



Christmas Newsletter

Madras College Newsletter

December 2009

Rector's Note

The end of this term brings with it a rush of events and activities and represents one of the busiest times in the school calendar. Assessments, prelims, work experience, college and university applications, shows, concerts and festive parties create an end to the term that is hectic and enjoyable.

The Christmas and the New Year period is a time for reflection, for celebration and for looking forward. This newsletter illustrates some of the many successes that we have enjoyed since the session began. It is an opportunity for us to be proud of what has been achieved and for all of us to share in our many successes. I am pleased that we are able to continue with our regular diary page in the Citizen. This continues to be an effective, popular means of celebrating our achievements, providing information about the school and highlighting forthcoming events.

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Careers/ College Links

This term the school has been working hard to build its links with Dundee College. Mrs Seeley organised special tours around the different campuses for S4-6 Madras pupils. This has given the pupils the opportunity to see the campus, find out about the courses, see classes at work, meet lecturers and ask questions to support their applications and future educational choices.

Next term pupils will be given the opportunity of spending a full day in the college, involving them in taster sessions of their choice.

Bulb Selling Success



L to R: Jim Bennett (Depute Rector), Craig Millar, Cara Crowe, Becky Cowan, Tommy Crawford, Shannon Niven, Alex Proctor, Paul Gibbins (XL teacher), Nick Pragnell (Top of the Class Bulbs)

Pupils in The Prince's Trust XL clubs at Madras College have just won first prize in a national bulb-selling program designed to raise money for schools.

The pupils in the S3 and S4 XL clubs registered with the Strathmiglo-based organisation 'Top of The Class Bulbs' back in September, along with other schools from all across the UK.

They organised the distribution of bulb order forms throughout the school and also in Hope Park Church, where the school has strong links with the floral displays each year. The pupils produced posters, banked money, made-up and delivered completed orders.

For every pack of bulbs sold the group make a profit and in total the £1100 of orders produced a £330 yield. This total was enough to put Madras at the top of the bulb selling class and receive a £500 bonus.

The XL groups are now planning ways to increase this amount by using some

of it to purchase materials that they need to manufacture products for a planned Easter Craft Fair in the school.

Nick Pragnell from Top of The Class Bulbs presented the cheque to some members of the XL groups as well as the schools top two sellers Cara Crowe (S2) and Craig Millar (S4). Cara sold almost £100 of bulbs herself by knocking on the doors of her neighbours to get orders.

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In the St Andrews Day celebrations our singers performed in the service in Holy Trinity and pipe band led the torchlight procession and we just have enjoyed three very successful performances of Cabaret. Madras College has a justifiable reputation for the impressive range of opportunities it provides for all its pupils. I am grateful to all the members of staff who devote so much of their time to this very important part of school life. On their behalf I thank you for your continuing support for all we seek to achieve.

The other important development that is gathering pace is progress with then New Madras College. Doubtless you will have read recent articles in the press confirming that the preferred option is to locate the new school beside the University Sports centre on a site known as Lang Lands B. In educational terms this is undoubtedly the best option and brings with it many exciting opportunities. It is the intention that the new building will be ready for occupation in 2013. Detailed information about this work and all relevant papers can be accessed from the Parent Council website.

On behalf of the staff and pupils I wish you a happy Christmas and a relaxing holiday in preparation for what I know will be a busy and fulfilling New Year.

Viva España! - Malaga 09

Having spent the last three years looking forward to a Spanish trip, come Advanced Higher Spanish we were finally off! In November, after countless emails to Carlos, Alice Tavakoli, Katrin Riddle and Eilidh Dickson visited Cervantes Escuela in Malaga for an intensive week of Spanish and flamenco dancing. Mornings were taken up with three hours of discussion in fluent Spanish in the beautiful school buildings, while afternoons involved a great deal of cultural activity (including sunbathing!) before it was time for flamenco. This difficult dance style was shown off to perfection by the talented Rosa as we attempted to keep up. The educational trip was rounded off with a night of tapas and wandering around Malaga's lovely city centre.

French Exchange

Thirty-two pupils and 3 staff spent a very enjoyable 8 days in Poitiers on the return leg of the first Madras College French Exchange. Activities included an excellent day at Futuroscope Theme Park, a lovely day at La Rochelle port, and far too much time for the pupils to shop! The weather was superb, host pupils and families extremely welcoming, and we look forward to many more years of cultural exchanges.



