



8<sup>th</sup> September 2011

Dear Parents,

A very warm (metaphorically speaking, unfortunately!) welcome back to the new School Year. I hope that you received the end of Summer Vacation letter, detailing the exciting trips that took place over the summer; the welcome to our new Staff, all of whom appear to have survived their first week in a most positive and enthusiastic state of mind; and of course, a summary of the splendid 'A' level, AS and GCSE examination results.

Once the excitement of the Whole School photograph had taken place on Monday morning, term commenced as we mean to go on: focused work in the classroom (and thank you, parents of new students, for supporting your children in their organisation as they settle into new routines and meet their teachers' expectations); enjoyable preparation for the plethora of extra-curricular activities which start in earnest next week (do encourage your children to get involved if they are not already doing so); and all within a caring, compassionate community. This morning, we celebrated two beautiful Masses (one for Senior, the other for Nursery and Junior) for the beginning of the Academic Year, and honoured both Our Lady (whose birthday is celebrated today) and our Benefactors, without whose generosity the College would not exist as it does today.

I look forward to seeing parents over the weekend as you support the various sporting fixtures, and at our Boarding Family Mass at 10.30am on Sunday, followed by fun activities.

May I wish you and your family a very happy and successful forthcoming week, and indeed Academic Year.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Gareth P. Lloyd,

**Headmaster.**

**Parent Notices**

**From the Medical Department (01509 817016)**

Dear Parent

**ANNUAL INFLUENZA CONSENT**

We will be vaccinating students in early November 2011 to include Years 7-13.

As the vaccine has to be ordered in advance, we request that you return the consent form by 20<sup>th</sup> October.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely

*Lindy Weston*

**Sister Lindy & Sister Debs  
Medical Department**



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PLEASE RETURN TO THE MEDICAL DEPARTMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE,  
**BUT NOT LATER THAN 20<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER.**



**Influenza Consent Form for November 2011**

**\*I give my consent**

**\*I do not give my consent**

*\*(Please delete as appropriate)*

**Signed:**

**(Parent/Guardian) Date:**

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**Student's Name:**

**Student's Year Group:**

**Student's Date of Birth:**

**Name and address of G.P.:**

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## FUTURE CHEF 2012

Stage 1: Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September  
4:50pm – 6:15pm  
Food Technology Practical Room  
Challenge to make a 1 course  
main meal for two people in 60  
minutes, costing no more than £4.  
Register your interest with  
Mrs. Burton by Friday 16<sup>th</sup>  
September

### **YEAR 9 Briars Trip**

The Year 9 Briars trip is in the School Calendar for 26<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> November. However, the trip will actually take place in the Summer Term, between the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> June 2012.

A letter about the trip will be sent out after Christmas.

Thank you.

**Mr Walsh**  
**Head of Religious Studies**

### **Missing School Blazer and Mobile Phone**

Kim Cheetham (current Year 8), lost both of the above items on Sports Day last term. The phone is a silver flip-top LG model. Mrs Cheetham asks that if any student has accidentally taken the blazer or phone home (both have Kim's name on), please could he/she return the item(s) to the Senior School Reception. Thank you.

## Senior School News

Congratulations to our Senior School students!

### Student Awards, July 2011

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
Merit Badge	Megan Gray Jacob Holford Matthew Lewis Kieran Kaul Christian Waters Ryan Wong		
Merit Shield	Emily Bown Joe Jarvis Imogen Power Harry Redding Elizabeth Rigley		Georgia Boorn Phoebe Merriman Hadrian Rigley Ben Shaw
Super Shield	Holly Blount Olivia Gilchrist Finbarr Lloyd Mia Mordecai-Smith		Phoebe Allen Harry Bonser Cameron Gilchrist Cameron Hart

The above awards were presented in Headmaster's Assembly on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September.

Jack Archer gained his Super Shield last term whilst in Year 8; Jack will be awarded the Shield during Headmaster's Assembly next Monday.

