



PATCHAM POST

May 2007

Yet another half term is approaching an end - and what a superb one it has been. Well done to everyone involved in the superb production of *The Tempest*. James Precious and Allison Perkin, both teachers in our English department, staged an outstanding play of very high quality, which took an enormous amount of time to put together. Everyone who saw it marvelled at the talent of our students, the innovative set design, the beautiful costumes and the wonderful music. It has been one of the highlights of the year so far and I owe a big thank you to all the staff and students involved in making it so special.

This term we have also welcomed Mike Newman, our new Deputy Head and Josie Hall, our new Director of Science to the staff. It is good to have them with us and they will undoubtedly both make a big impact on our students' learning.

Our Year 9 students have recently had their SATs tests and these went very well indeed. Congratulations to Year 9 students whose attendance was excellent during the SATs week - over 97%, which is a big improvement on last year. Year 11 students are now right in the middle of their examination season. It is heartening to see so many of them coming to school for an early morning revision session before their exam - perhaps the bacon butties and fruit which we are laying on at the same time is tempting! We wish them all the very best of luck - they have certainly worked very hard particularly in the last few weeks, and they deserve to do well.

Paula Sargent Head teacher

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Exciting new project for Patcham High School!

We are a group of parents who wish to support Patcham High School and are in the early stages of organising the numerous offers of help and enthusiastic suggestions we have received so far. We are looking to form a strong Parent Fundraising Group and one of our first projects is to launch a 'Minibus appeal' aiming to raise enough money to replace the older of the school's two minibuses. This will be a joint venture between students, parents and the community through fundraising events and corporate sponsorship. We are currently working on a 'thermometer' type chart to go in reception so everyone can see the project progressing. We would welcome any suggestions, volunteers, connections or expertise that anyone has to offer.

If you would like to get involved with this exciting new project, bringing benefit to all the students, we would love to hear from you. Please contact the school at office@patchamhigh.brighton-hove.sch.uk and they will pass your details on to us.

SHAKESPEARE'S 'THE TEMPEST'

Written in 1610, 'The Tempest' is a story of magic, love and revenge. Students and staff at Patcham High managed, once again, to produce a performance of high quality and professionalism. It was extremely entertaining and ultimately portrayed a new twist to an old play showing the flexibility that can be achieved with Shakespeare.

We would like to thank the cast and crew for their hard work and commitment to this project.



THE CAST

Daniel Barnard, Megan Pay, Louise Funnell, Dan Lamper, Jenny Rummery, Mike Kiley, Darren Holes, Taslima Miah, Hannah James, Charly Stringer, Craig Collins, Jade Lyons, Bradley Bernard, Angela Rogers, Charlotte Akehurst, Lauren Dengate, Layla Taylor, Sarah Holman, Amber Nicholson, Catherine Morris, Heidi Brown, Emma Holkham, Sophie Roberts, Laura Gates, Freya Rooke, Samantha Judge-Clarke, Lauren Maclean, Charlotte Akehurst, Sarah Holman.

THE CREW

Joe Weller, Josh Nicholson, Caleb Joseph, Shane Griffiths, Jamie Short, Reuben Young, Stanley Elvis-MacDonald, Jordan Hart, Sarah Connelly, Chloe Farmer, Georgina Sennett, Hannah Cunningham-Riley, Jodie Hallett, Jodie Spencer, Natasha Simmons, Danni Spero, Anthony Perkins, Ellis, Charlie, Chris Mason-Felsing, Becky Mant, Helen Foster, Alice Foster, Coral Belcher, Eddie Felix, Lucy McSinggan, Stephen Hanmer, Millie Darling, Hannah Camp-Parris, Letty Bell, James Lewin, James Precious, Andy Ingram, Mark Warner, Stephanie Brotherstone, Carol Hobden, Ben Hadden, Di Cox, Carol MacTaggart, Kate Wand, Ron Elworthy, Terry McIntyre, Phil Norton, Penny Denman, Hilary Elworthy, Nancy Meaker, Gavin Marlow, Alex Hobden, Ally Woodford, Nicky Scroggins, Erica Greeves, Rowlie Darby, Paula Sargent, Tony Tregear, Pauline Hall, Kate Elworthy.

With a special thank you to Allison Perkin and James Precious who directed and produced this remarkable play.

Sporting Highlights by Mrs Elliff

Sports Science Taster Day

30 year 10 students will be attending a sports science taster day on Tuesday 5th June 2007.

Twickenham Trip

A hugely successful trip took place with 40 students from Years 7-11 all watching the BUSA Rugby finals at Twickenham. The children behaved fantastically and were a credit to the school.

GCSE PE and Dance Moderation

This was very successful - with all students demonstrating very strong skills.

A very promising sign for the results this year.

Town Sports

This takes place at Withdean this week - good luck to all the athletes.

