

Mini Manners

Newsletter of Stratford-upon-Avon Grammar School for Girls



Street Cheer: Year 8 Team

Head's Headlines

Easter is late this year, and it has therefore been a relatively long spring term. It's certainly been a very busy period in school and we have packed a lot in! There will be full reports of many of these activities in the later pages of this newsletter, but here are a few of the highlights...

We have been very well entertained with **music and drama**, for a start: in the final week of the first half of term, for instance (too late for the February edition of *Mini Manners*), we enjoyed a cabaret style production entitled *Being a Girl*. This gave a large number of girls from all year groups the opportunity to perform to an appreciative audience in the school hall – monologues, duologues and a range of group pieces, some serious, some comic and all entertaining. Since then we have been treated to the GCSE Performing Arts group's showcase evening entitled *Reflections*, performed in the Civic Hall, and with the ingenious theme of Alice Through the Looking Glass. This has been a new venture this year, and sixteen girls from Years 9 to 11 have been working with Miss Coates after school on Wednesdays towards this optional extra GCSE. The outcomes were certainly impressive. And then the Chamber Choir gave a concert in the fascinating surroundings of Stratford Armouries – a pre-tour concert, this one, and a fund-raiser for their tour of Paris which will be taking place over Easter. And as the final performance of the term, the Joint Concert will be taking place on the last Friday of term – in the Levi Fox Hall at KES. This will provide opportunities for KES boys and Shottery girls to join forces musically – including senior and junior orchestras, and The Sixteen. I'm looking forward to it as I write, and we'll report on the music activities in the May edition of *Mini Manners*.



As for **international activities, conferences and other visits**, girls have been lucky enough to take part in trips to Berlin (our sixth form German students) and Brittany (with the Year 10 French exchange) – while Mrs Whan visited our link-school in Mumbai over the half-term holiday, following the visit to Shottery of Mrs Carol Monthero in the autumn term. We have applied for British Council to enable our link with St Columba School, Mumbai, to continue for another three years, and are awaiting the outcome of our bid. Closer to home, there have been field trips to Preston Montford for the Year 12 Geographers, and to Barry Island for the GCSE Geologists – another optional extra GCSE course, this last, introduced by Mrs Collins and Mrs Whan two years ago – while a number of other Year 12 girls were treated to a rather more luxurious visit to Park Lane, as delegates to the “Breaking the Mould” conference which focused on the entrepreneurial skills of high-achieving women. Theatre trips have taken place both for Drama/Theatre Studies students (to *Faustus* in Oxford, for instance, and *The Tempest* here in Stratford) and for GCSE English students, some of whom were able to see a production of their key text, *To Kill a Mockingbird*; and the first group of GCSE PE students in Year 10 have undertaken their assessments. Sixth formers have attended conferences or study days for History, Economics (Birmingham University) and Chemistry (Warwick University); and we have welcomed to the school visiting speakers including a visiting artist for the Year 10 art group, and Graham Brady MP, who gave a talk to sixth form Economics and Politics students. A keen group of girls have again taken part in the Warwickshire Book Awards this year. The Science Department organised a second very successful Science Fair in the Town Hall, this time for Year 10, and inviting students from other schools too; and we also hosted a Modern Foreign Languages conference for local Gifted and Talented students at Shottery. The third and final Extended Learning Day of the year saw Year 7s visiting Coombe Abbey (with multi-coloured wellingtons much in evidence!); Year 8s enjoying a China Day; Year 9s focusing on Technology both here in school and at Gaydon; and Year 10 taking part in the Languages Mean Business programme, as well as a study skills day. Year 11 split the day between their option subjects and a revision skills presentation.

We introduced a new element into our learning programme this year, and followed up the target-setting day in the autumn term with a **Review Day** at the end of March. This was, I think, a very successful exercise, with each girl having a one-to-one interview with her tutor, either reviewing her progress against the targets set earlier



Year 7 visit to Coombe Abbey

considering how she learns most effectively, using our own Shottery learning framework (Years 7 and 8). A further innovation in this process was that all staff set work on the school's **virtual learning environment, the Moodle**, for the classes that they would normally have taught that day, and girls were expected to log on at home and complete the work. (Provision was made in school for any who wished to come into school). This ability to provide resources and support learning "anytime, anywhere" is clearly very useful, and many departments are now making extensive use of this resource.

As for whole school activities, we have had that wonderful Shottery community event, which ranks in my mind with the decorated classrooms as a lovely example of our community spirit: World Book Day. I've included some photos of World Book Day below. And all this comes, of course, on top of the day-to-day and lesson-to-lesson progress along their learning journeys of every girl in the school.

Staff Matters

We have welcomed **Mr Martin Woodger** to the school this half-term: to join the busy and efficient team ICT technical team. Welcome! And we would also like to thank **Mr Jim Layton** for his work in the Psychology Department this term, covering Mrs Whorlow's convalescence.

Academic Matters: options

This is the key time of year for options, and hence looking forward to the next stage of education within school: there are decisions to be made about courses in every year between Year 8 and Year 11. The Year 11 Parents' Evening took place in the first half of the spring term, and the Year 9 Parents' Evening took place in the second half of term. Detailed information is provided through a range of channels about the courses available for each cohort of girls in the next keystone – including a comprehensive options booklet. (For Year 11, this is published in the autumn term, at the time of the Pre-Sixth Open Evening). This, then, is an important time for reflection in these year groups, and for forward planning: these are the first crossroads of any significance where girls can decide on their own future direction. There is, at the same time, a decision to be made on a smaller scale in Year 8 too: girls take up their second modern foreign language in Year 9, having studied French (and Latin) in Years 7 and 8. They have taster sessions of the two languages offered – German and Spanish – and then make their choice.

Academic Matters: examinations

Next term will be an important one for examinations and assessments for many girls throughout the school. As I say each year, it is right that girls should be aiming high, and we cannot afford to be complacent about our standards, and so a good strong work ethic throughout the year is important. As a high-achieving grammar school, we do expect all students to produce their best efforts at all times, but we also provide support for them to do so. And girls do respond very differently. This will be a stressful time for many. However, while some may push themselves really hard – and could therefore do with some encouragement to relax and take time out over the holiday period – others may need encouragement to observe earlier resolutions to work harder and apply themselves more effectively. It is important to maintain a sense of perspective and balance through examinations as through other times of the year. As a school, we will be trying to strike the right balance between challenging those who still need to stretch themselves further and advising those who are in danger of putting themselves under too much pressure – and to help each girl to find her own balance. GCSE and AS/A2 exams have already begun: many orals and practicals will have been completed by the end of this term. However, the main period of examinations will begin in May, and our internal school examinations will again take place in the first week of June – as soon as we come back after the longer half-term Spring Bank Holiday week. I would be grateful if all parents could note these dates and ensure that all girls can have 100% attendance through this period. And we wish all the girls the very best of luck.



