

CAMPION NEWSLETTER

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SPORTS DAY & GARDEN PARTY

This year the Sports Day & Garden Party is on **Saturday 5th July**.

This is an important date in the school calendar, both as a social and fundraising event, and we hope that every family will be involved in some way.

How about taking part in **The Great Champion Bake Off** – show off your baking skills and swap recipes .

There will be lots of stalls, inflatables, wonderful food, Pimms, a beer tent, refreshments and this year ladies there will be **pamper treatments** as well.

Donations

We are looking for donations of toiletries and gifts, new toys, DVDs (but not videos please), china for the china smashing stall, raffle prizes and of course bottles! They don't have to be alcoholic!

Stalls

Why not have a stall at the Sports Day & Garden Party? Stalls are **only £10** plus a raffle prize. Or advertise in the Garden Party Programme at just £15 for a full page or £10 for a half page.

Help needed

Also, we do need your help on the day or on the night before – so do please put your name down to help in some way, even if it can only be for a couple of hours. It is a great opportunity to meet up with friends, look around the stalls and of course watch your son take part in the sports day!

If you can help in any way, please email the school -

cnoddings@thecampionschool.org

and we will forward your name to Spencer Seaton, the Garden Party Co-ordinator.

Thank you.

[Photos from last year](#)

PASTORAL OFFICE

We would be grateful for donations of any old ski poles that parents no longer use. We are hoping to start a cycle polo team and the DT department are going to make the mallets out of recycled ski poles.

Thank you,
Mrs Trudy Ross, Pastoral Office

Campion PA presents an:



Enjoy La Dolce Vita

Saturday

21st June 2014

6.30 pm – Midnight

3 course meal

Italian singers

DJ and dancing.

£25 per ticket

(Smart Dress Please)

**Ticket requests via the school
office or call Deirdre Pembroke**

07977 071128



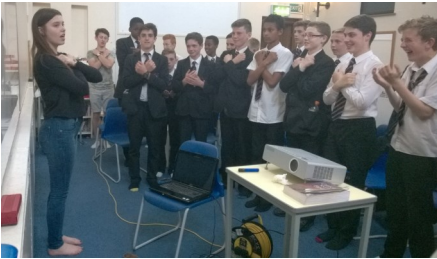
YEAR 8 RETREAT TO WALSINGHAM HOUSE

The week before the half term holidays, every member of Year 8 spent a day out at Walsingham House on retreat. Each form going along on a separate day, the boys had a wonderful opportunity to 'retreat' from the strains of school life and develop their relationships with one another and in God. Lucas Murphy in 8 Fisher commented that:

"It was a very peaceful experience where we could bond more as a form and make peace with each other. The staff there were great. They made us feel relaxed and spent time chatting with us."

The theme of the retreat was service, looking at the parable of the workers in the vineyard and the message 'those who are first will be last, but those who put themselves last will be first.'. Tying in with this theme was a day of prayer, reflections on Pope Francis and his idea of service, and games that looked at how we can bear the fruits of the spirit in our daily lives. A highlight of the retreat was experiencing the excellent bond between our pupils and a former pupil, Sean Brennan, who led two of the days. His example, from being in the shoes of our retreat goers several years ago to inspiring the next generation of young Catholics, will hopefully instil a willingness for some of our current Year 8's to one day take that step too.

Mr M Robinson, Lay Chaplain



WORLD BOOK DAY EVENT FOR YEAR 7

As part of our ongoing World Book Day events, the comedy poet, Neal Zetter, will be visiting The Campion School on Monday 9 June.

Neal Zetter has been performing since 1989 in West End comedy and poetry clubs, theatres, music venues, schools, colleges, and even the Royal Festival Hall. He featured in the London Evening Standard's 'Get London Reading' literacy campaign in 2012 and his work has been published in the Guardian and other media.

The poet will spend the entire day working with Year 7 students to improve literacy, self-expression, confidence and creativity skills through writing and performing/sharing poetry in a supportive and fun environment. The day is designed to encourage pupils to develop their own poetry style and give pupils an insight into how a poet writes and works.

