



HEADLINES

Without question this has been a very busy term and the time seems to have flown by! As always though, a great deal has been accomplished both inside and outside the classroom.

The rugby teams have battled valiantly and steady improvement has been seen. The commitment shown by the boys, at all levels, is most certainly to be applauded. Other sports such as tennis, hockey and basketball have been played against other schools with some success. With the New Year, the footballers will be given the opportunity to show what they are capable of. We look forward to this!

In the classroom we are all striving to ensure the best possible individual performances. Diligence and industry remain the watch words. This was the underlying message of Academic Review Day. It is now up to the pupils to deliver with the guidance of their teachers and tutors. With this, the monitoring process begins.



This year's School drama production of 'Fool's' was a resounding success! The cast did a tremendous job keeping the audience well entertained. Acknowledgements must also go to those who directed and produced the show, as well as to those who built the set and worked on the sound and lighting.

The Music Department certainly made 'Ewell Rock' before half term. At the time of writing, we are looking forward to the Christmas Concert and the Carol Service.

With the holiday period ahead of us, I remind our older students that they will need to allocate some time to revision. Alas, the timing of mock examinations in early January is inconveniently close!!

On that reflective note, I wish you all an enjoyable vacation and a Happy New Year!

Mr M Holder-Williams
Head of Senior School



Ewell Castle Christmas Tree

EUROPEAN LANGUAGES DAY

The academic year 2014-15 started with our traditional **fiesta** to celebrate The European Day of Languages.

We had a number of competitions and activities involving students of all year groups and staff! Our pupils were wonderful, taking part in all the different activities set up for them.

The Catering Department also joined the party by preparing a themed menu all week, there was more special food to try out in the Castle Hall and cool prizes and House points were awarded.

Miss R Iksilara
Head of MFL



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SIXTH FORM ENRICHMENT MODEL UNITED NATIONS



Our first MUN conference went off to a flying start with extraordinary talent shown from all country representatives. The entire conference centred on the nascent Islamic State and its militants, with the representatives putting forward proposals and making amendments to proposals in order to reach a universal resolution on the current Middle-Eastern crisis. The winner, albeit marginal, was Russia, with the victorious representatives being Sasha Vesovic, Alex Coker, Khaya

Mtunzi and San Kim. The winner was chosen on the basis of staying in-line with your allocated country's views and the various speeches given. Overall the atmosphere was fantastic with over 90 students debating, negotiating and working with one another to come to a solution regarding the conflict in the Middle-East. I look forward to the next conference in early December in which the topic will be Ebola and the solution to the West African issue.

Hamish John, Year 13



ECSports ACADEMY



The ECSports Academy is coming towards the end of its first term. Pupils from Years 7 – 13 have been following a pre-school training routine comprising of Hapkido sessions, Circuit Training, Interval Training, Boxing and Fitness Tests. It certainly has given the pupils an added sense of commitment and discipline, not to mention the improved concentration in class.

TENNIS AVENUE ACADEMY



After the first term in which Ewell Castle have linked with The Tennis Avenue Academy, Ben McManus (Year 9) and Josh Conyers (Year 11) have been treading the courts and hitting tennis balls for hours. Both pupils have said how much the expert 1-to-1 coaching of Hareen Wasantha (Director of Tennis) and Ilge Alpay have helped their technical and tactical game. With the pressures of school studies as well as intensive training, Ben and Josh have been very busy boys this term!

Mr J Grindrod

DRAMA TRIPS



The Drama Department always manages to organise visits to a range of interesting and useful productions. This term it's been "To Kill a Mockingbird" and next term's selection includes "Othello" and "The Play that Always Goes Wrong".

Mr Bader-Clynes

SENIOR MATHS CHALLENGE

A group of four students went to Kingston University to take part in the regional Senior Mathematics Challenge on Friday 6th November. This consisted of three rounds – a group round, a cross-number and a race against time. All the students thoroughly enjoyed the competition, though a little challenging at times. Well done to Jonathon Campbell-Slaughter, Sang Vin Kang, Adam Venables and Joanna Wilshire.

