

## BOARDING HOUSE

## HOUSE GARDEN IS PITCH PERFECT

Pupils will have plenty of opportunity to play sport this autumn as the house garden now has its own miniature football pitch, badminton and short tennis courts. Some senior boys marked out the areas with a Victorian white liner machine.

## NEW STAFF

New assistant housemistress Zoe Thesinger (right) has quickly become popular with boarders and houseparents at 57A. In her spare time, Zoe is a keen musician and also enjoys netball and sailing.

## TOP TABLE

A new boardroom table in the house room is now being used for evening and weekend craft activities, as well as the tuck shop and senior tuck.



## PRE-PREP AND NURSERY NEWS

**New starters** A warm welcome to children who have joined Pre-Prep this term. New starters this year are:

**Nursery class:** Edward, Isabelle, James and Olivia

**Reception class:** Dennis and Henry

We also welcome Jack to year 1 and Valentine to year 2. We hope our new starters will be very happy at the Cathedral School and staff and pupils will do everything they can to help them settle in.

**Hobby Horse** Our mother and toddler group Hobby Horse is now being organised by Lizzie Robinson. Lizzie is well known to parents through her work at Little Spires after school care. Hobby Horse will meet every Thursday morning.

**New topics** This term, the children will be learning about two new topics: 'Children through History' and 'Toys' and 'All About Ourselves'.



**Grandparents' tea party** Later this term, we will be organising the popular Grandparents' tea party. The tea party gives pupils the chance to chat to grandparents and find out a little about what life was like when they were children. As usual, there will be lots of homemade cakes and tasty treats to go around.

**School trips** Year 2 will be visiting the beautiful Breamore Country Park in the Avon Valley. The estate is home to the magnificent Tudor manor Breamore House and a fascinating countryside museum which recreates village life in bygone days. Year 1 will get a taste of life down on the farm when they visit working farm Farmer Giles. While there, the children might like to bottle-feed lambs, milk the pet Jersey cow, groom donkeys, or perhaps cuddle the rabbits, guinea pigs and piglets in the pets corner.

**Mr Gnome** And finally, a new Mr Gnome has arrived at Pre-Prep. Mr Gnome will be awarded each week to the class or classes that show consideration to others and the ability to share at playtimes.



## PURBECK IS SIMPLY THE BEST

Year 7 pupils returned fresh and full of newly acquired knowledge from this year's Geography/Science field trip to Purbeck. In between their studies, pupils found time to sample some of the culinary delights on offer in the local area. These included mouth-watering burgers, sausages and bacon from 'Best Meat Producer in Dorset' Bradle Farm. Also very popular were delectable chocolates from Chococo in Swanage which won a Great Taste Award the day pupils visited. The trip was full of highlights, but watching the sun set over a deep blue sea at Kimmeridge was particularly special.

Andrew Stewart says; 'The academic studies went well and there was lots to learn from this remarkable World Heritage Coastline. We thoroughly enjoyed our visit to Purbeck and left full of happy memories of delicious food, beautiful views and wonderful company.'



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## COMING UP THIS TERM

Saturday 25th September  
Open Morning

Monday 27th September  
Informal Concert for Singers  
yrs 3-5

Friday 1st October  
Harvest Festival

Monday 4th October  
Informal Concert for Pianists  
yrs 3-5

Thursday 7th October  
Year 3 Trip to Hampton  
Court

Friday 8th October  
Toy Animal Day

Monday 11th October  
Year 5 Trip to the American  
Museum

Monday 11th October  
Informal Concert for Violins  
and Violas

Monday 11th October  
Pre-Prep Grandparents' Tea  
Party

Tuesday 12th October  
Workshop with Steve Bowkett  
(author)

Wednesday 13th October  
Year 8 Theatre Trip 'Von  
Ribbentrop's Watch'

Friday 15th to Tuesday  
19th October  
Classics Rome Trip

Friday 15th October  
Informal Concert for Trumpets  
and Cornets

Monday 8th November  
Informal Concert for  
Trombones and French Horns

Monday 15th November  
Informal Concert for  
Saxophones

Tuesday 16th November  
Brass Workshop and Concert

Wednesday 17th  
November  
Year 8 Theatre Trip 'The  
Picture'

