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Dear Parents/Carers

Newsletter Summer 2 2012

As I write the introduction to our final newsletter of the academic year I am surrounded in my office by the work of students who completed their GCSE Art course just a few short weeks ago; many of you will have seen this outstanding work on display in our annual exhibition earlier this month. Once the display is dismantled, items are often stored in my office overnight before being returned to the Art department. This year I was so struck by the quality of the ceramics that I asked if I might enjoy them at close quarters for a little longer. It is a daily reminder of the creativity with which we are surrounded in school and the quality of the teaching which enables young people to make the most of it.

Another such reminder came in the form of this week's Celebration of Achievement events in which representatives from our four Houses invited students to receive a range of prizes and awards and showcase some of their activities from the past twelve months. Among the guests who attended this year's events were two former headteachers of the school, Mr Peter Ellis who joined us for the lower school event in the afternoon and Mr Ken Shorey who came along in the evening. I was delighted that both, quite independently, commented upon how clear it was that the students involved were really enjoying themselves, whilst being enthusiastically supported of their peers in the audience. It really was a genuine celebration of one another's success. In addition, Ken Shorey was particularly struck by the level of student leadership which was so apparent and the fact that *Caring to Achieve* continues to be such a tangible element of our school life.

In the pages that follow you will find further evidence of the achievements of students in recent weeks. Where possible we have attempted to avoid duplication with the content of our student generated newspaper; to get an even fuller picture of this half term's highlights, I would urge you to read Edition 3 of this excellent publication which will be on our website in the near future.

Staff News

Farewell

At the end of term we will be bidding farewell to the following of members of staff:

Mrs P Aidoo-Sarkodie	Mrs A Collins	Mr J Eiles	Mrs A Gomez
Mrs K Hampson	Mrs A Lambourne	Mr S Oakes	Mrs B Orme
Mrs L O'Sullivan	Mr C Pearce	Mr R Wightman	

To those moving on to pastures new, we would like to say thank you and convey our very best wishes for continued success. However, Mrs Orme will actually be retiring from teaching at the end of the year. She was first appointed to the school in 1977. I am sure that you join us in wishing her a very happy and fulfilling retirement. She will be missed by us all, not least for the very significant contribution she has made to the students, families and staff here over the years.



Maternity Leave

We are also bidding farewell to Mrs Herridge who will be leaving us temporarily to go on maternity leave. We wish her a happy and restful time at home as she prepares for the new addition to her family.

Welcome

Students may have noticed that during July there have been some new faces in school. We extend a warm welcome to the following staff who join us September.

Mathematics

Mr A Hussain

Science

Mrs W Sales-Mint

Modern Foreign Languages

Miss S Baillie

Miss K Stone

Mr M Wheelhouse

Technology

Mrs J Charles

Support Studies

Mrs J Amer

Mrs C Macqueen

Wedding Belles

Our congratulations to Miss Tarrant who got married in June and will be returning in September as Mrs Postlethwaite.

Internal Appointments

For the new academic year Academic Progress Coordinator's (APC's) structure will be as follows:

Year 7	Mr R Francis
Year 8	Mr M Pike
Year 9	Miss V Newman
Year 10	Mrs J Allison
Year 11	Mrs A Edwards

The APC's will be supported in their role by non teaching Pastoral Support Coordinators (PSC's) as follows:

Year 7	Mrs Linda Keegan
Years 8 & 9	Mrs Julie Andrews
Years 10 & 11	Mrs Jo Jones

Sporting News

Girls' Football Coach

Court Moor has a number of girls interested in developing their football. We are looking for a coach who will be willing to work with these students. If you are interested or know someone who may be interested, please contact the school.

Heatherside's Olympic Week

Three of our international sports students took part in Heatherside's Olympic week. They gave inspirational talks about their sports and exhibited their international kit and medals. The students were: Richard Krogh (7W) who spoke about ice hockey, Gemma McArthur (9N) who spoke about diving and Jorja Brown (10W) who spoke about synchronised swimming.

Junior Athletics Success

Congratulations to our year 7 and year 8 students who performed so well in the recent District Championships held in Reading. Best team performance came from the year 7 boys who achieved an excellent third place overall.

