



# The Cooper School, Bicester

Where 'Learning Matters'



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## FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Looking back at my Headteacher's part of the two previous summer-term newsletters, it is apparent that I have used it as an opportunity to reflect back on the successes of the school over that academic

year. So for this year I have decided that I am going to look forwards as well as backwards! Whilst there have been many changes during the course of this year I believe that September 2008 will herald the biggest set of changes in the three years that I have been at The Cooper School. Obviously there will be some significant changes and improvements to the premises which will take place over the summer vacation and which will be noticed by returning students and parents at the start of the next academic year. The change in school uniform is also another significant development. The most noticeable change, however, is in the staffing at the school.

Firstly we have four long-serving members of staff who are retiring (or 'semi-retiring!'). As I mentioned in the March newsletter, two of my Senior Leadership Team (Pauline Wainman and Martin Rees) are retiring. In the case of Mrs Wainman, she is going to be working part time for the East Oxfordshire 14 – 19 Consortium from September 2008. In addition Terry Smith (Head of Modern Foreign Languages) and Andy Hoyland (Head of Mathematics) are retiring after a collective 58 years of service to the school! In Mr Hoyland's case he is coming back on a part time basis as a Mathematics teacher in September. There will be many parents reading this who will be remembering that they were taught by these teachers whilst they were students at the school. I am sure that all parents would wish to join myself and the rest of the staff and students at the school in wishing them a long, prosperous and fulfilling retirement. Their service, both individually and collectively, to The Cooper School over the years has been monumental and contributed to the success of the school over that time.

In addition we say a fond farewell and grateful thanks to:

- Daniel Burton (Head of History) is going to join Ofsted as a Lead Inspector;
- Lilian Brodley (Music) is going to teach at New College School, Oxford;
- Lisa Hewitt (Geography) is going to move to Spain and teach English as a Foreign Language;
- Hannah Tossell (Science) has gained promotion as KS4/5 Co-ordinator of Science at Didcot Girls School;
- Hannah Boyne (Head of Girls PE) has gained a position at Frank F Harrison Engineering College, Walsall as Pupil Progress Manager;
- Sandra Millar (Science) is moving because of her husband's job and has gained a position at Cirencester Deer Park School, Cirencester;
- Matthew Hutchings (PE) has gained promotion as KS4 Co-ordinator at a school in High Wycombe;
- Joseph Lancaster-Burley (Mathematics) is moving back to Sheffield;
- Tracey Edmunds (PE & Textiles) is going to take up a PE post at Bartholomew School, Eynsham;
- Marina Burns – part-time teacher of MFL;
- Gabrielle Heffernan (Teaching Assistant) will leave the school on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2008 to do a Master's degree in Egyptology at Birmingham University.

In terms of the appointment of new staff for September, the following will either be joining or moving to new positions of responsibility at The Cooper School:

- Tony Rushworth – Deputy Headteacher (currently vice-principal of an academy in the North East);
- Zoe Schmidt – Head of Mathematics;
- Pamela Hickman – Head of Modern Foreign Languages;

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- Yvonne Roberts-Ablett – Head of History;
- Sally McMillan – Second in Mathematics;
- Charlotte Roberts – Learning Co-ordinator for Year 7;
- Jenny Alder – Assistant Learning Co-ordinator for Year 7;
- Ben McCarey – Acting Second in English (to cover Nicole Dingwall’s maternity leave);
- Lydia Douet – Acting Second in MFL (to cover Karine Roche-Ali’s maternity leave);
- Kate Stone – Science Teacher with responsibility for KS3 and Science Specialist Status (Community);
- Jane Carpenter – teacher of PE;
- Jade Nowland – teacher of PE;
- Esther Miller – teacher of Science;
- Jefferey Simmonds – teacher of PE;
- Monja Raekow – teacher of Modern Foreign Languages;
- Victoria Cawood – teacher of Geography;
- Sharon Beckett – Music and Drama Teacher;
- Deborah Morris – Textiles Teacher;
- Dr Alison White – teacher of Science;
- Ms Hilary Spink – teacher of Maths;
- Julia Nethercot – Teaching Assistant;
- Kathryn Nugent – Science Technician;
- Emily Bedford – Teaching Assistant.

