

REVIEW



ACADEMIC AWARDS

Catholic Leadership

What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? --Micah 6:8

For the third successive year our public examination results have been in excess of 96% of our pupils achieving five A* to C grades at GCSE. At A level a similar story, with this year's cohort achieving the highest average point score ever. Examinations are, of course, essential as they allow a means of measuring pupil and school performance; they are not however a measure of a successful life, nor are they the whole purpose of school, an education is far more important and especially an Oratory education, whose central focus is on the pupil's personal relationship with God and their formation in the Catholic faith.

In today's society everything seems to rise and fall on Leadership and deep within each one of us there is an inner longing to live a life of goodness and contribution – to really matter, to really make a difference; to be a person who serves and inspires others; a person who applies principles that govern growth and prosperity in both themselves and in other human beings and in organisations – principles that draw the highest and best from a “whole person” – body, mind, heart and spirit.

Author Stephen Covey refers to Leadership 'from inside out'. Proactive people subordinate feelings to values. Where reactive people absolve themselves of responsibility, the proactive person acknowledges that change must come from inside out. 'If I really want to improve my situation, I can work on the one thing over which I have control - myself'. The true leader therefore begins from inside out – with the capacity for vision, for self-reflection, for discernment between what is reactive and proactive in him or her, between the negative and the positive. As Mother Theresa would advocate, the place to improve the world is first in one's own heart and head and hands – then work outwards from there!

Enclosed with this edition of the Review is the School's new Strategic Plan 2012-2015. Built upon the previous plan, it includes a new direction - Catholic Leadership; that is being the best we can be; actively demonstrating our faith; reaching out in loving service to others; and Being role models for others.

Our strategic plan calls for the development of Catholic Leadership in all our pupils. The drive for Catholic Leadership is built upon our current established faith formation programmes and emphasises a social justice rationale to build a better world through young men and women who will be the agents of change in Christ. A better world through Catholic Leadership.

May I thank all who contributed in the formation of the new strategic plan and I am sure with your assistance and prayers we can meet its challenges.



David McFadden
Headmaster



First Form Awards



Milo Quirke



Daniel Rooney

Cover: Operation Christmas Child is a charity which is much valued and respected and once again the Junior House dispatched over seventy boxes filled with gifts and necessities to children, who are much worse off than themselves.

Mrs Mackay
Junior House Housemaster

CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE

First Row (left to right)
Paolo Barnett (IC)
Henry O'Meara (IC)
Jack O'Donnell (IF)

Benjamin Dickens (IH)
Aedan Kerrigan (IH)
Headmaster
Hubert Ostoja-Petkowski (IH)

Gabriel Naginski (IO)
Stephen Pickett (IO)
Mateo Rossi Rolando (IO)
Peter Puhalla (IS)

Inset Daniel Rooney (IM)

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

Second Row (left to right)
Aaron Albuquerque (IC)
Edward Bambury (IC)
Jonathan Carneiro (IC)
Christian Dunne (IC)
Patrick Farrell (IC)
Peter Hardman (IC)
Jaroslaw Krzystek (IC)
Michael Matthews (IC)
Conner McCarron (IC)
Piotr Nykiel-Jastrzebski (IC)
Joseph Rowe (IC)
Séan Von Hagt (IC)

Charles Desa (IH)
Sean Foley (IH)
Joseph Griso Dryer (IH)
Edward Holmes-Milner (IH)
Laurence Mohan (IH)
Luca Seemungal (IH)

Fourth Row

Thomas Simpson (IH)
Gilles Sinclair (IH)
Alexander Teixeira (IH)
Cormac Walsh (IH)
Alfred Whillis (IH)
Beltrán Field (IM)
Matthew Hardy (IM)
Lucas Jones (IM)
Kieran Lyons (IM)
Joseph Marshall (IM)
Cecil North (IM)

Third Row

Emmanuel Balogun (IF)
Christian Munoz (IF)
Edward Allaker (IH)
Aaron Cronin (IH)
Cosimo De Barry (IH)

