who made it to the IMO must have been very strong mathematicians indeed! Maths Circle is being held on Mondays for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Formers, whilst younger boys in the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Form can attend on Fridays. Both sessions start at 1.15pm in Room 409. Any boy who enjoys a maths puzzle should consider attending. This week, Mr Fernandes posed the following problem to 5<sup>th</sup> Formers: Find 4 prime numbers less than 100

which are factors of  $3^{32} - 2^{32}$ . One solution depends on remembering the difference of squares factorisation:

$a^2 - b^2 = (a + b)(a - b)$ . This leads to  $3^{32} - 2^{32} = (3^{16} + 2^{16})(3^{16} - 2^{16})$ . Repeated use of the factorisation gives 5 as one of the factors.

Selection for the CLS Team Maths Challenge team begins next week. Four boys from 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Formers will be required for the Senior Team Maths Challenge competition taking place in November. Last year William Prince, Arthur Weber, WooJae Kim and Jonathan Berger represented the school. Junior boys should attend on Fridays if they wish to be considered for the Team Maths Challenge. Daniel Hu, Dom McLoughlin, Anudeep Bhattacharya and Mahmoud Ghanem represented the school last year.

**SSF**



## NEWS & COMMENT

### THE WORLD THIS WEEK

So the summer's over and we're all well and truly back to school, but unlike my summer holidays, some things seem to be ever-present. For example, there is the TV, where the much maligned *Big Brother*, and the slightly less maligned (but still quite maligned) *X Factor*, appear to always be on my screen.

I am delighted to be able to tell you that Channel4 has only commissioned one more series of *Big Brother*. So, we won't have to put up with Davina's shrieking for very much longer.

Let's talk about *The X Factor*, which is now officially the same as *Britain's Got Talent*, except without Ant and Dec, and with an extra panellist (a

person who sits in a magic chair, which gives them the power to belittle mentally unstable people). It's now got to the stage that whenever I see a chair on TV, I am surprised not to see Simon Cowell sitting in it!

Is *The X Factor* really that bad? In my opinion, there are few feelings better than the feeling of tension when you're trying to work out whether the women who's brought her cat with for support is going to be mental or not. I don't have that much against *The X Factor*, it just saddens me that it's basically *Britain's Got Talent* without the dancing dogs... but have no fear; Simon Cowell still gets his suspiciously furry hands on everyone's money whatever happens!

**Jake Moss J6**



#### ***New Staff - Autumn 2009***

*Back row (L-R):* Shaun Hullis (Classics); Stephen Jones (History); Mark Wacey (Economics); Paul Eteson (French).

*Front row (L-R):* Nadia Jacobs (Asst. Biology Technician); David Smart (Counsellor);  
Chanelle Weller (Biology); Rebecca Norman (Chemistry).



### SUBSTANCE AND SPIN IN TV DEBATE

At the beginning of this month Sky News launched a national campaign calling for a live television debate between the leaders of the three major parties as part of the General Election, the first of its kind in Britain.

David Cameron (Conservatives) and Nick Clegg (Liberal Democrats) were very eager to agree and did so almost instantaneously, with the latter claiming that he would “relish the opportunity” to debate against his rivals. However, the Prime Minister, Gordon Brown, has only promised to “consider” the proposal nearer the time of an election telling Sky News: “I’m happy to do debates all the time, but we’re not at the point of having an election, when we get to that point this will be something that we’ll discuss.” If he still declines the invitation, he will be represented by an empty chair.

Although the debate’s host is as yet unannounced, Sir David Frost, whose famous interviews with Richard Nixon in 1977 have gone down in journalistic legend, has emerged as a key contender and if

selected will be under strict instructions to ensure impartiality of the debate though the precise rules still have to be agreed.

The concept of a televised debate itself is undeniably American and yet undeniably brilliant. The difference it has made to politics ‘over there’ during the last fifty years is outstanding. Some say that John Kennedy won an election against the favorite Richard Nixon due to his opponent’s bedraggled and disgruntled appearance on live TV before the nation in 1960. Similarly, Jimmy Carter lost an election to Ronald Reagan which was originally seen as too close to call, but Reagan with his acting experience came across much calmer than Carter on camera and ended up winning with a tremendous majority.