Mr D Vijapura

COMPUTER BEAVER CHALLENGE

In the week starting 10th November students at Ewell Castle School, along with the rest of the UK, participated for the second time in the Bebras Computing Challenge. The Bebras Computing Challenge introduces computer science to students. It is designed to get students excited about computing and is sponsored by Oxford University.

The competition involves solving problems using computational thinking skills.

The Challenge asks small, interesting questions that can be answered without prior knowledge

about computing, but are clearly related to computing concepts and require thinking in and about information, discrete structures, computation, data processing, as well as algorithmic concepts.

This year, for the first time, all students from Year 5 to Year 13 were entered. We wish all the students the best of luck and their results are due to come back soon. Certificates will be given to those who achieve a Distinction and Credit when the results have been collated.

Mr J Bernardo



CODING NOVEL CHRIS ROFFEY



An old boy of the school, Matt Langley (this is a pseudonym) has just become a New York Times best selling author. He has also just released a fantastic new page turning

story, written for 11-15 year olds, that has been nominated for a People's Book Prize – *Black Flag*. The book is set in a dystopian future, that is both more technologically advanced and backward than the present. The unique aspect of this book is that

readers can log onto the companion website (<http://www.cambridge.org/codingclub-blackflag>) and register to have a go at the hacking problems faced by the characters. The coding puzzles are an addition – they are not necessary to the enjoyment of the book purely as a novel.

This is a real Ewell Castle project which has involved not only myself and Matt Langley, but students in the School also got involved by choosing the title and testing some of the puzzles. Danni, the fifteen year old hacker from the book, is your mentor

CHARITY UPDATE



This year the Charitable Works Committee elected to concentrate efforts and raise money for one local charity. As a group, the pupils researched many charities and it was decided that The Children's Trust (Tadworth) would be the focus of the Committee's efforts.

The Children's Trust were delighted to hear from us and on 10th November their 'Volunteer of the Year' Marjorie Harris attended a whole School assembly to outline what the Children's Trust do and how our fundraising would help.

So far this two year charitable cake sales have raised £143 for The Children's Trust, with 11JR raising £52.00 and 11SB £91.00

A small collection of toys and goods were donated by the pupils of the Charitable Works Committee, with Mr Bromley kindly donating two boxes of goods.

An exciting and new future is in store for the Charitable Works Committee, who are keen to make real and tangible links with our local community

Ms C Hoddell & Mr S Getty

on the website and is voiced by Miss Jones from the Drama Department.

Please go and vote for here: <http://www.peoplesbookprize.com/book.php?id=1204>. You can also read an interview with the author: http://www.codingclub.co.uk/black_flag_interview.php. Find it on amazon by searching for ISBN 9781107671409. The book has been produced so that it fits in a school jacket pocket which, coincidentally, means it will fit perfectly in a Christmas stocking!

Mr C Roffey

PROMISING RUGBY PLAYER CHAUNCEY TAYLOR

Congratulations to Chauncey Taylor who has been accepted in U15 the Harlequins Developing Player Programme.



PROMISING FOOTBALL PLAYER ANDREW THOMAS

Congratulations to Andrew Thomas Year 8 who has been accepted into the Surrey South Central District U13 Football Development Squad.



PROMISING CRICKET PLAYER SAI PATEL

Congratulations to Sai Patel who has been selected to represent the Surrey County U15 Cricket team next year.

Mr J Grindrod

DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY TRIP

On Friday 10th October the Year 13 product designers had the opportunity of visiting Product Design consultancy 'SeymourPowell' in Southfields, London. SeymourPowell's clients include Ford, Tefal, Virgin Galactic, Nokia, Samsung and Hozelock to name a few. The A Level pupils were given a talk by a resident designer, who discussed his route from school to employment, with advice about gaining experience, internships and universities. He then went on to talk about SeymourPowell's clients, projects and design work, which was finally followed by a tour of their modelling workshops, allowing time to speak to some of the model makers there.

We were also fortunate enough to be afforded a visit to bespoke furniture makers 'Opus Magnum', also in Southfields. Opus Magnum manufacture one-off furniture pieces to a client's exact specification; creating pieces for The Palace of Westminster, UK Supreme Court, British Museum amongst many others. We were given an insight into a product's life from designing at the Computer Aided Design stage, to material preparation, assembly and finishing.

