

REVIEW



CCF celebrates 30 years!

CELEBRATING ITS 30TH BIRTHDAY!

Welcome to our Michaelmas Review. With each review we now hope to include an edition of the 'School's Learning Solutions' which provides an update to an aspect of our curriculum. This term we highlight our School's Combined Cadet Force.

In September 2008, as part of a three-year trial to expand activities in state schools, the Ministry of Defence, in partnership with the government, established six new Combined Cadet Force (CCF) contingents in state schools. As the CCF is traditionally thought of as an extracurricular activity embraced by public schools, state schools and Combined Cadet Forces might seem to make unlikely partners. The London Oratory School is, however, one of very few state schools with a long established CCF that commenced some thirty years ago.

CCF activities offer challenge, excitement and adventure and opportunities to gain a wealth of knowledge and understanding. Cadet life is about learning through practical experience, especially in the great outdoors, and provides opportunities for leadership and teamwork; essential in today's world.

As with independent schools, The London Oratory School stresses that the aim of the CCF is not to be a recruiting agency for the regular forces. If that were the rationale, then the School has failed miserably as, over the years, very few boys have made the decision to join the forces. Our boys join the CCF for the fun and challenges it provides. The CCF is, first and foremost, a youth organisation and, although some of the training is of a military nature, with parades and night-time manoeuvres, the CCF places greater emphasis on practical, outdoor and adventurous training. The facilities and opportunities available are fantastic, particularly for our city boys who do not otherwise get much of a chance to gain their glider pilot's licence, for example.



David McFadden
Headmaster



Cover: CCF - RAF Benson

Michael Hoft (6S), Jason D'Sousa (5C), Flt. Lt.
Chandler, Joseph Heekin (5S) and Giancarlo Storino
(4M)

ACADEMIC AWARDS



(Back row) Anthony Abbott (1S), Oliver Clark (1C), Iolo Jones (1C), Gautier Le Calvez (1C), Jack Pinder (1F), Jeremy Ansbro (1C), Alexander Blaney (1C), Theo Boheimer (1C), William Brassington (1C), David Bull (1C), Samuel Moriarty (1C).

(Middle row) Joshua Rodriguez-Broadbent (1C), Harry Blades (1F), Joseph Deery (1F), Vladimir Krasnojon (1F), Thomas Longfellow (1F), Headmaster, Jake Bedford (1H), Tom Chambers (1H), Luis Coelho Domingues (1H), Elliot Mead (1H), Oliver Gatland (1M).

(Front row) Thomas Hargy (1M), Connor Jones (1M), Gregory Loftus (1M), William Lord (1M), Adedeji Olaonipekun (1M), Berkeley Vago-Hughes (1M), Zachariah Casswell (1O), Joshua Dalton (1O).

CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE

Oliver Clark (1C)

Iolo Jones (1C)

Gautier Le Calvez (1C)

Jack Pinder (1F)

Cillian Davis (2F)

Maelyn Augustine (2H)

Benedict Davies (2H)

Leandros Philiotis (2H)

Maximilian Wallat (2H)

Pierre Baudart (2M)

Matthew Cracknell (2M)

Harry Nicholls (2M)

Ali Golchin (2O)

Liam Connery (3S)

Henry Rodriguez-Broadbent (3S)

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

Jeremy Ansbro (1C)

Alexander Blaney (1C)

Theo Boheimer (1C)

William Brassington (1C)

David Bull (1C)

Samuel Moriarty (1C)

Joshua Rodriguez-Broadbent (1C)

Harry Blades (1F)

Joseph Deery (1F)

Vladimir Krasnojon (1F)

Thomas Longfellow (1F)

Jake Bedford (1H)

Tom Chambers (1H)

Luis Coelho Domingues (1H)

Elliot Mead (1H)

Michael Burrows (1M)

Oliver Gatland (1M)

Thomas Hargy (1M)

Connor Jones (1M)

Gregory Loftus (1M)

