

Summer Newsletter 2016



It is hard to believe that the summer holidays are nearly upon us and another school year is coming to a close. So much seems to be packed into the final few weeks after the exams finish, so I would like to share some of the many events and outings which have taken place.

This year we are bidding a fond farewell to several long standing members of the staff. We thank them for their dedication and wisdom over the years and wish them well for the future.

When we return in September the new playing fields at Vizards will be nearly ready to use and the builders should have moved inside the Dining & Biology building to commence the fit-out. More news to follow soon.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a relaxing and enjoyable Summer break.

Robert Masters Headmaster

Biology Field Trip to Malham Tarn



In early July, 65 biology students visited Malham Tarn for a Biology Field Trip. Despite some heavy downpours, the sun did come out and they were able to complete their ecological studies.

Celebrating Music at Judd





The centrepiece of the Judd Music Department's Summer Concert was the choral suite from Karl Jenkins' The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace. The School Choir and Symphony Orchestra were augmented for this by alumni, parents, friends of the school and invited guests.

At the beginning of the evening the audience was treated to performances from all of the school ensembles, as well as excerpts from Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat by Year 7 students, building to a finale from Vivaldi's Gloria.

Well done to all involved!



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A mixed team of Year 8 & 9 students competed in the Rockingham heat of the Greenpower electric car competition, they clocked up 30.34 miles which was 1.5 more than the team managed last year. Lots learnt and lots to prepare for the kit car final in October. Huge thanks to Tonbridge Rotary for their kind donation.

44th Anniversary of German Exchange

In May, thirty students from Year 10, accompanied by Frau Lambert and Mr Hermi set off on a journey to Frankfurt and eventually Heusenstamm. This trip marked the 44th anniversary of the German exchange between The Judd School and Adolf-Reichwein Gymnasium, which has been running longer than the 32 years of town twinning between Tonbridge and Heusenstamm. The return visit took place in early July, when we welcomed the German students to the UK. For the first time, a writing competition was held, which

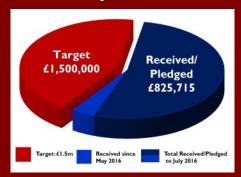


was judged by Kit Denny, former Head of German at Judd, who was impressed by the quality of the Judd students' German. Thanks go to Tonbridge-Heusenstamm Friendship Circle, of which Kit is a member, for their support.





The Judd School Development Fund



We are at 55% of our fundraising target.

Currently 57% of parents support the Development Fund, which is fantastic, but we're sure there are more people who would be willing and are able to help. Are you one of the 43% who haven't yet pledged a donation? If you are in a position to help, we would love to hear from you. Donation and Gift Aid forms are available to download from the website or call the Development Office on: 01732 353560.

Building Excellence



Walls and window frames are now taking shape

Thank you for your support

Sports Day



The weather held and the new building provided a backdrop for Sports Day this year. Several records were broken and Hodge House were crowned overall winners. There was a superb mix of team spirit, great effort, enthusiasm and good quality athletics which resulted in a fantastic, whole school activity, enjoyed by many students.



Mr Noble fires the starting pistol at his last Sports Day

Congratulations to all athletes who represented Kent in the English Schools Track and Field finals at Gateshead on 8th & 9th July. Well done to Alfie (1st Discus), James (2nd Javelin), Toby (4th 800m), Chris (6th Hammer), Toby (7th Hurdles), Arjun (12th Discus) and Matthew (13th Long Jump).

Football Fiesta

The Football Fiesta was held on 2nd July for boys in Years 6, 7 & 8. It is hoped that next year, with the help of the JPA, it will once again become a whole school event

Well done to this year's winning Year 6 team, who will be joining Duke House in September.



SAVE THE DATES

OJ Drinks at Skinners Hall 12th October 2016 OJ Society Annual Dinner 22nd April 2017

Dates for the Diary

July 20	Term End	2.00 pm
Aug 18	A/AS Level Results	
Aug 25	GCSE Results	
Sep 5	Term Starts	
Sep 22	JPA - AGM	7.30 pm
Sep 22-23	Y7 Induction Trip	
S ep 28	Y7 Parents Social Eve	7.30 pm
Oct 6	YII Parents' Eve	5 - 8 pm
Oct 12	OJ Drinks at Skinners Hall	6.00 pm
Oct 13	Sixth Form Open Eve (Ext)	5 - 7 pm
Oct 24-28	Half Tem	