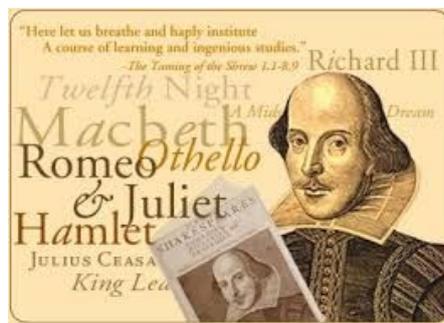




400 Years of Shakespeare



During the last week of April, The Judd School celebrated William Shakespeare's 400th anniversary with a number of events designed to reach as many pupils as possible. The week began with a presentation to all of Year 9 on sword-fighting in the Elizabethan world. Delivered by Peter Tonkin, a mine of information on such things, the boys were treated to some fascinating stories

relating to literature (the death of Mercutio), history and science. On the Tuesday, all of Year 8, in individual classes, took part in a Shakespeare workshop in which they learnt about the staging of Shakespeare's plays. The following day, 12 boys went head to head in the drama competition. The standard was extremely high with some terrific speeches, all memorised and performed with the addition of props and some atmospheric lighting. Congratulations to Manav Kakkanat who was the winner. Finally, the Shakespeare film quiz had upwards of 40 entries and was won, by Zachary Fraser-Attewell in Year 9. Thank you to all who helped set up and deliver this highly successful week.

There have been a number of trips and events which have taken place since Easter so we thought it would be useful to share these in this additional "Early Summer" newsletter.

As you will also see on the last page, there have been a number of exciting developments within our "Building Excellence" campaign. May I encourage you to visit the school website regularly, where you will find progress photographs of the new building, the playing fields and the latest fundraising information?

Robert Masters
Headmaster

Classics Trip to Italy

Easter 2016 saw another successful Year 10 Latin trip to Rome and the Bay of Naples. 29 students led by Mr Thornton, Mrs Gale and Frau Sefton enjoyed seven days of (almost) uninterrupted sunshine and took in the sights of Italy both ancient and modern. Highlights in Rome included

a visit to the Colosseum and the stunning views of the city from the top of St Peter's and in the Bay of Naples, a trip to Capri and tours of both Pompeii and Herculaneum. The students were a credit to the school and fellow hotel guests were impressed by their conduct.



CCF Adventure Training



The Judd School CCF enjoyed another successful week of Adventure Training this Easter at Okehampton Army Camp. With easy access to Dartmoor and both of Devon's coastlines, cadets enjoyed a varied programme of activities, including

hill walking, coasteering, surfing and rock climbing.

We hope to return to RAF St Mawgan next year and would encourage Year 9 recruits in particular to attend.

Athletics



The athletics season has got off to a flying start with wins for Year 8 and Year 10 at the St Olave's relays, wins for all ages in the annual match against Tonbridge School and both Junior and Intermediate teams progressing through to the regional A' final in the schools' cup. Notable individual performances include Toby Ralph winning the 800m, 1500m and anchoring the 4x400m team home in the Tonbridge match, he has also gone on to run 1m 54 to win the county 800m. Other county champions include Chris Scrivens (Hammer), Toby Seal (Hurdles), Arjun Ghosh (Discus) and Alfie Scopes (Shot-put – ranked No 1 in the country / Discus – ranked No 2 in the country). James Whiteaker in Year 12 is also ranked 4th in the country at SENIOR level in the javelin!

The Judd CCF Needs Adult Volunteers

Are you interested in volunteering on a regular basis in support of our Combined Cadet Force?

A little military experience would be helpful, but not necessary, as full training will be given. Parade is on Friday evenings for about 2 hours after school during term-time. Each term, we organize overnight and weekend activities and every year we participate in adventurous training, plus annual camps at Army units and RAF Stations. The commitment would be as much as you could offer.

For further information please contact Chris Lawrence, Deputy Contingent Commander, by email: chris.lawrence@judd.kent.sch.uk

OJ Society Annual Dinner

The 95th Annual Old Juddian Society Dinner was held on Saturday 23rd April 2016 in The School Room and was attended by 132 Old Juddians. The speaker was Stewart Wood, Baron Wood of Anfield, former advisor to Gordon Brown and Ed Miliband. The occasion provided a great opportunity for a group of 2006 leavers to hold a 10 year reunion, together with members of the first ever Canadian Rugby Tour. If you would like to use a future OJS Annual Dinner as a way of reuniting with former classmates for a special anniversary, then please do get in touch via the Development & Alumni Office and we will be happy to help locate as many as we can. All OJs are welcome - you don't need to be a member of the OJ Society to attend the Dinner.



SAVE THE DATE
Next OJ Society
Annual Dinner
22nd April 2017



Dates for the Diary

6 June	Term Starts	
8 June	New Y7 Induction Eve	7.15 pm
24 June	Senior Prize Giving	2.30 pm
28 June	Sports Day Y7 - 10	10.00 am
30 June	Open Evening	4.30 pm
2 July	Football Fiesta Y6 - 8	9.00 am
5 July	Summer Concert	7.30 pm
8 July	Talent Show	7.00 pm
11 July	Organ Recital	4.15 pm
20 July	Term Ends	

VIZARD 2

We are pleased to announce that planning permission for the conversion of Vizard 2 (to playing fields) has been granted. This will include a 3G all-weather rugby pitch, plus further natural turf rugby and cricket facilities. This is significantly ahead of our original plan (5-10 years ahead!) and is a direct result of needing to vacate Yeomans to facilitate the relocation of Ridge View School in purpose-built accommodation ready for September 2017. Vizard 2 is therefore a replacement for Yeomans and a considerable enhancement, being closer, larger and of much higher specification. Work on Vizard 2 will commence as soon as possible with the aim that both Vizard 1 (grass pitches) and Vizard 2 (3G pitch) will become ready for use during the Autumn Term 2016.

The Judd School Development Fund Building Excellence



The roof is going on!

See the website for more progress photos

We are currently at 51% of our fundraising target. Please keep your donations coming.

THANK YOU



DRINKS AT THE SHARD

A drinks reception was held at The Shard, London in April, courtesy of Judd parent, Ben Thompson and sponsored by Foresight Group, to whom we are extremely grateful. The views over London were spectacular and the evening provided the opportunity for Mr Masters to thank all those present for their continuing support of the Development Fund. It was also a great networking opportunity amongst the parents.

It is hoped that similar evenings can be held in the future and we are interested in hearing from anyone who may be able to provide a suitable venue and/or sponsorship of such an event.

Please contact:
catherine.lupton@judd.kent.sch.uk.



Development Survey Summary

We can now share some of the results of the Parent Survey which was conducted earlier this year. A brief summary is included here, but more detailed information may be found on the website under the Development section in "Latest News".

- 37% of all parents responded to the survey which is more than usually expected from this type of survey.



- Most people felt they had been given sufficient information about the Building Excellence project via the Headmaster's presentations, the brochure and the website.

- The majority are aware of the Gift Aid scheme and are contributing using this method where appropriate.
- We should find some way to get all the students involved as we appreciate not everyone is in a position to contribute financially.
- There were many suggestions put forward of ways to raise awareness together with fundraising ideas, some of which will need the assistance of the JPA to organise.
- The survey not only gave us some valuable information from parents, but had the added bonus of prompting a few people to start donating!

We are delighted that 57% of Judd families are now donating to the Development Fund