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GREAT RESULTS FOR CITY BOYS

Over the long summer holiday there was much cause for celebration as another set of excellent examination results arrived at City of London School.

First to celebrate were last year's Senior Sixth Form, that is to say this autumn's university entrants (pictured above) who amassed some

**By Miss N H MURPHY and
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incredible grades. As the results were downloaded and the picture of success became clear it was evident that Thursday 18 August would be a day for high spirits. Altogether over ninety per cent of all papers were graded A*,

A or B and this set of results means that seventeen boys are off to Oxford and Cambridge Universities at the end of this month. What is more, more than eight out of ten boys who are heading away to university will be taking up places at Russell Group and other "Premier League" colleges.

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SCHOOLCOMMS

All parents should receive one email message from the School every Friday in term time. Attached to the email are letters about trips and visits and other routine or administrative matters. Parents need to print off reply slips for their son to deliver back to the correct

person at School - this is usually his form tutor.

This email service is called Schoolcomms and it requires every family to have supplied a correct email address to the School. Currently we believe that we hold the right information, but parents are invited to add another

contact or to amend details as the year goes by.

For all enquiries or if you do not receive a message today (Friday) please get in touch with Mr Shaw, the Data Administrator, on 020 7489 0291 or via email on james.shaw@clsb.org.uk.



EDITORIAL

By CHARLES FILLINGHAM

Welcome to City of London School's weekly newspaper. *The Citizen* exists to keep parents up to date with what is going on at City, to let you know about any changes to planned dates, and to provide a forum for budding journalists who cover not only School stories, but also news, reviews, sports and comment.

These are exciting times at Citizen HQ. Last year we interviewed politicians, football managers, the Mayor of London as well as television and film stars. Besides the interviews the number of regular

columnists has increased, we have launched iPhone and Android apps and the new editorial team has great plans for *The Citizen*.

The first meeting of the new journalists team is today at 12.50 pm in room 111 on the ground floor near the main riverside entrance. Newcomers are welcome and positions of responsibility, such as news editor, sports editor, school news editor and sub-editors will be available after next week's Freshers Fair. Please come along if you would like to be involved with *The Citizen* this term or this year.



Parent readers of *The Citizen* will, I hope, already have received from their sons a small red booklet entitled "Calendar and Fixtures List". This is a very important little booklet.

For the benefit of new parents I would like to explain that the staff at City have already planned when music rehearsals will take place this term, we know when play rehearsals will be, we have arranged sports matches against other schools and sports training sessions. All of these times and dates are printed in the "Calendar and Fixtures

List", along with other key dates and deadlines, venues for activities, details of assemblies names, email addresses for teachers and other useful information.

Your son was given two copies of CALFIX - one is for his blazer pocket and one is for you to keep at home. Amendments or corrections to CALFIX are usually posted on the School's website and here in *The Citizen*.

Finally I would like to remind parents that all boys have a homework diary and that the teaching staff have now begun to issue homework. Parents are asked to check and sign the homework diary weekly.

Best wishes for a good term ahead.

THE DIARY

MONDAY 12 SEPTEMBER

- Model UN (OG to 6th Forms), Coulson, 12.50pm
- Maths Circle, Rm 409, 12.50pm
- Philosophy Club (OG to 3rd Form), Rm 323, 1.00pm
- Football - U13 six-a-side tournament, Ibstock Place, 1.00pm
- CCF administrative parade for all new cadets, Great Hall, 4.05pm

TUESDAY 13 SEPTEMBER

- 1st Form & OG residential trip to Liddington departs, 8.00am
- 3rd Form Craft & Design, W1, 12.50pm
- Storytelling Society, Rm 312, 12.50pm
- Junior Classics Club, Rm 426, 1.00pm
- Railway/Warhammer Club, Rms 308/309, 4.10-5.00pm

WEDNESDAY 14 SEPTEMBER

- 2nd Form Craft and Design Club, W1, 12.50pm
- Debating, 2nd & 3rd Forms, Coulson, 12.50pm
- 1st Form & OG residential trip to Liddington returns, 5.00pm

THURSDAY 15 SEPTEMBER

- 4th Year immunisation programme (Td/IPV), Asquith, 9.30am
- Senior debating (4th Form & above), Coulson, 12.50pm
- 6th Form Medical Society, Rm 504, 1.10pm
- Water-Polo - U19 v New Citizens, home, 6.00pm

