



CATERHAM SCHOOL

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...finally becomes a hit!

Review by Mrs Helena Richards



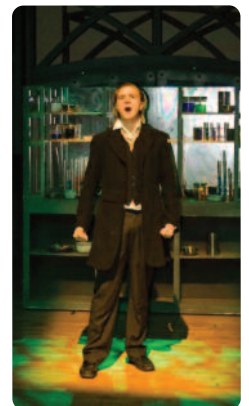
The original Jekyll and Hyde musical received mixed reviews when it first arrived in theatres back in the nineties due to the challenging nature of both the subject material and the music itself, despite the haunting melodies and beautiful lyrics.

David Hasselhoff's portrayal of 'the duality of man' in the final Broadway performance in 2001 went some way towards raising the profile of the show, but I think all who watched it will agree that it wasn't until Caterham performed their version that it finally became a hit!

On the 4th, 5th and 6th December 2008, Lawrence Gill once again took to the stage as the leading man, or should that be men? His poignant portrayal of both Henry Jekyll and Edward Hyde had the audience on their feet every night, taking the roof off the Humphrey's Hall with the volume of their applause. But his was not the only notable performance - Sophie Harper-Booth in the Lower Sixth and Ellie Budge in the Fifth Year shone as the leading ladies, most notably in their beautiful duet, 'In His Eyes',

which sent shivers down the spine. In addition, Bekki Gocher as Lady Beaconsfield, Ryan Harrison as Jekyll's best friend John Utterson and Jon Bannister as Sir Danvers Carew portrayed their characters with a maturity and style way beyond their years.

The whole cast and crew worked tirelessly from the beginning of September to create what will go down in history as possibly the best ever Caterham show. So a big thank you to all the cast, Alex Bratza and his brilliant lighting team, the sound team, the band, Col Campbell and his fantastic backstage crew and all the staff (led by Mr Thompson, Miss Thomas, Miss McMullin and Mrs Richards) and pupils who made a challenging show so memorable and so spectacular.



Headmaster's Report

Dear Parents,

As we say farewell to 2008 I cannot help but reflect on what a remarkable year it has been for the School.

This newsletter quite rightly celebrates a broad spectrum of the achievements of your sons and daughters last year, but a new year is also a time to look forward. It has been difficult in recent months to find good news amidst the unrelentingly downbeat messages in our national newspapers. Nevertheless, we have every reason to be optimistic that 2009 will be an equally successful year for the School. We have, after all, some of the most talented and committed staff and students it is possible to find, and an extremely supportive wider School community. The School is in good health and good heart and we look to the future with enthusiasm and confidence.

With every good wish for a happy, healthy and successful year ahead.



Julian Thomas



Blues Guitar Legend Otis Grand Thrills Sixth Form Students...

Otis Grand, acknowledged recently by CNN as one of the greatest living blues guitarists, visited us on October 6th.

He gave a talk to the Sixth Form, as part of the Sixth Form Forum programme which consists of a series of presentations by individuals who are leaders in their field.

During the first part of the afternoon Otis spent time shedding light on the origins of Blues music in the deep south of the United States, and how it has evolved into the wide range of popular music we listen to now.

During the second part of the afternoon Otis performed unrehearsed with members of the Sixth Form, providing a master class in Blues guitar,

improvisation, and playing straight from the heart.

Headmaster Julian Thomas said 'We are very keen that pupils gain a wider perspective beyond their school life. We were very fortunate that Otis Grand, one of the great names in Blues, is so passionate about his subject and feels so strongly that it should be understood by the next generation. He has been voted the UK Blues Guitarist of the Year for seven consecutive years so it was a thrill for the students to hear his perspective on how this genre of music has played a role in history. Those



students who were able to play on stage with him will probably talk about it for the rest of their lives."

Rugby 1st XV Undefeated in Regular Fixtures This Season

Our 1st XV rugby team reached the end of the Autumn Term undefeated in the regular season with 12 wins.

