

# LOCKERS PARK NEWSLETTER



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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### APRIL

- Tue 26<sup>th</sup> **7.00 pm** Boarders & Flexi-Boarders return  
Wed 27<sup>th</sup> **9.15 am** Day Boys return  
Sat 30<sup>th</sup> **10.45 am** Mike Penning M.P. speaking to The Cubs

### MAY

- Sun 1<sup>st</sup> **10.30 am** Boarders' Games & BBQ  
Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> **6.00 pm** Set Supper  
Thu 5<sup>th</sup> **8.00 am** Team of 4 senior boys to Salters Chemistry Festival, UCL  
Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Drinks Party for Parents of Yrs 6 & 7  
Mon 9<sup>th</sup> **9.34 am** A7D & A7S to Renewable Energy Systems  
Tue 10<sup>th</sup> **6.45 pm** Chess Cup, simultaneous display against Steve Law  
Wed 11<sup>th</sup> **6.30 pm** Parents' Internet Safety Presentation  
Thu 12<sup>th</sup> **2.00 pm** Year 5 Maths Challenge at Wellington College  
Fri 13<sup>th</sup> **12.35 pm** Exeat begins

## UNIFORM

The Uniform Shop is very short of track suit bottoms. If you have any that your son has grown out of, especially the smaller sizes, we would be very grateful if you would bring them in. Many thanks.



## DVDs AND LEGO

Please don't forget that the boarding house would like any unwanted Lego, as well as DVDs that are suitable for the boarders. Thank you. **BTF**

## FROM THE HEADMASTER






As always, Spring Term has been a busy one, which is reflected in this very full newsletter. We have reports on activities ranging from Science and Technology challenges through to competitive hotdog eating and Basha Building. Life at Lockers is never dull. Nearly all the reports are written by the boys including a very informative article by Kieran Brown on the recent Chestnuts' trip to the Roald Dahl Museum (which has been reproduced exactly as written) – well done Kieran.

Brigid and I hope you all have a very restful Easter. If you are near a television on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April at 7.45 pm, you might want to tune in to Sky Sports 1 to see Mark Nichols lead out his beloved Newcastle United against Manchester United.

I look forward to welcoming the boys back in the Summer (when they can burn off those Easter Eggs on the cricket pitch!)

## Royal Wedding Street Party

To celebrate this special occasion, the boys will watch the Royal Wedding and enjoy a special Lockers Street Party

-  Get dressed up in red, white and blue
-  Make a flag or crown (or both)
-  Cakes would be most welcome

## TECHNOLOGY COMPETITION AT HAILEYBURY SCHOOL

On the 17<sup>th</sup> March 2011, Sam Barden, Jamie Woodley and me (Jason Richardson) were asked to compete in a Technology Competition against 15 other schools.



We arrived at Haileybury and we went into a big hall and had a briefing, which told us that the theme for these challenges was the Antarctic. Our first challenge was to build a ski jump and let a ball roll down to see which one went the furthest. We had 40 minutes to complete this challenge. Our first attempt went well and the ball went 80 cm, which was ahead of everybody, but our second run did not go as far, 76 cm. After this we had lunch.

After lunch, our second challenge was to build a Knex car powered by an elastic band. There was a catch - there were no pairs of wheels for the car. Luckily Jamie found a solution which made the car go and our car travelled about 1m. Our car was the only car in the competition to actually move. We then had another challenge which was to make a crane that could lift a chess piece through a hole. We made it out of pieces of wood and finished just in time. Our crane lifted the chess piece through the hole smoothly. Lots of other schools also managed to do this.

Then a man called Michael, who had Muscular Dystrophy, came to talk to us about his condition. This meant he found walking difficult but amazingly he has travelled to the North and South Pole for charity. After this we found out we had won the Technology competition and Michael presented us with

certificates and prizes. We were all very happy to have won and we were a really great team together.

**Jason Richardson B7P**



## HAILEYBURY SCIENCE CHALLENGE



Last week a group of four boys set off to the Science Challenge at Haileybury School. These were William Latham, Thomas Tribble, Matthew Chapman and me. We left before break and when we reached Haileybury we were shown to a science lab where we were given a series of themed challenges on the Antarctic. There were fifteen teams taking part and we were told that teamwork was equally as important as success in the challenges.

