

# Autumn Newsletter 2016



Following yet another year of fantastic A level and GCSE results, (congratulations to all), the start of this academic year has been busy, with much happening around the school.

In September we welcomed new students to Year 7 and the Sixth form. Most appear to have made a smooth transition into Judd life and I hope they continue to settle well.

I am looking forward to the new 3G pitch at Vizards being ready to use soon after half term and thank you for your patience, as the delay has meant more matches being played away. Completion of the grass pitches at Vizards are now reliant on rain, however I have faith in the British weather!

Work continues inside the new building, despite apparent lack of progress over the summer but I am confident we will be proud of the new facility we are building.

Robert Masters Headmaster

#### **Year 7 Induction Trips**

On 22nd & 23rd September the Year 7s visited a variety of places connected with the Old Juddians who gave their names to the current Houses.

**Duke** visited Tangmore Aviation Museum, Shoreham Airport and went Bowling in Chichester. **Hodge** went to Chatham Historic Dockyard and Larkfield Leisure Centre. Lewin travelled down to Portsmouth Historic Dockyard and Triangle Leisure Centre whilst Powell headed to Bristol Museum, made ice cream at Bristol University followed by fun at Laser Fusion.

The groups also took part in a variety of team building activities which gave them the opportunity to bond with new friends. All were well behaved and a great credit to the school.



#### **Judd v Skinners Rugby**



Well done to all rugby teams who played in the matches against The Skinners School at the beginning of October. There were seventeen matches played with twelve wins for Judd, three losses and two draws.

All matches were played in the true spirit of the game.

#### Judd Rugby joins with Stonewall to make sport everyone's game

The Judd School has teamed up with the charity Stonewall, to show support for lesbian, gay, bi and trans people in sport. Members



of the Judd 1st XV rugby team wore Stonewall's Rainbow Laces at the match against Skinners on 8th October to show that their team accept everyone without exception and that homophobic, biphobic and transphobic abuse is not tolerated, on or off the pitch.



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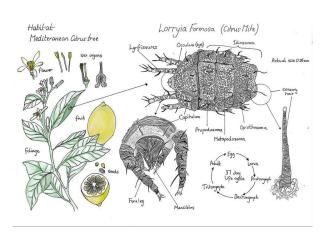
Drawing by Travis Moldrich (Year 10)

Originally organised by Mrs Andrews as a House Competition, the winning entries were entered into the Nancy Rothwell Scientific Drawing Competition.

Travis Moldrich (Year 10) won first prize in aged 12-14 years category and as a result has won the school £250.

Robert Gregson (Year 9) was given the Outstanding award for the same age category.

Congratulations to both boys.



Drawing by Robert Gregson (Year 9)



#### Science Conference at Tonbridge School

The Judd School was invited, along with seven schools, to participate in a science conference on I4th October, organised by Tonbridge School. This was a whole-day event designed to celebrate all the sciences and to give students the opportunity to present their ideas in a manner akin to that found at real academic conferences. As well as a range of key note speakers that covered a wide range of scientific topics, Alexander Angelis, Iona Murfitt and Jonah Rowell (Y12) gave a talk on CRISPR, Adam Fidler, Joshua Hartmann and Emma Boxley (Y12) presented a poster on the use of robotics for therapeutic treatments and Tobias Chatfield and Gabriel Swallow (Y12) presented a poster on quantum biology. They all represented the school very well.

#### **Cross Country**

Congratulations to the Senior Cross Country Squad who won the season-opening King's Trophy at Wimbledon for the first time since 2011. The Intermediate squad dominated the first round of their National Schools' Cup campaign. The Regional Final takes place on 12th November at Schools at Somerhill starting at 11.30am. Please do come and support them.

#### **Historians at Dover Castle**



On Friday 14th October the Y12 and Y13 historians visited Dover Castle. This was to support the Angevin Kings unit they are studying, looking into how castles were used to build and preserve royal authority.





# The Judd School Development Fund Building Excellence

Work on the new building is going well although progress has been hampered with unavoidable delays. We remain optimistic that it will be completed early in 2017.

The new 3G pitch at Vizards should be ready to start playing on within the next few weeks. We are told it is the largest 3G Rugby pitch of its kind currently in the UK!

Thank you for your support.

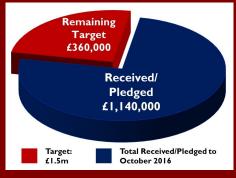
We are currently at 76% of our fundraising target.



New Dining and Biology Building



3G Pitch in progress at Vizards



Thanks to the support of 51% of Judd families, together with some extremely generous donations and pledges received over the summer from OJs and others, we are currently at 76% of our fundraising target, but we have £360,000 still to raise. The sooner we achieve this, the sooner we can start and complete other identified projects.

Donation and Gift Aid forms are available to download from the website or call the Development Office on: 01732 373560.

## OJ Reunion & Drinks at Skinners' Hall



On Wednesday, 12th October, Old Juddians met at Skinners' Hall to reminisce over their days at The Judd School. Several groups used it as an opportunity

to reunite with former classmates, others to just meet fellow OJs. A few suggested they might like to arrange a more formal reunion either at school or elsewhere, specifically for their year group and we will be helping to put them in touch with as many people as we can. If you are an OJ and would like to do something similar, please email: sarah.earl@judd.kent.sch.uk or tel: 01732 373560.

#### **SAVE THE DATE**

OJ Society Annual Dinner 22nd April 2017

### **Dates for the Diary**

10 Nov	Y8 Parents' Evening	5.00 pm
II Nov	Remembrance Day Service	11.00 am
17 Nov	YII Options Eve	7.00 pm
19 Nov	JPA Xmas Fair	
22 Nov	Pianists Tea Concert	4.15 pm
26 Nov	Family PE Quiz Night	7.00 pm
30 Nov	Winter Concert	7.30 pm
6 Dec	Y10 Parents' Evening	5.00 pm
14 Dec	Tonbridge Chapel Carols	7.30 pm
IA Dec	Term Ends	