



It has been a busy start to the year and in this newsletter you will find a round-up of the many activities which have taken place.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff who organise and accompany these events and trips, many of which happen during the holidays and at weekends. I am indebted to their dedication in supporting the students in their extra-curricular activities.

**Robert Masters**  
Headmaster

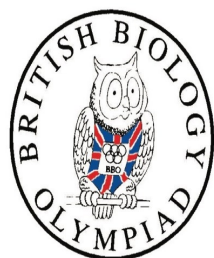
## Geography Field Trip to Snowdonia

From 26<sup>th</sup> February to 4<sup>th</sup> March, the Year 12 geographers enjoyed a busy week of fieldwork in Snowdonia. Undertaking a range of investigations in environments including glaciated uplands, sand dune ecosystems, urban areas and flooded valleys, they were immersed in the landscape, physically immersed in rivers and even got involved in a mock mountain rescue high up by Cwm Idwal!



Other valuable lessons learnt were how to greet the locals in Welsh and how to defend against thieving seagulls in Llandudno. An action-packed itinerary!

The Geography Department are celebrating our "Year of Fieldwork" (2015-2016) which is being marked by the Geographical Association.



Over one hundred Year 12 and Year 13 biologists took part in the first round of the British Biology Olympiad with excellent results. Five students achieved gold medals: Toby Ralph, Elizabeth Blyth, Jonathan Bound, Isabelle Cleaves and Reuben van Zyl. Toby will also be taking part in the second round at the beginning of March

for a chance to be selected for the UK team at the International Biology Olympiad in Vietnam. We wish him the best of luck! Additionally, the school gained 21 commendations, 18 high commendations, 18 bronze medals and 6 silver medals. Our Year 10 students will take part in a the junior version, the Biology Challenge, in early March.

## Animal Farm



In March, the Schoolroom was transformed into a farmyard for the Lower School production of Animal Farm, George Orwell's famous novel about animals who overthrow their cruel human master to take control.

Under the direction of Mrs Smith, assisted by Sixth Formers, Emily and Peter, the budding young thespians, wearing masks, beautifully created by Miss Thomas and the Art Department, gave a wonderfully committed and convincing portrayal of the animals. Although the play raises a warning against any despotic form of government there were moments of humour and was thoroughly enjoyed by audiences over three nights.

Thanks must go also to Miss Balcombe and Mr Baker for the music and to everyone else who helped make the production such a success.

## Ski Trip to Italy



The snow conditions and sunshine in Passo Tonale, Italy were perfect during half term for the ski trip for 51 Year 8 & Year 9 students and staff. A fantastic time was had by all ... and no broken bones!!

## SPORTS

### Cross Country



Massive congratulations to the senior cross country squad on retaining the King Henry VIII relay which is regarded as the National Senior relay race. The team ran the 5th fastest time ever around that course and the quickest Judd team in the history of the competition. The team, consisted of Dan, Jess, Stuart, Oliver, Luke and Toby. Toby's leg was the fourth

fastest Judd leg in the history of the race, and second quickest of the day.

The race saw the conclusion of the season for many of the team and raised spirits after a painful and very unlucky one point defeat in The Knole run earlier in the season.

Well done to the team and coaches.

### Rugby

Many thanks and congratulations to all of our school rugby players for another fantastic season (1sts & 2nds pictured) with some excellent results.

Special thanks to those Year 13s who have played their last game in maroon, white and blue!



### London Marathon

Mr Fraser will be running in the London Marathon again this year and is raising money for the Willow Foundation, who helped his sister through the latter stages of cancer and he'll be running in her memory. Please support him by donating through his on-line page <https://www.justgiving.com/simonncfraser>



### Brothers make Judd Sporting History



Brothers Max, Barnie and Zak made Judd sporting history earlier this year when all three played for the 1st XV. Max, in his final year at Judd is currently Rugby Captain and twins, Barnie and Zak are in Year 12. It is thought that this is the first time three members of the same family have played together in a first team match.....unless anyone can tell us differently?

### Cricket



### Barbados 2016

Having been selected as one of The Cricketer Magazine's 'Top 100 Schools 2016' the senior cricketers started the year with a preseason tour of Barbados. A party of 34 players and 6 coaches had a really successful tour playing 12 fixtures against local schools and club opposition over a ten day period. The 1<sup>ST</sup> XI were unbeaten winning three and drawing one of their fixtures. The players were a credit to the school both on and off the field.



**We are currently at 45% of our fundraising target. Please keep your donations coming.**

**THANK YOU**

## The Judd School Development Fund Building Excellence

### Development Survey

Thank you to all parents who completed our Development Survey, we are extremely grateful for your feedback. We received a 37% response rate overall and we are now in the process of collating the information and will share some of the results in due course.



Good progress is being made on the new building with the steel frame now in place.

Please see the website for regular progress updates.



### JPA Walks



There have been two walks organised by the JPA so far this year. The first took place at the end of January

around Toys Hill and the second, around Chevening on 11th March, which was a beautiful walk, the sun kindly having broken through the morning mist. A little muddy along the North Downs Way but enjoyed by all, especially the 'keyhole' giving views of Chevening House.

The next walk will be from The Bucks Head in Sevenoaks in the first half of the summer term. All welcome.

Please check the website for details.



### The Judd CCF Needs Adult Volunteers

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

A military background 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, via the Headmaster ([robert.masters@judd.kent.sch.uk](mailto:robert.masters@judd.kent.sch.uk)).

### Dates for the Diary

22-23 Mar	Charity Review	7.30pm
24 Mar	Charity Review	2.30pm
24 Mar	Term Ends	
12 Apr	Term Begins	
21 Apr	Battle of the Bands	7.00pm
23 Apr	OJS Dinner	7.00pm
27 Apr	Jazz Disciples	7.00pm