



WHOLE SCHOOL NOTICES

The Headmaster writes...

To those of you who have returned, welcome back! For those of you frustrated in your attempts to board aeroplanes in far flung places who are picking this up on your computer, I hope that your journeys can begin now and that your Easter break was not spoilt by the ash.

The ski trip, leaving at the beginning of the holiday, went ahead and the boys enjoyed a fabulous holiday, but it was a great shame that we had to bow to the inevitable and cancel the SCUBA diving in Egypt.

We started the term with about forty-five boys away and, fortunately, only two members of staff were absent. The staff inset was more necessary than imaginative: fire extinguishers! This was not in response to a fear that the ash would re-ignite. We also had a very productive day discussing how we can continue to move the school forward. One of the most interesting discussions covered the use of space in the school. The new building will not only add to our facilities, but it will also release space in various areas such as the old Dining Room, Kitchen, DT Room and Library. The staff were not short of ideas!

I hope that your son has made a happy start and we all look forward to an enjoyable, busy term. Let's hope that the snow stays away, no more volcanoes erupt and the sun continues to shine.

Those of you interested in rowing may have glimpsed two familiar faces in the build-up to the boat race: yes, it was the Berkley boys you saw!

Congratulations to Michael Colman. You may remember that Michael came 15th out of 700 in the first round of the Townsend Warner History Competition. In the second round of the "shortlisted" 200 who had to write essays, Michael came 16th, a tremendous achievement.

My congratulations go to Year 6 who had five hours of drama with a team of specialist teachers yesterday. The day culminated in an imaginative, disciplined and enjoyable version of Romeo and Juliet.

Staff News

Louise Boylan

Mrs Boylan will be leaving the school at the end of term. This year Mrs Boylan has been a Year 3 teacher but she has also taught English, Religious Studies and History. It was Mrs Boylan who helped to direct the memorable Staff Panto. Together with her ability to teach many subjects and different ages, Mrs Boylan has brought tremendous energy and enthusiasm to Davenies, as well as sartorial elegance – hence the green on St Patrick's Day!

Anna Wynburne

After nine years at the school Mrs Wynburne will be leaving the Learning Support Department. She has been an integral and invaluable member of this highly committed and successful team.

Craig Burgess

Mr Burgess, formerly a development coach at Wasps Rugby Club, will be joining the school full time for a year. Mr Burgess took a number of different teams last year and will be a terrific addition to the Games Department.

Joe Stephenson

Mr Stephenson will join the school in September as a Year 3 teacher. Educated at Lancing College and Leeds University, Mr Stephenson is currently a Year 3 Form Teacher at Tavistock & Summerhill Prep School.

The Bursar writes...**Summer Term School Fees**

May I remind all parents that Summer Term fees are now due? There are a number of fee accounts outstanding, and it may well be that some payments remain in school bags and have not quite reached the School Office!

Mr Cooke writes...**Access to Changing Rooms – Tennant Building**

I would like to politely remind you that we need to restrict the access to the boys' changing rooms, both downstairs and upstairs. These areas are for the boys and male members of staff who are supervising the rooms only. All the games staff very much appreciate your cooperation in this.

Mr Thomas & Matron write...**Sun/Legionnaire Hats and Sun Cream**

The crested baseball-style navy blue cap for Prep/Senior school games, and the crested legionnaire-style hat for Pre-Prep are now on the clothing lists and available from The School Shop. These are the only styles of sun hat that will be acceptable for games and for being outside during the normal school day. Boys should have the relevant hat available, and named, to use when it is sunny. In addition, games staff and class teachers will have sun cream with them during games sessions and outside activities/break times should pupils need it, but please remember to ensure your son has lotion applied, preferably the 12 hour variety, prior to coming to school.

Mrs Churhouse writes...**Well-Being Day, Tuesday 27th April**

As part of our Well-Being Day, we are holding a Seminar for Parents from 6:30 – 7:30pm on Tuesday 27th April. This promises to be an inspiring seminar and I would like to encourage as many people as possible to attend. I would be grateful if you would let me know if you plan to join us.

Music Exam Congratulations

Congratulations to John Henry Kelly on gaining a Distinction for his Grade 4 Singing exam, and also to Louis Kos for his Distinction at Grade 3 on the Cello, and Jonathan Davies who passed his Grade 2 Piano exam also with Distinction.

Tesco Vouchers

Very few of these have been sent in this year, but hopefully you have a huge pile sitting on the kitchen table just waiting to be put in the boxes! Please shop at Tesco (even though their profits are up by 10% this year!), the vouchers contribute considerably to updating our music resources.