FRIDAY 16 SEPTEMBER

- FRESHERS' FAIR, Great Hall, Concourse, Asquith, Courtyard, 12.30pm
- NB. Due to the Freshers' Fair there are no clubs at lunchtime on Friday 16 September. Full details of the event will be published in next week's paper and there is a short article about the event in today's publication on page 5.
- Railway/Warhammer Club, Rms 308/309, 4.10-5.00pm

Exam success extends to GCSEs

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As every year, a small number of boys were disappointed with their results and members of the Careers Department and the Sixth Form team were on hand to guide boys through clearing and to advise them regarding exam remarks or even resits.

Meanwhile, later that same day the AS results were released. Last year's Junior Sixth have recorded far and away the best ever set of results at this age group and the future looks bright for next summer's school leavers.

This year's GCSE results were the second best ever notched up by City of London School and saw one boy walk away with thirteen A* grades. Numerous others scored eleven or twelve A*s. The total number of A* grades at City came in at nearly 55%, which compares very favourably to the national average of just over 8%.

Boys from all three senior year groups who have achieved exceptional exam success can look forward to Lord Mayor's Prize Day in October when high achievement is recognised and praised publically. All examination data is on the School's website.



New Staff - Autumn 2011

Back row (l to r): Paul Hopwood (English), Simon Brown (History), John Harrison (Music)

Front row (l to r): Victoria Hill (Careers Advisor), Shaista Shirazi (Biology), Marta Ciechanowicz (MFL), Monserrat Kidwell (MFL)

River Park Project to go before City Planners

By Mr C B FILLINGHAM
Assistant Headmaster

The Headmaster wrote to all parents during the holiday regarding the proposed River Park Project which may be built immediately in front of the School. The Board of Governors is considering the implications for the School at a specially convened meeting in Guildhall today. Members of the

School's Senior Management Team and others have met with the Planning Department twice over the holiday and a number of parents have submitted comments to the Corporation either online or by post.

The photograph below shows just one of the two proposed pavillions which are envisaged to be in place in front of the School before next summer. Each floating pod will be some 100 feet long

and thirty feet high. The western end of the River Park ends at City of London School and at its eastern tip it will approach the Tower of London.

Interested parties may write to Mr Stothard, the case office at the Department for Planning and Transportation, North Wing, Guildhall, London, EC2P 2EJ. Approval for the plan will be sought at the next planning meeting on 25 October.



Managing behaviour

By **KAREN SAGE**

Alumni Relations Officer

Old Citizen Paul Dix (CLS 1981- 86) is performing his one-man show 'Changing Behaviour: The Light at the end of your Tether!' on 23 and 24 September 2011 at the Elgiva Theatre, Chesham, Buckinghamshire and at The Space Theatre, London E14 on November 8th.

Founder and managing director of Pivotal Education since 2001, Paul is a multi award winning teacher trainer and behaviour expert for the Times Educational Supplement.

He said: "As a difficult 14 year old at City of London School I put my teachers under close examination. I knew then that if one teacher could manage behaviour with ease then others could be trained to do the same. In between being a thoroughly sneaky and angry child I wondered why there were so many diverse approaches.

"Leaving CLS in 1986 led me to a year as a teaching assistant and then study at Homerton College in Cambridge. As a newly qualified teacher I went to teach those children whose behaviour was even worse than my own. On the other side of the desk I soon realised that behaviour management has simple principles that are hard to execute in practice. It is easy to understand that staying calm is critical. Much harder to do this when children are throwing chairs and brandishing knives. Years teaching in tough urban state schools taught me the same lesson that I learned at CLS - that behaviour management skills could be taught, learned and developed.

"That same 14 year old walked into the Department for Education last week to advise them on behaviour training for teachers. Thirty years on and I am still obsessed with behaviour. Now I run an award winning behaviour management consultancy working with schools from all sectors and with teachers with all levels of experience."

For tickets for the Elgiva Theatre show go to www.elgiva.com and for The Space Theatre show, www.space.org.uk/?page_id=1409&event=pauldix.

