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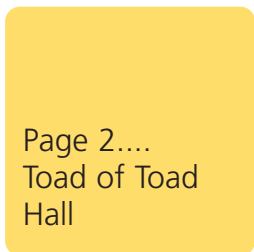
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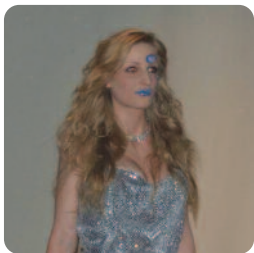
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Left to Right: Alex Clark, Mrs Jennifer Dodd MA (Second in Department), Jacqueline Hu, Headmaster Julian Thomas, Yong Wu, Angeline Lou, Daniyar Zhexemaliyev.

On Thursday 5 February a team of five Lower Sixth pupils won the Surrey Schools Maths Challenge, repeating the success of 2007.

The event was held at the University of Surrey in Guildford and over 40 teams from schools all around Surrey took part.

The challenge was in two parts. In the first round the students produced full written solutions to 12 mathematical problems. The second round involved answering 16 multiple choice questions at speed. Both sections required the students to apply the techniques they had learnt so far in their studies as well as good intuition in order to answer some quite complicated questions.

“Only a few marks separated the best teams which included The Royal Grammar School, Guildford and Charterhouse.”

The team of Alex Clark, Daniyar Zhexemaliyev, Angeline Lou, Yong Wu and Jacqueline Hu had to work together as a team to answer the two part challenge.

Headmaster Julian Thomas said: “This was a very competitive event with so many schools entering very strong teams. Only a few marks separated the best teams which included The Royal Grammar School, Guildford and Charterhouse. Naturally we are very pleased to regain the champions’ position but I am also gratified by the way the team handled the pressure whilst enjoying the experience.”

The challenge was organised by Surrey Education Business Partnership and is an annual event.

Headmaster's Report



Dear Parents,

As you are probably aware, I am not a great supporter of league tables – raw data on its own can never tell the whole (or even part) of the story. However, I do confess to being pleased by the recent Government Contextual Value-Added League tables which placed Caterham 17th of all the schools in England and the 2nd highest HMC school, just behind Sevenoaks, and the 7th ranked independent school overall. These tables have at least some credence because they measure the attainment of our pupils in comparison to pupils with similar prior attainment.

Previously it was impossible for leading independent schools to do well in Government tables as we offer IGCSE in Maths and Science which the Government will not recognise. However, at A Level there are no barriers to revealing our successes.

On another note you will know we are increasingly using Clarion Call to disseminate information and it is therefore very important that you regularly check your emails as the school will be using electronic communication more frequently. Please don't forget to remove us from your spam filter!

Julian Thomas

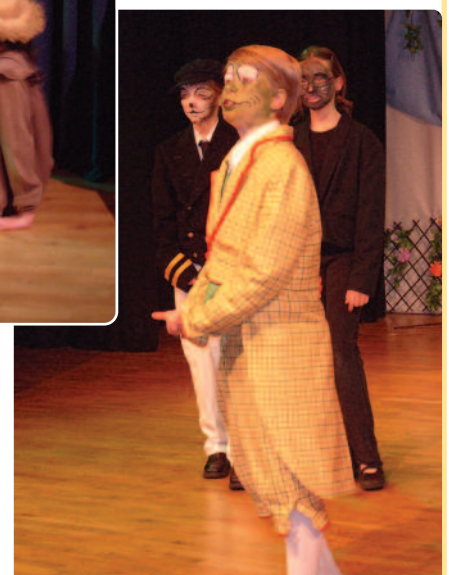
Toad of Toad Hall

“I loved your play Toad of Toad Hall.”

“The scenery was really good.
All the costumes were excellent.
The performance was brilliant, it was
one of the best I have seen.”

On February 11 and 12 pupils in the First and Second Years presented their own production of Toad of Toad Hall. It was a huge success, performing to visiting Prep Schools, parents, friends, teachers and governors. The acting was fantastic with costume, make up and set all creating a vibrant and thoroughly entertaining show. It was lovely to receive such an enthusiastic letter from a pupil in the audience praising the performance.

Lisa McMullin



TALENT SHOW 2009

by Alex Tasker

This year's Talent Show proved to be a huge success with fun had by all on a night that confirmed just how much talent Caterham has to offer.



