



From The Headmaster

Car Parking

Now that the term is in full swing, there will be no more parking on the Upper Field at drop off and collection times from today. As the children should be settling in now, please 'kiss and drop' your child in the mornings. As always, at busy times, I would ask that parents park sensibly and do not double park.

Activity Weeks

We wish our Year 5 and 6 children a fun-filled week at Barton Hall, and our Years 7 and 8 children a great time in Normandy next week.

Harvest

Please remember to bring in dry goods in a box for our Harvest Festival on 5th October. The gifts are always gratefully received by the charities we donate them to.

HARVEST

Friday 5th October is our Harvest Festival.

Children will have a special assembly and Upper School will have a Harvest Chapel Service. We are asking children to bring in a box of food to pass on to the people cared for at St Mark's Hospital Day Centre and at a mental health charity based in Maidenhead.

Please fill a shoebox with items such as tea, coffee, sugar and jam and also soap, toothpaste, washing powder etc. ready to bring in on 4th or 5th October.

SENIOR SCHOOLS' INFORMATION EVENING

TUESDAY 2ND OCTOBER

6.15—8 P.M., TIPPET/SPORTS HALL

Parents are invited to a Senior Schools' Information Evening, where numerous Senior Schools, both Independent and Grammar, will be represented. The evening will begin with an introduction by Mr Carroll. Parents will then have the opportunity to talk to staff from the various schools. All parents are welcome to attend, but particularly those from Upper and Middle Schools.

SENIOR TEAM CAPTAINS

Rugby—1st XV	<u>Captain</u> Nicholas Pearson
	<u>Vice Captain</u> Cameron Foster
Rugby Colts A	<u>Captain</u> Harry Kemble
	Vice Captain Bruno Renucci
Swimming	<u>Girls'</u> Captain Izzy Cusk
	<u>Boys'</u> Captain Matt Phips
Netball	<u>Senior Captain</u> Jess Pope
	<u>Colts Captain</u> Kendra Broome

From the Director of Studies

Upper School Activities

After school activities this term are now in full swing! If your child is taking part in a paid activity this term (*Golf, Chess, LAMDA, Fencing, Brazilian Soccer, Mindlab, Jazz Dance, Judo or Archery*) please could you ensure you have submitted a cheque to school to cover the cost of the tuition.

In our efforts to offer a diverse activities programme we have now included many more 'paid for' activities utilising the services of outside specialists and companies. This complements the wide range of 'free' activities the school offers to Upper School children.

I would like to clarify the position regarding school events (for example a school fixture) where they clash with a paid activity. The school event would take precedence in such a case and a refund will be reimbursed for the activity session missed.

If you have any comments or ideas of how we can improve the activity programme further, as always, please let me know.

Years 5 and 6 Residential Activity Week at Barton Hall

24th – 28th September

If you would like to send an email to your child whilst we are away at Barton Hall, please send your email to sian.miller@pgl.co.uk (who is the Senior Group Leader on site).

Handwriting Pens



Children in the Upper School should bring a handwriting pen to school. Birs and ball points should not be used to write with in class. A good handwriting pen helps develop better writing control and letter formulation.

As a school we would recommend a good quality pen like a "Parker Reflex" fountain pen. These are available to purchase for your child from Matron at a cost of £8 each.

Non Uniform Day



Thank you very much for supporting our Non-Uniform day on Thursday 20th September. School Parliament had overwhelmingly voted to support 'The Meningitis Trust'. More information about this very worthwhile cause can be found at <http://www.meningitis-trust.org>. There are also some useful resources for parents at <http://www.meningitis-learning.org>.



St Piran's Society

BONFIRE NIGHT

BONFIRE, BARBECUE AND FIREWORKS

Thursday 18th October

Tickets available now!

See the flyer sent home today for more details.

Barbeque Required—If anyone knows of a large kettle-shaped coal barbeque which the St Piran's Society could borrow for the Bonfire Night, please let the office know.



Senior School Open Days

Frensham Heights: Open Morning Sat 29th September 9.30am. Contact Lynette Kerridge on 01252 792561/ admissions@frensham-heights.org.uk / www.frensham-heights.org.uk

St Joseph's Convent [Girls]: Open Morning Mon 24th Sept 9.15am-12.15pm and Open Evening Thurs 18th October 6.30-9pm 0118 9661000 / www.st-josephs.reading.sch.uk

Wycombe High [Girls Grammar]: Open Evening Mon 24th Sept and Weds 26th Sept 6-9pm.
www.whs.bucks.sch.uk / 01494 523961

Oratory School: [Catholic Boys] Open Morning Sat 29th Sept 9.30am-12pm enquiries@oratory.co.uk / www.oratory.co.uk

Shiplake College: [Boys Boarding and Day] Open Morning Sat 22nd Sept 10.30am 0118 9402455, info@shiplake.org.uk / www.shiplake.org.uk

CALLING ALL ADULTS!

Swimming lessons for adults - any ability - beginners to advanced.

Held on a Tuesday evening 8-8.30pm
Cost £85 for course of 10 lessons.

Please contact Mrs. Burnage on 01628 594341 or email:

alix.burnage@btinternet.com

PARENTS' PRAYER GROUP

The Space.....to pray and receive spiritual uplift. We are a group of Parents who meet for prayer in a friendly and informal atmosphere each Thursday between 8.30 am and 9 am in the school's "Extended day" room.

Prayer is focussed on the pupils, staff / management, school activities / exams and parents / families.

We invite you to join us any Thursday morning, commitment is non-essential, or you may send us prayer points via the school office (personal details need not be included).

- Parents' Prayer Support Group.

congratulations to...

...**Aaman Soni**

who has been rewarded for taking the greatest number of wickets in the cricket league for White Waltham Cricket Club.

...**Sophie Anderson**

Who came 4th in a horseriding competition at Snowball Farm

The school has a large amount of old crockery, including pudding bowls and plates, to find a new home for.

If you know of a charity or another school etc. who might benefit from them, please contact the Bursar, Chris Murray, on 01628 594308.

Dates for w/6 17th September 2007

Monday

- Years 5 and 6 Activity week to Barton Hall departs
- Years 7 and 8 Activity week to Normandy departs

Wednesday

- am -Year 4 Maidenhead Field Trip for Comparative Study

Thursday

- 3pm Rugby v Ridgeway U9A(A) and U9B(H)

Friday

- Years 5-8 return from Activity Week
- No Chapel service