

CLAPHAM COLLEGE BROADSHEET



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Dear Parents,

At an assembly on Thursday 2nd October, all fifth year boys were given the following details regarding applications to join the Sixth Form College for the school year 1987-88.

On Tuesday November 18th p.m. boys on the 5.1 course will visit the College and on Thursday November 20th p.m. boys on the 5.A course and 5PW will visit the college. Both groups will be accompanied by Mr Watkinson, Year Master and other staff from Clapham College.

On Thursday 20th November there will be an open evening at the College for all parents of prospective fifth year applicants. It will start at 6pm. and it will consist of a conducted tour of the College and a question and answer session with members of staff from the 6th Form College.

Application forms will be available from Mr Felice-Pace at school and will be returned to the College on Friday 12th December 1986.

Dates for your Diary:

- 3rd November 1986: Governors Meeting - 6.30 p.m.
27th October 1986: (Occasional Day) School Closed.
8th December 1986: (Occasional Day) School Closed.
16th December 1986: (Proposed date) Christmas Carol Service.

Governor's Fund:

We would like to remind parents that the Governors Fund is now due:

- £2.00 per term
£6.00 per annum.

PROGRESS REPORTS:

Every boy in the school should receive a progress report to take home on Friday 16th October. These reports are not intended to show the standard reached by a pupil in any particular subject. They reveal the attitude being shown by a pupil in the classroom, hence homework, regular attendance, participation in the class' discussions are reflected in the grades allocated by subject teachers.

The key to the grades is as follows:-

A	=	Excellent
B	=	Very Good
C	=	Good (average)
D	=	Poor
E	=	Very Poor.

D and E grades should alert parents and teachers that all is not well.

If a fifth year pupil is allocated D and E grades, this should be taken as an early warning that his entry for public examinations in that particular subject could be in jeopardy.

The "Progress Report" return slip should be returned by the parents to the form teacher as soon as possible.

PTA EXECUTIVE MEETING:

The PTA Executive Committee will meet on Tuesday 28th October 1986 at 6.30 p.m. Agendas to all members of the Executive Committee will be posted shortly.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

The Annual General Meeting of the PTA will take place on Wednesday 12 November 1986. Details about the format of the meeting will be sent to all parents on Friday 31st October.

TRIAL EXAMS FOR FIFTH YEARS:

The trial exams for all fifth years will start on Tuesday 9th December.

SCHOOL EXAMS:

School Exams for third and fourth years will be held between Tuesday 9th December and Tuesday 16th December.

S. FELICE-PACE.

SIXTH FORM TRIP TO BOULOGNE:

School journeys, especially of the "abroad" variety, have not figured largely in the life of the school since the move to Battersea, so it is pleasant to be able to report on a very successful trip by a small Sixth Form group last July. The A-level French group, augmented by a few friends, spent five days at the Hotel IBIS in Boulogne, under the leadership of Mr Sanders and Mr Sparks, both experienced travellers and ardent Francophiles.

The whole stay was a joyful experience from start to finish. The hotel more than lived up to expectations, the weather was amazingly good and the behaviour of the pupils exemplary. Apart from breakfast in the hotel, the party was responsible for all its meal arrangements, and just about every possibility was explored from picnics on the beach to snacks at the chip stalls and five-course meals in some of the better restaurants in the town.

An exhausted but happy and well-fed group arrived back at Dover, laden with duty-free bargains and other items purchased in the excellent shops in Boulogne, at the end of a most enjoyable trip.

B. SANDERS

ALBANY TAXI CHARITY FUND

This charity is run by a group of South London taxi-drivers. Each year they have an outing to Margate for deprived children, and each taxi is sponsored. This year Clapham College sponsored one from the Lenten Collection money.

Mr Dineen (Hon Chairman) is the grandfather of Daniel McDermott (4C0).

HALF-TERM CLOSURE:

20th - 24th October, plus

27th October. School re-opens on Tuesday 28th.