Top individual performances came from: Max Barker (7N) who was runner up in the shot put and third in the 200m and Semiti Marautaki (8B) who came runner up in javelin and third in the 200m. Both the boys were selected to represent the District in the County Championships, along with: Matthew Bozier (7W) in the long jump, Katie Standen (7N) in the 1000m, William Hendry-Chrystal (7W) in the high jump, Tiarnan Power (7W) in the 600m, Brogen Nevitt (7N) in the javelin and Hannah Weaver (8B) in the high jump. Hannah did particularly well coming runner-up in the Hampshire Championships, achieving a personal best of 1.42mtrs.

Good luck in the County Championships!

Warhammer

On Wednesday 27th June the Warhammer School's League team went to Nottingham to compete in the National finals of the competition. The team comprised of Matthew Anthony (11W), Christian Rennison-Jones (11W), Jamie Ward (10N) and Max Barker (7N). En-route to the final they came 2nd in the regional final after winning their heat. In Nottingham they played four games each against a variety of opponents, including the eventual winners from Boston Grammar School in Lincolnshire. After winning two and losing two games each, the members of Court Moor's team had accumulated a total of 52 points, earning them 9th place out of the 16 teams at the event. Some 300 teams in total had entered the competition so this represented an excellent achievement. Well done to all members of the Warhammer team!

Individual Students' Success

Nathan Cookson (10N)

Nathan has been awarded the Best Young Apprentice Engineering Award from the Farnborough College of Technology as a result of his hard work at the College during 2011/12. Well done Nathan!

Edward Ball (10A)

Congratulations also go to Edward Ball who has been awarded Student of Year in Catering from Basingstoke College of Technology. Excellent news Edward!

Edward Moores (9W)

Edward joined The Su-Ha-Ri Karate Club at the Hart Leisure Centre 8 years ago and has just passed his Black Belt 1st Dan Grading. This included a written test along with sparring, Kata's and performing various techniques and set moves. The club is run by John Wicks who is a previous World champion. Fantastic news, well done Edward!

Louise Nicholls (10B)

Louise is currently participating in the World Choir Games in Cincinnati with the Farnham Youth Choir. They have taken part in two competitions, one for youth choirs (up to age 24) and the other for choirs of all ages (some of these choirs were professional). In the youth choir competition, Farnham Youth Choir won a gold medal, coming fourth overall (only beaten by two choirs from China and one from Israel). In the other competition they won a silver medal. These are fantastic results for the choir, the only competitors from Great Britain. Whilst in the USA they were also taking part in a number of concerts in New York including one at St Paul's Chapel, Ground Zero. Well done to Louise.

Tile Barn

On the 23rd June year 8 embarked on their annual camping experience down at Tile Barn campsite in the New Forest. It started off with a bang, with many pupils, parents and staff helping pitch tents, marquees and sort equipment. Even with a little rain throughout the week, a great time was had by all and the students really excelled themselves from mountain biking in very muddy conditions to washing up! A big thank you to parents who helped with setting up camp on the Saturday beforehand. We are all looking forward to next year's trip in the sun!

Fairtrade News

On Saturday 7th July, Mrs Brindley, Lisa Pearson (IOW) and Claire Dunford (IOW) attended the Hampshire Fairtrade Network meeting at All Saints' church hall, Basingstoke. Seven schools were invited to make a presentation to explain what each has achieved in promoting and raising awareness about Fairtrade. Lisa and Claire made a fantastic speech and are full of enthusiasm and inspiration for the coming year.

House News

For those of you who did not see them hard at work during our Celebration of Achievement events, we are delighted to confirm the following appointments to each of our houses. After their successes as House Deputies congratulations go to our House Captains, Lauren Waring for Austen, Olivia Jennings for Brunel, Tessa Horner for Nightingale and Ellie Browne for Wellington. Assisting them will be the newly appointed House Deputies from year 9, Izzy Hensby and Imogen Toms for Austen, Barnabas Balint and Rochelle Wingett for Brunel, Hannah Comfort and Alex Leavold for Nightingale and Holly Hood and Kieran Patel for Wellington.

The Heads of House are very much looking forward to working with them in the coming year.

House Points

After much deliberation it has been decided to change the House point system. To get around the problem of keeping track of orange tokens which frequently went missing, staff are now able to allocate house points via the electronic registers on their laptops. This means that house points can be given out on a more regular basis across all year groups and, from September it will be easier to communicate individual, house and form totals as well.