One of our physics tasks was to build a working sledge. We had limited success as a piece of sellotape snagged onto the testing ramp!

Our next challenge involved chemistry, where we were asked to find out which fuel gave the best heat to mass of fuel ratio. We did this by boiling a beaker of water containing a thermometer over a series of different fuels. It was harder than it sounds, as it took ages for the fuel to burn away.

Our third experiment concerned biology, where we had to research Antarctic foods - unfortunately this did not involve tasting different types of ice cream! We used a solution called DCPIP and were required to add as many drops of certain juices to find out which one had the highest amount of vitamin C. After a certain amount of group discussion, we decided that the quickest way for all of us was to undertake two tests each. The remaining part of this challenge was to identify how much carbohydrate certain foods contained by dropping iodine solution onto the given foods. This was a success as we found out that Pemican (a mixture of meat and fat that looks like rice) was the best.

After the experiments, we had a lecture by the only man in the world with muscular dystrophy to have reached both Poles. He walked the last 150m to the N. Pole and the last 350m to the S. Pole. He was really inspirational. The prizes were handed out and, although we didn't win, we had a brilliant time and learnt a great deal.

**Alex Millen, B7P**

### VERULAMIUM

On Tuesday we visited Verulamium museum in St. Albans. The first place we went was a mosaic with a hypocaust heating system that was in the park. When I first saw the pattern on the mosaic I was awestruck! It was unbelievably beautiful and had over two hundred thousand tiles in it. We then looked at the Roman town wall which, although it had holes in it, was pretty impressive for nearly two thousand years old. Once we had a watched

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a short DVD on the founding of St Albans we explored the museum whilst doing a worksheet. We then did a handling session of Roman artefacts, some of them were over 2000 years old, and some boys dressed up as Romans. It was really fun, I really want to do it again. Thank you to Mr Elliott for organising and Mr Rees and Miss Connolly for taking us.

**Alistair Brown & Angus Loder, C4E**

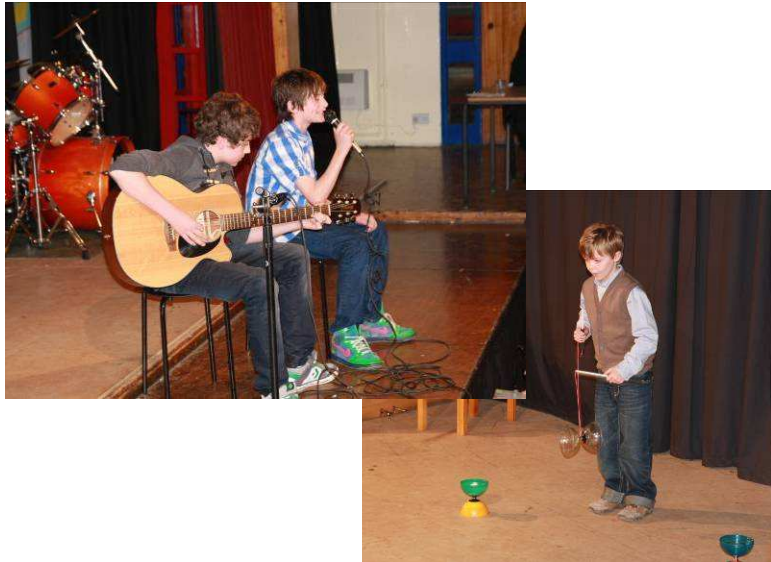
### LOCKERS GOT TALENT

On the last Sunday of term the school celebrated the third annual Lockers Got Talent. Never before has such a packed crowd enjoyed such a feast of entertainment and, as ever, the bizarre competed with the accomplished! The expert judges of Mr Gilden, Mrs Edmunds and Mrs Farquharson passed on their words of wisdom with Mr Gilden escaping lightly with just the one glass of water thrown over him!