Pat Lavery, Director of Sport, said: "This is probably the best rugby team that Caterham School has produced. This is essentially the U16 team from 2006, which was also undefeated. They are the first unbeaten 1st XV since 1935. It has been a team effort ably led by Surrey Under 18 Number 8, Matthew Foulds. In terms of scoring points



Caterham School Rugby - Ben Carew-Gibbs

four players stand out: Ben Davidson at Fly Half with 163 points, Ben Carew-Gibbs with 16 tries, Ben Doney with 11 tries and James Weller with 9 tries. The team has been coached by Tom Street, currently captain of Warlingham RFC, who has added new dimensions to their game."

Headmaster Julian Thomas said: " Whilst we have a reputation for high academic



Caterham School Rugby - Ben Doney

standards, we also offer a wide range of co-curricular activity of which sport is an important part. Perhaps one of the most rewarding results was the victory over Cranbrook School. They pushed us really hard and we were staring at defeat but the desire to remain undefeated enabled the team to pull together and secure victory. "

The results for the season are as follows:

v Emanuel School	Won: 39-03
v St. Dunstan's College	Won: 37-12
v Sutton Valence School	Won: 26-0
v Worth School	Won: 35-12
v Hurstpierpoint College	Won: 25-10
v City of London Freeman's	Won: 35-06
v Reigate Grammar School	Won: 23-15
v Christ's Hospital	Won: 45-10
v Reed's School	Won: 32-10
v St. George's College	Won: 40-19
v Cranbrook School	Won: 17-15
v Wallington County Grammar	Won: 50-03

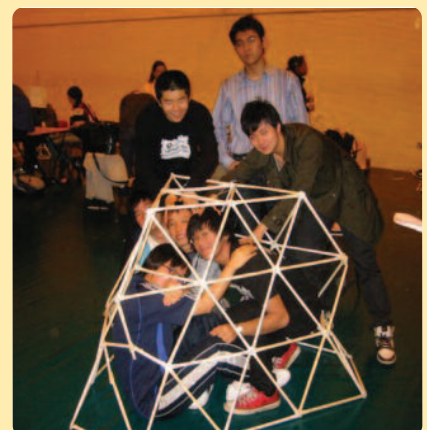
Surrey Engineering Challenge

Last November a team of seven Lower Sixth students represented Caterham at the Surrey Engineering Challenge, held at St John's School, Leatherhead. There were eleven schools taking part and during the day the teams had to construct a shelter, a tower and a bridge from tubes of paper. Our team won the tower section and came 3rd overall.

The students (and Stephen Lander who accompanied them) really enjoyed the day and recommended that we take part again next year!

The team:

Kenny Lau
Jacqueline Hu
Felix Se
Vincent Hsu
Jonathan Chow
Jansen Zhao
Daniyar Zhexemaliyev



Pupils take delivery of a Caterham Seven

On Wednesday 15th October Caterham School Kit Car Club, known as the Kit Cat Club, took delivery of a self assembly Caterham Seven.



The car will be built over the next year by the enthusiastic members of the club as part of their co-curricular activity.

The Seven is the original British lightweight sportscar. Originally created by Colin Chapman and launched as the Lotus 7 in 1957, the car embodies the Chapman design ethos of 'adding lightness'. One of the ways in which the car is sold to enthusiasts is in kit form so that they



can assemble it themselves. The car built by Caterham School pupils will be checked for road worthiness and then sold by Caterham Cars. The School will use the proceeds to buy another kit. The original funding for the first car was raised by the Parents' Association.

In his Daily Mirror column, Top Gear presenter Richard Hammond described it as 'The best school project ever'.

The First annual Warhammer Convention met during last Half Term

Angus Hayes (Second Year) reports

It was the second Wednesday of the October half term and great demons from warped space descended on B4!

When all were assembled, forces were set up and an enormous battle commenced. Casualties were low on both sides until massed forces arrived from chaotic lands to slaughter many beings. Prospects looked bleak for the Space Marines when their tank was destroyed. However, eventually, the opposition had few options remaining other than to run from absolute annihilation.

Angus Hayes adds: "The idea of The Warhammer Convention originated following the great success of The Warhammer Club, which takes place every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday lunchtimes in Biology lab B4. Numbers are steadily increasing and everyone is welcome - all you need to do is buy some Warhammer pieces, get an early lunch pass from Mr. Quinton and come to B4 on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday to see what happens next."



