

CUMNOR HOUSE SCHOOL



16 SEPTEMBER 2016

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

I have thoroughly enjoyed my first few weeks as Headmaster of Cumnor House School. It has been a pleasure to see many of you each morning as I meet and greet the boys. I must say that they have been delightful and so far are living up to my high expectations of them. I have challenged the boys to work hard in the classroom, but also to enjoy all that Cumnor House School has to offer. There are a wide range of activities to whet the appetite and I am sure all will find things they enjoy doing.

Last term I had the opportunity to meet many of you at the Cumnor House Girls' School. This gave me an opportunity to talk about my prep school leadership experience and also my vision for Cumnor House School as we move forward. To recap on what was said at the meeting, I expect the following;



- Happy, motivated boys in a safe and secure school environment
- Courteous, smart and well behaved boys who show a respect for others
- Boys being given many opportunities in and outside the classroom
- Teachers who inspire a love of learning
- A continued focus on high quality teaching and learning
- Supportive parents who work with us to get the best out of each boy
- Cumnor House School to maintain its position as the best 13+ boys prep school in the Croydon area

The refurbishment of our school will continue over the coming months. During the October half term holiday we intend to erect new perimeter fencing and electronic gates to the front of our site. We are awaiting planning approval, which hopefully will be given soon. We have received planning approval to build a new sports pavilion and Treetops Nursery at our sports ground. Further details will be given in due course. I must thank Cognita for the substantial investment in our school.

Good luck to all who are going through the 11+ grammar school application process. This is a very intense time for boys and parents alike. I know how hard the boys must prepare for this process, and hope that they are getting some time to relax as well. Please remember that if any of you would like to discuss any aspect of the senior schools process with me, contact my PA, Mrs. Diprose, who will book an appointment.

I must congratulate the U11 football squad who won the Shrewsbury House Tournament last Saturday. This tournament includes some of the best IAPS prep schools in the South East, so our boys have done a wonderful job to be successful. Winning the final on penalties is something even our professional footballers can learn from. Please remember that there is an excellent Cumnor House Sports website <http://www.cumnorhousesport.com/> that gives so much information on all aspects of sport in our school.

Floyd Steadman
Headmaster

U11A - SHS 7 a-side Football Tournament Winners!

On Saturday 11 September, the U11A side brought back the first trophy of the academic year in style! After progressing through the group stages the team went onto beat Hampton Prep (Quarter-Final), Dulwich Prep (Semi-Final) and eventually hosts SHS on penalties in the Final! The boys should be commended for their hard work throughout the day and for holding their nerve during the penalty shoot out.

Mr Brotherton



09:45 Sat 10 Sep 16	Parkside School	Lost 0-1	Group Match
10:00 Sat 10 Sep 16	Shrewsbury House School	Won 1-0	Group Match
10:30 Sat 10 Sep 16	Hampton Prep School	Won 1-0	Tournament Quarter-Final
11:00 Sat 10 Sep 16	Dulwich Prep London	Won 1-0	Tournament Semi-Final
11:30 Sat 10 Sep 16	Shrewsbury House School	Won 0-0 (AET) 2-1 (PEN)	Tournament Final

Quantum Theatre Performance

We were delighted that the Quantum Theatre visited the school on Thursday afternoon. They presented the Maths play 'The Miscalculation of Cap'n Half-Inch'. The play is a swashbuckling pirate tale of the hunt for lost treasure found only by solving a series of mathematical problems.

We enjoyed two versions of the play; the first for boys in Years 2 and 3 which focussed on written calculation methods, adding and subtracting fractions, solving fraction and decimal problems. The second performance for Years 5 and 6 also included more complex problem solving using multiplying and dividing fractions and decimals, and converting between fractions and decimals.

On an extremely warm afternoon, the boys thoroughly enjoyed participating in the problem solving and they are to be congratulated on their behaviour. All the boys benefited from reinforcing their learning in the classroom in such a fun environment.



Mrs Roberts

My Olympic Dream begins!



The ASA (National Swimming Association) have selected me to join their NATIONAL talent programme! I could not believe it; the smile has not left my face.

I know I could not have got to this point without the help and training I have received at Cumnor House, from Mr Harvie and Mr Fitzgerald. I would like to say a big thank you.

Arun Oelkers - 7B

ROALD DAHL DRESS-UP DAY



We've had a fantastic turnout, with boys turning up as much-loved Roald Dahl characters ranging from Fantastic Mr Fox to Mrs Trunchbull! It has been an absolutely stupendous effort from everyone, so thank you to all of you who helped raise money for the Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity, which helps to make life better for seriously ill children in the UK.

Miss Lloyd





If you have collected any School Vouchers from Woodcote Green Garden Centre, please can you bring them into school by Monday 26 September.

The closing date is fast approaching!



Don't forget Walk to School Day on Wednesday 21 September

Thursday - 22 .09.16



All donations welcome but please no chocolate and no nuts

Cakes cost 50p each

EVENTS FOR WEEK BEGINNING 19 SEPTEMBER 2016

Monday 19 September	Tuesday 20 September	Wednesday 21 September	Thursday 22 September	Friday 23 September
1st XI v Kings House (H) Surrey Cup 1st Round 3.00 p.m.	U10 A, B, D & F v Hornsby House (A) 2.00 p.m. U9 A, B & E v CLFS (H) 3.00 p.m. Year 4 Parent Information Evening 7.00 p.m.	Walk to School Day 1st XI & 2nd IX v Downsends (A) 1.30 p.m. 3rd IX, 4th IX & 5th IX v Downsends (H) 1.30 p.m.	Cake Sale U11A Regionals (A) @ Alleyn's School All Day 10.00 a.m. U9 A - E v Dulwich College (A) 2.00 p.m. Year 5 Parent Information Evening 7.00 p.m.	Jeans for Genes Day Visit from Chris Philp - MP for South Croydon 2.00 p.m. Opro Mouthguard Fitting 12.30 p.m. U8 A - F v Downsends (H) 2.00 p.m.