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The Court Circular

Strong results



The Head's Lines

Splendid results continue to arrive—we have nearly all of them now.

The girls have again surpassed themselves—with another year of 100% passes in all exams taken.

Congratulations go to:

- Jasper King (Box Hill)
- Jack Miller (Trinity, Teignmouth)
- Melissa Hayes (St George's)
- William Rawding (Halliford)
- Eddie Brown (Reed's)
- Nico Coetzee (Reed's)
- Sam Druitt (Reed's)
- George Duncan (Reed's)
- Max Hobbs (Reed's)
- Stuart McCully (Reed's)
- Max O'Hagan (Reed's)
- Ed Scott (Reed's)
- Alex Stephen (Reed's)
- George Trueman (Reed's)

I learned a great deal from the rather scary **Internet Awareness** forum on Tuesday—many thanks to those who attended. I have resolved to hold the course again for all my staff, and would like to hold another evening later in the year for those who could not make it. It covered the more obvious issues like unsuitable material, but also covered issues like cyberbullying, grooming and other less likely but nevertheless serious issues. Do look out for it. Meanwhile, I have added the company's link to our website (see under practical information).

Following some comment by a parent we have conducted an **inspection of all the games bags** in years 3 and 4. On the whole the changing system works well, but a few younger children are not good at keeping their stuff together. (Normally by the upper school they have mastered the skill, although it is never perfect). Inevitably, stuff does go astray—and it would in time find its way back, if it were clearly labelled. We did find over one hundred items

(excluding socks and underpants) that were not labelled. I would draw your attention to the Parents' Handbook and the advice it gives on how and where to label clothes. May I request that you glance through the washing over half term and make sure all items have your child's name on them.

Pleasingly, we found only two items in the wrong bags, and we are grateful to parents who return stolen items to their correct owners, which clearly is happening!

I haven't had a "**coffee clinic**" for some time. Any parent who wants to raise an issue informally, or ask any general advice, or who just likes the sound of my voice ?? is invited to drop in for a cup of coffee with me in my office on Thursday 25th February between 8.15 and 9 a.m.

I do hope that you have a good half term. Please be careful on the slopes—at least you should have excellent snow!

And finally...

A man wandered over to the lost property office at Gatwick and told the lady there that his bags hadn't turned up on the carousel.

"Don't worry," she reassured him. "You are in the hands of a trained professional staff.

"Now tell me, has the plane arrived yet?"



Courtiers Cricket

Looking for the occasional game of cricket on a Sunday? No obligations and little skill required! A group of present and past fathers play a few games from May onwards, at the school or locally. New volunteers required. Call Paul Cope on 07768 718238.

Headmaster's Commendations

Third badges have been presented to Holly Denham, Lara Martin and Jessica Morley.

Second badges have been presented to David Cavanagh and James Singh.

First badges have been presented to Joely Bonner, Tom Cupis, Joe El-Majdoubi, Olivia Harborow and Alexandra Morley.

Certificates have been presented to Michael Butler, Antony Cova, Anya Devon-Berry, Ben Dickinson, Sam Druitt, Lily Galpin, Carly Johnston, Morgan Johnston, Theo Keywood, Jamie Knowland, Tom Peak, Alex Stephen, Francesca Zamboni

Times Tables

Certificates have been presented to the following:

Level 5 Mariné Coetzee

Level 4 Cameron Gow

Level 3 Olivia Harborow, Georgina Jacobs

Level 2 Taylor Burton, Guy Tucker

Level 1 Christopher Ballard, Emilie Ballard, Rhys Betancourth, Oliver Bradshaw, Isabelle Carey, Mollie Casey, Oliver Cupis, Murray Dare, Gwendy Davenport, Will Farnsworth, Lauren Griffiths, Tom Hurford, Julius Jones, Jamie Knowland, Elliot Lewis, Luke Martin, Tom Portsmouth, Henry Robertson, Jasmin Walker, Oliver York, Francesca Zamboni

SPORTS NEWS AND REPORTS

Ripley score first

Rugby

Wednesday 3 February

1st XV v Duke of Kent 21—25

U11A 15—10

U11B 20—10

2nd XV v Parkside 14—21

Thursday 4 February

U9A v Longacre 50—10

Friday 5 February

1st XV v Belmont 45—5

Monday 8 February

U10 v Surbiton 40—5

U9A v Belmont 45—5

Girls' Hockey

Wednesday 3 February

U10A v Edgeborough 5—2

Monday 8 February

U9A v Downsend 5—1

U9B 3—4