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Matrons' Thoughts

1. Clothing

Please restrict the amount of home clothes that your son brings back to school. Space is very limited & there is a wash done on site, so a clothes shortage should never be a problem.

We always need blazers and ties for our second hand cupboard. Please donate them when your son needs them no longer.

2. Bedding

Please remember to bring your own pillows and duvets. We will provide bed linen.

N.B. Please be aware that we only supply one pillowcase per boy for his bedding. If your son brings in another pillow, supply a pillowcase.

3. Labels

Label **every** item of clothing, in **neck**, not bottom of shirts & T-shirts etc., as they come back nicely folded from the laundry. Marking with laundry pen on under wear label or waist band is VERY HELPFUL.

Please re-mark sock bags & faded writing. Please only bring ONE mesh sock bag.

4. Tuck

Some of the Lower School have brought in FAR too much tuck. Please only bring in a reasonable amount.

PLEASE , NO FIZZY DRINKS, NUTS (we do have some students who have allergies – it just makes one less 'risk') OR POPCORN. Fizzy drinks can be bought at Gatleys on site. We need to make the boys aware that fizzy drinks are not good for them, because of tooth decay and hyping-up at bedtime.

It is important that the boys fully access the dining facilities & eat a healthy & varied diet. There is always fruit, bread, spread & milk available in the MOABS, should they get hungry between meals or after PREP.

5. Illness

The boys should not ring parents if they feel ill. They should find Matron & she will take, or send them to the Medical Centre. The MC will contact parents & discuss the best plan of action for that student.

6. Medication

ALL 'over the counter' medicines must be handed into Matron. We do not have our own supplies. Matron will keep an accurate record of type, dosage & frequency taken.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS from both Jenny & Sue!

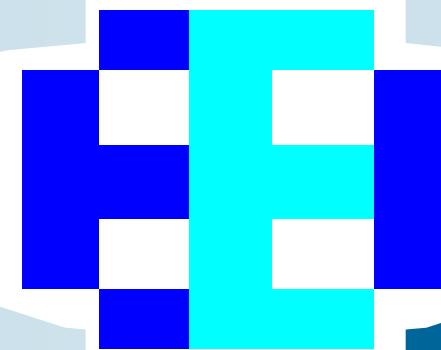
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**We are not always sitting at our desk;
please leave a message and we will return your call ASAP.**

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Lent Newsletter

Housemaster speaks...

It has been memorably said of March that it is the month God created to show people who don't drink what a hangover is like... an image that could easily be extended to apply to the dark chill of January & February too. In the sunshine of the last few days it's easy to forget the drab skies & freezing winds of the first part of this term & consequently how well the lads have done to maintain their high spirits & ceaseless outpourings of energy. If in doubt, open up your School calendar at random & peruse the list of events for that day. Mine fell open at the 18th March – a day on which East boys might have found themselves heading off to National Fives Championships, to Rugby Sevens competitions, to Geogra-

phy trips to Wales, or Chemistry trips to London, or even to the Royal Festival Hall, to theatre practicals, to meetings of the Exchange or lunchtime concerts. This, remember, is in addition to the usual schedule of sport, activities & lessons. In short, it has been another astonishing and breathless term. Inevitably, a House newsletter cannot hope to cover everything that your sons have been up to over the last few months. Instead, it offers a flavour of the atmosphere & buzz that is an inherent part of the House – I hope you enjoy flicking through it.

Best wishes for the holidays.

SDB

She's Done It Again



This year's East House play was much enjoyed by the audiences & the cast especially. The uproar of laughter after the third line of the play set a good tone, & each night went extremely smoothly. The play was deemed one of the funniest in years with an extremely good audience reaction.

The story line featured a mass of confusions within a crazy 70's hotel, where bishops, babies, & the News of the World all came into the story. Ben Durston, (*Freddy*) & George Blurton (*Pop*), opened the play effectively with *Rodney Percival* (Oli Katz), making hysterical entrances with his girlfriend, *Sylvia*, played by Pip Mansergh. The crazy *Professor Hogg* (Sam Jennings) & his spinster daughter *Ada* (Georgie Banks), certainly went down well with the audience on several occasions, while the appearance of Will Collier as *Whisper Grogan*, intimidating Ben's character *Freddy*, showed a different side to Will's usual rugby-orientated attributes, enter-

taining the crowd, with what PJL described as a "very funny hat/suit combination." Finally, the interaction of Sam Thomson's *Hubert* with Lexi Short's *Mary* & Ben Clifford's appearance as the Bishop were the highlights of Act 2. The emergence of various babies, resulting in absolute havoc in the hotel provoked a plenty of audience reaction!

Many thanks to James Copp who was a fantastic director throughout the whole 3 month preparation period, in which he managed to put up with the same 11 actors without any complaints. The whole cast were extremely appreciative of his fun & enthusiastic approach. Thanks also to Mark Jenkins on the technical side who made it all come together, with the help of Henry Harrod on sound. A big thank you to everybody who helped to create the atmosphere that made the East House play into such a success.

Sam Jennings UVI





Chess

This year's House chess was a truly momentous event and it will surely go down as one of the most thrilling & epic contests in history. East's team, led by Tom Saville, comprised Max Konuntakiet, Declan Wynne, Alex Knox & Chris Franklin. After last year's poor performance, East went in with no real expectations and simply played for the fun of it. This laid back attitude seemed to work to our advantage and we managed to edge past favourites Cubitt and North with truly mesmerizing performances from Franklin & Max.

Going into the final match we were in pole position and only had to win one match against Loveday. However illness struck and our top performer, Chris Franklin wasn't able to play. This blow hit the team hard & this was echoed in our performances. Somehow we all managed to lose our last match, handing the trophy over to Loveday. Nevertheless it was still a great effort and well done to everyone involved!