Merry Christmas



Staffing Changes

This term we welcomed Mrs J McLaren, Principal Teacher Curriculum, Business Education and Computing, Mrs J Neilson, Principal Teacher Curriculum, Mathematics, Mr S Duffy, Principal Teacher, Physics, Mr R Wotherspoon, Principal Teacher, Art and Design, Mrs S Grant, Teacher, Mathematics, Miss C Hoy, Teacher, Modern Languages, and Mr R McCluskey Teacher, Physical Education. We also welcomed three new Probationers, Miss G Baxter, RMPS, Mr L Fraser, Physical Education and Miss J Shearer, Music.

We said goodbye to Mrs L A Brown, Depute Rector, Mr T Trewartha, Principal Teacher, Physical Education, Mrs H Mason, Teacher, Mathematics and Mrs N Eadie, Administrative Assistant. Between them they have worked an impressive total of 106 years! We thank them for their work over the many years and wish them long and happy retirements.

We said farewell to Mr C Dickson, Teacher Physics and Mr J Callaghan, Teacher, Physics. We wish them well.

Mr G Murray, Teacher of Art and Design is on secondment for a year to Waid Academy.

This month we welcome Mr M Changleng as Mr Trewartha's successor, Mrs V Barton, Teacher of English (part-time), Mrs B Floan, Technician, Mrs C Harrower, Administrative Assistant, who will be joining the new Admin Co-ordinator, Mrs M Wilson and new Admin Assistant Mrs C Cameron and the Admin Team.

Our grateful thanks are also passed to all the supply staff who have worked with us throughout the session and to the Readers/Scribes and Invigilators who provided an invaluable service during the Prelim exams.

French Film Festival

On 3rd December 35 First Year pupils accompanied by 3 members of the Modern Languages department were invited by the University of St Andrews to attend the French Film Festival. The group saw a showing of the film 'Michel Auber'; this was in French with English subtitles.

Scottish Languages Baccalaureate

Our candidates are working hard on the interdisciplinary projects for the first presentation of this new SQA qualification. Madras is one of only 13 schools in Scotland who are involved in the first year of this interesting and demanding additional qualification for those pupils studying languages at Advanced Higher.

Pipe Band

The Pipe Band has been in demand and was called upon to take part in a Homecoming Concert at St Andrews Town Hall on 18th November 2009. Pipe-Major Edward Marriage and newcomer



to the Band, Connor Burgess, piped at the door to welcome everyone, and a mini Band played two selections of tunes on the stage. Two pipers also played in the Finale accompanied by the Billy Anderson Trio.

Another big event on the calendar was St Andrews Night, 30th November 2009, when the full Pipe Band led a torchlight procession (100 torches) through the streets of St Andrews, from Madras College to Castlecliffe on The Scores. This was on a frosty, but fine night, and



the evening brought out a huge crowd, who were very appreciative of the superb sight and sound of the Pipe Band.

Award Winning Art on Display

A selection of Standard Grade and Higher Expressive Art Work is currently on display in the Byre Theatre as part of the St Andrews Community Council Art Exhibition. Calum Frame-Haszeldine won the U18 prize with his charcoal self-portrait. Get along to the Byre during the festive period, and enjoy the wealth of talent produced by Madras pupils.

Musical Notes

- During the October break, Ruairidh Tarvet (S6) took part in the preliminary round of the BBC Young Musician of the Year in the City Halls, Glasgow.
- A composing project funded by the 'Scottish Arts Council' and the 'Youth Music Initiative' has been running for a number of weeks with pupils from the Higher Music and Advanced Higher Music classes. Kenneth Dempster (composer, Napier University) and Ruth Morley (leader of the Scottish Flute Trio) have both been working with pupils to produce original music. The climax of the project took place in the Byre Theatre Cafe on 23rd November when all eight pupil compositions were performed to an appreciative audience.
- Pupils in the Singing Programme have been busy preparing for three separate events. Miss Burns conducted the singers in a performance of Fields of Gold at the St Andrews Day Civic Service in Holy Trinity Parish Church on 30th November. The Christmas Concert is drawing near, and the singers are also fortunate to have the opportunity to join with the St Andrews Chorus in a performance of Vivaldi's Gloria.
- In addition to an extensive variety of extra-curricular music groups, Mr Bell has started a Music Theory Club on both sites for pupils with an interest in the academic aspects of the subject and completing Associated Board Theory Examinations. Catering for all levels, time was spent recently on the Pythagorean Comma, a mathematical conundrum important in music. Only those of a strong disposition should google this!!
- Class Brass have completed a very busy term under the direction of Mr Miller. They provided the music at the Remembrance Day Service at the St Andrews War Memorial, played all the carols at a Carol Service in Upper Largo Church for the Order of St John, performed at the Christmas Concert and accompanied the festive singing around the Christmas Tree for the St Andrews Rotary Club.
- Pupils have entertained the members of the St Andrews Blind Association in an afternoon concert.