Fifth Row

James Proudfoot (IM)
Lucas Alves (IO)
Niall Bones (IO)
James Canning (IO)
Frederic de Soissons (IO)
Daniel Docherty (IO)
James Emery (IO)
Justin Finn (IO)
Aaron Gnanabalan (IO)
Sebastian Joseph (IO)
Simon Kelly (IO)
Sebastian Mendez (IO)

Sixth Row

Conall Preston (IO)
Bruno Wieringa-Diaz (IO)
Alexander Winter (IO)
Joseph Evans (IS)
Lee Fernandes (IS)

Gregory Hadeed (IS)
Patrik Korczak (IS)
Hugo Manfield (IS)
Filip Nykiel-Jastrzebski (IS)
Thandy Ogunna-Nwokie (IS)
Oliver Oufi (IS)
Benjamin Phelan (IS)
Stefan Suchcitz (IS)

Inset Milo Quirke (IM)



Senan Hennessy, Charles Govan (5S) and Patrick Keefe (5S).



Left to Right: Edward Zakrzewski (7O), Chima Nnanna Dikeocha (7H), Simon Au (7H), Ellen Clancy (7C), Tom Szyszko (7M), William Brassington (3C), Daniel Lynch (7C), Sam Moriarty (3C), Toby Walsh (7M), Zach Casswell (3O), Holly Bradshaw (7C), Juan Muriel (7F), Jack Proudfoot (3C), Michael Shalaby (7F) and Tom Hargy (3M).



Film Club

The Film Club helps schools set up clubs that provide young people with the chance to watch, discuss and review a diverse range of films – feeding their imagination and nurturing their social and intellectual development.

The Club meets every Tuesday after school and this term pupils enjoyed an entertaining question and answer discussion courtesy of the stage and film actor James Purefoy, who starred in films such as *Iron Clad*, *Solomon Kane* and played Mark Antony in *Rome*. He talked about his acting career and the film business.

Mr Rigano - Teacher of Art

Clubs & Societies

Science Society GCSE Live

At the heart of London's Theatreland, a host of eminent scientists held a day-long event of enlightening lectures aimed at GCSE pupils. Speakers included the former government advisor, Sir David King, Professor Steve Jones of UCL and Professor Richard Dawkins of Oxford University.

Dr Kate Lancaster provided an illuminating insight into the development of fusion generators, offering a possible solution to the worrying depletion of fossil fuels. This physics lecture followed Sir David King's captivating introduction about the causes and concerns of global warming. Pupils had the opportunity to ask questions following each lecture and Professor Richard Dawkins delighted the pupils with his thought experiments on the history of evolution and the mind's eye of a bat in flight.

An experienced GCSE examiner was on hand to offer pupils essential advice and both his talks covered the trickiest parts of revision and exam technique. The day was finally rounded up by Dr Andrea Sella who explained how the wonders of chemistry could be used to explain why zebras have stripes.

Serious About Science

On the anniversary of Michael Faraday's birth, in the prestigious Faraday Lecture Hall of the Royal Institute, budding engineers from the sixth and third form took part in a series of lectures and workshops organised by the Ironmongers' Company. The Royal Institute's Science Team hosted the day with exciting presentations from the Bloodhound SSC team and workshops from the Royal Signals Corp. The Bloodhound team explained how maths and engineering led them to create one of the fastest land vehicles in the world and the Royal Signal Corps set a series of competitive engineering tasks for all participating schools to attempt. Despite fierce competition from school teams across the London area, our sixth form team were judged by the Royal Signals Corp to be the highest performing team. They were presented with the award by the Ironmongers' Company who also offer scholarships to sixth formers applying to study engineering at university.

Miss Celentano - Teacher of Physics

First Form Robotics

First form pupils have been helping assemble Lego Mindstorms kits in preparation for the start of a Robotics Club at the school which is to commence in February.

Design for Life

Fourth form GCSE pupils attended a 'Design for Life' workshop at the Victoria and Albert Museum. The day was an interesting mix of museum visit, practical activity and seminar. Pupils explored themes on future trends in design, looking at portable storage devices. They were then allowed to explore targeted sections of the museum exploring traditional and contemporary styles and put presentations together in the museum's digital media suite.

