

Dear Parents

It is all too easy in a school like ours to focus on the things that go on outside the classroom when writing the fortnightly newsletter. This week looks like being no exception - as I write, we are halfway through our run of the amazing musical, CATS. It is opportunities like this that are the making of the most wonderful memories from the school days of students, but they don't just happen, and are the result of many many hours of hard work from the staff - especially Helene Barrell and Matthew Rudd in this case - behind the scenes. I'm sure that all who either saw the performance, or had a daughter in it, will echo my thanks to all involved.

It is also important in an academic and intellectual school not to forget to celebrate our core activity - teaching and learning in the classroom. Although we may have a slightly different approach to other schools, we are passionately committed to doing what great teachers have done for decades - asking and answering great questions, and having subject-knowledge experts giving superb explanations. As I walk around the school on a day-to-day basis, it is wonderful to see a variety of learning activities occurring, sometimes with digital resources, sometimes not, often with high levels of collaboration, but sometimes solitary and silent. In many cases there is creativity and innovation involved - but sometimes our students are wrestling with the same problem that has challenged the teenage brain for hundreds of years. At the heart of everything is a care for the individual that goes above and beyond the call of duty and is a very special feature of the school.

To finish, I have two local issues that I would like to take this opportunity to highlight to you, in preference to another School Post mailing. Firstly, we have noticed an increase in the number and activity of Parking Attendants in the area and would not want any of our parents to fall victim to a ticket during the incredibly busy pick up time at the end of the day. Secondly, I would like to commend the incredibly fast work of the police in apprehending a suspect who we reported had been giving unwanted attention to our students when travelling to school.

Kind regards,

Dave Walker
Head of Senior School



Year 9 Trip to the Sainsbury Centre for Visual Arts

On Friday 18th November the Visual Arts and Design Engineering departments took the whole of Year 9 on a trip to Norwich to see the world-renowned Sainsbury Centre for Visual Arts, and campus of the University of East Anglia, or UEA.

This was an annual trip for Year 9 and was an opportunity to view the artworks purchased by Robert & Lisa Sainsbury, whose collections represent some of the most remarkable works of art assembled in the United Kingdom spanning some 5,000 years of human creativity, the temporary exhibitions and also the unique architecture of the UEA campus, one of the first purpose built campus universities in the UK. Designed by Sir Denys Lasdun in 1961, it incorporated new ideas about academic thinking for which UEA has become renowned.

With its motto of "do different" and focus on interdisciplinarity across subjects, the departments were integrated into a "teaching wall" from which students could famously "get out of bed to lecture room in 5 minutes".

During the day there were directed learning activities relating to the understanding and appreciation of visual art, the built environment, life at university, and architectural design. Students attended the exhibition 'Fiji' and learnt about the art and culture of this historical trading post and life in the Pacific.



Sports Results

U14 Netball

The U14 netball squad had their County Tournament on 12th November in Cambridge. The team performed well, winning their first four matches showing grit, determination and versatility on the court. The next game against St Mary's was an exciting match and the girls fought well in the first half against a tough team. In the second half, St Mary's pulled away and this resulted in a first defeat for the team. The girls quickly pulled themselves together and won all the rest of their matches by one, which left them in a very respectful third place. Well captained by Maddy Frear and Grace O'Connor as vice.



U16 Netball

The Stephen Perse U16 netball team qualified for the County Tournament on 12th November to compete for a place at Regionals. The squad of 10, led by Pheobe Dix as captain, got off to a fabulous start by winning their first match comfortably. Using their versatility and confidence, the girls adapted to play in different positions and the whole squad played their part in a very impressive winning streak. Drawing with St Mary's only made the team more determined to put their heads down and win all of their remaining matches. The squad were incredible and the very wet and cold weather soon disappeared when the girls were presented with the winning trophy. An excellent team performance; Regionals here we come!



U14 Regional Qualifiers

After a fantastic showing at the U14 county tournament, our Year 9 hockey team travelled to Bedford Hockey and Athletics Centre to represent Cambridgeshire at the East Regional qualifiers. With the best of the East region schools in attendance, the standard was high and as ever, our team rose to the occasion. After a 0-0 draw with Haileybury School where SPF did everything but score, the pressure was on to avoid defeats in the later, more difficult matches. Having taken the lead against Norwich School thanks to an Isabel Echenique thunderbolt into the roof of the net, their defence was tested time and again. In their dying minutes a goal was conceded and a 1-1 draw left us needing a win to progress. And win we did...Cranbrook were beaten 1-0 in an end-to-end match, full of excitement and chances for both teams. However a strong defensive performance and more clinical finishing from Isabel Echenique saw SPF not only progress to the final stages, but as group winners.

