



University applications

Jack Kenneson, like more than half of Year 13s, is applying to go to university. Jack received offers for all five of his university choices by the middle of November - two months before the national deadline. Jack's first preference is to study at the University of Kent. His chosen course is Maths with a view to becoming an accountant. He is very much looking forward to the challenges of university life, the higher levels of independence, the opportunity to meet new people and be involved in a range of new activities.

Mr Pawson



Sixth Form Social

On Friday 9th December there was a Christmas social held in the Bernard Sunley Sixth Form Centre for all Sixth Form students and staff. The night was organised by the Sixth Form Council, with food, drinks and decorations to be prepared. The venue was transformed in to a Christmas disco with the help of students to move furniture, prepare the food and put up all the Christmas decorations. The theme, chosen by the council, was red and green. Every student had to wear at least one item with a splash

of those colours. Everyone looked great! The evening was a great success; the students danced the night away and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Furthermore, Christmas prizes were given out by our very own Santa, Ola Adesina. Students and staff were nominated and then there were votes for various prizes ranging from hardest worker to Mr. and Mrs. Clause. Thank you to everyone who contributed to such a brilliant night and we hope to make this an annual event.

Jessica Vincent

Student Finance Lecture Tour

The Student Finance Lecture Tour, organised by the Department of Education, visited the school during December to talk to Year 13 students who are thinking of applying to university. The session was designed to help young people to understand the changes to higher education student finance and how

these changes will affect them. Students learned about the changes in tuition costs, the package of financial support and the repayment process. The tour is part of the government's 'University: Make Your Future Happen' campaign.

Mr Pawson



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Competition Winner

The winner of the competition to find a name for this newsletter was Eileen Gemassmer Year 10 from Alexandra House. Eileen won a £25 voucher for her winning entry of 'Read All About Sixth Form'. Congratulations Eileen!



My Future Interview with Lower Sixth student Tinashe Chiriseri



Q1: What subjects are you taking for A Level and which ones are you planning to carry on next year?

A1: I am taking Biology, Chemistry, Psychology and French. I plan to drop French when I take my A2s and carry on the other three because I want to focus on scientific subjects in preparation for what I would like to do in my future.

Q2: Do you plan to go to University? If yes, Which one?

A2: Yes, I do plan to go to University. I am considering Nottingham, University College of London, Sheffield, Leeds and Kings College London.

Q3: If so, do you plan to take a gap year before University?

A3: No, it wouldn't be practical because the course I want to take is quite long and I would like to get started as soon as possible.

Q4: What do you want to take when you go to University? Do you have an alternative?

A4: I am planning on taking Medicine in University. I would take a two year foundation course and then specialise in a certain area of Medicine or other professions for a further 3 years. Depending on which University I go to, they may require me to have a year's experience within a medical environment e.g. a Hospital. An alternative would be to take Bio-medical sciences through a graduate entry course which will take me down similar routes to Medicine.

Q5: What career ideas do you have for the future? What do you want to do? Why?

A5: I would like to specialise in a certain profession, along the lines of a Diagnosis Doctor, Orthopaedic Doctor or possibly a Surgeon. I am very interested in human physiology and the main drive is helping people, saving lives and knowing that I'm working for a good cause.

Dylan Semmelhaack

Global Issues

At the start of the term all lower sixth students were divided into teams and set the task to prepare a speech on a topic they felt to be a global issue. Each tutor submitted two teams and the diversity of the Sixth Form shone through with a wide range of topics covered.

All the groups produced some in-depth and insightful speeches. With topics ranging from 'Domestic Violence' to 'GoalLineTechnology' the morning had something of interest to everyone. Presentations ranged in content from fact-heavy speeches to light hearted PowerPoints and included several dramatic videos.



The Winning Team from 12CJO



Once all presentations were completed students cast their votes to select their favourite... Congratulations to 12CJO! By popular vote their presentation on "Phone Hacking" was the winner; a well deserved victory.

Despite nerves I'm sure all would agree that the day was a huge success and if nothing else it has given us the now infamous line, "yeah you know!" which featured in the winning team's phone hacking rap!



Sixth Form Council – First Meeting

Before the second half of term, Miss Kemp-Gee was appointed Sixth Form coordinator and her first job was to set up a Sixth Form Council. The Council will be a channel for communication between students and teachers. It will also organise social events and raise money for charities.

Students were asked to write a letter stating why they should be chosen to join the Council. There were only eight positions available, and around twenty people wrote in, so it was tough competition.

In the first meeting, Sixth Form charities were discussed. Each tutor group was asked to put forward possible charities, and the three that were selected were Help For

Heroes, Breast Cancer Research and The Royal Marsden Cancer Charity.

During the first meeting Jessica Vincent was appointed President and Tinashe Chiriseri was appointed Vice President.

Congratulations to all those who were selected for the Council!