Friday 19th November  
Parents' Consultation Evening

Saturday 20th November  
Friends' Christmas Fair

Monday 22nd November  
Informal Concert for Flutes  
and Oboes

Monday 29th November  
Parents' Consultation Evening

Tuesday 30th November  
Chamber Music Concert

Friday 3rd December  
St Osmund's Day Fireworks

Wednesday 8th December  
Pre-Prep Nativity Service

Friday 10th and Saturday  
11th December  
Staff and Parents' Pantomime

Tuesday 14th December  
Pre-Prep Christmas Party

Wednesday 15th  
December  
Pre-Prep Christmas Fair

Thursday 16th December  
Christmas Lunch

Friday 17th December  
Carol Service

## WHAT'S NEW

AT SALISBURY CATHEDRAL SCHOOL

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## HELPING CHILDREN REALISE THEIR TRUE POTENTIAL



As I embark upon my fourth year as Head Master of the Cathedral School, I find myself pausing for reflection as we chart the school's next phase of development and growth in this ever changing world. This is an unusually busy school and it is almost impossible to do justice to the richness of the activity in the space of a few lines. In common with most Heads, I continue to place the striving for excellence in teaching and learning amongst our top priorities as we head into the new academic year. Another crucial aspect of education lies in the development of the all round individual and it is only through the school's aims of promoting a right attitude in our dealings with each other that pupils' full potential will be reached.

It is incumbent upon teachers to engage pupils with stimulating lessons and to seek to bring the best out of each and every one of them, both in and out of the classroom. Field work in the battlefields of northern France and a classics trip to Rome have been recent, popular additions to the curriculum here. It is also, however, increasingly important that children are taught the skills which will equip them to study and for them to learn that a good lesson is not always an easy lesson and that an excellent education is never an easy education. Often, rigorous application to the task is demanded.

It has been well documented that a culture of instant gratification is making today's school children harder to teach. Youngsters live in a world where success appears to come instantly and without any real effort and it is difficult for teachers to compete. Success in learning sometimes just doesn't come fast enough for the modern generation.

Against this background, the job of the teacher is undoubtedly more challenging than it was even 10 years ago. In this rapidly changing world, I believe that it is more important than ever that children are exposed to an environment of opportunity in which they are

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## Walkway creates safe route



## Pupils get to grips with table tennis



## New teachers join Learning Support

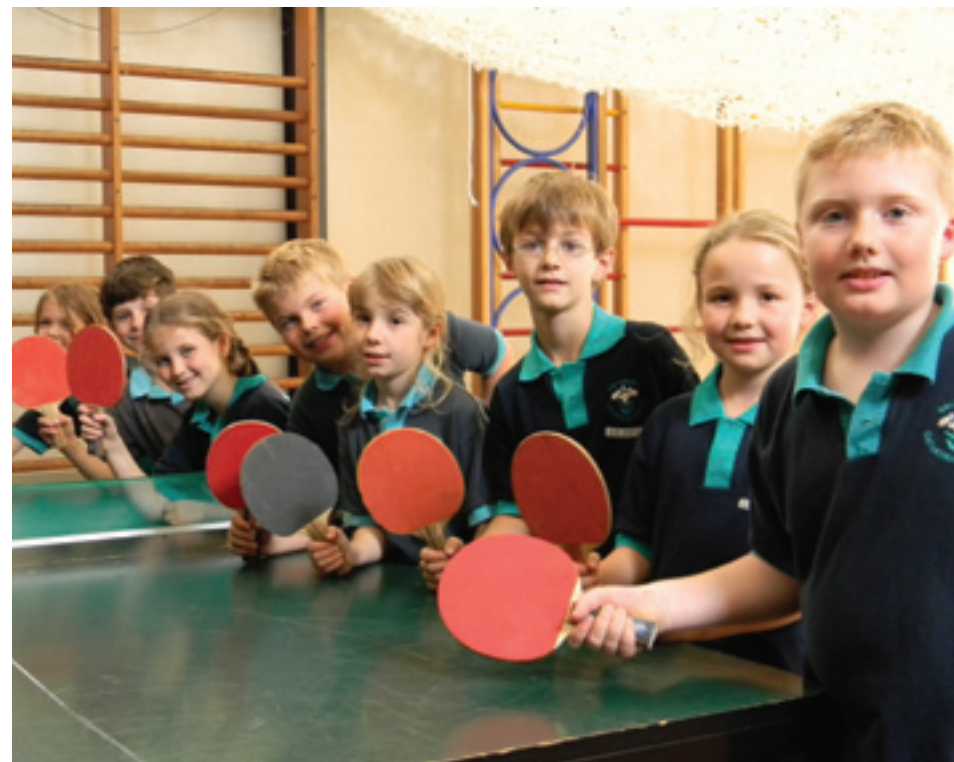


**HEADMASTER CONT'D...**

able to learn how to apply themselves, discover their true potential and develop a love of learning for its own sake. An education at the Cathedral School continues to offer great breadth and richness and perhaps above all, I hope that pupils will leave with a sense of pride in their achievements and an ambition to use the gifts which they have developed here to help to make the world a better place for others.