In the final round, the winners progressing to the second stage of the regional competition, SPF performed brilliantly in the first half, and could have scored a couple of goals against a strong New Hall side. The mantra at half time was more of the same. Our opposition came out fighting however and nicked a goal, forcing SPF to pile forward. Caught on the counter-attack, we were unfortunate to concede again and finish third in the tournament.

The SPF U14 hockey team were very unfortunate not to progress but can be extremely proud of their day, and what they have achieved, becoming the first hockey team to a regional tournament as the Stephen Perse Foundation.



Team	Opposition	Result	Score	Player of the Match
U12A	Bedford Girls	L	0-4	Lauren Caley - playing with grit and determination and Jessica Bainton - Calm when under pressure
U12A	St Faith's	L	1-2	Sophie Allen - working hard to track back and help in defence
U12A	Perse	L	0-3	Saskia Stock- dominant in the middle
U12A	Kimbolton	D	1-1	Monika Marino- tirelessly working upfront to create goal scoring opportunities
U12A	Kings Ely	W	3-0	Ciara Keegan - Consistently setting up attacks on the right hand side
U12A	Bedofrd Girls	L	1-3	Mary Coates - determination on the pitch
U12A	St Faith's	L	0-1	Zoe Nixon- outstanding goalkeeping
U12A	Perse	W	3-0	Safia Moore - moving the ball quickly and wide from the back
U12A	Kimbolton	L	3-0	Elena Iqbal-Gilling - using the ball wisely when turning defence into attack
U12A	Kings Ely	W	3-2	Safia Moore- solid performance in defence
U12A	Perse	W	3-0	Zoe Roach- Great speed and control down the wing
U12A	Kings Ely	W	1-0	Olivia Dennis - Creating space with great movement
U12A	Perse	W	5-0	Tanvi Singh - Great stick skills
U12A	Kings Ely	W	4-1	Emily Apostolou- Fantastic workrate down the right hand side of the pitch

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Team	Opposition	Result	Score	Player of the Match
U13A	Bedford Girls	L	2-3	Cecilia Strickland- looking after the ball and moving it well
U13A	St Mary's	W	3-0	Lily Richards - great skills and fired a few fierce shots across goal
U13A	St Faith's	L	1-5	Cecilia Strickland - got stuck in and intelligently
U13A	Perse	L	1-4	Poppy Challis - good work rate and created our goal
U13A	Kimbolton	W	2-1	Cecilia Strickland - good ball movement and a good goal
U13B	Bedford Girls	L	0-4	Izzy Beardsworth - good work rate
U13B	St Mary's	W	6-0	Scarlett Pleseance- scoring good goals
U13B	St Faith's	D	1-1	Charlotte Wilson - good distribution around the top of the D
U13B	Perse	W	2-0	Izzy Beardsworth - key player in creating counter attacks
U13B	Kimbolton	D	2-2	Charlotte Wilson - ignited our comeback from the right wing
U13C	St Faith's	W	5-0	Laura Burton - for her hat-trick
U13C	Perse	W	8-0	Alicia Hainsworth-Adams - outwitting defenders effortlessly
U13D	St Faith's	W	2-1	Biba Cope Brown - solid attacking play
U13D	Perse	W	2-0	Bethany Barnett - demonstrating her ability to eliminate defenders and pick the right pass

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Team	Opposition	Result	Score	Player of the Match
U14A	County Tournament	2nd	W3, D2, L1	Josie Stock/Daisy Proctor - brilliant partnership down the right
U134A	SWCH	D	1-1	Aoife Screaton - strong in the tackle and good distribution
U14A	Regionals	3rd (topped group)	W1, D2, L1	Isabel Echenique - goals from midfield
U14A	St Mary's	W	3-0	Isabel Echenique - ran riot in midfield and took her goal well
U14A	Perse	L	0-3	Sarah Marshall- fantastic presence in defence
U14B	St Mary's A	L	1-5	Lauren Timperley - good ball movement
U14B	Melbourn	D	0-0	Lizzie Roberts - tenacious in midfield
U14B	Perse	L	0-1	Olivia Hay - direct running in attack
U14B	St Mary's B	W	3-2	Penny Roth - hat-trick hero!
U15A	SWCH	D	0-0	Ella Savage - won the midfield battle
U15A	Netherhall	W	7-0	Katherine Heylen - good distribution out of defence
1st XI	SWCH	W	1-0	Henriette Topel - always finding space and creating chances

Cambridge Parenting Teenagers – Monday 28th November

On Monday 28th November at Ashburton Hall on Trumpington Road the final Parenting Teenagers event will take place. Well-known author and international speaker Rob Parsons and his colleague Katherine Hill will be talking to parents/ carers/educators about this important subject addressing a number of different topics related to "parenting teenagers". They will discuss topics such as the teenage brain, working towards good outcomes, managing social media and more. Everyone is welcome to this free event. *Please note this is not an SPF event.*