Greenpower Challenge

Second form pupils who excelled in the Toyota Buggy Challenge in DT this year could be invited to join the school's 'Greenpower Challenge' team. A team of twelve will bring the chassis up to race specification, tackling challenges such as electrical efficiency, reducing drag and friction, meeting safety requirements and efficient pit stops. The team will compete in the summer against a number of other schools and organisations.

Mr Blyth - Head of Technology, Careers & Activities

Young Engineers Club

Young Engineers Club has been building a hovercraft for the past term and the project is due to be finished by the end of the year. The hovercraft is going to be a small, one person hovercraft with a racing engine to power it. The main body of the hovercraft is made from plywood, but there are other materials such as foam. To start we split into different groups, each with a sixth former and several third formers, to build different parts of the hovercraft; one group working on the hull, another on the cockpit, another on the control panel and one on the propeller. Once all the different groups have made their item we will put them together in order to make a working hovercraft.

We had a visit to Griffon Hoverworks in Southampton to see big hovercrafts being built in a factory. There were many different types of hovercraft, some for the army, and some for leisure. We were also going to go out on the river on a hovercraft but unfortunately the propeller had broken so we were not able to. Instead we got to see where all the hovercrafts were designed on computers and look at the technology used.

Oliver Gatland (3M)



Model United Nations

For the last six years, our pupils have been travelling all over the country and abroad, representing all sorts of countries from North Korea to the USA, at various prestigious schools and universities who stage Model United Nations Conferences. This December for the first time, we staged our own Conference, LOSMUN, and welcomed 'delegates' from eight visiting schools to join us for a day of debating.

It was a great opportunity to raise our profile on the debating circuit, and it was considered a great success by the 150 delegates who took part, and by the seasoned band of MUN 'advisors' as teachers are called.

Thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make it happen, and congratulations to all the delegates who took part; they were a credit to the school, as always!

Fr George



Benjamin Townsend (7M), Joseph Macauley (6F), Fionn Bridges (6F), Nicholas Queffurus (6F), William Cracknell (6F), Thomas Craven (6F), Oisín Teevan (6O), Patrick Johnston (6S), Dominic Goodall (6O) and Robert Osborne (6M).

Speak Out!



Congratulations to Theo Nimmo (4H), Ciaran Byrne (4F) and Daniel Lord (4S), winners from the Speak Out Competition in October held after thirty fourth form boys spent the day learning about public speaking from expert Sally Benton from the Jack Petchey Foundation.

Pupils learnt about effectively hooking an audience, developing a three part argument and ending on a strong note. The quality of the afternoon's competition was very high, with all pupils delivering a personal two minute speech without notes. Subjects included the joy of riding a tricycle, with the winning speeches including a wry examination of the prejudices faced by ginger-haired people (Daniel), an engaging speech about what autistic people have brought to the world (Theo), and a very funny critique of school lunches by Ciaran.

The three winners took part in the regional final held at Lady Margaret School in December, where Theo was placed in the top three - well done!

Congratulations to Benjamin Daly-Jones (5O), James



Theo Nimmo

Brassington (5S) and Patrick Keefe (5S) for their impressive team victory in the first London round of the English Speaking Union Public Speaking Competition. After last year's very successful debut in this competition, The London Oratory School this year hosted the first round of this prestigious national event, with teams from St Paul's, Godolphin and Latymer, King's and Putney High School visiting.

The standard, according to the judges, was notably very high, with speeches on topics such as 'Workaholism' and 'What does it mean to be normal?'. But the LOS team were consistently impressive - Patrick as a Chairperson was calm, confident and humorous; James was a focused and thoughtful questioner; and Ben gave a thoroughly researched and impassioned speech arguing that the English language is not Britain's greatest asset - particularly difficult given the context!

A well deserved victory for the team! They go on to the Regional Final in the new year.

Miss Owen - Teacher of English

World Youth Day



Tuesday 16 to Sunday 21 August 2011 saw the arrival of one and a half million young people to Madrid. These pilgrims included twenty-one fifth and sixth form pupils, accompanied by Mr Flanagan, Mr Rodmell, Miss Creedon and Fr George.

