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*'IB learners actively enjoy learning,
and this love of learning will be sustained throughout their lives.'*

From the IB Learner Profile (see over).

In a world where there is an inclination to place disproportionate value on those things that can be measured and tabulated, the IB 'Learner Profile' provides a refreshing tonic. Beyond assessment statistics and points scores, it attempts to enshrine the principles that underpin an IB education. In vain do we search for an equivalent set of principles in our national qualifications system.

The contents of the Learner Profile suggest that the most valuable parts of a young person's educational development are precisely those that cannot be measured, peppered as it is with words and phrases that may not be very familiar to members of our nation's Department for Children, Schools and Families. It stresses the need to 'make reasoned, ethical decisions...work with others...act with integrity and honesty, with a strong sense of fairness...show empathy, compassion and respect towards others', among other exhortations. This is a different world from that which emphasises, for example, the percentages of GCSE grades A* to C achieved by 16-year-olds – one of many references to facts and figures that yet again obsessed the media in their coverage of public exam results this summer.

Sevenoaks recognises it has a responsibility, and privilege, to exercise its 'independence' by promoting the less tangible values of education, some of which are enshrined in the Learner Profile, and a responsibility to instil these values in all its pupils – not just those studying the IB Diploma.

By now, you may have identified a tension between this emphasis on values and that which we also place annually on the standard of the school's public exam results. Tension there may be, but it is not an irreconcilable one. Yes, exam

results are one means of judging the quality of a school. On the evidence of this year's results it would appear to be in exceptionally good health: the school was twelfth in the GCSE tables and first in *The Times* and the *Independent's* Sixth Form tables.

It is not a secret that national records are achieved for GCSE every year, and that year-on-year we may be dealing in a less and less valuable currency. In certain subjects, at least, we have already responded to the concern that this qualification is not suitable for our high-achieving and bright pupils by opting for the more stretching and demanding IGCSE. And we will continue to debate if their interests would be best served by turning to alternative qualifications in other subjects, or adding more or greater challenges to their curriculum.

Meanwhile, we can bask in the knowledge that the extraordinary improvement in our GCSE results cannot solely be attributed to the phenomenon of 'grade inflation'. This year 59.7% of our candidates achieved A* grades, and 92.8% A* or A grades; and 21 secured ten or more A*s. Such was the quality of the year group that we predicted the results would be good; but even the most optimistic did not anticipate that the gap between our previous record and this year's would be so great.

Objective, statistical evidence shows that the virus of grade inflation has not infected the body of the IB. The record set of results achieved by the Upper Sixth this year, when for the first time all its members completed the IB Diploma, must be attributed to the outstanding quality of the candidates and, dare I suggest, their teaching. Our average points score rose to 38.5, with an



Year 7 pupils get to know their new school in September.

astonishing 40.1% of the cohort of the 202 candidates achieving the top score of 7 in their Higher Level subjects. With these results it is not surprising that 88% of our leavers secured places at their preferred university, in the UK or abroad. For over 40 of these the destination is Oxford, Cambridge or Ivy League universities.

So if the quality of an education at Sevenoaks were assessed on public exam results and university entry alone, we could safely conclude that it was exceptional. Of course we recognise the importance of these results for the futures of our students (as well as the interests of their parents) and we will again resist the temptation to be complacent in the wake of this year's best ever results across the board.

But perhaps the greater challenge will be to help our students lift their sights to more elusive but ultimately more rewarding educational goals, of which an 'active enjoyment of learning which will be sustained throughout their lives' is only one. And the challenge for others will be accurately to assess how successful the school has been in achieving these aims. The answer will not be found in the annual round of exam league tables – even if we are top.

*Graham Lacey
Deputy Head (Academic)*



Recently formulated by the IB into a formal profile, the Learner Profile tries to capture the qualities which IB students are seeking, with the help of others, to nurture and develop in themselves.

IB learners strive to be:

Inquirers

They develop their natural curiosity. They acquire the skills necessary to conduct inquiry and research and show independence in learning. They actively enjoy learning and this love of learning will be sustained throughout their lives.

Knowledgeable

They explore concepts, ideas and issues that have local and global significance. In so doing, they acquire in-depth knowledge and develop understanding across a broad and balanced range of disciplines.

Thinkers

They exercise initiative in applying thinking skills critically and creatively to recognise and approach complex problems, and make reasoned, ethical decisions.

Communicators

They understand and express ideas and information confidently and creatively in more than one language and in a variety of modes of communication. They work effectively and willingly in collaboration with others.

Principled

They act with integrity and honesty, with a strong sense of fairness, justice and respect for the dignity of the individual, groups and communities. They take responsibility for their own actions and the consequences that accompany them.

Open-minded

They understand and appreciate their own cultures and personal histories, and are open to the perspectives, values and traditions of other individuals and communities. They are accustomed to seeking and evaluating a range of points of view, and are willing to grow from the experience.

Caring

They show empathy, compassion and respect towards the needs and feelings of others. They have a personal commitment to service, and act to make a positive difference to the lives of others and to the environment.

Risk-takers

They approach unfamiliar situations and uncertainty with courage and forethought, and have the independence of spirit to explore new roles, ideas and strategies. They are brave and articulate in defending their beliefs.

Balanced

They understand the importance of intellectual, physical and emotional balance to achieve personal well-being for themselves and others.

Reflective

They give thoughtful consideration to their own learning and experience. They are able to assess and understand their strengths and limitations in order to support their learning and personal development.

PRIZEWINNERS 2007

UPPER SIXTH PRIZES

Matilda Bathurst	English
Wei Zhi Cheung	Mathematics, Science
Philippa Coates	Sportswoman
Jonathan Cribb	Mathematics, Languages Faculty Prize
Lynne Fugard	Taylor Prize for Arts Extended Essay
Isabella Gerber	Languages
Sofia Gurevich	Languages
Raphael Houdmont	Taylor Prize for Science Extended Essay, Science
Gavin Jackson	Creatives
Jessica Kenny	Taylor Prize for Humanities Extended Essay
James Kirby	Higgs Walker Prize – Humanities, Humanities Faculty Prize
Johanna Longmore	Languages
Rob Malan	The Army Prize – Service Units
Peter May	Tatarsal Prize – Humanities, Humanities, Mathematics
Tom Morris	Midge Adams Prize – Drama, School Captain, Alcock Prize – Best All Rounder
Edmund Nicholson	Humanities
Nina Oberbeck	Science
Claire Paine	Languages, School Captain
Ameera Patel	Science
Lucinda Phillips	Harvard Book Prize
Kate Poston	Gandon French Literature Prize
Che Ramsden	George France Prize for English – Faculty Prize
Christopher Roe	Creatives – Faculty Prize
Constantin Rojahn	Languages
Shyam Sadeesh	Taylor Prize for Mathematics Extended Essay, Science Faculty Prize
Ann-Sophie Silber	Taylor Prize for Languages Extended Essay
Lennart Stern	George France Prize for Mathematics – Faculty Prize
Sam Stevens	Sportsman
Claudia Stocker	Science
Andrew Stuart-Buttle	Creatives
Sam Sturrock	VSU
Elizaveta Tatarintseva	Creatives
Elizaveta Tatarintseva	Gandon Prize for Science/Technology
Seirian Thomas	English, Languages
Kaushali Trivedi	School Captain, GlaxoSmithKline Prize – Science
Alice Tyler	Alice Little Prize for English, Taylor Prize for English Extended Essay
Michael Williams	RAF – Service Units, Shooting – Service Units
Olalere Williams	School Captain

UPPER SIXTH MERIT PRIZES

Elizabeth Atkins	Sport
Peter Baxendell	Humanities
Victoria Beale	English
Ferdinand Berthold	Languages
Darren Chim	Humanities
Sophie Clarke	Humanities
Jonathan Cribb	Science
Tim Flamank	English
Lynne Fugard	Creatives
Jan Klug	Mathematics
Justin Li	Science
Ian Ling	Languages
Nina Oberbeck	Mathematics
Rebecca Richards	Science
Natasha Smith	English
Alexandra Turner	Languages
Inigo Weston	Sport
Michael Williams	Sport
Olalere Williams	Mathematics
Sophie Wotton	Sport

LOWER SIXTH PRIZES

Minn Majoe	Creatives Faculty Prize
Latifah Hamzah	Creatives
Angela Lo	Creatives
Josh Roche	Creatives
Amber Medland	English Faculty Prize
Felix Danczak	English
Michael MacFarlane	English
Jo Morris	English
Sam Johns	Humanities Faculty Prize
James Barnett	Humanities
Sam Boughton	Humanities
Abigail Millward	Humanities
Marta Szczerba	Humanities
Tommy Gill	Languages Faculty Prize
Eleanor Brown	Russian
Miriam Longmore	German

Minn Majoe	Classics
Abigail Millward	French
Robin Miller	Japanese
Mariko Shaw	Spanish
Kenneth Hui	Mathematics
Ivy Qiu	Mathematics
Kenneth Wong	Mathematics
Samuel Hyatt-Twynam	Mathematics Faculty Prize
Emma Newton	Mark Bullock Prize – New Oak
Kenneth Wong	GlaxoSmithKline Prize for Science
Kenneth Wong	Science Faculty Prize
Samuel Hyatt-Twynam	Science
Alex Traynor	Science
Kirsty Underwood	Science
Daniel Caprice	Sport Cup – Sportsman
Anna Westlake	Sport Cup – Sportswoman
Russell Martin	School Captain
Katherine Skinner	School Captain

LOWER SIXTH MERIT PRIZES

Juinn Rwei Tan	Creatives
Alistair Wood	Creatives
Katie Elliott	English
Estelle Merle	English
Phoebe Ray	English
Yui Luke	Humanities
Amber Medland	Humanities
Estelle Merle	Humanities
Lulu Earle	Classics
Lukas Kremens	German
Evelyn Newland	French
Sophie Amili	Mathematics
Oliver Kim	Mathematics
Riccardo Liberatore	Mathematics
Matthew Burrard-Lucas	Science
Latifah Hamzah	Science
Matthew Hearle	Science
Miriam Longmore	Science
Josh Parker	Sport
Hamish Walker	Sport

YEAR 11 PRIZES

Sophie Wilkinson	Gilchrist Trophy Best All Rounder
Camilla Barber	Biology
Emma Newey	GlaxoSmithKline Prize for Chemistry
Louise Roper	Classical Civilisation
Michael Kriger	Computing/IT
Ellie Hoolahan	Design
Fred Maynard	Drama
Fred Maynard	Midge Adams (MS) Prize for Drama
Michael Kriger	Wavetrend Prize for Electronics
Fred Maynard	English
Emma Fouracre-Reid	French
Jane Glover	Geography
Jeremy Cribb	German
Julia Nicholson	Greek
Julia Nicholson	Bridget Harmer Prize for History
Camilla Barber	Latin
Felicity Thompson	Mathematics
Anna Blackwell	Music
Kate McMenamin	Music
William Ellis	PE – Boys
Rosie Fletcher	PE – Girls
Richard Pelmore	Physics
Max Weston	Russian
Holly Samuel	Spanish

YEAR 11 MERIT PRIZES

Jack Jeffries	Biology
William Scott	Chemistry
Paul Boles	Classical Civilisation
William Scott	Computing/IT
Aaron Mander	Design
Clementine Wyke	Drama
Richard Pelmore	Electronics
Emily Rainbow	English
Jeremy Cribb	French

Antonia Powell	Geography
Felicity Thompson	German
Felicity Thompson	Greek
Edward Fox	History
Jack Jefferies	Latin
Raj Gandhi	Mathematics
Lucy Gluckman	Music
Joe Corneille	PE – Boys
Sophie Wilkinson	PE – Girls
Jonathan Turnbull	Physics
Krissy Brooks	Russian
Hannah Shairp	Spanish

YEAR 10 PRIZES

Abby Carruthers	Biology
Abby Carruthers	Chemistry
Tim Smith	Classical Civilisation
Oliver Lambert	Computing
Charlotte Best	Design
Rachel Wilson	Drama
Oliver Peat	English
Alice Cornes	French
Lucy Keevil	Geography
William Snowden	German
Priyanka Patel	Greek
Sarah Sturrock	History
Georgia Trapp	Latin
Abby Carruthers	Mathematics
Rebecca Ingram	Music
Ryan Weeks	PE – Boys
Caroline Crawford	PE – Girls
Abby Carruthers	Physics
Sarah Sturrock	Russian
Alex Walker Smith	Spanish

YEAR 10 MERIT PRIZES

Grace Dowling	Biology
Darryl Chan	Chemistry
Ryan Weeks	Classical Civilisation
Andrew Dawson	Computing
Gemma Hitchens	Design
Robert Ede	Drama
Sophie Shall	English
Anthony Bowman	French
George Guterres	Geography
Tom Brazel	German
William Snowden	Greek
Ross Williams	History
Alice Cornes	Latin
Tyron King	Mathematics
Joanne Sy	Music
James Bell	PE – Boys
Cathryn Shannon	PE – Girls
Lucy Keevil	Physics
Alex Dabrowski	Russian
Gazel Algan	Spanish

YEAR 9 PRIZES

Emily McEachern	Art
Morwenna Kotz	Biology
Alexander Ying	Chemistry
Jack Rountree	Computing
Harrison Hodgkins	Design
Victoria Moynes	English
Charlotte Ritchie	French
Laurence Gibbons	Geography
Jasmine Horsey	German
Ciara Bullock	Greek
David McMenamin	History
James Mursell	Latin
Laurence Gibbons	Mathematics
Megan Loureiro-Rickman	Mediterranean World
William Hearle	Midge Adams Prize for Drama
Alexander Ying	Music
Charlie Farrant	PE – Boys

Rebecca Bibb	PE – Girls
Amritha John	Physics
Morwenna Kotz	Russian
James Mursell	Spanish

YEAR 9 MERIT PRIZES

Sabrina Chan	Biology
James Mursell	Chemistry
Gregory Szep	Computing
Alasdair Brenninkmeijer	Design
Amritha John	Drama
Grant Arnold	English
Heyjo (Helen) Eo	French
Kayla Hollenbaugh	Geography
Heather Catchpole	German
Heyjo (Helen) Eo	Greek
Thomas Richards	History
Kayla Hollenbaugh	Latin
Alex Ying	Mathematics
Sabrina Chan	Mediterranean World
Oliver Blackwell	Music
David McMenamin	PE – Boys
Tara Jameson	PE – Girls
Jacob Rainbow	Physics
Charlie Gilpin	Russian
Brieuc de Radigues	Spanish

YEAR 8 PRIZES

Harriet Rudd-Jones	All Round Excellence
Catherine Xu	All Round Excellence
Rahul Amin	Academic Prizes
Lucy Bates	Academic Prizes
Matthew Hitchens	Academic Prizes
Emily Lindsay	Academic Prizes
Serena Yuen	Academic Prizes
Aisha Bennett	Midge Adams Junior Drama Prize
Robert Martin	PE – Boys
Jessica Fox	PE – Girls



*George Alagiah presents
Jo Nowicki with the
International School Award*



YEAR 8 MERIT PRIZES

Raquel Clark Castillo

Robert Macquarie

Fleur Nash

Arparat Suthimai

Clara Watkins

YEAR 7 PRIZES

Sophie Buhl-Nielsen	All Round Excellence
Alexandra Conway	Academic Prizes
George Lovell	Academic Prizes
Sophie Munden	Academic Prizes
Elsbeth Newey	Academic Prizes
Anna Turner-Major	Academic Prizes
Barnaby Hodgkins	PE – Boys
Nicola Wilkinson	PE – Girls

EXTENDED ESSAY ABSTRACTS (2007)

The following Extended Essay abstracts were submitted by Sevenoaks students who completed their Diploma in 2007. The Extended Essay is a compulsory element of the IB Diploma for every student. It is an essay of 4000 words, on a subject and topic of the student's own choice. The abstract delivers an outline of the essay in 300 words.

How can the Polya-Redfield Enumeration Theorem be applied to counting the number of structural isomers created from substitution reactions involving biphenyl compounds and chlorine?

The research question of this essay is how the Polya-Redfield Enumeration Theorem can be applied to counting the number of structural isomers created from substitution reactions involving biphenyl compounds and chlorine.

The underlying ideas of chemistry and how the Polya-Redfield Enumeration Theorem, a theorem in group theory, can be used to enumerate structural isomers is discussed in Ch 1. In Ch 2, I examine the symmetries of shapes and objects through group theory, leading to a representation of a symmetry as a permutation of a set of objects while the symmetry group acting on an object as a whole can be expressed using a cycle index. I continue by explaining the theorem and its proof, then applying it to various problems. This is then followed by applying the Polya-Redfield Enumeration Theorem to benzene and, finally, biphenyl. This is then extended by applying Polya-Redfield's Weighted Enumeration Theorem to the problem.

I conclude that the Polya-Redfield Enumeration Theorem can be used to enumerate structural isomers of substitution reactions involving biphenyl and chlorine. However, there are limitations to the theorem's ability to enumerate other isomers of other compounds.

Shyam Sadeesh (U6) Chemistry

How does the terminal velocity of an object falling through a fluid depend upon the temperature of the fluid?

My aim for this Extended Essay in fluid dynamics was to find the effect of the temperature of a fluid on the terminal velocity of an object falling through it. I used castor oil as the fluid, because it has a naturally high viscosity, which makes the time of the fall measurable. To find the terminal velocity I chose steel bearings as the falling object since the resistive force could be modeled.

The terminal velocity of the sphere had to be low enough so that it exhibited laminar flow and not turbulent flow.

My investigation was separated into two parts. Firstly, I analysed the relationship between temperature and terminal velocity. Using Stokes' Law, I then moved on to calculating the viscosity of the fluid at various temperatures, and seeing how it varied with the temperature. This led me to the idea of the Boltzmann factor, which is an approximation of the fraction of particles acquiring an excess energy E above kT for an activation process to take place.

I was able to conclude that the terminal velocity of an object falling through a fluid is directly proportional to the temperature of the fluid. Furthermore, the viscosity of the fluid drops exponentially as temperature rises. The Boltzmann factor for castor oil was found, and the minimum energy required for the activation process to take place was discovered to be $5.78 \times 10^{-3} \text{eV}$. These definite results are somewhat limited, in particular due to the scale of the experiment, but nonetheless have myriad useful applications.

Raphael Houdmont (U6) Physics

To what extent does a comparison of Shostakovich's 4th and 5th symphonies indicate that his music altered after the public denunciation of the opera 'Lady Macbeth of the Mstensk District' in the 1936 publication of 'Pravda'?

This essay aims to determine to what extent Shostakovich's music altered after the public denunciation of the opera 'Lady Macbeth of the Mstensk District' in the 1936 publication of 'Pravda', by comparing the 4th and 5th symphonies. This comparison mainly focuses on the ends of the symphonies, the harmony, the structure of the first movements, and the atmosphere of the second movements; however, it also investigates other aspects of the music. I will conduct my personal analysis of the symphonies to ascertain whether there was an alteration in Shostakovich's music after the denunciation.

The closing moments of the symphonies are contrasting in nature. The 4th symphony contains an ambiguous tonality and sense of metre, as well as soft dynamics to evoke an uneasy atmosphere. This differs greatly from the rousing atmosphere of the 5th, due to the major tonality, strong dynamics and homophonic brass. Both symphonies contain chromatic harmonies and discords; however, the 4th does so to a greater extent, with moments of polytonality and extended tonality. The 5th tends to resolve tonally more frequently and maintain a firmer grasp on tonality. Therefore, there is a significant difference in the harmony. The structures of the 1st movements are both in sonata form, yet the way in which the themes are treated differ significantly enough to conclude a difference in the form of the symphonies. Sarcasm is apparent in both second movements, due to instrumentation, timbre, articulation and metre. There is however a difference in the nature of the sarcasm, with darker humour in the 4th.