European Concert Tour

At the end of the summer term 80 pupils and 10 staff set off on the now biannual music trip. This year the destination of the Senior Wind Band, Orchestra and Pipe Band was Valkenburg in Holland. Concert venues were very varied with performances at the Valkenburg bandstand, a theme park, a psychiatric hospital and the spa gardens in Aachen, Germany. At this last location Rory Macleod and Ruairidh Tarvet even announced our programmes in German, much to the delight of our audience. All performances were of a very high standard and well-appreciated by the local audiences.

Naturally we were still left with plenty opportunities to fill leisure-time with various activities from tobogganing and bowling, to Lasertag and shopping.

I think the consensus was that this summer's tour was considered one of the best to date.

The fall of the Berlin Wall

Mark Elliott and Ruairidh Tarvet (both S6) attended a conference celebrating the fall of the Berlin Wall. The conference was organised by the University of St Andrews. The boys enjoyed the day very much and won second prize in a quiz about the former East Germany. Their prizes (dictionaries) are already being put to good use.

Euroscola 2010

Ten times a year, the Euroscola programme offers around five hundred young people from across the EU the once in a lifetime opportunity to experience a day in the life of an MEP: multi-lingual discussion, voting and presentation in the European Parliament, Strasbourg, are just a few of the things potentially on the menu for sixth year Alice Tavakoli come February 2010.

The project comprises a five or six day visit to Strasbourg, the main focus of which will be the Euroscola debate, complemented by market research questionnaires and other related activities – namely visits to schools, institutions and tourist attractions.

Parliament officials head the event with the hope that each participating pupil will leave ready to take on the world with increased European awareness, sparkling French language skills and significantly boosted self-confidence.

Having faced tough competition from other Madras candidates, Alice can only wait for Rotary District 1010's final decision as to whether or not she will take an MEP's seat in Strasbourg as one of Scotland's promising representatives.

Italy Sporting Trip

Fifty Madras College pupils said ciao to Italy in the first week of the October holidays. A group of promising footballers and netballers joined Mr Hepburn and Mrs Seeley on a trip to Lake Garda to train.

This was a great opportunity for the pupils to brush up their sporting skills, and that they certainly did. The boys even got an opportunity to play against some Italian clubs while they were out there.

It wasn't all work for the sportsmen; they also enjoyed activities such as go-karting with their teachers.

It's safe to say the pupils did not want to say arrivederci to Italy.

Yorkshire Dales and Pennines

Once again, a group of Geographers from Madras visited the Yorkshire Dales in September, travelling in 2 mini-buses, and staying in the Youth Hostel in Hawes in Wensleydale. The pupils were accompanied by Mr Bennett, Mr Clark, Miss Latto and Mrs Thomson.

We left at lunchtime on Thursday 17th September to travel south to Hawes where, after dinner, preparations were made for the Friday. On Friday, the Higher pupils were again treated to a great tour of Swinden limestone quarry, had lunch in Grassington, and then visited Whitescar limestone caves. The Advanced Higher group carried out rural and urban land use studies of the Grassington area in the morning and slope studies in the afternoon.

On Saturday, the Higher class walked through limestone scenery to study the surface features and the village of Malham, while the Advanced Higher went to the Lake District to carry out river measurements – the Lakes' rivers are far more suitable as they are wide and not

too deep to wade across!! They also carried out tourist questionnaires in Bowness-on-Windermere in the afternoon.