OUT & ABOUT

We found ourselves among the lucky; hotels abandoned in the heat by the usual business clientele opened their doors (and swimming pool) for our week's stay. For the unlucky, schools, churches and halls provided floor spaces and hose showers as accommodation.

Each morning we joined a group of two hundred or so English speaking young people for catechises and Mass at a local church. It was illuminating to be able to meet and worship with Catholics of all backgrounds. Though the pupils found the style of worship to be far from our Oratory tradition, the experience we shared in a whole group Mass was just as fulfilling.

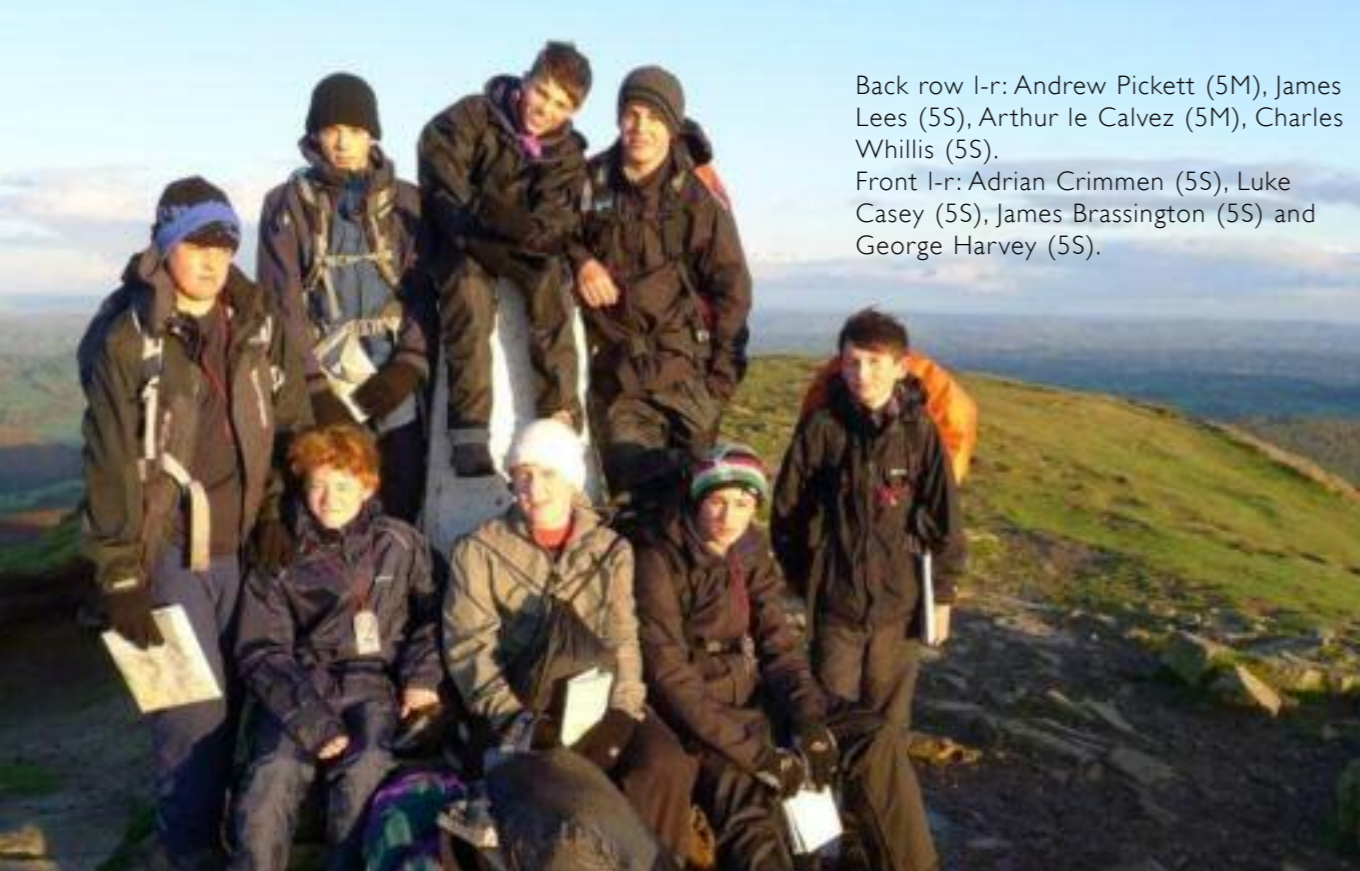
After much needed siestas, our evenings were filled with actions as diverse as a French led Rosary with classical music to an American open air Christian rock concert. Certainly it will be many years before we forget the night we spent in song and dance (both Flamenco and the Macarena) with representatives of Oratory schools and parishes from across the globe. Wherever our time was spent, the atmosphere was always celebratory, the people enthusiastic and the mood jubilant.