Netball Tournament

A huge thank you to all the staff and students who came and took part in the netball tournament to raise money for the charity SCOPE. The event was great fun and £57 was raised.

Duke of Edinburgh

Well done to the year 9's that have completed all their training for the Bronze expedition. A successful weekend was spent in Ashdown Forest - despite the rain and we are all looking forward to the test in a few weeks.

Sports Festival

The Brighton Sports Festival is taking place from Monday 2nd July to Friday 13th July. Students will be able to access many new sports such as the Triathlon, Beach volleyball, Street surfing, Dingy Sailing, Rock climbing, Golf, Beach tag rugby and lots more - see the web site for more info and keep your eyes open around school.

Aim Higher Update

The following students will be attending Aim Higher summer schools at Universities in the South East during July and August. There were over 4,000 applicants for 1,500 places so these students have done really well to gain a place.

Stephen Hanmar, Daniel Lamper and Kasia Symons will all be attending Portsmouth University. Bridget King, Jasmine Richards and Frankie Waller will all be attending Sussex University. Daniel Barnard will be at Royal Holloway University, London and Simon Woolven at University of Kent. Well done to them all.

Chess Competition 2007

Jack Corpe 9B was the school champion this year but was unable to represent the school on the day of the finals because of an alternative appointment.

Sidney Mitchell 7O qualified for the finals later in the summer. Peter Henderson 7O was very unlucky not to qualify (missed by 1/2 a point) Daniel Hill 7O, Luke Moore 7O, Harry Meadows 9G and Taylor Arneil all represented the school well but did not unfortunately qualify for the next round. We wish Sidney the best of luck for the finals.



Brighton & Hove Albion Footballer Charlie Oatway visits Patcham High

On Tuesday 15th May, Brighton and Hove Albion

Footballer Charlie Oatway came to Patcham High School to talk to 30 Year 8 and Year 9 students about the importance of improving literacy skills. Charlie Oatway has become a champion for adult literacy after he began studying to improve his own literacy. Charlie left school at 13 with no qualifications and has struggled with everyday tasks, such as filling in forms and helping his children with their homework. He told students that they should take steps to improve now, as it gets harder as you get older. He also answered questions about his career in football, Brighton and Hove Albion and the plans for the new stadium at Falmer.

YEAR 7 NEWS

Miss Pease is very impressed with the loyal members of CC4G who regularly attend every Monday. They have completed their magazine topic to a very high standard and they are now planning a gig which will involve them making promotional flyers, tickets and iron on transfers to put on their T-shirts. Don't forget join CC4G after half term and be in with a chance to win an I pod. See you on Mondays Room 14 2.50 - 3.50.

Year 7 attendance is up... and there is currently a competition for who has the best attendance this half term.

A group of pupils are regularly attending Howzart at the County Cricket ground on a Tuesday after school. 7B, 7Y and 7I have produced some beautiful landscape paintings in Art for Miss Williams.

70's new tutor is very impressed with their class monitoring sheet; they have got 13 'all excellent' comments in 7 days.

YEAR 8 NEWS

Ms Painter would like to mention the following students for their outstanding assessment work in German:

Lauren Smith, Lewis McLennan, Tom Stillwell, Stephanie Gorringer, Spencer Good, Ben South, Jordan Hart and Amy Allan.

Miss Williams would like to congratulate James Harrison, Matt Baldwin, Greg Lake, John Tibbs, Anthony Miles-Burchell and Ben Greenough for their fantastic mask drawings.

Ben Greenough and Ivy Klein have shown a great improvement in Maths, says Mrs Hunt.

Mr Kreel would like to say that Spencer Good's French work is fantastic and Jamie-Leigh Hamilton continues to be a star in German.

Ms Bliss would like to say that the following students are all doing brilliantly in their Literacy lessons and making significant progress: Luke Ambrose, Liam Baker, Lauren Long, Antony Miles-Burchell, Rebecca Peters and Sabrina Willson. Ms Bliss would also like to mention Anthony Jackson and Jordan Stacey for putting in lots of effort during their recent English lessons.

YEAR 9 NEWS

Fantastic performances at the Town Sports by :

- Sean Timoney who won his 100m heat.
- Stephen Whelan who qualified for the 400m final.
- The boys relay team of Sean Timoney, Stephen Whelan, Ahmed Shaker and Luke Deen who qualified in first place for the finals.

Also a big thank you ,for their great commitment, to those yet to compete on finals night: Josh Mason, Dan Edwards, Karl Jones and Connor James.

Safe Zone

A group of Year 9 students helped launch a trailblazing new website www.thesafezone.co.uk which has been launched to help children and young people in Brighton & Hove stay safe.

The Safe Zone provides a wealth of information to help youngsters keep out of danger and also has sections for teachers and other professionals working with children, parents and carers.

