

# CUMNOR HOUSE SCHOOL



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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

## A few words from the Headmaster:

With just two weeks to go until the end of term, Cumnor House is certainly a busy and vibrant school. There are still a number of events to focus on, including Year 8 mock Common Entrance exams, the Junior Drama production, Inter-House swimming galas, Associated Board music exams and many sports fixtures and tournaments. Year 6 boys returned from Normandy today after taking part in a very enjoyable trip. I received daily bulletins from Mr Turner and was delighted to hear how well behaved the group were. To have members of the public comment favourably on the boys' behaviour and manners is very satisfying. Other Year groups in the prep school took part in day trips on Tuesday and Wednesday. Talking to the boys, they seemed to really enjoy these trips.

The final report from the ISI Inspection carried out the week before half term has just been received by the school. A team of seven inspectors checked the School's compliance with Independent School Standards (FCI) and also the quality of education (EQI). I am pleased to report that Cumnor House Boys' School met all the DfE standards for the FCI, and therefore no further action is required in any area of the school as a result of this.

**I am delighted to report that the two areas of the EQI were judged as 'Excellent', which is the top grade given.** Though thrilled by the findings of the ISI report, we will continue to strive for improvements in all areas of the school. A letter giving a full explanation and a link to the two reports was circulated to all parents earlier today.



On Tuesday I attended the Reception Spring Concert, and was very impressed with the singing and acting. A big thank you to Mrs Collins and her team for continuing to inspire our younger boys.

Good luck to the boys competing in the Rugby National Prep Schools finals at Epsom College on Sunday. Also on the same day, to all who will be involved in rehearsals for the Junior School production.

Finally, thank you to the Parents Associations from the Girls' and Boys' school, for organising a very enjoyable Masquerade Ball last Saturday. It capped a perfect day for me, as I had the pleasure of attending 'that match' at Twickenham earlier in the day.

*Floyd Steadman*

## Informal concert

Over the last 2 weeks there have been 6 concerts that the boys have performed in, an all-day rehearsal for Aladdin on Saturday and a visit to 'Wicked' for Year 5 - a musical extravaganza! In the middle of all this was the informal concert on 7th March. This was an opportunity for boys taking their exams to play 'under pressure' and also for the Woodwind Ensemble and Brass Group to show the audience what they have been working on. I thought the Woodwind Ensemble took on a very tricky piece and produced an excellent result. The Brass Group played an old Russian Folk tune which had been jazzed up in a modern arrangement to end the concert. Well done to all the boys involved.

*Mr Sizer*



## Magical Musicals

The Year 1 and Year 2 Spring Concert, 'Magical Musicals' took place at Cumnor House School for Girls' on Monday 6 and Tuesday 7 March 2017. The boys took us on a nostalgic journey of those all-singing, all-dancing timeless songs from many of the exceptional musicals. The boys worked hard as a team to put on an amazing performance; they all sang beautifully, spoke confidently and clearly, and danced superbly well and in time!

Many thanks go to Mrs Trice who coordinated 'Magical Musicals' and also to Miss Secker for all the hard work in teaching the boys those tricky foot-tapping songs. A huge thank you to all the staff who were responsible teaching their class the brilliant dances.

*Mrs Kelly*



# MASQUERADE BALL



On Saturday 11th March, the Parents Association held their annual Spring Masquerade Ball at Selsdon Park Hotel, starting off with a glass of sparkling Buck's Fizz, it was wonderful to see everyone dressed up, and with the added mystery on the beautiful array of various masks. We then all made our way to our tables for a three course meal, with entertainment from Funk City Band, who really got the party going with fantastic vocals and upbeat songs to dance along to all evening.



After dinner was served, we held a Raffle with some fantastic prizes kindly donated by parents, followed by Mr Jones, who was our auctioneer for the evening. He did a fabulous job and encouraged parents to raise £2180 in total! Mr Jones also contributed to the raffle by auctioning 2 hours Of Mr Dwyer's time which raised £250!

It was wonderful to see Mr Steadman and Mrs Mallett supporting the event, along with the rest of the Cumnor House Staff table, it was great to get together and all let our hair down. It was a wonderful evening, with lots of dancing. Thank you to all who came along and joined in.



Mrs Norris



## U11's Perform well at Donhead 7's Tournament



An outstanding day of Sevens for the U11 A team. The day started with a difficult game against Cranmore. In the first half we conceded some quick tries, however, the second half was all Cumnor and our defence was excellent. From then on Cumnor were able to move the ball well and were dominant in contact. Asher Agbinone and Joshua Williams broke through numerous times to score some outstanding individual tries.

