



The Royal High School, Bath

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Newsletter - Week ending 19 October 2007

Green Light for the International Baccalaureate: We are delighted to announce that the new co-educational Royal High Sixth Form College received authorisation this week to introduce the International Baccalaureate Diploma in September 2008. We are now one of a growing number of leading schools and colleges in the U.K. that have been approved by the I.B. to run the Diploma Programme, with the official status of an *IB World School*. Uniquely in Bath, our students will have the choice, from September 2008, of studying for the Diploma or A levels. Mr Graham-Brown is writing to all parents about this exciting development.

The Crane Academy: Our link with The Crane Academy in Kenya continues to flourish. A trust fund of over £13,000 has already been built up, and the money will pay the fees of six children throughout their education, as well as generate an annual income for the school to purchase badly needed teaching equipment. Over half term Miss Bevan, Assistant Head at the Senior School, will be flying out to Kenya with celebrated Bath photographer David Partner. David, who has recently had an exhibition of his photos of Cabinet Ministers at the National Portrait Gallery, will be exhibiting his photos of the children and staff at The Crane Academy in Bath and London early next year. Proceeds from sales of the prints will go to the trust fund. Our Junior School has also contributed generously, and has already raised enough money this year to sponsor another child, seven year old Elizabeth (*far right in photograph with ex Head of School Chloe Alexander*). Miss Bevan will be taking with her letters and gifts from our students, some more teaching materials and a video of the Junior School Harvest Festival which featured music and dance from Africa.

Former Student News: Talented actress and former Royal High student Annie Graham-Brown (who uses the stage name Annie Hemingway) will be appearing at Bath's Theatre Royal next year, when she plays the lead in 'She Stoops To Conquer'. The play, which is doing a seven month tour of the U.K. is currently on tour in the U.K. and is expected to be on tour in the U.K. for the next few weeks.

HEAD'S COMMENDATIONS

Alexandra Ricou	9D	Jane Dong	10NH	AnnaFleur Rawlinson	10CT
Josephine Reining	9D	Laura Hyatt	10CB		

Calendar

Mon 5 Nov		Term resumes	
	4.00 - 5.30 p.m.	Drama rehearsal	Memorial Hall
	4.00 - 6.00 p.m.	1st XI Hockey v KES	Bath University
Tue 6	4.00 - 6.00 p.m.	U11 A&B Hockey v Kingswood School	
	4.00 - 5.30 p.m.	Drama rehearsal	Memorial Hall
	4.00 - 6.00 p.m.	U13B&C VII Netball v Wellsway School	Sports Hall
	7.00 - 9.00 p.m.	Year 7 parents' Meeting (pastoral)	Memorial Hall
Wed 7	Today	U19 County Netball	Sports Hall
	1.00 - 4.00 p.m.	U12 Hockey Tournament	Prior Park College
	4.00 - 5.30 p.m.	Drama rehearsal	Memorial Hall
	7.00 p.m.	Parents' Meeting for Iceland Trip 2008	Hudson Centre
Thu 8	1.00 - 1.45 p.m.	Young Enterprise Talent Show	Memorial hall
	4.00 - 5.30 p.m.	Drama Rehearsal	Memorial Hall
	4.00 - 10.00 p.m.	Night Exercise training	
	afternoon	Sixth Form Society to 'La Cenerentola'	Bristol
Fri 9	morning	U11 Hockey Schools Championship	
	9.00 a.m.	Senior School Class Reps Meeting	
Sat 10	9.00 - 5.00	Drama Technical weekend	Memorial Hall
	9.00 - 12.00	U13A XI Hockey and U15, U16 VII Netball v Kingswood School	Home
	10.00 - 12.30	Senior School Open Morning	
Sun 11	9.00 - 5.00	Drama Technical Weekend	
	All day	Oasis Lagoon Swimming Fun for boarders	Swindon

Parents' Meeting For Iceland Trip: All students in year 12, plus geographers in Years 10 & 11 will have the chance to take part in an exciting new trip to Iceland next October half-term. Parents are invited to a meeting about the trip on Wednesday 7 November, at 7.00 p.m. In the Hudson Centre. Students will be bringing home a letter. Please use the reply slip if you intend to come to the meeting.

A Small Way To Help Save The Planet And Support A Local Business: Do you have lots of old mobile phones and accessories cluttering up your drawers? Have you been tempted to just throw them in the bin? You're not alone. According to the Guardian, "Every hour, 1,700 mobiles are dumped by Britons buying better ones to take advantage of offers from the networks. This accumulation of dead ringers is an onslaught on our ecology: 15 million phones, each bursting with toxic chemicals, are thrown out to be buried in landfill sites or left in drawers and cupboards." A couple of enterprising young Brazilians have recently opened a shop in Bath to take advantage of this waste and now sell reconditioned/recycled phones. They need your unwanted phones and chargers. To make it as easy as possible for you, you can leave your old phones in the 2nd hand uniform shop run by Vicky Emery.

Modern Languages Exchange Visits: Many thanks to all the students, pupils, staff and host families who have made the many exchange visits such a success this term. Our Spanish students left for Valencia this week on the return leg of their exchange, looking forward to sunshine, beaches and of course the many opportunities to practise their language skills. Last week saw many tearful farewells to the Italian students from Matera who brought great warmth and enthusiasm to the school during their visit. The German exchange visit was also very successful and our pupils are looking forward very much to their visit to Germany in April. The teacher in charge of the German visitors, Mrs Luise Pietsch wishes to convey through our newsletter the following message: "*The girls of the Schillergymnasium and I would like to thank the families, teachers and pupils of the Royal High School for making us feel so welcome. The girls have told me how much they enjoyed seeing the life of the school and spending time with their host families. We enjoyed our trip to London, seeing the sights of Bath and Bristol, not to mention the crazy golf! We are looking forward to receiving the Royal High girls when they visit us next April in Germany.*"

Uniform Shop: During half term please have a sort through for any uniform to sell. Items should have a label attached with a safety pin, stating daughter's name, class, what the item is and its size. The shop will price your items for you unless you wish to do this yourself. Please contact Vicky Emery at v.emery@bat.gdst.net For urgent matters ring 01225 873767 or 07790 323403

International Honours For Fencers: Two Royal High students, Harriet Davies in 9D and Stephanie Rees in 11KB have been selected to represent Great Britain in forthcoming international fencing competitions. Congratulations to both fencers and we look forward to publishing a full report in the next newsletter.

Dates for your Diary

Wed 14 to Sat 17 November at 7.00 p.m. (1.00 p.m. On Thu): 'A Year In The Park'

We hope to see you at our stunning new drama production.

Enjoy your half term holiday