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A Drama in Leatherhead! Students Win the Sir Michael Caine Drama Award



Sir Michael Caine with the Caterham School Drama and Theatre Studies Students
Photos by Andy Newbold Photography

Students studying A Level Drama and Theatre Studies have won the Sir Michael Caine Drama Award for Junior Groups at the Leatherhead Drama Festival.

The play they performed was the abridged version of *The Children's Hour* by Lillian Hellman.

Lower Sixth student Emma O'Brien also won Best Junior Actress for her performance as Martha Dobie, whilst Cole Campbell and Rebecca Ward both received a special mention for their performances.

The awards were presented by Sir Michael Caine on Saturday 16 May at the Leatherhead Theatre. This is the sixth Leatherhead Drama Festival and this year it featured 28 drama groups with thirteen competing in the Junior section.

Julian Thomas said: "This is an excellent achievement by these seven students. It is the first

time that the School has entered the Leatherhead Drama Festival so we are naturally delighted to receive the award in the face of some strong competition from other schools and theatre groups. I am particularly pleased for Emma who deserved recognition for an excellent performance. Drama & Theatre Studies plays a key part in our curricular and co-curricular provision whilst contributing to our excellent A Level results. It was an inspired decision by Lisa McMullin, our Head of Drama, to showcase the excellent work of our students at such a popular drama festival."



Emma O'Brien



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Headmaster's Report



Dear Parents,

It is almost impossible to believe that another academic year is nearing its end. Only a few weeks ago, for the first time in nineteen years, the School was temporarily inaccessible due to snow. Now we are in the midst of the busy annual summer examination period. The intervening weeks have been a time of intense effort and activity on the part of all students and staff as the final preparations and revision sessions have taken place. I have been hugely impressed by the focus and hard work of our students and would like to wish them all the very best.

Thank you to all parents who recently completed the Kirkland Rowell questionnaire. This is an invaluable aid to the continuing development and progress of the School. The results are very pleasing and the highlights can be viewed on the School website. The survey has also identified areas for review and these will be incorporated in our rolling development plan.

Finally, I would like to thank you for your continued support of the School. It is a true community that benefits hugely from the involvement and commitment of all students, staff and parents. Please do continue to participate in, and support your sons and daughters in all aspects of Caterham life.

Julian Thomas

Bronze, Silver and an outstanding Gold in the recent Duke of Edinburgh Awards

Amy Lovell (U6H) achieved her Gold Award in what is probably one of the quickest times recorded.

Amy had completed her Bronze and Silvers very quickly. She had to wait to register for Gold until she was 16 years old, so her record book was issued on her 16th birthday (12th June 2007). The minimum time for a Gold award is 12 months and her last award section (Expedition) was completed and signed on 1st September 2008 but processing the award took until early this year. Amy achieved her Volunteering section as a Brownies leader, gained a distinction in Open Water Lifesaving for her "Physical", played the flute for her "Skill", completed her qualifying "Expedition" in the Brecon Beacons and represented UK Guides in Urubamba,



Peru in August 2007 for her "Residential". An exceptional achievement.

The following also received Duke of Edinburgh Awards at the Tandridge Award Ceremony earlier this year.

Silver

Michael Asaad (5R), Lily Cheung (U6B), Karen Erskine (L6L), Helen Gibbons (L6L), Emma Houlden (5L), Adam Jones (5A), Amy Miles (5A), Amrik Nagra (5R),

Jessica Puntan (5R), Sam Puntan (5R), Harriet Shaw (5R), Romilly Whiteley (5H), Sarah Wilson (5H), Anita Wong (U6B), Holly Worthington (5U), Hannah Wright (L6A), Ashley Zhang (U6B), Aaron Kasza-Martin (U6A).

Bronze

Connel Binnie (5H), Jack Findlay (5U), Timothy Gooden (5L), Tom Pearce (5L), Tom Leatherby (5R).

The 10th Edition of Preview Magazine is launched...

Ten A Level politics students have edited and produced the School's annual Preview magazine.

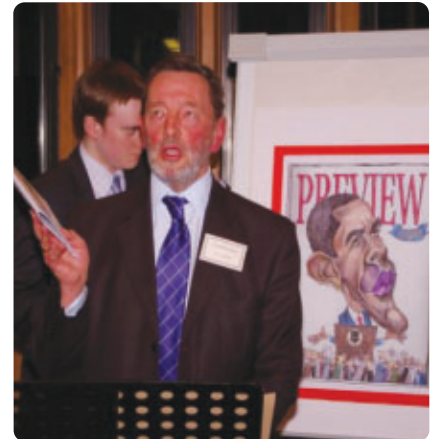
The 2009 edition of the political magazine was launched at The Garry Weston Library, Southwark Cathedral on Wednesday 25 March 2009.