It was a very inspiring and motivating day that offered the students a real insight into life beyond School, in two dramatically different design and manufacture environments.

Mr S Getty



HENRY BLOODWORTH

Year 12 student Henry Bloodworth recently ended this year's Windsurfing Season at Hayling Island finishing as top Youth Sailor and 3rd overall in the Series. The Youth Sailors sail with the adult women in this RYA Olympic Class Series. The two sailors who finished first and second are a silver medalist at London 2012 and the other is in the Podium Potential (or Olympic Development Squad) respectively. From now on it is training for the rest of this year and early next year.



Mr J Grindrod

EWELL ROCKS!



On Wednesday 18th October, Ewell Castle played host to the rock and pop extravaganza that was 'Ewell Rocks'. Ensembles, soloists and student rock bands took the stage by storm and gave their sold-out audience a night they'll never forget. There were notable performances from Kieran Blyth, as a soloist performing Steve Vai's *The Crying Machine*, and the duo of Dyka Sudaryanto and Oli Bolton performing the Bon Jovi classic *Wanted Dead or Alive*. Following on from the success of student bands, an 'Open-Mic' event will be held early in the New Year, for students to test new material and songs in front of a live audience - more information to follow.

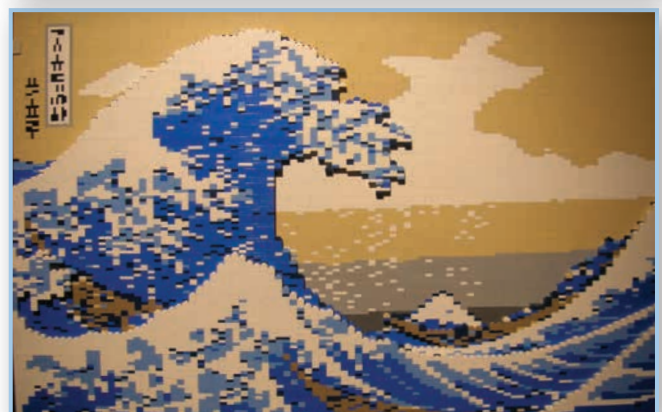
Mr B Essenhigh



YEAR 8 ART TRIP

On Wednesday 8th October Year 8 art students enjoyed a trip to 'The Art of the Brick' an exhibition of lego sculptures appropriately situated in Brick Lane which features 85 lego sculptures including one of the Mona Lisa. One of the largest sculptures, a T-Rex skeleton was constructed from over 80,000 lego bricks and measured over 6 metres high. Perhaps most surprising was the emotional impact of his figures, each telling its own story. Our students were clearly enthralled with his work, took lots of inspiring photographs and couldn't wait to progress to the interactive zone where they could create and display their own lego constructions. The exhibition runs until 4th January at the Old Truman Brewery, Brick Lane, E1 and is one of CNN's Top 10 'Must See Global Exhibitions'.

Mrs E Shepherd



UNDER 12/13 RUGBY

This Autumn has seen a culmination of both the U12 and U13 rugby teams, ably captained by Joseph Forrester (Yr 8). The season opened with victory against Reigate Grammar, but unfortunately this has been the only victory thus far. However, the quality of play has been consistently improving and the attacking, running rugby, has caused many defences a lot of issues. Special mention goes to the half-back pairing of Mihir Rao and Kieran Baynes for excellent distribution to the backs, and to Hugo Lessing (Yr 7) for his commitment in both attack and defence.

Mr B Essenhigh

UNDER 14 RUGBY

This was a very testing term of rugby for the Year 9 team, particularly difficult fixtures against RAA and Grey Court could have left less enthusiastic players low on confidence and unwilling to come back looking hungrier with each game. However, these Year 9 players are nothing but fully committed and the last game of the season was cause for enjoyment, despite the fact that the fixture was lost against Esher High at Cobham Rugby Club under floodlights.

The team secured its single victory of the season against Cedar School winning 35-12 with thanks to a Eoin Nestor hat-trick. The forwards have been a dominant force and special praise must go to Max Bowen-West, Toby Conyers and Michael Da Gama who have improved their skills enormously this term. Next season, if we can continue to create strong ball available and combine this with intelligent back play, then the squad will be more competitive I am sure.