The symphonies also contain many similarities, such as timbre, texture and atmosphere. However, on balance, it is concluded that Shostakovich's musical style did alter after the denunciation, although it is not apparent whether this alteration is due to the denunciation itself.

Lynne Fugard (U6) Music

How does Nabokov construct and then exploit symmetries in his novel Lolita?

Vladimir Nabokov establishes a complex series of symmetries throughout his novel, *Lolita*. The symmetries are apparent within the characterization and language, as well as the structure of the novel. The effect generated is both playful and poignant, and proves key to the reader's enjoyment.

Symmetries are created between the narrator, Humbert Humbert, and his nemesis, Clare Quilty, in order to illustrate the way in which they operate as each other's *Doppelgänger*. The tension thus established between the two helps to build suspense throughout the novel as they fight to gain control. Symmetry is also created between the characters of Annabel and Lolita in order to imply the irretrievability of the past. The use of linguistic symmetry and the manipulation of motifs inevitably lessens the impression of realism in the novel, allowing the reader a clear view of Nabokov's artistic playfulness. Nevertheless, the novel still manages to generate a powerful emotional impact. Nabokov emphasises Humbert's selfishness, ensuring that the reader does not pity him and instead sees the true nature of the supposed remorse he claims to feel. This is achieved in part by the use of symmetries within the structure of the novel, and through the pairing of key scenes.

All the instances of symmetry remind the reader of the presence of the authorial voice, and of Nabokov's control over both the novel and his main character, Humbert. The strong element of playfulness, together with the evident narrative control, help Nabokov develop his key strategies of parody and game-playing in order, ultimately, to lessen the moral impact of the novel and to generate a darkly comic atmosphere.

Alice Tyler (U6) Literature

Issues and conflicts within an inner city area experiencing regeneration.

This essay examines the issues and conflicts within an inner city area experiencing urban regeneration, focusing on the Spitalfield's area of London. I investigate evidence of immigration on the urban landscape. I assess whether the City of London has impacted the surrounding area. Lastly, I examine the success of the regeneration schemes. A large group of Muslims reside in the area, most of whom are of Bengali origin. The current landscape of Brick Lane is shaped by the functions of need for the Bengali culture. The evidence of past groups of immigrants has become layered. The issue of regeneration is particularly important regarding the developments for the 2012 Olympics. The City has expanded into the heart of Spitalfields and I explore what effects this has had.

I investigate evidence of immigration on the urban landscape with the aid of annotated photographs and secondary sources. The analysis of a people count gives an indication of the City's impact. I compare transects of two road's functions, one close to the City and one further away; this was interesting to contrast the differing functions. I conducted environmental assessments in six specific areas and quantified their scores. I also researched the 2001 census to gain valuable data upon the area's households.

The overall conclusions were that immigration has imprinted the urban landscape in many ways, seen in buildings and functions that remain today. The City does influence the area, many businesses have set up to accommodate the City's lifestyle and seem to be pushing out original shops. The developments have brought more visitors to the area, but the major impact has been to inflate the housing market. What the future holds for the area of Spitalfields and Banglatown will be a topic of particular interest to me.

Jessica Kenny (U6) Geography



Left to right: John Hills, Ray Hackett, Jill Hackett and Mike Brown

JOHN HILLS

John Hills' long association with the school began when he joined Sevenoaks as a pupil in 1960. After the Sixth Form, John went on to Exeter University to read French and German, and then took a postgraduate teaching qualification at Southampton. After two years at Bushey Hall Comprehensive School in Hertfordshire, he returned to teach at Sevenoaks in 1974. Over the next 33 years he taught French at every level in the school.

It was, however, in the Junior School that John made his unique and unmatched contribution. His superb work as a tutor led him to start the YoungSox Club. This gave a wonderfully secure base for new pupils entering the school, and provided a huge array of activities in the evenings, weekends and holiday time.

In all, John organised an astonishing total of 42 holiday and study trips, to destinations including France, Greece, Italy and Russia. In particular, he encouraged pupils to learn about the language and culture of France, and he would take the entire Junior School to Boulogne every year, armed with tape recorders and questionnaires to conduct interviews. More locally, he arranged regular and hugely popular bowling and ice-skating trips as

well as a significant number of junior discos and other social events.

John was instrumental in developing the long-standing exchange with Pontoise, and his expertise in the role of exchange coordinator became invaluable as the school's exchange programme became ever more ambitious.

John was a superb all-round schoolmaster. He belonged to a generation of teachers who were pleased to spend most of their professional careers serving one school. His dedication and his contribution to the Junior School and the school as a whole were truly outstanding.

Mike Bolton

DR MIKE BROWN

Mike joined Sevenoaks in 1975 after completing a PhD in glacial geomorphology in Shropshire and seven years lecturing at the University of Papua New Guinea. On Mike's letter of application to Sevenoaks, someone has written, 'He might stir up a bit of intellectual excitement.' How prophetic!

Mike's love of his subject shone through his energetic, strong leadership of the department, which he took over in 1983. Some approach retirement quietly, but Mike led the department with enthusiasm and vigour right up to the day he retired, his passion for Geography remaining undiminished. The newly reformed Geography Society or GIMP (Geography Is My Passion) and our excellent results are testament to Mike's insatiable quest for knowledge and ever higher standards of teaching and learning. His enthusiasm for ICT enabled the department to harness new technology, but Mike also channelled his skills into developing the school website. Always direct and robust in his management, Mike was also a very warm Head of Department. He had an enviable rapport with pupils, and a particular affinity with the rogues who generally found their way into his tutor group! He was also, prior to the establishment of a Staff Common

Room Committee, staff tutor to provide support to colleagues. Mike was a natural choice to help establish Sevenoaks as an Initial Teacher Training School.

Mike's intellectual curiosity about the world in which we live, and his commitment to providing an enriching curriculum for Geography students, led him to expand our field trips. Mike went on the school expedition to Iceland, but also led trips to Egypt, North Spain and Switzerland. Out of these forays developed two annual features of our calendar – the Year 10 trip to the Cevennes and the Lower Sixth trip to Morocco. Both are wonderful opportunities for pupils to develop their geographical knowledge and experience a real sense of awe and wonder.

Mike urged the leavers of 2007 not to become 'Sat-Nav Man', but to be adventurous and to explore off the beaten track. This exemplifies Mike, the Geographer, a tireless enthusiast and passionate advocate for his subject. I have no doubt he will continue to enjoy his travels and adventures in the years ahead.

Theresa Homewood

DR RAY HACKETT

Ray Hackett retired from full-time teaching in July following an impressive career in the school lasting just over 32 years. He will be remembered in particular by Old Sennockians for his tireless work in building up the alumni association, allowing many former students to maintain strong links with the school.

Ray is extremely well qualified, having spent seven years at Leeds University, eventually specialising in Fuel Science and gaining his doctorate. After a short spell working for BP, he joined the school in January 1975, initially teaching Chemistry alongside Willie Bleyberg and Neil Morgan. He then switched to Mathematics which he has taught with great success at all levels for the last 15 years. He has the ability to make Maths both intelligible and enjoyable.

Outside the classroom, Ray also made a huge contribution to the school. An immensely talented sportsman, at various times Ray coached cricket, squash and helped with sailing. At one point he helped coach the First XV with Mike Williams and toured with the school to Australia. For many years he was in charge of the RAF section of the CCF, as well as organising after-school clubs.

Ray was very much at the centre of school life, not least, of course, when he ran School House for ten years up until 1993 with the help of his wife, Jill. When School House eventually moved to the old IC, Ray maintained his connection with the building, continuing to teach Maths from his former bedroom. He also ran a very successful day house, Grote Upper, for a number of years, before moving his focus to the Old Sennockians.

Ray made a huge contribution to the school over a long period of time. He was an immensely versatile schoolmaster and his energy, flair and enthusiasm will be hard to replace. We are grateful for all he did for the school and thankful that he is still doing some teaching part-time.

Mike Bolton

JILL HACKETT

Jill has been a friend and close colleague, as fellow geographer and latterly Divisional Head, for 27 years. In that time I can only recall her being cross once; Jill's love of life, innate positive approach and kindness are exemplary, and these are values that she has been careful to instil in generations of pupils.

Jill graduated from Leeds University before entering teaching. She joined Sevenoaks in 1978. For ten years she supported her husband, Ray, in the running of School House. Jill is a highly talented sportswoman, and her love of tennis, squash, badminton, hockey and netball was invaluable to the school when it was about to go fully co-educational. Not only did Jill coach and share her love of sport with so many girls, but she helped select the first Head of Girls' Games.

VALETE (CONTINUED)

In 1995, Jill became a Middle School Divisional Head and two years later moved on to take over the Junior School. Jill was a champion of the Junior School and committed to ensuring it was fun but disciplined, purposeful and ambitious. She was interested in pupils as individuals and got to know them well. An exceptional Divisional Head, Jill was highly regarded by pupils, parents and colleagues alike.

One of Jill's favourite words was 'parity', and it was this sense of fairness, and her ability to listen, that made her so approachable. Jill was an excellent Senior Mistress, providing help, wisdom and wise counsel to anybody who needed it.

Despite the many demands on her time made by being Divisional Head and Senior Mistress, Jill remained a committed geographer, who worked tirelessly for the department. Always willing to share ideas and develop new materials, Jill was driven to keep up to date in both her knowledge (which is ceaselessly, rapidly changing in Geography) and skills. Jill accompanied many fieldtrips, including those to the Cevennes and Morocco, as well as to less exotic locations such as Malham, Dorset and Hastings.

Jill has retired with Ray to spend time with their family. I know she will have many happy memories of her time at Sevenoaks, but I suspect she will not miss patrolling the girls' corridor in the Cevennes past bedtime!

Theresa Homewood

DR BRYAN RICHARDS

Doc Richards, as he was affectionately known by staff and pupils at Sevenoaks, joined the school in 1987 to teach Physics. If you talk to anyone at Sevenoaks, particularly the students he taught, they would say he was a fantastic teacher. He combines a huge knowledge and expertise in Physics with the ability to convey ideas and concepts in a way which students not only understand but also enjoy. As a colleague, one picks up lots of snippets from overheard

conversations between students and the phrases I heard about Bryan were things like 'great teacher', 'enjoy his lessons' and 'the Doc's a legend'.

As Head of Physics Bryan led a successful department and was well liked and respected. He had a quiet, unassuming leadership style and he was someone who trusted others in the department to get on and do their work effectively. Bryan's skills spread beyond his work at the school and he was involved with the IB as an examiner and the Open University as a tutor. Outside his work in the Physics Department, he was, in his early years at Sevenoaks, a much loved tutor in School House and an enthusiastic football coach.

Bryan leaves us to join Jerudong International School, Brunei.

Alex Smith

DR DAVID SMITH

David joined Sevenoaks School in 1993 as a History teacher. He is a serious academic historian who has a real passion for his subject. I would often sit near him during parents' evenings and I was always struck with the enthusiasm and knowledge with which he spoke about his pupils to their parents.

As the Head of History he led a hugely successful department which achieved outstanding IB results, although it always seemed to me that David was more interested in fostering a spirit of intellectual curiosity and debate in the History department as opposed to driving up examination results. I think many people were impressed by the array of eminent speakers he organised for the flourishing History Society.

As a tutor in the IC, David loved his time working in boarding. He was an extremely committed tutor who was an excellent role model to the boys in the House. He was also a keen rugby coach who looked after the Third XV for a number of years. David leaves us to join Stowe School as the Head of History.

Alex Smith

ANITA MCEWEN

A gloriously rich and certainly unusual hybrid of Highland Scot and Walloon, Anita McEwen joined the Modern Languages Department of Sevenoaks in 1995 to teach French. Anita was a late recruit to the teaching profession, having previously worked as a translator, journalist, children's book writer and illustrator. Both sides to Anita's background emerged regularly. The Scottish side manifested itself in the adoption of an almost impenetrable accent which she used to tell the funniest, and one must admit, filthiest jokes ever heard in the Staff Common Room. It was also apparent in her sensible, down-to-earth approach to everything she did. The Walloon manifested itself in her beautiful French, her many artistic skills, her sensitivity and her generosity of spirit.

Anita had a terrific and varied career at Sevenoaks. She was first and foremost a superb classroom teacher enthusiastic, encouraging, meticulous in her preparation and marking. Anita was the teacher the pupils wanted to have. She was for a few years Head of French and she led the department through a happy and successful phase, introducing along the way the Lyon link with Les Chartreux which still flourishes today. Anita was an enthusiastic games coach, excelling in encouraging the 'less athletically gifted, like my wee self' as she put it with the addition of a couple of rich adverbs.

Finally, most will remember Anita for her work as a Middle School Divisional Head. Firm when necessary, patient, kind, understanding, Anita was born to do this job and the emotion generated in the Aisher Hall at the end of her moving final assembly was testament to the huge affection her pupils had for her.

Anita leaves us now because, much as she loves her work, she loves her family more. Anita spoke with enormous courage to all sections of the school about her daughter Katie's battle with leukaemia. Katie is doing very well, but Anita wants to spend

much more time with her husband Jim helping Katie along the road to full recovery. We thank Anita for everything she has done for Sevenoaks School and wish her and her family happiness and fortune for the future.

Peter Kino

SUE TIERNEY

Sue Tierney came to the school to be Head of Modern Languages in 1999. She had impeccable credentials to manage a department of 36 full or part-time staff who were teaching 16 different languages. Her degree in French and Russian from Durham was followed by a PGCE at Oxford University. Her teaching career was then spent at a number of day or boarding schools and involved being Head of Department, Head of Year and Housemistress. In her spare time she taught the piano, coached rowing and helped with the Duke of Edinburgh Award as well as bringing up three daughters.

Stamina and energy were certainly Sue's hallmarks, but in addition she was immensely organised and a first-rate administrator. She had an exceptional overview of the department's needs and a passion for the importance of languages in today's world.

Sue put concern for the individual very much at the heart of all she did and was a wise and respected tutor. She was also a first-rate teacher of Russian and the current strength of the subject owes much to her drive and enthusiasm. She strongly supported the school's unique exchange programme and pioneered her own exchange to Russia; this involved a three and a half hour flight to Moscow, followed by a 27 hour train journey to Perm, deep in the Urals.

Sue's own journey now takes her closer to home. She has moved to be Deputy Head at Woldingham School, where we wish her every success.

Mike Bolton

VALETE (CONTINUED)

PAT ROBY

Pat came to Sevenoaks in September 2004 to teach Physics. He is a lively enthusiastic teacher who passed onto his pupils an excellent knowledge and understanding of Physics. He loved the gadgets involved in the subject and he was particularly keen on robotics. Pat was a caring, thoughtful Middle School tutor who always did the very best for his tutees. He was also a keen member of the RAF section of the CCF. As well as teaching Physics, Pat also teaches Mathematics and he leaves Sevenoaks to join Riverside School, Zug, Switzerland as Head of Mathematics.

JO STEPHENS

Jo joined the English Department at Sevenoaks in September 2004. She is an outstanding teacher who was comfortable with classes across all the different year groups. She had a real passion for her subject and her love of literature was something she could convey to her pupils, which meant students really enjoyed her lessons. Jo was a dedicated tutor in the GIH who made a genuine contribution to the girls in the House. As a former pupil of Sevenoaks who had done the IB, her experience proved invaluable as both tutor and teacher. She was also an important part of the VSU programme, making a key contribution to the Rainbow and Sunny Clubs. Jo leaves us to move to Cheltenham Ladies' College.

DR DAN GRIFFITHS

Dan came to Sevenoaks in September 2005 to teach Biology. His classes benefit from his outstanding knowledge of the subject along with his wonderfully dry sense of humour.

Dan was a tutor in the International Centre where he was liked by everyone in the House and he was well respected by pupils. Dan also made a huge contribution to sport at Sevenoaks, coaching rugby, football and cricket to a high standard. He was an outstanding games player in his own right: a skilful footballer, talented golfer and a superb 'hitter' at the top of the order in staff cricket. Dan leaves us to go to the United States where he is getting married to Holly.

SIMON WINTLE

Simon joined the Physical Education department at Sevenoaks in September 2005 from Eltham College. One of his key responsibilities was for swimming and water polo at the school and he was very successful in this role with the U14 relay team winning the National Championships. He also coached the U15A rugby team and boys athletics. Simon was a diligent, well-organised Middle School tutor. He leaves Sevenoaks to join Dubai College.



Music



The Blues Brothers

2006-7 was a vintage year for the music department. There were many highlights, which ranged from a Blues Brothers spectacular in October to the Alan Adler concert in St John's, Smith Square, where the senior orchestra played Rimsky-Korsakov's symphonic suite, *Scheherazade*.

The Choral Society sang well throughout the year, performing Gounod's St Cecilia Mass and excerpts from Brahms' *Ein Deutsches Requiem*.

The Sennocke Consort undertook a brief three-concert tour of Belgium just prior to Christmas, culminating in a concert in the magnificent Cathédrale St Michel.

It was heartening to see an increase in the numbers of boys taking part in the junior school, particularly singers, and one wonderful moment was the performance of Britten's *The Little Sweep* under the direction of Anthony Dawson.

The school's gamelan project continued to run with great success. Elsewhere, the chamber music was again strong and the school was particularly well-represented in the South East Festival of Chamber Music in the finalists' concert at Cadogan Hall.

Girls' and boys' vocal groups abounded this year, with one collection of Sixth Formers even making it to the televised round of *The X Factor*. Equally unusually, a group of Lower Sixth Form string players were invited to perform in the Long Room at Lord's.

The year ended with an extravaganza of music-making including the Young Musicians' Forum, as well as instrumental and choral music to the slightly damp audience who were present on Founder's Day.

Christopher Dyer
Director of Music

TOULOUSE, SUMMER 2006 – PUPIL REVIEW

The summer 2006 Toulouse choir trip was a super singing holiday and great fun. We sang a range of pieces from traditional Negro spirituals to a specially composed choral piece called 'Hills of the North', which Mr Dyer composed for the trip. We put on three concerts, which ranged from the open air concert in Luchon, just after the Tour de France had passed through, to a beautifully atmospheric lunchtime recital in the Pyrenean cathedral of St Bertrand.

Even this setting was trumped though by the venue of our final concert, the sixteenth century chapel in the Ecole de Notre Dame de Garaison which had amazing frescos. The chapel was wonderfully resonant and the perfect setting for our arrangement of Allegri's *Miserere* and also the dramatic 'Hills of the North'.

All the concerts attracted large audiences and the experience was very satisfying. Lynne Fugard played flute solos between several items and a Bach duet with Alice Dawe.

As well as rehearsing and performing, we still had plenty of time to relax by the pool and enjoy the French food that Kerry and Allen, our hosts, prepared for us. I found it a very rewarding venture and, being the only person who went from my year, it was a good chance to get to know new people while having a great time.

Emma Dawe (L6)



TOULOUSE, OCTOBER 2006

Following the enormous success of the two choral trips to the South of France, Mr Dyer decided to take a small group of 14 string players and see if they could repeat the success of the choral groups.

Covering works ranging from Vivaldi's *The Four Seasons*, with Latifah Hamzah as soloist, to folk arrangements by Rutland Boughton and the string movements from Walton's film score to *Henry V*, the group worked exceptionally hard (they learnt one hour's music from scratch in four days). They performed in the sixteenth century chapel in the Ecole de Notre Dame de Garaison as well as in the collegiate church of St Gaudens. In a novel addition, they also performed to the local lycée in Blajan, who were delighted to have a live classical music concert brought into their school.

Mr and Mrs Dawson accompanied Miss Brooking and Mr Dyer for a very pleasant half-term trip and the two Toulouse trips had a successful musical encore in November for the Sevenoaks parents.



