
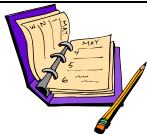


Coombe Boys' Newsletter

January 2010

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|  | Dates for your Diary |
| Monday 4 th | 8.40am Term starts for all |
| Tuesday 5 th | Year 12 PSHE Day - Sex and Relationships Education |
| Tuesday 12 th | 4pm Governors Curriculum Cttee - postponed |
| Wednesday 13 th | Evening theatre visit for KS4 - 'The Woman in Black' |
| Thursday 14 th | am - GCSE Science Module A211 |
| Monday 18 th | am - GCSE Science Module A213 Travel & Tourism visit to Greenwich |
| Wednesday 20 th | 4pm Governors Chairs meeting |
| Friday 22 nd | Year 11 Mock Results Day |
| Monday 25 th | am GCSE Science Module A215 |
| Tuesday 26 th | 4pm Governors Pastoral Cttee |
| Wednesday 27 th | am GCSE Science Module A216 3.45pm Year 11 Parents Evening |

Snow Closure

Many thanks for all the understanding shown during the snow closures. We work on the principle that we will open the school if it is safe to do so and we have sufficient staff and we take a decision as early as possible based on the circumstances of the day. On both Wednesday and Thursday last week there were insufficient staff able to get to school to enable me to open it. The site was very treacherous too. On Thursday we had no canteen staff and food delivery was impossible. On Friday we had to close because the main water feed pipe had frozen.

Please remember to look at the school's website since we will post information there and we of course also send text messages to parents.

Let's hope this is the end of the snowy and icy weather for this year!

OfSTED 'Monitoring Visit'

You will recall that Coombe Boys' School received a 'monitoring visit' on Wednesday 2nd December 2009 to find out how much progress we had made a year on from our previous full inspection. The two Inspectors arrived with 20 minutes notice and spent one day in school. They were looking at two key questions: the progress the school has made since the last inspection and its capacity for further improvement.

I am delighted that on both counts the Inspectors gave us a 'good'. The letter reporting on the visit is attached in this newsletter.

Mrs Campbell
Headteacher

Coombe Secondary Schools' Governing Body - Parent Governor Election

The term of office of one of the parent governors from Coombe Boys' School ends shortly and an election will be taking place. Parent governors are elected by other parents to represent them. Parents who currently have a child at our school may put themselves forward and if you are interested please see the attached details. Deadline for nominations is Monday 25th January 2010. Nomination forms are available from the school or can be downloaded from our website.

Christmas Hampers

Thank you to everyone who sent in gifts for the Christmas Hampers. Father Clive Piggott was really pleased with the amount that was received. They were distributed on Christmas Day to the elderly and needy in the Borough and were very much appreciated.

Miss Hallahan
Assistant Headteacher

Singing Festival at The Rose Theatre with Ken Burton

On Monday 23rd November 10 boys from the new Coombe Boys' Choir attended an afternoon singing workshop with the internationally known choral director Ken Burton (of X Factor fame, Songs of Praise, Choir of the Year etc) at the Rose Theatre in Kingston.

During the afternoon the boys participated enthusiastically with the all other singers from Coombe Girls', The Hollyfield and Tiffin Boys'. They learnt two lengthy ensemble pieces by rote and performed them in a concert later in the evening to a large audience of parents and friends. The boys were rewarded for their efforts in the afternoon and given a solo spot in the concert where they entertained the audience with style.

The boys were a credit to the school, their parents and themselves and it was a very encouraging first event for some of the boys in the choir.

The boys involved were: **Jo Cottom, Barnaby Webster, Oscar Egerton, James Pryke, Andre Stanbridge-Bevan, Jacob Gibson, Kieran Galligan, Russell Dent-Burnett, Sam Cheeseright and Dominic Chambers.** Well done everyone!