Perhaps then, the proposed debate will have an unexpected impact on the election just as it has done abroad. But, maybe, if it goes ahead, it may take a tentative step towards bridging the widening gap between the politicians and the people which has been so prevalent in the decreasing number of votes being cast throughout the country.

**Jack Cohen 5B** Columnist

### PINCHING PENSIONERS

Richard Mulhearn, 70, and 72-year-old James Adams have admitted to stealing more than £2000 worth of cash and goods from MK & Co newsagent in Glasgow. They are now thought to be Scotland’s oldest robbers.

The record-breaking thieves stole cash, stamps, mobile phone top-up cards and power cards as Mulhearn distracted the shop assistant while Adams made off with the goods.

The eagle-eyed shopkeeper realised that Mulhearn was attempting to stall her and distract her from what was happening at the front of the store. When she noticed missing goods she contacted police who raided the hapless criminals top-secret hideout (Mulhearn’s living room) and found £700 under a pillow.

He tried to claim that he had been saving up from his pension but was arrested and charged along with his co-conspirator Adams. This is just one case in the dangerous rise of pensioners, which, with high profile arrest of drug baron Dottie Neeley (reselling painkillers) at the age of 86, is fast looking like the chaotic scenes of Monty Python’s old ladies sketch.

Mulhearn and Adams will be sentenced within a month but with the Scottish justice system as it is we should expect no prison time for the dastardly duo. Megrahi style scandals upon their release would be too embarrassing. Libya is preparing the fireworks.

**Noah Kidron-Style 4M**

# **FRIENDS OF CLS**

## **NEXT WEEK - 4TH FORM COFFEE MORNING**

There will be a Coffee Morning for 4th Form Parents and Carers on Monday, 21st September 9.00am - 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

## **NEXT WEEK - 5TH FORM COFFEE MORNING**

There will be a Coffee Morning for 5th Form Parents and Carers on Wednesday, 23rd September 9.00am - 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 07951811488 or stephanie@primex.co.uk

## **3rd FORM COFFEE MORNING**

There will be a Coffee Morning for 3rd Form (nb my apologies typo in last week's Citizen) Parents and Carers on Thursday 1st October 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 Dolores Catterson, d\_catterson@btinternet.com or Deborah Dorrance-King 07974431348 or deborahdorrance@hotmail.com

## **OG and 1st FORM COFFEE MORNING**

There will be a Coffee Morning for OG and 1st Form Parents and Carers on Monday, 5th October 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 Deborah Dorrance-King 07974431348 or deborahdorrance@hotmail.com

## **2nd FORM COFFEE MORNING**

There will be a Coffee Morning for all 2nd Parents and Carers on Monday, 12th October 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 Deborah Dorrance-King 07974431348 or deborahdorrance@hotmail.com

## **6th FORM COFFEE MORNING**

There will be a Coffee Morning for all 6th Form (J6 and S6) Parents and Carers on Monday, 19th October 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 Deborah Dorrance-King 07974431348 or deborahdorrance@hotmail.com

## **SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE**

### **URGENT REQUEST**

There will be a Second hand Uniform Sale on Thursday 22nd October 5.00pm - 7.00pm. If you have any outgrown/unwanted uniform in GOOD CONDITION we would welcome it. We are in URGENT need of **BLAZERS (ALL SIZES BUT 34"-36" in particular)**, Sports Tops and Socks. Donations may be left at Reception in a bag marked 'Friends of CLS - 2nd Hand Uniform'. Thank you.

## **CITY WALK - DATE FOR YOUR DIARY**

'CITY WALK' on Sunday, 15th November 2pm followed by tea in School. All welcome - families and friends. Full details and booking forms to follow.