As in past WYDs, the final Vigil and Mass required a location of huge capacity. For Madrid, an airfield provided such space. As expected, the all night open air vigil was one of prayer and reflection. What we did not expect, however, was the tremendously unseasonal thunderstorm that struck just as the Holy Father took to the altar. Undeterred, Pope Benedict joked that the young people gathered "weren't frightened at all by the rain and the wind." Though we were just twenty-five among over one million people, the feeling of belonging had never been so great. We returned to London exhausted, yet elated, with a strong desire certainly, to remain 'firm in the faith'.

Miss Creedon - Teacher of Religious Education



Geography field trip to Epping Forest. Julius Boheimer and Adam Parker (1M). Mr Kelly - More Housemaster



Back row l-r: Andrew Pickett (5M), James Lees (5S), Arthur le Calvez (5M), Charles Whillis (5S).
 Front l-r: Adrian Crimmen (5S), Luke Casey (5S), James Brassington (5S) and George Harvey (5S).



L-R: Andrew Pickett (5M), Mr Hazell, James Brassington (5S), Charles Whillis (5S) and James Lees (5S)

Duke of Edinburgh's Award

Managers' Adventure Race

On the weekend of 15 October, Mr Blyth, Mr O'Dwyer, Mr Allon, Mr Hazell and a friend of the school drove to the Brecon Beacons, South Wales to take part in a two-day "adventure race" between teams of Duke of Edinburgh's Award Operating Authorities in order to raise money for the provision of the DofE in Welsh youth services. The school undertakes three to four expeditions in Wales each year and is keen to support the Award in this particular area. Sponsorship came from parents and staff via the advert in the weekly Bulletin and after 12 stages, running and cycling across the Brecon Beacons, crawling through mud, canoeing, orienteering and similar activities, the team was placed 5th overall from a field of 26 teams. £745 was raised in total, £495 on Justgiving, plus £250 (self funded) staff entry fees. Thank you to all who donated.

Mr O'Dwyer - DofE Leader



Silver Assessed Expedition - Brecon Beacons, Wales

L-R: Mr O'Dwyer, Peter Morris (5S), Armand Rego (5S - at the back), Rupert Ansbro (5S) and Finnian Maloney (5O).



35 boys travelled to South Wales on Wednesday 19 October for their Silver practice expedition. Working independently, each team had planned a 48km route between three campsites in the Black Mountains, an area east of the Brecon Beacons between Abergavenny in the south and Hay-on-Wye in the north. Pupils walked for seven hours a day across this hilly and wild terrain, receiving morning instruction from leaders on navigation and walking techniques, completing the afternoon and evening on their own; on the final day teams walked under remote supervision. Although North and Mid Wales were undergoing heavy rainfall in this time, the boys managed to escape the deluge with temperatures and wind remaining fairly mild for the time of year. The terrain was challenging, with many boys recognising the need for a winter and spring fitness regime before their qualifying expedition in the summer. Nevertheless, all teams completed their practice and made an excellent start to wild country navigation.

Mr O'Dwyer - DofE Leader



Erroll Mitchell - mixed media



Paul Latham - photography



Sonia Watson - ceramic

The Chrysler Building (right)

Not quite on time for the opening of the exhibiton at the Private View owing to many false starts, technical disasters and uncertainty, my Chrysler London 2012 (work in progress - sculpture light installtion) was unveiled in the Arts Centre foyer before Christmas and brought some of the New York skyline to Seagrave Road.