#### Year 9 Silver Crest Awards were awarded to:

Alex Butler

Sibella Chew

Georgia Chilton

Sally Croysdale

Ben Shaw

Lewis Smith

*The above students are now in Year 10.*

## **Duke of Edinburgh Awards**

**Gold:** Rory Finn, James Warren

**Silver:** Fenella Maxwell, Amelia Power, Chloe Theobald

**Bronze:** Joseph Dickinson, Benjamin Trudgill

## **The Learning to Earning Young Manager Programme: 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> July 2011**

The following students successfully completed the programme:

Sam Coulton

Hazel Dearson

Victoria Grudy

Caitlin Sheehy

The course themes and objectives were:

- Personal brand and self-image
- Qualities of a Prefect
- Team working skills
- Leadership skills
- Effective communication
- Presentation skills

## **Monitor Appointments**

Students in the Sixth Form are encouraged to take on extra responsibilities – in addition to their own work and interests.

Year 12 Monitors and Year 13 Prefects are expected to be reliable, well-presented and sensible in carrying out their duties. They provide important assistance to members of staff in many areas of school life.

Year 12 monitors provide assistance to staff in several ways – including supervising around the School and during prep.

The following students have been appointed monitors:

<b>Sophia AMLANI</b>	<b>Matthew HOWARD</b>	<b>George RUMMING</b>
<b>Rose BORRAJO</b>	<b>Stead HUI</b>	<b>Zoe SMITH</b>
<b>Amy BURLE</b>	<b>George HUTCHISON</b>	<b>Rishi SONI</b>
<b>Catherine CHARNOCK</b>	<b>Harry JACKSON</b>	<b>Rebecca TAYLOR</b>
<b>Dipesh CHAUHAN</b>	<b>Patrick JOY</b>	<b>Chloe THEOBALD</b>
<b>Ella DELARGY</b>	<b>Laura KEAY</b>	<b>Henry THOMAS</b>
<b>Adam DONEGANI</b>	<b>Reiko MA</b>	<b>Anna THORLEY</b>
<b>Emily-Rose FAULKS</b>	<b>Moyo MOSAKU</b>	<b>Katherine THREADGOLD</b>
<b>Hollie FINNEGAN</b>	<b>Amelia POWER</b>	<b>Shona TRAYNOR</b>
<b>Elaine FUNG</b>	<b>Edward RAYNS</b>	<b>William WATTS</b>
<b>Thomas FURLONG</b>	<b>Georgina REA</b>	<b>Monica ZHANG</b>
<b>Abbi HAU</b>	<b>Emma REDDING</b>	

The situation will be reviewed before half-term and later in the year, when more students will doubtless be invited to take on the responsibility of being a monitor.

Ben Shaw, Year 10, has again managed to break several records, both club and personal, to achieve his best season to date. In his county performance, he more than doubled his contribution this year and achieved his goal of a maiden half-century, with several other sound performances helping to cement his position in the squad. The team achieved their goal of a place in Division 1 next year. In his club, Ben added another century to his tally, with a 132 and narrowly missed out on another, being 98 not out in a game for the Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> XI squad. To date, he has scored just shy of 1300 runs for the season, smashing the previous record of 967 and making him the first in the club to break through the 1000 mark (since the current play cricket statistics system was incepted). He has also scored a record number (9) of half-centuries for the season. Mr and Mrs Shaw thank all Ben's Ratcliffe teammates, coaches and the School for their on-going support. **Please e-mail Mr Gilchrist or myself (via Mrs Govan) regarding any individual sporting achievements outside of School.**

Ellie Higton, Year 8, has passed her Ballet RAD Grade 5 examination with Distinction.

## **Junior School News**

### **Congratulations to our Junior School pupils!**

Maya Brookes, Year 5, passed her Grade 2 Piano examination during the summer holidays.

## **Sport**

### **Pre-Season Hockey Training**

Twenty senior hockey players attended two days of pre-season hockey training. The girls enjoyed a variety of sessions, covering basic and more advanced skills with elements of fitness work. The sessions focused on both attacking and defensive strategies. The enthusiasm with which the girls entered into the days bodes well for a successful term.