FRIENDS OF CITY OF LONDON SCHOOL

SUMMER JAZZ ON THE ROOF

The Friends of CLS would like to take this opportunity to warmly thank all those who contributed so generously to our Auction and Raffle at the Summer Jazz Evening. Special thanks to Mr Fillingham for doing a sterling job as our auctioneer and such a fabulous show of prizes helped to make the evening a great success. Some raffle items still remain unclaimed so please check to see if you are holding a winning ticket. If so, e-mail us at friends@clsb.org.uk before closure deadline of September 30th 2011. Any unclaimed prizes after this date will be donated to the raffle on Quiz Night at which proceeds are raised for the school's chosen charity for the year.

The unclaimed prizes are on ticket numbers as follows: Pink 367, 392, 397, 462. Orange 266, 270, 346, 436. Green 261, 265, 281. Yellow 267, 273, 291, 340, 349. Blue 276, 389, 411 White 260, 398.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE

Thursday 20 October

The next sale will take place on Thursday 20 October. We would be grateful for any donations of CLEAN uniform in GOOD CONDITION. Donations may be left at Reception in a bag marked clearly 'Friends of CLS - 2nd Hand Uniform'. In particular we need BLAZERS, SLIPOVERS, TIES, SPORTS TOPS AND SOCKS. There will be special offers on white shirts, jumpers and trousers. Thank you for your continued support.

COFFEE MORNINGS

All coffee mornings for Parents and Carers are held in Café 101 (Salvation Army), 101 Queen Victoria Street, London EC4 (entrance opposite The Sports' Entrance of School ie the swimming pool side), 8.30-11.00am. These provide an excellent opportunity for parents, old and new, to make contact with other parents. The coffee mornings arranged for this month are as follows:

Junior and Senior 6th: Monday 19 September

Year 4 and 5: Thursday 22 September

FRIENDS OF CLS WEBSITE

Keep up to date with all events on our website:

www.friendsofcls.org.uk

CONTACT FRIENDS OF CLS

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Fiona Yates: fcyates@aol.com, or friends@clsb.org.uk

City boys triumph in UK chess tournament

By THOMAS MOSS 2W

The UK Chess Challenge is an important event in the English chess calendar. Not only does it carry a lot of prestige on account of attracting some of the best young chess players in the country but there is also a great deal of prize money to be won - the overall winner taking £2000. The competition consists of four arduous stages and to get through even the first is no easy feat; nonetheless, many City boys took up the task and dived into it head first...



So we came to the Gigafinal; out of 60,000 children who'd entered the Megafinal, only 4,000 had succeeded in reaching this stage, so even getting here was an achievement.

Now, to qualify for the final stage, the Terafinal/Challengers, a ranking of third or higher in a specified age group is necessary: the winner would be eligible for the Terafinal, while those in second or third place would enter the Challengers. Considering this is such an advanced stage of the competition, Jake and Anthony did very well, scoring three and two respectively out of six. I, with luck on my side, managed to score 4 ½

The first stage was in school, where we played one another at chess club and the top few players progressed to the next stage. This first stage was played over seven weeks, one game per week and if you won your match you obtained three points, while a draw secured two points, and a loss, one. Over the seven rounds you had to get a total of 15 points overall then you proceeded to the next round, namely the Megafinal.

out of six and therefore came third, good enough for the Challengers.

A handful of City boys got into the Megafinal, however only three went: Anthony Bolchover, Jake Simms and myself. There were many Megafinals taking place over the same weekend for different areas. In order to gain entry to the next round, the Gigafinal, one had to score four points out of six or higher. Anthony managed to qualify from the Middlesex qualifier with a very respectable score, while I scored five out of six and won my section; meanwhile, Jake, playing in the West London section, managed a perfect six out of six and sauntered into the next round.

The Terafinal/Challengers is the final stage and is restricted to the last 250 out of all the 60,000 hopefuls; therefore it was really tough competition. It was held over two days and many of the nation's strongest players were raring to go. It was an exciting and tough competition where I was up against many strong players. It was also exciting watching players like Yang-Fan Zhou, a chess prodigy who has already reached master status, and it was a new experience to watch games being played live in the commentary room.



Overall, it was a good year for the UKCC, and we hope that City does well again next year!

Fresher's Fair

One week from today it is City of London School's Freshers' Fair. Excitement is already building amongst Freshers Fair veterans and younger boys will be impressed by the range of clubs on offer.

