



News from The John of Gaunt Sixth Form

It's been a really busy two terms, but we've been involved in some great events.

First of all we had some amazing A level results this Summer. Over 72% of our students achieved grades A-C at A level, this was a credit to their hard work, teachers' help and the support of our parents. Many of our students are now reading courses at excellent universities; we are particularly delighted that Tom Lakin, Tom Crawford and Jacqui Machin have been able to read their selected subjects at Oxford University.



On 15th December we had our annual prize giving ceremony. It was an absolute pleasure to see our students after their first term at university and to catch up with their tales. We frequently have ex-students visit us which is great for the staff, but also for our budding university students so they can hear about student life from current customers!

In September we welcomed over 120 Year 12 students into our Sixth Form. We had a welcome party with a 1970s and 1980s theme. The Teletubbies made an appearance and our annual limbo competition was held. Three Year 12 students were lucky enough to go on a Wiltshire Federation trip to Malaysia in October where they had an amazing time. In October we also went to The Civic Hall for the Safe Drive Stay Alive Roadshow.



Our Year 12 students are now involved in their Additional Studies programme, developing their skills and CVs in preparation for university applications and/or the world of work. We are more than aware it's very important to develop as many skills as you can in this current economic climate and are keen to promote development of personal skills as well as academic.

Year 13 have been applying to university, attending interviews, preparing CVs and receiving offers from institutions. We now have a regular careers drop-in session organised by Connexions staff to support students who are wishing to go straight into employment.

In November we had our Sixth Form Information Evening which was a really busy event. We've also had our Year 11 into 12 Day and interested Year 11 students are now beginning to decide on their chosen courses for next year. Please can I remind Year 11 students that we would like your applications by February half term.

We have also been involved in charity events. We had a week where we raised money for breast cancer awareness through events such as a cake sale and a non-school uniform day where the Sixth Form decided to come in uniform.

We're all now heavily involved in preparing for the January exams. I wish our students every success in these important exams.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of our parents for the support they have given the students and school this term.

Linda Brunt

Head of Sixth Form

News from The Clarendon College Sixth Form

Once again we have launched ourselves into a hectic first two terms packed with events and opportunities for personal development. Clarendon Sixth Form continues to strive towards providing a rich and rewarding experience for its students and this year we have been able to enjoy the sumptuous surroundings of the new common room and the IT facilities in the workroom. We should be extremely thankful to my predecessor, Mr Rose, for driving this initiative forward and finding the funds to redecorate and furnish the whole area. As the new Head of Sixth Form, I look forward to enjoying the odd cup of coffee luxuriating on the leather sofas whilst getting to know our new students. Perhaps we will see you at the Open Day on Wednesday, 10th December.

Looking back on what appeared to be a disappointing summer, weatherwise, there was one bright spot: results day. Huge congratulations go to the students who achieved their well deserved grades, many of whom are now studying at their chosen university. We look forward to catching up and renewing acquaintances at the A Level Presentation evening on 17th December. Particular congratulations should go to Rosie Bennison, who secured a place at Oxford University to read Languages, having gained three A grades at A Level.

The students who enjoyed the "trip of a lifetime" to South Africa on Project Wallacea have continued to share their experience through a series of presentations and talks in Assemblies. I am certain that, within their audience, there were many Year 12 and 13 students who will feel inspired enough to seek out similar gap year experiences, continuing a long tradition of Clarendon students undertaking voluntary work in Africa.

Year 12 students have begun to offer their time and energy closer to home, through the Community Action programme. Whether assisting in lower school lessons, working in local primary schools, training as a life guard or participating in the Community Sports Leaders' Award, students have the opportunity to enhance social and interpersonal skills and learn valuable lessons as they push themselves out of their comfort zone.

A new year always bring new faces and new roles. This year's Senior Students Team are leading Year Council teams and busy arranging social events for the year group. The Sixth Form Committee has gone from strength to strength following the BBQ at the start of the year to welcome the new Year 12. The Sixth Form has enjoyed a Halloween-themed party at a Trowbridge nightclub and planning outfits for the "Children in Need" fund raising day on Friday, 14th November.

We look forward to future events this term such as the Citizenship activity planned for Year 12 and the now legendary Sixth Form Christmas assembly.

Julie Thomas

Head of Sixth Form

Dates for your Diary:

Sixth Form Information Evening	20 November 2008
Sixth Form Open Day	10 December, 2008
Sixth Form Applications and Interviews	December 2008 to February 2009
Sixth Form Induction Day	24 June 2009