Mr Rigano - Teacher of Art



Patrick Blower - acrylic on canvas



Christine Simpson - bicycle prints



Rachel Brown - goldleaf on board



Art

Annual Exhibiton of Work by Parents, Staff and Friends of the School

A well attended private view of art work was held on Wednesday 7 November in the school's Paolozzi Gallery. Although slightly less in content compared with the past few years, the excellent standard of work and variety of media was as apparent as ever with many new contributors taking part. It is not possible to mention all exhibitors here, (full review in the Oratorian magazine) but a few of the many highlights were lively, lucid and flowing life drawings by Jane Lyons, delicate watercolours by Marcus Carrigan and a gorgeous series of mixed media work by Errol Mitchell. Thank you to all those who took part.

Fifth Form visit to Kew Gardens

On 10 October 2011, Fifth Form GCSE Art and Design pupils made a visit to Kew Gardens as part of their coursework module. The purpose of the trip was to gather resources and make first hand observational drawings for their project 'Man Made and Natural Structures'. As well as providing a great deal of inspiration to the pupils through the vast array of botanical life, an exhibition of paintings by Victorian artist Marianne North was to provide further contextual grounding to their current work.

Mr Deegan - Head of Art & Design



Senior Symphonic Concert

On Friday 16 December, the theatre was packed for the Senior Symphonic Concert. Performances from the Concert Band and Junior Wind Band, under the baton of Mr M. Ward, were both exciting and highly polished. Miss Devaney (Head of History) made her conducting debut with the Junior String Orchestra, with *The Phantom of the Opera* being a particular highlight of the concert. There were impressive solos from Tobias Deckker (4H), Nicholas Falcone (7M) and Felim O'Doherty (3F), and the Orchestra played an exciting rendition of the famous *Barber of Seville* overture. The evening finished with the fantastic Christmas Festival by Leroy Anderson...which, with the copious amounts of tinsel, put everyone in a suitably festive mood!

Miss Dawson - Teacher of Music and Head of Strings



Schola

This term has been particularly fruitful for the Schola. With two BBC recording sessions in the first month, the choir hit the ground running after the holiday but made a great success of both events. The run up to Christmas has been hectic as ever with the Annual Foundation Concert in Hampstead showcasing some extremely difficult music sung to an impressive standard, and the trebles providing the Children's Chorus (along with the Chamber Choir) for a festive extravaganza at the Royal Albert Hall. We have finished the term by joining together with all the other school choirs for the truly spectacular Choral Concert at St George's Cathedral - the first such combined event for a number of years.

Mr Coburn
Teacher of Music



MUSIC

Choral Society

The Choral Society concert this term was held at St George's Cathedral, Southwark and we are very grateful to the Dean for allowing us to use this beautiful building. It has been the first concert in many years in which all the school choirs have taken part: Schola, Chamber Choir, Girls' Choir and School Choir. It was a thrill to have a chorus of around 150 singing together, all taken from the school community. It was also good to see a capacity audience who thoroughly enjoyed Haydn's *Nelson Mass* and joined in with the carols in the second half of the concert. All of the soloists were past and present members of the Oratory community.



The Chamber Choir and Chamber Orchestra both participated in a very successful concert for St Cecilia's Day. The chamber choir performed Mozart's *Alma Dei Creatoris* and *Litanie Lauretanae* BMV with some beautiful solo singing from pupils and expert violin accompaniment from former pupil William Melvin, Cassi Hamilton and our new organ teacher Tom Little. We were also treated to solos by Laurence Carroll (7M - pictured above), Amadi Sanderson (7M) and Owen McCaffrey (7M). The Chamber Orchestra rounded off the concert with two of Mozart's *Epistle Sonatas*.