The Winners: 'Songbirds' (left to right) Helena Richards, Bekki Gocher, Hanna Smith, Megan Whiteley, Hanna Shaw and Suzie Leck

There were a wide variety of acts. These ranged from singers through to circus acts, dancers through to magic and beatboxers through to the Rugby Team Strip Tease. There were also a host of bands and the eagerly anticipated Staff Dance. All the acts were outstanding which made it difficult for the judges but their eventual decision was to award first prize to The Songbirds, a vocal quintet with piano, who sang "Fields of Gold". Although the night was not without 'technical mishaps', the feedback from both those involved and the audience was that each year the show gets better and better.



Some of The Wildcats strutt their stuff

The event was organised by the Upper Sixth Charity Committee consisting of Alex Tasker, Bekki Gocher, Cole Campbell, Matt Trayner,

Hannah Smith, Sophie Parry, Abbey Martin and Alex O'Brien. Thanks must go to the technical team, the backstage and front of house team, the comperes and the judges.

The night has raised well in excess of £3,000 an increase on the amount raised last year, and the proceeds from this will go to the School's projects in both Tanzania and the Ukraine.

Ben Fullard and England ON TOUR IN THE WEST INDIES

Ben Fullard was selected to be part of an U13 Elite Cricket Tour to Antigua organised by David Nash, the Middlesex wicket keeper.

The tour took place during mid February and the schedule included a match to be played at the Antigua Recreation Ground but, because of the bad weather at the Sir Viv Richards stadium, the test between West Indies and England took precedent and so the U13 squad had a day as spectators.

The team played four games winning three, only losing to an U15 Antigua side, which seemed to consist of players over 6ft tall and very fast bowlers! Ben was the highest scorer on the day, and man of the match!

Ben had a very enjoyable tour, his



most successful day being the last when he took four wickets in one over, including a hat trick! That made him the top wicket taker on the tour. Three overs later another bowler also took four wickets in one over. Which prompts the question: Is two four wicket overs in one innings a record?

BUDDIES IN ACTION

Caterham School has set up a unique mentoring system linking Sixth Form students with younger pupils.

The older students provide academic and pastoral support for their "buddies" as well as a sounding board for any worries they may have.

Buddies meet once a week on a formal basis, but many work together at other times under their own initiative.

Kim Wells, Director of Learning and Teaching, said "I was overwhelmed by the response from the Sixth Form when I asked for volunteers for the scheme. Not only is it great for the younger pupils to have a role model and an extra helping hand when they need it, but also the Sixth Form students are honing their coaching and interpersonal skills."



RUGBY 1ST XV DOUBLE SUCCESS – Selected as Rugby World’s School Team of the month and through to the Quarter Finals of the Daily Mail Vase

Our 1st XV rugby team celebrated being chosen as Rugby World’s School Team of the month in March based on their unbeaten run in their regular fixtures during the Christmas term.

This term they continued with that success reaching the Quarter Finals of the Daily Mail Vase U18 competition with two very good wins.

Due to the adverse weather they only played their Round 5 match against King’s School, Ely on Sunday 18 January, winning 53-3. They then played Hurstpierpoint College on Wednesday 21 January and won 40-0 with tries scored by Ben Doney (2), captain Matt Foulds (2), Chris Kendell (1) and Owen Morgan (1). Ben Davidson converted 5 out of 6.

Sadly they could not continue that success in their away match against Giggleswick School, Settle in the Quarter Final match on Wednesday 11 February, losing 10 - 20.

Director of Sport, Pat Lavery said: “The squad were thrilled to be chosen as the Team of the Month. It was very

encouraging to achieve such recognition after a successful term. We wanted to carry that through to this term. We were expecting a tough game against Giggleswick School as we knew all teams would be strong at this stage of the competition. We trained hard and the team spirit was particularly strong but even though Ben Carew-Gibbs scored a try and Ben Davidson converted and kicked a penalty it was not enough to overcome a very strong team.”



Daily Mail Vase U18 Results:

Caterham School vs Darrick Wood School	Won 50 – 0
Caterham School vs Wallington County Grammar School	Won 36 - 0
Caterham School vs Emmanuel School	Walkover
Caterham School vs King’s School, Ely	Won 53 – 3
Caterham School vs Hurstpierpoint College	Won 40 – 0
Caterham School vs Giggleswick School	Lost 10 - 20

SUCCESS in The British Mathematical Olympiad (Round 1)



The British Mathematical Olympiad (Round 1) is the follow on round for those who scored highly in the UK Senior Mathematics Challenge. Six students were selected to progress to this round after the UKSMC last November.

◀ Jacqueline Hu, Samuel Choi, Headmaster Julian Thomas and Yong Wu

BMO1 consists of six problems, including algebraic, geometrical and numerical analysis problems to solve in less than $3\frac{1}{2}$ hours. The nationwide competition takes place on the same day all over the country and all the students who attempt it are gifted mathematicians.