THE LITTLE SWEEP

The Little Sweep was written by Benjamin Britten in 1949. It is a superbly crafted opera, written to challenge and stretch the performers but not alienate them, and it is probably his most frequently performed opera. With a cast of about 50, including a member of staff and singers from the Upper and Lower Sixth as well as Years 7, 8 and 9, and the boys and girls of the Junior Singers, the performance took place in the Aisher Hall on Saturday 9 December. The instrumental ensemble, led by Jane Dawson, Head of Strings, included a piano duet, played by Olivia Jageurs and musician-in-residence, Dominic Grier. An enormous battery of percussion is required, and this was skilfully played by Florence Tyler. Anna Blackwell, Sophie Tunstall-Behrens and Oliver Blackwell completed the virtuoso string quartet.

The title role was taken most touchingly by Kazuki Shaw who managed to escape from the brutal hands of sweep-master Black Bob (Christopher

Roe) and his son, Clem (Oliver Clarke). This was thanks to the kind offices of Rowan, the nursery maid, beautifully portrayed by Olivia Howie, and the children of the house and their visitors, played by Sophie Barrett, Charlotte Dinkin, Katy Barrett, Emily Lindsay, Will Barratt, Harrison Hodgkins, Raquel Clark Castillo and Serena Yuen. The cast was completed by the ferocious housekeeper, Miss Baggott (Rachel Ryves), Alfred the gardener (Tom Griffiths), and there was an amusing cameo by Mr Phil Leese as Tom, the coachman.

Stage Director Roger Woodward showed his usual skill, bringing out the humour in the piece and making the most of the Aisher Hall, with technical assistance from the Sackville Theatre team and Laurence Gibbons' lighting. *The Little Sweep* was produced by Musical Director Anthony Dawson, who has now established the tradition of a Christmas opera in the school's calendar.

Anthony Dawson

THE PROGRAMME OF CONCERTS, 2006-7

2006-7 was once again a year full of fantastic music-making. More than in any other year, this year had the widest variety imaginable of musical performances. At the strongly classical end there was a superb Alan Adler Concert in St John's, Smith Square in April, featuring the school's brass group, the Sennocke Consort, the Choral Society and the Senior Orchestra. Involving some 120 pupils, this was a terrific testament to the current strength of the department and the Upper Sixth in particular. But it was Minn Majoe, a Lower Sixth pupil, who stole the show with her exquisite violin solo in Rimsky-Korsakov's *Scheherazade*. Both the Sennocke Consort, reviewed below, and the Choral Society accompanied by Latifah Hamzah also added to this memorable occasion.

Earlier in the year, there had been one slight alteration to the normal run of things. Christopher Roe, in preparation for 'Crash into Christmas', got together a large number of his friends and, together with such Upper Sixth personalities as Gavin Jackson, Peter Baxendall and Olivia Howie, put together a memorable evening entitled 'An Evening with the Blues Brothers and Friends', which raised over £1000. There were also the usual chamber music concerts (the school was the central organising body for the Festival of South East Schools' Chamber Music which gave a concert in the Cadogan Hall) and main school concerts of the now popular Music at Sevenoaks variety. The year ended with a memorable recap of our most successful chamber music groups, many of which were coached by Lorraine Preater, in the Young Musicians' Forum. We were delighted to invite in the second half Miss Letitia Perry and Miss Emily Ward to be our professional performers. These two are not only recent former pupils but currently on the teaching staff. And their performances delighted those who attended this Sevenoaks Summer Festival event.

Christopher Dyer

THE GAMELAN PROJECT

The gamelan was, as usual, very busy through the course of the academic year 2006-7, once again under the tutelage of Jackie Hendry. Not only was it in regular use for classwork with Years 7 and 9 but also with the GCSE and IB sets. In addition, it was again the centrepiece for much collaborative work with local primary schools, culminating in a joint performance at the school's International Night and then at the reopening of the Royal Festival Hall. Both of these events receive additional coverage elsewhere.

THE IBBENBÜREN MUSIC EXCHANGE

The biennial visit from the music department of the Goethe Gymnasium in Ibbenbüren took place in early February. The central feature of their visit was the choral and orchestral concert in St Nicholas' Church. This followed the format established in recent years, whereby the bulk of the programme is presented by the visiting musicians, but both schools join forces (choral and orchestral) to perform a substantial work. This time it was Gounod's St Cecilia Mass, which under the baton of Heiner Vornhusen, received an assured and stylish performance.

A notable feature was the small team drawn from the ranks of the Ibbenbüren choir, who shared the various soprano solos. Earlier in the programme the strings of the orchestra were heard to fine effect in Elgar's Serenade in E minor, and the full orchestra in Mascagni's Intermezzo Sinfonico.

Peter Winkens also directed the Ibbenbüren choir on its own in two songs with English texts: these were confidently sung. A party of Sevenoaks musicians looks forward eagerly to its visit to Germany in February 2008.

Peter Young



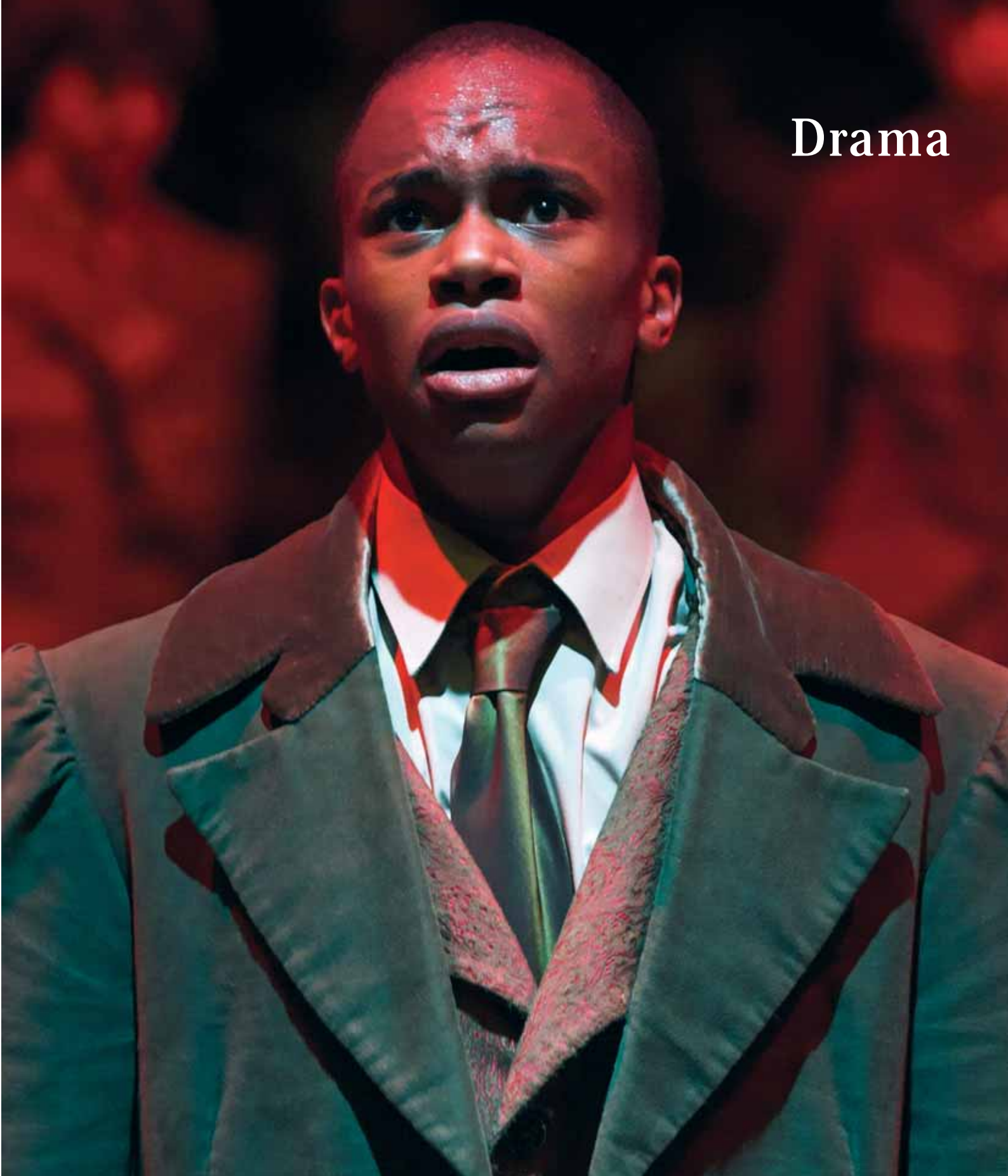
*The Sennocke Consort at
St John's, Smith Square
May 2007*

THE SENNOCKE CONSORT

Following a successful recruiting drive, especially for more tenors and basses, the Sennocke Consort now numbers around 24 members. The upside to this welcome increase in size has meant that the choir has been able to tackle the occasional double-choir piece, such as the Christmas motet 'A Child Is Born In Bethlehem', which featured in the school carol service. The downside has meant that because of space limitations, not every member got to sing in the annual carol service which the choir

presents for the Pipe Makers Company in London. The musical high spots of the year were twofold: the mini-tour to Brussels in December, with the joy of singing in the wonderfully atmospheric acoustic of the cathedral, and the performance at St John's, Smith Square of Bach's Eastertide cantata *Christ lag in Todesbanden*. This was one of the choir's most ambitious undertakings in recent years, and it rose to the challenge admirably, thus fulfilling a long-held ambition by Peter Young to direct a school choir in a performance of this fine work.

Drama



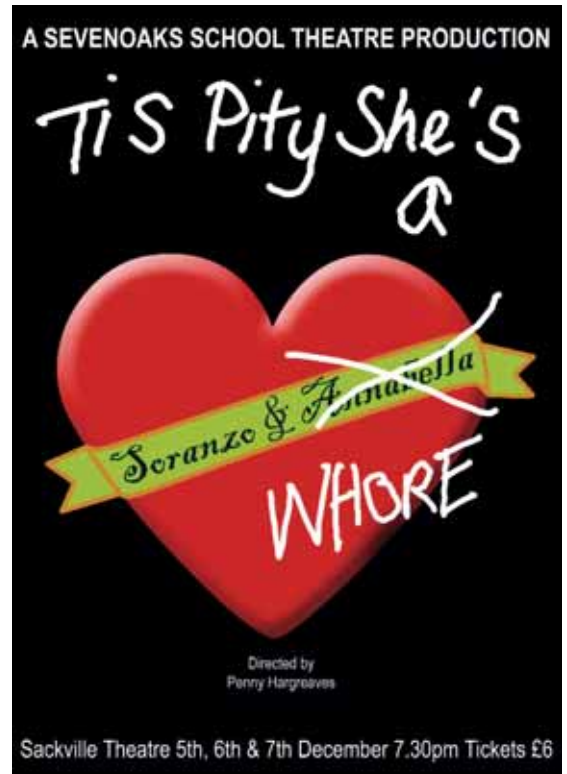
DRAMA REVIEW 2006-7

It was a busy and purposeful year for school theatre: in November two of the school's best young actors, Josh Roche and Fred Maynard, impressed in Stephen MacDonald's moving two-hander about the relationship between the World War One poets Siegfried Sassoon and Wilfred Owen, *Not About Heroes*. This was ably directed by Upper Sixth Theatre Arts student Rachel Ashwanden, and points the way towards the new Performing Arts Centre, where it is envisaged that the new Studio Theatre will host many more small-scale, student-led productions.

The climax of the Michaelmas term was the blood-soaked and high-tempo production of *'Tis Pity She's a Whore*, directed by Penny Hargreaves. In January, Year 10 students performed a pair of Peter Terson plays about suburban family life, *Family Ties*. There were some strong performances and, with Year 9 students outstanding in Saadia Rahman's production of *Twelfth Night* for the Schools' Shakespeare Festival at the E M Forster Theatre in Tonbridge, it is clear that the future for the Senior School Theatre Company has never been brighter. An innovation this year was to give boarders' plays a more genuinely theatrical focus, and productions including Stoppard favourites *After Magritte* and *The Real Inspector Hound*, directed by Peter Kino and Gary Percival respectively, played to smallish but appreciative audiences.

Andy Waldron's own witty adaptation of six of Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales* for the Junior School got the Summer term off to a fine start, and it culminated in strong senior productions of Anouilh's *Antigone* and Sophocles' *Oedipus the King*, the latter in a new version by Jim Grant. Both productions also toured to Germany in October 2007.

Jim Grant
Director of Theatre



Canterbury Tales, Summer 2007



'TIS PITY SHE'S A WHORE

The first term of 2006-7 ended in blood and revenge at the Sackville Theatre. *'Tis Pity She's A Whore* by John Ford was a moody melodrama, updated and featuring text messaging and contemporary indie music.

Giovanni was dramatically portrayed by Alex Quinn, his most memorable moment being the final scene when he stood on stage drenched in his beloved sister's blood, having cut out her heart which he clenched in his hand. Together with Jess Smeaton, who played Annabella, his partner in this illicit love, they created a tender and believable onstage romance. Gavin Jackson burned with a ferocious intensity as Annabella's cuckolded husband and Mike MacFarlane, in his debut at the Sackville, was an energetic and forceful Vasques. This quintet of strong performances was completed by Emily Crick as a strong and manipulative Hippolita, Soranzo's rejected lover. There were many fine moments from the supporting cast including Bergetto's love scene and the violent abduction of the two Putanas by the vicious Banditti.

The stage fight choreography was courtesy of Kevin Rowntree at www.rapierssharp.com and the weaponry was provided by History-In-The Making. This was a modern and fast-paced interpretation of a period text, successfully staged.



OEDIPUS

The members of the audience were unsettled by a feeling of having intruded on a scene of sacred solemnity as they took their seats for Jim Grant's production of Sophocles' *Oedipus*. As the offerings were added, one by one, to the growing number on the altar at the front of the stage, the anxiety felt by the citizens of Thebes for their plight was powerfully conveyed and connections were strongly made with extraordinary events of our own day, such as the spontaneous offerings after the death of Diana, Princess of Wales.

The tense atmosphere grew as the chorus began its first ode with prayers to the gods to bring relief. In the ancient Greek theatre the arrival of the chorus on stage after the first introductory scene, singing the parodos, as the first ode was termed, was always a significant moment. In this production, the ode was displaced to make it the first words spoken; the effect, in this subtly alliterative version, was to set up an appeal for divine help answered immediately by the arrival of the king, and so the god-to-man antithesis was established. David Kabuye as Oedipus had the powerful stage presence to suggest he was indeed the answer to the chorus' prayer, and, although the priest played by Sophie Cornes was careful to point out, 'You are no God', this Oedipus, with his record of having dispatched the Sphinx, was not far off Olympian status.

The tense air of distrust in the scene between Oedipus and Creon (Geoffrey Ripert) was conveyed in the contrast between the emotional king and his more rational brother-in-law, and again modern parallels abounded as Oedipus rashly and illogically seized upon his own conspiracy theory. The blind prophet Tiresias (Similade Ogunbiyi) made an arresting entry on the back of his boy-guide (Tom Mitchell) and the mutual anger of Tiresias and Oedipus which erupted in their scene built upon the themes of knowledge and ignorance, seeing and not seeing, suggested by the eye that formed the backdrop to the stage. The confrontation between Oedipus and Creon that followed, yet more heated by Oedipus' conviction that Tiresias was in the pay of Creon,



was only calmed by the entry from the palace of Queen Jocasta (Kate Elliott). This was played as a Jocasta uncertain of her position: not regal enough to see obeyed her command to Oedipus to go inside, needing the strong support of her husband before her instruction to Creon to leave was complied with. The character only really found a role in her desperation when, after the messenger from Corinth (Giles Partington) revealed how the baby Oedipus arrived in Corinth, she realised the awful truth and now begged her husband not to proceed with his investigation. Oedipus' recounting to Jocasta of what occurred when he first left Corinth as a young man was poignantly underscored by the solo accompaniment of the cello, part of the original music composed by Dominic Grier for this production.

Another fine contrast was set up in the next scene between the messenger from Corinth, calmly unaware of the significance of the events he shared in on Mount Cithaeron all those years ago, and the much more timorous shepherd (Nick Brooks), whose life had been tormented by a lonely knowledge of the truth. As Oedipus finally grasped the truth and entered the palace, the chorus began their ode on the meaninglessness of human existence. The rapid switch from voice to

voice in the chorus, as they talked of the 'millions of voices, whole generations of mankind', powerfully reinforced the idea of the indistinct and shadowy existence that is mortal life. Jo Morris as the servant of Jocasta, in her dramatic yet controlled retelling of the suicide of Jocasta and the blinding of Oedipus, provided a vivid demonstration of how right the Greeks were to rely on the mind's eye rather than special effects in conveying scenes of the greatest horror.

The final scene of *Oedipus* can all too often lose much of the impact gained by the dramatic entry from the palace of the blinded Oedipus. This production maintained its fascination until the end, focussing in particular on Oedipus' noble reluctance either to offload any of the responsibility or to yield power to Creon. The new power structure in Thebes, however, was visibly conveyed when Creon stood authoritatively over the huddling pyramid formed by the crouching Oedipus, enfolding his two daughters, Antigone and Ismene. Creon's unsentimental separation of this family trio provided the stark final moment of this production.

Simon Carr

ANTIGONE

The thing that strikes you most about Anouilh's *Antigone* – especially after watching *Oedipus* – is how very modern it is. No more grand heroes, no more big words like 'justice' or 'destiny' or 'religion', no more moral certainties. Instead, Creon is a reasonable but jaded man trying to do a difficult job in a dirty world: just as in our own day, he is more concerned with spin than with truth. And *Antigone* – just as in our own day – is more determined to be an individual than a good person. The play holds an uncomfortable mirror up to our often cynical, selfish, modern times.

Jim Grant's production gave this peculiarly modern play a peculiarly modern treatment: a wall of mirrors showing the flipside of every claim (and demanding that we take a hard look at ourselves); actors waiting in full view before donning their roles like masks as they step onto the stage; grey costumes on a grey set in this anything but black-and-white play. And an ever-present chorus: commenting, mocking, modulating our responses just in case we fall prey to our emotions. In this reduced and almost claustrophobic acting space, the rules of conventional tragedy are exposed and explored and found wanting; and human passion rebounds hollowly against what Camus called 'the unreasonable silence of the world'. It is a bleak vision but perhaps not an untruthful one.

Antigone, played with great intensity by Amber Medland, stamped around the stage like a petulant teenager and struggled to articulate her need for action (unlike the classical Antigone, this one cannot call on the gods for her justification). Josh Roche played Creon as the perfect counterpoint to his attention-seeking niece: measured and controlled, letting his inner frustrations emerge momentarily in a rub of the hand or a mopped brow, delivering the true story of the dissolute brothers with eerie calm and pitch-perfect contempt. Around this twin nucleus circled the secondary figures: Georgia Bird's Nurse, a darkly comic caricature of her ward's more fatal selfishness; Haemon, Antigone's fiancé, played with great passion and humanity by Mike



MacFarlane; Ismene, the simpering sister who jumps on the bandwagon too late; the hapless guards trapped in a political game beyond their own petty ambitions; and of course the Chorus, deconstructing the drama, delivering the props, reminding us constantly that this is only a play, after all, and that the choices we make in our own lives are neither scripted nor inevitable. All the actors should be congratulated on a tight, slick ensemble performance.

Christopher Dyer's original music added an extra dimension of threatening uncertainty to the action, underlining the entrances and exits of characters and emphasising their most exposed or revealing actions. In fact, the technical subtlety of the whole performance opened up a space for the actors, like a gladiatorial arena and fittingly, the play ends with an impressive collection of corpses. Congratulations to all concerned on a powerful, confident and provocative production.