## **CONTACT**

Deborah Dorrance-King, Chair, FoCLS, tel. 0797443 1348, email:friends@cls.org.uk

### JUST WHAT THE DOCTOR ORDERED

*Seemingly unconscious, conservatism has been jolted back to life by Barack Obama's healthcare plans*

If the energetic and hopeful Barack Obama characterised the Democrats twelve months ago, his opponent, John McCain, captured perfectly the state of the Republican Party – elderly, overwhelmed and underwhelming.

For months now, conservatives across the U.S.A have searched for an issue or individual to reinvigorate their dying party, with the result being the rise and ultimate fall of Sarah Palin. And after months of searching for something to resuscitate the Grand Old Party, their 'messiah' has finally arrived.

Barack Obama's ability to invigorate is far from unknown. During his Presidential campaign, Obama drew crowd after crowd, delivering inspirational speeches and creating memorable phrases in one of the most sensational political ascents ever seen. Whilst the style of those speeches was itself gripping, the content also stole the headlines of *The Citizen* amongst other newspapers. But although many orators fail to back up their words with actions, Mr. Obama appears intent on saving the 46 million Americans with no medical insurance from an uncertain future – and on doing the same deed for the Republican Party in the process.

For although the President's primary intentions were to transform America's inefficient healthcare system and provide insurance to the 71 million underinsured Americans,



nothing fires up conservatives like those issues irrevocably intertwined with healthcare - fiscal responsibility, constitutionalism and civil liberties. The President even managed to bring religion, another favourite, into the fold last week, by claiming that universal healthcare was a "moral obligation". The concerted effort of conservatives to oppose the President on these issues has produced a degree of support for the Republican Party unseen in years, climaxing with a march to Washington D.C. last week involving tens of thousands of people (pictured).

A more amusing element of the debate raged over the theoretical physicist Stephen Hawking, who was invoked by conservatives claiming that he would not have survived had he lived under the National Health Service. Their point was, however, somewhat undermined by the fact that he had been treated by the NHS; as he himself said, "I would not be here today if it were not for the NHS." But whilst the current US Health Service may not have saved Stephen Hawking, it may just have saved the Republican Party.

**Ezra Cohen 5B**

### DO YOU HAVE A STORY TO TELL?

The Citizen is currently recruiting new journalists for this academic year. The meeting is today and every Friday at 1pm in room 111. Positions of responsibility are filling quickly, but new talents are still required. Apply in person at the meeting or speak to Mr Fillingham on any day.  
**CBF**



# REVIEWS

## MUSE

The burden of high expectations is a bounty firmly fixed upon Muse's heads in the run up to their 5<sup>th</sup> album, *The Resistance*. For the last four months since the release date was set, the music world has been holding its breath, wondering in fevered trepidation whether the bombastic Devonshire trio would churn out another triumphant rock behemoth, or waste away any appreciation on a set of self-indulgent 'classical fusions', losing their fervently devoted fan base. The signs were not good; the 30 second previews they posted on their website stank of a band losing ideas, but, thankfully, instead of floundering at the fifth post, Muse have produced what is possibly the year's best album so far.

One thing Muse have always relied on is the sheer operatic power of their music, and they certainly bar no holes on *The Resistance*. Indeed, the songs in which they really hit their stride and throw up the huge choruses are possibly the album's best. For example, on *United States of Eurasia*, singer Matt Bellamy takes to the piano to produce a brilliantly Queen plundering, cacophonous musical retread of a certain George Orwell novel, complete with multi track vocals and Arabic style bridge. Fairport Convention this ain't.

Indeed, Bellamy's lyrics have certainly taken a turn for the Orwellian; what we have here seems to be a Sci-fi concept album about state-persecuted love. But *The Resistance's* real glory lies in *Exogenesis*; the summation of years of work and a wonderful, tasteful orchestral combination of classical and rock; the perfect end to an album that spins with imagination, force and ideas.

**Alex Schulte 4H**

## NINTENDO DSi

The new Nintendo DSi comes jam packed with loads of new features and one of the most popular is the DSi shop which allows you to download games and applications directly from the internet via wireless communications (a bit like the iTunes app store).

