



Tragic Deaths

It was with huge sadness that we learned of the tragic death of Tom Capewell, a Year 12 student, in a car accident last Saturday. Tom was a gentle boy, quiet and unassuming, cheerful and enthusiastic, who was well respected by his peers. He will be greatly missed.

Jamie Baker, who also died in the crash, left college at the end of last year. He is remembered as someone who was always smiling, a polite and gentle young man who put these qualities to special effect as a peer listener, helping and advising younger students in the college.

We remember them both with great fondness. Our thoughts are with their friends and families and also with those of the third boy who died whose sister and brothers attend our college.

Talent on Show

A packed hall enjoyed the talents of over 60 different performers at the celebration of talent last Friday. It was great entertainment and also raised money for Adumasa. Many thanks to Mrs Vaughan and all the other staff and students who made this possible.

Photography and Art Excellence

The annual Photography and Arts Exhibitions at the college again showed the fantastic range and quality of the work produced by students; their vitality and talent is simply inspiring.

Summer Soiree and Concert

This takes place on Thursday 9th July from 6.30 onwards in the Sixth Form lounge. PTFA are running a barbeque and bar on the patio outside and entry is free! Rain or shine, make sure you do not miss this wonderful evening's entertainment.

*With very best wishes
for the summer
Roger Pope*

**Roger Pope
Principal**

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We have already held the Olympics!

The final module of the Year 7 Opening Minds course involved staging our very own Olympic Games. This happened last Thursday despite the rain.

Opening Minds is all about the students developing the skills that they will need for later life such as leadership, working in teams, organisation and research. The students have shown great skill and ingenuity in finding out about all aspects of the Olympics from Greek food and dress to organising teams of supporters – complete with banners and songs! We are very pleased with the way in which this course has gone this year and this formed a fitting culmination.

African Drumming

As I write the college is pounding with the rhythms of Tribal Vibes. Three master drummers from Senegal are working with students and then running a workshop after college as part of our Arts programme 'The Core'. It's great to see the students pushing the boundaries in this way.

End of Term Arrangements

Summer Term ends at the usual time on Friday 17th of July.

Primary Songs

Last Thursday we hosted eight primary schools for a special day of singing that culminated in a performance in the afternoon. Many thanks to Miss Mitchell for organising this; it's great to think of all these talented singers heading our way in the future.

Farewells

We are saying farwell this term to a number of members of staff. Miss Clarke retires after 34 years' loyal service as an Art teacher and Head of Year; Mrs Hosking is also retiring after 8 years at the College, Ms Loyn goes on to be Head of Drama at Saltash and Mr Jamison to work for the Faith Programme at the Tony Blair Faith Foundation. Mrs Moore reaches the end of her one year contract covering Mrs Graham's absence and Mrs Wibberley, Ms Bex and Miss Ladrowski leave us as TAs. Many thanks to all these members of staff for all they have done so selflessly for our students and we wish them all the very best of for the future.

Congratulations to Mr Jamison and Miss Beavan on their marriage and handfasting; to Mrs Baker-Kind on the birth of Felix Monty and to Miss Wilkinson who is getting married during the summer holidays.

Shine Week

This week we are taking part in National Shine Week, an opportunity to celebrate the wide and varied talents of young people all over the country. Students have received special commendations from staff for the ways in which they shine day in day out—by helping in the library, the canteen and in numerous other ways. There are also a series of performances going on through the week as they show off their performing skills. Many thanks to Miss West for organising this.

Term Dates:

Summer Term:

20th April to 17th July 2009

Autumn Term:

2nd September

(Years 7, 10 and 12)

3rd September (Whole School)
to 18th December 2009

Autumn half term:

23rd—30th October 2009

Non-pupil day 23rd October

AWARDS

Gold Awards

Carrie Cluley	10PS
Sinead Oggelsby	10PS
Laura Tregelles	10NN
Georgia Lubrani	10NN
Katie Paulinyi	10NN
Antonia King	10LU

Principal Awards

Tom Johnson	7EA
Ollie Stainton	7EA
Henry Wadey	7EA
Hollie Worthington	7EA
Hannah Mitchell	7EA
Angus Breton	7WD
Angus Johnstone	7FP
Stuart Thorns	7FP
Amy Evans	7FP
Ellie-May Dixon	7FP
Josh Berry	7WD
Callum Tollins	7FM
Kate Pinwell	7WD

Jay O'Connell	7KE
Samuel Andrews	8RW
Jonathon Harding	8RW
Jaime Kearney	8RW
Isabella Richards	8BRM
Hannah Tait	8BRM
Abbey Daniels	8LK

Governor Awards

William Hitch	7EA
Dominic Luscombe	7EA
William Holloway	7FM
Hester Stembridge	7PT
Toby Woods	7PT
Lucy Barnard	7PT
Emily Baker	7PT
Lauren Jeffrey	8LK
Christopher Jarvis	8RW
Charlotte Holland	8CK
Gabriel Amato	8AN

Uniform

A final reminder that we are raising our expectations of smartness from September and will send students home who are not smartly dressed. We have talked with students in assemblies about our expectations; when buying uniform for the new term please make sure that all items are formal style and I attached another copy of the uniform list.