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**NEWSLETTER: SUMMER 2012**

**Staffing news....**

As always, a number of staff are moving on from Chatham & Clarendon at the end of this term, at the conclusion of fixed-term contracts, to enjoy well-earned retirement, or in some cases to go on to fresh challenges in another school. They are:- Steve Carruthers (Physics); Daniel Chantler (ICT Technician); Aileen Christodoulou (English); Rose Coldwell (Head of Modern Languages); Diana da Costa (Head of Social Science Faculty); Neil Dobson (Maths); Pauline Epps (Admin Officer, Clarendon); Mary Henderson (History & SENCO); Phil Hughes (Upper School Senior Tutor); Sue Mattocks (RE/RS & MYP Coordinator); Angela McGill (Admin Officer, Clarendon); Emma Morgan (Music); Harvey Ovenden (Music GTP); Joanne Parpworth (Business Studies); Laura Plimley (English); Michael Sandman (ICT); David Smart (Principal); Angela Tippet (Physics); Olivia Titchener (MFL, i/c Spanish); Jason Waitt (PE, GTP); Tim Whale (ICT Technician); Gess Youle (Head of Art).

Wherever their destination and whatever their plans for the future, we wish them all good health, happiness and every success. A full list of new staff, joining CCGS from September, will be published in the 2012-13 Term 1 Newsletter.

And for some of those who remain, next year will bring a new role and fresh challenges. Congratulations and best wishes to:- Mr Ashdown who will be the new Subject Leader for Art; Ms Cook who becomes Subject Leader for Psychology and Sociology; Mrs Liddicoat who becomes the Acting Principal; Mr De Paolis who becomes Acting Head of Mann-Somerville (Upper School); Ms Purland who takes on an expanded cross-phase primary liaison role as "Bresic Coordinator; Mrs Hood who becomes Acting Upper School Senior Tutor; Mrs March who becomes Subject Leader for Geography; Rev Thomas as the first official School Chaplain in the schools' history as well as Subject Leader for RE/RS and Mr Wilson-Queen who becomes Professional Tutor.

**Curriculum news ....**

Chatham & Clarendon is now a partner in a new mutual support network for local schools: "Bresic" (Broadstairs & Ramsgate Ethos School Improvement Company), together with St George's High School, and four Thanet church primaries - Christchurch, Holy Trinity, St Laurence and St Peters. This collaborative trading company initiative will focus on finding economies of scale to help hard-pressed school budgets, and share good practice in teaching & learning - continuing the excellent work already being done to meet government 'floor targets' for expected pupil progress.

**Breast Feeding Research Study**

For the last few weeks, students in Year 9, their parents and the Biology staff at CCGS have been taking part in a research study, investigating attitudes towards teaching about breast feeding within Biology lessons. The findings will be included in Mrs Rosen's dissertation for her MA in Education Studies, filling a gap in the academic literature, and also providing useful insights into how the KS3 Science curriculum may develop. Mrs Rosen reports that early results are interesting, but the full project will not be completed until January, when the key findings will be shared with all participants. Mrs Rosen is very appreciative of the

involvement of all those who volunteered to take part, and passes on her thanks through this newsletter.

### **“Greenpower”**

Many thanks to organiser and inspiration Mr Edmeades and his team of student helpers for another very successful “Greenpower” grand prix, held on the demanding Chatham House circuit on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June. Showery weather made driving conditions difficult for the drivers representing the competing primary schools, however great fun was had by all and the eventual winners were Drapers Mill Primary School.

### **Raising aspirations.**

Mr Fenner has reported on the popularity and positive impact of a series of visits to University Open Days, which he organises and runs for CCVI students. In Term 6, Year 12 students took part in visits to City of London University, Loughborough, Nottingham, Surrey and UKC. Looking ahead students will be able to join fact-finding trips to the universities of East Anglia, Sussex and Bristol during the autumn term. Further information on the CCGS careers guidance programme for 2012-13 available from Mr Fenner, who can be contacted at [kfenner@ccgrammarschool.co.uk](mailto:kfenner@ccgrammarschool.co.uk)

### **“Maths In Motion”**

CCGS students were again very successful in the 2012 national finals of the “Maths In Motion” competition, held last week. Congratulations to **Fynn Ballatine & Nathan Howard (9TSb)**, who came 2<sup>nd</sup> in their year group, and 3<sup>rd</sup> overall from over 1,000 participating school entries. The competition has been running since March and part of the celebration was for the boys to visit Jaguar Land Rover, where they were presented to the Chief Engineer.