It is hard to mention one or two acts without praising them all. However, Karamvir Kumar stuffing down hot dogs to the strains of 'Food, Glorious Food' was a sight that no one will ever forget and The Bohemian Rhapsody of

Tom Hitchcock, Jasper Williamson and Oakley McNulty was superb for the costumes alone. I also personally thought the piano/drum duet of Alistair Brown and Cameron Neil displayed huge potential. But huge congratulations to all those who took part and made the evening such a success.



However the glory lay elsewhere and deservedly so. In third place was a debut 'a cappella' rendition by Theo Dixon. In second was Arthur Tapner who expertly played the piano and sang with great aplomb and musicianship. There could only be one winner and it was without doubt the crowd's favourite. For the second year running Angus McCrorie-Shand and Clay Ostrer performed some popular music, with Clay on the vocals and Angus on his acoustic guitar. For all the eclectic variety from comedy d.i.y. to classical singing, it was apt that the cup was awarded to a performance of pure quality. They will be missed next year! **CP**



**CHESTNUTS – ROALD DAHL TRIP**

We went to the Roald Dahl museum in Great Missenden. First we went to discover more about Roald Dahl and the doors were made

of plastic Willy Wonka's chocolate and it was melting. Next I saw a little bit of Matilda and I put some stamps of Roald Dahl in my story ideas book. In the next room me, Jamie, Henry and Kristian took 14 photos of animals. Some of us sat on Roald Dahl's chair. It was cumphee.



I made a rat completely brown and yellow and stuck it on the wall in the activity room.



After, we went on the school mini bus to have lunch at Bens house. The food was yummy. I ate an apple and sandwichess and some crisps. Some of us went into Bens secret den.

**Kieran Brown, Chestnuts**



## SET DEBATE

The Set Debating has been chaired by the Head Master for the last three years, so it was with a little trepidation that I took over the role this year. To ensure that the boys were well prepared, I arranged for a teacher from Haileybury school to come and take a master-class on the finer points of debating. The result was quite impressive. All 12 boys involved produced notes on flash cards and spoke to the audience rather than reading from a script. This would be a very difficult task for many adults but the boys made it look easy. Every one of them had their own style and I was really pleased to see them all speaking with confidence.

The winners of the competition were Henry Millen and Tom Hitchcock, debating against the motion that it is better to be brainy than sporty. They both had totally different styles: Henry was calm, well prepared and had a lengthy speech; Tom made everyone laugh with his first words. The partnership worked on many levels and they deserved to win.



Two boys were recognised for their superb individual speeches. Jamie Jordache spoke eloquently about whether or not Aliens exist and James Hughes was a force to be reckoned with when arguing that teachers should not be replaced with computers. We have some considerable talent coming through the school and it was great to see several boys from Year 6 (Matthew Chapman, Jason Richardson and Hugh

Phillipson) alongside the Year 8s (James McCran, James Sutherland, Matthew Phillipson, Beau Bartholomew-White and Angus McCrorie-Shand) who, I hope, will continue to debate at their next schools. The audience also get their time to shine in the debating competition as there is a chance for the Floor to make points in each debate. This year the prize for best comment went to Terence Cheong, for making an intelligent and thoughtful point. The bar has been set pretty high for next year. Well done, boys!

**CMG**

## UPPINGHAM SKILLS DAY

On the 20<sup>th</sup> March, a group of Year 6 boys travelled up to Uppingham School for the annual Skills Day. Below are some of their experiences:



### Archery and Juggling

First of all we did Archery. This was very fun as we all got lots of goes. A few people from Lockers got a gold score. Nobody got a bulls-eye. We then went to have lunch in one of the boys' houses – roast followed by jelly which was really good. After lunch we went back to the school and did some juggling. I thoroughly enjoyed this and can now juggle three balls. Everyone got a free packet of three juggling balls. The teacher also showed us a couple of magic tricks.

**Oscar Merifield, B7P**

### Motor workshop.

I did Motor Workshop which was amazing. The person who took it was an old boy from Lockers called Tim Taylor. After about 2 hours everyone had lunch at a school boarding house. I ate at Brooklands which meant having lunch with another old boy named Dominic Walker.