Mr N Turk



UNDER 15 RUGBY

The term so far for the Under 15's has been a positive one. To date the squad have won 6 from 6. Noticeable victories came against Reigate Grammar School (40 points to 5), and Richard Challoner (31 points to 0). The team also brushed aside a weakened Epsom College side 57 – 0. The points have been shared across the side with the forwards and backs all contributing towards the impressive results.

Mr J Grindrod

FOOTBALL

The Ewell Castle Football season is traditionally in the Spring Term, however the Senior Option XI have been busy on the pitches (more to follow) as have the Under 13, 14 and 15's in the National Cups and the Under 15 and 1st XI County Cup. Unfortunately, with some tough draws, the teams were unable to progress past the first round in either competition.

Congratulations to Andrew Thomas (Year 8) for being selected for the South Central District Development Squad. He has been selected out of over 100 boys to be part of the Development Programme which will include some top class coaching and the chance to represent the District at the annual Gothia Cup in Sweden.

Mr J Grindrod

SENIOR OPTION XI FOOTBALL

A squad of twenty Year 11 and Sixth Form students enjoyed three successful fixtures during the term. The squad scored twenty goals and conceded only two. The highlight of the matches was victory over Whitgift 2nd XI. This match included outstanding goalkeeping by Ollie Larrisey and a hat trick by Dyka Sudaryanto.

Mr K Peto

1ST XV RUGBY & TOUR OF GLOUCESTERSHIRE

A mixed bag of results does not give a fair reflection of the teams' efforts this term. A relatively inexperienced squad have grown through the term and their enthusiasm to learn has enable them to embrace the challenge of playing a running style of rugby that Stuart Lancaster would do well to employ more frequently. Taking away the measure of wins versus loses, the boys should take pride in the success of becoming a squad with excellent cohesion and an obvious mutual respect for each other. Traits, I'm sure, most Coaches dream of being able to work with. A mid-term focus of playing in the Rendcomb College 'Jonny Wilkinson Cup' proved a perfect occasion for the boys to take responsibility for representing the school on and off the pitch, and did so admirably. Predominantly the season should be remembered for the high number of excellent tries scored, in particular from distance. The side's ability to interchange passes and support each other has been quite impressive and if a 'season's highlights' compilation were to be produced, it would be thoroughly enjoyable viewing.

Mr B O'Connell



HOUSE COMPETITION

As ever, the House Competition has begun in full swing with pupils getting involved and competing for valuable House points.

Languages Week saw pupils get involved in a number of activities, from three legged races to scavenger hunts. This fun but educational event was won by Castlemaine – well done.

On the sports field, Raleigh gained the plaudits in House rugby, winning the Year 8 and Year 9 event. Essex won the Senior tournament with Castlemaine taking top spot in Year 10.

On the basketball court, again it was Raleigh who dominated Year 8 and Year 9 in which they were victorious in the A, B and C competitions. Essex were the top team in Year 7, showing some excellent dribbling, passing and shooting skills. The Year 10 and Senior competition is still to be played and is hotly anticipated for the New Year.

Cross Country is due to take part in the build up to the Christmas break. Year 10 however ran the course in late November and although Raleigh had Ollie Rickus cross the line first, it was Castlemaine who took the plaudits with an overall win.

Mr J Grindrod

BASKETBALL FIXTURES

This term our Ewell Castle Senior Basketball team played two fixtures against Epsom College and Glyn. Both matches were extremely competitive and our pupils made the School proud by playing with great passion and spirit.

The match against Epsom College started off on equal footing. The game was very close throughout the match and our pupils demonstrated good team work. Our defence was solid with Jack Dyer leading the way with his persistent determination. We had many opportunities in offence with Noah MacInnes-Clark and Julius Banks finding the hoop. In the end we lost out to Epsom by 42-34 but our team walked away proud with the way they had played.