Each evening saw the group working in the hostel dining room to finish diaries, notes, maps and sketches and to prepare for the following day. Each pupil had to produce a comprehensive fieldwork notebook – there will be a prize for the pupil who produces the best notebook in each class!

Sunday morning saw the Higher pupils visiting the Hawes Creamery (of Wallace and Gromit fame!) to learn about the local Wensleydale cheese industry, while the Advanced Higher produced sketches of the River Ure.

Charities



Jamie Murphy (S6) slipping and sliding in Church Square for 'Children in Need'

This term has been a busy time for our S3 and S6 Charities Committee who have helped organize the 'Children in Need' House Colours Activities on 20th November. The school raised £1470. In addition we have been involved in the Earl Haig Appeal as well as Fife AIDS Awareness. It is too early to record how much was raised here.

At present we are supporting Cornerstone with providing food and toiletries for the elderly and homeless in North East Fife. Next term we shall be liaising with the new St Andrews Hospital to discuss ways in which sixth year pupils can offer support to patients in the wards.

Business Students Visit

Coca-Cola Factory

Wednesday 28th October saw the business students embark on a trip to the Coca-Cola factory in order to allow them to witness how business works in the real world. They were given a lecture explaining how everything works inside the business; it acted as an inspiration to the students who were surprised by the amount of products which came under the Coca-Cola trademark. The activities gave the pupils an opportunity to witness how a business grows and expands into a huge enterprise.

This experience reinforced and widened their knowledge. It allowed them first-hand evidence of what they had been learning on paper and therefore it brought business alive for them.

The encounter was hugely valuable and has enabled the students to further their studies with a deeper understanding of the business world outside of the school.



Positions Please for “Curtain Up”

With a cast of over 50, critics of Quad Theatre Productions may have been fooled into thinking that it might not pull off its annual winter show. How wrong they were. Somehow Mrs Esler managed to write and direct *Curtain Up*, a three day sell out, with more excellence than ever before.

The Edwardian Music Hall production was set on opening night of a rather hectic Adelphi Theatre in London circa 1914. Its stage manager, Stanley (Finn Jones S4) was having difficulty organising his rather useless array of act. From “fortune telling” to ventriloquism his show should have been a raging success but with too many hiccups along the way it seemed this wouldn’t be the case. The poor soul had trouble with everything from a rather temperamental pianist refusing to believe she was infact not the only person in his show to his only talented act Dora the songbird (Katherine Skene S5) losing her nerve at the last minute. Half way through the play within a play it was time for *Curtain Up*, and Stanley could relax, or so he thought. He had a suffragette storm his stage as well as

the Prime Minister suddenly appearing. All in a night’s work of a stage manger one might say. Romances and unlikely friendships made Mrs Elser’s production a hilarious success.

Budding costume designer Polly Wright (S6) took control of the mass of costumes that were needed. A mammoth task, and where would she have got if Mr Urquhart had not donated his vast and strange mix of costumes to her cause.

With a part created for everyone, the rehearsal was a stressful and exciting nightmare! With its cast spanning from S3 to S6, a real sense of unity was achieved, with a unanimous verdict that we simply didn’t want it to end. The family that was created in 3 weeks is one that will be remembered by everyone.

Mrs Elser’s energy and dedication comes from a strong passion for theatre and here is a woman who gave up her life for a term to ensure that these budding actors could give their audience a show to remember. Thank you, Wonder Woman, for giving me and my fellow cast members an experience I’ll never forget!

London Calling!

On 4th September, a group of sixth year Madras College pupils set off on the long journey to London. Organised by Mrs Esler, Mr Dewar and Mr Darge, the trip was especially for pupils studying Drama and English; to enhance their studies by visiting London’s theatre district, as well as being a weekend full of sightseeing.

On arrival the pupils were eager to explore the Capital. After wandering through the Borough Market, and pointing out the similarities the area bore to EastEnders, the pupils headed to their next stop, the Globe Theatre. Located right on the south bank of the Thames, the Globe boasts a remarkable resemblance to Shakespeare’s original theatre. The lucky students enjoyed a tour of the grounds, gaining knowledge of the history that surrounded the venue. The headliner of the day was Tom Stoppard’s play *Arcadia*. Labeled as being possibly ‘the greatest play of our age’. The pupils were glad to have a chance to dress up as they ventured out to the glitz and glamour of the West End.