Andy Waldron

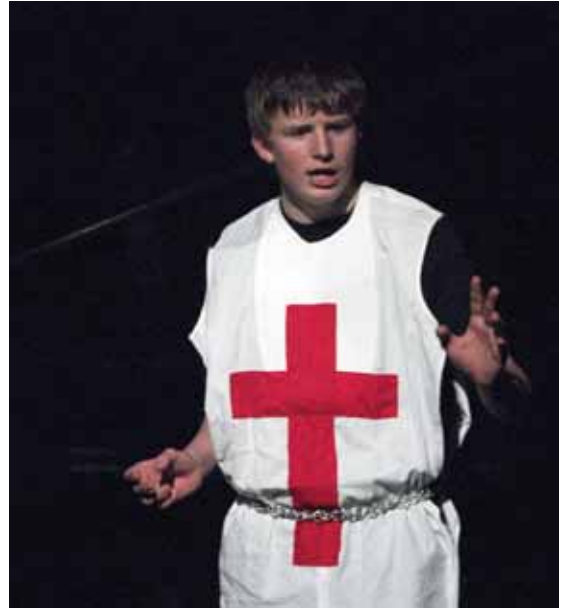
CANTERBURY TALES

Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales* provided rich pickings for Andy Waldron's stage adaptation. Upwards of 60 members of the Junior School rhymed and roistered their way through the Knight's, Pardoner's, Wife of Bath's, Nun's, Franklin's and Miller's Tales performing as foxes, chickens, magicians, kings, queens and a whole panoply of medieval 'no-goods'.

Waldron's adaptation was adept in its ability to capture some of the essence of the original in a compact and rumbustious script. The dialogue both cast an eye back to the Middle English original and yet had a sense of contemporary edge. The division of the piece into a series of Tales allowed for a huge cast and a wide range of moods and atmospheres. The formality of 'The Knight's Tale' allowed Laurence Gibbons, as the Knight, to explore the richness and pathos of courtly love. This was followed by Katy Barrett fronting as a fine Pardoner in a tale of drunken deception, rather convincingly enacted by Jack Hulston, Barney Hodgkins and Tim Greig. Kitty Jenkins gave a worldly performance as the Wife of Bath and Clara Watkins was convincingly queenly. The wide emotional range of the evening was finely pointed in the contrast between the comically streetwise version of 'The Nun's Tale', excellent chicken and rooster acting here from Fleur Nash and Ed Broadhead, and the genuine pathos of 'The Franklin's Tale' delicately given by Tom Hughes and Sophie Munden. We finished with the marvellously bawdy 'Miller's Tale' and were all delighted to see that the, 'kissing of nether partes' still gets an excellent laugh, with a charming Aisha Bennett playing the comely Alison.

The production was skilfully cast and directed by Andy Waldron; the strong elements of storytelling and physical theatre made for a charming and entertaining evening. It was a pleasure to see junior students responding to a medieval text with a sense of engagement and understanding. As Chaucer's Knight would have it, 'Long time ago, tradition teaches us...'

Jane Henshaw



FAMILY TIES

My first impression was that *Family Ties* was a play, like any other, which showed good, solid acting skills, and intelligent use of the small yet highly useful stage of ours at the Sackville Theatre. But I soon discovered it was more than that. I was convinced that the play was trying to tell us something, but I couldn't put my finger on it yet...

The pair of one-act plays started with 'Wrong First Time', where Oli Peat played the sarcastic, yet caring, father of three daughters and tried to convince us that girls always marry the wrong man first time round. He uses his first two daughters as prime examples in supporting his theory. First daughter Emily, played by Annabel Shepherd-Barron, is married to a 'handsome dummy', played very well indeed by the speechless Tyron King. Second daughter Sandra, played by Briana Ferguson, is married to a man more in love with his motorbike than his wife, convincingly played by Tom Mitchell. His last of three daughters, Penny (Rachel Wilson), falls in love with high school boyfriend Barry, and is soon faced with the problem of having become pregnant.



Penny put on a heart-warming performance as we experience her pain and confusion as she and Alex Lyne (Barry) have to figure out what their next step is. Their situation is not helped by the reaction of Barry's parents, Mr and Mrs Bellamy. Jonathan London and Alice Boughton played the snobbish, high-class parents who see the pregnancy as a disaster, and an end to their son's future altogether.

Director Mr Grant must have been pleased with the performance and especially for the success of the ingenious way there were two simultaneous sets on stage – the living room, and the ever-important garden. The scene changes were a bit rowdy, but they were done quickly and so did not leave the audience waiting for too long.

In 'Never Right, Yet Again', Rob Ede played the long-suffering father of three children, Kirby (Freddy Soames), Wendy (Abby Carruthers) and Ian (Sam Tomkinson). He feels unappreciated as his kids don't seem to give him the respect he feels he thoroughly deserves. His wife (Alice Cornes) tries to sympathise with him but cannot convince her children that their father is anything else other than the provider of money, and that he too has feelings. When Katie (Lauren Kelly-Jones) comes

over for a visit, she is the only one who seems to understand what the father is going through, which the father appreciates greatly.

Rob was realistic and natural on stage and always good for the odd joke here and there. Once again, there were two sets on the same stage, and again they consisted of a living room and a garden. Charlotte Dinkin completed her first experience as director successfully and should be proud of the way her actors performed.

Only now do I understand what the plays were trying to convey to us. The first talks about morals, making us think of the rights and wrongs of the abortion question. The second tells us about how families are slowly moving away from tradition, and are not respecting their fathers as much as they used to. Both are bringing us back to reality, reminding us that we do have a family life and reminding us that family life is still important to us all. After all, without your family, who are you? And so, reading between the lines of *Family Ties*, I conclude that the message is all about truth, the truth about the importance of your family in your life, and that you should never forget that.

Zuhair El Farouki (L6)

2007 BOARDERS' PLAYS

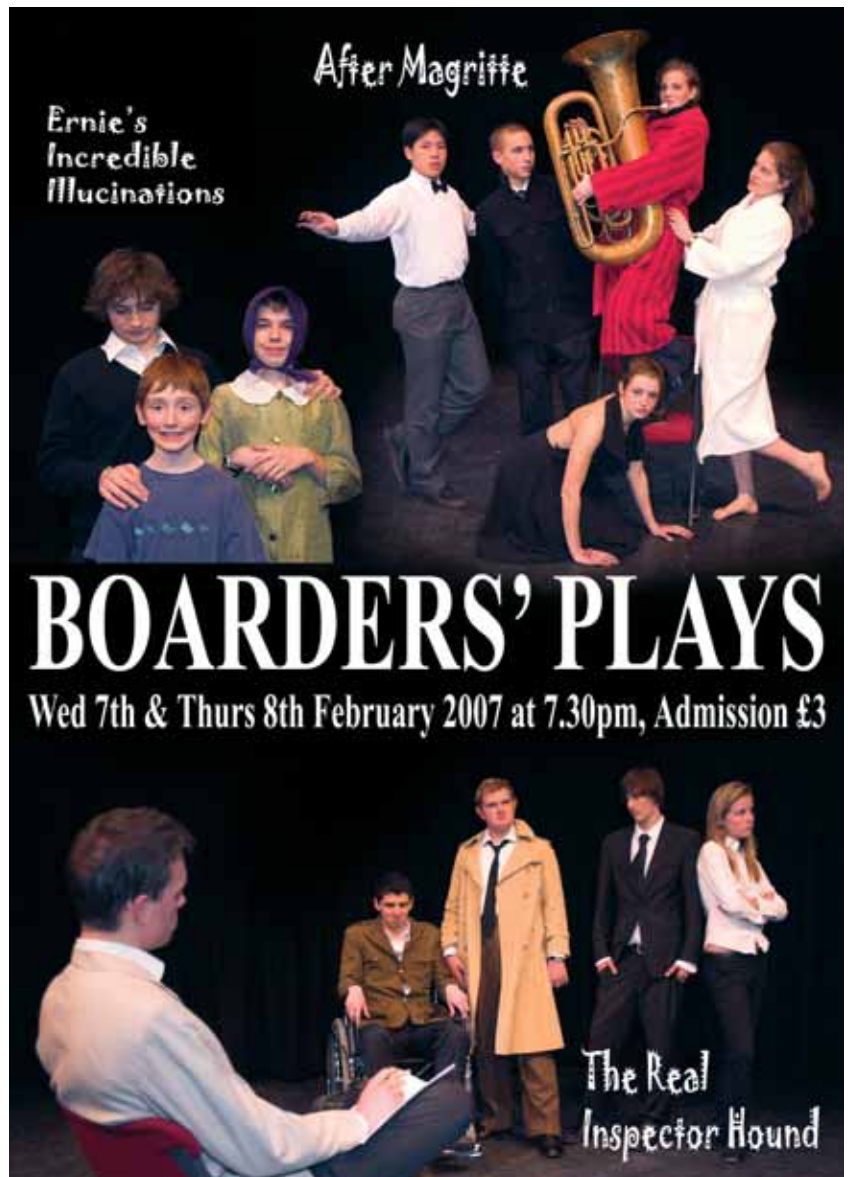
This year welcomed the first Boarders' Plays (previously they were sketches) – in fact, three plays, on two consecutive February nights. Exuding enthusiasm, they made a promising debut which was summarised neatly by one satisfied audience member: 'Even when I had no idea what the plot was, I still found it hilarious. And the acting was amazing.'

PLAY 1

ERNIE'S INCREDIBLE HALLUCINATIONS

This presented a humorous story of a young boy, Ernie (Tom Hughes) who possesses the uncanny ability to change his daydreams into reality, intentionally or not, simply by imagining them.

Worried parents (Luke Austen and a cross-dressed Jack Rountree), decide to pay a visit to the doctor (Freddy Deeble-Stone) who shows a little more than mild disbelief at their undeniably tall tale. Together Mum and Dad recount their tale to the doctor. Included are shoot-outs with a German Officer (Phil Sinclair-Jones), fairground visits with Auntie May (Nel Lewis) ending in boxing matches, a scornful referee (Tilly Rhode), cash prizes with Auntie May (victorious over the previously undefeated Kid Saracen (Nick Fraser)) and, finally, the quietness of the public library. Here, Dad is turned into a hero who rescues a mountaineer in distress until normality returns. The play ends



with Dad asking Ernie to summon a brass band as evidence for the doctor who as a result is obliged to believe in the reality of Ernie's hallucinations.

Overall, some promising acting was shown by the Middle School cast and some good directing from the Lower Sixth directors Adam Blomfield, Robin Moss, Olivia Ainsworth, Lucy Scaramanga and Ellen Boddy.

PLAY 2

EXTRACTS FROM THE REAL INSPECTOR HOUND

A murder mystery farce and satire on critics was the second play on offer. It began with two slightly mismatched critics alongside each other as they watch a play. The critics, Birdboot (Simi Ogunbiyi dressed as a man), a chocolate-chewing middle-aged married womaniser, and Moon (James Scotland), a younger but more uptight man worried about his lack of prestige as a critic, engage in fast-moving, witty and highly entertaining dialogue. The audience soon learns that Birdboot conducts affairs with actresses in exchange for good reviews and both critics take delight in offering their sometimes lengthy, often senseless, but thoroughly amusing critiques of the play: from Birdboot's initial disgust at the busybody housekeeper Mrs Drudge (a superb and extremely comic performance by Phoebe Ray) to his falling in love with the melodramatic flirt Lady Cynthia Muldoon (Marta Szczerba).

Meanwhile, all is not well in Muldoon Mansion. Following an announcement on the radio of a murderer on the loose, a man of exactly the description given, Simon Gascoyne (Ali Wood) turns up unannounced. He soon learns that an old flame, Felicity Cunningham (Laura Carruthers), is also present, although she quickly threatens to kill him as he confesses his feelings are now directed at Lady Muldoon. The arrival of Major Magnus Muldoon, Lady Muldoon's dead husband's crippled half-brother (Nathan Palanov in a wheelchair), creates another love triangle as he tries unsuccessfully to woo Cynthia. As the love, lust and bitterness between these four characters festers, a second radio announcement causes panic, which is followed by the arrival of Inspector Hound (Jack Smith), resulting in more comic chaos and the final discovery of the dead body (an immobile Angus Wilson).

The final scene leaves us on a cliffhanger as Inspector Hound asks who killed Simon Gascoyne. Special thanks go to director Mr Gary Percival and everyone involved for such hard work in such a short period of time.

PLAY 3

AFTER MAGRITTE

The evening ended with another Tom Stoppard creation. The play involves a series of bizarre occurrences starting from a couple's constant bickering – Ilona Brenninkmeijer played Thelma and Yiu Luke played Harris. Their squabbling is temporarily halted as the mother (Magdalena Nicolai on Wednesday and Alessia von Finckenstein on Thursday) re-enters, having been awakened from her sleep by the submerging of her burnt foot in butter. In the midst of this bedlam, Inspector Foot (Max Dunhill) and Constable Holmes (James Barnett) come on scene. Simply put, no crime involving the family actually happened and Inspector Foot is investigating a crime that never occurred.

This was a highly engaging production by cast members and director Mr Peter Kino. Congratulations must also go to Harrison Hodgkins and Ashwin Rajashekhar, who were in charge of all sounds and lights respectively, to all the backstage crew and technicians and to Angela Lo for some excellent tuba playing and props management, along with Antonina Tkachenko and Dan Haley.

Sport



REVIEW OF THE SPORTING YEAR 2006-7

The 2006-7 sporting season was as usual action-packed and full of thrills and spills for players and spectators alike.

Undoubtedly, the highlights included the junior boys' national swimming title and new national record, the girls' hockey performances in the Kent (First XI and U16) and Easts (U16) tournaments, and progress of the boys' first rugby 7 through to the last eight of the Rosslyn Park Sevens. As usual, our shooting and sailing teams also left most others in their wake, often punching well above their weight, and the year which had started with pre-season rugby training on Duke's Meadow and in Biarritz was finished off with a joint cricket and netball tour to Barbados. Fuller details of all these appear below.

This introduction is an appropriate time to give credit to our first two Findlay Sixth Form sport scholars, Sam Stevens and Danny Caprice, who joined us from Darrick Wood School and Chatham Grammar respectively. Sam in his second year with us and Danny in his first, both made superb contributions to the teams in which they played – perhaps most tellingly the Rosslyn Park 7 and the athletics teams and both brought credit to themselves and the school. A fuller interview with Sam appears separately in these pages.

I should like also to take this opportunity, however, to mention the array of other sports in which our pupils participate, often with great success and always with great enthusiasm. In the Sennocke Centre itself, our squash teams play regular fixtures against other schools and Parth Jindal and Sophie Dillon both played at county level. In the studio, committed students of marshal arts such as judo, aikido and tae kwon-do mix, at separate times, with aerobics and yoga participants. Michael Musker earned himself selection for the national judo squad, for instance. The main hall sees committed and enthusiastic badminton and basketball every Tuesday and Saturday and basketball remains popular. Our

own cricketers have winter nets through the Lent term and we are delighted to host again the Kent junior winter cricket nets. The fitness suite has its own dedicated clientele of pupils, and indeed staff, throughout the year, some from compulsion, others on a more voluntary basis.

Outside, our cross-country runners trained and competed hard in Knole Park, avoiding our golfers' drives, and at other venues. Our junior teams and senior girls had particularly impressive results: the junior girls were victorious in the Junior Knole Run in December (the boys finishing seventh), having finished well in the Thomas Trophy at Sevenoaks Prep. The senior girls came a close second to the visiting team from Parma (Italy) in the Knole Run itself, which once again attracted nearly 50 teams. During the year, senior school pupils Sophie Wilkinson, Annabel Shepherd-Barron, Claire Somerset, Nicola Wilkinson and Harriet Barker represented the Kent cross-country team.

Girls' football continued to be popular. In the summer, the girls played rounders and put in some impressive athletics performances. The newly set-up blaze trail, within the school grounds, also attracted a good deal of focus and perspiration through the year, especially in PE lessons and I hope that this, along with many other initiatives, will continue to encourage our pupils to strive for further improvement in their fitness, skills, enjoyment and sporting success.

A final mention should perhaps go to the Orbilians, the staff cricket team, which reached the final of the Clarke Trophy, a long-established midweek cricket competition for local clubs. The final was played at The Vine.

All in all, a positive season with some great victories, some lessons to be learnt and much enjoyment for staff, players and participants of all ages and abilities.

*Peter Hill
Director of Sport (Acting)*

FIRST TEAM CRICKET AND NETBALL TOUR TO BARBADOS, SUMMER 2007

Before any school sports tour there is always a huge sense of excitement and anticipation surrounding the team involved. The cricket and netball tour to Barbados 2007 was no exception and it was the subject of conversation for months before we were even scheduled to leave.

Fourteen cricket players and 15 netball players were accompanied by Mr Hulston, Mr Holden, Mr Carr, Mrs Joseph and Ms Nairn. Mr Tavaré, who had done much of the organisational work, was unable to come at the last moment, leaving Mr Holden to fill in. Nevertheless, we were pleased that Mr Tavaré was regularly the subject of conversation as locals remembered his exploits as an England cricket tourist of the islands, facing an array of legendary bowlers.

The two netball teams played 12 matches between them against a variety of local schools and clubs. The B team went unbeaten with six victories from their six matches whilst the As also played brilliantly, winning all but one of their six. Katie Elliott and Rosie Fletcher were stand-out performers for the A team, working well together

and achieving high goal percentages. In the other team, Jane Glover performed exceptionally in defence and Kate Enock showed impressive fitness to play centre in the severe heat.

The cricket team played very well against mixed standards of opposition to take four wins from six matches. They were led magnificently by the captain, Sam Cox, who was leading run-scorer on the tour and who also hit the first century for Sevenoaks School in four years. Dan Haley was also in good form with the bat and he made some crucial runs against the better teams that we faced. In terms of the bowlers, Will Wilkin was the most successful as the Bajan batsmen seemed unable to comprehend the concept of a spin bowler.

Aside from the sport, we all enjoyed the other experiences that we had in Barbados. These included a catamaran cruise around the island, a beach party at The Boatyard Beach Club and an off-road tour of the island in four safari jeeps. These memorable moments contributed towards a great tour, both in terms of sporting success and general enjoyment.





*First XV Rugby v St John's
Leatherhead
9 December 2006*

FIRST TEAM RUGBY

This was an encouraging season for a young, inexperienced First XV who were making progress right up to the end of the Michaelmas term. At times there were as many as 12 of the side who were Lower Sixth and the squad deserves a great deal of credit in winning seven out of its 15 games.

The squad enjoyed a productive pre-season training camp in Biarritz and the benefit of these five days cannot be underestimated in bringing the team together to face a tough fixture list. Although the side played some fine attacking rugby in their wins against Mill Hill, King's Rochester and Oakwood Park, the highlight of the season was undoubtedly the hard-fought win at home to King's Canterbury. The players showed real nerve in their 13-12 win; Danny Caprice's two outstanding tries were crucial in the team's victory.

The spirit of the side throughout the season was excellent and this is of great credit to captain Sam Boughton, who became the first Lower Sixth captain of the First XV for many years. Even when the side were experiencing some pretty heavy defeats at the hands of Tonbridge and Cranleigh, they kept together and were always willing to train in the dark and wet the following Monday night.

Some individual highlights of the season included three tries in a match for both Tom Morris and Mike Herbert and five tries for Findlay scholar Sam Stevens in a one-man demolition of Mill Hill. Sam's outstanding pace at full-back was a threat to every side that the team played against and that, together with his excellent and committed approach, made him a deserved winner of the player of the season award. The young player of the year award went to Alex Traynor for his incredible work rate and effort throughout the season. The player's award was won by Paul Synesiou and most improved player by Aleks Wrobel.

The highlight of the sevens season was undoubtedly the performance of the squad at the National Sevens Competition. The side qualified from their group with four good wins and then beat Magdalen College, Oxford to qualify for the last 16 and the second day. An outstanding win against Latymer Upper 36-14 put Sevenoaks through to the last eight in the country where they lost a hard fought encounter against the eventual winners King's Taunton: an outstanding achievement.

Team: Mackenzie G, Porter T, Merrylees R, Morris T, Traynor A, Wrobel A, Lewis T, Blomfield A, Synesiou P, Martin R, Gill T, Brandt H, Clayton J, Boughton S, Herbert M, Walker H, Caprice D, Preston M, Parker J, Dunnnett C, Stevens S*, Haley D*

** Findlay sport scholar*

Captain: Sam Boughton

Results: Played 15 Won 7 Lost 8; Sevens: reached last eight of National Sevens at Rosslyn Park.