Examination Study Leave: Years 11, 12 and 13

The last day in school for Year 11 this year will be Thursday 5th May; and the last day before AS exams for Year 12 will be Friday 6th May. We are planning for the next week, the week beginning 9th May, to be a "Tutorial Week". Some GCSE and AS exams begin that week, and it may be that girls want to organise their own time and work through their own revision schedules at home. We encourage independent learning in the school, and thus are happy for girls to take responsibility for their own learning in this way. However, subject teachers will be available at their usual lesson times during this week, if girls would like to come in to school to seek help. The library will also be available for those who would prefer to be in school. Some staff may choose to run revision sessions during these lesson times, but these will be optional for the girls. All Year 11 and 12 girls are asked to sign in (and out) if they do come in to school – there will be no formal registration for these year groups, and we will be relying on them to sign in and out.

Year 13 lessons continue until the half-term holiday: Friday 27th May will be the last day in school for this year group.

Year 12 will return for an induction into Year 13 on Thursday 9th June, and Year 12 lessons will recommence on Monday 13th June. Girls are expected to continue with all four AS subjects until the end of term – unless they are sure about which subject they wish to drop.

Academy Status: update

The consultation period for parents, girls and staff to raise issues about the proposal to move to academy status closed last week. We had said that we would organise a meeting for interested parents if more than ten families expressed such an interest. In the event, only four parents indicated that they would like a meeting. I therefore contacted each of the four individually and invited them into school – and a couple of lively email discussions followed. We also received queries from five other parents, and these were all answered individually. The governors then considered all of these representations when they met on Tuesday 5th April, and subsequently confirmed their decision to apply for academy status – with a proposed conversion date of 1st August.

Vertical Tutoring

Much preparation has been taking place behind the scenes to get ready for the transition to the vertical tutoring structure from September. We will be reinvigorating the house system as part of this process, and have invited suggestions for new names for the houses. Do any parents have any particularly good suggestions to push Austen, Brontë and Eliot off the topspot? Ideas to Mrs Frazer – frazer.l@we-learn.com – with the rationale and explanation behind your suggestion, please. Forms in each year group are piloting the electronic registration system as I write, and we hope to roll this new and more efficient system out to the whole school in the summer term. And draft tutor groups are being drawn up, checked and checked again, ready of publication to the girls in the summer.

Uniform

We have the highest expectations of behaviour and conduct here at Shottery. A distinctive uniform for the main school and a formal dress code in the sixth form are important components of our school ethos and set the tone for each school day. They represent a statement of our intent to deliver an educational experience of the highest quality and it is important that all girls meet the expected requirements. It is essential that individuals do not deviate from the standards their peers consistently maintain, to ensure both equity and fairness within school and our reputation as an educational establishment in the wider community. The student body has made significant progress this year in terms of the overall quality of presentation but there is still room for improvement, as has been underlined by recent comments made in responses to parental questionnaires.

Now that the winter weather is behind us it is important we reset the standard of presentation for the summer term to come and the new academic year beyond. It is also a good time to reinforce expectations as you may be considering purchasing new items of uniform for the summer or in preparation for September.

- **Sixth Form Dress Code:** the sixth form arguably set the standard for the school and a new streamlined dress code was issued before the start of this academic year. We simply ask that all

girls stick rigidly to these expectations. Part of the responsibility for having a greater degree of choice and personal expression is the requirement to meet the conditions of this dress code. When girls fail to dress appropriately it sends a signal that they do not value the principles of the school community and is, in essence, an abuse of the trust placed in them. The sixth form do as a whole look much smarter this year: thank you, all! However, it has been pointed out that there is a very small number of girls who have been flouting the rules. Please help us to enforce the code and ensure fairness for all by encouraging your daughter to abide by the rules.

- **Main School Uniform:** the standard of uniform in Years 7 to 11 has been more consistent over recent years. However, we have received a number of complaints from parents about main school girls (not their own daughters, presumably!) wearing non-uniform skirts – and especially very short and very tight skirts. We have discussed the problem in School Council, and, in an effort to counter this trend, we are planning to enforce the regulation uniform skirts from September 2011. This idea has been raised with governors, who support the move, and parents' agreement in principle is now sought. The girls are keen to retain a choice of two of the current styles (where originally we considered restricting the range to just one), and, to help in ensuring conformity, we plan to introduce a small embroidered school logo onto the hem of the skirt. The cost that the logo will add to the overall cost of the skirt will be minimal – just £2 or £3 on top of the usual prices, which range from about £13.50 to about £18.00. We also require girls to adhere to the current guidelines in wearing skirts that are no more than 8cm above the knee. We will write to you again in the summer term with further information about these plans, including when the new skirts with the logo will be available from our suppliers, but would like to give notice that we expect all girls in Years 7 to 11 to wear a regulation school skirt, of regulation school length, from September 2011. If your daughter's current school skirt is a regulation one and will be serviceable for a few more months' wear, it will be acceptable for her to continue to wear it, but we would ask that all new purchases should have the logo, and that all skirts should have the logo by September 2012.

Parental support in upholding our shared standards is greatly appreciated.

Shakespeare Birthday Celebrations: Saturday 30th April

The timing is not good this year: the Royal Wedding and Bank Holiday Monday will mean, I suspect, that a large number of people will be away over the Shakespeare Birthday weekend this year. However, we will be taking part in the celebration, both the street activities and the Parade, and all girls are welcome to join us. Why not come along and support us as we lay flowers on Shakespeare's grave? Please ask your daughter to collect an information letter from Mrs Frazer.

World Book Day

World Book Day 2011 was, I think, another vintage year, with a very wide and creative range of responses throughout the school – and a nursery rhyme theme for the staff. Despite the fact that our World Book Day took place before half-term, the results won't be announced until the final assembly of the term – and thus I really can't reveal the winners here! However, I'm delighted to include some pictures for you – so that you can enter vicariously into the spirit of the day a little...





School Term and Holiday Dates

Warwickshire County Council is responsible for setting school term and holiday dates for all community and voluntary controlled schools; and in practice most other state schools follow WCC dates. They are currently consulting on suggested dates for the 2012/13 academic year. Key considerations are the timing of the Easter break, which can differ from other local authorities, and the timing of the start of the summer break. Further details can be found on the WCC website: www.warwickshire.gov.uk and enter "school term and holiday dates" in the search box. Please send any views to Craig Pratt at the address or email address given – by Friday 15th April.