Warhammer Pieces



Jamie Lagerberg, Chris Yates, Isaac Quinton, ▷
Angus Hayes and Duke Quinton

Developing Teaching Techniques

Our Director of Learning and Teaching, Mr Kim Wells, is only the third person in the country to become a De Bono Education Master Trainer.

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Kim Wells said: 'Caterham became the first Independent School in the country to be awarded Thinking School status by De Bono in 2006 and remains a national leader in innovative teaching methods to encourage independent learning and thinking. We use the techniques to help students and teachers structure their thinking in such scenarios as problem solving, planning essays or even running meetings.'

The Role of Learning and Teaching

Each pupil needs to understand how they best learn and how to think independently and creatively. Our teachers understand and respond to different learning styles. To support this belief we have undertaken an extensive programme of staff training in De Bono Thinking techniques such as the Six Thinking Hats™ and CoRT 1 Skills™. We also run dedicated study skills sessions throughout the school, including Multiple Intelligence Testing and Information Skills so that pupils understand how to make best use of reading skills and research techniques. In the Sixth Form Critical Thinking is included in the curriculum and in the First and Second Years we explicitly teach Thinking and Study Skills as part of a carousel programme.

Visit by Zheng Zhi - known as ZiZi – Captain of the Chinese Football Team

One of the most popular and recognisable sports heroes in China came to visit Caterham School on Monday 10th November.

Zheng Zhi - known as ZiZi – is captain of the Chinese National Football team. He has 41 international caps and has scored 12 goals. He captained the Chinese team that competed in the Olympics last summer.

Aged 28 years, he is in his third season with Charlton Athletic having previously played for the Shandong Luneng team. Unfortunately he was injured in training earlier this season but, having played on, it became evident after a match against Ipswich Town that there was a

serious underlying problem. He was not expected to be fit until late December.

Mark Wallace, Head of Townsend House, who organised the visit said: "It was a great pleasure to meet ZiZi. Our pupils from China and Hong Kong were particularly excited as it was like meeting the Chinese equivalent of David Beckham. He spent over 45 minutes talking to our Senior School pupils, patiently signed autographs and posed



Julian Thomas, Zheng Zhi and Mark Wallace

for endless photographs. Although he is so famous he was very modest and seemed very pleased to meet the students, particularly those from his homeland."



French A la Mode

Something new in the French department

Students in the Sixth Form who study French now have social gatherings to take the opportunity to speak French in an informal and relaxed atmosphere. It is intended that these gatherings will include a cultural aspect. Last year included a "Goûter" i.e. tea so they

could sample typical French food and "Père Noel Secret" (Secret Santa). The only requirement was to speak French. The vast majority of the students attended as did Miss Amélie Llorens, the French assistant, and various teachers from the department. *Nicole McVitty*

U12 & U13 Rugby Teams Appear at Wembley

On Wednesday 3rd December the U12 and U13 Rugby squads travelled to Wembley to take part in a 10-a-side tournament, competing against some of the best rugby schools in London.

The under 12s were unfortunate not to win a match, but gave a good account of themselves nonetheless and played some good rugby against some very strong teams. The under 13s, inspired by Ollie Henke and Callum Thompson, were more successful, losing narrowly in their first match, before producing displays of exciting attacking rugby to win their next two games convincingly. Unfortunately this left them second in their group, and was not quite enough to get them into the final. The tournament itself was a curtain-raiser for the Australia vs



Barbarians game, and the boys were all delighted to stay on to watch a host of superstars, including Shane Williams, Brian Habana and Schalk Burger, compete in a highly physical and competitive game. All in all it was a great day and one we will hope to repeat in future years.

Grandmaster Inspires Chess Team

by Lyall Bayliss Chess Team Captain

Our competition results last year earned promotion to the top division but, with the loss of a number of the first team members last Summer, the chess team knew that it was going to be a tough season ahead.