A number of our new teachers are already working at the school for the remaining weeks of this term and are all settling in really well. I am sure that all of our incoming teachers will make a significant contribution to The Cooper School in the years to come.

Finally, I would like to thank all staff and students for their hard work over this academic year and thank parents for your support. Whatever you are planning to do in the summer vacation I wish you a safe, restful time and look forward to seeing you once again in September.

Ben Baxter  
Headteacher

## LOCAL TWIST TO SCHOOL’S HISTORY TRIP.

This year’s annual trip to the Belgium Battlefields by students from the Cooper School at Bicester was more meaningful than ever thanks to the input of local Historian Nigel Walton.



Mr Walton who has lived in Bicester nearly 20 years has been trying to identify the hundred and three men who are named on the Bicester War Memorial and having read of the school’s Head of History, Daniel Burton being awarded of BBC History Magazine History Teacher of the Year last year, contacted the school. He provided details of former Bicester residents who fought and fell during the 1914-18 Great War and who have their names inscribed on the Menin Gate at Ypres. All the soldiers identified were members of the Oxfordshire & Buckinghamshire Light Infantry. The students were provided with a short history of the soldiers and were tasked with finding their names on the memorial and laying a Cross of Remembrance and a poppy near their names. The students also laid wreaths at the large cemeteries in the area.

Head of History, Daniel Burton said, “We are extremely grateful to Mr Walton for the in depth knowledge he has provided to the school. This information helped the students identify with the horrific losses suffered by both sides who fought in the Ypres conflict and made our trip more poignant and meaningful by having this background knowledge. As well as visiting the Menin gate where over 50,000 allied soldiers are remembered we also visited Tyne Cot Memorial Cemetery which is the largest Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery in the world and the Langemark Cemetery where over 50,000 German soldiers are buried. The students showed a great deal of maturity when visiting the cemeteries being so quiet you could have heard a pin drop.”

Mr Walton said, “The research has been quite time consuming, but it is good to know that it has been of use to the school and that the students have had an opportunity to find out about an aspect of Bicester’s history that is not particularly well known.”

Tayla Hurlock, 14, said, “The Tyne Cot Cemetery, where we laid wreaths, was a very emotional place to visit. When I saw the massive amount of graves there, it made me realise just what people went through to fight for their country. It was a long day and we managed to pack a lot into it. We were lucky with the weather which was very warm and sunny but by the time we got home just after one o’clock we were all exhausted.”

# ATTENDANCE

**Congratulations to the following students who achieved 100% attendance from 3.9.07 to 27.6.08**

**To the following students who achieved 98-99% attendance from 3.9.07 to 27.6.08**

## **Year 7**

Malcolm Billson  
David Brown  
Charlotte Cannon  
Lewis Carpenter  
Bethany Clark  
Jordan Ganatra  
Alexander Jacques  
Sam Skellern  
Daniel Sutherland

## **Year 8**

Chloe Berry  
Chantelle Billson  
Daniel Bowden  
Hollie Edmans  
Antonia Kissias  
Charles Long  
Helen Oldham  
Aidan Starr  
Ka Yi Tang  
Claire Worsfold  
Katherine Worsfold

## **Year 9**

Christopher Moore  
Robert Muddle  
Chloe Payne  
Mitchell Roberts

## **Year 10**

Thomas Bond  
Sarah Greenall  
Daniel Howlett  
Jessica Kempster  
Sophie Lakner  
Kirstie Nixey  
Rebecca North  
Jamie Swanson

## **Year 11**

Gary Lawson  
Thomas Muddle  
Martin Oldham  
Thomas O'Sullivan  
Bonnie Worth  
Annie Zhou