Concerts

Advance warning – there are several concerts scheduled for this term, please check your calendar regularly. The Summer Concert on 1st July has a 1960's and 70's theme and you (and the boys) will be invited to dress up for the occasion, so keep an eye open for suitable 'hippy' gear.

Mr Locke-Hart writes...

Saturday Football

Saturday Football will recommence on Saturday 1st May from 9:00 – 10:30 am, and will then take place on 8th, 22nd and 29th May during this first half of term. It is open for boys in Reception up to Year 6. Entrance is via the Sainsbury's Gate, and is £10 per session. Please bring a drink.

Ann Tennant writes...

Quiz Night

Please come and support our Friends of Davenies Quiz Night on Saturday 22nd May, and see if the parents can beat the staff this year!

Mrs McIntosh writes...

Vintage Cars Needed!

Are you the proud owner of a vintage car? Would you be willing to bring it into Davenies? As part of the Year 1's topic on Transport, I would like to offer them the opportunity to see classic cars close up. If you can help or know of anyone that could, please contact me at smcintosh@davenies.co.uk or via the School Office.

PRE-PREP NOTICES

Mrs Rush writes...

Welcome back to the new term.

Congratulations to the following boys in Year 2 who have been made House and Vice Captains for this term:

Kingfishers	Alistair Whittick	Vice-Captain	Thomas Davis
Penguins	Kit Murphy	Vice-Captain	Herbie Smith
Robins	Charlie Farley	Vice-Captain	Zarin Rana
Swallows	Theo Berenzweig	Vice-Captain	Rohan Sharma

We have put our two new topic webs on the intranet for Years 1 & 2. The webs will give you an overview of how we teach the topics encompassing many different areas of the curriculum. The topic webs have also come home this week in the boys' packets.

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Mr Affleck writes...

Drama Rehearsals

Dracula Rock Show rehearsals will begin next week on Friday 30th April and not on Tuesday 27th April as originally scheduled.

The Emperor's New Clothes rehearsal will be from 4:00 – 5:00pm in the English Room on Tuesday 27th April, and the dress rehearsal will be on Friday morning, absentees permitting.

Mr Scriven writes...

Year 6 Residential Humanities Fieldwork Week

Reply slips have been received by almost all now – thank you, and final details have been sent out via ParentMail. Please make every effort to complete the Medical Form attached to the ParentMail over the weekend and return it on **Monday 26th April**. I look forward to seeing you very early on Tuesday 4th May!

Sailing Activity – Monday Afternoons

A separate letter about this has been sent out via ParentMail to those concerned. Please would you bring in a cheque, made payable to the school, when you collect your sons after the first session on **Monday 26th April**? Also, if your son is already working through the RYA Youth Sailing Scheme, please send your son in with his logbook, in order that tuition begins at a suitable level.

National Geographic Magazine for Kids

April's edition has been distributed to your son's Form Teacher today. The May edition will follow in a couple of weeks.

Mr Gibson writes...

Open Mornings

The Oratory School is holding an Open Morning on Saturday 8th May from 9:30am to 12:00noon. Please phone or email to attend: enquiries@oratory.co.uk or 01491 683500.

St. Edward's Oxford is holding their Open Morning on Saturday 15th May 2010 at 9:15am. Please contact the Registrar, Ms Sarah Munden on: 01865 319200 or registrar@stedwards.oxon.sch.uk.

Old Swinford Hospital, Stourbridge, is holding an Open Morning on Saturday 15th May 2010 from 9:00am to 11:30am. For further details contact the Registrar on: 01384 817325 or admissions@oshsch.com.

DAVENIES



Headmaster C Watson MA

OPEN DAY

For Prospective Parents

Thursday 6th May 2010

9:15am – 10:45am

The Open Day will consist of a series of tours, which will enable Prospective Davenies' Parents to experience the School 'in action'.

If you would like to attend, please contact the School
on 01494 685400

e-mail: registrar@davenies.co.uk

Davenies Beaconsfield Bucks HP9 1AA
www.davenies.co.uk

Must all fund raising events follow a familiar pattern?

Black tie, Auctions, Games?

Who's to say you have to be in a group of 10 to attend?

Perhaps it's time for a change

Perhaps it's time for a REMIX

Come as a couple, a foursome or as a class

Sip fabulous cocktails and eat delicious food

Dance to Club DJs and cool sounds

Wear what you want for a stylish summer party



A different way to fundraise. A different way to party!

Please help support 'Friends of Davenies' and our chosen charity

'Help for Heroes' on Saturday 3rd July

Avoid disappointment and buy your tickets for this year's Grand Event,
the perfect start to the heady days of summer.