Alex Knox UV

East Football

The semi-final of the House football started with East against Cubitt & it soon became apparent that today was not our day. Within the first 10 minutes Henry "Maradona" Lee managed to catch the ball in his own box despite not being our goal keeper & although we had Mega Metcalfe in goal the penalty sent us 1-0 down. A re-jig in the team line up after a relatively even first half had the opposite effect than was required & we saw another four balls go into the back of our net whilst only one found Cubitt's net from the foot of Cope. The score ended 5-1 to Cubitt, but although not unimpressive, the score rather flattered Cubitt.

The 3rd-4th play-off: the most important match any pupil at school can undertake in his footballing career was then against North. A much better team was fielded today, with Jonny "Terry" Rus-

Senior Hockey

I think that it is fair to say that we were feeling quite confident going into the House hockey; we had the solid defence of Ross Kingsnorth in goal, the attacking ability of Langmead, Knights-Johnson & Betteridge up front; in the heart of the team we had Fletcher, both Kealys, Jennings, Rudd & myself. The other slots were filled in with the likes of Oliver Katz, star player of the thirds. We were right to be confident with a team like that!

Unfortunately we didn't live up to our own expectations, firstly by drawing 2-2 with Loveday. They got an early lead, but skilfully we managed to put a couple of goals past their keeper to get the draw. Unfortunately our run of draws continued for the other two matches, 0-0 in both, with opportunities hitting the posts & just going wide.

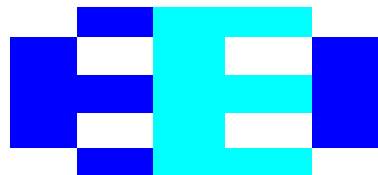
In the end we came 2nd to Loveday which was a valiant effort, but not quite good enough in the end by, frankly the best team, because it was an East team!

Mike Haynes LVI



sell acting as our rock in defence & Charlie "off-side" Cope held the attack albeit a goalless one this time. The goals in fact came from our sensational super Sidwell (AKA Will Stillwell) who is currently being scouted now by the Cranleigh School 1st XI & skipper JT in his last ever game. Victory was well deserved, although maybe a performance of such calibre would have been helpful against Cubitt.

James Taylor UVI



Debating

This year heralded a new dawn in academic competitions brought about by the perennially enthusiastic FTH. The rules stated that we were not allowed to have the same people in the public speaking & the debating. In many houses this would have spelled disaster, but not in East with a veritable smorgous board of academic talent, our hopes were high of success. The style of debating had also changed to a modified form of British Parliamentary debating, eliminating any pre-prepared speeches from the competition; something which purists believe had corrupted the old competition. The team chosen was Adam van Schaik, Tom 'T' Kato, James 'Macca' McEntee with Kyril Popov helping with the planning. However on the day of the event, due to hockey commitments, James Wooten bravely took the place of Adam.

Having won the competition last year, we were given a bye to the semi finals against Cubitt. The draw was made, we were the proposition and the topic... Should parents be allowed to choose the sex of their babies. After a frantic 15mins prep time it was time to speak. James Wooten was up first. He made a confident start, particularly considering

he had only been called into the team at the last minute. Next came T, who also spoke confidently & managed to get the biggest laugh of the evening by standing over the Cubitt team when they tried to make a point of information, although not intentionally trying to intimidate them, the East crowd did appreciate the humour. The speakers were given a brief break as the floor debate started. Excellent points were made by Henry Wilson in the guise of various members of the House, as well as other original contributions from many members of East. As the opposition Macca was the last to speak and confidently dismissed even the most persuasive Cubitt points and well as reaffirming the team's key points. The decision was left to RHGJ and FTH. Nervously the room waited, but the wait was somewhat in vain. We had been beaten.

While, of course, "we was robbed" the experience of the Cubitt juniors had contributory factor in the decision despite a senior points advantage. However, all who spoke must be applauded for their both their rhetorical excellence and contributions as well as their willingness to get involved in what is a very daunting competition to be a part of.

James McEntee UVI

Cross Country

For 13 years Cubitt had dominated the Cross-Country competitions, overshadowing all other contenders. Yet this year it was different. This year East had a huge chance to re-write Cross country history. The Junior side made a valiant effort with amazing endurance from Harry Adolphus (who won the race), Larwood & McAllister. There were also great runs by Mockford, White & Franklin.

It was the Seniors, however, where the competition was decided. Although Loveday took 1st place, East drove on through with some impressive runs by Currie, Wynne, Cope, & Tom Saville (2nd). Alongside these veteran runners were the brave souls who were prepared

to take the cross-country bullet for the House, so thanks to Kealy & Preece whose surprisingly good positions in the race contributed hugely to the score.

When these were eventually tallied up, there was huge suspense. Rumours that there was a single point between Cubitt and East abounded. When AJE announced that East had won the crown, there was huge jubilation in the House. Cubitt's iron grip had been broken. East had prevailed over their tyranny. "We came, we ran, we conquered", and in the end we ran away with it!

Tom Saville UVI

Junior House Challenge

In the first round of the Junior House Challenge, we came up against a strong West side. Representing the East team were T Kato, Oli Metcalfe, Ted Croker & James Wooten. East got off to a strong start, & the first half of the challenge swung in their favour. This was due to an impressive display from T, & Oli Metcalfe who provided some vital answers. These two senior members of the East team were instrumental in providing the team with a great start.

However, in the second half of the challenge, West got back in the game. They managed to provide the goods, & the girls also followed up the starter questions. Unfortunately, as West improved, the East boys lost concentration. Subsequently, it became inevitable that the girls were drawing away. Well done to the lads, but we did not perform on the day. There were moments of magic the boys, but it was not enough to get the result which we wanted.

Ted Croker LV

