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Dear Parents and Carers

As we enter the final month of this academic year, this letter brings news and information to keep you up-to-date with life at the school.

## **GCSE Art and GCSE Design Technology Exhibition**

This year's exhibition again showcased the superb standard of work produced by students in Year 11 with the support and guidance of their subject teachers. Moderation indicates that we should expect excellent GCSE results for these subjects in August and we look forward to learning that all the hours of hard work have been rewarded. Our younger artists currently have extremely lifelike sculpture pieces on display in the school's main foyer and parents are welcome to take a look when they visit the school this month. The work on display is truly excellent.

## **Creative Arts Summer Show**

This year's evening show - 'Summer Time' proved to be an excellent evening's entertainment. The quality of singing, acting, recitation and instrumental prowess was quite superb and the audience had a real treat and everyone enjoyed the evening immensely. Mrs Barringer and Miss Hutton had obviously worked hard with the students to produce such an excellent show. We would also like to thank all parents for supporting their children and the East Sussex Music Service for their work with the young people.

With regard to our instrumentalists – please remind your sons and daughters to take their instruments home for the summer holidays once they have had their last lesson this term.

## **Success on stage and screen**

I hope that many parents will have seen the recent series of 'Gareth Malone goes to Glyndebourne' which featured several of our students. At the risk of sounding like a BBC advertisement, if you missed it, you can catch it on BBC iPlayer.

I am also delighted to tell you that Jimmy Haggart (Y8) has, following a lengthy series of auditions, been selected to star in 'Oliver' in the London production of this famous musical. Jimmy will be performing at the Theatre Royal, Drury Lane from August this year through to January 2011. This is a truly outstanding achievement and we all wish him every possible success.

## **Chailey Champions at Ouse Valley!**

On Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June our sports teams competed against local secondary schools in the annual Ouse Valley athletics competition. The boys emerged in first place and the girls coming second. However Chailey triumphed and were the overall winners for the third year running! The full schedule of results is as follows:



**WINNERS – CHAILEY = 845**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Priory = 747
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Beacon = 719
- 4<sup>th</sup> - Ringmer = 715
- 5<sup>th</sup> - Uplands = 677
- 6<sup>th</sup> - Heathfield = 593
- 7<sup>th</sup> - Uckfield = 584
- 8<sup>th</sup> - Lewes Old Grammar = 512
- 9<sup>th</sup> - Mayfield = 440
- 10<sup>th</sup> - Ardingly = 233
- 11<sup>th</sup> - Northease Manor = 104

**Girls**

**WINNERS – MAYFIELD = 440**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Chailey = 394
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Priory = 336
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Beacon = 326
- 5<sup>th</sup> – Ringmer = 307
- 6<sup>th</sup> – Uplands = 284
- 7<sup>th</sup> – Heathfield = 281
- 8<sup>th</sup> – Uckfield = 257
- 9<sup>th</sup> – Lewes Old Grammar = 233
- 10<sup>th</sup> – Ardingly = 101
- 11<sup>th</sup> – Northease Manor = 25

**Boys**

**WINNERS – CHAILEY = 451**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Priory = 411
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Ringmer = 408
- 4<sup>th</sup> = Beacon; Uplands = 393
- 6<sup>th</sup> – Uckfield = 327
- 7<sup>th</sup> – Heathfield = 312
- 8<sup>th</sup> – Lewes Old Grammar = 279
- 9<sup>th</sup> – Ardingly = 132
- 10<sup>th</sup> – Northease Manor = 79

**Year 11 Prom**

Following a hardworking exam season, our Year 11 students transformed into a stunning group of young adults for their Prom at the East Sussex National Golf Resort on 24<sup>th</sup> June. The venue was excellent, the weather glorious and the conduct of the students superb. Following a memorable and enjoyable evening, our senior year group have now graduated from Chailey – taking with them our very best wishes for the future.

**Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme: Bronze and Silver**

After a full expedition training programme with three weekend, overnight camps and navigation training walks in difficult weather conditions, the Bronze and Silver groups have just completed their assessed expeditions.

Twenty-six Bronze Award students spent a hugely successful two nights and two days exploring the Ashdown Forest, starting at Gills Lap, camping at Blacklands Farm, finishing at Horsted Keynes in clear dry weather.

The new tents arrived in time for the Silver expedition. Fourteen students travelled to the Shrewsbury area, spending the first night in a Youth Hostel then three days, in blazing sunshine, journeying and exploring the hills and valleys of the Long Mynd.

