



*The*  
**CHATHAM & CLARENDON**  
**GRAMMAR SCHOOL**  
*Federation*

## **Chatham House Grammar School**

**July 2011**

### **Stylish New Look for the New School Year**

From September Years 7, 8 and 9 of the federation will be taught at the Chatham House site (the "Lower School"), Years 10 and 11 will be taught at the Clarendon House site (the "Upper School"), with Years 12 and 13 based at the Cavendish Street Sixth Form Centre and attending lessons across all the sites.

Years 7, 8 and 9 will wear a traditionally green uniform; Years 10 and 11 will wear the newly-designed black uniform. Both will bear the new school crest that incorporates features from the traditional Chatham House and Clarendon House badges. Sixth formers will wear smart business-style dress.

Due to the demand from parents to collect the new school uniforms from the Schoolwear Centre the collection period has been extended to include the first half of the Summer holiday.



### **By Royal Appointment**

Herne Bay sea cadets Nick Burgess and Jonathan Beeney were in the band that played when the Duke of Edinburgh visited Greenwich Maritime Museum to open the new Sammy Offer Wing in July.

Jonathan explained: "Our job was to provide the music for the event and in the half hour before hand. As the Royal car approached we ceased playing and prepared for his arrival. When Prince Philip got out of the car I saluted, as did any other VIPs that held a rank. He made his way around the visitors and shook their hands before coming to our band. After the appropriate salute was done he then had a quick look around the band and before moving away to cut the ribbon to the new wing he began to talk with me. After asking how many cadets were in the band and if we were going to play any tunes for him, he then had to go and open the new wing. We were then allowed to sit down and eat lunch while many of the dignitaries came to talk to us, which included the Second Sea Lord and a representative of the Lord Lieutenant of the Borough of London".



Four students from the Chatham and Clarendon Grammar School Federation are on their way to Sweden for the 22<sup>nd</sup> World Scout Jamboree.

Marianna Zalewski, Gavin Ward, Josh Clarke and Alex Kirkpatrick are part of the Kent team taking part in the adventure of a lifetime.

The World Scout Jamboree happens every four years in a different country of the world, and is a worldwide gathering of Scouts from nearly 200 countries, more countries than in the Olympics!

The 32,000 young people and adults will live in tents on sub-camps in southern Sweden near the city of Kristianstad. For two weeks from July 27 they will take part in a wide variety of activities with Scouts from other countries and cultures.

Marianna is a young leader at the 1<sup>st</sup> St Peter's Sea Scouts, Alex is representing the Broadstairs Explorers unit, while Gavin is with St Lawrence Explorers and Josh is from Holy Trinity Sea Scouts.

The cost of the Jamboree for the team is £2,250 each and they have received sponsorship and donations, as well as carrying out a range of fund raising activities that have included baking cakes for sale, quiz nights and a sponsored hike.

Thanet District Scout Council has also been presented with a total of £1,000 from two of the school's Former Students' Associations to help with funding the trip to Sweden. The Associations believe that the Jamboree is important as it helps with personal growth and development, encourages teambuilding and widens horizons.

### **CHS Hosts Green Power Thriller**

A massive downpour that engulfed drivers, pit crews and spectators could not dampen the spirits of the competitors who ploughed on through the rain in the sixth annual Thanet junior schools battery car challenge.

It was typical of the spirit of the event that none of the drivers in the endurance race bailed out as heavy rain flooded across the circuit at Chatham House.

And once the various marks had been totted up in the different qualifying categories, Birchington Primary emerged as clear winners ahead of the eight other school sides that entered.

Birchington took top spot in the team presentation and driving skills section, coming second in the race, and scoring high in all other categories to give them the overall winners spot.

Minster school won the portfolio and bodywork design sections, while Drapers Mills were judged to have the greenest car and came first in the race.

Competition organiser Mr Edmeades said: "This year's competition was one of the most exciting we have had. The drivers were fantastic and didn't let the prolonged cloudburst divert them from their task. The spirit and enthusiasm of all the competitors was fantastic and it was a great community event."

Schools taking part were:- Birchington, Drapers Mills, Minster, St Peter's, Upton, St Nicholas, Haddon Dene, Minterne, Herne Bay.

The competition began following the success of Chatham House in the national green power battery car championships over the last ten years when they have been in the top ten in the UK consistently.

A build-a-car project was launched as part of the science and technology link with junior schools, and the junior kit car grand prix flourished.

Chatham House is currently in qualifying competitions for the national senior final at Goodwood motor racing circuit this Autumn.



### Teachers Learn More About the International Baccalaureate

Staff teaching the International Baccalaureate middle years programme have been praised for their expertise and commitment.

Twenty five teachers from the federation took part in a workshop at Courtstairs Country Club at Pegwell as part of their ongoing training in the programme that encourages intercultural awareness and holistic learning across the curriculum.