Kate Barnett

Design Technology

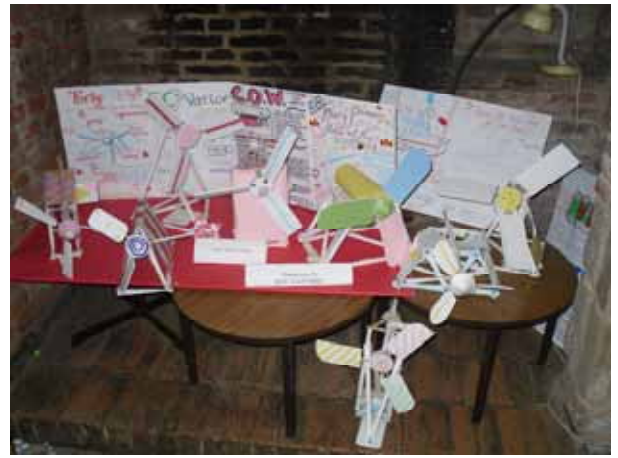
Year 9 with the Smallpeice Trust

At the start of the day we gathered in the Art Room for a presentation on the Smallpeice Trust, a charity offering courses and opportunities to budding scientists and mathematicians. Afterwards, we discussed renewable energy, and efficient power sources. Thea, our Smallpeice Trust visitor, briefed us on making

wind turbines, and set us the challenge of creating one in small groups. We were given basic equipment, but we had to calculate the total cost of the build (all materials had a price tag). This was one of the criteria the wind turbines were judged on; also stability, aesthetics and power generated.

We spent most of the day planning and constructing our turbines, and then had to make a team name and marketing poster. Names ranged from simplistic, thoughtful words, like 'Eco-vation', to obvious but not very positive 'What the heck have you done, Becki?'.

In the end, one team won, which was great for them, but the rest of us weren't disappointed, as it really had been an enjoyable team-building day. Plus, we all got a free pencil 😊



Sabrina Evans 9MG

Friday's technology day was, for me, a very exciting and interesting experience. In making the wind turbines I was able to use my creativity towards making an item with a practical use, using my imagination whilst working with a limited supply of resources – something which I found very enjoyable. I also enjoyed working in a different group than usual as I was able to interact with new people, sharing my ideas. The day also helped me to realise how engineers have a wide influence on our modern world – in medicine, electronics and vehicles etc. As I have always been interested in maths- or science-related careers for the future, the practicality and creativity involved in engineering makes me seriously consider it as a future career choice. I really enjoyed Friday's challenge to create model wind turbines.

Yusra Shammoon 9TB

Drama Department

Being a Girl – An Evening of Drama

The very end of last term saw our hugely successful Evening of Drama. This was a highlight of the school year and a really positive experience.

Thank you for all your kind words and congratulatory messages – they are very much appreciated. We're glad you enjoyed it.

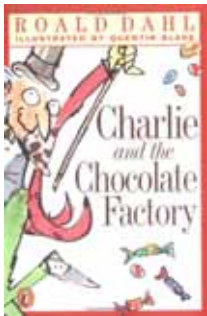
Thank you so much to the wonderful cast and Charlotte, Mifi, Lauren and Vicki – the fabulous directors!

Frantic Assembly Workshop

Key Stage Four and Five were lucky enough to work with Georgina Lamb, a freelance physical theatre practitioner, on our recent Enrichment Day. George recently choreographed the RSC's production of *Romeo and Juliet* but works for Frantic Assembly as their creative associate.

She introduced Years 11, 12 and 13 to a variety of lifts, floor work and movement sequences and which can be used to enhance practical work or provide a visual subtext behind text. The girls worked very hard and some excellent work was created.





Drama Clubs

Year 7 have been working on developing their improvisational skills with Year 13. We would all like to thank Emily Holt, Hannah Jowett and Vicki Jolley for their enthusiasm and expertise. Year 7 are now busy rehearsing sonnets for performance as part of Shakespeare's Birthday Celebrations.

The Year 8 and 9 Drama Club are working hard on their production of *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. Thank you to Mifi Heapy, Lucy Martin and Charlotte John for all their hard work with this. Parents are very welcome to come along and watch on Wednesday 15th June at 7.00 pm in the Performing Arts Studio.

Theatre Trips

Year 9, 10 and 11 recently took a trip to Blackwell's Bookshop in Oxford to see a performance of Marlowe's *Doctor Faustus* by Creation Theatre Company. This was a performance 'in-the-round' which we found haunting, yet exhilarating, largely due to the explosions of sound and high-energy movement sequences.



Drama and Theatre Studies Moderation

Moderation for GCSE and A Level is on the following dates:

- GCSE – Tuesday 12th April 9-1pm (*The Heights* have the opportunity to perform to parents on Tuesday 3rd May at 7pm)
- AS – Thursday 5th May 4-5pm (Performance to parents on Tuesday 3rd May at 7pm in the Performing Arts Studio)
- A2 – Wednesday 18th May 4-5pm (Performance to parents on Monday 16th May at 7pm in the Performing Arts Studio)

Good luck to everybody involved!



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S Barrett

English Department

Year 11 trip to *To Kill a Mockingbird* at the Everyman Theatre, Cheltenham

Nothing beats seeing your set text novel come alive on stage. Even if you disagree with how it's done, getting to grips with someone else's interpretation lets you see your favourite characters with fresh eyes and new ideas.

Two classes of Year 11 thus took an afternoon out of school to go to Cheltenham to see *To Kill a Mockingbird* on stage. Harper Lee's only novel remains a classroom classic. Parents as well as older students will remember studying it: it has rarely been off the curriculum since its publication in 1960 and Year 10s will find it on the new GCSE specification too. It is still a wonderful evocation of childhood and growing up, with a gripping courtroom drama at its heart that translates effectively into the theatre.

Almost uniquely among books of this fame, it has only been filmed once. Few actors dare to follow in the shoes of Gregory Peck, whose Oscar-winning role still defines how many of us see Atticus Finch, the book's moral and legal hero. The Cheltenham company did a fine job taking on this legacy; and their production had a unique way of conveying the narrator's dual perspective, with the adult Harper Lee on stage and interacting at times, while her younger tomboy self lived out her hopes and disasters in the company of her elder brother Scout. Cuts are always necessary in a book of this length; but the adaptation still managed the mystery of Boo, the range of characters and dramas across the town of Maycomb and – at its heart – that dramatic trial with its memorable conclusion.