## **Year 7**

Ross Arrowsmith  
Rhian Bartram  
Hayley Beck  
Jake Best  
Francois Blin  
Sarah Bond  
Rachel Byrne  
Abbie Caldwell  
Anthony Carlisle  
Katie Cheesman  
Neil Cole  
Alexander Cook  
Macauley Crook  
Georgia Croucher  
Fern Davis  
Nathalie Deeley  
Georgie Donohoe  
Paige Donohoe  
Holly Finlay  
Zoe Fowler  
Phoebe Gee  
Hannah Gray  
Daniel Howley  
Samuel Isaacs  
Amelia Jones  
Grace Julier  
Rachel Long  
James Macquarrie  
Thomas Mann  
Jordan Matthews  
Danielle Megarity  
Owen Mitchell  
Jasmine Nash  
Matthew Nolte  
Kathryn Oates  
Ryan Pearce  
Toni Purnell  
Matthew Raven  
Alec Reynolds  
Misha Staples  
Nicola Stead  
Antoni Szczepanik  
Molly Seger  
Ka Wai Tang  
Ruth Thomas  
Jack Timms  
Antony Tracoshas  
Alice Walker  
Leanne Walsh  
Beth Waters  
Andrew Waugh  
Lucy Waugh  
Sophie West  
Chloe Yau

## **Year 8**

James Allen  
Amanda Cole  
Kiara Ksabel Delos Santos  
Charlotte Elgar  
Emma Elkington  
Andre Garrick  
Ellen Giles  
Blythe Grieve  
Sophie Gross  
Sakinah Hamidi  
Lewis Harwood  
Joshua Haskayne  
Joseph Hayes  
James Hobden  
Laura Jenkins  
Michael King  
Samantha King  
Robert Lacey  
Edward Lelli  
Kerry Lenihan  
Marcus Linfoot  
Ryan Livermore  
Jordan Marchant  
Lewis McConville  
Alice Newman  
Rebecca Orr  
Scott Richings  
Emily Spittle  
Jack Stone  
Anita Tafirenyika  
Lauren Webb  
Matthew Webb  
James White  
Ryan Williams  
Roberta Worsfold

## **Year 9**

Stacey Arrowsmith  
Megan Benfield  
Emily Brown  
David Byrne  
Siobhan Chicken  
Mathew Dodds  
Bethany Dunstan  
Bethan Eeley  
Leon Etchells  
Charles Hall  
Jack Hornett  
Ryan Howley  
Mia Jakeman  
Daniel Lawrence  
Georgina Leach  
Rebecca Long  
Carl Marchant  
Robert McGregor  
Dale McMillan  
Demi Nolan  
Michael Northcott  
Melissa Parker  
Dominic Peart

## **Year 9 Cont...**

Zoe Rowlinson  
Lewis Szczepanik  
Abby Seger  
Thomas Smith  
Daniel Timms  
Christopher Troth  
Rachel Walden  
Jack Walker  
Jack Walter  
Calum Warriner

## **Year 10**

David Aslett  
Robert Bone  
Charlie Bull  
Richard Cadle  
Libby Cassidy  
Caroline Cresswell  
Joseph Dixey  
Stacey Evans  
Katarina Galic  
Maria Galic  
Christopher Gill  
Laura Gladdy  
Mark Golby  
Imogen Groves  
Marco Grubnic  
Matthew Hanbury  
Samuel Hayes  
Thomas Heasley  
Jack Horwood  
Daniel Jackson  
Pichitpong Juiwong  
Sam Kelly  
Jamie Leonard  
James Marriott  
Ryan McCloskey  
Aaron Newman  
Ryan Paton  
Elliott Payne  
Kyle Price  
Ella Ryder  
Edward Scott  
Joshua Smalley  
Emma Starr  
Adam Swain  
Andrew Whitehouse  
Daniel Williams  
Leanne Woods  
Thomas Young

