

29th September 2011



Dear Parents,

It was lovely to see so many of you at the Senior School Headmaster's Reception last Friday. Thank you for your kind words of appreciation and for your tremendous support. Earlier in the day, we celebrated the official opening of the Rosmini Centre House of Prayer, which we hope all of you at some stage may visit, whether to attend a Parents' Retreat, a visiting lecture, a chamber concert or simply to admire the exceptional library.

The weekend saw some magnificent performances on the sports field; indeed, for the first time since I have joined Ratcliffe College we had a clean sweep of results, which was fittingly recognised at Headmaster's Assembly on Monday when all players were invited to stand for recognition. Later on Monday morning, the many donations for the Harvest Festival were transported to the Carpenters' Arms, Loughborough, to support many families less well off than ourselves; also again, a sincere thank you to parents. The Boarders enjoyed a late Mass on Sunday afternoon, followed by a delicious Harvest Festival, to bring these celebrations to a close.

During the course of this week, Years 10 and 12 enjoyed extended sessions of spiritual discussions and renewal with the visiting group, 'Reach4', and our GCSE Drama students attended an excellent production of 'An Inspector Calls' at The Curve Theatre. Today, Year 5A performed an inspirational Junior Assembly, under the direction of Mrs Farrar, on the theme of creation and the beauty of the world, coupled with our responsibility to look after it. It was great to hear such excellent sports reports, too. This was followed by a visit to the Junior School from a celebrated local author of children's books, Linda Chapman, which was absolutely superb.

Work Experience in Medicine Required:

A Year 12 male student would like the opportunity to gain work experience in any field of medicine, but abroad. He has already gained considerable medical work experience in the UK, and is hoping to expand his experiences in this manner. If you can help in any way – perhaps you know someone who can assist? – do please contact me, with my very grateful thanks.

With a busy weekend of fixtures ahead, I look forward to seeing parents on the touchlines. I shall be attending the annual HMC Conference all of next week up at St Andrew's, so my thanks in advance to Mrs Clayfield for covering for me and who will be available to assist you in any matter.

With all good wishes for a happy, healthy and blessed week ahead,

Yours sincerely,

Gareth P. Lloyd,

Headmaster.

Parent Notices

26th September 2011

Dear Parents,

Resources and revision guides for GCSE Geography

There are a number of additional resources aimed at supporting students studying GCSE Geography provided by the examination board. Students study Edexcel Geography Specification A which comprises of four modular units, three of which are examined with the remaining unit being the coursework.

Each of the examined units has its own revision guide to support the student textbook, *Tomorrow's Geography*. These revision guides are called:

- Tomorrow's Geography for Edexcel GCSE Specification A Revision Guide: Unit 1 Geographical Skills and Challenges for the Planet
- Tomorrow's Geography for Edexcel GCSE Specification A Revision Guide: Unit 2 The Natural Environment
- Tomorrow's Geography for Edexcel GCSE Specification A Revision Guide: Unit 3 The Human Environment

The School is able to place orders for these revision guides if requested by parents, via Hodder Education at a price of £5.99 each. It is worth noting, however, that they are widely available through book stockists and are indeed cheaper if ordered online via Amazon for example, so you may wish to organise purchasing any such resources independently.

Edexcel are also publishing new exam skills support books for students this autumn. The *Exam Skills Practice Workbooks* are published on two levels:

- **Support** – aimed at supporting students on the D/C borderline to help them develop the skills required to secure a C+ grade.
- **Extend** – aimed at stretching high achievers and support them in aiming for the top grades.

Workbooks include examples of all exam paper question types, activities that focus on the skills students generally find most challenging and sample student answers, examiner commentary, mark schemes and guidance on how to build better exam answers. We think that these workbooks would be useful in consolidating the work done in class and helping students to work and revise independently in preparation for their exams. The School can order these titles at a price of £4.99, but again they are widely available through book stockists.

If you would like the Geography Department to place orders for your son/daughter of any of the titles mentioned, please complete and return the attached form to Mr Lambert.

Yours sincerely,

Mr M Lambert

Head of Geography

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Mr Lambert,

Please place an order for the following title(s) on behalf of my son/daughter I agree to the charges being made to my school account.