The guest speaker at the launch was Rt Hon David Blunkett MP, Labour Member for Sheffield Brightside, who gave a very entertaining and informative speech in which he said that he

David Blunkett with Caterham School Students



was very encouraged by what the students had achieved as he is keen to support initiatives that widen political education and promote the notion of active citizenship.



David Blunkett

Every year the editorial team try to ensure that they have articles written by notable figures. This year was no exception. Articles were contributed by Zac Goldsmith, the Rt Hon John Redwood MP and Alvin Plantinga.

The ten students who edited and produced Preview magazine this year were: Florence Nalson, Sophie Bailey, Dominic Damesick, Benjamin Horne, Liz Parrish, James Hopkins, Nathalie Morle, Bekki Gocher, Matthew Amlot.

Award winning Author Linda Newbery Inspires Pupils

Award winning author Linda Newbery came to Caterham School to talk to Third and Fourth Year pupils about her career as an author of 30 books and how she approaches writing.

Linda primarily used "The Shell House" as an example, explaining how she developed her thought processes. This novel, which was short listed for the Carnegie Medal, has a contemporary setting but also looks back to events during the First World War. She also talked about "Set in Stone", winner of the 2006 Costa Children's Book of the Year Award, which is a reader-teasing mystery in the tradition of the Victorian Gothic novel.

At lunchtime Linda visited the popular Creative Writing Club run by



Linda Newbery lecturing to the Third & Fourth Years



Linda Newbery autographing copies of her books

English Teacher Miss Alice O'Donnell. In a very appropriate talk, she referred to her latest book, "The Sandfather", which is a story about a young boy growing into adolescence.

Sir Bernard Ingham Delivers a Lecture

Sir Bernard Ingham came to the School on Monday 27 April 2009 to give the 2009 Caterham Lecture.

He spoke about The Thatcher Years and told the audience of parents, students and teachers what Margaret Thatcher was really like. One of the messages he was keen to communicate was that political commentators cannot properly take a view of post-war politics in Britain if the years of Tony Blair & Gordon Brown are viewed as a continuation of what went before. Sir Bernard explained that, in his opinion, things changed on 2 May 1997 and in some respects the Thatcher years were the very antithesis of government today.

Sir Bernard was his usual open and



Upper Sixth Students Dominic Damesick, Ben Horne and Florence Nalson with Sir Bernard Ingham.

direct self. Our Conference Suite was full and everyone found the evening very stimulating. The Sixth Form students enjoyed it as Sir Bernard brought us his unique, behind the scenes, insight into a number of the key events of the 20th Century including the Falkland's War, the miners' strike, the poll tax riots and the hunger strikes.

Third Year perform their own Reduced Shakespeare version of 'Romeo and Juliet'

Mrs Yankova's Third Year set put on a fantastic 25 minute production of this classic tale of doomed love on the last Friday of term to an appreciative audience made up of the other Third Year classes.

After studying the play for a term, the pupils were divided into five groups and given an act of the famous play each to edit, direct, learn and perform in just one week! All pupils rose to the challenge spectacularly, with notable performances from Michael Slape, Vivienne MacCallum, Alayna Kenney, Sam Armitage and Rachel Wright.



Food Aid Delivered



The food aid we sent to Tanzania has been delivered and distributed. This was sent as a response to the news that the rains had once again failed in Lerang'wa. The drought had lasted over two years, so they had no crops and many families had very little to eat.

Happily we heard at the end of April that it has now rained in Tanzania and that there has been some strong rain around Lerang'wa. Hopefully they will now have a successful crop this season.

Raising money for trip to Nagydobrony School

Nancy Dawrant ran in the Copenhagen Marathon to raise money for the trip.

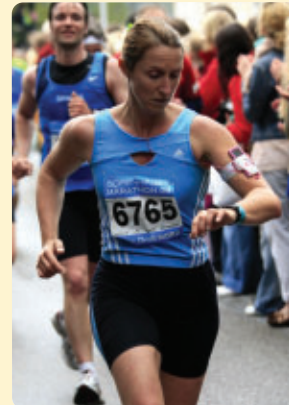
One of our new charity projects is to provide support to Nagydobrony School, which is in a very poor area of Ukraine. This summer we will be taking twelve of our Sixth Form students to run an "English Camp" and assess how else we can assist them in the future.

Their students need to sit exams in English to get University places and so our help, by running a language camp, will be gratefully received.

The marathon was on 24 May. It was an amazingly well organised and enjoyable event, started by the Crown Prince of Denmark outside the City Hall, with beautiful sights along the way as it wound through "wonderful, wonderful Copenhagen"! Nancy Dawrant finished in 3 hours 49 mins 32 secs and has raised over £1,100.

Any late donations will be gratefully received:

<http://www.justgiving.com/nancydawrant>



Two Netball Teams Win Surrey Schools Cups

The Surrey Schools Netball Finals were held at Epsom College on Sunday 15 March 2009 and two teams from Caterham School won cups in their age groups.



