



The Class of 2021

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It's the second Friday after half term – so it must be results day for Year 8!

Normal service has resumed in some ways and it was a pleasure to once again invite our oldest cohort to come to my office to receive their Common Entrance grades.

Furrowed brows and sweaty palms abounded on entering – beaming smiles and elation were evident on leaving.

The aforementioned 'normal service' cannot be applied to the delivery of the Common Entrance curriculum for these young men – enduring two lockdowns in the last two academic years would have broken less determined pupils and their teachers. Both sets of individuals (adults and boys) can feel exceptionally proud today – the culmination of their studies taking the form of some stunning grades.

Having spoken to the boys individually my overarching impression is how well prepared they are for the challenges they will face at their senior schools. Along with academic progress they have grown emotionally as well – adversity has made them stronger and we are hugely proud of them all. Work hard /play hard is our unofficial motto – I trust they enjoy a thoroughly deserved week of fun in Skern next week.





Here is the impressive list of Senior Schools to which Year 8 pupils will be graduating to in September.

Pelayo Agag	Harrodian Senior School
Angus Beaumont	Wellington College
Charlie Bradbrook	Berkhamstead School
Ben Coulter	Reed's School
Gabriel El-Guindi	St Paul's School
Christian Elkington	Bradfield College
James Foster Kenny	Harrodian Senior School
Billy Gleghorn	Reed's School
Arthur Hampshire	St Edward's School
George Hartley	Radley College
Callum Hector	St Paul's School
Charlie Howard-Vyse	Uppingham School
Antoni Krzosa	Ibstock Place School
Leo Ma	Hampton School
Yago Morales	Harrow School
Dexter Percy	King's College School
Oliver Ross	Seaford College
James Tonge	Reed's School
Barnaby Warrillow	Wellington College
Ivan Webb	Fulham School



Y8 Careers Forum

With CE firmly in the rear view mirror Year 8 have begun to consider the road ahead. We were delighted to welcome Mr Ben Hampshire (Carnage Film Productions) and Mr Tim Warrillow (Fever Tree) to this year's Careers Forum.

Each THS parent reflected on their school and working life journeys to this point. Mr Hampshire advised the boys to grasp all opportunities with both hands, be polite, adaptable and willing to learn. The jaw-dropping footage created by his film production company for platinum car manufacturers exemplified the wisdom of his words.

The taste test which Mr Warrillow brought for the boys to sample (Fever Tree vs a leading competitor) brought into sharp relief his sage advice to stay true to your principles, no matter what obstacles may lie in wait. With much to ponder, all boys thoroughly enjoyed and valued this experience.

Our huge thanks go to both parents for giving up their valuable time and sharing their experiences and insight!



Tender – workshop

Equipping Year 8 with knowledge of and tools required for a successful and healthy journey through the teenage years was the aim of this workshop on Thursday. The boys were totally engaged with, and thoughtful about, the sometimes challenging issues

addressed. Skilfully guided by our facilitators Andrew and Pepper, the boys reflected on what healthy / unhealthy relationships look like, the true nature of consent (in all its forms) and the perils (social, emotional and legal) of sharing 'nudes'. We are unsurprised yet genuinely impressed by the mature and thoughtful engagement of all of the boys.





YEAR 8 ACTIVITIES



Year 8 enjoying a diving course on Wednesday!





Year 1 are learning about 'Castles and Knights' this term. We worked hard to design our own coat of arms, just like the knights of the Middle Ages! We decorated our shields and swords, and then had a special banquet where Miss Rasch knighted us. We listened to music from the time, and learnt about what food would have been served in a castle.





Year 2 have started a summer Chess Tournament where each boy plays their opponent for five minutes. Below are some photos of the first four rounds, more to follow next week!



ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE SCHOOL

We have a National Champion in our midst!

Rafi Berry's football team (London Elite) won the Junior Premier League last Saturday. They are now the U9's National Champions!

Having previously won the Southern division – they subsequently beat the winners of the north, east and west regions to win the crown.

Well done Rafi!





FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Mon 21st	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Year 4 trip to Flatford Mill- Years 5 and 6 trip to York- Year 8 trip to Skern Lodge- Year 7 cycle training	
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Wed 23rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Year 4 return from Flatford Mill- Years 5 and 6 trip to York- Year 8 trip to Skern Lodge- Year 7 cycle training	4:00pm
Thur 24th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Years 5 and 6 return from York- Year 8 trip to Skern Lodge- Year 7 cycle training- New Reception (2021-2022 intake) induction evening meeting on Webex	4:00pm
Fri 25th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Year 8 return from Skern Lodge- New Reception induction morning- Year 7 cycle training	4:00pm



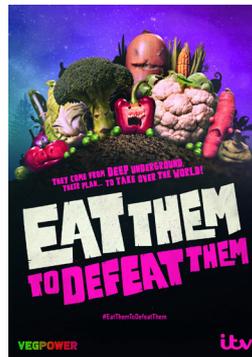
Man vs Beast : Cherub by Robert Muchamore

I enjoyed that this book was thronged with exciting adventures and quirky moments. I devour these books at a rate of knots and can't wait for the next one.

Submitted by Alf in Year 7

This week's overall house point winners are ...**Nelson**
Congratulations!

It's great to see the boys getting involved in the 'eat them to defeat them' campaign - please keep sending in the photos!



Have a lovely weekend!