Highlights are likely to include Darts Society, Story Telling Society and, of course, *The Citizen*. However, there will be something for everyone with over forty stalls likely to be vying for new members. OG and First Formers will visit the Freshers' Fair with the Third Form from 12.30pm next Friday. The Fair opens to all other boys at 12.50pm.

Read all about it next week.

						
		Week Commencing 12 th September, 31 st October and 5 th December				
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Main Meal	Beef cottage pie with gravy ●	Thai Masaman chicken curry ● <i>Mildly spiced chicken and potato curry</i>	Roasted Beef ● <i>served with a rich jus, yorkshire pudding and horseradish sauce</i>	Slow braised turkey breast ● <i>with a cranberry orange relish</i>	Deep fried Fish and chips ● <i>and homemade tartar sauce</i>	
Main Meal 2	Sauerbraten style spiced pork meatballs ●	Creamy tuna pasta bake ●	Cumberland sausage ● <i>with caramelised onion gravy</i>	Chicken and mushroom pie ●	Beef lasagne ● <i>with a creamy béchamel sauce</i>	
Vegetarian Meal	Capponatta and goat cheese tart ●	Leek and potato pie ●	Mixed mushroom lasagne ● <i>with smoked mozzarella and sage</i>	Penne pasta arriabatta ●	Spiced bean pasty ●	
Vegetables of the day	Sauté courgettes ● Lemon thyme and garlic new potatoes ● Green beans ●	Braised rice ● Stir fry vegetables ● Bok choy ●	Braised cabbage ● Buttered peas ● Roast potatoes ●	Buttered potatoes ● Steamed broccoli ● Parsnips ●	French fries ● Mushy peas ● Baked beans ●	
Salads	Selection of freshly prepared salads including mixed leaves, fresh cut cucumber and tomatoes and a protein dish					
Dessert	Hot orange cake ●	Chocolate pudding ●	Mocha pudding with fudge mud sauce ●	Autumn hedge grown crumble with custard ●	Baked apples with middle eastern flavours ●	
Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt Pots	A selection of fresh cut fruit, homemade yoghurt pots and cold dessert pots, or fresh seasonal fruit served in peak condition, ripened and ready to eat					

● Be Aware ● Eat with Balance ● Go & Enjoy

Citizen Health Column

Help me to help you!

By **MARK MARNO**
School Nurse

Another year begins and no doubt the first thing that many of you will be thinking is, 'How can I keep in Mr Cornwell's good books by ensuring that I do not fall ill and have to miss an afternoon of Games?' Well, here is the answer!

'Help me to help you!' is The Citizen's new health column written by your very own School Nurse. Some say that when he worked at Sacred Heart Hospital he once out-ran Dr Perry Cox ... some say the only boy to whom he has ever given permission to miss Games was never seen again ... and still others say that he is really rather a pleasant chap who actually isn't all that scary at all and would welcome you into his office if you have a genuine ailment. All we know is that he's called Mr Marno and each week he'll be providing a helpful insight into how you can best take care of your health.

Watch this space ...



Ms MacDonagh's Cookery Corner

Lemon Drizzle Cake

By Ms **MACDONAGH**

This is an unfussy and fragrant cake to eat for afternoon tea. Any adult making this might want to add a little bit of Limoncello to the Lemon Glaze for a bit of kick. Yum!

**Ingredients:**

175g (6 oz) self raising flour
1 pinch of salt
1 teaspoon baking powder
½ teaspoon baking soda
175g (6 oz) caster sugar
175g (6 oz) vegetable oil
4 eggs
2 tablespoons milk
Finely grated rind (zest) of 2 lemons

Lemon Syrup:

Juice of 2 lemons
115g (4 oz) Icing sugar

Method:

1. Pre-heat oven to 180 °C/350 °F
2. Line a spring-form cake tin with baking parchment. Grease this.
3. Sift flour, salt and baking powder into a large mixing bowl, add the remaining cake ingredients and beat until smooth.
4. Pour into cake tin and bake for about 35 - 40 minutes until golden and cooked.
5. While the cake is baking, make the Lemon syrup by heating the lemon juice and sugar gently until the sugar

dissolves.