To say more would be to spoil it for a future generation, so Year 11 can now get on with revising it for their exams after a dramatic reminder of its power. Thanks are due to Mrs Brooks for initiating the trip and to Miss Manders for accompanying us and many of her form on this visit.

J Gallagher

Geography Department

Preston Montford and Cake!

On a Monday morning in the heat of February we set off from school for a fun-filled five days of geography – destination the middle of nowhere. We realised that our packing had been a little on the heavy-handed side when we had to pull, push or heave our cases up the stairs to our rooms in Darwin block.

Four more days of climbing mountains, sketching, paddling in streams, using fieldwork equipment, taking photographs and munching on packed lunches were to follow. By the end of the week we had completed village land use surveys, traffic counts, flood analysis, risk assessments, stream characteristics, walked through a fabulous glaciated valley to a corrie lake and got some sleep.





All in all it was a fantastic week filled with hard work, excellent company, good fun and cake!

Year 12 Geographers

Coombe Abbey Fieldtrip for Year 7 Geographers

On Friday 18th March, Year 7 (each student clutching a pair of wellies) set off for Coombe Abbey for what we cheekily called 'a day out in the woods.'

When we arrived we discovered that we were expected to do *some* work. First we did some pond dipping, which was great fun as the first creature netted was an enormous green pond beetle that we called Fred. Then we did several tests on the river, measuring its width, depth and speed. This was achieved by throwing four victims into the river to throw balls at each other – sorry – asking four volunteers to stand in the river and time how long it took for rubber balls to float between them.

Orienteering was the afternoon activity: in groups of six we had to find six of the 25 posts hidden in the forest; and each post had a letter written on it. The incentive to finish quickly was that spare time could be spent in the adventure playground!

Later on we all met up so that the winner of the best wellies competition could be announced before heading home.

Thank you to Mr Hall, Mrs Mackey, Miss Griffiths, Ms Harper and Ms Tanner for putting up with us for the day (not a job for the fainthearted.)

N Whan



Library

Shottery's World Book Day 28 February 2011

Once again the girls and staff of Shottery celebrated World Book Day with great originality. The school was populated for the day with characters from traditional Nursery Rhymes (staff) and the girls proved truly creative in their choice of characters and costumes. There were lost dalmatians, Sweeney Todd at work, Postman Pat and friends together with a walking talking full size post-box and a mobile post-van, all the suspects from the Cluedo instruction booklet, Precious Ramotswe from *The No. 1 Detective Agency* and so much more! Thank you to all the staff and students who entered into the spirit of the day with such warmth, creativity, teamwork and enthusiasm. (See photos earlier in *Mini Manners*).

The Warwickshire Book Award 2011

The WBA team met for the last time on 1st March to vote for our own Shottery winner. After reading six very different and amazing new books, and meeting regularly to discuss and exchange our views, the girls were keen to find our winner. It proved a close contest with *Mortlock*, a chilling thriller by Jon Mayhew, just beating the moving *Where I Belong* by Gillian Cross.

On 22nd March we all set off for the Warwickshire Book Award Celebration event at The Bridge House Theatre, at Warwick School. Dozens of Warwickshire schools attended, all having sent in their votes and all awaiting the announcement of the overall winner. We were entertained by short student-led presentations, and a quiz and then we were thrilled to hear that the Warwickshire Book Award winner for 2011 was our own winner, *Mortlock*. We were treated to funny and thought provoking talks from Harriet Goodwin, who wrote *The Boy Who Fell Down Exit 43*, and Andy Newbound, author of *Demon Strike*. They later chatted to the girls and signed copies of their books.

Thank you to the Year 7 team: Parishee, Kate, Isra, Emma, Niamh, Rose, Georgia, Rebecca, Tabitha, Imogen, Himani, Amber, Lucy, Eve, Sophie, Maya, Isabel, Natasja, Melissa, Libby, Darrielle, Anna, Trupthi and Hannah. You were fantastic!

K Tanner and A Curtis

Schoolgirl Georgia is "Write" on Track

– declares acclaimed author Pat Walsh!

Georgia Pilkington was one of the team of twenty-four Year 7s at Shottery who took part in the Warwickshire Book Award Scheme this year – and she may have found her vocation!

After all the events of the day, the event was still not over! Georgia Pilkington's fun and original take on *The Crowfield Curse*, another hot favourite, provoked a fantastic personal response from the book's writer, Pat Walsh:



As for Georgia's competition entry- it's brilliant. Very funny and very clever. Please pass on my congratulations to her, and who knows, she might be up there receiving an award of her own one of these days!

Well done Georgia!

Mathematics Department

Maths Challenge News

We are thrilled with our results in the recent Intermediate Maths Challenge taken by all girls in Year 9 and 10. We have been awarded 12 Gold, 38 Silver and 25 Bronze certificates. Congratulations to everyone!

Twelve students have now gone on to take part in the next, even more challenging, round :

- Hettie McCarthy (Year 10) - Hamilton two hour paper
- Sabrina Evans and Elizabeth Hong (Year 9) - Cayley two hour paper
- Amy Spackman, Harleen Hothi, Flo Hurley and Amy Warren (Year 10) - Grey Kangaroo one hour paper
- Yusra Shammoon, Georgia Hunt, Tabitha Paton-Durrant, Alice Carter and Chloe Gee – Pink Kangaroo one hour paper.

This is a significant achievement and we wish them well as they await their results. We'll keep you posted.

VJ Smith

MFL Department: Language College

French Exchange Outward Leg March 2011

On Wednesday 16th March 2011, twenty Year 10 pupils, along with their teachers, Mr Couliou and Miss O'Neill, set off for London Stansted Airport. Destination: Brittany, France and our partner school, Lycée Notre Dame du Voeu, in Hennebont. And so the adventure began... the Year 10 French Exchange 2011.

The girls had been in contact with their French partners for some weeks via email, but meeting for the first time was still an exciting time. On arrival, all of the exchange students paired up and made their way home to their host families.

The exchange group experienced many different activities during their week in Hennebont. They visited and toured the *haras*, a very famous French stud farm, situated just a short walk from the lycée itself. They were given a guided tour of Hennebont, visited the city of Nantes, the busy fishing port of Lorient, the aquarium at Vannes and the beautiful and peaceful Ile d'Arz.

Students also took the opportunity to get to know their French partners better by going ten-pin bowling and spending the weekend with families who organised many excursions and visits. Some students looked around the towns of Quimper and Concarneau, whilst others visited some of the beautiful Brittany fishing villages and beaches.