Fundraising

Well done to Miss Hamalienko who abseiled down the Blade Building in Reading in aid of Parity for Disability on Saturday 30th June, all 419 feet of it! Thank you to everyone who sponsored her. The support for the charity that helps both adults and children with disabilities is much appreciated.

House Trophy 2012

Only a few more hours left until the winner of the House competition will be announced. Will Brunel retain the title? Will Wellington try to match the success of 2010, or is it time for another House to take the Cup? Go Nightingale, or perhaps Austen! Good luck to everyone.

Court Moor School PTA (CMSPTA)

CMSPTA AGM – 18th September 2012 at 7.30pm

The Court Moor School Parent Teacher Association (CMSPTA) is a group of parents and staff who meet regularly to organise social and fund-raising events throughout the year. All parents are automatically members of the PTA. If you would like more information, are interested in joining the organising group (committee) or would like to help out at our events please come along to the annual general meeting in September or contact us via e-mail pta@court-moor.hants.sch.uk. We look forward to your support.

Palace of Varieties 2012

The CMSPTA proudly presented the 30th season of the Palace of Varieties in June. The cast and crew worked extremely hard to produce this 30th season show, with six performances in a week, raising funds for the PTA (in excess of £5,300) and other charities. In recognition of this milestone season, the CMSPTA will be planting a commemorative tree in the school grounds, to remind the students, staff and parents of the enduring dedication that the company of musicians and performers has given to the school in producing the show every year.

KS4 Careers Resource: What Next At Court Moor?

We are pleased to announce that a new careers resource has been developed on Kaleidos (our secure learning platform) for students in years 10 and 11 and their parents. This resource has links to local colleges and providers, as well as advice on different types of qualifications. Initial feedback from students and staff has been very favourable but we would also appreciate your views.

To access this resource, log on to Kaleidos, click on parents or student resources and then on “What Next At Court Moor?” The resource may be of particular interest to students in year 10 who have so recently completed a highly successful period of work experience. The reports we have received from employers who worked with them during their week off site have been most impressive – yet again, our students have been excellent ambassadors for themselves, their families and their school.

Once you have visited the site, if you are able to provide any feedback please would you e-mail your comments to rob.ellis@court-moor.hants.sch.uk. Thank you.

School uniform

In response to concerns raised in the parents’ survey, from September we have a new system in place to ensure high standards of uniform. Any students who fail to wear the correct uniform or present themselves incorrectly throughout the school day will be issued with a 15 minute detention for that evening; any further violations will lead to additional 15 minute detentions up to a maximum of an hour. When purchasing clothes for next term please bear this in mind; the specific uniform requirements are **listed below**. Sometimes students put their own interpretation on the requirements to their parents, which results in parents wasting money on items which are inappropriate for school. The presentation of students is important in terms of how the school is perceived in the wider community and also engenders a sense of pride in the school for students.

HAIR	conventional style, natural colours
MAKE-UP	Yrs 7-10 no make-up, Yr 11 discreet. No nail polish all years
JEWELLERY	no more than one plain gold/silver stud in each ear lobe, watch
SHIRT	top button fastened, tucked in
BLOUSE	tucked in, no coloured t-shirts/vest tops/bras underneath
TIE	Below no less than the 4 th button, pulled up to collar
JUMPER	standard school jumper, not ripped, blue Yrs 7-10, black Yr 11
TROUSERS	underwear not on show, standard formal school trousers, not tight-fit or jeans
SKIRTS	standard school pleated skirt
SOCKS	plain black/white
GIRLS’ TIGHTS	plain black (opaque) or natural colour
SHOES	polishable black shoes, low heel, not boots or ballet pumps, grip on soles
COATS	outdoor waterproof coats, not hoodies or denim jackets

All items are available from Brenda’s Schoolwear at 8 Alexandra Road, North Camp, Farnborough GU14 6DA (01252 541923) or from their website: www.brendas.co.uk. We are particularly keen to ensure that girls are wearing the appropriate school skirt from now on. Plain black trousers are, of course, an option; girls will not be permitted to wear short lycra skirts as an alternative. Leggings are also not permitted. The skirt chosen by Court Moor and stocked by Brenda’s is the Henley skirt by Blue Max Banner. Parents and students are also reminded that thin canvas shoes are not appropriate footwear for school.