With this in mind, we turned to Bogdan Lalic, a Croatian Grandmaster, to coach us and to help us achieve our aims of winning the title. His first session demonstrated why he is a genius at the game – his speed of thought, movement of pieces and knowledge left everyone gazing in pure astonishment. If you remember the saying, “That’s one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind”, then you would understand how we saw our sessions with Bogdan. His sessions have been truly inspiring and they have enabled us to pick up our first victory of the season (against Tiffin).

Bogdan Lalic was born in 1964 in Zagreb, capital of Croatia, and became a Grandmaster in 1988. He represented Croatia in Olympiads in 1992 (Manila), 1994 (Moscow), 1996 (Yerevan), 1998 (Elista). He participated in European Team Championships in 1992 (Debrecen) and 1997 (Pula) and the World Team Championship in 1997 in Luzern. He played for Yugoslavia in the

European Team Championship in 1989 (Haifa) - Yugoslavia was second behind USSR - and in 1990 (Novi Sad). He then played for an England team in the European team championship in 2003 (Plovdiv). He thinks that probably his best results are 1-3rd place in the 1988 Berlin Open and 1st to 3rd place in the 1989 Seville Open.

He has written various books including The Gruenfeld Defence, The Budapest Gambit, The Marshall Gambit and The Queen's Gambit Defence.

Highlights for the Spring term:

- Interhouse Chess Competition
- David Green Cup (Caterham Prep School v 6th Form) – Thursday 5th February
- Thursday 12th March – simultaneous chess for charity. Lyall Bayliss plays matches against 100 Caterham School pupils simultaneously during lunchtime.

Maths Workshop or our version of ‘Numbers’



On Wednesday 8th October the Old Dining Hall was transformed into a Maths workshop for the First Year. The seventeen hands-on activities were provided by World of Maths. After an initial briefing on how Maths can be found everywhere the pupils were ready to begin. Working in small groups they tackled tasks such as ‘Mouse in the House’, which incorporated aspects of probability, and ‘Chain Twister’, an often infuriating logic and spatial-awareness problem. The activities required the pupils to work together, sharing knowledge and strategies. Some tasks appeared straightforward at first, but the pupils soon found that perseverance was needed to obtain the answers. The pupils returned to normal lessons discussing their solutions and thinking that this had been much more exciting than a traditional double Maths lesson!



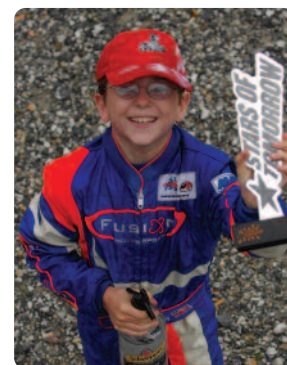
CONGRATULATIONS TO CHARLIE ROBERTSON!

Charlie Robertson (First Year) is the British Karting BRDC (British Racing Drivers Club) Stars of Tomorrow Vice Champion.

In 2006 Charlie won the Scottish Open Championship and in 2007 he won the Scottish Super Series "S"-plate Championship. In 2008 he entered the BRDC-MSA Stars of Tomorrow and ABkC Elf S1 national championships. The BRDC-MSA Stars of Tomorrow British Cadet Kart Championship is the premier championship in the United Kingdom. Famously won in 1996 by current Formula 1 World Champion, Lewis Hamilton, it is organised jointly by the Royal Automobile Club Motor Sports Association (MSA) and the British Racing Drivers' Club. Charlie scored the most points in both 2008 championships - but was demoted to 2nd overall in both cases due to the "drop-score" points system, which allows drivers to drop their worst results from the final tally.

He also finished 2nd in the ABkC British Open event in May at Rowrah in Cumbria - missing victory by just 0.27secs.

In October, Charlie was one of the top three British cadet drivers invited by the MSA to race at the USA's Stars of Karting National Finals in Las Vegas. Competing against his countrymen and the best 20 cadet racers from America and Canada, Charlie qualified 7th and finished 7th overall - the highest placed British driver. This was the first time such an invitation has been extended to the British drivers.