The art style series is a series of these downloadable games each costing 500 DSi shop points or £5 if you do the conversion. The series includes: *Code*, *Aquite* and *Box Life*, each one a *Tetris* style minigame. For example in *Box Life* you play as a factory worker in a factory that produces cubes. You make these cubes by cutting the shape of the net out of isometric paper with the scissor tool and then folding the net into a cube using the fold tool. In *Aquite* you play across two screens to control falling blocks, trying to match three or more colors in any direction. Like a cross between *Tetris* and *Bejeweled*. Finally in *Code* you swap numbers around trying to make lines that add up to ten. But when you swap any two numbers around they flip over, meaning a 1 becomes a useless line a two becomes a five and a three becomes a useless 'E' shape.

The series is fun and relaxing and I'm told that the frustratingly slow reactions are all part of the classic arcade game feel. The artwork is simple and the sounds are fun.

However, the games which require you to turn your screen sideways, e.g. *Code* have, no left-handed mode thus making them a waste of money to the left handed population. The game play is quite slow and I'm often inclined to chuck my console across the room.

Overall the series is fun but slow, but then again so was the original *Tetris*.

**Mahmoud Ghanem 3B**

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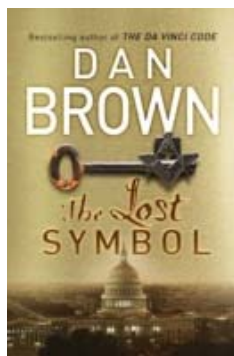
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## NEW TITLES SEPTEMBER 2009



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- Dan Brown

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takes the reader on an exhilarating journey through a masterful and unexpected landscape as Professor of Symbolology, Robert Langdon, is once again called into action.

**Price:** The Lost Symbol is free to the first 10 boys who bring this review to the John Carpenter Bookshop.



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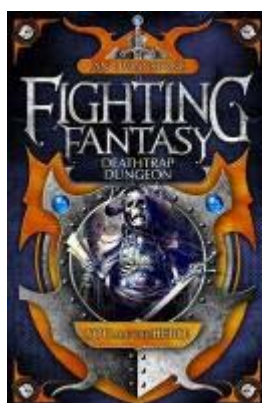
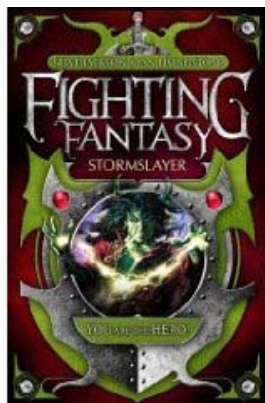
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### Fighting Fantasy (Steve Jackson and Ian Livingstone) - all £5.99

Part novel, part game these role playing stories have been around for almost 30 years and are still going strong, despite the advent of computer games. Four of them have been re-published with swish covers: 'Warlock of Firetop Mountain', 'Citadel of Chaos', 'Deathtrap Dungeon' and 'Stormslayer'. Be warned, they are addictive!



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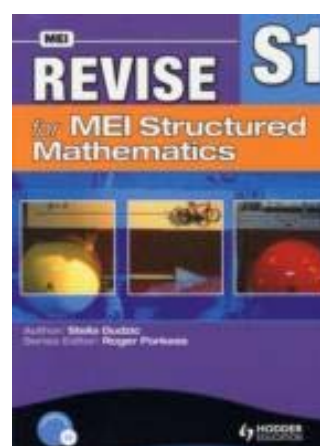
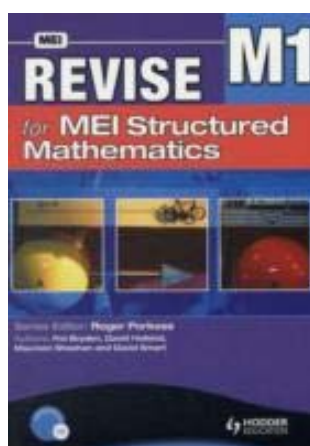
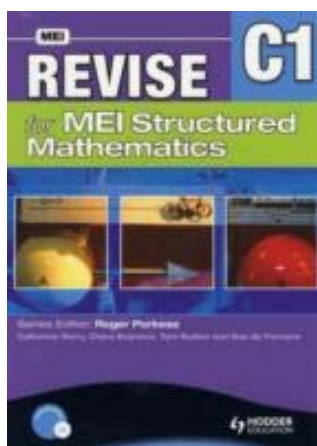