6. Keep the cake in the tin while it cools. Poke some holes in the top with a long skewer or toothpick.
7. Whilst cake is warm, drizzle the syrup over so that it soaks into the cake. You may need to carefully spoon the syrup into the holes. At this point, I tend to return the cake tin to the "cooling" oven so that the glaze becomes slightly crisp.
8. Leave to thoroughly cool before removing the parchment paper. Yum!

A letter to the Headmaster

Parent Gym at City Hall

From **OCTAVIUS BLACK, CEO, The Mind Gym Ltd**

Thank you so much for promoting Parent Gym to the parents in your school. As a result, two of your parents joined a group of 60 at City Hall to take a taste on the 10th June.

We're delighted that all your parents signed up for a "try out" to see how well suited delivering Parent Gym is for them (and vice versa). These happened in July.

An independent evaluator has found significant shifts in children's wellbeing across a host of measures, as a result of their parents taking part in Parent Gym. The willingness of your parents, and others like them, to volunteer as parent gym coaches means that more children in the most socially deprived parts of London will have greater chances to lead flourishing lives.

We will keep you posted on developments and hope you might renew a call for our next taster, on the 28th September.

(More details from Mr Fillingham)



CITY QUIZ

By **RONIT BHATIA 1R** &
VARAUL BHATIA 3M

This random quiz is designed for the first *Citizen* of the academic year.

1. What was South Africa's FIFA mascot called?
2. Which year was Barack Obama elected president of the USA?
3. In *Pirates of the Caribbean*, which character does Johnny Depp play?
4. Who is the current Wimbledon champion?
5. Who is the Deputy Prime Minister of Great Britain?
6. Where did the last space shuttle launch?
7. How many wheels in a pair on one roller-blade skate?
8. Who is the CEO of Apple?
9. Who directed the movie Avatar?
10. Which part of India is the Taj Mahal in?
11. How many umpires are there in a cricket match?
12. What was the first Apple product ever?
13. What does BMW (car make) stand for?
14. What is the tip of a shoelace called?
15. How many alphabets in the English Language?
16. How many stars are there on the American flag?
17. What is the Australian name for flip-flops?
18. What is the Android app store called?
19. What is the tallest building in the world called?
20. What is the fastest car in the world?
21. How many 9s are there between 1-100 (no decimals)?
22. In the movie Finding Nemo, what fish is Nemo?
23. What is the fastest train in the world?
24. Where is the 2014 Commonwealth Games held?
25. Which F1 driver has won the most number of championships?

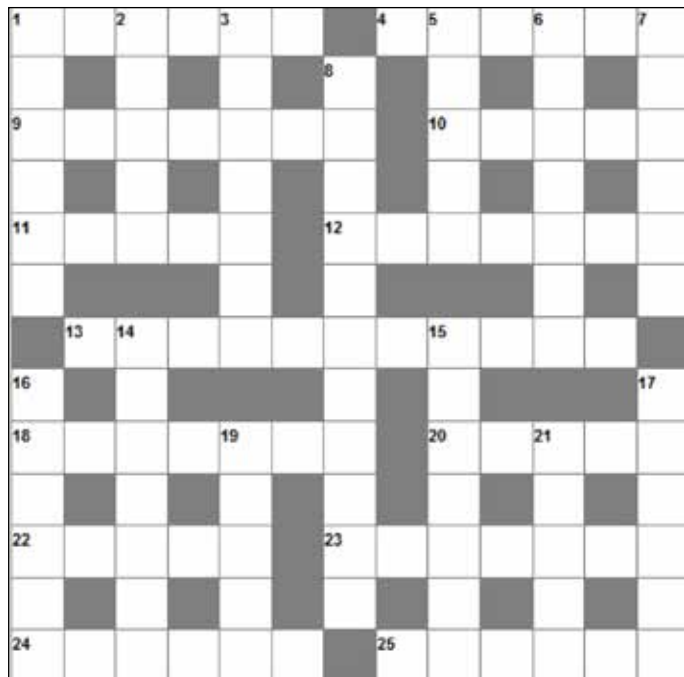


by **Mr P MARSHALL**
Geography Department

Can you identify the island from these clues?

1. In 1785, 55 people in a ferry boat were stranded on a sand bar in the treacherous straits which separate this island from the mainland: all but one died.
2. This island has a ferry port which connects us to another EU country.
3. This island has the village with the longest place name in Britain.
4. The name of the island in its native language is Ynys Mon

(Answers next week!)



