



CATERHAM SCHOOL

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Eternal Light: A Requiem – an exciting collaboration of choir, soloists, orchestra and dance.

On the 9th and 14th November, we presented a performance of Eternal Light: A Requiem, by the award-winning British composer Howard Goodall.



The requiem, which is intended to provide solace to the grieving, focussing on interrupted lives, was first premiered in November 2008. It is in marked contrast to other, perhaps better known, scores by Goodall which include Black Adder and the theme tune to the Vicar of Dibley.

The Requiem was chosen by Stuart Thompson, Director of Music, and encompassed the local chorale community including both the Prep and Senior School choirs, the Caterwaulers and Downland Chorale.

The modern dance routines were choreographed by the pupils with guidance from teachers Lucy Thomas, Helena Richards and Susie Gill.

Ellie Budge (L6) gave a beautiful rendition of "The Lord is My Shepherd."

Headmaster Julian Thomas said: "I was very pleased to see that we had chosen Eternal Light for our Remembrance Day performances. It is a lovely piece of music, which offers a wonderful combination for choir, soloists, orchestra and dance. Music and performance are very strong elements in our co-curricular programme and I am delighted that they are becoming increasingly popular."

Top left: Eloise Lawlor, Paige Stapleton, Sam Rawlinson, Lydie Whiteley, Polly Hanford, Lucy Blackwell
Lower left: Zoe Webb, Alayna Kenney, Emma O'Brien



Headmaster's Report



Dear Parents,

After the initial frenzy that characterises the start of term, the school has settled down into its usual rhythm and Caterham pupils are, as ever, distinguishing themselves in a variety of fields. The Howard Goodall Requiem was remarkable and all who saw it cannot fail to have been moved and up-lifted. We can now look forward to the wide range of events that the festive season brings including the whole School production of 'A Christmas Carol', the junior Christmas Fair, the carol concert and the much anticipated staff nativity play! So many outstanding events have been staged and so much has been achieved that I cannot help but feel truly privileged to lead such a vibrant and exciting School. Finally, this year for the first time, Caterham was included in Tatler's list of top Schools – a most flattering write-up referred to us as a 'little jewel' and finished with the line, 'this is a School in full swing!' It most certainly is and I would like to thank pupils, staff and parents for making it so.

I hope you all have a very Happy Christmas.

Julian Thomas

England Rugby Scrum Half Paul Hodgson leads a Training Session

Paul Hodgson, London Irish and England scrum half, came to Caterham School on Monday 12th October to run a training session with the School's 1st XV.

After an initial assessment, Paul worked the team through decision making drills and conditioned tackling and defensive alignment exercises.

Director of Sport, Rob Clarke said, 'It was fantastic to have Paul Hodgson work with the team. He is at the top of his profession and it has given our boys a big lift to see him here. Paul was able to give the boys some very valuable hints and tips that will help them develop into even better players. He ran a great session and his energetic and passionate coaching style really inspired the team. I look forward to welcoming him back to the school to run a sevens session after Christmas, and hopefully he will be here on a more regular basis during the next rugby season.'

After the session Paul said, 'I was really impressed with the basic skills of the Caterham team. This is a beautiful



school and the pitch is just fantastic. The boys worked hard and really improved. I am away with the England camp for the whole of November but I am very keen to come back again to run another session.'

Sandy Ross honoured at School Sport Matters Awards

On 6th October 2009, at The Daily Telegraph-Aviva School Sport Matters Awards, Sandy Ross was honoured for his contribution to school sport.

Sandy sadly passed away in July but he was posthumously commended for his contribution to school sport. Other names to receive recognition included Roger Uttley, the England and Lions legend who retired from Harrow School last year and Colin Holman of Woodcote House School who runs the Surrey Schools Sevens and the West Surrey Prep Schools Athletics Finals.



A storming performance at The Ashcroft Theatre



The cast at the end of a dress rehearsal



Jess Davidson as Ariel

Fifth Year students from Caterham School performed an abridged version of Shakespeare's magical, romantic play 'The Tempest'....

... a story of castaways, assassination attempts and strange sorcery – at The Ashcroft Theatre on Friday 9th October 2009.