Title	Price	No. required
Tomorrow's Geography for Edexcel GCSE Specification A Revision Guide: Unit 1 Geographical Skills and Challenges for the Planet	£5.99	
Tomorrow's Geography for Edexcel GCSE Specification A Revision Guide: Unit 2 The Natural Environment	£5.99	
Tomorrow's Geography for Edexcel GCSE Specification A Revision Guide: Unit 3 The Human Environment	£5.99	
Exam Skills Practice: Support for D/C students	£4.99	
Exam Skills Practice: Extend for high achievers	£4.99	

Signed Print name

PLEASE TURN OVER

Parents' Association

The Parents' Association would like to invite you all to the **Annual Quiz and Curry Night**. Come and pit your wits against other parents or come and enjoy an excellent curry and a glass of wine or pint of beer (or two).

Tickets are available from the Senior School Reception for £10. Teams are made up of 6 to 8 people. Don't let this put you off, if you want to come as a 1 or a 2, we will put you together with other groups to make up a team; this has proved very successful in previous years

Prizes are worth winning, particularly the wooden spoon!

For more information please email Julie@quorndon.com or speak to Jane Postill on 01509 817000.

We look forward to seeing you for a great night of fun and head scratching on the 12th of November.

Senior School News

Congratulations to our Senior School students!

Cameron Gilchrist, Year 10, is playing and training with Leicester City football academy. He has been doing very well and is reaching the stage at which the Academy will make a decision about his future. They have just introduced a day release scheme on a Tuesday, where the boys spend the day at the training ground with the full time professionals and also play games against other clubs. Cameron was asked to play for them on Tuesday at West Bromwich Albion.

Junior School News

Congratulations to our Junior School pupils!

Hermione Lanyon, Year 5, has received two judo medals.



It was a lovely break from my usual routine when James Howling and Kit Jackson, of Year 5A, came to my Study with an invention which James has made. James and Kit attended a Meccano convention in July, after which both were inspired to invent various contraptions. Kit tells me that his attempt to create a tractor in his bedroom nearly burnt his house down, much to his mother's surprise! We thought it prudent, therefore, only to show you James' Meccano-gram, inspired solely from drawings which he has seen. It is driven by a small battery, and gradually creates the most amazing designs. A superb achievement, James!

Gareth Lloyd

Sport

Senior School Sport

Boys' Rugby

The U15s had an outstanding result, winning 61 – 10 against Derby Grammar. In the first 10 minutes the Ratcliffe forwards bossed the breakdown, allowing the backs quick ball which they thrived on. The game continued in a similar vein with Eddie Waller and Cameron Gilchrist showing lethal touch on multiple occasions, Eddie scoring 7 tries. Captain Rory Thorne took this week's Man of the Match leading from the front, putting in great tackles and great work at the breakdown. Leo Fan also deserves a mention on his debut making some fantastic tackles.

The U14s remain undefeated after beating Derby 59 - 0. Once again, the tries were shared around with Niall McWhir, Joey Higham and Jack Hancock each scoring twice. Man of the Match was Jack Hancock.

Following on from a magnificent 40 - 27 win away at Grace Dieu earlier on in the week, the U13s made it 3 wins from 3, beating Derby Grammar 19 - 12. From the first whistle, it was evident that it was going to be a physical game. Strong running from Luke Gyesei-Appiah pushed Ratcliffe close to Derby's try line but mistakes cost them dearly, until Harry Redding cut back inside to score a well-finished try. Derby lead at the interval through two tries of their own, but a terrific battling second-half from Ratcliffe saw Sam Kaul crash over and Matthew Lewis convert with great accuracy. Ratcliffe went on to score the winning points through another try by Sam Kaul. Special mention goes to Harry Stokes for his tackling at full back and Sam Kaul for his decisive running and tries. Men of the Match goes to the whole team for a great week.

The U12s won 38-7 against Derby Grammar, with David Hippersley-Cox scoring a hat-trick of tries. Matthew Ward was Man of the Match for his efforts and Tíreé Cover showed excellent kicking skill.

Simon Gray
Boys' Sports Captain

Girls' Hockey

After a rather shaky start in their first match of the term, the 3rd XI hockey team began to play a much more controlled style of hockey and beat Oakham 4 - 0, with Ella Markham earning Player of the Match for her hat-trick!

Rebecca Pawley
Girls' Sports Captain

Junior School Sport

On the first Junior Games afternoon, there were 6 different teams playing, 2 girls' hockey teams, a netball team and 3 rugby teams. The afternoon was watched by around 80 - 90 parents from both schools which created a friendly and purposeful atmosphere for the children, who performed well. The results were as follows:

U11 girls' hockey won 2 - 1

U10 girls' hockey drew 1 - 1

U9 girls' netball won 5 - 0

U11 rugby lost

U10 rugby won 3 tries to 1

U9 tag rugby won 15 - 13

On Wednesday 21st September, Ratcliffe hosted Brooke Priory. All of the girls from Years 4 to 6 took part in hockey and netball fixtures.