### **The Top 10% Nationally!**

We were pleased to receive official notification from the SSAT (Schools Network) that CCGS has been placed in the top 10% of schools nationally for ‘value-added student progress at Key Stage 4 (based on the % of students achieving 5+ A\*-C grades, including GCSE Maths & English, in 2011). *“The Federation should be congratulated for their stunning performance in adding value to their students’ achievements. CCGS is one of the best schools in the country at outperforming expectations for their pupils and improving their future prospects ...”* (Sue Williamson, Chief Exec - SSAT). No-one at the Federation is resting on their laurels however, and throughout the year staff have been working hard on a variety of strategies to further improve teaching & learning through our “G2O” (Good To Outstanding) programme. Particular thanks should go to Assistant Principals Messrs Bowman & Goodwin for their tireless efforts leading “G2O”, identifying and celebrating best classroom practice within the school, and training staff to achieve the new Ofsted inspection criteria for Good & Outstanding lessons.

Now that the summer 2012 exam season has concluded, and results’ days draw nearer, it is also appropriate to thank all the staff who worked so hard to support and encourage the students in Years 11- 13, through the “Gradebooster” programme of extra tuition revision sessions, and in their everyday teaching throughout the year.

### **Building Project News**

Sadly our bids for various capital grants from the Academies Capital Fund were unsuccessful – feedback from the DfE was that there was simply insufficient money available to meet all the deserving bids this year. The DfE “received bids for 2,465 projects, totalling £1.6 billion

from 1,071 academies – far exceeding the available funds at this time”. Although this is obviously disappointing and frustrating news for us, our bids will be submitted again next Spring for the 2013 allocations of capital grant. Meantime we do have the capacity to continue to invest in improvements in the year ahead. The sale of the surplus “Red House” building (part of the Clarendon campus) will generate a net £220,000, funds which will be used to resolve some of the condition issues we have with parts of the urban campus.

### **Thanet Young Ambassadors Presentation Evening on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July**

Many thanks to Mr Adelsberg & Mr Whale for their hard work with the Year 8 Student Mentors, 21 of whom were officially recognised for their work in supporting younger students and were presented with certificates by Chief Superintendent Mark Nottage and the Mayor of Ramsgate. All students completed training in peer mentoring, team working, motivational skills, employment tips and drugs awareness. The students are:- **Russell Allen, Enzo Avery, Connor Botting, Peter Brennan, Laura Burt-Davies, Amy Clayton, Sol Cekic, Ellana Crowe, Jacob Gardner, Oliver Longley, Henry Mirams, Hannah Morters, Jonathan Murphy, Joe Payne, Talia Pepper, Christina Raye, Louise Rodgers, Amy Russell, Louis Spurgin, Harrison Watler, Amber Yoofoo.**

### **The Business of Enterprise Year 9 finalists for the 2012 competition**

Teams from CCGS were again successful – and this time the students are in Year 9, much younger than year groups who participated in previous years. Many thanks to Mrs Scott-Smith for her hard work with our “Young Apprentices”, helping to organise the events with Kent EBP, and for coaching and encouraging all the Year 9 students who participated.



The winning CCGS boys’ team who went to Canary Wharf for the national final on 5<sup>th</sup> July was “Handy Glove” comprising: **Michael de Buriatte, Tristan Jevons, William Warrilow, Sebastian Rowland, Charlie Manning & Blake Chapman.** The boys’ product is a safe and secure cycling glove with fluorescent strips and arrows to highlight direction



when indicating. The glove incorporates an internal pocket for secure carrying of valuables. A swimming glove has also been developed with webs between the thumb and fingers to aid swimming, this glove also incorporate an internal pocket for storage of valuables/locker key. Further developments include gloves for horse riding, gym, fishing etc.