Each evening for three nights, four local schools performed their own unique half hour interpretations of Shakespeare's most famous plays. With tragedy, comedy and romance all on the bill, each audience was guaranteed a night to remember.

The performances were part of the 2009 Shakespeare Schools Festival, which is the largest youth drama festival in the country. This year 10,000 students

will have performed at theatres across the country in a celebration of young people's fresh, modern interpretations of Shakespeare's plays. The events are organised by the Shakespeare Schools Festival charity, which was established in 2000.

Headmaster Julian Thomas said: "Drama is one of the many subjects that we offer at A Level and it is one of the most popular and vibrant co-curricular activities in the School. Although we have a reputation for high academic standards I believe it is very important for students to participate in activities



Olivia Bailey as Gonzala

outside the classroom so that they not only have an excellent education, they also have a breadth and depth of experiences that helps to prepare them for life at university and beyond."

Ben Dillon as Prospero



Rehearsals do not always go smoothly



The Netball Season so far...

We have had a busy first half term with great successes and some valuable lessons learnt from our more challenging matches. BY MISS JACLYN LEACH

The senior teams got off to a great start, as both the 1st and 2nd VII won their matches against Tormead. The 1st team won 22-13, with player of the match awarded to Tatiana Aspinwall, and the 2nd team won 22-9, with player of the match awarded to Rachel Bartholomeusz. The next match was a tough and close encounter with St. Catherine's. The 1st VII unfortunately lost by 9-13, and the 2nd VII lost 4-11. Players of the match went to Hattie Shaw, Jess Puntan and Emma Houlden.

Croydon High was again tough opposition for the 1st and 2nd team and neither team came away with a win, but certainly with a determination to improve! There were some strong individual performances however from Natasha Reynoldson and Claudia Budianto.

Further matches against Claremont (2nd VII), Notre Dame (1st/2nd VII) and Warlingham (3rd VII) likewise did not bring favourable results, but excellent performances were seen from Jess Puntan, Emma Houlden and Dani Vaughan.

The U12 A, B, C and D teams played a triangle fixture against St Catherine's and Guildford High School. Against St. Catherine's, the C team managed a draw. However all other matches were unfortunately lost. It was an excellent experience for the girls, however, and their enjoyment was clear to see throughout the morning. Players of the matches were Ellie Vincent, Lexi Fernandes, Jess Maskatiya, Victoria Clarke, Georgie Waterman, Sam Terry, Annabel Hayes and Kathy Andrew. Another excellent experience came a couple of weeks later at the 'Guildford High School Netball Festival', where the U12D team came sixth. Players of the tournament went to Amelia Claringbull, Lucy Taylor and Crystal Laval.

The U13 A and B teams played Warlingham at the beginning of the season. The A team won 25-17, with

player of the match going to Francesca Adams. Unfortunately, the B team lost 3-9. Both teams recorded fantastic wins against Croydon High, with the girls working together very well, as the A team won 18-6 and the B team won 9-5. Players of the match were Jojo Upward and Louise Gardner respectively. Next, the A team produced an outstanding display of teamwork to draw 10-10 with St. Catherine's. Well done to Millie Hopkins who played well throughout. A special mention must go to the U13 C team who played in the 'Guildford High School Netball Festival' and won all their matches! An excellent start to the netball season!

The U14 teams also had an outstanding start to the season, winning their matches against St. Catherine's and Royal Alexandra & Albert School! The A team won 20-7 and 27-5 respectively, with players of the match going to Zoe King and Kat Parkin. The B team won 6-3 and 12-0, and players of the match went to Hope Davidson and Imogen Fitzgerald.

The U15's have unfortunately had limited matches this half-term. Their game against Coloma was cancelled by Coloma and they came 6th in their Section in the first round of the Surrey Finals. They have been training hard though and they can look forward to seeing the results of this hard work in the near future.

The U16 also played exceptionally well in their first match against Claremont, winning 34-1. Player of the match went to Helena Buckles. The U16A team played Warlingham, winning 9-5 and player of the match was awarded to Georgia Flanagan, who played extremely well throughout. Against Croydon High the A team won 26-14 and the B team drew 7-7. The U16A team are also to be congratulated on winning their section in the first round of the Surrey Schools competition. This is an excellent achievement – one which hopefully they

will repeat in the Finals! Very well done to all the U16's for such a fantastic season so far. Keep it up!