Finance Information

Free School Meals

The free school meal allowance will remain at £2 from September. This amount will be automatically credited each day to the cards of students who qualify for free school meals. Please refer to our recent parentmail for information about making an application or see our website. We would like to urge all families eligible for this service to make an application, even in circumstances in which children opt to eat a packed lunch. Important decisions are made about additional funding for the school based upon the

numbers of children on roll who are eligible for free school meals and your child could be missing out if we are not aware of this eligibility. All applications must be made online: please contact Mrs Rothwell in the Finance office if this causes you any difficulty.

Music Tuition

If you returned a form requesting music tuition for next year for your child you should have received two copies of our contract, one to sign and return and one to keep. If you have not received a contract and your child is hoping to continue lessons, please contact Mrs Rothwell in the Finance office. Next year's fees will be £234, which can be paid in full in September or in two instalments of £117 in September and January. If you would like your child to start lessons, please write to Mrs Rothwell and your child's name will be placed on the waiting list for the appropriate instrument. No money should be sent until we are able to offer a place.

ParentMail for Year 7 Students in September

Thank you to those of you who have already signed up to ParentMail©. For the parents of new Year 7 students and those who have not already replied, this is an appeal asking you to agree to receive most school communications (such as this newsletter) by electronic means, with text communications being reserved for urgent messages, such as short notice school closure. Please be assured that your data will be safe and not passed to any other party other than ParentMail©, a company which administers the service for the school and is registered with the Data Protection Registrar. We would be grateful if you would complete the reply slip at the end of the newsletter and return it to the school office as soon as possible.

Dates for the Diary

Early Closure 20th July

Term finishes on 20th July 2012 at approximately 2pm.

School Photographs

The individual school photographs for year 7 will be taken on Tuesday 4th September. Photographs for years 9 and 11 will be taken on Thursday 6th September.

Term Dates for 2012/13

Next term will start for Years 7 and 10 on Tuesday 4th September at 8.30am
Years 8, 9 and 11 will start on Wednesday 5th September at 8.30am

Autumn Term 2012 Monday 3rd September to Friday 21st December*

Half-term week: 29th October – 2nd November

*School officially starts on Monday 3rd September but that will be a staff training day
Friday 21st September will be a staff training day

Spring Term 2013 Monday 7th January to Friday 28th March

Half-term week: 18th – 22nd February

Friday 15th February and Thursday 28th March will be staff training days

Summer Term 2013 Monday 15th April to Tuesday 23rd July

Half-term week: 27th – 31st May

Tuesday 2nd July will be a staff training day

Information Evenings


At the start of the new academic year, we will once again be hosting a number of curriculum information evenings. All parents will receive an invitation to attend one of these events at which there will be an opportunity to learn more about the curriculum and ways in which you might successfully support your child's learning. We look forward to welcoming you on the dates and times shown below:

Year 8 & 9	Wednesday 11 th September 2012	7pm
Year 7	Wednesday 26 th September 2012	7pm
Year 10	Wednesday 3 rd October 2012	7 - 7.45pm
Year 11	Wednesday 3 rd October 2012	8 - 8.45pm

And Finally...

As I bring the newsletter to a close, it is to the sound of yet more rain falling on the paths outside my window. It may be too much to hope that we will enjoy a warm and dry summer holiday, but I do hope that it will be a healthy and refreshing one for our students, their families and our staff. I look forward to seeing you all again refreshed and ready to learn when we return in September.

Yours sincerely



**B A STEVENS
Headteacher**

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To: The School Office (New Intake)

I am able / not able (delete as applicable) to receive information and give / do not give permission for my email address and mobile telephone number to be registered with ParentMail©.

Parent/carer name/s _____ / _____

Child/children's name(s) _____ Tutor group _____

_____ Tutor group _____

My Email address/es _____

Mobile Telephone numbers

(Mother) _____/(Father) _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Vacancy for September

Catering Assistant

A maternity cover vacancy has arisen for a part-time catering assistant to work in the main school kitchen. A fixed term contract is being offered, working between 10 am and 1pm, 5 days per week, term-time for a two month period commencing 1st September 2012.

The opportunity is to join a team and assist with the preparation of food, setting up and clearing away in the food hall, general kitchen cleaning, loading / unloading the pot and pan washer and general washing up. The job would suit a person who is a good team player but can also work independently and without supervision. Food hygiene training will be given as well as on-the-job induction training.

Interested applicants can visit www.court-moor.hants.sch.uk for more details, and an application form.

Closing date: 12 noon, 8th August 2012.