William Lord (1M)

Adedeji Olaonipekun (1M)

Berkeley Vago-Hughes (1M)

Zachariah Casswell (1O)

Joshua Dalton (1O)

Anthony Abbott (1S)

Erik Benchak (2C)

Eliot Lord (2C)

Liam Osborne (2C)

William Barrington (2F)

Connor Breslin (2F)

Connor O'Shea (2F)

Gregory Potter (2F)

Julio Joffily (2H)

Thomas Emery (2M)

Olamide Fayankinnu (2M)

Archibald Scott (2M)

MacCartney Cruz (2O)

Oliver McLaughlin (2O)

Carlo Sabathy (2O)

Michal Stepniak (2O)

Joshua Balacky (2S)

Matthew Coutinho (2S)

Aodhan Green (2S)

Aran Kelly (2S)

Christian Mendez (2S)

Jacob Taylor (2S)

Peter Adams (3H)

Joseph Corp (3M)

Dermot Neligan (3M)

Finnian Walker (3M)

Benjamin Daly-Jones (3O)

Oliver Krahelski (3O)

Timothy Kwaskowski (3O)

Alfonso Carvajal Moreno De

Barreda (3S)

James Lees (3S)

Peter Morris (3S)

Duke of Edinburgh's Award *Silver*



In October, a team of Fifth-Formers undertook a D of E Silver expedition in the Forest of Dean and Wye Valley. Groups of 4-5 boys navigated their way on foot through the forest over two days and arrived at a launch below Symonds Yat on the English-Welsh border to conclude their expedition by open two-man canoe down the river Wye. Instructors set them the challenge of constructing an overnight bivouac from canoes, oars, rope and tarpaulin, and demonstrated cooking an evening meal around a campfire. Spurred on by chilly night-time temperatures, the boys made effective bivvies, and concluded their exploration by the riverside in Monmouth.

Mr O'Dwyer





Expedition start point: Newlands,
Forest of Dean



Junior House

Samaritan's Purse – Operation Christmas Child

Four Junior House boys Tristan Asprey (J2), Alex Curtis (J3) and Samuel Wareing (J1) with Lawrence Steel (J4) at the front helping load the charity shoe-boxes for collection. Every Year the Junior House participates in the "Samaritan's Purse – Operation Christmas Child" and every boy contributes a box of gifts, which are then transported to some of the world's poorest children. The power of this simple gift meets the needs of victims of war, poverty, famine and natural disaster while sharing the good news of Jesus Christ.

Mrs MacKay

Miss Watson



David Lauder



Annual Exhibition of work by Staff, Parents and Friends of the school

There was a tremendous response to this year's call for artists, making this exhibition one of the largest to date, with over eighty pieces of work on show. The standard was also excellent with a broad range of media and artistic disciplines on display: from David Lauder's beautifully observed watercolours, to Guy Shelly's masterfully sculpted symbolic representation of 'the faceless soldier'. There isn't room to go into any more detail here (full review in the next Oratorian), but it was fantastic to have so many outstanding new contributors to the show alongside veterans of the exhibition. Thanks to you all for making this wonderful evening possible and we look forward to seeing you again next year.

Mr Deegan



Alcohol Awareness Competition

Harriet Horner (7C) (top left) and Malgorzata Kuzan (7H) were both delighted to find that they had come first and second place in the photography leg of a competition organised by the Metropolitan Police. The aim of the project was to raise awareness of the damage underage alcohol consumption causes, and both Harriet and Malgorzata's graphic portrayals shone out from the rest.

Prizes were presented at Queen's Park Rangers Football Club.

Mr Deegan



Kew Gardens

Fifth-Form pupils visit Kew Gardens as inspiration for their current GCSE coursework module, Man Made and Natural Structures.