The winning CCGS girls’ team who went to Cummins at Manston on 12<sup>th</sup> July for the



Runners Up final, were “Impact”, comprising **Rosie Hale, Georgia Hardy, Layla Athinou, India Collier, Izzy Fletcher & Zoe Whittle-Darroch.** The girls’ product is a system to alert parents if their child wanders off from them which could prevent many missing children each year. Examples of Madeleine McCann and even when David Cameron left his daughter in the pub! The



wristband for children includes a chip which sends a signal to a parent’s phone if their child goes out of a pre-set range. A different alarm signal will sound if the wristband is removed. Further developments include producing the product for vulnerable adults.

In spite of the teams having to present first, both teams produced a very professional, confident presentation, with in-depth knowledge of their product and the business process.

### **Sporting Successes:-**

Details of the Kent Athletics championship and Kent Cricket competition successes are available in the Summer Sports newsletter on the website

Congrats to **Emily Bundock 9RPg**, on her tennis success winning the Tankerton Girls Doubles trophy, beating strong opposition. Determination is obviously one of Emily's particular characteristics: she also recently received "The Ron Dunk Award for Endeavour" at the AGM of the 6<sup>th</sup> Whitstable Scout Group, as the only female scout.

**Joshua Clarke** had a very good week sailing in the Regatta in Weymouth and he came 14<sup>th</sup> out of 150 Toppers. It is the best result he has ever had.

On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July Joshua will be sailing in the Topper National Championships in Pwllheli, North Wales. This is also a week's event.

Joshua will also be attending the Topper World Championships in Holland in August.

Year 10 pupils, **Josh Clarke, Patrick Crouch and Rosie Evans** were chosen to represent Kent in the National Schools Sailing Association Youth Regatta at Weymouth last week. Josh came in 16<sup>th</sup>, Patrick came in 48<sup>th</sup> and Rosie, in her first event, came in 57<sup>th</sup>.



On Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July, six CCGS students participated in the Thanet Schools Triathlon competition, held at St Lawrence College. The contest was a real test of strength and endurance: 150m swim, 2.5km bike ride and 1.5km run, and it clearly brought the best out of our representatives - congrats to **Ali Kinlock, Megan Griffin, Louis Spurgin, Ed Miles, Beatrice Lever, Scott Ward**, for their efforts and success.

Sadly **Sports Evening** was another casualty of the unseasonal 'summer' weather: a deluge during the morning (Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July) made the playing field unsafe, and the BBC forecast was for further heavy rain that evening. With hindsight it may seem frustrating that the event didn't take place because as it turned out the forecast further downpour didn't hit our part of Thanet, however we hope that parents understand it was better to be safe than sorry – most of our students run in trainers rather than athletics spikes, and there was a risk of injury had Sports Evening gone ahead. Events were rearranged to take place during the school day over the following week. Results can be found in the Summer Sports newsletter on the website.

As an aside to this Olympic Summer – sports fans may be interested to know of a Federation connection. Former Chatham House student and Olympic Hockey star, Sean Kerly, was filmed at Chatham House on 31<sup>st</sup> May, for a documentary which will be shown by the BBC during their coverage of the 2012 Olympic hockey competition. During his visit Sean, who is part of the BBC commentary team, was kind enough to talk with a number of students and sign autographs, and he will be our Guest of Honour and visiting speaker at the Senior Prize Giving on Tuesday September 18<sup>th</sup> (Winter Gardens, Margate).

### **U12s Kent 20/20 Victory** versus Borden Grammar School.

CCGS batted first and scored 113 for 6 from 20 overs - **Elliot Fox 46; Joshua Attwell 44** shared a partnership of 95. Borden Grammar were all out for 88 in reply - **Harry Benwell 3 wickets; Jake Warner 1 wicket; and Joshua Attwell 1 Wicket; 5 run outs.**

The boys have played very well all season, and have represented the school excellently in the way in which they have conducted themselves.