Coaches: Sean Holden, Phil Hulston

Left to right: Second XV Rugby,
Third XV Rugby



SECOND TEAM RUGBY

The Seconds enjoyed a solid season, winning half their games. With a squad of 21, the team had a depth of able players which helped when members were called upon to play for the First XV. It was a team of great camaraderie, determination and supportiveness that enjoyed playing a fluent passing game.

The match against a powerful Eltham College was a highlight of the season. The Twos, as usual, played fast and fluent rugby, moving the ball effectively between their forwards, then 'spinning it out' quickly to the backs. Matt Hearle, along with Matt Holder, gave the team excellent attacking options; the defence was superb and the team finished with a resounding victory.

There were some fantastic individual performances throughout the season: Ini Weston, this year's skipper, certainly led by example, giving great support to the forwards; the most improved forward of the season was Shadi Basyuni who was the backbone of the pack and a prop with the speed of a winger; Matt Burrard-Lucas' hard tackling and running was always a joy to watch.

Team: Griffiths T, Jackson G, Scarlet J, Hughes D, Prifti T, Blomfield A, Clayton J, Triay C, Guterres A, Burrard-Lucas M, Holder M, Weston I, Daniels T, Chim D, Hearle M, Irving H, Quinn A, Haley D, Blomfield A, Flamank T, Basyuni S

Record: Played 10 Won 5 Lost 5

Captain: Inigo Weston

Coach: Peter Hill



THIRD TEAM RUGBY

The Third XV could be described as a courageous team, who were always loyal to each other and full of perseverance. For the most part they played well during the Michaelmas term and they finished with a perfectly respectable playing record.

There were a number of memorable moments during the season, but Chris Buck's last-minute equalising try against St John's Leatherhead was a real highlight; if only the Thirds could have converted it they would have won the match and finished with a winning season. Unfortunately, it drifted agonisingly wide of the posts.

There were some excellent individual performances. These included Joe Burley's driving play in the pack and huge physical presence around the field; Chris Buck's vocal and inspirational captaincy; the powerful Kevin Quillien mowing down any advancing centres with scything tackles; the pacy Henry Wardley ripping open the midfield with his incisive running and Charlie De Montfort's try-scoring ability, with his top-scoring tally of 8.

Team: Buck C, Burley J, Klug J, Wardley H, De Montfort C, Smith J, Cooke O, Quillien K, Malan R, Adrian-Smith R, Rothery M, Dickman M, Wilkin W, Westwood N, Kabuye D, Wood A, Logier A, Wilson A, Moss R, Johnson M, Clifford J

Record: Played 8 Won 3 Drawn 1 Lost 4

Captains: Chris Buck, Kevin Quillien

Coach: Mark Turnbull



U16 Rugby December 2006

U16A RUGBY

The U16 year group enjoyed moderate seasons with the team recording a number of notable wins. Their best game was the one they controlled against Mill Hill, where they kicked effectively, exploiting territorial advantage and playing the game in the opposition's half. William Ellis was clearly the class act in the team and was called up to the First XV on a number of occasions. Jack Jeffries had an excellent season as open-side flanker where he never stopped running and tackling. Other excellent contributions came from Jonathan Cribb, William Patey and Tom Higgs.

Team: Ellis W, Jackson B, Higgs T, Kirkpatrick A, Lam E, Godman C, Ritchie W, Farrant T, Dunn B, Marshall P, Smorthwaite J, Clinch A, Patey T, Wertheim A, Weston A, Surrey W, Osler C, Corneille J, Jeffries J, Cribb J

Record: Played 9 Won 3 Lost 6

Captain: William Ellis

Achievements: Kent U16 Charlie Osler

Coach: Dan Griffiths

U16B RUGBY

This committed, hardworking group of players played with great passion and heart throughout the season. A respectable set of results included three good wins, not least a pleasing triumph over rivals, King's Canterbury. Outstanding individual performances came from the powerful running and support play of Robbie Toothill, the elusiveness of Chris Godman and the committed tackling of Matt Stanbury.

Team: Toothill R, Williams C, Godman C, Stanbury M, Harding T, Marshall P, Robertson A, Wickenden R, de Radigues D, Perry S, Cross J, Whiteford M, Dunn B, Weston A, Ritchie W, Kirkpatrick A

Captain: Robert Toothill

Results: Played 9 Won 3 Drawn 2 Lost 4

Coach: Paul Fannon

U15A RUGBY

The highlight of the season for the U15As was reaching the final of the Kent Sevens, an excellent achievement. The team's results during the season were rather disappointing, but they did achieve five wins from their 15 games. They finished the season with a very good win against St John's Leatherhead which was the team's best performance as a XV. There were some good individual performances: Ryan Weeks has outstanding pace in the backs; Sam Safaty has great vision at scrum-half; Chris Bellringer's handling at fly-half was excellent and Tim Smith's and Tom Mitchell's power and agility were real assets to the forwards. As a group of players, win or lose, they always came off the pitch as a team with great spirit.

Team: Adair C, Codd N, Soames F, Drewett G, Mitchell T, Lyne A, Guterres S, Smith T, Dunnett R, Safaty S, Gill A, Bellringer C, Weeks R, Bell J, Guterres G, Snowden W, Clayton P

Captain: Tim Smith

Results: Played 15 Won 5 Lost 10

Achievements: Finalists Kent 7s; Tim Smith Kent U15

Coach: Simon Wintle

U15B RUGBY

The U15B team played with great commitment and teamwork all season and finished with a perfectly acceptable set of results. There were some excellent individual performances, which included: Dom Makepeace's fine tackling, kicking and good leadership; great lines of running from Mike Lindsay-Bayley; strong defensive work from Alessandro Ferrari and Tom Dawe's poaching at scrum half. The team's best performance came in their win against Cranleigh, with first class contributions from Phil Clayton, Jonathan London, Hugo Winn and Alex Paine.

Team: London J, Dawe T, Dabrowski A, Makepeace D, Choni D, Sumaria S, Ede R, Tomkinson S, Meikle T, Winn H, Kenny P, Payne A, King T, Newton M, Ferrari A, Tinsley S, Lindsay-Bayley M, King W, Clayton P

Captain: Dominic Makepeace

Results: Played 11 Won 5 Lost 6

Coach: Cameron Kiggell

U14A RUGBY

The U14As were a strong side and this was reflected in their good results during the Michaelmas term where they won six and lost three. They had a strong team ethic and their ability to work together made them a difficult side to beat. An excellent 12-5 win over a strong Judd team was a high point during the season and it showed the A's ability to overcome even the best teams. There were some excellent individual performances from Robert Hammond, a strong running outside-centre, the powerful James Orchard at number 8, the excellent scrummaging of Harry Craggs and the creative work of Max Thorpe at fly-half. This will be an exciting group of rugby players to follow as they move through the school.

Team: Clinch M, Elias G, Hearle W, Newman A, Craggs H, Farrant C, Orchard J, Carter-Leno K, Brauer N, Mursell J, Thorpe M, McMenamain D, Ponting H, Hammond R, Jackson J, Richardson B, Pfeil H, White H

Captain: James Orchard

Results: Played 9 Won 6 Lost 3

Achievements: Reigate Tournament Winners; Kent U14 Robert Hammond

Coach: Grant Douglas

U14B RUGBY

The U14Bs had a difficult season but they battled hard throughout the Michaelmas term. An excellent 50-point win over DYRMS was a highlight and the team played some fluent rugby that day, running in a series of good tries. Team

Captain, Alex Scarsi, showed excellent leadership skills throughout the season and his players always showed good team spirit.

Team: Scarsi A, Clipsham O, Austen L, Uribe R, Fraser N, Meadley T, Pfeil H, Barratt W, Parr C, Hayes B, Richards T, Looi J, Arnold G, Whincup A, Edwards J, Davison W

Captain: Alex Scarsi

Results: Played 10 Won 2 Lost 8

Coach: Bernard Parish

U13A RUGBY

The U13As improved throughout the season in all aspects of their rugby. The forwards developed a good rucking game and backs got better and better at spreading the ball wide to the wings. The highlight of the season was an excellent win against Dulwich Prep where the support running by the whole team was impressive. Three players stood out during the season: Rob Martin's tackling and rucking was very good; Jack Hulston's kicking was consistently accurate and Dan Adeline's pace on the wing was always a threat to the opposition.

Team: Hochman J, Hulston J, Martin R, Walker J, Amin R, Mitchell M, Scott T, Hodgkins B, Sivarajan S, Macquarie R, Adeline D, Sykes H, Shaw K, Kehoe D, Munns T, Richards M, Cornish-Evans S

Captain: Josh Hochman

Results: Played 7 Won 4 Lost 3

Coach: Sean Holden



U13A Rugby

HOCKEY



First XI Hockey team

FIRST TEAM HOCKEY

The key to the success of this year's First XI was teamwork. Working as a unit throughout the season, they always kept a good shape in their matches. They also had great versatility in the team, allowing players to play in different positions, and they had a good understanding of how to change tactics during a game. The girls had excellent team spirit and the captain, Miranda Thorne, was very influential here, successfully leading a team made up of four different year groups.

Two matches stood out during the season as highlights: Cranleigh and Eastbourne. On a very hot day the Firsts dominated the first half against Cranleigh, demonstrating their superior fitness, although at only 1-0 at half-time Cranleigh were in a position to fight back. Sevenoaks, however, stepped up to another gear in the second half with Georgina Nash scoring twice on her debut to give the team a 4-0 victory. Travelling to Eastbourne is always tough. Sevenoaks were pumped and raring to go in what for many of them was to be their last school match. It was an outstanding match, with excellent hockey played by both

teams. Sevenoaks were 1-0 down at half-time but they fought back hard with Laura Taylor, Gaby King and Miranda Thorne working tirelessly in midfield. A touch of Caroline Crawford magic in attack led to an equaliser and a well-earned draw.

The Firsts played superbly to achieve runners-up places in the school's Plumptre tournament and the Kent County tournament. In the Plumptre, Sevenoaks had excellent wins against TWGGS, Alleyn's and JAGS but lost to King's Canterbury in the final. In the Kent County tournament, Sevenoaks beat Duke of York's (1-0), Maidstone Grammar (5-0), Chatham Grammar (4-0) and Sutton Valence (3-1) to reach the quarter-final where they beat Langley Park, and went on to beat King's Canterbury in the semi-final to reach the final. A narrow defeat (2-1) to Kent College Canterbury in the final represented a very good achievement by Sevenoaks.

There were some outstanding individual performances throughout the season: Rachel Ryves (goalkeeper) came on tremendously, pulling off some great saves; Miranda Thorne and Gaby King both worked tirelessly in midfield; Laura Taylor has spent four years in the First XI giving her best performances in the big games and Caroline Crawford just makes things happen because she is such an instinctive player who has an abundance of skill and speed.

Team: Ryves R, Coates P, Westlake A, Shannon C, Tozzi A, Thorne M, Taylor L, King G, McGregor A, Ainsworth O, Beveridge C, Crawford C

Results: Played 12 Won 5 Drawn 3 Lost 4

Achievements: Sevenoaks Plumptre Tournament – runners-up; Kent County Tournament – runners-up

Caroline Crawford: Kent U17 team

Cathryn Shannon: Kent U15 team

Captain: Miranda Thorne

Coach: Liz Joseph



*Second XI Hockey
v St Lawrence
November 2006*

SECOND TEAM HOCKEY

The Second Team played consistently well during the season, achieving a good set of results. They were a skilful side who moved the ball well and played a fluent attacking game. Their best games came against King's Canterbury, traditionally strong opposition, with whom they earned a creditable 1-1 draw, a 6-0 drubbing of Brighton College and the match against Eastbourne, in which they played their best hockey and were unlucky to lose 1-2 against the run of play.

Lucy Scaramanga was the team's player of the season. She is a 'midfield dynamo' who distributes the ball well and scores spectacular goals. The most improved player was Nicole Paton who blossomed in the latter part of the season with strong runs, good dribbling skills and plenty of goals. The team captain, Lizzy Atkins, played a vitally important central defender role and her technically good tackling earned her many man-of-the-match awards.

Team: Atkins E, Paine C, Williams K, Such B, Shields E, Scaramanga L, Simon M, Morris J, Bell L, Everard A, Paton N, Koskella J, Stephen K

Results: Played 10 Won 5 Drawn 2 Lost 3

Captain: Elizabeth Atkins

Coach: Paul Bassett

THIRD TEAM HOCKEY

To remain unbeaten throughout the season was a tribute to the skill and commitment of the whole Third Team squad. This was a team which played with a lot of skill and commitment throughout the season and they thoroughly deserved the wonderful results they achieved.

When you do not lose any games it is difficult to pick individual high points, but a run of outstanding performances in the last four games of the term against Ardingly, Epsom, Haileybury and Eastbourne was sensational team play under pressure. The last game, a 4-0 win over Eastbourne to complete the unbeaten season, was probably the team's best individual performance.

The Third's captain, Sophie Wotton, led the team well and marshalled the defence effectively along with Katherine Skinner, Jennie Allen and Abby Millward. Emma Hockley was excellent in midfield and was able to exploit the attacking options provided by Katie Elliot, Lulu Earle and Ilona Brenninkmeijer.

Team: Wotton S, Bliss C, Crime J, Yates V, Skinner K, Elliot K, Brenninkmeijer I, Earle L, Burvill C, Millward A, Bull E, Hockley E, Neville O, Warren A, Beale V, Allen J, Mountain K, Newton E

Results: Played 8 Won 6 Drawn 2

Captain: Sophie Wotton

Coach: Ian Haffenden

U16A HOCKEY

The U16As were very much a team, with every player contributing to an extremely successful season. They practised positively and enthusiastically, and worked equally hard in matches. Only one defeat in 11 games was just reward for all their hard work during the season.

The U16A team's best performance came in a 2-2 draw with a very strong Cranleigh team in a physically demanding match. Sevenoaks dominated the opening 20 minutes, scoring first, then Cranleigh fought back to take the lead just after half-time. Just as Sevenoaks appeared to be tiring, they levelled the score through some precise passing and a cool finish from Charlotte Huckstep. Another high point was Laura Tyler's equaliser against King's Canterbury, which was the team's goal of the season!

There were some excellent individual performances throughout the season: Claudia Weston (captain) was an admirable leader on and off the pitch; Sophie Wilkinson dominated central midfield; Rosie Fletcher and Laura Tyler set up many threatening attacks from the right wing; Laura Apps linked up well on the left with Kate McMenamin; Charlotte Huckstep was a consistent attacking threat and was the leading goal scorer with 5 and the defence of Zoe Montanaro, Emma Jameson, Charlie Mursell and Amy Salt, along with goalkeeper Kathryn Beeson, always kept things tight at the back.

Team: Weston C, Apps L, Beeson K, Fletcher R, Huckstep C, Jameson E, McMenamin K, Montanaro Z, Mursell C, Newey E, Salt A, Tyler L, Wilkinson S

Captain: Claudia Weston

Results: Played 11 Won 5 Drawn 5 Lost 1

Achievements: Finalists in the U16 Kent County tournament; semi-finalists in the Eastern Region Tournament

Coach: Chris Tavaré

U16B HOCKEY

The results of the U16B team represented a poor return for a lot of hard work during the season. Frequently playing other schools' third teams, the Bs struggled against the greater hitting power of the opposition. A hard-fought draw on a cold, dark, windy astroturf pitch at DYRMS was the team's best performance. Outstanding individual performances came from Emma Fouracre-Reid, Francesca Peak, Felicity Thompson and Annabel Clay. This was a team who always played with great humour and spirit, but who got worn down by a string of narrow defeats against more powerful opposition.

Team: Malan A, Conway K, Francesca P, Stocker O, Clay A, Bailey E, Renton C, Ryland A, Fouracre-Reid E, Tegelaars C, Thompson F, Brooks K, Gilpin P, Newey N, Newey E

Captain: Francesca Peak

Results: Played 8 Won 1 Drawn 1 Lost 6

Coach: Alex Smith



*U16A Hockey v Eastbourne
November 2006*



*U15A Hockey team
2006-7*

U15A HOCKEY

This season was always going to be difficult given the heights the team achieved last year when they reached the U15 National Finals. The team's record, however, with six wins out of nine, represented another pleasing return from such a good group of players. The U15s achieved a number of excellent victories, including a 5-0 win over Cranleigh which was a high point, with two excellent goals being scored by Georgina Nash. They also beat a strong Epsom side 2-0, endured a bruising encounter with Haileybury, whom they beat 3-0, and had their game of the season against Eastbourne where they finished 5-3 winners.

This was a team who played fast-moving, cohesive hockey. They were a good attacking team, who frequently wore opposition down with their desire to win. There were some excellent individual performances from Annie Wrobel, Jo Jo Cornick and Helen Allison in midfield; Jo Thompson and Jo Stanyard gave the team good width and Georgina Nash scored some spectacular goals.

Team: Langley-Evans A, Keevil L, Allison H, Moss C, Best C, Shannon C, Burrow G, Weston P, Wrobel A, Nash G, Thompson S, Stanyard J, Cornick J, Cornes A

Captain: Helen Allison

Results: Played 9 Won 6 Drawn 1 Lost 2

Coach: Pat Morecroft

U15B HOCKEY

A solid winning season for the U15B team was a good return for the girls' hard work during the season. This is a very strong year group and there was a large pool of good players for the coach, Astria Nairn, to draw on. They were a powerful, skilful team who were capable of taking the opposition apart if they were on top form. A 6-0 win against Eastbourne and a 5-0 win against Cranleigh were the team's best performances and showed clearly how well they can do against the strongest opposition. The best players during the season were Lucy Mote, who was a skilful midfielder, Abigail Gibb, who read the game extremely well as sweeper, Alex Hitch, who had good tackling skills in defence, and Phoebe Bragg, who offered a creative force in midfield.

Team: Langley-Evans A, Ganis L, Bateman L, Hitch A, Gibb A, Parr C, Kidson A, Carruthers A, Bragg P, Sira T, Mote L, Everard L, Boughton A, Shepherd-Barron A

Captain: Raffaella Boulter

Results: Played 9 Won 5 Lost 3 Drawn 1

Coach: Astria Nairn

U14A HOCKEY

The Kent County Tournament was the highlight of the season for the U14As. They played some excellent attacking hockey, winning four games on their way through the group stages and quarter-finals, and they were unlucky to lose to Kent College.

The team achieved a good set of results during the season, with five good wins, which included competitive victories over Haileybury and Christ's Hospital. They were a hard-working, enthusiastic group of players, although they perhaps are yet to develop the consistency of a really top side.

There were some excellent individual performances throughout the season: Tara Jameson captained the side well; Katie Anscombe made good technical progress during the season and won most improved player award; Olivia Paine was voted player of the season by her peers and Kelsey Rush won the coach's award for her outstanding performances in goal.

Team: Rush K, Baron C, Dooley A, Catchpole H, Bailey Z, Jameson T, Prifti R, Heilbron S, Lord C, Paine O, Kotz M, Bibb R, Anscombe K, Cooke A

Captain: Tara Jameson

Results: Played 12 Won 5 Drawn 3 Lost 4

Achievements: Morwenna Kotz, Sussex U14

Coach: Cathy Gilliat-Smith



*U14 Hockey v Eastbourne
December 2006*

U14B HOCKEY

This was a challenging season for the U14Bs, who managed three good wins from eight games and were unbeaten at home. Their best performance came against a strong Haileybury side whom the Bs overwhelmed with organised team-play and speed in attack.

The key strength of the U14Bs was a solid defence, well led by Annalisa Baillie and Megan Loureiro-Rickman, who formed a very effective partnership. Other good performances during the season came from an athletic midfield made up of Madeline Pryde, Zara Smith and Sarah Tobolla.