Individual congratulations must go to 1st VII player Hattie Shaw who has been selected to attend the Surrey County Academy. U13 players Sarah Slater, Robyn Hunt-Williams and Connie Shaw have been selected for the Surrey Satellite Academy. Both of these academies are highly selective and put the girls on a good path towards future representative honours. Very well done, girls.

Students should look out for upcoming trips to see the England V Australia test match at the O2 arena in February and also to watch the Surrey Storm Super League team play at Guildford Spectrum. All will feature some inspirational action!

Well done to all teams who have played this half term. A promising start to the netball season with some impressive results!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Jeremy Lloyd, who is in the Upper Sixth, won the organ section of the Croydon Music Festival in April. He was subsequently invited to give a concert at St. Paul's Cathedral. This took place on 27th September in front of an audience of around 400 people. Jeremy hopes to study the organ at either the Royal Academy or Royal College of Music in London.



Academic Results in 2009

A new school record for A*– A grades in GCSE results...

The 108 pupils who took their GCSE exams in 2009 had cause for a double celebration.

Not only were they able to celebrate their own excellent results, they could also celebrate that they had contributed to the best ever GCSE performance by pupils at the School.

- 42% of grades were A* up from 37% last year
- 72% of grades were A*- A up from 70% last year
- 98% of grades were A*- C equalling last year
- All the pupils taking English Language achieved A*- C
- All the pupils taking Mathematics achieved A*- C
- All the 24 pupils who took the three sciences achieved A*- A and of the 84 who took Science Double, 69% achieved A*- A
- 87% of the pupils who took Latin achieved A*- A and the 7 pupils who took Greek achieved A*

Headmaster Julian Thomas said: "I am delighted with these results because they will be of significant help to the pupils when they apply to leading universities in two years. All the universities in the top tier are looking for outstanding GCSE results to support high A level grades so I am particularly pleased to see that the proportion of grades at A* has doubled since 2005.

I think that it is worth bearing in mind that the majority of pupils were studying 9, 10 or 11 subjects to ensure that they had a broad and balanced curriculum and 36% achieved A* or A grades for all their subjects. Nowadays few schools are able to offer high quality teaching in the Classics so it is particularly gratifying to see that the Caterham School pupils who opted to take Latin or Greek did very well with 25 of the 30 entries graded at A*. Once again all pupils achieved at least 7 A*-C grades including English Language and Maths."



Left to Right: Harry Gallivan, David Thomas, Will Tittle, George Kyle, Anthony Batki-Braun, Ollie Claydon, Chris Toomey Charles Huke and Sam Thompson



Harry Beaumont



Amy Miles and Megan Armitage

GCSE Examination Results

SUBJECT	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	% Passes A*–A	% Passes A–C
Art	10	11	19	2	0	0	0	0	50	100
Economics & Business	9	2	6	2	1	0	0	0	55	95
Chinese	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	100
3D Design	2	5	3	3	0	0	0	0	53.8	100
English	24	53	21	2	0	0	0	0	77	100
English Literature	23	33	25	15	4	0	0	0	56	96
French	21	15	12	11	7	1	0	0	53.7	88.1
Geography	25	13	13	4	1	0	0	0	67.9	98.2
German	7	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	90	100
Greek	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	100
History	31	16	9	5	0	1	0	1	74.6	96.8
Information Technology	3	11	5	1	0	0	0	0	70	100
Latin	18	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	87	95.7
Mathematics	54	31	21	2	0	0	0	0	78.7	100
Music	0	2	5	2	0	0	0	0	22.2	100
Polish	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	100
Physical Education	14	11	2	4	0	0	0	0	80.6	100
Religious Studies	22	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	100
Russian	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	75	100
Biology	23	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	100
Chemistry	17	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	100
Physics	20	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	100
Science Double Award	62	54	40	10	0	2	0	0	69	98.8
Spanish	10	18	6	2	0	1	0	0	75.7	97.3
Total:	414	294	189	67	14	5	0	1		
%:	42.1	29.9	19.2	6.8	1.4	0.5	0	0.1		