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Welcome back to the new term! George hopes you've had a good summer – judging by the number of postcards he's received over the summer, it's clear that City Boys have, once again, travelled to far-flung destinations over the summer. Perhaps they will have also developed their geographical knowledge of these places!

Can you guess George's first destination of the year?

1. This city is home to Sun Studio and Stax Music.
2. It is the county seat of Shelby County.
3. It is the regional hub for a tri-state area of Arkansas, Mississippi and Tennessee.
4. The city's airport is the world's busiest cargo airport, serving as the primary hub for FedEx Express.

Answers to [geography\\_george@clsb.org.uk](mailto:geography_george@clsb.org.uk) and check back next week to see if you're correct!

**PSM**

## MATHS PUZZLES

### Junior Question:

When amoebas of a particular exotic species reproduce, the parent amoeba splits apart into four identical baby amoebas. Over time, the members of a colony of these amoebas occasionally reproduce, and the colony's size grows. Suppose the colony contains four amoebas to start with. Can its number of members ever reach exactly 2009?

### Senior Question:

For which prime numbers  $p$  and  $q$  (if any), is  $5p^2q + 16pq^2$  a perfect square?

**Daniel Hu 4H**

Answers will be published next week.

**Junior Maths Circle is on Friday 1:15pm in 409**

**Senior Maths Circle is on Monday 1:15pm in 409**

**All are welcome**

## RACE FIXING AT F1?

The Renault ING Direct F1 Team has been summoned to a hearing following alleged race fixing at the Singapore Grand Prix in 2008. These accusations have been made by former Renault driver Nelson Piquet Jr who was sacked after the Hungarian Grand Prix.

Piquet crashed to summon the safety car, (you are not allowed to overtake when it is in use) while his teammate, Fernando Alonso was in the lead. Piquet pointed the finger at Flavio Briatore (Team Principal of the Renault F1 team, and former owner of Ferrari) and race engineer Pat Symonds. The FIA are investigating this incident, and will be giving a decision at a hearing in Paris. If the Renault team is found guilty it could be excluded permanently or temporarily from Formula One, or have Fernando Alonso's world championships that he won in 2005 and 2006 taken away from him, as well as a hefty fine.

My opinion on this situation is that Renault shouldn't be putting a driver's life at risk to give glory to another driver. However, Piquet Jr could be out for revenge as Renault had just sacked him. It does seem a bit fishy that Alonso's teammate crashed just as he was winning.

**Rahul Malkani 2D**



# CITIZEN UNDERGROUND PHOTO QUIZ

*The Citizen's photojournalism team has been travelling around London. Can you name all the stations pictured here?*



a) This Station has the longest Escalator in Europe



b) Every Underground station contains at least one letter from the word (Mr) Mackrell except this station.



c) Crossrail is due here in 2017



d) This station is in zones one and two and has six Platforms

a) Angel b) St John's Wood c) Ealing Broadway d) Earl's Court

# SCHOOL SPORT

## CLS FOOTBALL

A list of up to date fixtures and results can be found on the website ([www.clsb.org.uk](http://www.clsb.org.uk)) under the extra curricular tab.

### 1<sup>st</sup> XI v Alleyn's

After a very rewarding weeks pre-season at Bath University it was back to the real world to see if the team would be able to maintain the high standard that had been set. The first competitive match of the season was away against a strong Alleyn's side that had spent its pre-season in Germany.

Of the 26 boys that travelled to Bath, 12 had been selected which included 8 changes from last year's team and debuts for 5. Unfortunately, new club captain Josh Hirschowitz failed a late fitness test and was unable to travel with the squad.