About 1300 students participate in BMO1 and this year three Caterham students achieved certificates of distinction. Of these, Samuel Choi and Jacqueline Hu were also awarded Bronze medals, putting them in the top 75 in the UK.

DANCE and FASHION WEEK at Caterham School

The first week of March was the time to 'strike a pose' as we held our first Dance and Fashion Week.

Teachers put aside their text books to provide a wide range of lunch time activities throughout the week; however the highlight was a Dance & Fashion Show on the Tuesday evening. A packed audience saw a wide variety of dance styles displayed, all choreographed by the students themselves. The Alley Cats performed twice, their 'Tribal Dance' inspired by the charity project which links Caterham and Lerang'wa School in Tanzania. Additionally, Fourth Year students Eloise Lawler, Robyn Noble, Charlotte Taylor and Zoe Webb researched and choreographed a traditional Ukraine folk dance to highlight the latest charity link which is between



fashion events. Head of English Gerald Killingworth led a Morris Dancing workshop which featured a performance by sixteen members of staff to encourage the pupils to have a go themselves.

Also on the Tuesday, a felt making workshop saw both staff and students producing some eye catching 3D felt designs.



On the Wednesday Miss Adrienne Green put aside French and Spanish books to teach a Salsa class with over fifty students taking part.

Thursday was the day for the T-Shirt design competition which saw a wide range of talent from across the school testing their creative skills. The added incentive was that the winners would be allowed to wear their T shirt the following day.

On Friday art teacher Neil Evans expertly led the students in an energetic Welsh Folk dance. This was followed by a massive display of group dancing as students and teachers gathered to perform the routines from 'Soulja Boy' and 'Saturday Night' in the Old Gym. There were so many participants that each song had to be

played twice to make sure everyone had the chance to join in.

The week was organised by three teachers Miss Lucy Thomas, Mrs Helena Richards and Miss Anna Church who were enthusiastically supported by a team of 6th Form students. Miss Thomas said: "This was a very busy week of entertaining events which gave the students the opportunity to discover so many more activities. It was wonderful to see so many staff and students getting involved and enjoying themselves whilst raising money for charity."



Caterham School and schools in the Ukraine. The fashion show, featuring the work of GCSE and A Level Textiles students, revealed an inspiring array of creations modelled by students who demonstrated their professionalism and lots of attitude! The evening raised £939.30 which will go towards the charity projects in both Tanzania and the Ukraine.

Other activities during the week included a variety of dance and



BUSINESS EXPERTISE at Caterham

In January the Lower Sixth Business Studies students spent a day learning about business start ups and marketing in small businesses.



Peter Wood and some Business Studies students

They heard from Andy Noble, Marketing Director of Caterham Cars, and David Gill of the locally based Gap Year Company 'Changing Worlds'. David was accompanied by Old Caterhamian, and ex Business Studies student, Craig Freeman. Craig explained how he had been helping Changing Worlds utilise the internet, improve the company's position on the search engines' pages and use market intelligence from the net to make their marketing more effective.

All of the Lower Sixth students had been developing their expertise by constructing a business plan around an original business idea. In the afternoon the best of these plans were pitched in 'Dragons Den' style to Peter Wood of Direct Line,

Esure and Sheila's Wheels fame. Peter, who had studied the business plans beforehand, asked the students questions, and provided them with feedback drawn from his vast business experience.

Peter said of the day "I was amazed before I came to Caterham by the maturity and professionalism of the Lower Sixth students' work. Their business plans were detailed, creative and used the right language that backers want to hear from business creators. I'm not sure how I performed as a Dragon but I hope that the students came away encouraged and enthusiastic. If their work at this age is anything to go by, some of them will have a very bright future ahead of them."

And so it SNOWED....

Everyone will remember the snow this year when we had to close the School. However, even though there were no day pupils, the boarding community were still here. Sixteen pupils volunteered to visit houses in Harestone Valley Road offering to clear driveways. They started at 9.30 and worked right through the morning.



◁ L to R: Alex Piskunov, Felix Stegmann, Kelvin Tang, Harry Beaumont



◁ L to R: Jan Niehues, Felix Se, Kate Kinoshita, Charlotte He, Anjali Bhat and Jonathan Chow



CONGRATULATIONS!

A number of pupils took the Associated Board music practical and theory exams just before Christmas.