Saturday was the busiest day, with clear skies they caught panoramic views from the London Eye, and a river cruise to Greenwich Village with a particularly comedic commentary. In the evening they were able to get a taste of Elizabethan theatre by once again visiting the Globe, this time to see Shakespeare’s comedy *As You like It*. The group then ate at the nearby Greek restaurant ‘The Real Greek’ where they discussed the day’s events and enjoyed the delicious Greek cuisine.

The following day the pupils packed their belongings and prepared for the journey home. They made one last stop in London’s iconic Trafalgar Square. Some chose to visit the National Gallery, others enjoyed the sunshine eating their lunch on Nelson’s Column, and what visit to the square would not be complete without a posing session on top of the bronze lions?

Having had a great weekend the pupils had nothing but praise about the trip on the return journey to Scotland.

Staff Panto

'Robin Hood Teachers in Tights'

Featuring a cast of 14 staff members across different departments - it was written and produced by Mr Smallwood.

The fairytale was given a Madras makeover and told the story of romance and friendship. Lead roles were taken by Mr Lawrenson - the Sherriff, Miss Griffiths - Robin Hood and Miss Birmingham - Maid Marion.

Performed to a sell-out audience, the panto was well received and raised a grand total of £588.00 for Save the Children.

Mr Smallwood would like to thank all Kilrymont Road and South Street pupils who came to see it as well as all of the staff (too many to mention here) who made the Panto possible.



Maid Marion and the Wolf

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Eco-Club

Just in time for Christmas



The Madras College Eco-Club have done it again! Just in time for Christmas. Together with the Parent Association Eco-Club, and despite the gloomy economic climate, they managed to raise the money required to build a state of the art organic vegetable garden at the Kilrymont Road site.

“We were fed up with the eyesore that was left behind when the old Support hut was pulled down. Weeds just took over the place and something really needed to be done”, said Finlay Williamson (S3).

The garden was made possible with the help of members of the community and teachers from various departments. Fertiliser was provided by Mr Picking, a local farmer from the area. The St Andrews Links Trust provided 5 tonnes of the finest quality soil for the raised beds. Fruit trees were donated by the Fife Ranger service and professional assistance with the design of the garden was provided by Mr Lee Atkinson, whose company, Creating Eden, worked with the children and carried out the actual landscaping, once the go ahead was given. Expertise was also provided by Mr Matheson who helps the

school’s Department of Additional Support and is a local resident and expert gardener.

“It’s fantastic how everything just came together perfectly” said Mr Brendan Fox, the Eco-Schools Coordinator. “The enthusiasm of the pupils at Madras College for these kinds of project is amazing. They’re really looking forward to gardening and have already started preparing for the spring.”

The Eco-Club managed to raise the funds by applying to various parties at the same time till they had secured their target. “We’d like to thank the Fife Environmental Trust, ENTRUST, our Parent’s Association Eco-Club, the Bell Fund and everybody who bought a raffle ticket to help support our project”, said Katrina Himpson, the Eco-Club’s chairperson.



The new garden organic vegetable garden at Kilrymont Road



Gardeners Brighten Up Madras

Thanks to dedicated, enthusiastic gardeners we now have a beautiful garden space. Mr Fox runs a team who work regularly and effectively. They have successfully managed to create a space to be appreciated by all at South Street. The garden featured impressively tall sunflowers, well kept flowerpots and an advantageously used greenhouse. Tomatoes and beans thrived as well as a herb garden which is ready for use by the Home Economics department. It is a space to truly be admired as not only is it a beneficial use of the grounds but also an asset to Madras College.

SPORTS NEWS

FOOTBALL

The U18 team has had mixed results so far this season. The boys won the Anniversary tournament back in August, but have since been knocked out of the Scottish Cup after losing to St Columbus in the third round. The boys remain in the Fife Cup, with a tie against St Columbus pending. Three members of the team, Tom Le Feuvre, Cammy West and Andrew Carlin have represented Fife Schools and have made it through to the Quarter Finals of the National Schools' Cup. Both the U15 and U14 teams are still in contention in the Fife Cup.

GIRLS' HOCKEY

Congratulations to S4 pupils Ruth Reid and Kirsty Duncan who were both selected for the Midlands U16 squad. Following the national championships, Ruth has been selected for the Scottish U16 Training Squad.