After lunch we all went back to our activity where we sandblasted a piston head and did some welding. Everyone had a great day. Thanks, Mr Moubray

**Robert Arthur, B7P**

### Art and ceramics

It was a great day and everyone enjoyed themselves. The activity I did was Arts and Ceramics when we made huge clay rabbits and fishes. One of the people came up with the idea of making the fish eating someone. (Afterwards everyone used that idea.) After an hour we had a lovely lunch of roast potatoes, chicken and carrots. I thoroughly enjoyed myself and I hope everyone else did too. **Thom Tribble, B7P**

### Product design

This was a great activity. We started by drawing a design which we then scanned and heated onto a tea mug. After a really good lunch, we returned to the workshop to make "desk tidies" for pens, pencils and money etc. We cut out shapes in wood, covering them with plastic and then drilled holes. I therefore returned with two good products. After time in the tuck shop, we drove back to school.

**Matthew Phillipson, B7P**

### Theatre

We spent the day looking at special effects and mainly sound effects for plays in the morning. Then we learnt about special effects and we were shown how to make fake fire. After a great lunch, we did some acting games and made some masks. It was a really good day out. **Vin Buckley, B6D**

### Basha Building

I really enjoyed this activity. We spent the day building bashas (army camps) in the woods outside Uppingham. The best part was cooking our lunch made from army food (rations). I also liked painting myself with camouflage cream. We also went orienteering which was also good.

**Igor Verhoturov, B6D**

### JOHNNY AND THE DEAD

From the moment the audience came through the front doors into the Boys' Hall, they knew something unusual was happening. In front of them a skeleton, on the floor a body bag and standing by the side, a statue of the Grim Reaper. We were lucky there were no heart attacks, the way some people jumped in shock as the body bag suddenly sat up and the Grim Reaper lurched towards them!



Johnny and the Dead is a play about a 12 year old boy saving a cemetery from the developers. The audience was wowed by a fantastic set and some very creative costumes. Dead people, rising from gravestones was just the tip of the iceberg. There was some fantastic acting and the audience really enjoyed the whole experience. My favourite bit were the dead, rather jerkily, dancing to Michael Jackson's "Thriller". Another fantastic production by Cathy McGregor – our new Head of English has a lot to live up to! **SG**



## **BOARDERS' ACTIVITIES**

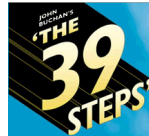
### **Paintballing**

The boarders' paintball trip began bright and early thanks to the clock going forward. We arrived at Delta Force Centre and got all our equipment, which included an armour pack, one piece suit, paintball container, goggles and helmet. Then we had to fill out a form and Mr Phillips got all our paintballs. We all had 320 paintballs handed out equally through every round. The boarders were split up into 2 groups - the greens and the browns. We had 3 rounds of 2 games.

Our first round was called total assassination, which ended as a draw. Our second round was capture the statue "moai" which is a wooden statue like the ones from Easter Island. The brown team was defending the statue while the green team was trying to capture the statue and take it to the flag. The green team didn't manage to touch the statue but when it was the brown team's turn we waited until the end. Then I took the statue and ran but it was too late and the Marshall said the game was over, so it was a draw again.

In the last round the aim of the game was to get the pilot to a special area without getting hit. The greens went first and failed again when the pilot got shot after 3 minutes. Then it was the brown's turn and after 1 minute we got our pilot to the special area. We then went back to the school at 1 pm.

**Luke Campbell, B7P**



## **39 Steps at The Criterion**

The 39 Steps is a comedy based on Hitchcock's film version of John Buchan's book. I recently saw the film and was surprised by just how similar the play was to the original on the silver screen. The only difference really is that the play is a four-hander, so the three men and one woman in the cast have to play all the parts. As you can imagine, this causes some tricky situations... The boarders got to sit in the front two rows, so we had the best seats in the house and felt part of the action. The boys were beautifully well behaved and managed not to get lost during the walk through a ridiculously busy Leicester Square on a sunny Sunday afternoon. Mrs Edmunds and I thoroughly enjoyed the company of the boys and we all enjoyed the hilarious entertainment.