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

OLIVIA BAILEY	Flute	Merit
LUCY BEAUMONT	Singing	Merit
LUCY BLACKWELL	Singing	Distinction
REBECCA BRIDSON	Clarinet	Distinction
ALEXANDRA BROWN	Flute	Merit
NATHAN BROWN	Alto Saxophone	Distinction
CATHERINE CONQUEST	Clarinet	Merit
DYLAN ELLIS	Viola	Merit
TOM ELLIS	Clarinet	Merit
GEORGIA FELDMANIS	Theory	Merit
GLEN-OLIVER GOWERS	Piano	Merit
DAISY HOPKINS	Singing	Distinction
CHARLES HUKÉ	Theory	Distinction
LAUREN HUNT-WILLIAMS	Soprano Saxophone	Merit

GAVIN JACKSON	Violin	Merit
REBECCA LITTLEJOHNS	Flute	Merit
JEREMY LLOYD	Theory	Merit
REBECCA MCMILLAN	Flute	Distinction
HARRY OAKES	Singing	Distinction
ISAAC QUINTON	Cello	Distinction
TIAM ROUNAGH	Violin	Distinction
CONNIE SHAW	Flute	Distinction
HELEN SHAW	Clarinet	Distinction
JIENI SHEN	Piano	Distinction
ANDREW THOMAS	Theory	Merit
DAVID THOMAS	Cello	Merit
JACOB WELSH	Alto Saxophone	Merit
FRANKIE WINTERS	Piano	Merit

- ANDREW THOMAS gained a merit in his Grade 6 singing exam with Trinity Guildhall.
- BETH MUNNS has been awarded a place in the National Youth Choir. Hundreds auditioned and it is a great tribute to her ability that she was selected.
- SAM HARPER-BOOTH and BENSON LEUNG have both passed the ATCL (Associate Trinity College London) exams. The standard of performance required is equivalent to the performance component of the first year in a full-time undergraduate course at a conservatoire or other higher education establishment and so is a special musical achievement.
- CHARLIE ROBERTSON received his Stars of Tomorrow award from David Coulthard at the Karting Show which was part of the Autosport International Show at the NEC on Saturday 10 January.
- LOULOU ROWLANDS and ROSIE CLARKE finished in 1st and 4th place respectively in the Senior Girls competition at the Surrey Cross-Country Championships on Saturday 17 January.



Charlie Robertson and David Coulthard

HIGHLIGHTS of Lacrosse this term....

During the last week of January the U14 Lacrosse teams took part in the Surrey Lacrosse tournament. The Bs fought hard and had some close games. The As performed very well in their section, winning three games and only losing to Guildford High. As runners-up they progressed through to the semi-finals, where they met St Catherine's. We scored an early goal and retained this advantage for most of the game. However, St Catherine's managed a late equaliser to take the game to sudden death overtime,

before emerging as eventual winners and securing their place in the final.

On Saturday 7 February the Lacrosse 1st team took on the Scotland U18 side and found their best form to produce a fantastic 11-2 victory. Caz Buckland scored five times, and substitute goalkeeper Emma Warner was outstanding.

The 1st XII finished their season in style at the National Schools' Lacrosse Championship in March. In the pool matches, a tough opener against last year's national champions St Swithun's,

resulted in an important 1-1 draw. The team then went from strength to strength defeating St Paul's, Bradfield College, Princess Helena College, Loretto and Marlborough, thus winning the pool and qualifying for the Championship league, competing amongst the country's top 14 schools. We finished 5th in our group, thus claiming a position in the country's Top 10. It was a very rewarding weekend for all the players, but particularly for those of us competing for the school for the last time.

PORTRAITURE Easter Course 2009

Adèle Wagstaff is running a three day course in The Art Studio at Caterham School Wednesday 15th – Friday 17th April. The course allows students the opportunity to work from the portrait model in a sustained pose over three days. The focus is on using oil paint but students are welcome to bring along alternative mediums. This course is open to students of all levels although it is recommended that students have a rudimentary knowledge of drawing.



Adèle trained at the University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne and the Slade School of Fine Art, London. She is an experienced tutor, teaching courses throughout the London, Surrey and Sussex areas. Recent works have been included in exhibitions at the Jerwood Space, London; Royal West of England Academy, Aberdeen Art Gallery, Mall Galleries and the National Portrait Gallery, London. The fee is £140 including refreshment and lunch.

She exhibits her work widely and undertakes a number of portrait commissions.

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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.

LIONS CLUB International Charity Evening

On Saturday 18 April the Lions Club International will be raising money for local charities by presenting Not Pavarotti in the Humphreys Hall. Not Pavarotti are four singers and a pianist who will perform From Vienna to Broadway, a musical evening of show tunes and light classical music.

TICKETS AT £10 EACH FROM 01883 742680 / 742708.

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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.