All year groups have attended practices after-school and competed in regular Saturday morning fixtures – weather permitting – with excellent results.

HOCKEY ACHIEVEMENTS

The S3 girl's hockey team were proud to win the Fife Schools' Hockey Tournament last week. The team, captained by Abby Donaldson, competed in the Round Robin Tournament and managed to take home the trophy. Congratulations girls!

NETBALL

The girls' netball teams have played several league fixtures with mixed results, and are currently doing well in the Scottish Cup, playing against teams from all over the country.

The S3 team recently beat Dundee High School 20-18. The S2 team have 4 games still to play. The S1 team had great success in their trip to Aberdeen, where they beat Albyn School 21-1 and Robert Gordon's College 23-4.

RUGBY

The Madras Senior team have had a good start to the year, coming second in the Anniversary tournament in August. The team also went through to the 4th Round of the Scottish Cup, where they were knocked out by Glasgow High School.

The U15 team also went through to the 4th Round, again where they were knocked out by Marr College. Rory Stewart, Euan Roger, Calum Willison and Andrew Hodge, who were part of this team, represented Fife in the Caledonia Inter-Area Championship.

SWIMMING

The Fife Schools' Swimming Championships took place earlier this year with several pupils representing Madras. At over 16 level Mathew Charnley won two Golds in the 100 m butterfly and 100 m freestyle, At 13-14 level Chris Cameron achieved 1st place in the 100 m 'free' and gained Silver in the 100 m 'fly'. Well done to both boys!

TENNIS

The senior boys' and senior girls' tennis teams are through to the third round of the Scottish Schools' Cup tournament. The Junior teams have also entered but have yet to play any matches. Several members of the teams have gone on to play at regional and national level this year.

Lomond Challenge Triathlon



Pupils pictured at the Lomond Challenge Triathlon

On Saturday 22nd August, Mr Duncan and Mrs Methven accompanied 16 senior pupils to The Lomond School, Helensburgh to compete in the Lomond Challenge Triathlon. The event is open to all schools in Scotland, the triathlon consisting of two competitors, who can be of the same sex or mixed. The event took place set in a spectacular setting on the west side of Loch Lomond facing Ben Lomond. Teams of two commenced the event with a 1.7 mile canoe leg, followed by a 1.7 mile cycle leg and completing the triathlon, a run along the cycle track of 3.4 miles.

In the mixed event S6 pupils Rachel Weir and Euan Todd, finished in 2nd Team place, followed by brother and sister Alex (S4) and Charlotte Sloan (S6) in 3rd Team Place. Madras College finished in 4th Team Place.



INFORMATION

Fife Council

School Closure Information for Parents

As early as possible on the morning of severe weather or other situations such as water, heating and building problems, there will be an update of what information is available and that parents can access from their home. Further updates will be given throughout the day. So when the severe weather starts you should:

- Listen to Kingdom FM (95.2 and 96.1), Radio Forth (97.3), Radio Tay (102.8 and 96.4) or other local radio stations
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 - 3 – for Cowdenbeath, Glenrothes and Lochgelly Schools, or
 - 4 – for Dunfermline, Inverkeithing and West Schools.
- c) Then choose
 - 1 – for Primary,
 - 2 – for Secondary,
 - 3 – for Other Establishments.
- d) Schools will be listed in alphabetical order so listen carefully for your school.

HOLIDAYS

Christmas

Monday 21st December 2009 to Friday 1st January 2010

February (two days)

Thursday 11th and Friday 12th February 2010

Easter

Friday 2nd April 2010 to Friday 16th April 2010*

May Day

Monday 3rd May 2010

June (single day)

Monday 7th June 2010

Summer

Monday 5th July to Friday 13th August 2010

* Good Friday falls on Friday 2nd April 2010

IN-SERVICE DAYS

Monday 4th January 2010

Wednesday 10th February 2010

Tuesday 8th June 2010

EXAMINATIONS

S5/6 Prelims

Wednesday 13th January to Tuesday 2nd February 2010

S3 Exams

Friday 30th April to Monday 17th May 2010

PARENTS' EVENINGS

S2 Wednesday 17th February 2010

S3 Tuesday 25th May 2010

S4 Tuesday 23rd February 2010