

Friday 6 May 2022

Dear Everyone

The sun is indeed shining, inside and out.

Over the Easter break, thanks to Martin Kiddle, bursar extraordinaire, who has been working with an eco-lighting company, the whole school is now bathed in low cost, bright LED illumination. No more squinting to thread a needle, or waiting for ancient lamps to warm up and flicker. No more hunting about in dark recesses. All is bright.

And then this week's exciting announcement, of which you all know. *The Guardian* was quick to pick up the news and, following an interview with Andrew Carwood MBE, more detail was revealed. You can read it here.

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2022/may/05/st-pauls-cathedral-to-admit-girls-to-choir-900-years>

Alison Wright, Head of Humanities, this week helped pupils to run its own local elections. You can read all about that in the *Circular*.

Earlier this week I was in Winchester among other Heads of choir schools for the annual meeting of the Choir Schools' Association. There are 40 or so member schools and they are highly distinctive, with their own quirks, peculiarities, histories and stories that are quite unlike other schools. Rare jewels in the firmament of schools, and we are all blessed to be part of something greater than our individual selves.

Here's some sunshine.

First, a sublime dawn imagined by Nielsen in his Helios overture,

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5EYwZ0pmQoo>

Then the midday sun...is Noel Coward acceptable anymore? I doubt it. But this lovely song from *The Kinks* sets a weekend BBQ mood.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=64Xnl02Wh5c>

And then some evening entertainment for all you rockers out there. Rather extraordinarily, this was performed on May 6th! (2005)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vyftaay-pFA>

Have a great weekend

Best wishes

Simon