



## Headmaster's Newsletter – October 2011

It only seems like yesterday that we were welcoming the children back from their summer holidays. The past six weeks have simply sped past and we are all in need of a short break before returning through to Christmas. The highlight of the first six weeks of the term, for me, was our spectacular Speech Day. I would like to thank the many parents who wrote to me saying how much they had enjoyed the evening.

I am sure that most of you will have taken a look at our new website. Mrs. Tebb has worked extremely hard to revamp its design. In addition, there are a number of new areas including a Parents' Corner where we have responded to parental requests for advice on teenage parties etc..

On a similar theme I hope that many of you will come along to our next Free Speech Lecture on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November at 7:30pm when we welcome Mr. Peter Hall, a former alcoholic and drug addict who will speak about the dangers that exist in modern society. It is a sad indication of our society that we feel it is very important for all parents to have the opportunity to hear of such things but I would urge you to attend. (A flier is attached to this correspondence).

On Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November we are hosting our annual Year 12 Information Evening when we will speak to pupils and parents about the university application process. Once again the evening will be in the Main Hall and starts at 7:00pm.

The HCA have also asked me to draw your attention to a new event on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November when they will be organising a Christmas Fair. It will start at 10:00am and is taking place in The Main Hall. I know there will be lots to do for the children and a large number of stalls will be selling all sorts of Christmas goods.

The second half of the Christmas Term is always an especially busy time for the school's music and drama departments. If you consult your School Calendars you will see the School Play is Jesus Christ Superstar with performances at 7:00pm on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November, Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November, Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November and Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November. Once again if you have not come to a school play then I would encourage you to come and enjoy what promises to be a wonderful production. Tickets will be available after half-term from the Main Office and Ms. Catlin.

On Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December the Main Hall plays host to the FOHMS annual Music and Mulled Wine Evening. The evening starts at 7:30pm and is a real highlight of the term.

There are a number of opportunities to get you into the Christmas spirit during the last week of term when the Junior School Christmas Production of "A Star is Born" takes place on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 6:30pm in the Main Hall. Two nights later in the same venue we host The Senior School Carol Concert at 7:30pm.

Finally, I hope you all have a restful half-term and look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

Yours,