A further 36 girls from Years 8-10 attended a similar one-day course later in the week. Several girls who have joined the School this week took the opportunity to 'break the ice' with players from last year's sides. The way the girls 'gelled' together was one of the highlights of the day. The girls worked very hard during sessions which introduced many new concepts and patterns of play.

On Saturday 3rd September, predominantly 1st and 2nd XI players travelled to Loughborough High School for a friendly festival. This was an ideal opportunity for several girls to experience senior hockey for the first time and for the 'old stagers' to blow off the cobwebs. The team enjoyed a good win against King's school, Warwick, two draws with Loughborough and Bedford High and narrow defeats against Princethorpe and The Perse.

The season starts in earnest this Saturday with the 1st and 2nd teams hosting Uppingham, following a trial game between the Under 14 and Under 15 sides. The Under 13s also travel to Foremarke for an early season tournament.

### **Pre-Season Rugby Training**

On Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August and Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September, over eighty students from Years 8 to 13 attended the training, in preparation for the up-coming season. The boys were put through their paces, with the focus being on fitness and skill development, and everyone worked hard on improving in these areas. It was great to have Freddie Tuilagi (retired Leicester Tigers and St Helen's Rugby League) and Andy Tuilagi (currently playing at Sale) as guest coaches; their input certainly motivated and inspired the students.

Thank you to the students for attending the pre-training sessions and a big thank you to all the teachers and coaches for preparing and taking the training. Good luck to all the teams in your matches this term.

## Sporting Fixtures

Date	Opposition	Time	Team	Home/Away (H/A)
Sat 10 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Worksop	2.00 pm 2.00 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> XV Rugby U15 & U14 Rugby	A H
Sat 10 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Training	10.30 am - 12.30pm	U13 & U12 Rugby	H
Sat 10 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Training Games	9.30 am	U15 & U14 Girls Hockey	H
Sat 10 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Uppingham	2.00 pm 3.15 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Girls Hockey 2 <sup>nd</sup> Girls Hockey	H H
Sat 10 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Foremarke Hall	1.30 pm	U13 Girls Hockey	A
Sat 17 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Princethorpe	10.30 am	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Rugby U12, 13 & 14 Rugby	A H
Sat 17 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Princethorpe	10.00 am 11.15 am	2 <sup>nd</sup> Girls Hockey 1 <sup>st</sup> Girls Hockey	A A
Sat 17 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Princethorpe	9.45 am 10.45 am	U15 Girls Hockey U14 Girls Hockey	H H
Sat 17 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Loughborough HS Netball Tournament	9.00am	U13 & U12	A
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Old Ratcliffian Association	2.00 pm	Mixed Hockey	H

## Spiritual Life

### MOTHERS PRAYERS



United in prayer  
we save our children

For mothers who wish to pray for their children.  
All are welcome from the different cultures and faiths.  
Meet in Fr. President's Study, next to the Chapel  
on alternate Wednesdays, starting 14<sup>th</sup> September 2011  
at 9.15am for about 45 minutes. Cup of coffee afterwards.

Contact mothers are:

Katharine Lloyd - 07980 346606

Sarah James - 07814 555151

## **The Seven Circles of Prayer**

with Father David Tobin

For those seeking a deeper stillness and prayer,

leading to meditation.

Mondays: 2.00pm – 3.00pm, followed by a cup of tea.

**Starting September 26<sup>th</sup>**

Then: October 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> ; November 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>.

**AT THE ROSMINI CENTRE,**

up the A46, ½ a mile beyond the College - a tricky turn, so approach with caution!

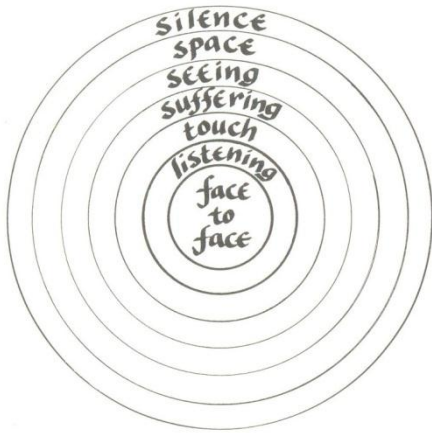
Please email Fr. David Tobin:

[dtobin@ratcliffe.leics.sch.uk](mailto:dtobin@ratcliffe.leics.sch.uk),

if you would like to come.