GCSE Results	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
% Pass A*	21.5	21.3	22.1	29.5	36.7	42.1
% Pass A*–A	52.5	56.0	59.9	64.6	69.7	72.0
% Pass A* – B	86.0	85.9	91.0	87.8	92.2	91.2
% Pass A* – C	98.0	97.8	99.2	98.3	98.4	98.0

Leading Results

Tatiana Aspinwall 11A*	Adam Jones 9A*
Holly Worthington 10A*	Harrison Smith 9A*
Eleanor Budge 10A*	Charles Davies 9A*
Amy Miles 10A*	Elizabeth Prosser 9A*
Oliver Claydon 9A* and 1A	Christopher Hitchin 8A* and 2A
Emma Houlden 9A* and 1A	Romilly Whiteley 8A* and 2A
Shun Ko 9A* and 1A	Felix Stegmann 8A* and 2A
Harriet Shaw 9A* and 1A	Megan Armitage 8A* and 1A
William Tittle 9A* and 1A	Harry McInley 8A* and 1A
Charlotte Williams 9A* and 1A	

The following pupils gained full marks in all papers in the following:

Beth Prosser	–	3D Design and Religious Studies
Azuoma Obikudu	–	French
Harry McInley	–	Religious Studies
Amy Miles	–	Religious Studies
Charlotte Williams	–	Religious Studies
Maxim Pyuman	–	Russian

Free Standing Qualification in Additional Mathematics

	A	B	C	D	E	% Passes	% A-C
2008 Additional Maths	13	4	5	0	0	100	100
2009 Additional Maths	15	5	1	0	1	100	95.4

AS Results set another record

The AS results this year set another record for A –B and A-C passes and therefore we anticipate that next year could be another exceptional year for A level results.

Lower Sixth AS Examination Results

SUBJECT	A	B	C	D	E	% Passes	% A-C
Art	11	4	2	0	0	100	100
Biology	29	18	3	1	0	100	98.0
Business Studies	4	9	13	2	0	100	92.8
Chemistry	22	11	7	4	0	100	90.9
Chinese	19	4	0	0	0	100	100
3D Design	2	1	0	0	0	100	100
Drama	4	2	0	0	0	100	100
Economics	20	15	6	0	1	95.5	93.2
English	18	12	4	0	0	100	100
French	10	7	3	0	0	100	100
Geography	13	3	1	0	0	100	100
German	8	3	0	1	0	100	91.7
Government & Politics	9	9	7	2	0	100	92.6
Greek	1	0	0	0	0	100	100
History	15	12	11	1	0	100	97.4
ICT	0	3	0	2	0	100	60.0
Latin	3	0	1	0	0	100	100
Maths	60	17	9	9	3	100	87.76
Further Maths	26	0	2	0	0	100	100
Music	2	2	2	0	0	100	100
Photography	3	2	0	0	0	100	100
PE	4	4	3	1	1	100	84.6
Physics	24	7	5	2	1	100	92.3
Psychology	2	7	13	6	0	100	78.6
Religious Studies	16	3	1	0	0	100	100
Russian	6	0	0	0	0	100	100
Spanish	4	4	3	4	0	93.8	68.8
Textiles	3	2	0	0	0	100	100
Total	338	161	96	35	6		
%	52.90	25.20	15.02	5.48	0.94		

AS Results

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
% Pass (A – E)	96.5	98.5	98.0	99.5	98.1	99.53
% Pass A	40.5	43.4	41.8	55.3	52.1	52.89
% Pass A – B	67.5	68.6	66.8	77.5	74.2	78.10
% Pass A – C	84.7	86.4	84.0	91.5	87.8	93.12

Excellent A Level Results Recorded

The 126 students who took their A Level examinations this year were able to celebrate another remarkable set of results. All students passed.