Lizzy Hudson



Marketing Day

Ever had a challenge? Challenges come and go; everyday is a challenge for some. A lot of young people in school get challenged everyday, some because of school and others because of school bullies. On the 18th of October a group of business students were invited to a marketing challenge where they were given the task of 'How to stamp out bullying within our school.'

After the organiser made his introduction the participants were given two hours to brainstorm and prepare a 10 minute presentation. They then presented to

students from other schools and three judges.

Ross Gardner a participant of this event explained 'we had to highlight the issues, explain how we would apply our marketing strategy to schools all over Surrey, and plan the budget we would need.' Well done to those students for participating in the challenge which will help other students with a better future.



Preparing the presentation



The Sixth Form Council: Kay Gurung, David Evans, Ola Adesina, Tinashe Chiriseri, Jessica Vincent, Julian Fallah-Woode, Lauren Sommerville, Dylan Semmelhaack

Lecture Day

On the 19th of October Sixth Formers had the wonderful opportunity of attending a lecture day in Gatton Hall to help them plan their future. The Year 12 students heard from three different speakers. The 'Introduction to University' talk, given by a lecturer from Surrey University explained how the university system works, described life at university and talked about options for courses. This raised a lot of interest amongst Sixth Formers and not just for the party life!

The horror media lecturer was an industry expert who explained the growth in popularity of horror movies and how the industry has adapted to the changes.

Last but not least the volunteer from Amnesty International raised our awareness of human rights and explained what they did to bring about changes in the world.

The Sixth Formers came out of the lecture with a clearer view of what they might want to do in the future.

Kay Gurung

Christmas Q and A

Interview with Ola Adesina.



Favourite Christmas film?
The Santa Clause.

Favourite Christmas song?
Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer.

Favourite reindeer?
Rudolph, obviously.

What do you most look forward to about Christmas?
Christmas dinner!

Best present you've received yet?
A laptop.

Lastly, would you rather eat a bowl of cranberry sauce or a plate of Brussels sprouts?
(After long consideration)...a bowl of cranberry sauce!

Lizzy Hudson

Rugby First XV:

Even though winter is closing in, training continues as normal with some sessions happening on the Astro Turf. There have been more games than last half term starting with Claremont in October. This was very close and probably should have ended in a win, but instead was a painfully close 8 – 5 with Ian Milne scoring the first ever RAAS 1st XV try!

The next game against Salesians was a very physical game which ended up with a loss of 27 – 17 with tries from Kelvin Roberts and Joe Mourani.

There was a rematch against Reigate Grammar coming and even though we didn't win, it was a better result than last time with 36 – 5 being the final score. Ross Gardener scored a well deserved try involving the entire back line.

The first win for the First XI came against Hayes at home. The score was 22 – 14 with tries from George Bradbury, Roshan Rai and Kelvin Roberts.

As the team progresses through the season it is clear that experience, team bonding and the level of skill has improved. I am sure this will lead to more wins in the near future.

Funny Photo Competition

We asked students in the Sixth Form to send in a funny photo to brighten up our newsletter. This one of Danny Bailey was sent in by Justin Giles. It was taken when they went to this year's 7 a-side rugby in Twickenham. Congratulations and a £10 voucher go to Justin for his winning entry and a big thank-you to Danny for allowing this to feature in our newsletter!



Danny

House Football

An absolutely immense game of Football was played between Kent House and Gatton Hall on Thursday the 24th of November. Gatton Hall scored first and Kent equalised not long after. Not far from the end Gatton Hall made it 2 – 1 but in the late minutes Kent levelled it at 2 -2. It was a tight 70 minutes which could have gone either way and both teams

performed very well. With a tense 5 minutes each way of extra time it was determined that penalties would decide the game. The pressure was high on the two goalkeepers George Bradbury and James Elwood but in the end the score of penalties was 4 – 2, with huge congratulations to the winners Gatton Hall.



Football First XI:

On the 21st of November, an exciting first game of the season kicked off against St. Bedes Sixth Form. St. Bedes are renowned for their football and with our school having little training as a team; hopes were not very high. As the game played out it was clear that this had no effect on the effort put in or team spirit. The first goal was scored by Gatton which came from a well placed shot from midfielder Andy Petit, the second was an equaliser by St. Bedes. With St. Bedes carrying forward their momentum they went on to score again not far from the end, but that didn't stop Gatton from attacking and Kenan Bunjo won a free kick. Danny Bailey stepped up. The free kick was struck well; it dipped over the wall with amazing speed, so quickly their keeper had no time to react, levelling the final score at 2-2. Even though the team as a whole had a solid game, a few players can't go unnoticed with Tinashe Chiriseri, Andy Petit and Danny Bailey having an outstanding game. It was a great result considering it was the first game of the season.



St Bedes match at home



Dylan Semmelhaack
Sports editor