Guest speakers Alexandra Perticato from the International School in Milan and Simon Parker from the International School in Zurich were impressed with the way that the federation has embraced the IB.

### Oxford First

Former student Richard Payne who studied Molecular and Cellular Biochemistry at Pembroke College, Oxford, has been awarded a First Class Degree in his Final Honours School examinations. Congratulations.



### Lowtones Hit The Heights

A barbershop group featuring young Thanet singers won through to the National Festival of Music for Youth finals in Birmingham.

The Lowtones male vocal group were only formed last September and performed five songs including Crazy, Mr Sandman and Georgia On My Mind

Head of Music Ms Hollman said: "They have really progressed well into a tight-knit vocal group and to get through to the national final less than a year after forming is a special achievement."

The group comprises boys from Year 10 to Year 13; there are 13 members in total.

They like to sing the traditional Barbershop repertoire but also more contemporary songs, often with a twist. They are predominantly a cappella but accompany some of their songs with instruments including a tea chest double bass and a washboard.

### Summer Music Success



Well done to the junior band for opening the St Andrew's Church fete in St Peter's - they coped incredibly well with the blustery conditions and gave a great performance. Meanwhile the senior wind band performed at the Victoria Gardens bandstand as part of the Dickens Week festival in Broadstairs; and the summer concert at school featured the senior wind band and joint choir plus a selection of music from our leaving musicians in Year 13.

## So Close in National Biathlon

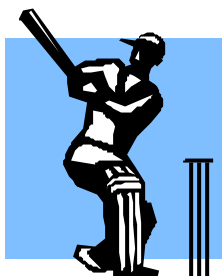
Thanet biathletes Ben Pond, Jake Davies and Alex Kirkpatrick are runners up in the British schools championship.

The year 10 athletes, who came second overall in the team category in the semi finals, took silver in the finals at Crystal Palace.

They narrowly missed out on gold but did exceed their own expectations, improving on their total points score from the semis by 200 points.

Last year they brought home bronze, this year silver, so the biathletes are hoping to make it gold in 2012.

As individuals Ben finished 11<sup>th</sup>, Jake 13<sup>th</sup> and Alex 21<sup>st</sup>.



## Cricket Teams Continue to Improve and Impress

The cricket season has seen many strong performances, with the 1<sup>st</sup> XI winning two and drawing one with the likes of Sam Winch and Thiyendran Padiachey scoring well with the bat.

The under 15's developed well, in particular with a convincing win against St Lawrence College. Consistent performances have come from Isaac O'Connor, Jefferson Hurrell and Kieron Fleet among others.

The under 14's continue to improve, while the enthusiasm of the under 13 squad have improved since their early training sessions. The under 12 team

have had mixed results winning three and losing two to strong opposition and is working well under the leadership of Henry Collier.

## Well Done Connor

Connor Botting from Year 7 represented Southern Counties roller hockey in their under 13s inter-regional tournament, beating Eastern Counties 5-1 in an exciting final.

## Record Breaker Max

England golfer Max Orrin smashed the amateur course record at the Kent Amateur Championships at Chart Hills. The sixth former won the Simpson Trophy and the Scratch Trophy. A member at North Foreland Golf Club, Max recently played in the Thunderbird International tournament in America which showcases the world's best young golfers.



## Magnificent Marathon Man Mr Goodwin and his Students

A gruelling first marathon for Mr Goodwin has raised £2000 for the British Heart Foundation and the Imibala charity that supports education for poor children in South Africa. Mr Goodwin was joined by 26 boys from his tutor group with each boy running a mile.

He completed the course in 4 hours and 45 minutes, and his total was raised through donations and a non uniform day. Mr Goodwin was running in memory of his father who died from a heart attack six years ago.

Each of the boys running with him wore a commemorative red tee shirt supplied by online sportswear business Ambition Sports.Com. The back was printed with numbers showing which of the 26 one-mile legs they covered.

## **Term Dates for Next Year**

Term 1	1 September – 21 October 2011
Term 2	7 November – 16 December 2011
Term 3	4 January – 10 February 2012
Term 4	20 February – 30 March 2012
Term 5	16 April – 1 June 2012
Term 6	11 June – 20 July 2012

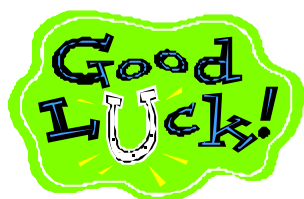
### **Beginning of Term Arrangements**

**1<sup>st</sup> September – ONLY Years 7, 10 & 13**

**2<sup>nd</sup> September – Years 8, 9 11 & 13 – begin normal time  
and**

**Years 7 & 10 begin at 9.45am**

**5<sup>th</sup> September - ALL Years (including Year 12) as normal**



We wish all our students who have taken examinations this summer the very best of luck. We hope you get the results you deserve.

**Have a very enjoyable, peaceful and safe Summer**