Trip to the WW1 Battlefields

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Third Year pupils at Voormezele with Mrs Sally Carter-Esdale

Three Good School Guide Awards for Teaching Excellence at A Level

The Good Schools Guide has just announced their awards for 2007. Editor Ralph Lucas explained that 2007 awards were delayed as they rebuilt the systems that underlie the complex award process.

The aim of the awards is to highlight excellent teaching in individual subjects. The awards are based on A level results and in particular on the basis of the popularity of each subject relative to similar schools, and of the success that pupils achieve relative to the other examinations that they take.

This year the A level awards that Caterham School has won are:

- Girls taking Human Biology at A level at an English School
- Boys taking Human Biology at A level at an English School
- Boys taking Physics at AS level at an English Independent School

The awards were begun in 2004 and Caterham has consistently won Good School Guide awards over the years.

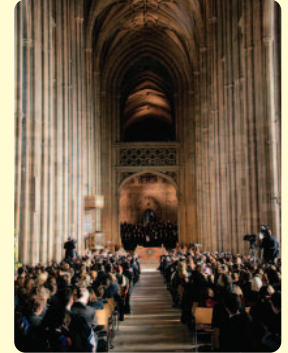
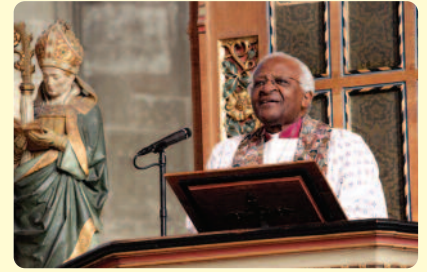
Headmaster Julian Thomas said: "Over the years we have won Good School Guide awards for a variety of subjects but this is the fourth consecutive year that the School has received awards for Biology and the third consecutive year that it has received an award for Physics."

Celebrating 125 Years of the United Church Schools Trust

A group of Caterham School students and staff attended a Jubilee Service at Canterbury Cathedral on Tuesday 25th November to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the United Church Schools Trust (UCST).

The service was conducted by The Rt Revd and Rt Hon The Lord Carey of Clifton, who is Chairman of UCST. The preacher for the special service was The Most Revd Desmond Tutu, Archbishop Emeritus of Cape Town. During the service the Headmaster, Head Boy and Head Girl presented a symbol of the life of the school to Lord Carey in an Act of Rededication. Caterham was one of six Independent Schools and six City Academies related to the

United Church Schools Trust (UCST) and United Learning Trust (ULT) participating in this special service. UCST and ULT provide education for over 18,000 pupils, with 3,200 members of staff, including 1,500 teachers.



MORE CONGRATULATIONS!

KATIE SHELDON

Katie Sheldon was awarded a merit in her Grade 6 singing exam with Trinity Guildhall.

LUKE ANDREWS

Last October Luke Andrews attended the Amateur Entomological Society Show and Exhibition and entered an exhibit himself for the first time. His exhibit was on how to breed praying mantids. He won the Ansonge Award for best in show for the junior members.



Luke Andrews receives his award from the Vice President of the Society

Plea from the Sports Department

The Sports Department need to be able to park in the Sports Centre Lower Car Park so that they can unload equipment after games. It would be very helpful if parents would avoid parking in this car park after school. Thank you.

Future Events

Hockey, Lacrosse and Netball matches

As usual we have a number of competitive fixtures throughout the term across most age groups. These matches are detailed in the Spring Term Calendar. Occasionally fixtures change when a school cancels or alters the timing. We update the fixtures on the web site (Activities – Sport) on a weekly basis to try to keep an accurate fixture list. Please do come along to support the teams.

Please note that if a pupil is included in a team list for a School fixture he or she is expected to make the fixture his or her first priority and be available to participate.

PARENTS! Are you a former pupil of Caterham School or Eothen School?

If the Old Caterhamians' Association do not have your current information, please contact Alina Rennie to make sure that you are kept informed of all the events and news.

Contact either through reception at the school or via email: alina.rennie@caterhamschool.co.uk

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www.caterhamschool.co.uk/links.htm

The school will receive 5% commission for each purchase you make. This income will be directed to school projects and/or trips. As there is no cost to you, it is a very easy way of raising funds for the school.