

CLAPHAM COLLEGE BROADSHEET



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Dear Parents,

We come to the end of another eventful year in the life of the school and the history of the teaching profession in general. I am hopeful that the 5th year pupils who have just left us will reap the benefit of their labours in their external examinations, and wish them all good luck for the future. The Government has, as I am sure you are aware, introduced new conditions of service for all teachers (including Headteachers) and these come into force fully from this September. One major consequence is that teachers will have to work 195 days (5 days extra) and pupils only 190 days (as happens at present). This will mean some changes in holiday dates, details of which are still not entirely clear. However, please note: THE SCHOOL YEAR STARTS FOR PUPILS ON TUESDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER - one day later than previously announced. This day will be made up at a later date.

You will all be pleased to know that arrangements for the School Visit to Rome and Venice are now well in hand. Parents of boys in the present 3rd year who have not yet put their son's name down for this trip should do so immediately. There are a few places still remaining and a £10 deposit will secure one of these places. Because of tremendous subsidies the actual cost will be very low indeed.

Finally, because of the reducing numbers, we again have to say farewell to a number of staff. Congratulations go to Mr D. Brunwin who has been appointed Deputy Head at St. Gregory's School, Tunbridge Wells. Mrs J. Barter and Mr A Brown are both leaving us to pursue ambitions outside the teaching profession and bear with them our very best wishes. Many other teachers are due to leave the school as a result of the policy of the I.L.E.A. to find suitable posts for teachers who may no longer be fully employed in their present schools. There is still some uncertainty in this area, but at the moment Mr Ko McGlynn, Mr G. Morris, Mr D. Watkinson, Mr M. Latunji, Mrs M. Williarns and Mrs H. Neiland have all been offered other posts which they have accepted, and others may well be joining these in the next few weeks. I should like to express my personal thanks to all my staff over the past year and especially to those who will be leaving the school shortly. Many of them have served the pupils of this school over a very long period of time and their departure brings to an end yet another chapter in the history of our school.

School Year 1987-88

The next school year starts on Tuesday 8th September 1987. All boys will be expected to return to school in full school uniform at 8.30am

From September there will be a change in the school day. School will finish at 3.05pm. Our staff agreed to a longer school day on the basis of giving more teaching time to your sons for a better preparation for the new G.C.S.E. On Thursdays the school day finishes at 2.45pm. to allow time for teachers in service training

The first school day will start with a prolonged form period, from 8.30am to 9.25am. when form teachers will distribute the new time-tables for 1987-88

Since we moved to Battersea we have a two-week time-table which served us very well, especially when we were on a split site. There is no longer any need for the two-week cycle. Next year the timetable will be based on one week consisting of eight periods a day, which include a tutor period every day.

There will be some changes also affecting forms, as some teachers will be leaving us at the end of this school year, the new forms for 1987-88 will be as follows:-

3SL	will become	4SL	(Mr Scanlon)
3LA	will become	4CF	(Mr Cefai)
3MG	will become	4PH	(Mrs Picart-Williams)
4LE	will become	SLE	(Mrs Lee)
4BR	will become	SSA	(Mr Sanders)
4CO	will become	SCO	(Mr Conn)
4CH	will become	SCH	(Mr Chatterton)

Mr Kuligowski remains Year Master for both 4th and 5th Years.

G.C.S.E.

We are hoping that after the GCSE training day tomorrow (17th July) all our staff will be fully informed about the remaining grey areas regarding the new examination. You can rest assured that our staff will continue to help each pupil to ensure a successful outcome in public examinations. As parents we would like you to encourage your sons to keep up with whatever work is set by their teachers. In certain subjects it would be totally unrealistic to enter pupils for the new GCSE unless the number of required assignments have been satisfactorily completed.

The fifth years will have their trial GCSE in December. Fifth year parents may find it interesting to know that the public examinations in 1988 will start in early May.

Sixth Form College:

Fifth year boys who wish to attend St. Francis Xavier Sixth Form College need not do anything at present. They will be kept fully informed by the school when applications are due.

Link Courses:

A number of boys in the Fifth Year will be attending a link course at Brixton College on Tuesdays and Thursdays every week. There will be a meeting for all these boys during the first week of term. The course at Brixton starts on Tuesday 15th September.

Arrangements for boys attending Vauxhall College on Tuesdays afternoon will be made as soon as possible in September.

Mr So Felice-Paceo

Public and School Examinations:

The long examination season is now over for another year and we can look back on it with some satisfaction and even more relief. The CSE and O level exams extended from April 29th to June 23rd, with the school exams starting on June 24th, and so examinations were a constant feature of the school for most of the Summer Term.

The Public Exams, seemed to go quite well with the pupils behaving very responsibly and very few absentees or other problems. We can only hope that the results these pupils obtain are a reflection of the seriousness with which they sat for the various exams. This Summer saw the last of the old CSE and O level exams, as far as Clapham College is concerned, as the new GCSE is now in operation with the Fourth Year pupils.