The first half was much like watching the first few rounds of a boxing match with each team trying to find out the opposition with jabs of attacks secured by solid defence. The City team were not showing the confidence on the ball nor the style of football we had seen in the last couple of weeks. Despite this, they edged possession and created a fair few chances only to be stopped by some clever defending and outstanding saves from the Alleyn's keeper.

At half time the team rallied and were asked if they could raise their game and show the flowing, attacking football that had seen them score 12 goals in the 2 pre-season games. Pleasingly the answer to this was most definitely yes. City created countless opportunities testing out the opposition keeper from various ranges and angles. If

the match had been on Soccer AM then 3 of the strikes would have been successful as they just missed the target, hitting the crossbar. The hard work eventually paid off as Dan Grendowicz picked up the ball at right back and neatly played a diagonal ball to find the well-timed run of debutant fifth former Tom Read. Read finished with a diving header that looped over the keeper.

As time went on the game stretched and saw even more chances go begging. City were asked to remain disciplined in defence in the hope of gaining the well deserved victory that should have already been earned. A momentary lack of concentration from a clever, quick free kick saw Alleyn's nip through and equalise with just 3 minutes left on the clock. The linesman flagged for offside but the referee decided to overrule and let the goal stand.

City answered well by pushing for the winning goal. Centre back Steve Grieve found himself 6 yards from goal and placed a great strike towards goal but an Alleyn's defender just managed to get his body in the way. This was just not going to be our day..... This thought was further justified as the opposition played a through ball to a player in what was obviously an offside position. Our defence stopped as the ball was passed back for an attacking midfielder to neatly slot the ball home. Again, the linesman was stood with a raised flag but again the referee chose to overrule the decision.

Despite the recorded loss this was an outstanding performance and shows what this year's team is capable of. A couple of lessons to be learned in football though: Take your chances in front of goal

and play to the referees whistle. Fortunately, Mike Reily will no by taking charge of anymore City games....

JPS

## National 6-a-side Tournament

On Sunday the first team travelled to Chigwell to take part in the ISFA National 6-a-side tournament. City had been drawn in a very tough group which included Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School Blackburn, Ardingley and Oswestry. The top two sides from each group would then qualify for the knockout stages, an ambition City had never achieved before.

The first match was against QEGS Blackburn, a side with great reputation in independent football. City soon got used to the type of football that was required to play 6-a-side football on a full size pitch. Their fitness was to be tested as well as their developing tactical awareness. Both teams were keen to keep possession but City looked the strongest creating plenty of scoring opportunities but unfortunately without finding the net. Seven minutes each way and the game ended with a very respectable 0-0 against a team that would later progress very far.

The second match against Oswestry did not start well with a speculative shot finding the back of the net. With such little time City had to chase the game and were hit on the counter with another well taken goal. The second half showed what determination we have as our possession turned into an excellent goal neatly taken by Avi Kestenbaum. Oswestry hung on for dear life as City offered wave after wave of attacks. The goal didn't

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quite come in time and showed the importance of being the first to score.

Results meant that the only way to progress was to beat Ardingley who had been edged out by QEGS and then thrashed Oswestry 4-0. City came out of the blocks firing and showed some confident, attacking football. Goals from Harry Smith and Avi Kestenbaum saw us 2-0 up at half time. The boys were asked to keep the ball and close the game out which they did in a very mature fashion. City had made the knockout stages placing them in the top 16 schools in the country.

The opposition for the knockouts was Manchester Grammar, a team who had scored 12 goals in the group stages. Another very confident performance from the City team was quashed by a contentious penalty decision by the referee which the opposition successfully converted. Manchester Grammar chose to keep the ball while City desperately worked to get the equaliser. The match ended 1-0 which was disappointing for all the boys but certainly didn't take anything away from the progress City had made.

This tournament was a great success for City of London football and has shown the National Independent school football teams that we are a force to be reckoned with. Well done to all involved.