Time was also spent in the lycée practising French in class with French students, who were studying English. French pupils and the Headteacher made us feel extremely welcome and looked after us very well.



Finally Wednesday arrived. Our goodbyes were long, but we await the return of our partners on 15th June.

T Couliou



Our trip to France was lovely. On Monday night, the school held a buffet for us. After we had eaten, we lumbered outside to cool down, but ended up teaching our French partners the hokey cokey and the cha cha slide. It was so much fun!

Alyce Markham 10DG

I had a really interesting week, full of activities. I definitely learnt a lot of French in my stay as I was forced to speak the language due to being with a non-English speaking family. However, despite the obstacles, I had a really nice time and definitely bonded with my partner and her family. I have had an amazing time, and cannot wait for the partner visits.

Bethan Ryder 10AL

I really enjoyed the weekend with my partner. We went to a crêperie on Saturday evening-and I had a "chocolat et pommes" crepe, which was amazing. It is a shame that we don't have crêperies in England! The whole trip was a really good experience - and we all found ourselves picking up lots of French phrases.

Meghan Owen 10AL

It was an amazing experience, although staying in a stranger's house for an entire week was a bit strange, especially with there being a language barrier, but that didn't matter in the end as they made us feel very welcome.

Abi Egging 10DG



A-Level Study Trip to Berlin – March 2011

On Thursday 17th March, the German A-level groups took part in a Study Trip to Berlin. Upon arrival the sightseeing began, and we visited numerous historical sites including the Brandenburg Gate, the Jewish Memorial, the Check Point Charlie Museum and the Ex-Stasi Prison. This was particularly interesting as we could relate the places to our German course. We also enjoyed an evening in 'Klärchens Ballhaus' where we ate some weird and wonderful classic German food combinations: potato fritters and mashed apple was a real hit... Another highlight was listening to the accounts of East Germans who had experienced both the building and the fall of the wall, and the effects it had on their lives.



Speaking and hearing a lot of German was challenging, but also gave us a good insight into the German way of dealing with its past. Overall the trip was a great, if slightly tiring, whistle-stop-tour giving us a taste of the German culture and the remarkable history of Berlin. Thank you to Ms Kindermann and Mrs Hyams!

Berlin, wir kommen wieder!

China Day 2011

Year 8 enjoyed a bit of culture on their ELDay in March: Chinese culture to be precise! The girls were lucky enough to have external visitors who came to share their knowledge and expertise by providing an interesting range of activities which were very positively received. Here are some thoughts on the day:

8CD's day started off with a Chinese cooking session, during which we observed a professional chef at work, making sweet and sour chicken. We found this a lot of fun as he allowed some of us to join in.

Next, we had a taster of tai-chi. This was a hands-on activity as everyone joined in and learned lots - including how to punch!

During the final morning session of Chinese music, we were able to convey a traditional story using music. We were introduced to new Chinese instruments and new ways of playing some instruments that were already familiar to us.



After lunch, we had an inspirational mandarin lesson. This lesson included greetings, writing styles (eg characters), history and even a few songs. We learned a lot and took away with us some useful information about mandarin.

Overall, it was a very enjoyable day for 8CD.



PE Department

It has been an action packed seven weeks since half term; and we still have one rearranged netball tournament to play! Without exaggeration we have had over one hundred girls participate in various sporting events; we have won some tournaments and come runners up in others; we have travelled over eight hundred miles in Bertie; we have had our first GCSE moderation day; we have had the whole of Shottery Primary School coming up to do PE in our school run by Year 10 leaders; and now we have three exhausted PE teachers ready for an Easter Break!

None of the above would be possible with out the girls' efforts and the continuous parent support. We are always looking to improve the curriculum and extra-curricular PE through introducing new sports or equipment; like this year the new PE kit and the new minibus. You will remember that in the December *Mini Manners* we mentioned a sports lottery bid for a Sports Hall; unfortunately we found out on the 31st March that we had not been successful. Whilst disappointing, it has not stopped the PE department wanting to strive forwards with facilities and over the next term we will be looking at indoor and outdoor facility use in and around Stratford as well as how we can improve our own existing facilities.

To help us plan for the future the PE department have sent out a questionnaire to both parents and girls to ask about extra-curricular sport in the Olympic year and beyond. We would be very grateful if all questionnaires could be emailed or brought back to school by **Thursday 28th April**. Finally to help ICT, Food Technology and PE, please (please!) can you keep bring in Tesco's and Sainsbury's Vouchers. At the end of the summer term these can be exchanged for useful, free equipment for all the departments.

Cross Country

Three girls from our school were selected to run for Warwickshire in the English Schools Cross Country race. That in itself is a fantastic achievement for both the girls and Shottery. On a rather warm March weekend in Nottingham, Sophie Wouters (Year 8) ran for the U14 team and, despite being a year younger than most of the other competitors, she finished an excellent 305th and was the 4th (out of eight) Warwickshire runner in. Tas Pope (Year 10) ran for the U16 team; again she was a year young and she finished an exceptional 155th, and again was the 4th (out of eight) Warwickshire runner in. Jess Saunders (Year 13), our cross country captain, ran for the U18 team; and despite lacking in training still finished 269th and the 3rd best Warwickshire runner. Very well done to all three girls: Sophie and Tas will now move on to track athletics, while we all wish Jess the very best for her summer exams and we hope she keeps running at University.

Rowing

This term sees the girls finish off the indoor rowing and start to move outside and onto the water. Girls in Years 7-10 have been taking part in the National Indoor team competitions; however the results have not yet been confirmed so we will publish them in the next *Mini Manners*. March saw us host the last of the Sports Partnership's primary schools events, again this was a successful and very noisy evening where great fun was had by all. A big thank you must go to our rowers who came and helped out. Whilst this was the last ever Partnership rowing event due to a cut in funding, I can happily announce that due to our commitment to this event over the last few years, we have been asked along with Kineton and Studley schools to look after the partnership rowing machines and hopefully to host future events. Therefore four more rowing machines and the computer programme to go with them will be arriving in school in May. So indoor rowing will be kept alive in Shottery!

We have had a few head races this term including the Schools Head of the River Race, which takes place on the Oxford/Cambridge boat race course – all 4.25miles of it. Six of our girls were joined by two girls from Stratford High to compete in the 8s in the U18 race – where we finished 14th; this is an exceptional performance considering three of the team were from Year 10 and three of the team were Year 11s, racing against strong crews who were all Year 13!



