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# Newsletter

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## Director of 6th Form College – introduction

Dear Parents,

Whether it's through a private word or more public acclamation, most of us appreciate recognition of our efforts and achievements. The autumn term is something of a long haul, so it has been especially gratifying to see the successes and talents of students recognised in many spheres.

Students who have sent off their university applications are now starting to receive news of interviews and offers. One student even received an unconditional offer for a highly competitive course this week, a reflection no doubt of an outstanding body of work experience and technical expertise which she had amassed over many years. Whilst I have no doubt she would have secured the grades required by "standard" entrants to the course, it was gratifying to see her exceptional skills recognised in this manner. Unconditional offers for students yet to sit their sixth form examinations are rare creatures indeed, so the fact that one of her chosen universities, probably her first choice, wanted her so very much really made a difference.

On a creative plane, we have seen some outstanding musical performances in the Autumn Concert and, last week, at evensong at Trinity. The opportunity to sing in such a setting on the day of Sir John Taverner's passing will no doubt be a lasting memory for all concerned, but reflects a wider recognition of the talents and standing of our students. Within the College itself, a new hang of art is a superb testimony to the creativity of so many students. It was particularly pleasing to see the initiative of one individual in promoting photography within the College and how this has been taken up by other students. Some of their work is, I believe, truly outstanding and now hangs in the coffee shop.



*Photograph by Julia Schaff, L6*

As an institution, we of course celebrate the award of Sunday Times IB School of the Year, a splendid accolade not simply for last year's IB students, but I would suggest, for the whole sixth form community. Good, hard-working, engaged students are the heart of the College and whether they follow an IB or an A level route, all contribute to this culture. The College is very much the sum of its parts. In a week when our performance at IB has been nationally recognised, our student newspaper won a national award and one of our Geographers was acknowledged as producing some of the best examination papers in the country; it is the whole student body we acclaim.

With kind regards,  
Mr Stuart Jack  
Director of Sixth Form

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## StepOut Drama Workshop

Last Saturday the Drama Department ran a one day drama workshop for children from local primary schools.

The theme for the day was Cautionary Tales – we had great fun putting together a show for family and friends. The stories that inspired our performance were originally written to frighten Victorian children into being good – they are both funny and horrific at the same time. We took inspiration from The Story of Little Suck-a-Thumb, Matilda, Who Told Lies and Was Burned to Death, The Story of Flying Robert and The Story of Johnny Look-in-the-Air.

Three members of U6 assisted with the workshop (you can see them at work in the video clip below) - Olivia Buchanan, Catriona Bolt and Ignatius Ivlev-Yorke.

*StepOut Workshop - Cautionary Tales*



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*Metamorphoses* – tickets now on sale!

This term's main school production is *Metamorphoses*, a modern reworking of the original tales from Ovid.

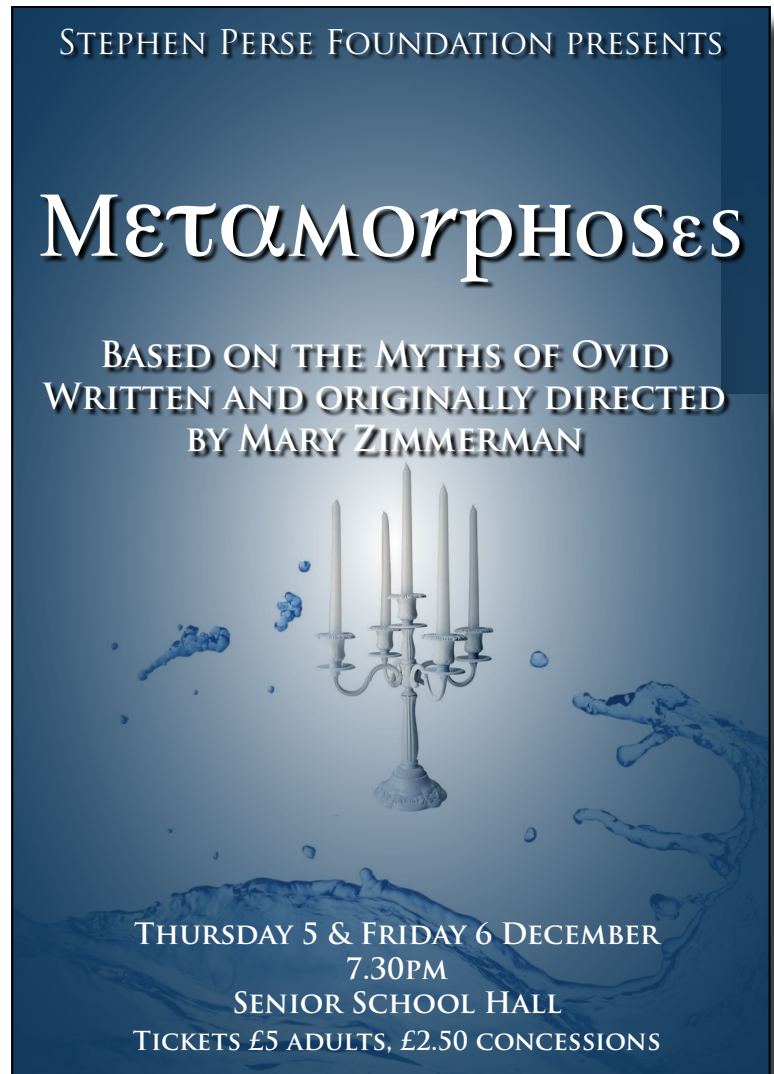
There are some fantastic stories of love, loss, greed, revenge and foolishness, all played out around an ancient pool of water.

We are staging the performance in the centre of the Hall with the audience on two sides so it will be quite unique!

The production also incorporates original music composed by alumna Anna Wells.

The performances take place on Thursday 5 and Friday 6 December at 7.30pm.

Tickets cost £2.50 for children and concessions and £5 for adults and are being sold at the Senior School and Sixth Form College receptions.



## Public Examinations

Parents and students please note that all JCQ documents intended for public exam candidates have been posted on the portal for your information.

Public exam dates for Summer 2014 are now available on the portal.

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## It's Christmas Present Time!

As a College we try to provide Christmas presents for the 13 homeless young women who will be resident in Whitworth House this December. We would really appreciate your support in collecting items which we can then donate to the house.

We are looking to fill 13 boxes with presents and Christmas food/chocolate over the next fortnight. The kind of items we are looking for might include:

- Nice toiletries
- Christmas chocolate
- Accessories
- Gift vouchers
- Socks, tights, gloves
- Games/activities
- Or anything else that might be appropriate for 16-23 year old young women.

We would love any donations to arrive at the College by **6th December**. Alternatively, you may wish to make a financial donation. Any financial donations can be made out to The Friends of Whitworth House, and handed in to the SPSFC reception addressed to Miss Taylor.

If you would like more information on the charity their web address is [www.friendsofwhitworthhouse.org](http://www.friendsofwhitworthhouse.org)

Thank you very much in advance for any support you are able to provide. We are really looking forward to being able to contribute to the spirit of Christmas for the residents of Whitworth House. There have been some amazingly generous contributions in the past and I am sure there will be again this year.

## Book Club

Our next meeting will be on Monday, 6 January, at 8pm (contact Sarah Beeson, 01223 294108). We will discuss 'Stoner' by John Williams and 'The Humans' by Matt Haig. We always have a lively discussion and are keen to welcome new members. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Martha Crouch for details (020 7638 6983, [martha.crouch@btinternet.com](mailto:martha.crouch@btinternet.com))

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