**JPS**

Other football results from last week again Alleyn's:

3<sup>rd</sup> XI won 3-0  
4<sup>th</sup> XI lost 2-0  
5<sup>th</sup> XI won 3-0  
6<sup>th</sup> XI drew 2-2  
**CEA**

## 2<sup>nd</sup> XI v Alleyn's

CLS 2<sup>nd</sup> XI started their season with a tough away fixture against Alleyn's. A fixture which has always proved challenging and one which the opposition seemed to have the uncanny knack of coming out on top.

With a healthy mix of 5<sup>th</sup> form, 6<sup>th</sup> form and senior 6<sup>th</sup> form boys, it would be interesting to see how the team blended together. The team started well and put Alleyn's under pressure from the first whistle. A fantastic spell of possession allowed Callum Hopkins time on the ball at right back and he delivered a deep cross towards James Macleod at the back post. Macleod brought the ball down, remained composed and slotted it passed the Alleyn's goalkeeper giving the team a dream start to the season. Alleyn's rallied after going behind, but Captain Felix Young pulled off a few fantastic saves to keep the lead in tact.

CLS continued to dominate the game with George Parker working relentlessly up front. Louis Ross and Matt Howitt were a constant threat going forward, and the midfield pairing of Svi Freedman and Nabil O'Toole controlled the tempo of the game. However, with the score 1-0 at half term, there was still plenty of work to be done.

In the second half, Luke Strauss began to grow with confidence and started a number of attacks from left back. One of which led to George Parker winning a free kick in a threatening position, after leaving his man on the floor. Some quick thinking by Luke Strauss led to the second goal. He rolled the resulting dead ball back to James Macleod to drive the ball into the bottom corner of the net.

In the 20 minutes that followed CLS could have increased their lead, but more importantly the new central defence pairing of Alessandro Ceretti and Patrick Restrepo held strong for a 2-0 win.

Great start to the season.

Man of the Match: Callum Hopkins.

**CEA**

## CANOE AND KAYAKING

City of London School is back on the Thames! Canoe and kayaking is now a mainstream Wednesday afternoon sport and eight pupils from the 5th Form dipped their toes in the water last Wednesday. *Nicholas Hulbert* and *Harry Rosehill* chose to dip a little more than a toe; Nicholas drawing first blood with near full immersion. It was more of a slow-motion sinking feeling than a capsize in both cases. Much fun was had by all and we are now looking forward to the more demanding conditions of the Autumn and Winter ahead!

**EW**

## FANCY YOURSELF AS A SPORTS JOURNALIST?

**THEN SEE MR FILLINGHAM IN ROOM 111 AT 1PM ON FRIDAY**

## SPORT

### Championship Roundup: A NEW LEAGUE

Newcastle top of the table? Middlesbrough in Europe? And West Brom two points off the top? What sort of Premier League season are we having?! But no you're not reading from the memoirs of failed hopes and dreams by Kevin Keegan, but in fact these "giant" clubs are slumming it out in the Championship fighting for an instant return to the top flight.

Packing out 50,000 seater-stadiums seemed a distant dream for the football league, but there is no doubt in my mind that the downfall of a club like Newcastle is certainly bolstering up the Championship for an epic season ahead.

With the campaign well under way the big boys are already proving that maybe they don't belong here, with Newcastle, Middlesbrough and West Brom gracing the top three, and with star man Shola Ameobi (pictured) banging in four goals already (I'm just as surprised as you) they look like a force to be reckoned with.

But where does that leave our beloved, modest, mid-table teams? Well they get to see some Premier League standard games for a fiver, and get the chance to visit some first-class stadiums. Sure enough I will be making the trek up to St. James Park in December to see Watford try their luck, not because I give two diddly-squats about the outcome, but simply to see 45,000 shirtless Toon addicts jumping up and down chanting for the new Messiah.

I'm sure if you give it a chance you'll see a renewed touch of class in the

second tier of English football, and with Pompey, Everton and Bolton struggling at the bottom, you never know, it could be even tougher next year.

