



The Royal High School, Bath

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Newsletter - Week ending 21 September 2007



Charity News Mr Leather and Dr Pascoe will be going out to Ghana next summer to work with children orphaned by AIDS. We will be raising funds for their work with a variety of activities this term, including a sponsored 3 hour 'aerobathon' which parents, staff and students will be invited to join. The target is to raise £2000 to support the orphanage where they will be working. A number of Royal High staff have now devoted their holidays to helping children overseas. Miss Bevan will be undertaking a second visit to the Crane Academy in Kenya at half term, and Mrs Harvie returned from her second visit to the Philippines at the end of August. (See photo above.) She gave a wonderful assembly on Thursday, explaining how she had used the £800 raised by the school to finance the building of a complete house for a family of eight! She also helped to set up a dental clinic for children, and found herself having to do much of the work herself, including extractions. Mrs Harvie explained how simple dental care can save thousands of lives in poor countries. The first charity event this term is our **Harvest Assembly** on **27 September**. Donations of non-perishable items will go to the **Genesis Trust**. We will also be holding a **Cake Sale** on **28 September** for the **MacMillan Coffee Morning**. Cake donations can be given to Mrs Cologne-Brookes on the 27th or 28th.

Literary Lunches: The Friday discussions of literature (augmented by the enthusiastic consumption of cakes) are now firmly established, with more than twenty students and staff taking part this week. Death seemed to provide the theme this week, with Ian McEwan's "Saturday" and "Bloodtide" by Melvyn Bragg among the works discussed. Next week's meeting will be looking at the six candidate novels for this year's Man Booker Prize.

Calendar

Mon 24	All day	Individual Careers Guidance Interviews for year 11	
	4.00 p.m.	Film Society	Hudson Centre
	4.00 - 5.30	Buggy Wars Rehearsal	Memorial Hall
	4.00 - 6.00	U14/U15 Hockey v KES	Bath University
Tue 25	All day	Individual Careers Guidance Interviews for year 11	
	7.00 p.m.	Sixth Form College International Baccalaureate Evening	Memorial Hall
Wed 26	All day	Individual Careers Guidance Interviews for year 11	
	12.00 noon	Year 13 Biology fieldtrip departs	
	1.00 - 6.00	U19 Netball Tournament v The Grange	away
	4.00 - 5.30	Choir (Drama) rehearsal	Memorial Hall
	4.00 - 6.15	U12 A&B Hockey v Prior park	Home
	7.00 - 9.00	Year 8 Parents' Meeting (Pastoral)	
Thu 27	8.50	Harvest Assembly	
	4.00 - 6.15	1stXI hockey v Prior Park	away
	4.30 - 5.30	Italian Exchange Parents' Evening	Room 20
Fri 28	8.45 - 9.30	MacMillan Coffee Morning for Year 7 Parents	Hudson Centre
	7.00 p.m.	Friends' Pot Luck Supper & AGM	Junior School
Sat 29	9.30 - 11.00	Royal High Activities Programme Session 2	
	8.30 - 12.00.	U12 A&B, U13, U14, U15 Hockey v Colstons	Home
Sun 30	4.00 p.m.	Year 13 Biology Fieldtrip returns	

Sports News: Our 1st XI Hockey team triumphed 3-0 against Downside. This was the 1st XI's second game of the season and after a tough start with a defeat against Kingswood, the team built on the many positives from the game and training sessions. The U14 and U16 Netball teams acquitted themselves very well in the District Tournament at Wellsway School on Saturday, with a total of four wins, a draw and one defeat in the group stages. In the semi-finals The U14s lost 6-9 to KES and the U16s were edged out 4-6 by Kingswood.

Can you help? We have a small party of 16-17 year old students from our partner school in Matera, Italy coming to stay from 4-10 October. We are still short of some host families to accommodate them all. In previous years students have been a delight. Please contact Mrs Holloway if you can help or would like more information.

Drama: This week sees the beginning of rehearsals for the main School production, this term, incorporating over 80 in the cast! **'A Year in the Park'** is a world premier production and incorporates drama, dance and singing. Tickets will be on sale soon.

Uniform Shop: Open Tuesdays 12.45 - 1.45 and Thursdays 3.45 - 4.30.

Preparing uniform to sell? Please make sure each item has a label (attached with a safety pin) with your daughter's name, class and size. It can be priced for you, unless you want to do this yourself.

Lost Property: The lost property room is open on Thursdays from 10.10 - 10.40 a.m. Please make sure that items of clothing, footwear and sports equipment are properly marked so they can be returned to their owners.

Babysitting Service: We have a number of sixth form students who are willing to babysit. Please enquire at the Uniform Shop.

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 26 September 7.00 - 9.00 p.m. Year 8 Parents' Meeting (Pastoral)

An opportunity to talk to your daughter's Form Tutor

Tuesday 9 October 6.30 - 8.30 p.m. Sixth Form College Information Evening

For Year 11 students and parents to discuss A level and IB options with staff