The match against Glyn was always going to be difficult. They have some very skilled players and a solid team. However, this did not deter our pupils. In fact, it only brought out their competitiveness and made them determined to win. We started the game very well taking the lead early on. The match stayed competitive throughout and our pupils gave Glyn a good contest. However, in the end our efforts fell short and we lost by 56-40. Stand out performances came from Jack Dyer again with his excellent defence and offence while Kofi Aburam, Noah Clark and Khaya Mtunzi provide some much needed baskets. Although the results this term did not go our way with either fixture, the team should hold their heads up high with the enthusiasm and intensity that they played. It is a young team and there are lessons to be learned from both losses. The team have a real passion for basketball and a determination to improve and win. This, I'm sure, will serve us well for our future matches.

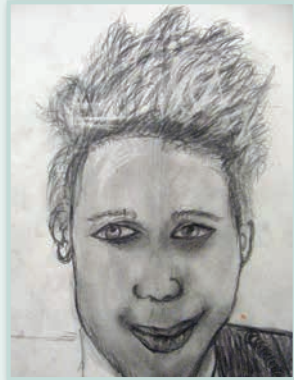
Mr J Bernardo

ARTISTS OF THE TERM

	Winner	Runners up
Year 7	Hyeonseo Jang	Harry Park Noah Sanders
Year 8	John Yang	Jamie Campbell Zac Conibear James Wilson
Year 9	Will Smith	George Trant Max Everest Toby Conyers Luke Hadley
Year 10	Toby Doyle	Do Young Kim Will Harding
Year 11	Josh Conyers	Jack Fitch Long Nguyen Faaris Sheikh



Hyeonseo Jang Year 7



William Smith Year 9



John Yang Year 8



Toby Doyle Year 10



Josh Conyers Year 11

IMAGE OF THE MONTH



SEPTEMBER
Ashleigh Nip



OCTOBER
Alex Churcher



NOVEMBER
Will and Konrad
by Oli Bolton



DECEMBER
South African Cat
by Charlie Westmorland-Burns

USA TRIP

On 20th October, the experience began. I'm sure everyone involved had been immensely looking forward to the trip for a very long time; indeed, the atmosphere on the School bus en route to Heathrow was that of pure jubilee and excitement.

We spent our first evening in New York City wandering through Times Square. What an outstanding, exceptional and unique city NY is! The bright lights of hope and prosperity, the majestic jungle of old and new skyscrapers bundled together, the buzzing atmosphere of people.

The next day and a half consisted of touring the city from early morning to late evening. Because of the limited time, we were out seeing things for the whole day. The tour lady was excellent; taking us to the oldest part of the city and explaining the formation of New York to begin with, before showing the group iconic sites such as Ground Zero, Wall Street, Rockefeller Building, Grand Central Station and, of course, the architecturally brilliant Empire State Building. Getting a ferry from Manhattan to Staten Island was another highlight.

We then got a coach to Virginia to meet our host families. I can't speak for everyone here (well, maybe I can) but the host family I stayed with were fantastic. I was somewhat worried they would be very formal, very serious, and very strict. They weren't. They were relaxed, witty and always great fun to be around. Not only that, they also had a never-ending supply of coffee – which was a huge bonus!

The school day experience was really rather interesting; it's clearly a very well - resourced school and an incredibly academically able school with a large (and friendly) student population.



Next came the TJ (Thomas Jefferson High School) versus Langley American football game. The atmosphere was incredible - lots of people cheering, and chanting along with the cheerleading squad. There was even a marching band who performed during the half-time interval, an orchestra who played after touchdowns were scored and at fairly regular intervals for motivation. Unfortunately, while the festivities did persist throughout the entire game, the supporters of TJ had warned us that a brutal, and colossal loss would occur: the final score being TJ at 2 points, and Langley at 37 points. All in all, an enjoyable experience, and only slightly disappointing.

For the following two days, we toured Washington, D.C – a very different city to New York, but perhaps even better to be in. Washington came across as a cleaner, less congested, happier city with very impressive low-rise buildings throughout. Being in Washington was incredibly interesting – being able to see the home of US government at the Capitol building. Although we couldn't enter the White House (security hazard!), just being able to see it (and take loads of selfies in front of it) was a pretty special moment. Other than that, we explored cemeteries and war memorials and saw the Lincoln Memorial – another grand structure honouring a very honourable man. The Air and Space museum was interesting too.