- 60% 'A' grades
- 85% 'A – B' grades
- 97% 'A – C' grades
- 52 students achieved three or more 'A' grades.
- 18 students achieved 4 or more 'A' grades – of which 7 achieved 5 and 1 achieved 6

Headmaster Julian Thomas said: "This was another excellent year for A level results at Caterham School. Following the record breaking results of last year I am pleased to see that an exceptionally high standard has been maintained. It is a wonderful achievement, not only for the students who have worked so hard but also for the staff who have supported and encouraged them in their endeavours.

At Caterham we focus on developing the whole person, aiming to ensure that each pupil leaves here ready for life at university and beyond with life skills to help him or her succeed in whatever they may do in the future. Therefore I am particularly pleased that, apart from those taking a gap year, once again all students will be progressing to university with 83% going to one in the top tier."

Upper Sixth A-Level Examination Results

SUBJECT	A	B	C	D	E	% Passes	% A-C
Art	10	6	2	0	0	100	100
Biology	13	5	0	0	0	100	100
Human Biology	11	5	2	0	0	100	100
Business Studies	13	12	3	1	0	100	96.6
Chemistry	17	4	5	1	0	100	96.3
Chinese	7	3	0	0	0	100	100
Design Technology	1	3	0	0	0	100	100
Drama	1	2	0	0	0	100	100
Economics	13	3	1	2	0	100	89.5
English	8	4	3	0	0	100	100
French	2	2	2	0	0	100	100
Geography	11	4	4	2	0	100	90.5
German	4	2	0	0	0	100	100
Government & Politics	7	12	4	1	1	100	92.0
History	14	4	2	0	0	100	100
ICT	0	0	2	0	0	100	100
Latin	3	3	0	0	0	100	100
Maths	40	2	3	1	0	100	97.8
Further Maths	18	1	1	0	0	100	100
Further Maths Additional	1	0	0	0	0	100	100
Music	1	1	1	0	0	100	100
Photography	3	1	4	0	0	100	100
PE	6	4	1	1	0	100	91.7
Physics	22	6	2	1	0	100	96.8
Psychology	2	5	3	2	0	100	83.3
Religious Studies	12	4	0	0	0	100	100
Russian	7	0	0	0	0	100	100
Spanish	3	2	1	0	0	100	100
Textiles	0	0	1	0	0	100	100
Total	250	100	47	12	1		
%	60.97	24.39	11.46	2.93	0.24		

A-Level Results

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
% Pass (A – E)	100	100	100	100	100	100
% Pass A	53.91	49.53	53.00	54.39	69.25	60.49
% Pass A – B	81.74	82.97	76.9	81.29	88.11	85.36
% Pass A – C	93.04	96.22	92.7	95.33	97.41	96.83

A Visit to Western Reserve Academy, USA

SAMANTHA MOORE U6

When nine Upper Sixth Form students and Mr Evans left school at six in the morning to go to Ohio for two weeks, we were not really sure what to expect.

Most of us had never really spoken to Mr Evans a.k.a Welshy before, and we were also quite apprehensive of staying with a family who we had never met. However, we knew as soon as we arrived that it would be fine. The school, which was extremely pretty in October time, was like a small university and there were various students, day and boarding, walking around even though it was a Friday night. We spent our first night meeting nearly everyone in the school in The Green Key, a room with booths, pool tables, air hockey tables, table football and ping-pong. From then on, the excitement did not stop. We spent our weekends shopping, sightseeing, visiting places like Washington, Cleveland and an Amish town. During the school day, we saw what it was like to be a student at Western Reserve. Even though it was a

bit of a drag to go to school during our half-term holiday, we soon realised they had lessons over there that we had never heard of - for example, they had lessons in dance, public speaking and drama tech (which consisted of building the stage set for the school play). A condition of going on the trip was that we attended lessons in their version of politics, Constitutional Law; and it was fascinating to discover how much we already knew about the subject. We also went to Homecoming, a major highlight of the trip, which even though it ended rather early, was still immense fun due to the free photo booth on the dance floor, where you could take photos with your friends, as many times as you

wanted, and have them printed out instantly. The only downside of this trip was that we missed out on Halloween in America by one day, which was a great disappointment. However, we did get to see all the decorations and preparations, which for one house included nine inflatable Halloween symbols and monsters on their front lawn, as well as numerous fairy lights strung up everywhere! All in all, we had an amazing time, and we made some great friends, which we will never forget. This trip was enjoyable, inexplicable, and certainly unforgettable.