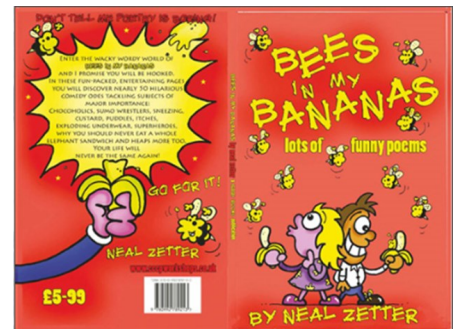
Neal Zetter will be selling signed copies of his comedy Poetry book, 'Bees in My Bananas'. This will be available at the price of £5 in the Library.

Ms B Mubashar, English Department

UNUSED MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS?

Do you have a musical instrument gathering dust in a drawer or cupboard, once used by you or your children, but no more? At St Teresa's, Basildon, children are working with classical musician James Rhodes to form a school orchestra. Could you donate your instrument? Please contact Fr Dominic Howarth, 01268 281732, or email frdominic@basildoncatholics.org. We will pay postage or arrange a pick up, and your instrument will be put to very good use – it could truly transform the life of one of our children, as they discover new talents. Thank you.

*Many prayers
Fr Dominic*



YEAR 7 EASTER EGG COMPETITION

The R.E Department would like to thank all those who entered the competition. Pupils will receive WH Smiths vouchers.

Miss G Walker, RE Department



Joseph Hogan O' Neill 7Sw
and Michael O' Brien 7Sw



Liam Brennan 7Mo
and Danny Gallagher 7 Fi

CONCERT

There will be an informal concert in the Main Hall on Tuesday, 24th June. Please let Mrs O'Hanlon know if you would like to play - grades 0-8!



CAMPION GO-KARTING



Campion Go Karting team were cruelly robbed of a place in the National Final of the British Schools Karting Championship. This would have been the third year running for the team and no more than they deserved after a splendid morning's driving at Buckmore Park track in Kent.

The team's tactics were for Oscar Cooke and Conor Crickmore to attack from the back of the grid (each team has a variety of grid positions over the meet but the mean of them is the same for each team) and Callum Redmund would hold his position.

In the first half this worked perfectly with Conor finishing 4th from 11 on the grid, Oscar, a fantastic 2nd from last, and Callum 16th from 16th. This put us well in contention. Things went horribly wrong in the next race. Oscar started from 4th on the grid and was soon vying for 3rd place and after another lap achieved it. The Black Flag came out and was waved at the two karts. This means that a driver has been disqualified and they have to come into the pits or the whole team is disqualified. Oscar duly slowed down, let people pass and then pulled into the pit lane. When he asked why he was told that it was the other driver not him who had been disqualified! Oscar went back on the track but the damage had been done and he could not catch the drivers who he had let through, finishing 10th.

Conor finished his next heat in third position and Callum 10th and so we had an anxious wait to see if we had managed to claw our way back into the final but alas it was not to be and we finished one place outside the qualifiers. Campion would have qualified with ease had it not been for the flag incident.

It was just one of those days that we all have and next year we will be competing again. If you are an experienced driver then please make yourself known to me next year as Conor is in Year 13 and so will need to be replaced next year. In the meantime we all wish him well for his exams and for whatever lies beyond!

Mr Stevens

LONDON SPELLING BEE

On Thursday 1st May, with three other Year 7 pupils - Emmanuel Taiwo (7Fi), Michael O'Brien and Matthew Bright (7 Sw) - I attended the Routes into Languages London Spelling Bee Regional Final at Elizabeth Garrett Anderson School. We all practised our words a lot and we all did very well but we did not make it through to the semi-finals. Competition was tough and we would like to congratulate the winners who are:

1 st	David Sangojinmi	Redden Court School
2 nd	Ellie Nanni	North London Collegiate School
3 rd	Jeyatheesan Kiruba	Wilson's School
4 th	Sofia Stein	Sacred Heart High School

Liam Campbell, 7 Fox

SPRINGBOARD KICKSTART

Springboard's KickStart programme will run again this year, taking place on 7th – 25th July. KickStart is a three week work based training programme in Catering and Hospitality (which includes one week training and two week work placement). It is suitable for students in Years 10 - 13.

Following the placement, this programme can open pathways to casual, part-time, full-time employment and/or apprenticeships. This programme is free and ALL successful candidates will have their travel expenses reimbursed.

If you are interested in this opportunity then please complete the online application form found at <http://careerscope.uk.net/kickstart/school>. You will need to be available for the whole duration of the programme.

Please see Mr. Walsh if you have any further questions.

