



# Exams over

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# The Court Circular

## The Head's Lines



Now that our brief interlude with exams is over we can look forward to the last weeks of this term. I also look forward to meeting with Year 8 parents to discuss the final push on Monday 28th November.

I am grateful to the majority of parents for playing the game with respect to the exams. There are pinch times - such as now, in Year 6 and Year 8, but otherwise we do see exams as more of a familiarisation process. It is unwise, in my experience, to get too stressed about exam performance - it neither aids performance nor enjoyment of learning.

Accepting the challenge of competitive entry to senior schools is another thing altogether - and this tends to happen at Years 6 and 8. In general I can say that the performance of next year's examination candidates is very much on target; those few who need a little extra attention will be getting it immediately.

I would remind you of the important events - the Xmas Fair on Saturday 26th November and the carol services and nativities in the last week, all of which require a considerable input from the participants. In particular, those new to the school need to note the various sets of instructions which emerge at those times.

As we approach the darkest part of the year I would urge caution around the site at pick-up times, particularly in the car park when children become less visible. The Deputy Head has also asked me to remind you that there are NO AFTER SCHOOL SWIMMING LESSONS in the weeks beginning 21 and 28 November and that the older children must come to and go from school in full uniform, including blazers.

And finally, since Autumn seems to be thinking of turning up...

Today's lawn & garden tip. If you haven't found the hedge trimmer yet, forget it. It's almost time now to lose the leaf rake.

I got tired of looking at all those leaves in the garden, so I got up off the couch and went into action. I closed the curtains.

Autumn is a season for big decisions -- like whether or not it's too late to start spring cleaning.

## Headmaster's Commendations

**Third Badges** have been presented to Niamh Parker, Owen Sears

**Second Badge** has been presented to Tom Portsmouth

**First Badges** have been presented to Emily Grant, Tom Hurford, Elliot Lewis, Sujan Rikhi, Freddie Zamboni

**Certificates** have been presented to Joely Bonner, Lily Galpin, Tom Hemsworth, William Hurford, Hope MacMillan, George Orford, Charlie Parker, Laurence Piper, Max Romero, Sam Sciarretta, Ben Shatz, Jasmin Walker, Eve White, Francesca Zamboni

## Times Tables

Certificates have been presented to the following:

**Level 5** Freddie Buxton, Lynette Huo, Daniel Price, Freddie Zamboni

**Level 3** Matthew Grafton

**TRAVELLING BOOK FAIR** The book fair will be at the RCPA Christmas Fair on Saturday 26 November and in school from Monday 28 November—Thursday 1 December. Please look out for posters.



**The RCPA Christmas Fair—Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2011 from 12 noon – 2pm**  
There's plenty on offer at the fair next weekend—stalls with Christmas gifts, fundraisers, entertainments, lunch (soup, sausages in rolls), refreshments (mulled wine, mince pies), take home delights (cakes, Christmas puddings) and the famous RCPA bottle tombola

**But please note—you will need to bring CASH or a CHEQUE BOOK. There will be no card facilities at the fair—shake out your piggy banks and come prepared ...**

THANK YOU!



Please note that this **Friday's Middle and Upper School disco** ends at 6 p.m.



# CHRISTMAS FUN

**DATES: 19-23 DECEMBER**

**TIMES: 9.00—3.30**

**EARLY BIRD 8.00—9.00**

All pupils, siblings & friends  
from Year 1 upwards welcome

Further details from Mr Brunning