From top left to right: Chris Pollard, James Henderson, Mr Neil Evans, Hannah Paine, Imogen Ware, Catherine Murphy, Alexander Gordon, Samantha Moore, Alexandra Sadler, Ryan Hickmott

Ceramic Artist Returns to Caterham



Heidi Parsons returns to Caterham School after her Artists into Industry residency for the British Ceramics Biennial.

Heidi is a ceramic print artist making decorative objects that celebrate everyday encounters, commemorating moments in time. She uses print and photography as a vehicle to create these narratives in her ceramic objects.

Her exhibition at the British Ceramics Biennial was entitled *Cameos: Reminders*, and featured three-dimensional prints taken from the interior surfaces of the bottle kilns at the Roslyn Works in Longton. She also exhibited at the Wedgwood Museum.

To see more of her work please visit her web site:

www.heidiparsons.net

Warhammer on the Road

“...we were thrust into gaming heaven as battles that would go down in history were fought before our very eyes...”

On Sunday 27th September Warhammer players Jamie Lagerberg, Angus Hayes, Daniel Castle, Duke Quinton accompanied by Mr Quinton and Mr Marlow set off to the National Exhibition Centre in Birmingham for the annual 'Games Day/ Golden Daemon' event.

The exhibition stretched across three halls, the equivalent of around 15 football pitches! The turnout was immense and we were just a few of the tens of thousands of excited gamers and painters who attended.

After a 45 minute wait outside where we saw all kinds of warmongering banners - and even a few people who had dressed up - we were in. As soon as we entered we were thrust into gaming heaven as battles that would go down in history were fought before our very eyes.

Moving on from the gaming there

were huge shopping areas where you could buy anything to do with Warhammer, from books to miniatures, it was all there. Finally, and perhaps best, was the design area. Here you could see some of the best scenery and models ever made including spectacular cities and ice flows that could have been real. It was here that some of us met some of the games designers.

For many though, the highlight was seeing the Golden Daemon winners. This painting contest is the most prestigious in the Warhammer world

and in the words of our own master painter Mr Marlow "You get the most insanely well painted models... they could be real."

As we got back on the minibus we agreed that we had all enjoyed a very special day. Caterham Warhammer is on an upturn and the day really helped us. So it's onwards and upwards from here and Games Day can be sure that we'll be back for round 2 next year which promises to be bigger and better than ever! A big thank you to Mr Quinton for organising it all.

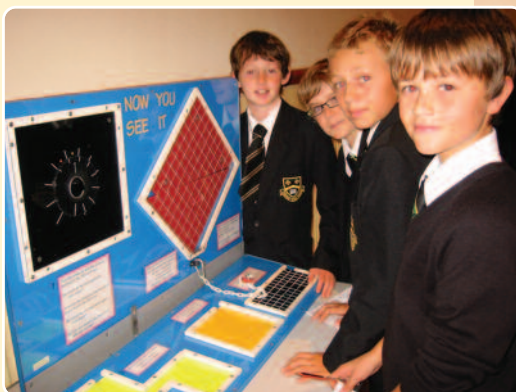
JAMIE LAGERBERG, THIRD YEAR

Maths Workshop Adds up to a Memorable Lesson

MRS J DODD

On Wednesday 7th October the Old Dining Hall was once again transformed into a Maths workshop for the First Year pupils.

World of Maths provided 17 hands-on activities and the pupils were challenged to complete as many of them as possible in the time available. The activities required the pupils to work together in small groups, sharing knowledge and strategies. There was a real buzz in the room as they tackled problems such as 'Dad's Office', which required careful logical thinking, and the very popular 'Queue Up', which simulated waiting times in a bank. Many tasks appeared straightforward at first,



but the pupils, and staff, soon realised that perseverance was needed to obtain the answers. Everyone worked with real enthusiasm and the pupils were reluctant to stop at the end of each session. This Maths 'lesson' will certainly be remembered for a long time!



Hans Woyda Maths Competition

The Hans Woyda Maths Competition is an annual competition involving 64 schools from the South East of England. It is named after a former Head of Mathematics at Kingston Grammar School.