Across

- 1 Casting a ballot (6)
- 4 Old slang expression of surprise (6)
- 9,10 Founder of psychoanalysis (7,5)
- 10 See 9
- 11 Enthusiasm (5)
- 12 Obscure (7)
- 13 The here and now (7,4)
- 18 Milk sugar (7)
- 20 Exclude (5)
- 22 Edit (5)
- 23 Where two companies dominate a market (7)
- 24 Make safe (6)
- 25 Bout of heavy drinking (6)

Down

- 1 Countenance (6)
- 2 Portuguese river (5)
- 3 Nerve cells (7)
- 5 Be relevant (5)
- 6 Amount payable for insurance etc (7)
- 7 Australian city (6)
- 8 Miscellanea (4,3,4)
- 14 Disease caused by vitamin D deficiency (7)
- 15 Baby amphibian (7)
- 16 Cite in discussion (6)
- 17 Address to god (6)
- 19 Command (5)
- 21 Ponder — family (5)

CITY QUIZ - Answers

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| 17. Platties or Slipslops or Shops | 1. Zakumi |
| 18. Android Market | 2. 2008 |
| 19. Bury Khalifa | 3. Jack Sparrow |
| 20. Buggati Veyron 16.4 | 4. Novak Djokovic |
| 21. 20 | 5. Nick Clegg |
| 22. Clown Fish | 6. Kennedy Space Center, |
| 23. Bullet Train | 7. 4 |
| 24. Glasgow, Scotland | 8. Steve Jobs |
| 25. Michael Schumacher | 9. James Cameron |
| Fare-O-Meter | 10. Agra |
| 25 - Super Squirrel | 11. 4 |
| 20 - R2D2 | 12. Apple I |
| 15 - Mario | 13. Bavarian Motor Works |
| 10 - Mr. Bean | 14. Aglet |
| 5 - - Donkey Kong | 15. 26 |
| | 16. 50 |

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CLS Football pre-season Brighton and Old Cits Match

On 29 August CLS's football squad travelled to Brighton University for pre-season training and fixtures. Almost as soon as the players left the coaches, the first intensive training session began. It became clear very quickly that many had not played much football over their summer holidays, however, after a few hours of hard running and ball work, the team appeared to have regained their touch.

The following day was dominated by two key events. Firstly the fixture against White Hawks FC for both the 1st and 2nd XI and secondly the team's evening meal at Days Chinese Buffet. Both the 1XI and 2XI matches were promising with moments of fantastic football, however it was clear to see that fatigue had set in early and the quality of both matches dropped as the game went on. The 2XI match finished 3-0 to White Hawks and the 1XI match finished 2-0 to White Hawks, however it was obvious to see from both matches that the scores did not do justice to the effort both teams put in.

By **JOE NASH S60JD**
1XI Captain

The following weekend brought the much anticipated rivalry of the Old vs New City Boys, with the 1XI looking to give the Old Citizens a hammering. However, in the opening 10 minutes of the match the Old Citizens team came out strong with some very physical challenges and some surprisingly good skills. Unprepared for this, the 1XI soon went down 1-0. However a quick reply goal through Tom Read gave the 1XI confidence to go on for more.

Soon after there was a very controversial disallowed goal with the Old Citizen's substitute linesman claiming that Joe Nash was offside when he headed the ball into the net. Nonetheless City 1XI scored again through Tiago Dias making it 2-1, but then before the stroke of halftime the Old Citizen's young centre cut through the defence to draw the game equal. The first half for CLS 1XI had been very disappointing, however after an aggressive talk from Mr Santry the

team came fired up for the 2nd half and from then on truly dominated the match creating chance after chance. However the only goal in that half came from a penalty in which Alex Conning stepped up and scored. Only a few minutes after this goal the oldest player on the Old Citizens team came 'charging' into the box and made a feeble dive which the referee bought. The penalty was not converted, however.

The match finished 3-2 to the CLS 1XI. The Old Citizens team must be congratulated for what they have done; the team has been together for three years now and since playing them in their first match they have come a long way and for the school to have something like this is truly brilliant. It is hoped that the team is continuously supported in the future so that it may grow stronger and compete at an even higher level.

You can now follow all the City football teams' progress on twitter@CLSFootball.