Guitar Orchestra

For the first time in several years, there was a most successful guitar concert featuring over 40 of the school guitarists playing to a large and appreciative audience. Besides small ensembles, all of the guitarists finished in a joint piece as the 'guitar orchestra'

Senior Symphonic Concert

The senior symphonic concert saw Mr Coburn in charge of the orchestra for the first time and Mr Clark with the Concert Band. Pictured too are Oliver Llewellyn Smith and Amadi Sanderson who performed a flute and marimba duet.



MUSIC





Schola and The Fantastic Mr Fox

Schola boys were involved in recording the soundtrack to *The Fantastic Mr Fox* at Abbey Road studios. Here they are pictured with Alexander Desplat, composer, and some of the puppets used in the film (each worth upwards of £20,000!)

Oratory Sing Up

There was the first concert of this year's Oratory Sing Up at St Thomas a Becket Church, Wandsworth, involving six RC primary schools from Kensington & Chelsea and Wandsworth as part of the school's outreach programme. Schola boys and staff go into the schools each week to work with pupils and their music co-ordinators. The concert included a new première by Mr Terry which was a collection of carols for all of the participants.

Mr Ward



The Ghost Train



by Arnold Ridley Sixth Form Drama Production



THE JOHN McINTOSH ARTS CENTRE



Jonathan Murphy (7C), Sam Selwood (7C), Kimberley Allen-Philbey (7C), Will Seddon (6S), Rosie Kyrke-Smith (6M), Gabriel Kern (7S) Charles Rennie (6S), Elisa Wahnnon (7S) and Fay Mulvihill (6O).



A competent cast of experienced Sixth Form actors brought new life to an old fashioned play this term. The atmospheric set, a decrepit Cornish railway station, gas-lit and nicotine stained, designed and painted by the Art Department, provided an appropriate place for ghost trains and things that go bump in the night, the overall effect enhanced by a catalogue of sound cues and period mood music. Above all, the delivery of the taut 1920s dialogue ("What the deuce...!"), strong characterisation and cracking pace ensured that the audience was kept on the edge of its seat, interrupted only by the odd gag and stage high-jinks.

Mr Ashenden

Annual Boston Rowing Marathon

In September The London Oratory School competed in the annual Boston Rowing Marathon a race from Lincoln to Boston (Lincolnshire rather than USA) along the river Witham.

This is slightly mad as the course is slightly longer than your average rowing event. The Olympic course is a race of 2km; this event is however twenty-five times longer at 31 miles, along a course with weeds and hundreds of other boats.

We entered a Junior 16 coxless quad, meaning four boys each using two oars, with number one steering with his right foot while rowing. At stroke, setting the rhythm, was Sam Keeler. Ed Zakrzewski and Aidan Swietochowski were providing power in the middle pair and Joseph Guppy steering and commanding the boat at bow - down the long and difficult course.

They came in just below 5 hours at 4:59.12. Rupert Adams (rowing for Walton Rowing Club Junior 18 quad) managed a good time of 4:28.25.

This was an epic endurance event and the boys did well to complete it... and even have a smile at the end. Very well done - our first Boston Marathon.

Mr Boileau



S P O R T

Varsity Match

First-Form pupils enjoyed a wonderful day out at Twickenham watching Patrick Crossley (a former Oratory pupil) win the Varsity Match with Cambridge University against Oxford University. After a fairly dreary first half the game came alive with a feast of tries in the second half. Cambridge, led by the former Australian international Daniel Vickerman, secured a 31-27 victory that was a big upset following pre match predictions. Patrick had an excellent game and our First-Form rugby players left wishing that they could be him in 10 years time.

Mr Richbell



Rugby

Tom Smallbone took part in the elite U15 England training in August and has been selected for the London and South East England squad. He was a member of the successful London Oratory School U16 side that beat Hampton School 10-0 in the Middlesex Cup final.

Our U15 side is through to the Middlesex Cup final and are playing Orleans School.

The First XV won 35-17 and have recorded 8 wins this season (2 more than last season). Mr Hopkin, the First XV coach said "after a hesitant start they are now shaping up into a formidable side." They face Colfe's School in the 5th round of the Daily Mail Vase when going to press.