**Year 10 Trip to Barcelona**

A group of 23 Year 10 students have just returned with their accompanying staff. The trip covers three subject areas; Art, Design Technology and Spanish. The four-day trip was a fantastic success and it is amazing how much can be fitted into four days! The guide for the trip and the staff at the hotel were very impressed by the polite and well-mannered nature of the students.

**Appointment of Parent Governor**

Further to my previous letter seeking nominations for the vacancy for a Parent Governor, I am delighted to inform you that Mr Jeremy Stone is to join the Governing Body from September. We wish him a successful and rewarding tenure of office.

### **Important information for Sports Day – Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> July**

Although students will be told this information, we would ask you to ensure that your sons and daughters come to school properly equipped for being outside for Sports Day – we are hopeful that the weather will be fine! It is vital that they bring a hat, sun cream and water bottles with them. Lessons operate as normal until lunchtime and students then register with their tutor after lunch and are then accompanied out to the trackside by their tutor and other staff to watch and support the competitors. (The staff relay is always a high point of the afternoon!) Everything will be completed in good time for students to catch buses/coaches/taxis as usual.

### **Drinking water at school**

As you know we encourage our students to keep themselves hydrated all year round, but particularly during hot weather. We have also been suggesting to our students that they bring two small bottles in their bag to refill rather than just one as it is so hot at present. There are two water coolers accessible to the students – one in the dining hall and the other in the Sports Hall foyer. Students may use these throughout Break and lunchtime and they have ample time to do so. For obvious reasons we do not allow students to go in and out of lessons to refill their bottles and they are being frequently reminded about visiting the water coolers outside of lesson time. We would also be grateful for you reminding your sons/daughters (as we do) that fizzy drinks etc are not allowed in school.

### **Uniform**

Full uniform details and a price list are now available on our website (following the 'Latest News' link from the home page) and it is available from our stockists. As you know, we now have an additional retail outlet for our uniform – Intersport of Lewes – as well as Broadbridge's in Haywards Heath and our online supplier 'Get It 4 Schools'. All of the suppliers are able to provide all items, although as you also know, 'Get It 4 Schools' is unable to stock the new uniform skirt for September.

### **Update on national educational developments**

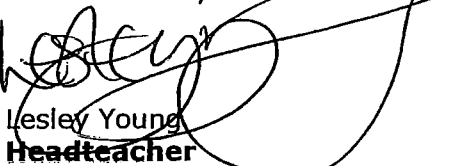
As you may be aware from the media coverage, there are changes being proposed by the new Secretary of State for Education in relation to matters of organisation and curriculum. The issues around Academy status and international GCSEs have, in particular, received extensive coverage. At this stage, we have registered our interest with the Department for Education to be kept informed of developments to ensure that we are provided with any papers and other documents which the Department may issue. Any future decisions will be driven by what is in the best interests of the students at Chailey School and this, rightly in the view of myself and the governing body, is what matters – irrespective of what other schools may decide or the media may promote. It is also worthy of mention that we are yet to receive our visit from OfSTED, which was due in October 2009 and something which we have been anticipating all year. We were last inspected in October 2006 and deemed to be a "good school with outstanding features" against the inspection criteria in place at that time. Until we are again inspected under the new inspection framework, the school is not in a position to factor these outcomes into its future developments and priorities. Parents/carers will be kept informed of all developments as these unfold in due course.

### **Dates for your Diary**

The key dates for the remainder of the school year are attached for your reference. As you know, the calendar is also available on our website.

Our students are now looking forward to next week's activities and staff are also looking forward to supporting these as well as welcoming our Year 6 students who will be coming to visit us for two days. I will be writing to you again later this month to provide information regarding the end of term arrangements and advance information/calendar dates for September.

Yours sincerely

  
Lesley Young  
Headteacher

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: SUMMER TERM 2010**

### **July**

Friday, 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 7 Academic Reviews home
Monday, 5 <sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, 6 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Induction Days
Tuesday, 6 <sup>th</sup>	New Intake Parents' Evening, 7.00 pm
Monday, 5 <sup>th</sup> -Friday, 8 <sup>th</sup>	Years 7 and 8 Curriculum Enrichment Week Year 9 Camp Year 10 Work Experience Week
Monday, 12 <sup>th</sup>	Year 10 Academic Reviews home
Monday, 12 <sup>th</sup> -Friday, 16 <sup>th</sup>	Year 10 Diploma students on extended work experience
Friday, 16 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day
Friday, 16 <sup>th</sup>	Year 9 end of Key Stage 3 results home
Thursday, 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Last day of term for staff and students</b> <b>Please note that school closes at 1.00pm</b> <i>(Arrangements will be made to reschedule buses)</i>
Friday, 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>INSET Day – School closed</b>