NEW APPROACHES TO R.E.:

The new G.C.S.E. exam is of course the latest innovation in the class room. Personally I welcome it. Pupils at this age are involved in a search for their own commitment and seem to respond better to a course of Religious Studies that is broader in scope than the tradition of one denomination. At the same time the traditions of the Catholic Church are solidly represented. It seems obvious to me that the ecumenical dimension fits in better with life as experienced by most pupils outside of school. I am hopeful that through their course work pupils will involve their family and friends in their quest for faith.

The School Chaplains this year are Fr. Henderson S.J. and Fr. Sanders. Already we have had a Requiem Mass for the repose of the Soul of Patrick Tully. This was a very moving occasion. Most of his old class came back to join Patrick's father and sister at the Mass, and afterwards to place a wreath on the grave.

5SA have had a class mass for peace. They entered into the spirit of dialogue which Fr. Sanders invited during his homily with great enthusiasm. Some pupils are making their confirmation soon and have requested confession and some books to refresh their knowledge of the Sacrament.

S. McGLYNN

FREE SCHOOL MEALS:

New qualifying income scales for free school meals came into operation on 1st September 1986. These take account of the changes in supplementary Benefit rates introduced at the end of July and will apply until April 1987

Number of dependent children in family	Net weekly income*					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	70.80					
2	86.15	84.40				
3	101.50	99.75	98.00			
4	116.85	115.10	113.35	111.60		
5	132.20	130.45	128.95	126.95	125.20	
6	147.55	145.80	144.30	142.05	140.55	138.80
Number of children entitled to free meals	1	2	3	4	5	6

Parents who qualify under this new scheme and who are not already receiving free dinners for their children may apply to their local Divisional Education Welfare Office for an application form. Families who receive Supplementary Benefit or Family Income Supplement are automatically entitled to free dinners for their children but they must apply to their local office in the same way.

DANNY SWIMS FOR GREAT BRITAIN



Our congratulations to Danny Ross (4CF) who was selected to swim for Great Britain at the Catholic Students' International held in Spain recently. John Jenkinson (National Director) in his report to the school wrote:

"He was a satisfactory team member. Danny's turnout and behaviour were first-class at all times, and he was a credit to our Great Britain Team and to the school."

Danny has been asked to apply for selection again next year on the strength of his performance.

Danny is also a member of Wandsworth Swimming Club and trains with them at Putney Pool.

Harvest Thanksgiving Festival.

On the principle that "Familiarity can breed contempt" we had a Service this year instead of our usual Mass. The boys responded extremely well. It was obvious that they were used to T.V. and watched and listened with wrapped attention ! The amount of tins was very impressive indeed. Please do not stop yet - as the parcels are not made up until Christmas time. The 4th year are to have their Service soon.

Mr K. McGlynn
Head of Religion Dept.

Free School Dinners.

New qualifying income scales for free school dinners will come into operation from 25th November 1985. These take account of the changes in Supplementary Benefit and are as follows:-

Number of dependent children in family	£		Net weekly income*				
	£	£	£	£	£	£	
1	70.05						
2	82.25	83.50					
3	100.45	98.70	96.95				
4	115.65	113.90	112.15	110.40			
5	130.85	129.10	127.35	125.60	123.85		
6	146.05	144.30	142.55	140.80	139.05	137.30	

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* This is weekly take-home pay plus child benefit and other income less rent or mortgage, rates, fares to work, etc.

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Sixth Form Prize Evening.

This annual event will be held in the College on Thursday 14th November at 7.30pm. Invitations to the evening are being sent out.

Mr. M.E. Casserly

4th yr visit to Ty'n-y-Berth Mountain Centre:

Sixteen 4th yr. pupils spent a very successful week at the ILEA's Mountain Centre in September. Despite the miserable weather and a bout of sickness which afflicted half the group, everyone had an enjoyable time. Activities included abseiling, rock climbing, navigation and different ways of getting wet. Time was also found for some community work- helping to re-build a dry stone wall for a local farmer. All this was undertaken helped by the distinctive humour and watchful eye of Jack, the Warden, and it was encouraging to receive his letter of thanks afterwards. In it he praised the boys' approach to the course and referred to them as "a credit to themselves and to the school". My thanks, too, go to the pupils and to Mr Chatterton for his help during the week. I think everybody would be keen to go again

Mr. D.G. Watkinson