Farm Lane Care Home

The U12 squad have played eleven matches, winning 9 and drawing 1. The only defeat was 7-5 to Wimbledon.

It is the fifth consecutive year the the U12s have raised money for the Care Home. The boys raised £600 this year and the Captain Alex Dooling (IF) and Curtis John-Cyrus (IF) shown here with Mr Sergeant went along to present the cheque and also took lovely hampers for Christmas.

Mr Moran



Parent comment on the U14 Rugby Team

Dear London Oratory School,

I do not know who coached the U14C team today at Whitgift...but he did a marvellous job! Coincidentally the team played like terriers, led for two periods and only lost as a result of injuries and some bad luck/ Whitgift opportunist breakaways.

Each and every player today was magnificent and I feel really privileged to have witnessed their performance. They lost 24-17, completing the match with a marvellous third try converted from the touchline. The enormous Whitgift scrum was pushed around for most of the match by our diminutive heroes. The disciplined and good natured manner in which they flew The London Oratory School flag is highly commended.

Thank you Mr Kirby - from the editor.

Old Oratorians



L O N D O N

Old Oratorians vs Headmaster's XV



2009 has seen strong progress for the Old Oratorians Rugby Club.

September saw the 2nd annual contest for the 'Kevin Moran Trophy' - the eagerly anticipated match between The OO XV and The Headmaster's XV (Last Year's 1st XV).

The match proved a huge success, with over 25 eligible players turning up for the Old Oratorians, showing that these early years of forming a team has serious support from Oratory Old Boys from the classes of 2008 and going back as far as the class of 1982. The Headmaster's XV was made up of an U-20 select side, and with most of the team just about to start their university rugby careers, a match against the OO's was just what they were looking for.

The initial expectations was that the OO's would have the strength and experience, while the Headmaster's XV should carry the pace and fitness to make a really interesting match. The teams faced up to put on a fine display of attacking rugby to delight the supporting crowd, and although St. John's were not called upon this year, the friendly nature of the fixture did not take away from the physicality the players brought to the match. The Old Boys held a lead for most of the match, having scored tries and through the backs and forwards, and some dogged defence. But the Headmaster's XV continued to show faith and eventually it took a late try and missed penalty from



Old Oratorians vs Old Wimbledonians



the OO's to seal an historic win of (16-14) for the Headmaster's XV, all future Old Oratorian players.

This fixture is now tied at 1-1, and we look forward to the 2010 match.

The Old Oratorians have also ventured on to the fields of some new opposition across the London Old Boy's scene. A fixture against Old Wimbledonians lead to a tight defeat of 17-25, and Wimbledon are keen for this to become a regular fixture between the two teams. We also hope to secure fixtures in 2010 against Old Oratorians of Reading, Old Cardinal Vaughanians and others. The Club is growing but needs the continued support of Old Boys who want to continue playing rugby for the Oratory.

There will be a Rugby Dinner at the School on Saturday, 13 March 2010, with 6-Nations matches on the big screen, to make for a great day. If you are interested in attending please contact Mr Moran (kmoran@los.ac) or Jackie McRoberts (jmroberts@los.ac).

James Batchelor





Key dates for 2010:

Schola: Concert with The Priests - Friday, 12 February 2010
School Musical - Thursday, 25 & Friday, 26 March 2010
Patronal Festival - Friday, 28 May 2010
Lower School Drama - Wednesday, 23 & Thursday, 24 June 2010
Junior House Musical - Thursday, 8 & Friday, 9 July 2010
Awards & Exhibition Evening - Monday, 19 July 2010
Junior House Sports Day - Monday, 19 July 2010

Old Oratorian Events
Golf Society Day - Friday, 16 April 2010
An Evening of Music - Friday, 11 June 2010
Annual Dinner - Friday, 2 July 2010

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