Five of our most senior rowers have trained four-six times a week over the winter which showed in an outstanding weekend of medals at the West Midlands Regional trials. Fran Mills Baker won gold in the double sculls; Gabi Jones won silver in the single sculls; Lizzy Collins won silver in her single sculls; Lizzy and Maddy Jones won gold in their double sculls; and Gabi, Fran and Maddy were joined by Jenny Carus to win gold in the coxed fours. All five will now go on to represent our region in the inter-counties championships. Fran Mills Baker has also been selected for a three day training squad with other potential GB

rowers at the national water sports centre in Nottingham, so we wish her the very best of luck with that.

Hockey

This has been a very busy term for hockey finals. All girls have played very well and we have medalled in most competitions. The U12a team came 3rd in the south Warwickshire Tournament and 5th in the Warwickshire Tournament. The U13 team came 3rd in the Warwickshire Tournament (earlier in the year they won the South Warwickshire Tournament); the U14 team won their South Warwickshire tournament. However the U15 team (with some support from a few Year 9 and 8s) played some of the best hockey all season. At half time with their game against King's High Warwick they were 1-1; and despite losing that game in the end they did finish 3rd overall, and were the only team in the whole of Warwickshire to put a goal past KHW. Well done girls! The hockey season has now come to an end; but for Years 7 and 8 the next Holland tour awaits at the start of the new season, so remember to bring your forms back by **Thursday 28th April**.

Netball

This has been the business end of the season for all the teams. The Year 9, 10 and 11 teams remained unbeaten in our half of the south Warwickshire netball league and were therefore then through to the finals as champions. Here the girls met some very tough competition with the Year 10 and 11 teams coming out second best; however after 40 minutes of netball the Year 9 team were crowned overall league champions. This has been a superb year for them: winning the PGL tournament in September and now this; their South Warwickshire tournament is on the last week of term and we hope that we can have a clean sweep of victories. The Year 8 team narrowly missed out on winning their league, but played very well in both of their tournaments where they finished 4th and 7th in the south Warwickshire and Warwickshire tournaments. The Year 7 team have played friendlies all year, winning most of them. This placed them in good stead for the South Warwickshire tournament where they finished second overall and then the Warwickshire tournament where they finished 5th overall. This is a great result and they will hopefully build on this in the years to come. This is now the end of the season but as with hockey, an early September tour has been arranged for Year 7 and 8 so get your forms in quickly if you would like a place.





Year 10 PE lessons

This year has seen the introduction of Short Course GCSE PE: thirty-nine girls have this term been through a tough assessment process which has seen Miss G attend Climbing and Karate club on a Monday evening; numerous stables on a Saturday afternoon and then a whole day of Moderation. It has been a fascinating to see what Shottery girls get up to in their spare time.

However two girls deserve a special mention: Holly Thompson has

been playing table tennis since she was 9 years old, and whilst she included it as one of her GCSE sports, she is also ranked 69th in the country and is going to the National Finals in May. Caitlin McCarthy has been an archer since primary school, and again whilst competing for GCSE marks, she is also the West Midlands U16 champion and she too will be going to the National Finals in May. We have our fingers crossed for all the girls and wish Holly and Caitlin the very best of luck at the Nationals.



Whilst all the GCSE training has been going on the other half of the year group have also been working extremely hard on learning about Leadership through Sport. These girls have had some theory lessons before being let loose on teaching each other skills from netball to street cheer and everything in between! Their final assessment came on Tuesday 5th April, when our school Hall was full of the whole of Shottery Junior School: forty-eight children from Year 3-6 plus thirty-one Year 10 leaders, and a few teachers on the side. It was a mass of excitement and physical activity, which was very well led by our girls. This was the most successful sports leaders' event that we have held and the Headmaster from Shottery St Andrews could not praise our girls enough. Very well done all who took part.



Street Cheer

This has been the highlight of the term, and took place last Friday afternoon (8th April). Twenty-two girls have been training every Wednesday evening since September for this day; and for the first time Miss G and Mrs Casement accompanied the teams. It was going to be a very noisy high-energy afternoon that our girls fully took part in. The first competition was the Special Schools event, where all the other teams cheered louder and louder. The next competition was the KS3 event; our Year 8 team were competing for the very first time and put in a good performance, but were narrowly pipped into 2nd place for South Warwickshire. The Year 9 and 10 team took part in the KS4 competition and put in a winning high-energy performance which easily won the South Warwickshire competition and looked to be easy overall winners – only to be unfortunately placed 2nd in the whole of Warwickshire by one point on a technicality! (Miss G thought you were the best girls!) This was a brilliant afternoon showing real depth and strength in what our girls can achieve. Well done to all!



Summer Term

Please can I remind parents that for the summer term girls will only need black skorts (or old kit black shorts) and purple shirts (or old kit blue ones) with white ankle socks and trainers. The tracksuit bottoms, coats, gloves, hats, under layers, shin pads, Astros and hockey sticks can all now be put away until September. If girls do own their own tennis racket they can bring it in to school provided that it is named. Summer Clubs which will start on the first day back:

	Lunch	After school
Monday	Year 7, 9, 10 Rounders Year 8 tennis	Year 7 and 8 Tennis Development Squad
Tuesday	Year 7 Tennis Athletics	Year 7-10 Rounders Matches for all sports.
Wednesday	Year 8 Rounders Tennis Club Athletics Club	Year 7-10 Athletics Matches for all sports Year 7 Rowing
Thursday	Year 9/10 Tennis Cricket Club	Year 7-10 Cricket and matches Year 7 Tennis
Friday	Year 9/10 Tennis Running Club Stool Ball	

Finally I wish all girls (and parents) a restful Easter break and hope that you come back refreshed and ready for an action-packed summer sport fixture list.

M Griffiths

Science College

Visit to Warwick University

The Year 13 Chemists recently visited the Chemistry Department at Warwick University. The university department had arranged an afternoon of practical experimental tasks and use of the infra red spectrometers as well as a tour to look at other types of spectrometers. The purpose of the visit was to allow our girls to have hands on experience of equipment that is relevant to their A2 course but is not available in school. We were privileged to be using the recently refurbished undergraduate laboratory and it gave the girls an insight into the work undergraduates are expected to do.



The girls were split up into groups of four and after being given safety clothing they set about their tasks. The groups were supervised by several post-graduates, including Becky Wills, an ex-Shottery pupil who left school in 2005. The girls produced spectra from their products and compared these with the spectra from the reactants. Once they had completed their tasks in the laboratory the post-graduate students took them to see NMR and mass spectrometers and showed the girls the research projects that they were working on.