The U9 girls, captained by Rebecca Lindley, played High 5 netball. This was the first time that the girls had represented the School in a netball game. All of the girls were very excited and having played brilliantly, they went on to win 5 - 0.

The U10 girls, captained by Liyah Pinsent-Heskey, also played in their first ever hockey game. By working together as a team and with some great attacking and defending, the game ended with a 1 - 1 draw. Sharmel Yapa was the goal scorer.

The U11 fixture, captained by Jenna Pole, was an exciting game, and the Ratcliffe girls started confidently. At half-time, the score was 2 - 0 to Ratcliffe. Mollie Page and Olivia Carpenter were the goal scorers. During the second half, Brooke Priory pulled a goal back, but with Ratcliffe's energy and determination, the girls kept working hard and as the final whistle blew the score was a great win to Ratcliffe by 2 - 1. Player of the Match went to Millie Smith for volunteering to play in goal and for making a brilliant save.

Well done to all of the girls who took part.

The year 4s started their Ratcliffe College rugby career in magnificent fashion beating Brooke Priory 15 tries to 13. The boys played with their hearts on their sleeves, and their boundless and infinite energy was evident for all to see.

Special mentions have to go to Finley Back and Tom Page whose running and agility would not look out of place in Mr Kaye's 1st XV.

The Year 5 rugby team had a good start to their rugby fixtures, beating Brooke Priory by 3 tries to 1. It was a good all-round effort by all team members who ran hard, tackled well and rucked effectively. Special mentions go to Billy Hull, Jo Jo Evenden and William Westwood for their excellent efforts.

On 21st September, Ratcliffe U11 boys played rugby against Brooke Priory. For many boys, this was their first ever rugby match and everyone was excited about representing their school.

Brooke Priory started strongly and were dominating in the first half, and managed to score a few tries. To Ratcliffe's credit, they never let their heads drop and as the game went on, Ratcliffe started to play more as a team and even started attacking more confidently, and Matt Lindley made some strong runs. The whole team continued to tackle to the end but the final result was a win to Brooke Priory.

Player of the Match went to Alexander Purcell.

Sporting Fixtures

Date	Opposition	Time	Team	Home/Away (H/A)	Meet Time
Sat 1 st Oct	Birkdale	10.30 am	1 st , 2 nd & U15 Rugby	H	9.30 AM
Sat 1 st Oct	Birkdale	10.30 am	U14, 13 & 12 Rugby	A	8.25 AM
Sat 1 st Oct	Uppingham	2.15 pm	U15 A & B Girls Hockey	A	1.40 PM
Sat 1 st Oct	Lincoln Minster	10.00 am	U14 Girls Hockey U13 A & B Netball	H H	9.00 AM 9.00 AM
Sat 1 st Oct	Loughborough H.S.	9.00 am	U12 7s Girls Hockey Tournament	A	7.50 AM
Mon 3 rd Oct	Loughborough H.S.	4.50 pm	1 st Girls Hockey	H	
Wed 5 th Oct	Stoneygate	4.30 pm	U13 Rugby	H	
Sat 8 th Oct	Mount St Mary's	2.30 pm	U13, 14, & 12 Rugby	H	1.30 PM
Sat 8 th Oct	Mount St Mary's	2.30 pm	1 st & 2 nd Rugby	A	12.00 PM
Sat 8 th Oct	Mount St Mary's	3.45 pm 4.45 pm	2 nd Girls Hockey 1 st Girls Hockey	A A	11.00 AM 12.00 PM
Sat 8 th Oct	Mount St Mary's	5.45 pm	U12 A & B Hockey	A	1.00 PM
Mon 10 th Oct	Grace Dieu	4.30 pm	U12 Rugby	H	
Mon 10 th Oct	Loughborough H.S.	4.50 pm	2 nd Girls Hockey	H	

Spiritual News

Mothers' Prayers

Will now commence at **9.00am**, every other Wednesday.

The **next meeting** will take place on **Wednesday 12th October**, at 9.00am, in Fr David's Study. Thank you.

A Prayer for Life – my part in God's part.

Life

Dear Lord,

Thank you for my life.

Help me to realise how important life is and not to take it for granted.

Help me to play my part in looking after the earth which you have given us.

Help me to make a difference in the lives of others through all my actions today and every day.

Strengthen my faith and help me to continue to follow you.

Amen.

(By a Year 10 student, from Ratcliffe College Prayer Book.)

Fr President

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