## **Year 11**

Christopher Allen  
Dale Bannister  
Christopher Birch  
Emily Bowden  
Connor Butler  
Andrew Cannon  
Christopher Clayton  
Lauren Corcoran  
Francesca Crooks  
Lauren Davis  
Ross Goodman-Brown  
William Hagan  
Matthew Harris  
Kirsty Henderson  
Amy Hornett  
Kelly Houlihan  
Adam Huckin  
Ryan Hyett  
Claire Jordan  
Sarah Keen  
Zoe Laitt  
Joshua Lyons  
Katie Martin  
Ashley McIlrath  
Simon Mead  
Clay Munday  
Victoria Munger  
Mark Paterson  
Hannah Perks  
Thomas Portlock  
Carl Rowlinson  
Stafford Sansome  
Daniel Savin  
Jack Seger  
Chantelle Shone  
Iain Shorter  
Megan Steel  
Samuel Thomas  
Oliver Wall  
Mark White  
Stuart White  
Laura Willis



## YEAR 11 BALL



What an event! This year's year 11 Ball was held at the Tythe Barn near Launton. It was an absolutely superb evening in an amazing venue.

The evening started at 7pm with the arrival of students in stretch limos, old timer cars, horse and carriage, motor bikes, you name it...

The girls looked simply beautiful stepping out of the cars and the lads scrubbed up really well also! The rain held off just long enough to get the students into the Barn without getting too wet - and our gallant hosts for the evening even supplied umbrellas to get everyone inside as dry as possible.

We have never experienced a ball where the students danced solidly from 7.30pm straight through to twelve - old favorites like *YMCA* and *oops upside your head* and macarena, and *side walk* went down really well.

The students also enjoyed having a good laugh at our expense when we stepped onto the dance floor as well ( we don't understand why, we thought we looked pretty good!)

Cooper students did themselves proud, their behaviour was exemplary , everyone was simply having a great time with friends and savouring the last moments of being part of year 11.



Special thanks to the Senior Student team. They chose the venue and they were right - it was something very special. They also produced a brilliant year book which I'm sure will be cherished by many students

All the best!

**Z Schmidt and I Waller**  
**Senior Students Coordinators**

## MESSAGE FROM A SENIOR STUDENT

Over the past year being a Senior Student has been great fun but also hard work. Making sure Year-book deadlines are completed, finding a suitable venue for the Ball and organising events such as Children In Need to ensure they ran smoothly. It has been such a worthwhile experience with treats such as iceskating and Alton Towers which were fab. Finally we would all like to thank Mrs Schmidt & Mrs Waller for all the help they have given us, without them we would have be stuck.

**Yasmin Norris, Senior Student 2007/08**



## SKI TRIP

Over the Easter Holidays, Cooper students spent a week skiing in Bormio in the Italian Alps. The snow conditions were absolutely spectacular which lead to some fantastic skiing and some even more amazing wipe outs! Despite the mammoth coach trip, everybody had enough energy for a varied schedule of evening entertainment and we returned to Bicester a week later, exhausted but, happily, with relatively few broken bones! If you are interested in going on next year's trip, please see Mr Frogley as soon as possible to pick up a letter.



## ART & DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY EXHIBITION

Wednesday 25th June 6.30 and the Art and Technology rooms were swarming with admiring students, parents, School Governors, staff and the Deputy Mayor, Cllr. James Porter, and his wife. It was once again the celebration of the fantastic work done by GCSE students over the past two years in Art and Technology. The standard was even higher than ever and the variety of work was amazing. As you walked in through the door, huge and beautiful withy dragons made by the 3D GCSE group hovered over you and the wonderful array of colour from the walls pulled you in. From realism to abstraction all of the work reflected the enthusiasm with which it had been done. Technology had also put on an excellent show of their skills. During the evening enticing smells drifted from the cookery room where year 8 pupils were preparing cakes for the visitors to the exhibition - and very tasty they were!

**C Butler**  
Head of Art



## YEAR 10 VISIT TO TATE GALLERY

Two year 10 GCSE Art trips were held this term as an important part of the GCSE art course. Excited students travelled by bus to the Tate Modern in London and then by boat along the Thames to Tate Britain. It was an excellent day and interesting to see the huge range of work in each gallery. It is always a pleasure to talk to the students about new artists they have discovered an interest in and share with them our enthusiasms.