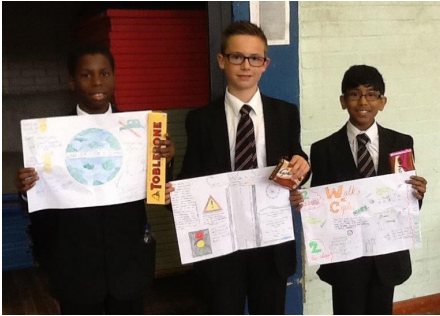
EX-STUDENT ALEX IWObI

The 18-year-old England youth international has been a regular for Arsenal Under-18s and has also made six appearances in the U21 Premier League in 2013/14.

Congratulations to Alex on his first professional contract. We wish him every success in the future.

CONGRATULATIONS

The winners of the poster competition to promote walking and cycling to school are Tanyi Eyongta, Samuel Nazareth and Oliver Heath all from 7 Southwell.



ALL IN A GOOD CAUSE!

On Saturday, 31st May Niall Kelly, 10 Fisher, spent most of his day at the Hornchurch Robert Beard youth centre at their annual community fun day. This is an event that allows people to promote a charity or a small business venture. Niall had his head in 'stocks' having sponges thrown at him, trying to raise money for (HCPT 206) and also seizing the opportunity to promote Pencil Cases for Station Point from his Business BTEC.



BERLIN VISIT 2014

Year 10 students and staff arrived at school before the crack of dawn on Monday 12th May to embark on our visit to Berlin. Such dedication to their GCSE studies is to be commended! Having waved goodbye to their tired mums, who I hoped were heading back to bed, we headed off to Luton.

Berlin was a lovely city packed with History related to the boys' studies of Nazi Germany and the Cold War. There were huge contrasts in the sites we visited. On the one hand there was the grandeur and beauty of Berlin's imperial past, though this was tempered by the times that our guide informed us that these buildings had been rebuilt after the devastation of the fighting at the end of World War 2 between the Germans and Russian or after the East Germans had pulled them down to make room for the wall they built to divide their city from the west.

On the other hand we visited the sombre slabs of concrete that formed this wall and split communities and families in half for over thirty years. We visited the amazing Olympic Stadium with its classical architecture but were reminded that it was built to celebrate the superiority of one race over another. The beauty of Wansee House with its views over the lake was tempered by the knowledge that in this place people planned, in business-like fashion, how to exterminate six million Jews. Most disturbing of all was the tour of Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp where the Nazis reduced people to numbers and symbols. Its bleakness was haunting. Our guide commented on the boys' attentiveness and co-operation throughout.

Our journey home was disrupted by an air traffic controllers' strike in France which resulted in the cancellation of our flight home. For half of the group we returned to school once again before the crack of dawn on Friday. Great credit is due to the students, especially those who were in Berlin airport for eleven hours! Their behaviour was exemplary and a credit to their parents, the school and most of all themselves. Many other tired travellers came over to compliment them. Miss Elson and I thank them for their support. Also thank you to the parents for their patience. Finally thank you to Miss Elson for the huge amount of planning that she put into the visit which was, despite its bumpy landing, an informative, moving and very worthwhile visit.

Karen Ladly

Subject Leader History and Politics

Photos



Dates for your Diary — June

Monday 9th	Year 10 Assessments & Academic Review by Staff
Monday 9th	Year 9 Trip to Lake Garda (to 13th incl.)
Thursday 12th	Pastoral Teams Meeting 4 pm
Monday 16th	Year 9 Reports issued to Parents
Monday 16th	Year 7 Trip to Rainham Marshes - Garnet
Tuesday 17th	Year 7 Trip to Rainham Marshes - Southwell
Tuesday 17th	New Parents (2014) Meeting 7.00 pm
Wednesday 18th	Year 12 University Information Evening 7.30 pm
Wednesday 18th	Year 7 Trip to Rainham Marshes - Fisher
Thursday 19th	Subject Leaders'/Heads of Year Meetings 4.00 pm
Thursday 19th	Year 7 Trip to Rainham Marshes - Fox
Thursday 19th	Year 7 Trip to Boulogne - ½ Year Group
Friday 20th	Year 7 Trip to Rainham Marshes - More
Friday 20th	Year 7 Trip to Boulogne - ½ Year Group
Friday 20th	Year 10 Academic Review issued to Parents