Cumnor went through second in the group and played three more games in the next round, where the team demonstrated some excellent desire and creativity to win two of their three matches. The highlight of the day was Oliver Springett's overhead chip for Asher to catch on the full and score. Well done to all the boys who took part today and a special mention to Jake Dennis and Daniel Tollit who were excellent all day and were at the centre of everything that Cumnor did so well.

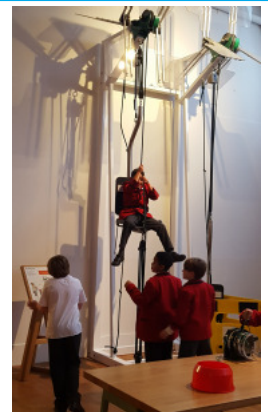
Overall Cumnor were joint 5th out of 16 teams, finishing higher than some very good rugby schools on the circuit.

Well done to all the boys.

*Mr Gray*

## Year 4 at the Science Museum

Year 4 had an exciting time at the Science museum. They came well prepared with questions for 'Michael Faraday' and enthusiastically played the roles of electrons, magnets, copper and zinc to explain Voltaic cells and electromagnetic motors. Well done to Master Ethan Langley who impressed Mr Faraday with his research and was appointed the job of biographer. The day rounded off with a session in the Wonderlab where the boys immersed themselves totally in how science works.



*Mrs Whiskey*



## Year 1 Preston Manor



On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March the Year 1 boys were transported back in time arriving at school in Victorian clothes. The boys had a busy day ahead visiting Preston Manor and the Hove Museum. We took part in a workshop, where the boys explored and touched Victorian household objects and had to guess what they were. At Preston Manor the boys took on roles of serving boys in the household. They all got very good at cleaning the bedrooms, washing in the scullery and cooking in the kitchen! The boys were fantastic and impressed the museum staff with their knowledge of the period and Victorian household interiors.



*Mrs Shelley*



## Year 8 visit the Science Museum

On Tuesday morning, Year 8 had the opportunity to visit the Science Museum and experience the new mathematics gallery, The Winton Gallery. The Winton Gallery tells the stories of the work of mathematicians from all walks of life; it includes salespeople and gamblers, and spans 400 years of invention. The boys enjoyed finding the answers to the questions they were given through a range of interactive activities such as viewing videos and listening to recordings.

'The Engineer Your Future' exhibit provided the boys with a range of games designed to test the way they think. 'The Rugged Rovers' challenged their problem-thinking skills and 'FutureVille' enabled them to visit the future exploring the different ways engineering is used in our lives.

After lunch (which included multiple Oreo milkshakes), the 'New Robots' exhibition fascinated Year 8 with its story of the 500 year journey to creating mechanical humans. Sam Hadfield and Kyle Debrah were terrified by the tiny barking robot dog, while Shehan Sivaranjan enjoyed creating grotesque faces for the robot face to imitate. Overall, the day proved both successful and educational.

*Miss Lloyd*



## 7M ASSEMBLY



7M treated the school and parents to a special assembly, on Thursday 9 March. The theme was Respect; they gave a presentation, including speeches and videos about Respect online and even performed a Rap. They highlighted how Respect is part of our Cumnor Way and one of the British Values. There was also a welcome contribution from the Headmaster on Respect in Sports. Thank you to the many parents who attended.

*Mrs Marange*

## STAR OF THE WEEK

**Danes**

**Arun Oelkers**

**7B**

**Josef Zaza**

**7B**

**Normans**

**Aryan Kohli**

**7B**

**Romans**

**Harvey Purnell**

**7B**

**Saxons**

**Veer Patel**

**7B**

## EVENTS FOR WEEK BEGINNING 20 MARCH 2017

Monday 20 April	Tuesday 21 April	Wednesday 22 April	Thursday 23 April	Friday 24 April
U13 Shrewsbury House 7s' Tournament 1.00 p.m.	Year 8 Common Entrance Mock Exams  U11 Shrewsbury House 7s' Tournament 1.00 p.m.  Year 5 Inter House Swimming Gala 2.00 - 4.00 p.m.  Informal Concert 7.00 p.m.	Year 8 Common Entrance Mock Exams  Associated Board Rehearsals p.m.  U12 Shrewsbury House 7s' Tournament 1.00 p.m.	Year 8 Common Entrance Mock Exams	U13A Rosslyn Park National 7s All Day