

# CUMNOR HOUSE SCHOOL

16 DECEMBER 2016



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

## CAROL SERVICE AT THE CROYDON MINSTER

To quote from *The Grinch that Stole Christmas* "It came without ribbons. It came without tags. It came without packages, boxes, or bags." On Monday evening at the Croydon Minster I think it would be fair to say that Christmas 'came in red blazers'!



From the very first bell to the very last trumpet the evening was full of so many special moments it is impossible to choose just one highlight. The readers, one from each class across the year groups, all read with confidence from a diverse range of poems, put together to tell the Christmas story in between the carols. The singing was beautiful; the purity and strength of Harvey's solo set the standard for all that was to follow. The Training Choir showed that they are hot on the heels of the senior choirs when it comes to performing and Junior Choir proved that they have an understanding of both solemnity and fun by singing two very contrasting pieces.

When it comes to the Choristers it is very difficult to find new superlatives. It is also very easy to forget that each September a new Chorister team is formed meaning that each Christmas the boys that we hear have only really been together for a matter of weeks. To reach that standard in such a short time requires a tremendous amount of hard work and dedication, they should be very proud of their achievements. Similarly, congratulations to the string group who learned the Junior Choir accompaniment alongside their own repertoire.

It seems strange to mention the Grinch again when the evening was far from 'Grinch like' but half way through the evening I was reminded of another part of that story when "the Grinch's small heart grew three sizes that day." Amongst all the parents, friends and relatives in the congregation and amongst all the boys and staff both in the congregation or performing, I don't think that there could have been a single heart that didn't rightly 'grow a few sizes', swelling with pride from being a part of a wonderful evening and a fantastic school.

Thank you to the Croydon Minster and all the teaching staff, in particular: Mr Sizer, Miss Secker, Mrs Poole, Miss Lloyd; for bringing us all together to celebrate Christmas as part of the Cumnor Family. 2017 promises to be an exciting and successful year.

Mrs Magill





## U11 A at Danes Hill Rugby Festival



The U11 A team attended the annual rugby festival held at Danes Hill School. This tournament had a different format to fall in line with the NROP. Every school attending played each other and Cumnor played eight games against some good rugby schools. The day started well with a draw against a very strong Dulwich Prep team. An outstanding cover tackle by Sumaan Kohli ensured the game finished 0-0. Cumnor went on to beat Cranmore and St George's both by one try, Asher Agbinone scoring in both games. In our fourth game Cumnor were caught napping against Donhead who were the first team to score against us. After this, Cumnor went on to be ruthless in defence and dominant in attack. The team were unlucky to only come away with a draw v Shrewsbury House; however, we were able to score four tries in the next game to convincingly beat Cranleigh Prep School.

A tough game against unbeaten Beacon School resulted in a 0-0 draw and the final match was against the hosts Danes Hill. This game was a thriller and all boys were outstanding. The game finished 5-0 and Cumnor finished the day winning four games, drawing three and only losing one; an outstanding display of defensive rugby from the U11s, especially as the team have only been training together for two weeks. Well done to all the boys who took part, a very successful day, only conceding three try's in eight games. Jake Dennis was outstanding as captain and all boys followed his example. By my scoring we finished second behind Dulwich Prep who didn't lose a game.

Mr Gray



## SCIENCE AT WORK!

Dilan Jayawardena - 6B, applied his Science to technological designing to create a pair of EAR DEFENDERS as part of his science homework this week!





## CHORISTERS SING FOR THE ELDERLY AT SUNRISE SENIOR LIVING



On a chilly December morning, the choristers travelled to Sunrise Senior Living. We performed 'Nativity carol', 'How Beautiful this Silent Night' and 'Do you Hear what I Hear'. Also, we performed lots of Christmas carols and the residents joined in. One of the residents could not see the words and started shouting to the carers "I don't have the words" during our performance, but the ironic thing was that the person next to her had the words, maybe she should have gone to Specsavers!

They joined in ringing bells during dashing through the snow. The residents really enjoyed our singing and asked for an encore. After the performance, they gave us orange juice, a sweet and a cracker each. This was an enjoyable trip for all the choristers.

*William Langton 8B*



## Science Christmas Lectures

"Supercharged: Fuelling the Future" - 13/12/16



Started by Michael Faraday in 1825, and now broadcast on national television every year, the CHRISTMAS LECTURES are the UK's flagship Science series.

This year Cumnor House was very fortunate to be picked out of a very competitive ballot system and given the opportunity to purchase tickets for one of three possible shows.

Led by Professor Saiful Islam, the lecture investigated how humans as living pulsing machines actually used energy, asking whether it was possible to 'supercharge' the human body and increase its performance. Former Christmas Lecturers were invited to join him on stage, and repeated some of their experiments and demonstrations. The energy theme was explored using amongst other things, infrared cameras, real food, farm animals, heart monitors on participants and methane gas explosions.

The boys and staff thoroughly enjoyed themselves in what could be only described as the most interactive Science lesson ever. In conjunction with this intensive uptake of Science, the boys also got to experience the production side of filming by BBC professionals.

Please make a note in your diaries and TV planners for the screenings on the following dates:

BBC Four at 8.00 pm on the 26th, 27th and 28th December 2016.

*Mrs E. Marange (Head of Science)*



# SUCCESS AT BECKENHAM MUSIC FESTIVAL!



Daniel King won a Gold Medal in the Woodwind Section and a Silver Medal in Woodwind & Brass, whilst Surya Vijayanand, achieved a Silver Medal for his rendition of Sonata / Sonata.

In assembly, Mr Crosbie put Surya on the spot and he wowed the Prep School playing the 'Minute Waltz' by Chopin from memory!

Well done, boys!

## CHRISTMAS LUNCH WAS ENJOYED BY ONE AND ALL!



Thank you, Thomas Franks  
and Happy Christmas to you all.



# MERRY CHRISTMAS

## FROM US ALL AT

### CUMNOR HOUSE SCHOOL



## STAR OF THE WEEK

**Danes**  
**Normans**  
**Romans**  
**Saxons**

**Akash Abbot**  
**Edward Findlay**  
**Alyaan Khan**  
**Kamran Odedra**

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## EVENTS FOR WEEK BEGINNING 9 JANUARY 2017

Monday 9 January	Tuesday 10 January	Wednesday 11 January	Thursday 12 January	Friday 13 January
School Commences 8.15 a.m.	U10A, B & C v Milbourne Lodge (H) 1.00 - 4.00 p.m.		5L Progress Meeting 5.00 - 8.00 p.m.	Open Morning 9.30 - 11.00 p.m.
Instrumental Lessons begin				
U12A & U13A Late Training 4.00 - 5.00 p.m.				
Parents' Association Committee Meeting 7.00 p.m.				