### **Ten Pin Bowling Success**

**James McMinn (10KHb)** recently represented England in an international 10 Pin Bowling competition in Austria. James came 10<sup>th</sup> in the U18 singles and the England Team won overall four gold medals, three silver medals and a bronze medal. James will be representing England again in August for the U16s Triple Crown England team in Wales, where he will be competing against Scotland, Wales and Ireland. Good luck James!

### **Other Student Successes**

This is the time of year when we are very pleased to hear news of the degree successes of former students who have completed their university studies this summer.

Congratulations to:

★ Victoria Butler who left Clarendon House in 2005 with four A grades at A level and has achieved a Double First from Cambridge in Neuroscience. She has also been awarded her Phd that she has completed jointly at Cambridge and an American university. Victoria has been offered employment in the US in the field of stem cell research.

★ Darren McMaster has achieved a First Class MEng degree at Loughborough University and has gained employment in North Wales with an established rock climbing company which designs and manufactures climbing equipment.

★ Alex Bole has achieved a First Class degree in Forensic Biology at Portsmouth University and was awarded a prize, from the Forensic Science Society, for best final year performance.

★ James Welch has achieved a First Class Honours degree from Nottingham in MSci Single honours Physics.

★ Christopher Scutt has achieved a First Class Honours degree from UKC in Law.

More details of other former students' degree success, as we receive them, in the autumn newsletter.

### **“Bridging the Gap” (BtG) Training held at Thanet College**

Over a hundred local sixth formers including the following students from CCGS: **Abigail Attwell, Tessa Denning, Samantha Fisher, Kashmir Flint, James Freeman, Danie l Garcia Thomas, Justina Gotora, Lauren Hague, David Hewett, Ashlea Jitta, Amy Karczewski, Georgia Lane, Lara Leach, Danielle Miller, Thomas Newing, Emma Overy, Jennifer Pearson-Farr, Lewis Quaife, Vicky Richmond, Edmund Samuel, Michael Sweet, Thomas Walton, Jethro West, Rebekah Williams and Molly Young** took up the challenge to become part of the security team for London 2012 by attending the training sessions and achieved Door Supervisory Level 2, a professional industry qualification, which guaranteed them an interview for paid security work at the Olympics as well as the Paralympics later on this summer.

The training offers a once in a lifetime opportunity to work at the London Olympics, the largest sporting event the UK has ever staged.

### **Musical Highlights in Term 6 ....**

- The CCGS Band invited to provide the music at the official opening of restored seafront shelters on the Esplanade - *see the Music section on the school website*
- Leavers Concert on Wednesday 27 June: a selection of items were played by the Jazz band and Wind band and the programme was chosen by the Year 13 leavers varied from Debussy, Rent, originals and much more. The choir also performed. The Year 13 students performed various solo items. The majority of the Music A level students are going on to study music at university.

- The “Percussion School” were again triumphant at the annual national finals of the Music for Youth Festival, held in Symphony Hall, Birmingham on 4<sup>th</sup> July. In awarding top position in the categories of Best Ensemble & Best Student Composition, the adjudicators comments sum up everything we already know about just how good music is at CCGS:-” *creativity is highly evident, so many good ideas, always sounds interesting and visually engaging , powerful drumming that really grooves!* ”. We are hopeful that this latest success will secure “Percussion School” a well-deserved invitation to the national Schools Prom, held in the Albert Hall later this year.
- Larkin Cup:  
*Junior:*  
 1<sup>st</sup> – Knight-Heath  
 2<sup>nd</sup> – Thomas-Sharman  
 3<sup>rd</sup> – Rothschild-Pearce  
 4<sup>th</sup> – Mann-Somerville  
 Prize winners: **Poppy Clarke-Kray, Molly Mallon, Lucy Karczewski, William Dolke, Kathryn Cutler-McKenzie, Holly McArthur, 7RPG ensemble, Chloe Wilson and Megan Bithel-Vaughan.**
- *Senior:*  
 1<sup>st</sup> – Knight-Heath  
 2<sup>nd</sup> – Rothschild-Pearce  
 3<sup>rd</sup> – Mann-Somerville  
 4<sup>th</sup> – Thomas-Sharman  
 Prize winners: **Geary Allen, Lydia Crosher, Jake Uchiki-Parker, Dhesh Padiachey, Johanna Andres, Hamish Simpson, Rothschild-Pearce ensemble, Matt Speed and Spencer Enock and KH percussion trio.**
- Junior Prize Giving (**Kayleigh Stevens -Keatley** sang Beautiful, **Lydia Crosher & Jo-Jo Pearson-Farr** sang For good & **Joe Parrish** played Mignon on the piano).
- The CCGS Music Tour of Northern Italy (17 – 23 July)
- Year 9 student **Molly Mallon** singing solo at the Quex Park Olympic Festival for primary pupils drawn from across Thanet (Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July).