Mr Terry - Head of Academic Music

Sixth Form Drama

The Comedy of Errors



In November The London Oratory School was temporarily overwhelmed with the anticipated sixth form production of Shakespeare's *The Comedy of Errors*. As Adriana I had the misfortune to mistake my husband's servant Dromio for his twin brother and more seriously, to mistake my husband's twin, Antipholus, as my spouse, as did my sister Luciana played by Morag Davies (6F). There was much laughter from the audience about all this, of course – and much embarrassment when, at the end of the play my error was revealed. Nicholas Quefferus (6F) and James Machell (6S) as the twin Antipholus brothers, in leather jackets and Michael Caine specs, were quite convincing in their likeness, but outdone by Daniel and Martin Freely (6F) who played the twin servants. Judging by the laughter in the auditorium, the play seemed to go down a storm among pupils, parents and teachers. For the actors and actresses, the experience was equally rewarding and unforgettable with the fun on stage carrying on down into the dressing rooms. All in all the cast were proud of the final piece that they had spent many hours putting together with the vital help and guidance of their directors, Mr Ashenden and Miss Bennett, and were grateful to all who came to support them.

Alex Votier (6S)

Performing arts

Shakespeare's Language Workshop with Matthew Collins

Father of former pupil, Matthew Collins, led two workshops with GCSE and A Level pupils in which they explored Shakespeare's language by speaking it. All participants gained much in learning about the principles of voice work – how we produce sound and how we can maximise our vocalisation through relaxation techniques and proper use of tongues, lips, lungs and diaphragm. Following this crash course in physiology the focus was on exploring extracts from Shakespeare's plays, not in a bookish way, lingering over metre and diction, but by listening to how the words sound when spoken and responding to the gut feelings they evoked. In this way the eerie opening to *Hamlet* was performed, every line whispered from the four corners of the stage, creating the atmosphere of intrigue. While reading the Prologue to *Romeo and Juliet* the iambic pentameter was hammered out with fists on the floor. And while someone read a speech the rest of us heckled and questioned which gave the speaker even more urgency to speak with passion to convey the sense of the lines. All in all, this was a thoroughly useful and enjoyable session and all agreed that the often daunting task of dealing with Shakespeare's language is made less so by this practical, non-academic approach. Pupils were enabled, to quote Matthew's website 'to feel the effect that some of the most powerful words ever written can have on the body, mind and even the soul.' We hope there will be opportunities for more workshops in the future.

Mr Ashenden - Teacher of English & Drama



Shakespeare Schools Festival

Shakespeare Schools Festival is the largest youth drama festival in the UK. For the last ten years it has worked with teachers to challenge the pre-conception that studying Shakespeare is difficult, dry or dull, through a combination of teacher training, workshops and student performance in a local professional theatre. It enables young people to appreciate the genius of Shakespeare through a creative, hands-on approach to the texts. Mr Alexander (Teacher of English) received a congratulatory letter (extract below) from one of the coordinators to thank him and the boys for participating in this year's festival and for all their hard work.

"huge congratulations to you all for a wonderful performance.

It was very brave to take on As You Like It with an all-male cast but you absolutely made it work. The characterisation was just right - committed, but not over-the-top. It was particularly impressive that Rosalind was able to be a boy, playing a girl, playing a boy and he absolutely made it work. Your cast had real talent, and there was something really subtle and natural about their performance. They said their lines like they absolutely meant them and understood what they were saying. I know how much work it takes to get to that stage, and it speaks volumes about how hard you must have all worked.

There were some fantastic comic moments like the running gag with the mandolin and the poetry in the trees. I loved the way you staged the wrestling scene with the freeze frames, and how the boys the really went for it with the crowd scene - it is not easy to do, but they pulled it off. All in all, yours was such a charming production, and was a really wonderful to end the evening's performances."



SPORT

Junior House

The whole of Junior House took part in a touch rugby festival against St Osmund's Primary School, Barnes. It is part of an annual competition between the two schools, which also involves cricket and athletics fixtures which will be played after Christmas. Junior House were victorious winning five of the eight games but Miss George, an Old Oratorian and who is in charge of sport at St Osmund's, is confident their strong athletics tradition can help them to retain the overall Trophy.



Swimming Gala

The Swimming Gala was held at Richmond Pools on the 9 December 2011. The winners were Howard House who secured victory by achieving 8 gold, 9 silver and 7 bronze medals and could even afford the luxury of having no Senior Medley Relay team, as the swimmers concerned were talking tactics to Mr Mantio (Howard Housemaster) while the race was going on.

The Victor Ludorum winner was Rory McMonagle (6S) achieving his fifth consecutive success in this area and he also set a new record in the Senior Backstroke.