Jolly good show. **CMG**

### **Yo Ho HO - Pirate Night at Lockers**

The boarders enjoyed a swashbuckling night of pirates, Carribean food and climbing the rigging.



## 1ST XV

The final match of the season was away at Heath Mount. Once the game was underway, it wasn't long before the dominant Lockers pack made their mark allowing the backs to score. This was an indication of how the game would continue with Christopher Bracewell scoring a hat trick from full back and Charlie Lupton scoring two tries. Charlie also kicked two conversions to give Lockers a 29-0 lead. To Heath Mount's credit they never gave and scored with the last play of the game to make the final score 29-7. This was the end to a fantastic season for the 1st XV as they remain unbeaten. The boys should be very proud of their performance. **GT**

## 2ND XV

We have been asked to keep the final team reports short, so I shall merely make comparisons - they are all meant as compliments! **CP**



William R & James S: *Getting on a flat wicket versus Zimbabwe*

George O: *Stuart Broad*

Angus & Zach: *those two raptors in Jurassic Park*

Matthew B & Henry M: *Eddie the Eagle (but good!)*

Ben A: *Ghandi playing for the All Blacks*

Alex W: *Jonny*

Terence C, Nick S, Alex V, Beau B-W & Anthony Yu: *Habakkuk, 1:8*

Jasper W: *The Terminator*

Tom H & Freddie W: *Job (the patience of...)*

Kyle G & Harry M: *Kieron Dyer*

## COLTS A RUGBY

The second half of term seemed to be tougher than the first as we had more away games and couldn't play the slope card as often. There was a bit of a hiccup at York House, something to do with a gum shield that went missing and an interpretation of the laws. I was on tour so couldn't possibly comment!



The boys played extremely well against Edge Grove on the first team pitch, and in a very physical game came out on top again.

Westbrook Hay visited the slope and realised how valuable it is to score before half time. Tries from all phases of play were too much for our neighbours.

The match against Beechwood however, was a different story. A game which flowed and stopped, mainly due to Lockers making countless errors. We were ahead until the last five minutes, and then somehow, with what we thought was the last play, scored under the posts. The referee had different ideas and we kept going and going until it appeared that the Beechwood coach was leaving to take the boys home. He eventually blew his whistle for full time, and very weary players left the field. Lockers triumphant by 26-21

Heath Mount was a scrappy game, but I'm glad to report that Robert Arthur dominated the line out and had a very impressive match in another victory.



The boys can look back at a very successful season in which they entertained their parents with some breathtaking handling and solid defensive work. **DD**

## UNDER 12 RUGBY

The under 12's travelled to Shrewsbury and played a strong Prestfelde side. It was the perfect weather for a quick running backs game and Lockers didn't disappoint. The backs ran good lines and tore the Prestfelde defence to shreds with tries for Hector Chadwick (3), Jamie Woodley (2), Alex Verkhoturov and Kwaku Antwi. George Garrett kicked two conversions and the final score was 39-10. This was a great start to the trip and the boys thoroughly enjoyed staying at Shrewsbury School and the day of new sports that followed. **GT**

**STOP PRESS:** After a long period of negotiation, we are delighted to bring you the exciting news that Lockers is one of two locations under consideration by the IOC as a venue for one of the Olympic 'trial' sports – Skateboard Cross. Similar to ski and snowboard cross, four skateboarders race along a special track. As well as the competition standard track, the IOC proposes to install a Half-Pipe, Quarter Pipe and Mega Ramp for trick boarding and, as part of the Olympic legacy, these will become a permanent fixture at Lockers. If we are successful, work will begin digging up and concreting over our front cricket square after Easter with a view to an official opening 12 months from today. (Renowned cricket lover SG says, "Thank Goodness".) Fingers crossed!



If you have any queries about this, or want to register for tickets, contact Steve Gilden at [sgilden@lockerspark.herts.sch.uk](mailto:sgilden@lockerspark.herts.sch.uk)



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Saturday, 18th June 2011  
Booking forms available in the Boys  
Hall