Getting to spend more time with our families on Saturday night and Sunday was great – personally, I had a great time indulging myself in US culture.

I very much enjoyed the trip to Washington DC and New York City. We all saw so much of interest, so many incredibly iconic places that we all see in films on a regular basis. There was a real feel good vibe to the whole thing; it went swimmingly from start to finish.

Sebastian Monblat, Year 12



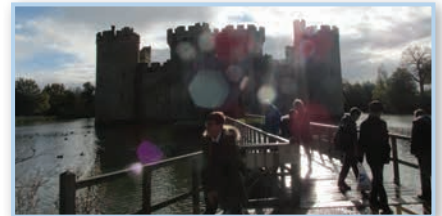
BODIAM CASTLE

Year 7 enjoyed a very successful trip to Bodiam Castle which was built in the fourteenth century by Sir Edward Dallingridge. This trip reinforced the group's castle project.

Year 7 were able to experience trying on all different types of armour and experience the size and weight of different weapons used at the time! Fortunately the long bows were not loaded!

The pupils were then given a guided tour of the castle and shown the numerous fireplaces and bathrooms! Finally they discussed ways to attack and defend castles and considered whether swimming across the moat would be a possibility!

Miss L Wilkinson

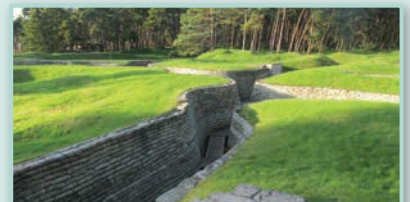


BATTLEFIELDS

Year 9 had an excellent trip to the WW1 battlefields of Northern France. We visited Vimy Ridge and stayed overnight in Albert. The next day focused on the Battle of the Somme. One highlight was the Lochnager crater the remnants of a massive mine exploded under German lines on 1st July 1916. A path had been built round the crater. The School will be sponsoring two of the boards on the path. One will be in memory of Charles Goodship a local man killed in 1917 and commemorated at Thiepval. The other will be named for Captain J W Blencowe who assaulted Ovillers some half a mile away. His letters home are read on the trip every year.

It was a great experience which the boys are now using for a project on Trench life.

Mrs E Harrison



REMEMBRANCE DAY



CASTLE SOCIETY

The Castle Society has continued to meet and been treated to a variety of lectures which stimulated discussion and well considered questions. Mr M Holder-Williams surveyed 'Nationalism, Liberalism & Legitimacy in the Nineteenth Century'. Mr J C Blencowe gave a presentation on economic thoughts of 'Thomas Malthus', while Mr S Leigh preferred a literary theme considering the poetry of 'Carol Ann Duffy'. Mr S Bromley looked at 'The English Landscape'. The final presentation was given by Mr J D'Souza who chose the theme of 'Pornography & the Internet: 21st Dangers to Men'. All were well received.

Mr M Holder-Williams

TECTONIC HAZARDS

On Friday 5th December, Six Form Geographers (Mark Goulder, Kirsty Wilkins, Henry Geogenhan, Chris Stevens and Ollie Larrisey) attended a conference at the Emmanuel Centre, London, on Tectonic Hazards. There were talks by eminent Geographers including Professor Ian Stewart who has presented various scientific programmes on television. This useful trip provided the students with up to date case studies of Earthquakes and Volcanoes which is integral to their exams. All in all, an excellent day.

Mr G Sandhu



TRENCH CAKE

Year 9 pupils who are currently studying the First World War recently baked 'Trench Cake', a wartime favourite, as part of wider plans to commemorate the centenary of the First World War. It was a great way to bring both history and stories from the First World War to life.

'Trench Cake' was prepared mostly by the mothers and wives of soldiers during the First World War and sent to them at the Front. Soldiers suffered from constipation as their diet lacked fruit and vitamins but the fruit cake helped a bit. The cake also provided troops with an emotional and moral lifting boost. Pupils brought their cakes in to School and they were judged for both appearance and taste. The pupil with the winning cake received vouchers as a prize, and all the cakes were then cut up and sold at break time.