The Zillo Cup, which is presented to the outstanding Junior Swimmer was awarded to Jose Taguba (2S - pictured right).

The Girls' Gala was held a week before and the winners were More House, with Brogan McFadden (7O) winning two races and receiving the Victrix Ludorum trophy



Mr Moran - Director of Sport

U12 Rugby Fundraise for Care Homes

The U12 rugby players have shown their worth both on and off the rugby field. Notable performances include the A side beating Dulwich College and the B's beating Dulwich Prep. The players also did a sponsored points score that has raised £1,300 for two Care Homes; Orione House (below) and Farm Lane Care Home (right).



Above: Lydia Davis (Manager of Orione House), Mr Moran, Rohan Maloney (1O), Father Philip and Margaret Quinn.

Pictured right: Pupils with the hampers ready to take to the Farm Lane Care Home. Stephen Pickett (1O), William Stapleton (1C), Joseph Griso Dryer (1H), Edward Bambury (1C) and Peter Hardman (1C).



1st XV v St Ignatius, Riverview, Sydney

This was a return fixture, as we had played them on tour last July. Having played Whitgift and Millfield in recent successive matches a herculean effort was required. The team duly responded; although we went behind to a soft opening score, thereafter the forwards gained a measure of supremacy providing quality possession from the set pieces. This resulted in two well worked tries from Ludovic Meaby (6C) and Chima Nnanna Dikeocha (7H - picture inset right). Michael Prendeville converted one and kicked two penalties. We were leading 15-5 at one point. However, some weak tackling

enabled St Ignatius to reduce the deficit to 18-17 at half time. The second half witnessed a thunderous affair with both teams rucking furiously and passing out of the tackle. Ultimately it was a case of slight imprecision in attack and, once again, some weak tackling which saw the visitors home by 27-18. It was a thrilling match and all of the players played their part. Nicholas Ogbonna deserves special praise and was given the 'Man of the Match' award by the opposition coaches.

Mr Hopkin - 1st XV Coach





Old Oratorians vs Headmaster's XV

The Kevin Moran Trophy Match 2011

10 September 2011 was a big date in the rugby sporting calendar. It was England's opening match of the Rugby World Cup v Argentina. The match was watched from 09:30 kick off in the Barnes Rugby Club House by the Old Oratorians, who then headed up to Barn Elms for the fourth annual installment of the Kevin Moran Trophy match – the Old Oratorians v the Headmaster's XV (OO's U-21s). After some shuffling of numbers to accommodate everyone, the match proved to be the highlight of the rugby day, with the preconceptions of the two teams proving true – the pace and fitness of the Headmaster's XV pitched against the strength and guile of the OO's. Throw into the mix a healthy dose of bravado and a cheering crowd, and the competition was intense.

The match ended 39-19 in favour of the Headmaster's XV, with a strong team performance led by Liam Clancy – School Sports Captain of 2010. Different from last year, no serious injuries meant the day was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Following the match, players who have just left the school and are now at university shared stories with players of "old", who had turned some star-performances: Brian Dias, Kevin Woods, John Hyland, Ed Williams and Pearse Courtney (classes of 1987-90). The biggest representation was from the class of 2002 with 13 appearances, who were pleased to see some of their school records were still intact – notably captain Edward Mole.

The Old Oratorians Rugby Club is proving to be the engine driving much of the Old Oratorians social activities, as this event proved. To get involved in up-coming fixtures and events, please email your details to Mark Jones: markjonesat@hotmail.com or James Batchelor: james.batchelor@capgemini.com

James Batchelor - Old Oratorian



EVENTS 2012

For further information regarding events please visit the school website:
Our Community/Old Oratorians
www.london-oratory.org

Quiz Night
Friday, 24 February 2012 at 7pm

The Newman Wing
The London Oratory School
Seagrave Road
London SW6 1RX

Football
Friday, 4 May 2012 at 6pm
Park Club, Acton Old Oak Common Lane

Golf Day
Friday, 8 June 2012
Earling Golf Course

Annual Event
Friday 22 June 2012
The Newman Wing
The London Oratory School
Seagrave Road
London SW6 1RX
Further information about this event will be posted shortly on the school website.