Team: Jenkins K, Derby A, Tobolla S, Smith Z, Pryde M, Nicolson R, Huckstep R, Cooke A, Staffurth B, Loureiro-Rickman M, Lewis R, Baillie A, Horsey J

Captain: Annalisa Baillie

Results: Played 8 Won 3 Drawn 1 Lost 4

Coach: Rachel McQuillin



U13A Hockey team 2006-7

U13A HOCKEY

This was a tough season for the U13A girls but they put in some really gritty, determined performances and all matches were really closely contested. There were some excellent individual achievements: Nicky Boulter was outstanding in goal; Lucy Roberts and Fleur Nash were consistently good in midfield; Jessica Fox is becoming a very good attacking player and Lizzie Royce's finishing was top class, making her top goal scorer in the team.

The highlight of the season was the team's performance in the Trinity Schools U13 Tournament where they beat Reigate Grammar, St Dunstan's and Alleyns. The team finished in third position overall.

Team: Boulter N, Roberts L, Huckstep K, Trapp O, Royce E, Jackson L, Fox J, Shannon E, Rudd-Jones H, Pile E, Xu C, Campin E, Mee I.

Results: Played 9 Won 2 Drawn 2 Lost 5

Coach: Liz Joseph

U12A HOCKEY

This very promising team achieved an excellent set of results. There were some excellent individual performances. They included Harriet Barker and Nicola Wilkinson, who worked well together in midfield, Megan Annetts, whose speed on the right wing became really effective as her stick-work improved and, in defence, Lizzie Seeley and Jade Man who cleared strongly to set up many attacking moves. Further, Katie Brauer bravely made the GK position her own and had an outstanding season, keeping five clean sheets. Two impressive performances at the end of the season were real highlights: a 6-0 win over Marlborough House and a 9-1 win over Haileybury.

Team: Brauer K, Man J, Young P, Seeley L, Wilkinson N, Barker H, Desmond E, Paterson A, Bird R, Shepherd-Barron M, Somerset C, Newey E

Results: Played 11 Won 8 Drawn 2 Lost 1

Captains: Wilkinson N, Seeley E, Barker H

Achievements: Kent U13: Nicola Wilkinson, Elizabeth Seeley, Harriet Barker

Coach: Pat Morecroft

U12B HOCKEY

The U12s finished the season with a very acceptable set of results and creditable goal difference of 28 for and 8 against. Claire Somerset was the outstanding performer in this team and was leading goal-scorer with 11 goals.

Team: Thompson E, Amin E, Mitchell K, Smith I, Martin-Davies A, Morris S, Gray L, King V, Cournane P, Donald F, Turner-Major A, Swinglehurst A, Carndorf N, Adair S

Results: Played 6 Won 4 Lost 2

Coach: Pat Morecroft

FOOTBALL



*First XI Football v Harrow
March 2007*

FIRST TEAM FOOTBALL

This was a rather disappointing season for the First XI, who struggled to score enough goals. Nevertheless there were some highlights.

The season started with a fantastic 3-2 win over Epsom College where we dominated throughout, despite the apparently close scoreline. There was also a memorable local derby with Tonbridge which finished in a 2-2 draw. Sevenoaks went behind twice but on both occasions they came back to earn a much deserved result. It was also good to achieve a draw away at King's Canterbury when the entire Upper Sixth was missing due to mock exams; this was certainly a very promising sign for next year.

Findlay Sports Scholar, Sam Stevens, was outstanding all season. He led by example throughout term where he was a driving force in midfield and an excellent captain, both on and off the field. He possesses a real desire to win and demands commitment from himself and those around him.

Tom Farrant from Year 11 consistently demonstrated good positional sense and great organisational skills in defence. Josh Parker is equally comfortable at left-back or in midfield. He is an extremely talented player who should become really dominant next season.

Team: Cox S, Prifti T, Farrant T, Hughes D, Flamank T, Basyuni S, Parker J, Stevens S, Mutsaers M, Irving H, Brandt H, Corneille J, Weston I, Najib A

Captain: Sam Stevens

Results: Played 9 Won 1 Drawn 2 Lost 6

Achievements: Findlay Scholar, Sam Stevens, represented Kent Schools and the Independent Schools South of England team

Coach: Nigel Haworth

SECOND TEAM FOOTBALL

This was a moderate season for the Second XI, who struggled for consistency in a competitive term. It was a team with a good work ethic, who worked hard in training. They enjoyed some good performances; their 3-0 win over Christ's Hospital was their best during the season. The Second's captain, Darren Chim, showed excellent leadership skills throughout the Lent term and was also the team's Player of the Season.

Team: Kirkpatrick A, Walker H, Hughes D, Kirkpatrick J, Dickinson J, Boughton S, Kremens L, Chim D, Farrant T, Brignone A, Flamank T, Westwood N, Prifti T, Haley D, Stanbury J

Results: Played 9 Won 3 Drawn 2 Lost 4

Captain: Darren Chim

Coach: Gareth Willis

THIRD TEAM FOOTBALL

The Third XI enjoyed a clear winning season. They were a technically good team, who always enjoyed playing good football in a creative, attacking way. The team had a number of excellent wins although the victory over Haileybury was probably the most memorable. Four goals down after 20 minutes was a poor start but Sevenoaks pulled it back to 3-4 at half-time.

A rousing talk by Mr Burger rallied the players and they finished up winning 7-5; it was breathtaking stuff!

A number of players had outstanding seasons: Nicholas Riederer von Paar was crucial in central defence; Olalere Williams was excellent in the 'holding' midfield role; Costa Rivetti was the creative genius on the wing; Christian Dunnett was a quick, hard-tackling full-back; Sam Hyatt-Twynam developed into a very reliable man-marker; Harry Cook along with William Wilkin formed a fearsome striking partnership and Robbie Shannon, who came in late to the side, played with skill and energy in midfield.

Team: Best T, Callingham D, Cook H, May P, Riederer von Paar N, Rivetti C, Schiebler M, Triay C, Wild T, Williams O, Dunnett C, Felton J, Hyatt-Twynam S, Libertore R, Riches A, Shannon R, Wilkin W

Captain: Nicholas Riederer von Paar

Results: Played 9 Won 5 Drawn 1 Lost 3

Coach: John Burger

FOURTH TEAM FOOTBALL

A solid season from the Fourths included a number of good wins along with some narrow defeats. Their outstanding performance was away at Haileybury where, with a team depleted through injury, the Fourths fought like lions to achieve a 1-1 draw against a team who had been thrashing everyone else on the circuit for three years. The key strength of the Fourth Team lay in their tight, well-organised midfield which controlled many games with accurate passing and tenacious tackling.

There were some excellent individual performances from the agile Will Ritchie in goal, the pacy Jack Jeffries in defence, the creative Luke Thomas and Kassim Ramji in midfield, and the aggression and power of Will Ellis and Charlie Osler in attack.

Mr Hulston thoroughly enjoyed coaching the team, which the boys nickname 'the Academy' and he feels a number of them should go on to play first team football in the next two years.

Team: Ritchie W, Jackson B, Jeffries J, Wertheim A, Cross J, Martin M, Cribb J, Taylor W, Thomas L, Ramji K, Ellis W, Dunn B, Osler C, Marshall P

Results: Played 9 Won 4 Drawn 1 Lost 4

Captain: William Ellis

Coach: Phil Hulston



*Third Football v Braves
March 2007*



*The Braves v Thirds
March 2007*

FIFTH TEAM FOOTBALL

Known as 'The Braves', the team attracted support and hype in equal measure, being featured in The New Oak and known throughout the school for their results.

In a season where all games resulted in wins, there were many great moments, but the satisfaction of winning 4-0 against a highly competitive and able St John's Leatherhead team was a peak; the third goal (a splendid Matthew Hearle finish) will always stay in the mind. Harrow were also fierce competitors until they went two goals behind and Haileybury were tricky opponents on their own turf, until Caprice's pace overcame their tired legs in the second half.

The Fifth Team were just that – a team. Adam Blomfield was a key player in controlling the midfield and Danny Caprice's pace up front was always a handful for the opposition. The defence always fought hard and, in the air, Henry Wardley was hard to beat (when he's that good on the ground too, he will attract a high price tag!). Tom Clarke's telescopic legs were also useful in staving off attacking runs.

Team: Sanson C, Arnold S, Russell C, Moss R, Clarke T, Blomfield A, De Montfort C, Brown M, Hearle M, Caprice D, Parenti M, Rothery M, Martin R, Adrian-Smith R

Captain: Adam Blomfield

Results: Played 8 Won 8 Lost 0

Coaches: Martin Goff and Mark Turnbull

U15A FOOTBALL

The U15As had a clear winning season. The team played cohesive, attacking football throughout the Lent term, completing a number of victories in hard-fought games. Their best result was a 5-1 demolition of Tonbridge. All Sevenoaks' teams enjoy the Tonbridge fixture and this group of players played with a level of intensity which better teams than Tonbridge would have struggled to cope with. The most memorable moment of the season was Ryan Weeks' 20-yard strike that flew into the net against St John's Leatherhead to complete a 3-1 victory in this tight contest. Dominic Makepeace was an outstanding captain throughout the season, leading by example in midfield.

Team: Smith T, Codd N, Tomkinson S, Sumaria S, Bellringer C, Dunnett R, Gill A, Safaty S, Makepeace D, Holliday A, Bell J, Guterres S, Lindsay-Bailey M, Goddard W, Guterres S, Weeks R

Results: Played 9 Won 5 Drawn 2 Lost 2

Captain: Dominic Makepeace

Coach: Alex Smith

U15B FOOTBALL

The U15B team's enthusiastic, well-organised approach gave them an excellent set of results in the Lent term. Six wins and only one defeat would put them at the top of most leagues and their success was just reward for all their hard work in training. Excellent individual performances from Sebastian Guterres in attack, the skilful Alex Lyne in midfield and reliable defending from Charles Adair gave the team a really solid spine. Charlie Carver provided very good leadership as captain.

Team: Codd N, Adair C, Carver C, Payne A, Lyashenko R, Lyne A, Guterres G, Tinsley S, Guterres S, Tomkinson S, Newton M, Woodhouse-Darry E

Captain: Charlie Carver

Results: Played 8 Won 6 Lost 1 Drawn 1

Coach: Cameron Kiggell

U14A FOOTBALL

This was a good season for a strong U14A team. Well-led by the excellent captain, Adam White, the team achieved a good set of results. They were a well-organised, competitive team which had the quality to overcome opposition with high-tempo attacking football. The U14's best performance came against Worth School when they turned over Worth's early 1-0 lead to win 5-1 comfortably. There were some outstanding individual contributions: Harry Ponting was a skilful driving force in midfield, the tricky George Clift in attack was always well supported by David McMenamin and the team had an excellent goalkeeper, James Orchard. This will be a group of players to follow carefully in the future.

Team: Orchard J, Brauer N, White A, Richardson B, Farrant C, Alli M, Ponting H, Thorpe M, Mursell J, Jackson J, Clift G, McMenamin D, Davidson W

Captain: Adam White

Results: Played 9 Won 6 Drawn 1 Lost 2

Achievements: Kent U14: Adam White, George Clift

Coach: Sean Holden

U14B FOOTBALL

With six wins and only one defeat this was an extremely pleasing season for the U14B footballers. Convincing wins against Worth (7-0) and Colfes (4-1) represented the team's best performances and they were achieved with good attacking play. There were some encouraging individual performances from the hardworking Harry Craggs, the versatile Alex Scarsi and the excellent defensive skills of Hugh Pfeil.

Team: Austen L, Edwards J, Nickols T, Hughes D, Davison W, Pfeil H, Scarsi A, Parr C, Dwyer J, Vorontsov M, Janczyk T, Craggs H, Wallis M

Captain: Tom Nickols

Results: Played 7 Won 6 Lost 1

Coach: Tony Stuart

U13A FOOTBALL

The U13As were a young side made up of a number of Year 7 pupils who developed well as a team over the Michaelmas term. The team won some key games during the season and the highlight was an excellent win over Sevenoaks Prep where the team kept the ball effectively and created some excellent chances. A number of players had excellent seasons: Dominic Kehoe had a consistently good season in defence; Robert Martin's shooting in attack was impressive; in midfield Jack Hulston's running gave the team good direction and Matthew Hitchens showed good leadership skills as captain.

Team: Walker J, Kehoe D, Hitchens M, Scott T, Shields, Richards M, Makepeace N, Martin R, Hulston J, Hochman J, Fjeldsoe J, Hodgkins B, Westhead J

Captain: Matthew Hitchens

Coach: Gareth Willis



*U13A v Solefields, chasing back in defence
November 2006*



*Girls' football practice
November 2006*

GIRLS' FOOTBALL

This was another enthusiastic season for the Girls' First Team who managed three wins from their seven matches. The highlight of their season was a 2-1 win over local rivals, Tonbridge Grammar. A goal down at half-time, Sevenoaks stormed back in the second half with a cunning free kick from Sarah Reichsboeck, which put Sarah Hughes through to equalise. Sarah Reichsboeck then scored herself with a wonderfully flighted kick from 25 yards. During the season there were excellent individual performances from, amongst others, Hermione Brooks and Catherine Sinclair-Jones, who were very solid in defence, and Ghada Beidas and Sarah Reichsboeck, who formed a creative partnership in midfield.

This was an enthusiastic and sporting group of girls, who really enjoyed their football. Indeed, the future of girls' football looks extremely encouraging with the development of a middle school team which includes stars such as Laura Ganis and Emily Barrett.

Team: Atkins E, Ong C, Owens S, Patel A, Sinclair-Jones C, Williams F, Ainsworth O, Barrett S, Beidas G, Best A, Brooks H, Cornes S, Hamzah L, Harrison S, Ogunbiyi S, Reichsboeck S, Wheeler C, Hughes S, Ganis L

Results: Played 7 Won 2 Lost 5

Captains: Catherine Sinclair-Jones, Sophie Harrison

Coach: John Burger

NETBALL



Summer 2007 tour to Barbados

FIRST TEAM NETBALL

This year's First Team were a hard-working, determined group of girls with a real passion for netball. They enjoyed each other's company and this gave them great team spirit. They were also a team with good athletes and technical skill. The highlight of the season came at the Independent Schools Netball Tournament, where they finished third overall; an outstanding win against a powerful Forest team was their best performance during the competition. It was a great team effort by all the girls.

The First's outstanding performance on their normal fixture list was an excellent win against Eastbourne College; the girls' attacking play, which was fast and incisive, cut through the Eastbourne defence on numerous occasions.

Philippa Coates led the team well with her honest, hard-working approach and was always well supported by the other players. The committed Lizzie Atkins had a superb season, as did Laura Bell and the athletic Alex McGregor. The most improved player was Jess Kenny whose all-round play came on extremely well. The coach's award for all round contribution to the team went to Sophie Wotton.

Team: Bell L, Kenny J, McGregor A, Atkins E, Coates P, Wotton S, Westlake A, Elliot K, Harding R, Smith J

Captain: Philippa Coates

Results: Played 15 Won 7 Drawn 2 Lost 6

Coach: Astria Nairn

SECOND TEAM NETBALL

This was a tough season for an enthusiastic Second Team. One win in eight matches does not really do the team justice, and with a little luck things could have been different. Their single victory in a competitive game against Epsom was the highlight of the season.

There were, however, some encouraging individual performances. These included Olivia Neville, who took the Fairest and Best Award; Rachel Ryves, for her outstanding commitment to the team; Vicky Yates who won the Most Improved Player; Rachel Challis who received the coach's award for all round contribution and Abbi Millward, who won the Players' Award.

This was a fun-loving group who enjoyed each other's company and who were always a pleasure to coach.

Team: Ryves R, Brown E, Earle L, Enock K, Neville O, Millward A, Challis R, Skinner K, Yates V

Captain: Rachel Ryves

Results: Played 8 Won 1 Lost 5 Drawn 2

Coach: Astria Nairn

U16A NETBALL

The team played well right from the beginning of the season, with fine wins over Cranleigh, Eastbourne and King's Canterbury. The U16 players understood each other's games well and always demonstrated good team play. The team's fluid play against Kent champions, Benenden, along with their creative play against King's Canterbury were highlights of the season. There were excellent individual performances from the following: Laura Apps, who consistently dominated the centre court; Rosie Fletcher who showed excellent leadership skills as captain; Charlotte Beveridge, who demonstrated good organisational skills and anticipation in defence; Lizzie King who provided excellent service into the circle for the shooters and Collette Renton, who was a determined, decisive defender.

Team: Tyler L, Gilpin P, Fletcher R, King E, Weston C, Apps L, Wilkinson S, Glover J, Renton C, Beveridge C

Results: Played 8 Won 6 Lost 2

Captain: Rosie Fletcher

Coach: Pat Morecroft

U16B NETBALL

This was a mixed season for the U16B netball team in terms of results, but their enthusiasm in practice and commitment in matches made them a very good group to work with. There were two good wins: one on a windy, cold day against Cranbrook where the defence was excellent; the other a tense affair against Eastbourne, where a 6-1 lead was brought back to 6-5 by the end of the second quarter.

Charlotte Mursell was the player of the season, demonstrating both skill and energy in covering mid-court. Charlotte Huckstep was an excellent captain at centre. Natasha Newey was certainly the team's bravest player, although she missed some of the season because of a broken arm.

Team: Newey N, Jameson E, Tegelaars C, Huckstep C, Mursell C, Rose K, Baxendell L, Peak F, Montanaro Z

Captain: Charlotte Huckstep

Results: Played 6 Won 2 Lost 4 Drawn 0

Coach: Chris Tavaré

U15A NETBALL

The U15As had a really strong team ethos. Led superbly by Jo Jo Cornick, they were a competitive unit throughout the season, enjoying a sound set of results. The highlight was the team's win in the Benenden Tournament.

The U15A team's best performance came against Eastbourne, where the team played with real panache to win by 30 goals to 9. It was an outstanding performance especially after Sevenoaks had gone 2 goals down in the first two minutes!

Lucy Keevil, Jo Jo Cornick and Emily Barrett formed an excellent defence. The mid-court players, Caroline Crawford, Annie Wrobel, Georgina Nash and Lucy Mote all played with energy and skill. In attack, Jo Stanyard, Tanita Sira and Sophie Dillon combined effectively and were a constant threat to the opposition.

Team: Keevil L, Cornick J, Crawford C, Nash G, Mote L, Stanyard J, Dillon S, Barrett E, Sira T, Wrobel A

Captain: Jo Jo Cornick

Results: Played 6 Won 3 Lost 3

Achievements: Benenden Tournament Winners

Coach: Liz Joseph



U15B NETBALL

The U15Bs were described by their coach as a great group of girls who showed commitment to training and playing and, in the words of Mrs Joseph, 'were a delight to coach'. The best match of the season was a convincing win over Epsom College. After a fairly even first half the B's fitness told and they got in front and took the game away from Epsom. Another highlight was an amazing comeback against Eastbourne where the Bs were 11-2 down, but clawed back with the final score a narrow 15-18 defeat.

There were good individual performances throughout the season from Phoebe Weston, Sophie Thomson, Ciara Moss, Helen Allison, and Cathryn Shannon, amongst others.

Team: Crombie H, Langley-Evans A, Allison H, Moss C, Weston P, Thomson S, Shannon C, Bateman L, Boulter R

Results: Played 6 Won 2 Drawn 1 Lost 3

Captain: Sophie Thomson

Coach: Liz Joseph

U14A NETBALL

The U14A netball team had a disappointing season in terms of results. They struggled against the more powerful netball schools, although they did manage two good wins against Bexley Bullets and St Lawrence College. Their other matches were close games and showed how competitive they were during the season. The best team performance came in a hard-fought match against St Lawrence College U15. The outstanding players during the season were Kelsey Rush, Jasmine Horsey, Emma Boobbyer and Charlotte Ritchie in attack, along with Becky Bibb and Georgie Willis in the centre court. Madeleine Pryde showed good leadership skills as captain. This is a lively, talented group of players who can look forward to better results next season.

