

Dear Parents,

The university application season is now firmly underway and we are pleased to be able to guide our students across the hurdles which face them. It is always an exciting as well as slightly intimidating time - personal statements are reviewed and tweaked, judgements on predicted grades sought and college choices agonised over. For me, this is one of the busiest times of the year; finalising and submitting references is one of the most important things I do, yet it is also a great pleasure to see the scale of our students' academic achievement and intellectual engagement.

Without question this is a pressurised time for the Upper 6th. Entry to world leading universities will always be exceptionally competitive but it is important to recognise that the expansion of places on most university courses in recent years will benefit good students. In short, there is arguably more opportunity to find places on top courses. They want to study great courses at great universities, but similarly, top universities want the best students too.

Within this context, the nature and quality of guidance is ever more important in helping students achieve their goals and this guidance begins now. Whether that's consultations for Year 11 girls at the Senior School or discussions with students in the Lower 6th, we want to sit down with you and look at some of the options and possibilities that are right for you. It is ever more apparent that cultivating an engaged mind with sufficient breadth is of great benefit, not only for university admission but also for life. So, intellectual curiosity beyond the classroom cannot start too early. Fortunately, this comes in many shapes and a podcast or iTunes U course may open up a new horizons as much as a well thumbed text. It may seem early in the year for the Lower 6th, but harnessing this key trait will be very important to their academic success and contribute to the rich tapestry of their lives.

The Cambridge Festival of Ideas which runs from 19 October until 1 November, is a fantastic opportunity for all of us-students, parents and teachers to explore some of the most essential and thought-provoking ideas of our time and celebrate the arts, humanities and social sciences. This year's event features a line-up of leading thinkers, academics, writers and performers, including the former Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams, and Astronomer Royal Lord Martin Rees. With over 250 events, there should be something for everyone. I hope that this will sow some of the seeds within our students, that I'll be reading about in personal statements a year hence.

Best wishes,
Stuart Jack
Head of 6th Form



Tag der Einheit 2015

 25 YEARS OF GERMAN UNITY

Nevermind the Great British Bake Off, Germanists at the Stephen Perse Foundation have been doing their own baking and tasting sessions to celebrate Germany's 25 Years of Unity. Germany as we know it is 25 years old and is celebrated on the day it reunified, which was

October 3rd 1990. This was an excellent opportunity for students to share with Germany in its festivities, learn about its history as well as deepen their cultural awareness.

We began with freshly baked Brezel and butter. Then we took the flag-schwarz, rot, gold - as inspiration for our cakes. All these delights were accompanied by Apfelschorle, a mix of apple juice with mineral water.



Herzlichen Glückwunsch zum Geburtstag Deutschland!

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(Informative and topical talks for the NHS Foundation Trust Membership)

You are invited to our next lecture entitled:

Autism Spectrum Conditions 'Different – not less'
by
Dr Joanne Holmes, Consultant at CPFT



Dr Joanne Holmes has been the Medical Director for the Croft Child and Family Unit in Cambridge since 1998. This is a nationally commissioned, specialist service providing intensive mental health in-patient and day patient services for children up to the age of 12 and their families. This involves the assessment and treatment of children with severe and complex emotional, behavioural and neurodevelopmental disorders.

Dr Holmes' interests are in the areas of neuropsychiatry (autism spectrum disorders, ADHD, Tourettes Syndrome, brain injury), learning disability, the impact of parental mental illness, attachment disorders and medical education.

Date: Wednesday 11 November 2015
Venue: The William Harvey Lecture Theatre, School of Clinical Medicine, Addenbrooke's Hospital
Time: 6.30pm
Entry free of charge

To reserve your place or for further information contact the NHS Foundation Trust Membership Office - Tel: 01223 256 256
Email: foundation.trust@addenbrookes.nhs.uk

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We sometimes receive information such as this that could be useful to our students in their thinking about their future. As always, it is not the attendance at these lectures that is the end of the story, it is how the lecture can then be developed and considered by the student. For potential medics, I strongly recommend attending events such as this and keeping a journal, log, blog of what is experienced. This can be invaluable in any follow up.

Mr S Armitage
Director of Guidance

open events 2015



Madingley Pre-prep - Saturday 17 October, 9.30am-12.30pm

Dame Bradbury's - Saturday 17 October, 9.30am-12.30pm

Sixth Form College - Tuesday 3 November, 6.30pm-9.00pm

From the PFA

What's On

Christmas Fair - Saturday 5th December 2015 10am until 12pm, at the Junior School

Valentines Bake Sale - February 2016

Family Quiz Night - Saturday 5th March 2016, at the Senior School

Family Treasure Hunt starting at Latham Road - 15th May 2016

Christmas puddings - on sale soon!

Senior School Bake Off Competition - March 2016

Summer Ball - Saturday 2nd July 2016 at Girton College

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