

The Judd School

Headteacher's | Newsletter



MERRY CHRISTMAS!

It has been a long first term at the helm, filled with many successes as you will read in this newsletter! It is not often that I ask people to spare a thought for teachers when thinking about holidays, but with only 12 days off before we return to another busy term it feels like we'll struggle to recuperate. The successes outlined below could not be achieved without the incredible support freely given by teachers and support staff in helping your amazing children achieve what they do!



Huge Thanks to the JPA...

for their organisation of another fantastic Christmas Fayre, raising significant



funds for the school to support all the extra goings on. This has enabled the school to get a new minibus which is already being regularly used and will allow younger members of staff to drive a minibus without an excessive amount of additional testing and training.



**Tunbridge Wells
Model United Nations General Assembly**

On Friday 24th November Ms Yarham and Mr Rowlands took 20 Year 12 students to take part in this year's **Model United Nations Competition**.

This is a fantastic event which requires students to take on the role of the UN. The aim of the day is to develop students' research skills, their debating skills, and increase their awareness of global events. In addition to this, there are prizes available for the best contributions.

The Judd School sent four delegations representing Canada, Indonesia, Pakistan, and Vanuatu. In addition, we had students taking on the role of the Chair Person in the Committee on Indigenous Peoples' Rights, a press team, and a secretariat team.

Our teams of students performed very well. Several received 'honourable mentions' from the judges. **Hal Quigley** from Year 12 won the overall MUNGA Trophy. In the words of the organiser, "Hal could go straight in and manage the United Nations General Assembly". We're obviously delighted for him, especially as it is quite something for the secretariat to win, not a delegation.

Student Investor Champs

Go State Side:

In May 2017 'The Underdogs Team', consisting of **Hamza, Ollie, Sam** and **Stephen** beat off competition from 10,000 other students to become national Student Investor Champions. Their prize for being the best young investors in the country was an all-expenses-paid trip to New York!

During the October Half Term 'The Underdogs', accompanied by Mr Rowlands and Alison Pask the Director of Education at the London Institute of Banking and Finance, visited New York to accept the prize.

'The Underdogs' had a packed five-day schedule in the Big Apple.

Day 1 was a VIP visit to the New York Stock Exchange as guests of Asset Management TV. The team were interviewed live from the floor of the



New York Stock Exchange before witnessing the opening of the exchange. The boys took to their roles as hot shot investors like ducks to water!

In the afternoon the boys were given a private tour of the American Museum of Finance by the CEO of the museum. They were allowed to see the first American Government Budget (not usually available to the public) – which was for \$7million, and balanced by the way!

The following four days were given over to Apprentice style 'treats' for the team. This included an open top bus tour of New York, a guided bike-ride of Central Park, a speed boat-ride around the Statue of Liberty, dinner at the top of the World One Tower, and much more!

A great future in banking and finance beckons for these talented individuals who represented themselves, and school, with distinction.

CCF

The Judd School CCF have had a very busy Autumn term. Nearly 50 Year 9s joined either the Army or RAF sections and many new cadets have already participated in some outdoor training at Crowborough Camp in November, as well as learning drill and how to wear and keep their new uniforms pristine. The older cadets also enjoyed a Field Day at Pippingford Park in October where they improved fieldcraft skills and movement in the field. The day ended with Section Attacks and a mock ambush, which were great opportunities to put into practice many of the skills and drills that had been learnt over the last year.



iGEM Success

Judd were successful in producing the first state school team to enter the international competition, iGEM (which stands for the International Genetically Engineered Machine). Ten members of the team travelled to Boston

on 9th November and presented their project, IonIron. They competed against over forty high school teams from around the world and were judged by the same criteria as the hundreds of undergraduate and overgraduate teams to attain a medal. After a fantastic weekend at the Giant Jamboree, they came away with a Silver Medal and awards for "best mathematical model" and "best education and public engagement". They were also nominated for "best wiki". This was a phenomenal achievement considering they were advised that they probably would not win anything the first time through.












Sporting Successes

Congratulations to our **Senior rugby players** for reaching the last 8 in the country in the National Cup, for the second year in a row. This remains the furthest we have reached in the U18 competition.

However, after a hard fought contest in the Quarter Final, our boys lost away in

Northampton 19-3 to an experienced and tenacious opposition. Now we look forward to seeing if both the 1st & 2nd XVs can continue their unbeaten runs in their traditional block fixtures throughout next term.