Interactive features include a fictional 'Dodgy Town' where young people can spot potential hazards and get advice on how to deal with them.



YEAR 10 NEWS

Well done from Mrs Palmer to those Year 10 students who took their first Humanities GCSE exam this week. Your attitude and behaviour was superb and I hope you all get the best results! Congratulations to those students who have filled out the application form and had an interview for being a prefect this week. I know there are still some more students to be interviewed but the applicants so far have shown a real understanding of responsibility and community spirit and I look forward to announcing the successful candidates very soon.



YEAR 11 NEWS

Well done to

- Heidi Belhawla
- Jon Cassidy
- Rosina Kawik
- Chris Neal
- Dan Peters

for 100% attendance this school year; a tremendous achievement. Ms Davies would like to commend Chelsie Joint, Darren Holes and Stephen Hanmer for showing commitment, effort and dedication in the completion of their Drama coursework.

Ms Giles and Ms Davies would like to thank the GCSE Drama group students for a memorable trip up to London to see Blood Brothers. All students were a pleasure to be with, well behaved and fun to be around.

College Attendees

Well done

to :

Adam Hart for

fabulous

attendance.

Amy Upton, Shane Griffiths, Jake Robertson, Ben Walker, Josh Schan and Nic Bryant for supreme effort. Kaylee Gregory , Amy Upton, Chris Mason-Felsing, Dan Belcher , Ed Colburn and Luke Pawson for outstanding achievement.

The Year 11 boys

football team beat Cardinal Newman and Blatchington Mill to secure a place in the Under 16 Final against Hove Park at Withdean on the 20th April.

Despite a brave effort from our boys the final score was Patcham High 1 - Hove Park 4 with Amro Shaker scoring the Patcham goal.

The team included

Luke Hamon, Paul Knott, Luke Pawson, Jordan Cole, Sam Rumaner, Justin Wood, James Novis, Scott Knight, Amro Shaker, Jake Robertson, Cody Martin, James Sharp, Shaun Clark & Lewis Whalen.

Mr Hulks would like to say a big thank you to the team for their commitment throughout the season.



Ski 2008

Please see Mrs Beard for further details about our visit to:

Hotel Les Rhododendrons, La Plagne, France.
11th - 19th April 2008.



Brittany Summer Trip

Well done to all those who have paid monies owed for this curriculum week trip. If you still owe funds please pay as soon as possible.

Re Year 7 Day Trip to France 21st June

Our day trip to St Omer is fast approaching. Look out for letters about useful information.

French Exchange Programme

Mr Beda is still looking for more volunteers to take part in this exciting initiative.

EUROPEAN HEALTH INSURANCE CARD (EHIC)

Please note that the E111 form has been replaced by the European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) Further information regarding the EHIC and the different methods available for applying are available on the Department of Health website: <http://www.dh.gov.uk/PolicyAndGuidance/HealthAdvice>

ForTravellers/fs/en

Or you can contact the Department of Health Customer Service Centre on 020 7210 4850



Christmas Trip to Paris - Year 10 & 11

The Modern Foreign Language Department is



organising a 5 day trip to Paris this coming

December. A day trip to Disneyland will be

included. This trip is open

primarily to Year 10 & 11

students taking French as a GCSE subject.

Please see Mr Beda for further information.



YEAR 9 - GCSE Religious Studies Short Course

From after the May half term, Year 9 students will be beginning their first GCSE course: this will be in Religious Studies and will be studied during Humanities lessons. Along with the other core subjects this is an area of study that all Key Stage 4 students across the country will follow by law.

The course, started in Year 9, will continue into Year 10, when it will be delivered alongside the GCSE Humanities course, or as part of the Key Skills units. The GCSE is a "short course" meaning that it will be worth half of a full GCSE. Year 10 students will be sitting a formal GCSE examination in Religious Studies in the summer of Year 10.

The course itself is very different to the sort of Religious Education many adults may remember from their time at school. Students are asked to investigate many relevant contemporary issues -abortion, world poverty, environmental destruction, terrorism, war etc. They are encouraged to reflect on their own views and beliefs having understood how different religions respond to these problems. It is an interesting and relevant course which, like the GCSE Humanities course, seeks to continually relate all learning to contemporary modern day issues.

To support your child in achieving their potential in this course and GCSE Humanities it would be helpful as a parent/carer if you could discuss these sorts of issues as they arise in the media. If you could direct their television viewing to relevant news stories and programmes this would help, as would the discussion of wider issues that regularly arise in soap operas. A range of homework tasks will be set which may involve you discussing these issues with your child!

I would be grateful if you could speak with your child about the importance of adopting a "Year 10 attitude" as they begin this GCSE course at the end of Year 9.

If you do have any questions about any of our Humanities courses, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school.

Thank you for your support in enabling all of our students to achieve their potential.

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