



Dear Parents

Reading this you'll realise how hectic the end of term has been! Boys are tired now and so I hope all have a good rest and a really enjoyable Christmas break.

Children in Need Appeal

The main event of this year's Children in Need was the University Challenge competition where teachers allied themselves with their houses and fiercely battled in order to be crowned the most intelligent house. The semi finals took place on Friday 11 November with the final on Monday 14 November. Hartnell's Metropolitan, led by Mr Amor, managed to come from behind and clinch the prize from St Carr's University.

In addition, there was not a dry eye in the house after teachers performed a somewhat moving rendition of 'It's All About You' by McFly during assembly.



An extended break time heralded events such as 'Beat the Goalie',

'The Rugby Challenge' and 'Soak the Teacher'. The boys voted Miss Morgan, Mr Harris and Mr Gamble to face the sponging.



Also Mr Martineau shaved his beard in a style similar to Wolverine from the X-men.

This year's annual lunchtime sport event was just as fiercely competitive as ever, with the Math's, Humanities and Science Departments along with the Senior Management team being voted to pit it out against each other. There were some controversial decisions by Indraj Ghuman as referee, but in the end the Senior Management succeeded over The Math's Department in a final of epic proportions.



On behalf of the Prefect Team I would like to thank all of the teachers and boys involved for all of their efforts in raising money so far and with various other events underway such as the results of the 'Priority Lunch ticket raffle' and the 6th form X factor, we look forward to donating an even larger figure to this worthy cause.

Kit Aina

Total raised: £2,380.96

Carol Service

All the tickets for the Carol Service have now been issued. If you find you are no longer able to attend, please return your tickets to school, in order that we can re-allocate them.



House Music Finals

The culmination of weeks of preparation in the Music department took shape in the form of the House Music Finals on 18 November, with fourteen soloists battling it out for the prestigious Musician of the Year trophies.



House choirs rehearsed and House ensembles finely tuned, over sixty performers took to the stage.



A tightly fought Junior category resulted in Silas Edwards (Year 8) winning the Junior section, playing fabulously on his cello, while his brother, Joe Edwards (Year 9) on violin, was triumphant with a phenomenally virtuosic piece in the Intermediate section.



The Senior competition's trophy, contested over by some of the best musicians in Bristol, was claimed by Ed Wren (Year 13), playing a sublime piece on the piano.

However, with only half the concert through, the House ensembles and choirs were 'waiting in the wings' with drawn breath. Bird House choir commenced the second half with Ed Wren's arrangement of 'Moondance' by Van Morrison, and despite a wonderfully talented set of choirs, Bird's eventually clinched the trophy.

Having totalled the House points, Bird's received the overall cup - retaining it for yet another year!



Subsequently, the House ensembles took to the stage. With saxophones, singers, trombones, pianos and ukuleles, the eclectic variety of instruments was astounding. All four Houses having performed to great appreciation, the night's judge awarded Hartnell's the sought after first place position.



However, the House Music Finals night would not have been possible without the support and dedication of the Music department - their guidance resulting in another night of spectacularly high-level entertainment. In addition, thanks to adjudicator, Mr Colin Albery of King's College, Taunton for giving invaluable comments to the performers and making the whole evening a pleasure to everyone present.



Congratulations to all the boys taking part and providing a very entertaining evening.

House Music Cup: 1st – Bird's
2nd – Carr's
3rd – Ramsey's
4th – Hartnell's

Letters you should have received!!

Years 11-13 Senior Rugby Teams – Rugby Dinner on 6 January 2012

Forthcoming events:-

Wed 7 Dec – School Christmas Lunch
Fri 9 Dec 2.30pm – Carol Service at Bristol Cathedral – admission by ticket only

UK Senior Team Maths Challenge

Last week a team of four further mathematicians, from the Sixth Form, competed in the regional final of the UK Mathematics' Trust and Further Math's Support Programme Senior Team Math's Challenge and finished second out of a strong field of 19 schools.

Congratulations to team members:

Sam Wang
Jack Loudon
Matthew Thomas
Joshua Inoue

House Academic Cup 2011-12

Positions for the Academic Cup following the Autumn Assessments are as follows:-

1st Ramsey
2nd Hartnell
3rd Bird
4th Carr

Year Group Leaders:

Yr 7 Ramsey
Yr 8 Ramsey
Yr 9 Carr
Yr 10 Hartnell
Yr 11 Ramsey

QEH Old Boy to play for Cambridge Varsity Team



Kristian Cook, who left QEH in 2007, has been selected to play for Cambridge University in the Varsity rugby match on Thursday 8th December.

Kristian Cook playing for the 1st XV at QEH

Dave Perkins, former QEH Head of Rugby, says: "He follows in the footsteps of Nick Marval (1991 leaver), our last QEH Old Boy to feature in a Varsity match.

"He was 1st XV captain in 2006-7 and played in the same QEH side as International Jack Cuthbert."

The more observant amongst us may have noted that Christian is also featured in the latest Jack Wills 'Term Book' sporting a Cambridge Uni polo shirt! (Jack Wills is the official outfitters of the Varsity matches.

