

### Spring Newsletter 2017



# The Ashton Building

We are delighted to announce that the new dining and biology building will be known as The Ashton Building. It is named after our former Chair of Governors, Hubert Ashton, who was instrumental in getting both this project and the new playing fields at Vizards off the ground and has always been a great supporter of the school.



Hubert Ashton, former Chair of Governors

The formal opening ceremony will be taking place at the end of June, when the current Chair of Governors and Master of The Skinners' Company, James Leahy will officially cut the ribbon.

In the meantime the internal fit out continues and we anticipate occupation within the next few weeks.







### **Vizards**

To finish the rugby season in style, the 3G pitch at Vizards will be officially opened on Thursday, 30th March with a series of special rugby matches for Years 7, 8 and 9 against their counterparts at Tonbridge Juddians. A much larger celebration of the new playing fields at Vizards will take place on Sunday 9th July, when the Football Fiesta will once again become a whole school event, to which everyone is welcome. Details of the Football Fiesta will be sent nearer the time.

In the meantime we look forward to the summer sports.

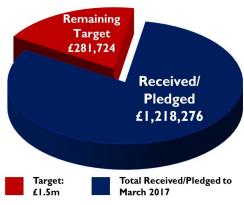
## **Fundraising**

We are now at just over 81% of our target, which is a fantastic amount of money to have raised in under two years. We can't thank everyone enough, who is currently supporting the campaign, but we do need a final push in order to achieve our target. If you have been thinking about making a regular donation pledge or a one off gift, please don't delay as we really

need you support now!

The sooner our target is met, the sooner we can move on to the next improvement.

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







#### **Author Nicky Singer Speaks to Year 7**



On a wet and blustery February morning, the author Nicky Singer came to Judd to speak to Year 7. Nicky gave a thoughtful presentation full of background information interspersed with video clips, on two of her books for young people. **Feather Boy** won the Blue Peter Book of the Year Award and **Island**, which Nicky originally wrote

as a play for the National Theatre in 2012, but recently re-wrote as a novel, is currently longlisted for this year's Carnegie Prize. During the presentation the boys were asked "why do we read?" which led into a lively interactive session on creative writing techniques. Later Nicky enjoyed meeting Year 7 students in the Library, to chat and sign books. One student wrote about the experience: "our extraordinary day with Mrs Singer was full of inspiration and useful advice. A truly uplifting day with a writer full of warmth and kindness".

## England vs Italy at Twickenham

On Sunday 26th February, 29 enthusiastic Y10s enjoyed the experience of watching a live International match at Twickenham, between England and Italy. They had fantastic seats just behind the posts where most of the tries were scored. Hopefully the boys learnt a bit about how to play their positions and how to adapt to opponents tactics.



# Chess the Musical is Champion



February 2nd - 4th saw the long-anticipated performances of 'Chess' in the Schoolroom. Over 60 students from all year groups came together in the cast, band and technical crew to make the show a huge success. The lead cast excelled themselves, with Peter Hammerton's Molokov coming close to stealing the show! The commitment shown by staff and students to undertake such a great challenge exemplifies the spirit of the school.

#### **Cross Country**



A highlight of the Cross Country season was the massive Judd turnout at the South London Harriers fixture on 3rd March 2017. Congratulations to the Senior, Intermediate and Junior squads who all retained their trophies from 2016. The day also saw a number of runners winning medals, whilst others made their race debuts.

Overall it was an excellent day and we look forward to the Whole School Run (Handicapped Race) starting at 4pm on the Pool Pitch on Wednesday 29 March. All welcome!



The Senior Cross Country Squad





#### A Level History Trip to Germany



A group of Year 12 and 13 A level History students visited Berlin over half-term. In a packed four days they visited a wide variety of sites and museums including the Reichstag and the Brandenburg Gate, Fredrick the Great's New Palace at Potsdam, the concentration camp site at Sachsenhausen and the Wall Museum at Checkpoint Charlie. Other highlights

included the Jewish Museum, the Olympic Stadium and the East Side Gallery, The group learnt a lot about the topics they are studying as well as sampling local specialities. Their final stop included a very eerie tour around a nuclear fallout shelter, now part of the Story of Berlin exhibition which, they were told, could be brought back into operation in six to eight weeks!

#### Rugby 7s

Congratulations to the U14s Rugby 7s who won the St Olaves 7s. They beat Colfes, Coopers, Langley Park and Maidstone to win the tournament



#### **German Work Experience**

From 10th - 18th March a small group of Year 12 German students completed work experience at Wiesbaden's primary schools and grammar school, practising and improving their knowledge of German and German culture - Kaffee und Kuchen (coffee and cake) being an integral part - and enjoying the sunshine.



# OJ Society Annual Dinner 22nd April 2017

All OJ's welcome.

See website for booking details

#### JPA

"JUDD GLITTER BALL"
Saturday 1st July, 2017

Details to follow ...

#### **Dates for the Diary**

**Charity Revue** 29 Mar 7.30pm 30 Mar **Charity Revue** 7.30pm **Charity Revue** 31 Mar 2.00pm 31 Mar **Term Ends** 1.45pm **Term Starts** 19 Apr 19 Apr 2016 A Level Presentations 6.00pm 22 Apr **OJS Dinner** 7.00pm JPA Walk 05 May tbc 26 May **Half Term Starts** 

#### JPA Summer Walks

Friday 5th May
Details to follow

Friday 30th June

Day trip & walk around Sissinghurst