The first session will be an exploratory one.

*The seven circles*



*Children's Liturgy Group at Ratcliffe College*

*Newsletter 14*

*Autumn Term 2011*

Welcome back to our Children's Liturgy programme. It is such an exciting time in the Church, with a heightened sense of history and interest in the Mass as we ponder the changes contained in the New Translation of the Roman Missal. Alongside our celebration of the liturgy of the word, we will, over the course of the academic year, present some of the changes so that the children can reflect and deepen their understanding of the rich symbolism and prayers of The Church.

Our regular attendees are growing up so quickly, and so, as the children become more spiritually mature, there will be an emphasis on ownership of faith. You may find that your child has volunteered to lead the liturgy from time-to-time - but you have our assurance that the children will be well prepared for this!

We are following the Lectionary so that the Gospel message is proclaimed each week, and in addition, we are planning to have an overarching theme from Old Testament each half-term. We have pleasure in outlining forthcoming sessions.

<b>AUTUMN PROGRAMME 2011</b>
<i>OT theme – Creation</i>
11 <sup>th</sup> Sep 24 <sup>th</sup> Sun - Mt 18:23-35 The Forgiving Servant
18 <sup>th</sup> Sep 25 <sup>th</sup> Sun - Mt 20:1-15 Workers in the vineyard
25 <sup>th</sup> Sep 26 <sup>th</sup> Sun - Mt 21:28-32 The Kingdom of God
2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct 27 <sup>th</sup> Sun - Proverbs 4:18-19 Draw closer to God
9 <sup>th</sup> Oct 28 <sup>th</sup> Sun – Parable The Kingdom of Heaven
Also, Pumpkin “Weigh Off” after coffee (all proceeds for Cafod/Family Fast)
[Half Term Holidays]
<i>OT theme – Jonah</i>
6 <sup>th</sup> Nov 32 <sup>nd</sup> Sun – Mt 25:1-13 Ten bridesmaids – Be ready
13 <sup>th</sup> Nov 33 <sup>rd</sup> Sun – Mt 25:14-30 Parable talents (also Remembrance Sunday)
20 <sup>th</sup> Nov Feast Christ Universal King – Mt 25:31-46
27 <sup>th</sup> Nov 1 <sup>st</sup> Sun Advent – Mk 13:32-37 Be ready to welcome Jesus
4 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sun Advent – Mk 1:1-8 Making a fresh start
11 <sup>th</sup> Dec 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sun Advent – Jn 1:19-28 Prepare a way to God

In addition to the weekly children's liturgy sessions during term-time, please note for your diaries that there will be a family workshop/retreat for Advent/Christmas "How to share the faith with your children. [Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> Nov 10.30am to 12.30 to be held at the Rosmini Centre – House of Prayer, LE7 4SJ]

### **Reflection and Prayer for the opening of the School Year, 2011 - 2012**

For the Christian, the deepest joy in life does not come from what I have or what I can achieve. It comes from the knowledge that even before I was formed in my mother's womb, I was known and loved by my Creator (Jer 1:5; Psalm 139): that from the first moment of conception to natural death, I am loved personally by God and have an eternal future. It comes from knowing that every minute of life is enfolded by God's loving care and that life itself will not end in emptiness. As Blessed John Henry Newman once wrote, 'God has created me to do him some definite service... He has not created me for naught'. God has a plan for me and 'that plan is for good, not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope' (Jer 29:1-14). We thank you Lord for the gift of life.

*Let us pray*

*Help us to appreciate the unique dignity of every person and the individual contribution they make to the world, in fulfillment of the task you give them. Enable us, by your grace, to promote their well-being, serving you in one another in a spirit of generosity, through Christ Jesus Our Lord. Amen.*

***Fr President***