**C Butler**  
Head of Art

## CATERING DEPARTMENT

As the school year comes to an end, we are looking forward to a break and a chance to recharge our batteries, with our minds focused on another new and exciting year from September 2008.

It has been a challenge to hold off an inevitable price rise for the food we provide at Cooper, but as mentioned in the previous newsletter, pressures due to fuel and food costs will mean that unfortunately the Catering Department will have to follow suit and pass these increases on. It will be with much regret, knowing that domestic spiralling costs affect everyone and our proposal will add to these pressures. Rest assured we aim to maintain our standards and offer a varied and healthy choice to all our customers.

It is my pleasure to announce that Tracey Smith who has been working hard in her own time over the past six months has successfully completed her NVQ Level Two in Cookery and Food Hygiene.

Cooper School works closely with the local Bicester community, and our department with the facilities we can offer has been at the forefront of these activities with good results that have enhanced the reputation of the school with our participation. The extent of this success means we are now providing functions for small to large groups during the school breaks, consisting of Breakfast clubs to Hot and Cold Buffets, which if we can perform this on a regular basis will help towards the improvements of not only the school, but also the Catering Department.

If appropriate and with the approval of Mr Cook, our Bursar, we would certainly listen to ideas of hiring our facilities out, but it must be borne in mind that the school does not hold a liquor licence.

From the Catering Department we wish you a great summer break and look forward to seeing more students visiting our facilities. As always, we welcome any feedback to enhance the eating experience for students.

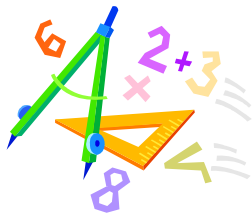
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Catering Manager

## INTERNATIONAL LINKS

Seven Swedish teachers visited Cooper on 16th and 17th June as part of our continuing international links/relationships. Cooper School has had links with Sweden for the past 10 years and the Swedish have always found their experiences here to be very valuable. They were thoroughly impressed with the standard of teaching and learning that they observed and they have taken many of our ideas back to their own school.

**L Hewitt**

## MATHEMATICS CHALLENGE



Seventy Year 7 and 8 students took part in the UK Junior Mathematics Challenge in May 2008 competing against other students all around the UK. Congratulations go to Amanda Cole (Y8) for gaining the highest mark in the school and a gold certificate. Gold certificates were also awarded to Shaun Bailey, Rebecca Nolte, Sophie Grose, Venita Prommaporn, and James White. Silver certificates awarded to James Allen, Tegan Berry, Ryan Williams, Lauren Franklin, Jennifer Howse, Ellen Giles, Roberta Worsfold, and Kilian Stenning. Bronze certificates were awarded to Charlotte Elgar, Daniel Bowden, Jack Stone, Matthew Clark, Jordan Barber, Lewis Butler, Chloe Burrows, Gemma Pugh, Chloe Whitehouse and Luke Whittaker. A credit to Cooper and a credit to yourselves. Well done to everyone who took part!

In June, Year 7 students took part in a Mathematics challenge, an online global maths program. Students raced against each other answering questions and gaining points for improving their high scores and for the number of questions answered correctly. The Year 7's managed in total a score of 156,000 with exceptional performances from Punnit Sevak who finished 55<sup>th</sup> in the overall challenge scoring over 24,000 points and Jack Sheppard who scored over 12,000 points. Well done to everyone who took part!

**S Gilbert**  
**Gifted and Talented Maths Co-ordinator**

## YOUTH AND SCHOOLS POLICE OFFICER

I have been a Police Officer for 28 years and have lived in the Bicester area most of my life. I attended Cooper School as have both of my children. I have been working with Cooper School since September 2001 and part of my remit is to promote and raise awareness of social responsibilities and community safety among young people.



In September 2005 I took responsibility for Bicester Community College. I am also the police liaison for multi-agency meetings, e.g. Social Services, Education Authority, Youth Services.

My main aim in working with young people is to keep them out of the criminal justice system. I work closely with the heads of years and use restorative justice to deal with incidents that happen within the school community. I am constantly being approached by students with various issues which are dealt with on a personal basis.