#	Team	P	W	D	L	PF	PA	PD	LBP	TBP	Win Ratio	LP
1	 The Judd School	21	20	0	1	729	197	532	0	14	95.24%	94
2	 Sutton Valence School	18	16	0	2	674	218	456	0	9	88.89%	73
3	 Dulwich College	22	15	0	7	489	366	123	4	8	68.18%	72
4	 Reed's School	16	15	0	1	494	213	281	0	11	93.75%	71
5	 Wisbech Grammar School	20	15	0	5	568	277	291	1	10	75.00%	71
6	 United World College of Southeast Asia - East Coast (UWCE)	18	16	0	2	464	92	372	2	5	88.89%	71
7	 Brighton College	18	15	0	3	499	199	300	2	8	83.33%	70
8	 Whitgift School	19	14	1	4	508	270	238	2	9	76.32%	69
9	 Cheltenham College	15	15	0	0	483	116	367	0	8	100.00%	68
10	 Queen Elizabeth Grammar School (QEGS), Wakefield	17	14	1	2	507	206	301	1	8	85.29%	67
11	 Northampton School for Boys	15	15	0	0	558	150	408	0	7	100.00%	67

As you can see from the table shown here, we are still ranked number 1 for the season so far with an amazing 20 wins out of 21, and an average 25 point win margin!

Lastly, well done and good luck to our 1st XV Captain Alfie, our Vice-Captain Tom and our new addition Jenkins for their representative selections for Saracens & Kent U18s respectively.

Cross Country

Following last year's selection for the World Schools' Athletics Championships, the school are delighted and proud to be selected to represent England again, this time at the World Schools' Cross Country Championships. A team of 6 Senior athletes will compete against countries from all over the world in Paris this Easter. This deserved selection is based on years of consistent high success in the sport, and particularly for our current Y11s who dominated the National Final last winter.

The Senior squad continue their unbeaten season in the main trophy races with strong wins at Guildford, St Albans and Hampton. Our strength across the year groups was proved by a mixed team retaining the Judge Cup at Tiffin.

The Juniors put in a great performance to win the Regional Final of the Schools' Cup, at Vizards, while the Intermediates came up against very strong opposition and didn't make the final that we won last year. The Juniors didn't run to form in the final, save for George Hopkins who looks better with every race; the team were placed 17th in the country.

The Kent League saw a total of 58 Judd boys and 1 girl compete and for many it was their first competitive outing. More opportunities will follow in the new year. Junior Running Club on Wednesday after School is the first place to go if boys are interested in getting involved.

The Seniors now will consolidate their training in readiness for the first of the season's 'majors', the **Senior Knole Run on Saturday 13 January**. Come and cheer the boys on in Sevenoaks from 2:30pm!

Musical Successes

Thank you to so many of you who joined us at our music events this term.

This week saw the wonderful Carol Service at Tonbridge School Chapel, attended by around 500 people, our greatest number since the J125 year. This included the largest choir we have had in memory, including yours truly! Highlight of the service for me was hearing the amazing performances of our organists, most of whom have benefited from the school's organ scholarship, kindly supported by the Governing Body.

Soon, they will be able to practise on a brand new organ, funded by support from the School Fund and the JPA.

Christian is working for CRCO (Colleague of the Royal College of Organists), Alex the ARCO (Associateship), and we submitted the first candidate, Ben, for Certificate of Accredited Membership of the RCO as well. Archie and Miles are to share the Organ scholarship next term when Alex's draws to a close, and they too will be submitting their recordings for CAM next term.



Judd Winds invited to National Concert Band Festival



Judd Winds have been invited to participate in the NCBF National Festival on 7th April in Manchester after receiving a Platinum Award at the Regional Festival.



This is a great honour and testament to the talent of the group under the magnificent leadership of Mr Baker. Music at the school goes from strength to strength; great thanks to Miss Balcombe as Head of Department.

AND FINALLY...

Please do have a wonderful break and recharge those batteries, ready to come back to school eager to learn. For Year 11, it is straight in to exams; make sure you manage to take a day or two off to celebrate, but make sure you are well prepared too!

Important Dates for the Diary

Y7 Parents' Eve - 17th Jan - 5pm
Y7 Tea Concert - 22nd Jan - 5pm
Admissions Consultation closes - 31st Jan

Sixth Form Application Deadline 31st Jan

Y13 Parents' Evening - 1st Feb - 5pm
Y9 Options Evening - 8th Feb - 7pm
Y9 Parents Evening - 1st Mar - 5pm (changed date!)