Congratulations to the following boys who were awarded the prizes:

Best Effort in Workshop:
Russell Dent-Burnett (Year 7)
Jacob Gibson (Year 7)

Best Effort in Concert
Oscar Egerton (Year 7)
Kieran Galligan (Year 7)

Miss Mitchell
Director of Coombe Boys' Choir

PSHE - Police Visits

The police will be visiting Year 8 PSHE lessons to provide workshops on Internet Safety on the following dates: 12th and 19th January and 8th February.

Mr Finebaum
PHSE Assistant

Hook Recording Studio Visit

Year 10 GCSE Music pupils attended a creative workshop at Hook Recording Studio, (FIND YOUR VOICE) exploring beat boxing and the ways in which voice can be combined with technology and used in composition. The workshop started in a circle analysing the different sounds used in beatboxing and practising each sound in turn using a microphone. After putting together a few sequences of sounds, pupils then had a chance to do some freestyle with particularly impressive performances from **Josh Adewale-Duckrell** and **Callum Woodward**. Pupils then split into 4 groups to put together vocal compositions using Garage Band software to record their work.

James Neville and **Callum Woodward** combined technology with techno to provide a short but effective piece of music. **Daniel Walter** and **Daniel Choi** did a remix of Pachelbel's Canon. **Liam Beard, Sam Hartnell** and **Josh Adewale-Duckrell** composed a rap about McDonalds and good things about Coombe Boys'. **James Gable** and **Matt Britton** composed a very comical piece about a sandwich!

The day ended with a performance of their recorded compositions to each other and the sponsors of the workshop. A copy of their work was sent to each pupil at the school which sounded fantastic particularly considering this was achieved in one afternoon! Our thanks go to Sarah Lee, Head of Music at Kingston Music and Arts Service for providing this workshop for us and her continued support for Coombe Boys' School.

Mr S Welsh
Head of Music

Absences

Please can we remind parents to contact the school on the first day of absence when their son is ill? This can be done by phone (020 8949 1537) or email (cbs@rbksch.org)

Thank you

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Dear Parent/Guardian

Election of Parent Governor to the Coombe Secondary Schools Governing Body

One of Coombe Boys' School parent governors has resigned and an election will be taking place.

Parent governors are parents of pupils at the school (at the time of their election), and they are elected by other parents to represent them on the federation governing body. They play a full part in the work of the governing body, which covers all aspects of maintaining and improving the education provided for all the young people at the school, in close partnership with the head teacher. All governors serve for a period of four years.

The Governing Body normally meets once each term, on a Tuesday evening. There are also 5 committees made up of staff and governors which also meet once a term on a Tuesday evening at 4 pm. These deal with an important part of the governors' responsibilities e.g. the school's budget, its staffing, the curriculum, health and safety, etc. Other groups meet for specific tasks when required.

All parents who currently have a child at this school are invited to consider standing as a parent governor. If you would like to do this, please contact me for a Nomination Form and Declaration for you to fill in, or you can download one from our website. Two important parts of the form are:

a. Obtaining the signature of another parent of a pupil at this school to propose you,

and the signature of a different parent to second your nomination; and

b. Writing a statement of up to 120 words in support of your nomination – why you would like to be a parent governor, any other ways in which you help or have helped in this or another school, etc. This statement is not essential, but it will help parents to decide whom to vote for in the election.

All nomination forms should be returned to me as Returning Officer by the closing date of

Monday 25th January 2010 at 2.00 pm.

If no nominations are received by this date, the Governing Body can decide either to repeat this process later in the year, or to appoint a parent of their choice (who may have a child at this school or at another school). If only one nomination is received that person will be declared elected.

If more nominations are received than there are vacancies, we shall need to conduct a secret ballot, and a voting paper will be sent to you for this purpose. I will then inform you of the result of the ballot shortly after the closing date for votes to be cast. If a ballot is not needed, I will also inform you of the outcome, of course.

Yours sincerely,

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Clerk to Governors / Returning Officer

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