**Louis Ross J6**

London Results:

C. Palace 0-4 Scunthorpe  
QPR 1-1 Peterborough  
Watford 1-0 Barnsley  
Charlton 1-1 Southampton  
Gillingham 2-0 Millwall  
Huddersfield 0-0 Brentford  
Dag & Red 2-1 Chesterfield  
Macclesfield 1-1 Barnet

### THE PREMIER LEAGUE THIS WEEKEND

**Man United V Man City**

Both teams are on good form with United's win over Spurs last week and City's convincing victory over Arsenal. There should be many goals

and will be a very interesting derby. Prediction: Manchester United 2-2 Manchester City

**Chelsea V Spurs**

Chelsea will have momentum after getting a last minute goal against Stoke while Spurs were outclassed by Manchester United. However they have still got some good results this season and will put up a fight. Prediction: Chelsea 2-1 Spurs

**Liverpool V West Ham**

Liverpool found some form last week against Burnley while West Ham struggled against Wigan. Prediction: Liverpool 3-0 West Ham

**Arsenal V Wigan**

Arsenal have to pick themselves up after they were humbled by Man City while Wigan beat West Ham. Prediction: Arsenal 2-0 Wigan  
**Anudeep Bhattacharyya 3M**



## THE ONE THAT GOT AWAY

Somerset have named Marcus Trescothick in their squad for the Champions League tournament in India. If he travels, under the pretences of a family holiday, the opener will return to the country where he had a nervous breakdown in 2006, the last time he either played overseas or represented England. Taking stock of the Ashes series and struggling through these seven ODIs, you couldn't blame Andy Flower and Andrew Strauss for ruing Trescothick's untimely retirement from international cricket. In his prime, Trescothick was reliable and dependable in Tests, setting a solid platform with Strauss or Michael Vaughan at the top of the order. In 76 matches he scored 14 hundreds at an average of 43.79, and could handle the tempo of his innings with exemplary control. Of course, Alistair Cook has become the ever-present partner to Strauss at the start of an innings, and has performed exceptionally well over his career so far, but the first two batsmen are not where England's batting frailties lie.

Since the retirement of Vaughan, England have struggled to fill the void at No. 3, often considered the most demanding batting position; the first wicket could fall on 2 or 200. Owais Shah has fallen from favour in the Test arena, and Ian Bell doesn't seem to have the temperament to score heavily so high up the order. Ravi Bopara and Jonathan Trott have played, but.



Trescothick's presence would allow one of the openers, probably Strauss, to drop down to three, and would eliminate this weak.

If Trescothick is missed in Tests though, what would England give for his return to one-day cricket? In the matches so far against Australia, England's performance has gone along the same lines; they bowl first, and manage to limit Australia to an average or below-par score, have a good start with the bat, and then, almost inevitably, a collapse ensues. Trescothick is second in the all-time list of England's ODI run scorers behind Alec Stewart, and bring both experience and attacking stroke play to England's flimsy batting line-up.

Even if the Champions League trip to India goes well, Justin Langer, Trescothick's county captain, doubts that England will ever obtain his services again, especially if he is required to tour: "My gut feeling is that Marcus won't play international cricket again... regardless of how this trip goes." Which leaves us to reflect on what might have been...

**Joseph Gamse 5B**

How's this for unquestioned racism, on the subject of diving?

"The foreign mentality coming in is any little clip and you go tumbling over. It's not all the foreigners, but you know who they are."

This comes not from some maverick pundit who has subsequently been condemned by others, as you might expect, but from John Terry, England captain.

Perhaps Terry has been spending too much time with his team mate Didier Drogba, a persistent offender, but to claim that the distinction between cheats and honest players lies along geographical borders is surely racist.

As for the claim that, "diving is something the England lads don't do," has Terry ever met his teammates Steven Gerrard or Wayne Rooney, frequent divers both of them? Not to mention Michael Owen; although, if a dive helps us beat Argentina, no-one here will complain much.

It is true that diving is more prevalent in the Italian or Spanish leagues, but blaming foreigners for its presence in the Premier League is both simplistic and distasteful.

**Joseph Gamse 5B**