Team: Baillie A, Baron C, Heilbron S, Horsey J, Pryde M, Bibb R, Trend E, Willis G, Ritchie C, Smith Z, Paine O, Dooley A, Nicholson R, Rush K, Boobbyer E, Jameson T, Palmer I

Captain: Madeleine Pryde

Results: Played 8 Won 2 Lost 6

Coach: Natalie Randle

U14B NETBALL

The results achieved by the U14B netball team were extremely encouraging in the Lent term. Six wins in eight games was an excellent return for the team's hard work. Their best team performance came during the double fixture against Epsom and Haileybury, where well-organised defending and fast attacking play earned them two good victories.

There were good individual performances from a number of players: Olivia Paine demonstrated excellent pace and agility; Zoe Bailey always played with self-assurance in defence and Imi Palmer was always determined.

Team: Rush K, Baron C, Smith Z, Bailey Z, Palmer I, Prifti R, Heilbron S, Lord C, Paine O, Kotz M, Dooley A, Baillie A, Jameson T, Boobhyer E, Ritchie C, Staffurth B, Nicholson R

Captain: Olivia Paine

Results: Played 8 Won 6 Lost 2

Coach: Cathy Gilliat-Smith

U12A Netball team 2006-7



U13A NETBALL

After a disappointing start to the season, the U13A team found their rhythm and went on a run of three wins against Marlborough House, Hazelwood and Kent College Canterbury. They grew in confidence and finished the Lent term with a good set of results. There were good individual performances in attack from Eli Shannon, Fleur Nash, Lucia Perasso and Lucy Roberts. The team also had a well-organised defence with Abi Holmes, Jess Fox and Olivia Sparrow combining well. The player of the season was Harriet-Rudd Jones, who dominated the centre-court position. This is a group of players with the determination and flair to go on and be successful as they move higher up the school.

Team: Shannon E, Roberts L, Perasso L, Rudd-Jones H, Nash F, Jackson L, Holmes A, Fox J, Sparrow O, Pile E

Results: Played 8 Won 6 Lost 2

Coach: Liz Joseph

U12A NETBALL

This was an excellent season for a fantastic group of players. Getting to the final of the Kent County tournament was an excellent achievement and it clearly shows how much potential there is in this talented squad. The U12s also enjoyed excellent wins against Kent College Canterbury and Holmewood House. Emily Shepherd-Barron was a superb leader on and off the court and her skill and agility were key reasons for the team's success.

Team: Newey E, Young P, Martin-Davies A, Wilkinson N, Barker H, Seely E, Shepherd-Barron E, King V, Annetts M

Captain: Emily Shepherd-Barron

Results: Played 15 Won 13 Lost 2

Achievements: Kent County Tournament runners-up

Coach: Astria Nairn

CRICKET



*First XI v Reigate
May 2007*

FIRST TEAM CRICKET

This year's First XI enjoyed a winning season, which was a particularly pleasing outcome after a rather slow start. The most satisfying wins were a three wicket win against St Edmund's Canterbury, successfully chasing 222, largely thanks to a fifth wicket partnership between Sam Cox (60*) and Joe Corneille (41); a 20/20 win against Reigate GS when Henry Wardley (51) and Dan Haley (25) took the opposition bowling apart and Pip Marshall took 6 for 17; a one wicket win over CLFS with Will Wilkin taking 7 for 43 in 17 overs to restrict CLFS to 159 a seventh wicket partnership of 63 between Josh Parker (44) and Will Ritchie (44*) nearly got the First XI home, but 9 were still needed with one wicket remaining. Nail-biting stuff! Finally the First XI beat the Old Sennockians for the first time in recent years, in a 20/20 match.

There were some excellent individual performances throughout the season. The leading run scorer was Dan Haley with 323 runs, followed by Sam Cox, 264; Josh Parker, 257; Henry Wardley, 246. The leading wicket-takers were Will Wilkin with 22; Pip Marshall, 20; Josh Parker, 14. Behind the stumps Alex Quinn took 3 catches and 2 stumpings against Tonbridge, and Dan Haley 4 stumpings off Pip Marshall in the 20/20 against Reigate GS. It was a delight to watch Dan Haley and Henry Wardley in full flow, the obduracy of

Sam Cox and Josh Parker, our spinners Will Wilkin and Pip Marshall bowling in tandem and the pace of Joe Corneille. The two diving catches in the deep by Alex Kirkpatrick and Josh Parker, and the spectacular one handed diving effort by Sam Cox all against the OS will live long in the memory.

Mr Tavaré says, 'The team is the most enthusiastic and passionate about cricket that I have coached during my 13 years at Sevenoaks.' They practised hard throughout the winter and the summer term, and with all but one player here next year they will be an even better, more exciting, team. In addition, there are a number of good young players in the Middle School who will be challenging for places in 2008.

The team is just about to depart for Barbados at the time of writing. They will be playing six matches against local schools in quite unique conditions. They go with confidence, having won the last four matches of the season. A great experience!

Team: Cox S, Haley D, Parker J, Wardley H, Wilkin W, Corneille J, Kirkpatrick A, Marshall P, Ramji K, Ritchie W, Quinn A, Daniels T, Brown M, Dunnett C, Jindal P, MacFarlane M

Captain: Sam Cox

Results: Played 14 Won 7 Drawn 1 Lost 6

Coaches: Chris Tavaré, Phil Hulston

SECOND TEAM CRICKET

The Second XI enjoyed an outstanding season, sweeping aside opposition as they achieved eight excellent wins and no defeats. The team had everything: penetrative bowling from Dave Hughes, Tim Daniels and Christian Dunnett; stylish batting from Mike Brown, Adam Robertson and the Okell brothers and they were a really accomplished fielding side. Highlights of the season included a superb hundred by John Okell when he destroyed the Haileybury bowling and secured a great win for the Twos. Dan Callingham's magnificent catch at cover point against Eltham and the 'hat-trick' achieved by Christian Dunnett at St Edmund's Canterbury were also special moments for the team. This was a very positive, competitive team whose determined approach overwhelmed opposing teams.

Team: Daniels T, Hughes D, Brown M, Callingham D, Dunnett C, Toothill R, Robertson A, Okell J, Okell P, Downton J, Cribb J, Farrant T, Jindal P

Captain: Dan Callingham

Results: Played 10 Won 8 Drawn 2

Coach: Sean Holden

THIRD TEAM CRICKET

The Third XI had a short, modest season. They enjoyed a good win over Judd but lost to Eastbourne and King's Canterbury. There were some good individual performances: Robbie Toothill who made an excellent 67 against Judd; Peter Okell also batted well in the Judd game, scoring 64, and against Eastbourne Will Putt scored 39 and took 2 wickets.

Team: Okell P, Okell J, Brookes N, Downton J, Putt W, Clayton J, Wrobel A, Rajashakhar A, Frost O, Saunders J, Trivedi A, Cribb J, Wild T, Dunn B, Hughes D, Toothill R

Captain(s): Robbie Toothill, Nick Brookes

Results: Played 3 Won 1 Lost 2

Coach: Paul Eversfield

U15A CRICKET

This was a difficult season for the U15As. Their results are a slightly harsh reflection of their performances during the term, but they are, nonetheless, disappointing. There were, however, a number of good performances: they played good, competitive cricket against a strong Tonbridge team, bowled and fielded well in the rain-affected fixture at Eltham, beat Darrick Wood convincingly in the Kent Cup and finished with a hard-fought win against Caterham.

There were a number of good individual performances: Dominic Makepeace's stylish 65 against Tonbridge; Alex Stuart's stoical 42 not out against Haileybury; Ross Williams' excellent bowling in the early part of the season; Rory Dunnett's batting to finish off Caterham; Ed Woodhouse-Darry's controlled leg-spin (this earned him selection to the first team against Haileybury) and Peter Kenny's swing bowling against Darrick Wood.

Team: Makepeace D, Carver C, Dunnett R, Bellringer C, Kenny P, Stuart A, Guterres G, Guterres S, Snowden W, Woodhouse-Darry E, Sumaria S, Gill A, Tomkinson S, Safaty S

Results: Played 9 Won 3 Drawn 1 Lost 5

Captain: Rory Dunnett

Coach: Alex Smith

U15A Cricket v Judd April 2007





U14A Cricket team 2006-7

U14A CRICKET

The U14A cricket team enjoyed an excellent season, losing only one match, a narrow defeat to Tonbridge. Their best wins were over King's Canterbury (9 wickets), Haileybury (103 runs) and Caterham (10 wickets).

There were some notable individual performances during the season. Charlie Farrant averaged 80 with the bat and was a major force, but Ben Richardson, Adam White and Max Thorpe all scored fifties too. Joe Edwards, Charlie Farrant, Ben Richardson and Tom Richards were the pick of the bowlers. Tom Richards' hat-trick against Canterbury was superb. Charlie Farrant hitting the last ball for 6 against Judd when 5 were needed to win will stay in the memory for a long time, as will Tom Nickols' final over against Sutton Valence, which yielded 16 they needed 17 to win!

As a team, the professional captaincy and high standards of fielding were hard to beat.

They improved over the season, getting the little things right and learning from their early mistakes. They were a settled side and came to know each other's strengths and weaknesses. By the end of the season they also had a great deal of self-belief and they were always a pleasure to coach.

Team: Richardson B, Farrant C, Thorpe M, Pfeil H, White A, Hayes B, Nickols T, Wallis M, Richards T, Carter-Leno K, Edwards J

Captain: Ben Richardson

Results: Played 9 Won 8 Lost 1

Coaches: Martin Goff, Dan Griffiths

U15B CRICKET

This was a really encouraging season for the U15B team. It was a team of such enthusiasm and a genuine passion for cricket. Their results, five wins and only one defeat, were an excellent return for all their hard work. There were some excellent individual performances from Sebastian and George Guterres, Mike Allen, Mike Lindsay-Bailey and Will Snowden. The team was also superbly led by Alex Stuart (who moved to the As midway through the season) and Sam Tomkinson.

Team: Stuart A, Lindsay-Bailey M, De Haan C, Nussbaumer W, Partridge J, Adair C, Tomkinson S, Guterres S, Thompson R, Clayton P, Cooper J, Allen M, Ede R, Soames F, Snowden W

Captains: Alex Stuart, Sam Tomkinson

Results: Played 8 Won 5 Drawn 2 Lost 1

Coach: Cameron Kiggell



U13A CRICKET

With six wins from ten games, the U13A team enjoyed a pleasing season. A strong batting side, they posted many competitive totals and were then able to put the opposition under pressure. The team's breathtaking win against St Michael's Otford in the Kent Cup was a high point during the season. The team scraped home by the narrowest of margins following an unbelievable throw by Michael Richards to run out the last St Michael's batsman.

During the season, there were excellent individual batting performances by Nick Makepeace and Jack Hulston, who both made half-centuries, and very good bowling from Dominic Dyer, Dominic Kehoe and Barnaby Hodgkins.

Team: Hulston J, Hochman J, Walker J, Amin R, Makepeace N, Dyer D, Shaw K, Shields A, Kehoe D, Dix G, Hodgkins B, Smedley J, Richards M

Captain: Jack Hulston

Results: Played 10 Won 6 Lost 4

Coach: Sean Holden

U13B CRICKET

The U13B team enjoyed a good winning season. They always played with enthusiasm and their batting and bowling improved as the season progressed. Their catching, however, needs to improve! Sri Sivarajan captained the side with imagination all season and Rob Laurenson's wicket-keeping was consistently good. Matt Hitchens, with 160 runs at an average of 53, was the most consistent batsman. The wickets were



shared amongst the four main bowlers Ben McCarthy, Ollie Finnis, Tom Lord and Tom Scott.

The U13B team completed three excellent wins: an 8 wicket win at Worth, a 50-run victory over Hilden Grange and an 80-run victory over Sevenoaks Prep.

Team: Sivarajan S, Hitchens M, Scott T, Broadhead E, Westhead J, Bibb B, Musker M, Laurensen R, Hitch H, Finnis O, Lord T, McCarthy B, Hudson B

Record: Played 6, Won 3, Drawn 1 Lost 2

Captain: Sri Sivarajan

Coach: Ian Haffenden

SWIMMING 2006-7

The highlight of the swimming year was clearly the junior boys' victory in the English Schools Swimming Championships in February (see next page for a full report). This, however, should not detract from their hard work and significant success on other occasions, which included victory in the Kent championships, nor from the efforts of the school's many other talented swimmers, from Year 7 to the Sixth Form. In January, for example, the junior girls came third in the Kent Schools Swimming Championships. Impressive performances came from Caroline Gloyne, Alex Moss, Hannah Cameron and Heather Catchpole. Other inter-school competitions and water polo were also successful throughout the year. Particular praise however must be given to the regular, and sometimes unsung, contingent of pupils who train diligently before school twice a week, while most of us are still eating our cornflakes!

Captains: Tom Farrant (boys), Sophie Wilkinson (girls)

ATHLETICS

In a truly outstanding athletics season, the boys' team as a whole defeated over 20 other schools in the course of the term. These included Eton, Radley, Harrow, St Paul's, RGS Guildford, Christ's Hospital, Ardingly, Hurstpierpoint, Worth, Cranleigh, St John's, Forest, Judd, Brighton and Dulwich.

SENIOR BOYS' ATHLETICS

Boosted by two very talented Findlay sport scholars, this season has been one of the most successful for many years. The term started well with Sevenoaks coming second, just behind Oakham, at the Eton College meeting. The team followed this up with a second place at the Tonbridge meeting and then achieved an outright win in the home meeting with Judd, Brighton, and Dulwich.

There were some outstanding individual performances during the season. These included Sam Stevens and Danny Caprice in the 100m (both 11.2 seconds); Tom Porter in the high jump and long jump; Alex Traynor in the shot; Sam Hyatt-Twynam and Nigel Westood in the triple jump; Tom Lewis and Matt Holder in the javelin and Matt Burrard-Lucas in the 1500m and 800m.

One of the keys to Sevenoaks' success was their consistency, with all athletes achieving top 4 places during matches. This was success based on hard training and great team spirit.

Team: Stevens S (Findlay sport scholar), Caprice D (Findlay sport scholar), Kabuye K, Hearle M, Westwood N, Walker H, Ede J, Burrard-Lucas M, Morris T, De Vuyst S, McKenzie G, Traynor A, Porter T, Lewis T, Holder M, Martin R, Hyatt-Twynam S

Captain: Sam Stevens

Coach: Paul Fannon



Athletes warm up at Tonbridge, April 2007.

INTERMEDIATE BOYS' ATHLETICS

The intermediate group of athletes performed at a consistently high level throughout the season and achieved a string of excellent performances at inter-school meetings. They gained second place out of six in the Tonbridge meeting, followed this by coming second to Harrow in the Eton meeting of eight schools and won the next major meeting at home, beating Haileybury, Worth, Caterham, Ardingly and Christ's Hospital.

There were some outstanding individual performances. These included Will Ellis in the hurdles, Tom Higgs in the 100m and 200m, Simon Tinsley in the 400m, Tom Mitchell in the discus and Ben Jackson in the triple jump.

Team: Lyne A, Draper J, Smith T, Ellis W, Higgs T, Tinsley S, Mitchell T, Jackson B, Bell J, Maynard F, Weeks R

Coach: Jeremy Wyld

Achievements: Simon Tinsley: Kent U16 (400m) (50.9 seconds); Tom Mitchell Kent U16 (discus)



*Athletics practice
June 2007*

U15 BOYS' ATHLETICS

The U15 athletics team had plenty of individual talent and great team spirit. When injuries took their toll during a match, there were willing replacements and the boys really supported each other. They trained extremely hard during games afternoons and after-school practices. The best match was away at Tonbridge where the team came very close to winning their age group, and did win both the 4 x 100m and 4 x 400m relays.

A number of individuals performed well throughout the term: Rob Hammond and Josh Jackson arrived with good reputations and certainly justified them, putting in a string of good performances across several disciplines; Mofe Alli and Harry Craggs went from relative unknowns to become real stars and Grant Arnold and Gavin Elias could be relied upon to compete in several events and fill in effectively.

Team: Alli M, Arnold G, Clift G, Clinch M, Craggs H, Davison W, de Radigues B, Elias G, Ellingham H, Gibbons L, Hammond R, Hearle W, Jackson J, Manning J, McMenemy D, Mursell J, Orchard J, Vorontsov M, Whittaker T

Achievements: Rob Hammond: Kent Schools champion (long jump) (5.65m)

Coach: Phil de May

U15 GIRLS' ATHLETICS

The U15 girls were pretty much unbeatable during the Summer term, achieving four first places in the matches they were involved in. They are a very talented group who have a real desire to win collectively and individually. The captain, Abbie Shepherd-Barron, is a superb runner and thoroughly deserved her selection for Kent. Lucy Keevil, Lucy Mote and Helen Allison also enjoyed excellent seasons.

Team: Mote L, Allison H, Thomson S, Best C, Crawford C, Barrett E, Weston P, Dowling G, Sy J, Cornes A, Cornick J, Wrobel A, Keevil L, Flamank A, Firth A, Nash G, Shannon C, Shepherd-Barron A

Captain: Annabel Shepherd-Barron

Achievements: Annabel Shepherd-Barron: Kent U15

Coach: Astria Nairn

U14 GIRLS' ATHLETICS

The Year 9 girls performed well throughout the season, achieving good results in meetings during the Summer term. They did particularly well in the matches with Tonbridge Grammar, Hugh Christie, Hillview and Weald. Katie Anscombe is a very talented and hardworking athlete and was the outstanding presence in the team. Georgie Willis' first place in the 200m at the Trinity meeting was also a real highlight for the team.

Team: Willis G, Taylor N, Anscombe K, Bibb R, Morris T, Lindsay-Bailey M, Kotz M, Jameson T, Catchpole H, Huckstep R, Lewis R, Nicholson R, Bailey Z, Trend E, Cameron H, Ball O, John A, George S

Captain: Katie Anscombe

Coach: Astria Nairn



*U13 Athletics
Sports Day June 2007*

U13 GIRLS' ATHLETICS

A very good season for the U13 athletes finished with some excellent results at the Prep School Athletics Championships. The girls had an excellent day at the Julie Rose Stadium in Ashford, achieving seven medals. Lydia Jackson, Alexandra Moss, Fleur Nash, Hattie Coleman and Megan Yeates all had very good seasons, with Fleur Nash being selected to represent Kent in the javelin. This committed, talented group of girls thoroughly deserved the success they achieved.

Team: Jackson L, Fox J, Moss A, Xu C, Yeates M, Coleman H, Clark-Castillo R, Pile E, Gloyne C, Rudd-Jones H, Nash K, Huckstep K, Sparrow O, Miller A, Surrey A, Godman A, Mee I, Watkins C, Royce L

Captain: Lydia Jackson

Achievements: Fleur Nash: Kent U13

Results: Matches 5 Won 4 Lost 1

U12 GIRLS' ATHLETICS

Winning all their matches represented an outstanding season for an excellent group of athletes. The highlight of the season came in the Prep School Athletics Championships at the Julie Rose Stadium in Ashford. The girls had an excellent day, receiving a total of 16 medals, and five girls qualified for the nationals in Birmingham: Claire Somerset, Megan Annetts, Nicola Wilkinson, Harriet Barker and Emily Shepherd-Barron.