My hours of work are normally 8am until 4pm Monday to Friday. I can be contacted via the school or on my mobile 0781 369 5733.

**PC Payne**

## ECDL NEWS

Since Easter the following students have successfully completed their ECDL certificate:

### Year 11

Robert Bailey, Alex Brown, Nathan Hallam, Tom O'Sullivan, Chantelle Shone, Iain Shorter, Mark White.

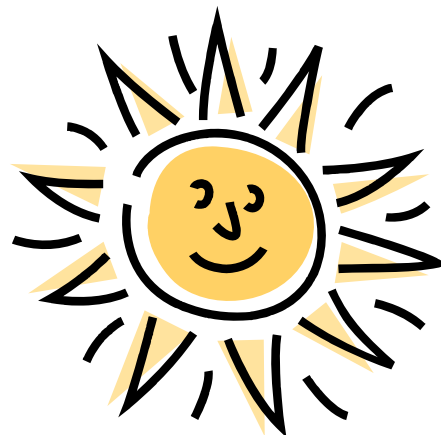
Nathan Hallam, Chantelle Shone, Tom O'Sullivan and Mark White have also passed the IT User Part 2 which is equivalent to a grade B at GCSE.

### Year 10

Jennifer Devine, Jodie Childs, Ryan Payne, Adam Swain  
Ryan Payne has also passed IT User Part 2

Well done to all these students.

**N Wordsworth**





## KS4 LEADERSHIP OF COOPER FAMILY KWIK CRICKET FESTIVAL 2008



Year 10 students were central to the running of the recent Kwik Cricket Festival for The Cooper Family of Primary Schools held at Bicester and North Oxford Cricket Club

at Chesterton. The Festival was the latest in a series of events organised by Cooper School on behalf of the North Oxfordshire School Sport Partnership. The Year 10 students attended a training session, led by the Cricket Development Officer Rupert Evans and funded by The North Oxfordshire School Sport Partnership and Cooper School PE Department, to prepare them for their role. At the Festival, the KS4 Leaders led warm up activities for the Year 5 and 6 children, before umpiring their matches. Their contribution ensured a high quality and enjoyable experience for the primary school children and the event proved to be great fun for all. The Year 10 students are Steph Derrick, Amy Santos, Haydn Parker, James Marriott, Hannah Burgess, Maria Galic, Laura Gladdy, Jamie Leonard, Joshua Murray, Ryan Elgar, Daniel Wilson, Marko Grubnic, Sam Jones, Katarina Galic, Dorya Djebbar, Hayley Timms and Rebecca North.

**G Allen**  
SSCo The Cooper School

## YEAR 8 ATHLETICS TEAM

The Year 8 Athletics Team participated in the recent North Oxon competition and placed 4<sup>th</sup> of the 8 competing schools in both the girls' and boys' competitions. There were some fine individual performances with 4 members of the team winning their events: Amanda Cole (100m & 200m "A" races), Charlotte Sammons (Shot "B" competition), Katherine Worsfold (Javelin "B" competition) and Josh Bream (1500m "B" race). They received excellent support from the other team members: Laura Jenkins, Lorraine Palmer, Catia Barbosa, Claire Worsfold, Antonia Kissias, Natalie Williams, Natasha Thomason, Hannah Cherry, Tasmin Hanmer, Rebekah Hanmer, Giles Baldwin, Aidan Starr, Louis Gascoigne, Aidan Hawtin, Charlie Paviour, Edward Lelli, Michael Adamberry, Marcus Linfoot and Jack Murray.