### **Chapman Cup 2012 – The Challenge.**

Pupils were tasked with moving water from a full reservoir to an empty reservoir. However there were certain obstacles they had to overcome in order to complete this simple task. They were not able to get right up close to the full reservoir and the water had to be transported on a wheeled water carrier. There was also a ravine between the two reservoirs. A bridge had to be built which all of the team members, the wheeled water carrier and the water needed to travel across to reach the reservoir to be filled.

The winning House was the team who were deemed to have the most water in their receiving reservoir when measured by the judges in the time allowed.

The teams were very inventive making scoops and siphons, buggies and barrows. All of which were transported across their bridges. All the bridges survived under the forces exerted by the team members and their contraptions. Mann-Somerville was declared the overall winners with 49 cm of water in their receiver and Knight-Heath was a close second with 42 cm of water.

There was some excellent cooperation between Year 9 and Year 12 pupils.

We are already in the planning stages for next year’s even bigger and wetter event.

### **Nearly New Uniform**

Donations - if you wish to donate your child's old uniform for recycling into Nearly New Uniform, please bring the **washed** items into the Chatham House site Reception between 10 & 2 during the school holiday or normal school hours during term time.

Nearly New Uniform will be available, for a donation, from Mrs Hurrell, Registrar at the Chatham House site on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> August between 10 & 2 and on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September between 10 & 2. The Nearly New Uniform will be available during normal school hours, term time, from September 2012.

Please note that as we changed our uniform last year we do not have many items at present. However, once the donations of old uniform have been received we should begin to build a full range.

### **Exam Results**

A-Level Results Day: Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> August.

Results are given out from 9.00-11.00am in CCVI Common Room. Messrs Moody, Lewis & Fenner and Mrs Richardson will be available until 2.00pm to help students who have not achieved the grades that they require for their places. They will also be available on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> and Monday 20<sup>th</sup> August from 9.00-11.00am. The priority at these times is for Year 13 students initially, however, appointments can be made for Year 12 students at the office.

GCSE Results Day: Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> August.

The results will be available from the Sixth Form Centre from 9.00am.

### **Back To School Dates ....**

*Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September.* We begin the new academic year with the new Year 7s in at the normal time of 8.35am at the Lower School, Chatham House site. Year 10s in from 11.00am at the Upper School, Clarendon House site and Year 13s in at the CCVI Centre from 9.00am for A2 course confirmation.

*Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September.* Full programme of lessons for Years 7-11 & 13. (Year 7 begin later at 9.45am and go straight to Period 2 lesson and register).

*Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September.* All year groups in school at normal time (Year 12s register and then go to Chatham Assembly Hall for Periods 1 & 2 with normal lessons from Period 3).

The full school calendar for 2012-13 will be on the website from 20<sup>th</sup> July. Please be aware it is subject to amendments/additions throughout the year.

### ***And finally .....***

Wherever you are going (or staying), here's hoping that at some point we can all find and enjoy some proper summer weather, and that everyone has a restful break from school. From September the Federation newsletters will come from Mrs Liddicoat as the new Acting Principal, so I'll sign-off by sending Mrs Liddicoat, and everyone connected to Chatham & Clarendon, my very best wishes for the future.

*David Smart,  
Principal 2009-2012*