Over £40 was raised as a result of the cake sale and this will be sent to The Royal British Legion.

Miss L Wilkinson



Mithiran Elangco, Year 9



DRAMA PRODUCTION “FOOLS” BY NEIL SIMON



Fools is a 1981 comedy play written by Neil Simon. The plot involves a schoolteacher named Leon Tolchinsky arriving in the village of Kulyenchikov in order to educate the town doctor's daughter. Leon promptly falls in Love at First Sight with the beautiful Sophia. However, it turns out that Kulyenchikov

is under a curse. The town has been cursed with stupidity for centuries. The curse also makes it impossible for Sophia and the other villagers to leave the town or grasp the concept of love. The only way to break the curse is for Leon to either educate Sophia or for her to marry another man; Count Gregor Yousekevitch. Unfortunately, Leon only has 24 hours before he too falls victim to the curse.

Mr Bader-Clynes once again directed a wonderful comic production, cleverly cast and performed with professional and mature delivery. Congratulations to the Cast and Crew: Chris Stevens, Louis Tait, Jack Stace, Tom Hall, Kiran Acharya, Sam Conibear, Charlie Sumerary, Alex Webb, Toby Conyers, Fagan Aliyev, Max Davis, Jack Clark and James Suri.



LAMDA

The Drama Department at Ewell Castle are very pleased to be offering LAMDA examinations to our Years 7, 8 and 9 pupils. LAMDA has been fuelling the performing arts for over 150 years and their prestigious qualifications are recognised throughout the UK. At Ewell Castle we aim to provide pupils with a means to improve communication skills, increase self-confidence and develop strong social skills, regardless of their experience or ability. Examinations are to take place in February and I anticipate our boys will achieve a great deal.

Miss L Jones

OLD EWELLIANS ALUMNI REUNION

The recently re-formed Old Ewellian Association held its first Winter Reunion on Friday 14th November at Jamie's Bar in the City of London. We had a great response and it was wonderful to see alumni representing such a variety of years, from those who had been boarders at the School in the 1950's and remembered swimming in the "lake" to more recent leavers from the 90's and 00's; we even had one "Old Boy" turn up who now lives in Austen, Texas and just happened to be in London that week!

Ms C Hernandez



STAFF LEAVING

Liza Morton

Liza joined the School as Head of Art in September 2004. During her time the Department has been transformed. The accommodation in the Pledger Building has been refurbished and her enthusiasm and determination has ensured that Art retains a high profile within the School. We are grateful for all her efforts and wish her well as she leaves to start in a new venture with her husband called 'On Top of the World' (on Box Hill).

Hollie Barbury

Hollie was appointed Financial Assistant in April 2014. Alas, the attractions of the City proved too much as she moved on in September. Ever cheerful, she made a valuable contribution in her short-time with us.

NEW STAFF

We welcome Kim Richards to the School in the capacity of Financial Assistant. I have every confidence that she will enjoy her time at Ewell castle.

Mr M Holder-Williams

PSFA

It's been another busy term for the PSFA. Once again, the annual Fireworks Display was a sell-out



and raised a record £1150. On 28th November, Santa arrived early at The Castle, along with a variety of craft and gift stalls, for the Christmas Fair. Around £500 was raised, with the proceeds split between the PSFA and Children in Need. Thank you to everyone who made both of these events a success; parents, staff and children.

Having contributed money towards the new minibus during the Summer, we are hoping to continue to support the School in a variety of ways. The money raised so far this year will help to pay for more play equipment at Chessington Lodge - including a games board and a Nature Station, complete with bug and bird houses. We also have a wish list of items from the Senior School and we will be looking to fund items including a 3D Printer and sports equipment.

Please keep a look out on the School Calendar for upcoming events. The Spring term will see the return of the Quiz Night on Saturday 24th January and a new event in the form of a Horse-race evening on Saturday 18th April. Looking into the Summer, the Ball will be held again in the Marquee on Saturday 4th July so please save the date! Until then, from everyone at the PSFA, may we wish you a very Merry Christmas!

Mrs V Craig, Chair



Autumn 2014 – Preparing for our Whole School Photo