Year 10 Science Careers Fair

The other important event on March 4th, when the Queen came to visit Stratford upon Avon, was the Year 10 Science Careers Fair held at the Town Hall. Over forty girls from Shottery were joined by sixteen boys from KES and a similar number of boys and girls from the High School.

The introductory talk By Dr Theresa Burke from Euspen (European Society for Precision Engineering and Nanotechnology) gave an interesting insight into how to select a career. This was followed by group sessions where the students were able to get glimpses of careers in engineering, ecology, the NHS, National Grid, Physics, Chemistry, brewing and the RAF.



David Wilkinson, from the Institute of Physics, proved to be very popular. He immediately caught the students' attention by getting them to pass a sharp wooden skewer through a balloon; the idea being to do this without popping the balloon. Surprisingly few balloons did pop!

Russ Russell from the RAF also had appreciative audiences. He managed to get several students attired in combat uniform much to the amusement of the others.



Dr Dawn Sanders, a Botanist and Ecologist from the Natural History Museum, brought some carnivorous plants and a replica of the microscope used by Darwin on his renowned trip to the Galapagos Islands. Her talk included taking sample strips from the plants and observing them through the microscope as well as a detailed explanation of how carnivorous plants feed.

We would like to thank all who gave up their time to host sessions and be a part of the Careers Fair and hope that the students who took part came away with an increased knowledge of the variety of careers available to them.



R Bartlett
Head of Chemistry

Young Enterprise

We are pleased to announce that our school's Young Enterprise company – "One" – has successfully launched its *Much Ado About Cooking* Shakespearean Cookbook. The Cookbook is an ideal product as it encapsulates the historical heritage of the local Stratford area. A modern outlook was taken to ensure that our product reflects modern-day cooking so the recipes are easy, fresh and healthy (although chocolate does feature!). The recipes relate to a selection of Shakespeare's plays and synopses of these plays are provided. In addition, the lower years in the school have been involved, providing us with their excellent art work which features throughout the book. With Easter fast approaching, the cookbook will serve as an ideal gift. After many months of hard work and dedication, the team are now in the final stages of publishing and the book will be available for ordering within the school from Monday 11th April at a price of £6.99

If you would like to order a copy you can contact us on: much-ado@live.co.uk giving the following details:

- Name
- Daughter's form (copies will be sent home with your daughter)
- Contact phone number
- Number of copies required

Cheques should be made payable to "One". We hope you will enjoy our product.

H Ellis

Charity News

British Lung Foundation

Over the last few weeks we have been fundraising for the British Lung Foundation. Hand-made chocolate heart lollies were the order of the day for Valentine's Day, followed by handmade chocolate rosebud lollies for Mother's Day – though I'm not sure how many of those got home! Friday 8th April was the final fundraising event in the form of a non-uniform day, when the girls and staff were asked to wear something red to show their support for the British Lung Foundation. The staff also held a coffee morning on the same day. Thanks to everyone's kindness, the grand sum of £757 was raised for the British Lung Foundation. Many, many thanks to everyone for their generosity and support.

C Bradshaw

FOS News

Some super sleuthing was in evidence at the Murder Mystery evening last month and the Manor provided a suitably atmospheric background. There was some excellent role playing by a trio of our girls in partnership with a trio from KES. Amongst the sixty or so sleuths were an encouraging number of our own students (a career in detective work beckons). The catering as usual was first class so special thanks to the many FOS hands responsible. If you missed it, as a good number did, we are by popular request planning another Murder Mystery for next year.



FOS have a busy term ahead with a number of important events.

- **People to People programme 25th – 28th June.**
The opportunity to host an American youngster or perhaps even a teacher is one of the most rewarding occasions in the FOS calendar from all the family's point of view. The American students, both boys and girls, are selected to be 'ambassadors' for their country and before they make the trip receive advice on how to present themselves when abroad. The result is that they have usually been exceedingly easy to host and entertain and of course there is no language barrier! In previous years many long lasting friendships have been made. You can read more about it in the helpful information notice which is included in this edition of *Mini Manners*.
- **Arts and Music in the Manor and Summer Garden Party Saturday 25th June.**
- **Year 13 Leavers Graduation Party Tuesday 28th June in the Manor Garden.**
- **Year 11 'Grammies' Ball Friday 1st July at the Stratford Manor Hotel.**
A 'must' for all Year 11s. Glad rags and Glamour to celebrate the end of exams. Tickets are now on sale and you will find an invitation to apply with more information in this edition of *Mini Manners*.
- **Years 7 and 8 Disco Friday 6th May Years 8 and 9 Disco Friday 8th July.**

200 Club

The March and April 2011 Club winners are as follows:

March

1st Sue Roberts 2nd Richard Whitwell 3rd Kate Allen

April

1st Sara Jennings 2nd Collette Gay 3rd WE and BE Cooper

Two more draws will be held in May and June.

Many thanks to those of you who have signed up with the *easyfundraising* website and having registered *Friends of Stratford Grammar (FOS)* as your chosen charity are raising some easy money for the school. This way FOS receives a percentage of the retailer's online price at no cost to you and we are already starting to benefit as more parents use the *easyfundraising* portal to order travel and shopping items from a wide range of mainstream retailers. It really is a painless way of helping FOS and hence the school.

As one example of the way the school can benefit we hope you have all noticed the gleaming new minibus provided by FOS on your visits to the school site. Very soon it will sport both the school and FOS logos and we hope this will give parents a sense of pride at the contribution they have made.

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March 2011

Dear Parents,

People to People Student Ambassador Programme 2011

This year we will again be taking part in the People to People Programme hosting young 'ambassadors' from the United States of America.

The People to People Programme involves our school welcoming a party of American students through their Educational Cultural Exchange offices based in London. The students who visit the UK through the Programme stay mainly in hotels and hostels but have a chance of spending a few nights with host families in and around Stratford. Thus they will be able to see something of life in Britain as well as visiting the school and local points of interest.

The dates for this year's American students are **Saturday 25th - Tuesday 28th June** inclusive. The students are boys and girls, aged between 12 and 15 years and will be coming from Tennessee, Idaho, Indiana and various other states.

There will be approximately **45 students and 5 teachers**. We will need to provide accommodation and meals for them for the **3 nights** of their stay, including packed lunches for the Monday and Tuesday. At this early stage we anticipate they will arrive on Saturday afternoon during "Music at the Manor". On Monday they will spend the day in school and visiting Stratford; they will need to be in school for 9am and can be collected at 4pm. For their departure on Tuesday they will need to be at school for 8.15 am.