Team: Paterson A, Annetts M, Young P, Desmond E, Shepherd-Barron E, Somerset C, King V, Barker H, Newey E, Charnock B, Mitchell K, Gray L, Man J

Captain: Claire Somerset

Results: Matches 5 Won 5

Achievements: Claire Somerset, Megan Annetts: Kent U12

FIRST TEAM BOYS' TENNIS

There were several very good individual and team performances during the season. In a very close match against Tonbridge, which went right down to the final rubber, Matteo Parenti and Hannibal DuMont Schutte won all three of their rubbers to help the team take the tie 5-4. The most exciting match was the semi-final of the Kent Schools tournament against King's Canterbury. After some fine performances in the pouring rain Sevenoaks were 2-3 down going into the final rubber but, if they could win this last match, they would go through to the final. Rob Shannon lost the first set but came back to win the match on a tie-break in the third set. The school is losing some of its top players this year with the departure of Mike Herbert, Lennart Stern, Henry Irving and Matt Vermeulen. They gave a great deal to tennis at Sevenoaks and will be sorely missed. However, there are some good players coming up as well and Jamie Tittle, making his debut for the first team, put up an excellent performance in the Kent Schools tournament.

Team: Herbert M, Stern L, Vermeulen M, Irving H, Parenti M, Shannon R, Najib A, DuMont Schutte H, Kidson N, Felton J, Kwok J, Boughton S, Pelmore R, Dunn B, Tittle J

Captain: Rob Shannon

Record: Played 8 Won 5 Lost 3

Achievements: Runners-up in Kent Schools Knockout Tournament

Coach: Steve Owen

U15A BOYS' TENNIS

This was an outstanding season from a fantastic group of players. Fourteen wins and only one defeat is a superb record, clearly showing how strong tennis is in the Middle School. In the Nestlé Tournament, wins against Eltham College, Dartford Grammar and Kidbrooke saw them into the semi-final where they beat King's Canterbury 6-0. In the final they played magnificent tennis to draw 3-3 with Langley Park A, only losing by one game in the count-back. The U15s also had success in the Independent Schools League, where Jamie

Tittle and Tyron King won all three of their singles matches. There were also some outstanding individual performances: Will Markiewicz and Michael Lindsay-Bayley won all but two of their singles matches during the year and Jamie Tittle and Tyron King completed the whole season undefeated in all competitions.

Team: Markiewicz W, Lindsay-Bayley M, Tittle J, King T

Results: Played 14 Won 13 Lost 1

Achievements: Runners-up in Nestlé Schools Tournament

Coach: Pat Morecroft

U15A BOYS' TENNIS

Like their counterparts in the A team the Bs enjoyed some excellent results and experienced success in the Nestlé Tournament where they reached the semi-final. David McMenamin and Wayne Nussbaumer also performed well in the Independent Schools League.

Team: Nussbaumer W, Sumaria S, McMenamin D, King W, Tomkinson S, Guterres G, Lyne A, Guterres S

Results: Played 6 Won 5 Lost 1

Coach: Pat Morecroft

U14A GIRLS' TENNIS

The U14A tennis team had an outstanding season. They were unbeaten in their friendly matches with convincing victories over King's Canterbury, Eastbourne, Cranleigh, Sutton Valence, Wellington College and Cranbrook. As a group they trained extremely hard all year in the winter coaching programme and many of them attended the pre-season Florida tennis camp.

The team were incredibly successful in the tournaments they entered. In the Nestlé Competition for Year 10 and under the team beat Benenden, King's Canterbury and Coombe Bank to win their area group and entry into the South East play-offs. The real highlight of the season was in the Kent Knockout where finished as county champions. In the group stages they beat Tonbridge Grammar, Benenden and Tunbridge

Wells Grammar and then went on to victory over Kent College in semi-final. The girls finished with an outstanding win over Bromley High. The whole team deserve great praise for the sheer quality of their play along with their determination to win. On an individual level, Jasmine Horsey won the Kent 'Road to Wimbledon' competition and represented Kent at Wimbledon in August.

Team: Horsey J, Bibb R, Jameson T, Baron C

Results: Played 6 Won 6

Kent Champions

Coach: Liz Joseph

U14B GIRLS' TENNIS

The U14Bs were a very hardworking team who had a tremendous season, losing only one game and winning all the rest. In the wins against King's Canterbury, Wellington College, Cranleigh and Eastbourne they only lost three games in total. The most consistent partnership was Amy Dooley and Anna Cooke, who hardly lost a game in the whole season.

Team: Tobolla S, Lord C, Smith Z, Prifti R, Dooley A, Cooke A

Results: Played 6 Won 5 Lost 1

Captain: Sarah Tobolla

Coach: Liz Joseph

U13 GIRLS' TENNIS

The girls had a good season, winning five of their nine matches. Good wins over Benenden and Kent College Canterbury were high points. Fleur Nash and Eli Shannon both had excellent seasons and were moved up to play in the U14s on certain occasions. Jess Fox won the Most Improved Player award because of her excellent doubles play with Lucy Roberts, and Lucy won the Player of the Season for her performances throughout the year.

Team: Nash F, Shannon E, Roberts L, Fox J, Campin E, Jackson L, Huckstep K, Pile E, Trapp O, Sparrow O, Mee I

Results: Played 9 Won 5 Drawn 1 Lost 3

Coach: Pat Morecroft



U12 Girls' Tennis team 2006-7

U12 GIRLS' TENNIS

The U12 Tennis team's achievement of becoming Kent Junior Champions makes them one of the most successful school teams in any sport last season. They fought for every point and ended the term with only one defeat. In the Kent Tournament they beat TWGGS, Newstead Woods, Bromley High and Baston. Nicola Wilkinson led from the front and played some excellent matches as number one player and Claudia Vanea was outstanding at number two. Victoria King, Jade Man and Emma Thompson were also outstanding and shared the award for Most Improved Player.

Team: Wilkinson N, Vanea C, King V, Man J, Thompson E, Shepherd-Barron E, Young P, Somerset C, Barker H, Turner-Major A, Seeley E, Gray L, Annetts M, Martin-Davies A, K Brauer

Captains: Nicola Wilkinson and Victoria King

Results: Played 12 Won 11 Lost 1

Achievements: Kent Junior Champions

Coach: Pat Morecroft

JUNIOR BOY SWIMMERS SET NEW NATIONAL RECORD



ENGLISH SCHOOLS SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Rotating a squad comprising Robbie Hammond, Max Thorpe, Max Wallis, James Manning, Harry Ponting and Tom Whittaker throughout the competition proved very effective, the team improving at every stage of the championships.

In the 4 x 50m freestyle event the squad qualified in November with a time of 1:51.86, placing them in second place nationally, 0.5 seconds behind Millfield School.

After an intense period of training, the squad arrived at the Kent Championships on 27 January to see if they could beat their previous best times. In the heats the squad reduced the county record to a 1:51.38, which was smashed again in the final with a time of 1:49.07. With the squad now swimming faster than the time recorded by Millfield, the scene was set for a real showdown at the National Championships in Harrogate.

Sevenoaks won the first heat, recording their second 1:49 in a week. Millfield won the second heat in a 1:50.43 giving Sevenoaks Lane 4 for the final. Sevenoaks got off to a strong start, holding their place with the top three schools over the first 100m. As the third swimmers entered the water, Sevenoaks opened up a lead of a metre, and excitement really mounted as the final swimmers entered the water. The last leg capitalised on the lead already established, and Sevenoaks stormed in to finish a full 2.5 seconds ahead of their closest competitors.

The freestyle success was not in isolation – the squad also made huge improvements in the 4 x 50m Medley event. Qualifying in November with a 2:10.26 the squad again improved through every round to finish with a 2:03.84 and a third place in the English Schools Championships.

PERSONAL PROFILES OF OUR JUNIOR SWIMMING CHAMPIONS

	Harry Ponting	Rob Hammond	Max Thorpe	Max Wallis	James Manning	Tom Whittaker
Year	9	9	9	9	9	9
Tutor Group	PJH	JA	JA	HKW	GPW	PTH
Swimming achievements (highlights)	Kent and National Relay Champions	Kent and National Relay Champions	Kent and National Relay Champions	Kent and National Relay Champions	Top 50 nationally 2005-7; Kent and National Relay Champions	8th in nationals (breast stroke) for two years; Kent and National Relay Champions
Number of lengths swum per week	480	480	500	640	720	300
Favourite stroke	Front crawl	Front crawl	Freestyle or butterfly	Butterfly	Freestyle	Breast stroke
What do you like about swimming?	Racing and winning	Racing and relays	Racing and competing in the relay team	The competition	Winning and my friends	Excitement of racing; thrill of competition; the physical experience
When did you start swimming?	Four years old	Four years old	Three years old	Eight years old	Three years old	Five years old
Swimming idol	Mr Wintle	Ian Thorpe	Ian Thorpe	Michael Phelps	Xavier Mohammed (Bexley – world junior medallist)	Mark Foster
Favourite swimming moment	Harrogate (National Champions)	Last leg of national record relay	Winning nationals and breaking national record	Winning the national relay	Winning the 'skins' event in Brighton Open 2006	Winning the National Freestyle Championship
What don't you like about swimming?	Nothing	Repetitive	The nerves	The training	Long kicking and butterfly	Stamina training
Favourite other sport	Football	Football	Rugby and cricket	Football	Water polo	Golf (16 handicap)
Most memorable sporting moment you've seen	Wednesday 25 May 2005 Champions League	2003 Rugby World Cup Final	2005 Champions League Final Liverpool	England winning the Rugby World Cup	2004 Olympics doubles badminton final	Liverpool win in Champions League Final in Istanbul
Key thing that makes a sportsman/woman successful	Natural talent	Natural talent and effort	Dedication and talent	Determination	Commitment and enjoyment	Self-confidence
What is your favourite thing to eat before a swimming gala?	Pasta	Pasta	Pasta	Pasta	Jelly beans	Pasta
What is your favourite subject?	PE	English	Maths	English	Geography	History
What do you like about Sevenoaks School?	Sports centre and people there	Facilities and friends	My friends	Sports centre	Great swimming pool, long holidays, friends	Choice of sport
What annoys you about Sevenoaks School?	Lunch queues	We don't have afternoon swimming which is when I like to train	Facilities not used	Saturday school	Saturday school and the long lunch queues	Long homeworks



SAILING



Above, Sevenoaks sailors

Left, on the water

This was another successful year for the sailing club. With over 60 members it provides Bough Beech with a mini open on most Saturdays. All the year groups have competed well and this starts with the Year 9 sailors who attended the National Championships and South East training along with several other opens. Their best result was a second place and they are gradually improving.

The seniors began the year with the Firefly Open and James Hearle and Claire Makepeace took the Youth prize. They then had a winter of University Team Racing, starting with the Oxford Magnum and finishing at London University.

The Hoad Shield was one of the Club's best performances. A mainly Year 11 team led by Lilly Kottsieper had two excellent wins over Charterhouse and Magdalen College School to win the event.

In the BSDRA International event, held at Bough Beech, the First Team came second to a great team from Newport Harbour (Los Angeles) representing the USA. The senior B Team did extremely well to win the Silver League.

The club's outstanding performers during the year were a truly excellent Upper Sixth group of sailors Sam Sturrock (Commodore), Alice Tyler (Rear Commodore) and Mark Taylor (Captain).

Team: Taylor M, Mayes W, Shee E, Hearle J, Smorthwaite J, Tyler A

Captain: Mark Taylor

Achievements: Winners of the Hoad Shield; second place in the BSDRA International Championships

Coach: Bruce Hebbert

SHOOTING



Team photograph, 2006-7

The thriving shooting club has worked extremely hard again this year, competing from school level right through to regional and even national level. Chris Russell has been one of shooting's most successful captains; he was a central figure in the success both in small-bore and full-bore competitions.

The squad put in some excellent performances during the year. These included: 11 winning scores in the West Kent Rifle League; Richard Pelmore and George Drewett winning in the Individual Handicap League; an excellent second place in the Kent Cup; victory in the Erith Cup Knockout Competition; a second place at the British Schools Small-bore Rifle Association in the Team of 8 Competition; and eleventh place out of 53 in the Ashburton Day competition, which meant they won the South East area trophy and the Kent Schools Trophy.

Team: Williams M, Plater M, Pelmore R, Firth T, Jury S, Chan D, Wickenden R, Anscombe B, Reh M, Drewett G, Codd N, Brenninkmeijer A, Danczak F, Grainger T, Robinson N, Clark R, Yuen S, Lee-Saunders H, Clayton P

Captain: Chris Russell

Achievements:

BSSRA England Squad: Mike Williams, Chris Russell, Ellie Hoolahan, Rex Wickenden, Ben Anscombe, Marisa Plater

Kent Squad: Mike Williams, Chris Russell, Ellie Hoolahan, Rex Wickenden, Ben Anscombe, Marisa Plater, Peter Rutherford, Stephanie Jury

Kent County Ladies Squad: Ellie Hoolahan, Stephanie Jury, Marisa Plater

Coach: Malcolm West

TRIPS AND ACTIVITIES



TRIPS AND EXCHANGES 2006-7

As usual a host of trips, expeditions and tours took place in the course of the year. The table below gives a flavour of the experiences on offer, from a local Tunbridge Wells trip for bowling to a cricket and netball tour of Barbados.

MICHAELMAS TERM 2006

GROUP	DESTINATION
Boarders	Various, including Thorpe Park & London Aquarium
CCF	Knole Park
Classics	Greece
Geography	Birmingham's CBD
Geography	Coastal landforms, Hastings
German	Aachen Christmas Market
History	Russia
IB Geography	Tonbridge
Lower Sixth Exchange	La Réunion
Lower Sixth Spanish	Cuba
Sailing	RYA youth team racing (West Kirby)
Sennocke Consort	Brussels
Shooting	WKRL Dutch tour
Shooting	Bisley
Ski	Verbier
Strings orchestra	Toulouse
U14/15/16 Rugby	Ireland tour
Year 10 Exchange	Spain, Malaga
Year 10 History	France/Belgium battlefields
Year 10 Spanish study trip	Spain, Granada
Year 10 Geography	Cuckmere Haven
YoungSox	Bowling - Tunbridge Wells
YoungSox	Ice-skating - Streatham

GROUP	DESTINATION
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LENT TERM 2007

Athletics & Swimming	Pre-season training in Lanzarote
Boarders	Various
Economics & Business Studies	Belgium
Lower Sixth Exchange	Belgium, Brussels
Lower Sixth Exchange	France, Lyon
Lower Sixth Geography	Morocco
Lower Sixth Skiing	Val d'Isère
MUN (Model United Nations)	Bath
MUN	The Hague
Tennis	Florida
Year 8 Exchange	France, Pontoise
Year 8 Study Trip	France, Hardelot
Year 10 Classics	Bay of Naples
Year 10 Geography	Coin Street, London

SUMMER TERM 2007

Art	Anthony Gormley Exhibition
Boarders	Various
Biology	Honduras
CCF	Various (see report)
Classics	Rome
Cricket & Netball	Barbados
English	Italy
Geography	Cevennes
Geography	Oxford
Lower Sixth Drama	The Globe: <i>Othello</i>
Lower Sixth Exchange	Italy, Orvieto
Lower Sixth Exchange	Germany, Hamburg
Lower Sixth Exchange	Spain, Salamanca
Lower Sixth Physics	Cern
PROMO	Romania/Moldova
Year 7	Boulogne
Year 9 Exchange	France, Lyon, Pontoise
YoungSox	Tolon, Greece

COMBINED CADET FORCE



CCF REVIEW 2006-7

The Combined Cadet Force had another busy year. This can be evidenced, for example, by a quick look at the Summer term's activity where some 150 cadets and 16 staff were involved in manoeuvres around the country, undertaken as part of their Summer term Field Day.

The RN section stayed on *HMS Bristol* at Portsmouth and undertook a programme of ship and museum visits, electronic warfare simulation, night navigation in the Solent on motorboats, a day cruise to Cowes and some sailing in 26-foot Fox Terriers. On a separate occasion, they were also lucky enough to visit the aircraft carrier HMS.

The Army section bivvied out overnight on the Mereworth training area (in the only rain in six weeks!), set night and dawn ambushes, then engaged an enemy in blank firing manoeuvres. They also did some live firing at Lydd ranges during the day. The RAF section Year 10s went flying at RAF Wyton near Cambridge (some novice pilots even being allowed to loop the loop!), whilst the older cadets had an adventurous training day doing climbing, abseiling and a ropes course, topped off with a BBQ at a camp fire.

This year's intake of 95 Year 10 cadets has proved a strong group, all of whom passed their First Aid course and have now begun to learn section specific skills. Unfortunately, rain brought to a premature close the Summer term's build up towards the CCF Gun Run for Founder's Day, although this was in fact successfully restaged, to enthusiastic crowds, in the September sunshine.



DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD 2006-7

As well as the service, skills and physical recreation sections of the Gold, Silver and Bronze awards (and the residential project for Gold participants), all those participating in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme need to take part in an expedition. An outline of this year's expeditions is given below:

Gold expedition

Twenty-nine students took part in the assessed and practice expedition groups in North Wales to complete their respective phases of the Gold level expedition during the summer half-term. The weather was not particularly kind during the week, and it rapidly brought home to the walkers that they must navigate well and ensure that they look after their kit and themselves to ensure a completion of the week in good shape. All students safely returned back to base camp and were proud of what they had achieved during the week. They had proved that they could cope with the conditions and survive walking 100km carrying their house on their back.

Silver Expedition

See the Spotlights section for a detailed review of the Silver group's expedition in Dorset.

Bronze Expedition

There was a bumper number of 150 students taking part in Bronze this year and therefore it was like planning a military exercise to get everyone down to the South Downs to do the assessed expedition. To prevent taking over the place, the expedition was conducted over three days with the groups being split in half. Thankfully the weather was kind to us and everyone managed to get through. It was an enjoyable experience for the explorers, particularly after feet had recovered.

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES 2006-7

As usual, a wide range of clubs and societies met regularly during the year. A number of these are featured elsewhere in this edition of the Sennockian and others will be focused upon in future editions.

The following is a sample of the sorts of activities on offer beyond the more traditional sporting, academic, dramatic and musical clubs: aikido, Christian Union, continental cinema, Cultural Awareness Society, debating, subject-specific discussion groups, judo, the New Oak, tae kwon-do, theatre technicians and yoga.

VOLUNTARY SERVICE UNIT

The Voluntary Service Unit (VSU) again had a full and productive year, and a significant number of pupils offered service to others, within the context of VSU, their IB or Duke of Edinburgh's Award contribution. As always, the range of activity was wide and varied, from assisting primary school pupils locally or shopping (even singing) for the elderly, to participating in the Charity Action Group or joining the PROMO trips to Romania and Moldova.



Ground Force 2, part of the VSU programme



Despite the absence of a ball to organise in the summer, the Parents' Association (PA) has had a busy year.

We spent a lot of time, in concert with the IT department, revamping the PA pages on the school website (www.sevenoaksschool.org), which were very out of date and tired. The PA web pages are now much easier to find from the school home page and are kept up to date, providing details of all forthcoming events and ticket application forms in downloadable form.

Our social events last year included a very successful and sell-out Spanish night in November and a quiz night in February, which was also a sell out.

In the Summer term we held our Opera Night. Hatstand Opera performed a varied programme of opera favourites, combining tremendous vocals with very witty delivery. Claridge Lawn was a perfect setting for picnicking and a school string quartet completed the elegant ambience.

Our regular events were as popular as ever. The Michaelmas term began with the annual New Parents' Supper, which always involves a very

complicated exercise in trying to place people next to likely kindred spirits. After the Carol Service at the end of term the mulled wine and mince pies disappeared with all due dispatch. The Knole Run tea in January, which involves a huge number of parents providing mountains of cakes for over 600 people, was held for the first time in the Sennocke Centre. This was a more congenial venue than the Marley Hall.

During the year we were delighted to be able to fund the purchase of a hand-made harpsichord for the Music Department and £20,000 worth of state-of-the-art laser equipment for the DT Department. In the last two years, therefore, we have made contributions to the sports, music and DT departments, in a conscious effort to try to ensure that as many pupils as possible can benefit from parents' generosity.

None of these events happen without a huge amount of work by the committee, considerable help and support from the school and most of all the attendance of the parents themselves. So many thanks to everyone involved.

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