**Paul Greenfield**  
Headmaster



## PUPILS GET ACTIVE WITH NEW SPORTS

The new school year brings a new approach to PE and Games for years 5 to 8. We'll be splitting the classes into three groups which will rotate every month. The three groups will take part in lacrosse, table tennis and action games, giving pupils the chance to learn different sports and skills.

Inter-house fixtures will be introduced in the new sports for some years, and points awarded will count towards the end-of-year inter-house cup. An inter-house sports tally board will keep track of points awarded throughout the school year.

We look forward to a great sporting year ahead and the continuing success of our girls' and boys' teams.



## NEW PROBATIONERS JOIN CHOIR

This Michaelmas term, we welcome some new faces into our chorister line-up. The new probationers are:

**Boys**

Henry Foster, Oliver Harding, George Jefferson, George Nicholson, Monty Westall

**Girls**

Georgia Darke, Megan McCormack, Cecily Moorsom, Verity Peterken

The boys' choir officers for 2010-2011 are Bishop's Chorister Alex Stagg, Vestry Monitor Louis Knight-Webb and Senior Turner Tom McCormack. The girls' choir officers for 2010-2011 are Dean's Chorister Anita Monserrat, Precentor's Chorister Elise Coward and Turners Lizzie Prater and Tilly Ross-Smith. We also welcome our new organ scholar Andrej Kouznetsov who recently arrived from Sydney, Australia.



## LEARNING SUPPORT GAINS NEW TEACHERS

A warm welcome to Kate Abbott and Liz Barton who have joined the Learning Support team. Kate and Liz are very experienced learning support teachers and have both previously taught at the Cathedral School. They will be joining us every week on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Kate and Liz will replace Kate Henderson who retired in the summer after 21 years' service. Kate's association with the school began as a parent and then as a teacher. She taught in Pre-Prep before joining the Learning Support department. Kate was a key figure in the department and her caring approach and guidance will be sorely missed.

Jane Foley remains the school's special educational needs co-ordinator (SENCO) and co-ordinator of Learning Support. She will be working closely with Kate and Liz, as well as Cary Sinclair-Kemp and Rhonda Cartwright. Cary gives general support to Jane Greenfield's year 3 class and some individual assistance, while Rhonda co-ordinates Learning Support in Pre-Prep. The team aim to give comprehensive support wherever it is required.

## YEARS 7 AND 8 SAY 'CIAO ITALIA'

It's nearly time for the long-awaited Rome trip. During half term, more than 20 pupils from years 7 and 8 will visit the Italian capital, along with Mrs Way, Mrs Foley and some volunteer parents. The children will visit sites they have studied in the history element of their common entrance course. These include Ostia, the Colosseum and St Peter's, and famous sites from Rome's Imperial past. We will also throw pennies in the Trevi fountain and try delicious water ices by the Spanish Steps. We hope the trip will teach children the importance of Rome in the Renaissance, as well as fire their love of history.

## JOIN OUR CLUB

Lots of new and exciting clubs are on offer to pupils this term. For creative types there's Mr Stewart's photography club, for keen boppers there's Miss Melville's street dance club, and for budding city traders there's Mrs Way's stocks and shares club. These activities are in addition to our existing cricket, football, hockey, gym, golf, chess, jewellery, ukulele, art and pottery clubs. This term, we are particularly looking forward to another archery match against Sandroyd when more pupils will have the chance to represent the school.

Younger pupils take part in a range of games and activities organised by Mrs Matthews. Mrs Bathe's new Friday sewing club is also proving popular with the younger girls, but the club would welcome a few more boys!

## KICK-START TO LINK COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COLLECTION

This term sees staff and pupils raiding their piggy banks for the Link Community Development fund. LCD works in five African countries to improve access to quality education. The organisation is also responsible for arranging our link with St Edward's School, Uganda. We hope our weekly collection will better last year's £1000 total.

**HARVEST FESTIVAL**

The BSR will be filled with tasty goodies for harvest festival at the start of October.

Most of our harvest gifts are collected by the Trussell Trust which takes them to the Salisbury food bank to be packed and distributed to families in need. Last term, year 8 pupils spent time packing these boxes and discovered what hard work it is. Year 3 pupils will deliver some harvest boxes across The Close to the Matron's College where residents are always thrilled to see them.

**GIFT SHOEBOXES**

As Christmas approaches, we will be compiling gift shoeboxes to be distributed by the Trussell Trust in Bulgaria. A path of boxes will be created for the service of blessing. In previous years, the path has stretched from the spire crossing to the high altar, so it will be worth seeing.