The first round of the 2009/2010 season took place on 6th October. We played St Joseph's College and won 42 – 32. The team answered confidently and worked well together.

Our team was:

JACQUELINE HU – Upper Sixth
GLEB KHITRIN – Lower Sixth
CHRIS WONG – Fifth Year
CHRIS BISHOP – Third Year

Our next two league matches are away, later on this term.

MRS J DODDS

The four students in each team have to be chosen from specific year groups. The competition starts each autumn with a round-robin tournament between four local schools.

Each match consists of questions on an individual basis; a round for paired work and one when all four team

members work together. The questions push the boundaries of the syllabus and need quick thinking. In the Spring Term, the winners of each group progress to the knockout rounds of the main competition. Group runners-up with high scores may progress to a parallel Plate competition.

An Outstanding Report from Ofsted

In June this year we had an announced Boarding inspection by the Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills (Ofsted).

The report, which was published during the summer, concluded that "...the school offers an outstanding level of care to the Boarders. The overall quality rating is outstanding".

Headmaster Julian Thomas said: 'I was particularly pleased that Ofsted commended us for our pro active approach towards ensuring the safety and welfare of the

pupils, and they acknowledged that this remains one of our top priorities. We

provide extensive training to our staff and their professional expertise and dedication ensures that pupils have access to the highest possible standards of pastoral care."



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Premier Goûter

The French department had its first Sixth Form social of the term on Tuesday 13th October after school. Most of the Sixth Form students who are studying French attended.

It started with an "ice breaker" activity when Lower Sixth and Upper Sixth teamed up to go around the room trying to match up some French proverbs with their English equivalents eg, "Vouloir, c'est pouvoir" and "Where there is a will, there is a way". The winning team will be announced at the next French social.

After that there were French snacks accompanied by French conversation.



An Exhibition of Work by Leading Contemporary Artists...

An exhibition of work by leading contemporary artists such as Bert Irvin and Craigie Aitchison will be on display at The Gallery, Caterham School, from 9th November to 9th December.

The exhibition is provided by Advanced Graphics London, a specialist fine art printmaker producing limited edition original prints. The 29 prints on display, which are for sale, are produced by artists working with technicians in Advanced Graphics studios and are all signed by the artist and numbered. Advanced Graphics show the artists' works in their London gallery as well as in other venues in both the UK and New York, where the works will be showing immediately prior to the Caterham School exhibition.

Marilyn Kyle MA MEd, Director of Art & Design at Caterham School, said: "We are always seeking to inspire our Art students and I am sure that this exhibition of work by established contemporary artists will do just that. The prints are so interesting that they will also appeal to the wider School community and, for the first time, we have opened our gallery to the public who can view the exhibition by appointment made through our reception on: 01883 343028."

Albert Irvin 'Tabard' 2005
Screenprint with woodblock
Edition size: 75
Image size: 60 x 82cm
Paper size: 76.5 x 96.75cm
Printed and published by
Advanced Graphics London



Our 'Groundsman of the Year' Finalist

John Dodwell, our Head Groundsman, was in exalted company on Thursday 16 October at The Institute of Groundsmanship (IOG) Industry Awards.



There were three other groundsmen who were finalists in The Groundsman's Groundsman of the Year category, the other grounds nominated were: Headingley Carnegie Stadium (Leeds Rhinos RFLC), Shay Stadium (Halifax Town & Halifax RFLC) and Villa Park (Aston Villa FC). The eventual winner was Jonathan Calderwood from Aston Villa FC.

Headmaster Julian Thomas said; "We were delighted to discover that John Dodwell had been nominated for this award and, in particular, that he had been short listed with such notable groundsmen. We often receive positive comments from the coaches of opposing teams but this was a complete surprise. Whilst we offer PE as a subject at GCSE and A Level, I think that it is important that pupils can participate in sport at varying levels. We believe in sport for all, not only because of the fitness benefits but also because sport contributes to the development of the individual, helping pupils to learn to handle successes and set backs. Therefore it is essential that we offer excellent sports facilities, including high quality playing fields."

Future Events

Rugby, 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 Summer 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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