In return for hosting the visitors, the school will receive **around £3,500**. This is our most important fundraiser of the year, as well as offering a chance to make international friends. Past experience has shown this to be very worthwhile event for the girls, with many long-term friendships being made.

If it is at all possible for you to host one or more students for the weekend, please complete the form below and return it to the **FOS Box in Student Services** or **complete the online form (preferred)**. We will send you an email confirming that you wish to host a Student Ambassador. We do not receive the final list of students until early June and only then will we be in a position to confirm student allocation.

Those families that participated last year should already have received an email invitation; if this has not been received please complete a form if you would again like to host one or more of the students.

Each ambassador will not need their own room or even a proper bed; futons or camp beds will be absolutely fine. This year they will be coming at the end of a very busy two and a half week trip therefore they are likely to be quite tired making them easy to entertain as they appreciate having a bit of space to relax. In previous years host families have found it just as easy to have two students as some tend to be less shy when they are with their friends.

We hope you will be kind enough to be a host family for this very enjoyable event. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact us.

Many thanks,

Cathy Atkinson and Keith Hicks
People to People Programme Organisers
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To: FOS (Keith Hicks)

People to People Ambassador Programme 2011

These details can also be submitted online go to fos-p2p.blogspot.com and click on Data Collection under Blog Archive in the right hand margin.

I / We are interested in hosting an American Student

Name _____ Telephone Number _____

Address _____

Email address _____

Daughter's Name _____ Form _____

Number of Students we wish to host _____ boys _____ girls

We will need to accommodate allergies and dietary needs of the Student Ambassadors. Please let us know if you have household pets or if you are already accommodating a specific diet, such

as vegetarian or gluten free or would be willing to provide such a diet.

Many thanks for your hospitality.

Pets _____

Diet _____

Other Comments

Please return to the FOS Box in Student Services or email to:
kh@hixweb.co.uk



Tickets £30

Dress Code: Formal

- Music from our regular DJ throughout the evening.
- Meet and Greet for photos at Hotel Entrance at 7.30 p.m
- Dinner served from 8.15 p.m. in the Stratford Suite.
- After dinner 'GRAMMY' Award ceremony and group photo opportunity.

~ Menu ~

Melon

Pan-fried chicken breast in a balsamic jus served with potato gratin and seasonal vegetables

Or

Vegetable Lasagne (vegetarian option)

Chocolate Tart served with summer berry crème fraiche

FURTHER TICKET REQUEST AND CONSENT FORMS can be found on the Stratford Grammar website in the Parents Area.

PLEASE RETURN FORMS BY 13TH APRIL 2011 TO THE FOS BOX OR KES SCHOOL OFFICE.

- There will be a soft drinks bar at the Hotel with drinks being about £1.50 each. No alcohol will be sold to students and none can be taken into the hotel (part of Code of Conduct)
 - There will be a photographer available at the Ball for group photos and the prints can be purchased for around £6.00
 - Students will be able to sit on tables of 10. Please tell us who you would like to sit with on the reply slip. We will do our best to accommodate your requests.
 - Each student is permitted to bring a guest. They must be 15 years or over.
 - In line with the hotel's policy parents will supervise students whilst staff will provide a supporting role and additionally we will have security staff present.
 - Each student and their guest and their parents/ guardians are required to read the code of conduct supplied with the ticket request form.
 - Each student must complete a ticket request form and sign their agreement to the code of conduct
 - Each guest must also sign their agreement to the code of conduct.
 - Parents/ guardians of each student and guest must complete and sign a Medical/ dietary details, emergency permission and code of conduct form.
 - Tickets cannot be issued unless we receive these forms.
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YEAR 13 GRADUATION GARDEN PARTY

To mark the 'graduation' of our current Year 13 girls, FOS, in conjunction with the School and Shottery Alumnae Society, will be holding a **Graduation Garden Party** on **Tuesday 28th June** in the Manor Garden, from 6.30 pm.

The event will be an early evening Drinks Party, with canapés and a glass of sparkling wine on arrival. A licensed bar will be available for purchasing further drinks.

FOS will present each girl with a small token to remind them of their time at Shottery, to mark their graduation from being a student and to wish them good luck for the future. Each girl will also be presented with an Alumnae Pack. In order to cover a small part of the costs, we have to ask for a minimum donation of £10 from each family.

The evening is open to all our current Year 13 girls and their parents, as well as form tutors and teaching staff. We hope that many of you will be able to attend and give our girls the 'send-off' they deserve after all their hard work.

As we are expecting 250 - 300 people, any volunteers to help with catering etc. would be greatly appreciated!

Please contact either Liz Harrison-Hall on 07866 796285 or liz.hh@btinternet.com

or Julia Salmon on 07866 560940 or julia@stasafe.com

Many thanks. We look forward to seeing you there!

Please return the slip below to the red 'FOS' box in **Student Services**, along with your cheque, if you are attending, in an envelope marked *FOS Graduation Garden Party* by **Friday 6th May**.

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Year 13 Graduation Garden Party - Reply Slip

Parents'/Guardians' Name(s).....

Daughter's name and form.....

We will/will not be attending (delete as appropriate)

Number of attendees.....

We enclose a donation of £..... (cheques payable to F.O.S.)

I would be willing to bring along a plate of nibbles Yes/No
(If yes, we will contact you to arrange the details)

Parent's phone/email.....

School term and holiday dates for 2010-2011

Summer Term 2011

First day of term
Royal Wedding Bank holiday
May Bank Holiday
Half term
Last day of term

Wednesday 27th April - Friday 22nd July

Wednesday 27th April
Friday 29th April
Monday 2nd May
30th May-3rd June
Friday 22nd July

School term and holiday dates for 2011-2012

Autumn Term 2011

Staff Training Day
Induction Day for
Year 7 and Year 12
First day of term for all
Staff Training Day
Half term
Last day of term
Staff Training Day

5th September - 16th December

Monday 5th September
Tuesday 6th September
Wednesday 7th September
Thursday 6th October
24th-28th October
Thursday 15th December
Friday 16th December

Spring Term 2012

Staff Training Day
First day of term
Staff Training Day
Half term
Last day of term

3rd January - 30th March

Tuesday 3rd January
Wednesday 4th January
Wednesday 25th January
13th-17th February
Friday 30th March

Summer Term 2012

First day of term
May Bank Holiday
Half term
Last day of term

16th April - 20th July

Monday 16th April
Monday 7th May
4th-8th June
Friday 20th July