Senior Team Back row (L to R): Michela Scarpa, Georgia Shrimpton, Jayde Cook, Hannah Shaw, Lottie Gregory, Emily Buckett. Front row (L to R): Abbey Martin, Caroline Buckland (capt), Loulou Rowlands.

The Senior team won the U19 Cup. This is the fourth time this squad have won a Surrey Cup having won as U12, U13 and U14 teams.

They played Godalming College in the semi final and won 12-7. In the final they played old rivals Putney High School, winning 8-7 in a very close match.

Our U16 team also won the Cup for their age group. They

won four of their pool games and also defeated Putney High School 8-7 in the final.

Julian Thomas said: 'We are delighted with these results. It was particularly satisfying for the Senior Team as many of them are in their last year with us before they progress to university. This group of girls have been a credit to the School for a number of years and this was the perfect way to finish. Whilst we believe in sport for all it is always very pleasing when a team wins a competition. Both the Seniors and the U16 had to play seven games to win their respective Cups and I was most impressed that both teams had the strength of character to overcome a defeat in the pool rounds.'

U12A Lacrosse XII are Joint Winners of Surrey Championship

The U12A&B teams took part in the Surrey Tournament in early March.

The B team played well to finish 3rd in their section. The A team were undefeated in their pool matches and qualified for a semi-final encounter with Guildford High School. They performed superbly to achieve a rare victory over our old rivals, winning 2-1.

In the final, they played St Catherine's in an evenly fought game. At full time the score was 1-1 and the game went to 'golden goal' overtime. After three time periods, a 'stale-mate' was declared and the teams were declared joint champions.



Caterham School U12A Lacrosse XII Squad Back row (L to R): Emily Seager, Harriet Wildman, Robyn Hunt-Williams, Leah Mooney (Coach), Paige Stapleton, Sarah Slater, Ella Donald, Ellie Pardew. Front row (L to R): Bronte Rowlands, Georgia Bird, Millie Hopkins, Jess Reedy, Francesca Adams, Louise Gardner.

Early Success for the Girls' Athletics Teams

The Girls' Athletics teams had a very successful start to the season on Saturday 25 April at the annual Hurstpierpoint 6-school meet.

For the Seniors, Rosie Clarke and Loulou Rowlands produced outstanding performances as they both won two events. Rosie won the 1500m and High Jump whilst Loulou won the 800m and 400m. The Senior team finished in 2nd place, only 4 points behind the winners. The Inters were triumphant and took the trophy, with solid performances throughout. Perhaps the most notable success was the relay team of Jess Puntan, Clarissa Hearn, Lottie Williams and Poppy Moore which had an impressive 20m win over the rest of the field. The Juniors also performed well, with wins for Erika Barron and Stephanie Hibbert in the javelin and 100m respectively; as a team they came in a creditable 3rd position. With each age group well placed, Caterham won the overall competition, taking this trophy for the first time ever! Well done to all who took part.

The Shimians voted Top Band at Charity Rock Concert



The Shimians consist of Nadine Fresco (lead guitar), David Terrey (bass guitar), Chris Toomey (drums) and Tom Ganley (vocals).

They only formed earlier this year but rehearsed assiduously for a Charity Rock Concert at Tonbridge School in March. The charitable cause was prostate cancer.

This was the Shimians first professional booking and they were delighted to be voted the top band of the evening by the audience.

A Perfect Maths Score

Fourth Year student Eve Lian took part in the Hamilton Olympiad which is the follow up round of the UK Intermediate Maths Challenge.

Eve scored a perfect 10/10 for each of the six written challenges. She was awarded a Commemorative Medal for being one of the top 25% performers in the country and also received a book prize 'How to Cut a Cake' for being one of the top 50. To have achieved an outstanding 60/60 must mean that she is currently one of the very best at this level in the UK.



Eve Lian with the Headmaster

Senior Creative Writing group entertain Pre-Prep with delightful children's stories



At the end of last term the Senior Creative Writing Club spent a thoroughly rewarding afternoon reading children's stories to a rapt Pre-Prep school audience.

After a term researching what makes the perfect children's story and going over to visit the Pre-Prep school for requests of dragons, princesses and adventure, the group wrote a collection of four stories, complete with some exquisite illustrations by Ellen Bashford, and animal puppetry from Alex Gordon and David Terrey! It was a highly successful collaboration with the Pre-Prep school and a very rewarding afternoon for the storytellers and audience alike.

Mmmm.....lecker!

This class of Second Year pupils had been looking forward to their German lesson as it promised to be even more exciting than usual because Mrs Laverick had promised a typical German breakfast.

The pupils had been studying the topic of food and drink so they all knew what to say in German to ask for what they wanted. Quantities of Aufschnitt (cold meats), Käse (cheese) and Orangensaft (orange juice) were consumed - viel Spaß!