With their end of year exams this Summer Fourth Year pupils were given an opportunity to experience our formal examination system. Most of them responded to this very well although there were those who failed to take their exams as seriously as we could have wished. It is to be hoped that the recent experience together with the 'mock' exams before Christmas will enable all of the Fourth year to realise the importance and seriousness of exams before they sit for the real thing next Summer.

Mr J.F. Wrighto

Inner London Cup Final:

FINAL SCORE: CLAPHAM COLLEGE 4, HACKNEY FREE SCHOOL 2.

A twice postponed game was finally played last Tuesday (19th May) at Hackney Marshes. The game had originally been scheduled for Stamford Bridge, but the organisers had been belatedly let down by Chelsea F.C.

The game kicked off at 5.00pm and was to prove to be one of Clapham's best performances of the season. Injuries to Treacy, Babb and Weil meant drastic changes to our usual formation against a very strong Hackney team. The college started well when a high cross from the right by Costa had the keeper in all sorts of trouble and Carl Samuels scrambled the ball home from short range. Things got even better when a lovely through ball by Edmond Ajnpaw set up Samuels who rounded the keeper and scored his and Clapham's second. Hackney then began to respond with wave after wave of attacks but good defending, some steady goal-keeping by Simon Keogh and the crossbar kept the score at 2.0 at the interval.

Inner London Cup Final - Continued.

Hackney came out strong in the second half and had made the score 2.1 with in 10 minutes of the restart and it was now that the true character of Clapham began to show as they defended well to keep out the equaliser, Keogh in particular was to make a succession of brilliant saves which eventually earned him the title of man of the match. With 20 minutes left a delicate chip by Ampaw brought about an own goal by the Hackney centre back making the score 3.1. Hackney scored almost immediately and Clapham were once again forced to defend. With seconds to go Amatare Aseh scored the best goal of the game, he collected a pass midway in the Hackney half, with his back to the goal, he went past the centre back rounded the keeper and scored with a crisp drive from the tightest of angles. Considering the alterations this was a fine all round performance with everybody deserving great praise. Special note must be made of the following who have not already been mentioned. Salvatore Costa who has been sub most of the year played a very important part setting up two of the goals, Oliver Danso-Dapaah who played in an unfamiliar position, Tim Winslade who came on as sub, his first XI debut and all the rest, John McNamara, Stephen Charles, Michael McQueen, Paul Randall, Fernando Serrao.

This year honours: Inner London Cup U16 Winners:

Catholic Cup	U16 Winners
All London Cup	U16 Runners-Up
South London Cup	U19 Semi-Finalists
All London Cup	U19 Quarter Finalists.

Representatives:

South London & London	
Darren Treacy	Darren Treacy
Philip Babb	Philip Babb
Edmond Ampaw	Edmond Ampaw
Amatare Aseh	Amatare Aseh
Simon Keogh	

Philip Babb and Darren Treacy have signed Apprentice forms at Millwall F.C.

Mrs. Cefai.

Geography:

This is the most popular and most suitable time of the year for field study trips. 3SL and 3MG had an enjoyable and profitable day on 3rd July working in the Mole Valley, before climbing Box Hill and descending by the Stepping Stones on the way to the station. 3LA will cover some of the same ground on Monday 13th..

Fourth year geographers will visit Chapel Farm and do a land use transect along the floodplain of the Mole as part of their G.C.S. coursework, on Friday 10th July. Staff accompanying these groups included, Sl, Wa, Rs, Mo and CL

Mr Mo Scanlon.

Fourth Year History F9.Y2. Visits Imperial War Museum:

The 4.A History Group, which is following the new G.C.s.s. Syllabus on Modern World History, had two interesting and highly relevant visits this term to the War Museum in Lambeth Road, Kennington. This museum provides a wide range of educational activities completely free of charge, and the school Officer was most helpful in arranging two full-day programmes around topics which the boys have been studying during the year. The theme of the first visit on 10th June was Trench Warfare during the Great War, and that of the second visit on 6th July, was Life in Nazi Germany.

Both programmes began with an introductory talk lasting about an hour, which was extremely well delivered, with plenty of opportunity for the boys to ask questions and make their own contribution. The talks were well illustrated with contemporary materials such as photographs, sound recordings, pieces of film and authentic objects, such as helmets, weapons and uniforms. After the talk, the boys spent about an hour and a half studying the excellent displays and exhibits in the galleries. For example, in the First World War Exhibition, there is a full-size reconstruction of a section of a British trench, an officer's dugout and a regimental aid post. Whilst working in the galleries, the boys completed questionnaires on the objects they were viewing, and thus came away with a written record of their visit. After a welcome lunch break, both afternoons were taken up with films: on the first visit the boys saw a very moving film on the Battle of Passchendaele, in which over half a million British and German soldiers were killed, and wounded men drowned in a quagmire of mud; on the second visit, the film was selected from the "Cities at War" series, and dealt with life in Berlin from the 1930s to the final disintegration of order and the surrender in 1945.