Rugby Results

Matches v King Edward's Bath

1st XV lost 7-20
2nd XV won 7-0
U16A won 52-12
U15B lost 0-39
U14A lost 7-14
U14B won 60-0
U13A lost 0-47
U134B lost 0-50
U12A won 27-7
U12B won 35-0

Matches v Exeter School

1st XV won 31-21
2nd XV won 34-0
U16A won 27-17
U15A won 26-7
U14A lost 5-12
U14B lost 12-19
U13A lost 0-26
U13B lost 12-29
U12A lost 0-40
U12B won 15-0

Matches v Queen's College, Taunton

U12A won 22-0
U12C won 17-0

Daily Mail U15 Cup (Round 5)

U15A v Priory Community School lost 19-36

Tennis Results

Senior boys played Beechen Cliff last week – lost 5 matches to 1

Senior boys played Chew Valley School last week. Tied 3 matches all – played a shoot out and QEH won.

Congratulations to all team members.

"Skellig"

This term's production is "Skellig". A play following a small boy named Michael, whose baby sister is born prematurely and is in and out of hospital with fears that she may die.



During these difficult times for the family, Michael meets a crippled old man in the garage of his new house. He feeds the man and returns him

to health. Michael helps him move out of the garage before it is demolished, with the help of his new friend Milo. Skellig turns out to be far more than an old man with angel wings growing from his shoulders.



With the baby close to death, the family's situation is worse than ever...



With a horde of Year 7 and 8's making up ensembles 1 and 2 of the production, the patience of a saint was most certainly a virtue required. Members of sixth form, Year 11 and, particularly staff, had this virtue and worked very hard to organise and manage the ensembles movement around the stage to fit the scene.

The role of Skellig was a great part to play, requiring a love of Chinese food and beer. The dialogue of Skellig was brilliant and made him a fantastic part to play with his snappy rudeness and at first, disregard for others. The production was great fun to be part of and had a wonderful cast.

James Clarke alias "Skellig"

If you haven't yet seen the production, tickets will be available on the door this evening. £5 for adults, £3 for concessions.

Art this term

The art department has enjoyed taking the art and photography 'A' level students to the Tate Britain and Tate Modern this term, where we had an afternoon session with one of the art educators who selected specific pieces of artwork, which we discussed and sketched. The boys were challenged with high level questioning and all gained a lot from the experience.

Mrs Pole also organized a successful Photography workshop with visiting photographer Justin Quinnell. The boys were introduced to traditional techniques and carried out some pinhole photography. It was a fun and interesting morning.

Miss Dyer

Winterbourne/Thornbury Bus Service

A meeting has now taken place for those parents affected by the withdrawal, at the end of this term, of the Westward Travel service.

It is proposed that the current Winterbourne route operated by Westward Travel becomes part of the route proposed by Eurocoaches.

All interested parties must register their interest and details by no later than 2nd December 2011.

This will allow the new operator time to analyse the data and identify the stops, timings and prices that best fit the requirements of as many people as possible.

This will be publicised by 9 December.

Any interested QEH parents please be aware that Mrs Eva Soukupova, will be the QEH parent co-ordinator.

Please contact her as soon as possible to register an interest at:
evasoukupova@blueyonder.co.uk

QEH Charity Christmas Cards

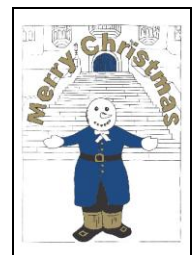
QEH Christmas cards are available from the school office, £1 for 10. Please use the slip below to order your cards.

Pupil's Name

Form No of packets

£ payment enclosed.

"Cheques made payable to QEH"



Rotary Club Cookery Competition

Three of our previous Masterchef winners, Alex Russell (Y10), Patrick McMahon (Y10) and Ben Hamilton (Y9), flew the QEH flag against representatives from Redland Green School, St Bede's and the Red Maids' school in this year's Rotary Club of Clifton Young Chef Competition. At stake were cash prizes and a chance to progress to the regional final. Their task was to prepare a healthy main course and desert for one person, with 90 minutes' cooking time.



The standard was extremely high, with dishes, being produced that looked and tasted as if they had come out of professional kitchens. In the end, after much deliberation of the judges, Ben Hamilton was awarded the third prize and Patrick McMahon won the first prize. He wowed the judges with his Thai-style curry with jasmine rice for the main course, followed by caramelised banana spring rolls for dessert.



*Alex Russell's
main course*

Patrick won the Masterchef competition against the girls from Red Maids in Year 7 three years ago. His prize was a meal for two at the Michelin-starred Casamia in Westbury-on-Trym and a chance to visit the kitchens. He immediately struck up a very good relationship with the Head chefs, Jonray and Peter, and has since been back many times to help out and learn from them in the kitchens.

Charity Fundraising – Lavender Suite

A cheque, raised by the Sixth Form, was presented to Christine Hyland when she visited their Assembly during the week.

*Karen Buck, Ben
Emsley-Frake
presenting the
cheque to Mrs
Christine Hyland*



Mrs Hyland, a senior midwife at St Michael's Hospital, came to receive the cheque for £260.11 for The Lavender Suite at St Michael's.

This suite is set aside for women and their families who are bereaved at childbirth, and the funds raised will go towards the equipping and decoration of this facility for which funds are not otherwise available.

Mrs Hyland spoke to the boys about the value of the Lavender Suite and staff whose families have benefited from it were also present to support the scheme.

Friends' Advent Night

Wednesday's Advent Night was a great success. The choir and orchestra entertained with a variety of Christmas music. As always, the Twelve Days of Christmas was sung with gusto!

After the concert, refreshments were provided in the schoolroom and the jazz band provided a festive medley of tunes, with Mrs Stotesbury and Rishi Saluja leading the singing.

A big thank you to the Friends' Committee for all their hard work in setting up the evening. Lastly, a huge thank you to the music staff for their dedication and skills in developing the musical talent of all the boys involved.