To Tanzania via Brighton

On Sunday 17 May, eight staff (Julian Thomas, Andrew Taylor, Lucy Thomas, Ben Wilkinson, Kim Wells, Katie Dixon, Nancy Darwant and Allyson Aranha) and seven of the students who are travelling to Tanzania this year were in Brighton to run either 5km or 10km to raise money for the school charities in the fifth annual Heroes Run.

About 1400 runners took part in the race and the teachers have so far collectively raised nearly £1,500 in sponsorship.

They also participated in the Guinness World Record attempt for the "Most people dressed as superheroes". The organisers hoped for over 1000 and the event was a great success, so it now awaits official confirmation.

We have set up 'just giving' links so that former pupils, parents and teachers can donate money to the school charities:

For the general school donation page:

www.justgiving.com/caterhamschool

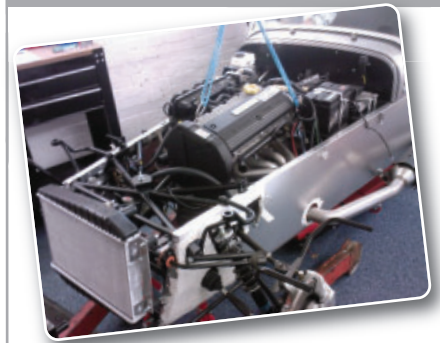
Specific page for Lerang'wa School

www.justgiving.com/lerangwa

Some of the 'Heroes'



Kit Car Club – Progress Report



Readers will recall that last October the Kit Car Club, known as the Kit Cat Club, took delivery of a self assembly Caterham Seven. The car is being built by the enthusiastic members of the club as part of their co-curricular activity. The attached photographs show that progress is being made. The car will be on show at the Summer Fayre on 21 June.



MORE SUCCESS in the Music Exams during the Spring Term

A number of pupils took the Associated Board music practical and theory exams during the Spring Term.

The following is a list of those who did particularly well.

CHARLOTTE BRADLEY	Singing	Merit
MILES FINDLAY	Cornet	Distinction
RYAN HARRISON	Singing	Merit
CHARLES HUKÉ	Singing	Merit
WILLIAM HUKÉ	Trumpet	Merit
WINSON HUNG	Music Theory	Merit
GAVIN JACKSON	Music Theory	Merit
KATE KINOSHITA	Flute	Distinction
SUSIE LECK	Flute	Distinction

DOUGIE McCLUMPHA	Trumpet	Merit
STELLA MATIAS-WILES	Singing	Merit
JAN NIEHUES	Music Theory	Merit
HANNAH SPENCE	Singing	Merit
PAIGE STAPLETON	Singing	Merit
GEORGIA STEPHENS	Music Theory	Merit
SAMUEL THORPE	French Horn	Distinction
LYDIE WHITELEY	Singing	Merit
WINSON HUNG	Flute	Distinction

Easter Egg hunt...but in French!

As part of a half-term social gathering with Sixth Form French groups there was an Easter egg hunt "with a différence".

Students were paired up with the objective of finding as many Easter Eggs as possible. However, in each pair one had eyes closed and the other had to give instructions in French. The incentive worked as everybody had a great time and ate a lot of eggs before finishing with a lovely chat "en français" about holiday projects etc...



U13A Lacrosse XII Reach Final of Coloma Cup

The Coloma Cup was played here on 14 March and our U13A & B teams participated.

The B team performed very well and fought their way through to the semi-finals of the Plate competition to play Putney High A. The game was tied at full-time, but the opposition scored in 'sudden death' to take the match. The A team were undefeated in their section, and comfortably won their quarter-final against Coloma. A great performance secured a 3-1 victory over a formidable Lady Eleanor Holles side. In the final, we played Guildford High, who started strongly to take a comfortable lead. We rallied in the second half to come back into the game, but eventually lost 3-5.

National Inter-County Cross Country Championships

Two pupils represent Surrey in the National Inter-County Cross Country Championships in Nottingham.

LouLou Rowlands produced another outstanding performance to finish 2nd in the U17 event, helping the Surrey Team to win a Gold Medal.

Sophie Foreman competed for the Surrey U13 Team and finished 15th overall, and was the second runner home in the Surrey Team helping them to win the Gold Medal. This is only the second time that the U13 Girls competition has been won by Surrey.

Future Events

Tennis and Cricket 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

Life Painting Summer Course

Adèle Wagstaff will run a life painting course at Caterham School from Monday 3rd August to Friday 7th, 10.00 – 5.00 daily.

For further information please look at:
www.caterhamschool.co.uk/news/general
or contact Adèle Wagstaff on **07890 396637**
(Monday – Friday)

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www.caterhamschool.co.uk/links.htm

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