We are grateful to the Educational Services Department at the Museum for organizing these useful and absorbing visits, and I am sure that the boys got a feeling of what it would have been like to have lived during the first half of the century.

Mr H. Huntero

CAREERS:

It has been a busy term as regards the fifth years who were either looking for jobs or for Further Education colleges. Evelyn and Kay from Balham Careers Office came into school on Mondays during the lunch hour for the 'Job Shop'. All vacancies are advertised in the careers room. Several boys got jobs through the job shop or from Work Experience. For those interested in furthering their education, visits were arranged to Kingston, Westminster and Vauxhall Colleges.

Jan and Judith from the Balham Careers Office, had second interviews with any boys who were still uncertain about what they wanted to do next year.

Twenty 4th and 5th years attended the Y.O.T.S. Convention at Wandsworth Town Hall and found it interesting, more so than we did last year. Following the Convention, Mr Tony Martin from the Wandsworth Training Agency came to the school to talk to the boys about Y.O.T.S. opportunities open to them in Wandsworth.

Careers - Cont o

27 Third and Fourth Years attended IBA's career & exhibition and thoroughly enjoyed themselves, the 'make-up' department did a very good job on some of them, 2nd by the way they manipulated the cameras we seem to have some budding camera men. We all came back exhausted.

More recently Mr Eric Thompson from 'Barclays Bank' showed a film and gave a talk about 'Careers in Banking', it was very informative and the boys response was very good. Also this term we tried something new with the 4th years, when several of them did one day's 'Work Shadowing', some of the lads found their own Work Guides, and all of them thoroughly enjoyed the experience. We will certainly do it again next year, it is a good preparation for Work Experience in the 5th year.

The Careers Room is open Monday - Thursday till 4pm, and I am pleased to see that many boys from the 3rd and 4th year are making use of it.

Miss To Montero.

Parents' Open Afternoon

On Thursday 9th July we held our second open afternoon for Parents. The school finished at 2.15 and all the teaching staff were available for consultation from 2.30 - 5.00pm. There was an excellent turnout of parents.. But as is the practice - if not tradition - on such occasions many members of staff remained well beyond their official time. **The** last parent left at approximately 6.20.

Many thanks to all who helped to make it a most profitable afternoon, Mr Kuligowski (Yearmaster), teachers, parents and prefects.

Mr J., Brennan

Ramayana or 'Adventures of Rama'

On Friday 26th June, all the Third Year forms attended a Festival in Battersea Park. This brought to life some of the Hindu Epics in Ramayana, they studied this year.

The colourful procession of school children displayed the many and varied mythological characters of which the 3,000 year old tale is full.

There were eighteen-foot-high puppets of the major characters, Prince Rama, Sita his beloved wife, Laxman and the ten-headed demon King Ravana.

Surrounded by rainbow-coloured dancers and battalions from the great Monkey Army of Hanuman, the story of the triumph of good over evil unfolded amidst dazzling displays of music and dancing.

Mr Cefai made a brave attempt to sample all of the Indian food on offer. Latest reports indicate that he is fitter and stronger than ever!

The Horniman Museum, Forest Hill, are currently holding an exhibition on Ramayana. Hopefully, some boys will go there from home in the long holidays.

Mr Ko McGlynn.

5th Year Report:

We have bid farewell to the 5th year this term, Study Leave began the week before half Term back in May, and the last exam was taken on the 19th June.

I think it is generally acknowledged that on the whole this has been a very pleasant year group, and having been closely associated with it for four years the last few weeks have been very quiet. I hope each pupil gets the results he deserves. While they await the dreaded envelopes (which I shall dispatch on 21st August), requests for references have been coming in briskly, and Miss Montero and I have been fully occupied in dealing with these. Approximately 45 pupils have accepted places at St. Francis Xavier 6th Form College; others will be going to different Further Education colleges (London College of Furniture for instance.) and some will be entering full-time employment in banking and apprenticeships. It is difficult to give further details at this stage.

It seems likely, at the time of writing, that I shall be redeployed to Salesian College, Battersea in September. My best wishes go to all the pupils in the 5th year for their future, and my thanks to the 5th year form tutors for their support.

Mr D.G. Watkinson.-

School Uniform

Our sincere thanks to the vast majority of parents and pupils who have supported the school's policy on uniform

May I remind you of what is acceptable as school uniform:

- A) Shirt: Plain White/Blue/Grey
- B) School Tie
- C) School Trousers: Plain Grey/Dark Grey/Black.

Should your son wish to wear extra clothing, he may wear:

- D) School Blazer or Plain Grey Pullover.

Anoraks or coloured pullovers are not acceptable as part of the school uniform and should not be worn in school.

We expect all pupils to return to school in September with the proper items of uniform.

Governors' Fund

I would like to remind parents that the Governors' Fund will be due when your son returns to school in September.

2a00 per term or £6000 per year

Start of new Term:

The new school term begins for pupils on Tuesday 8th September with registration, as normal, at 8.30am.