**G Allen**  
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## YEAR 8 SPORTS LEADERSHIP



*Year 8 Athletics Festival Leaders*

Following on from the highly successful Sports Leadership programme at KS4, Year 8 students have been in action this term running two highly successful Festivals for Primary School children. The Dance and Summer Athletics Festivals, organised at Cooper School on behalf of the North Oxfordshire School Sport Partnership during National School Sport Week, involved around 250 children in Years 1,3 and 4 from Fringford, Langford Village, Launton, Longfields, Finmere, Charlton-on-Otmoor, Glory Farm and Bardwell Schools. The Year 8 Leaders were central to the success of the events which provided quality activities in a fun environment. The Leaders are: Abigail

Smith, Anna North, Laura Jenkins, ElizaBeth Lee, Alice Elliott, Lauren Kerwin, Georgina White, Charlotte Sammons, Kelly Tang, Hollie Roberts, Megan Mackay, Katherine Worsfold, Samantha King, Ellen Giles, Adam Ford, Jack Cooper, Naomi Ward, Claire Worsfold, Amanda Cole, Erin Propert-Lewis, Cassandra Mulhall, Charlotte Elgar, Sophie Grose, Antonia Kissias, Marcus Linfoot, Louis Gasgoine, Jack Stone, James Nellis, Jack Murray, Charlie Paviour, Pierre de Wett, Luke Dickety and Bradley Olah.

**G Allen**



*Year 8 Dance Leaders*

## DIARY DATES

### TERM 1

Monday 1st September INSET DAY  
Tuesday 2nd September INSET DAY  
Wednesday 3rd September Yr7 & 10 students return to school  
Thursday 4th September Remainder of students in school  
Friday 3rd October INSET DAY  
Friday 24th October End of Term 1

### HALF TERM HOLIDAY:

**Monday 27th October 2008-Friday 31st October 2008**

### TERM 2

Monday 3rd November Students return to school  
Friday 19th December End of Term 2

### CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS:

**Monday 22nd December 2008-Friday 2nd January 2009**

### TERM 3

Monday 5th January INSET DAY  
Tuesday 6th January Students return to school  
Friday 13th February End of Term 3

### HALF TERM HOLIDAY:

**Monday 16th February 2009– Friday 20th February 2009**

### TERM 4

Monday 23rd February Students return to school  
Thursday 2nd April End of Term 4  
Friday 3rd April INSET DAY

### EASTER HOLIDAYS:

**Monday 6th April 2009– Friday 17th April 2009**

### TERM 5

Monday 20th April Students return to school  
Monday 4th May BANK HOLIDAY  
Friday 22nd May End of Term 5

### HALF TERM HOLIDAY:

**Monday 25th May 2009-Friday 29th May 2009**

### TERM 6

Monday 1st June Students return to school  
Friday 17th July End of Term 6

## HOLIDAYS IN SCHOOL TIME

Parents are reminded that it is never advisable to take holidays in school time. In particular parents need to be aware that many examination courses are of a modular format so external examinations now take place throughout the school year. Students from Year 8 onwards are entered for national external examinations which run to a fixed timetable and for which there are no resits. It is therefore vitally important that parents do not endanger the prospects of their children attaining valuable qualifications by booking holidays in term time.

## GCSE EXAMINATION RESULTS

### RESULTS DAY! THURSDAY 21 AUGUST 2008

**10.00-12.00 Year 11 Students**

**11.00-12.00 Year 10 students**

## PROPOSED EXAM DATES

w/c 15.09.08	Cats Tests	Year 7
w/c 03.11.08	GCSE (Maths & English)	Year 9 10 & 11
w/c 15.12.08	Mock Exams	Year 11
w/c 12.01.09	GCSE ( Science)	Year 10 & 11
- 27.01.09		
w/c 02.03.09	GCSE (Maths)	Year 10 & 11
w/c 16.03.09	Mock NCT	Year 9 (+ some year 8)
w/c 05.05.09	National Curriculum Tests	Year 9 (+ some year 8)
w/c 11.05.09	GCSEs	Year 10 & 11
- 26.06.09		(+ some year 9)
w/c 29.06.09	Mock Exams	Year 10

**S Gill  
Examinations Officer**

### SCHOOL COUNSELLOR

If you have any worries or concerns, our School Counsellor is happy to discuss them with you in private. A form is available from Reception if you would like to book an appointment..

### PHOTOGRAPHS POLICY

The School has been very active on publicity recently and have published several photographs of students in the press. If you do not wish your child to appear in any press releases please inform the School in writing.