

# FROM THE HEADMASTER

29<sup>th</sup> June 2011

As I write we are speeding at warp factor seven towards the end of term. Top of my list of accomplishments this term is the performance of the boys at **Scholarship and Common Entrance** in which the boys have now safely qualified for **14** different schools. **22 scholarships** have been won by the staff and boys this year, bringing our total for the last two years to a monumental **53 awards**. This year a very pleasing **76%** of all Common Entrance and Scholarship papers rated the top grades, **A or B**.

Yesterday, between the lightning bolts, the **Junior Department** hosted a fine **Open Afternoon** whilst 52 young men who will be joining the school in September enjoyed an **induction morning**. Their parents, and those transferring between Departments, also enjoyed a very productive **Induction Evening** last night.

Recently, the boys in the **3<sup>rd</sup> year** have staged a splendid **Summer Concert** for their parents, and the **U4th form** have hosted a fine performance of **Aesop's Fables**. Last week the school staged a **Next Schools' Information Evening** for the parents of boys in the U4th form. (A similar event will take place for the parents of boys in the L4th form in the Autumn Term).

In the last week the school has also hosted fine, and mostly sunny, **Sports' Days** in the **Early Years' Junior and Senior Departments**.

Thanks are also extended to **Mrs Barringer** and the hard-working members of the Homefield Association for their splendid and well-attended **Jazz Soiree** at The Kingswood Golf Club on Saturday, whilst, over the weekend, the boys in the Homefield **Chess Teams** performed magnificently in the **English Primary Schools' Chess Association** semi-finals. The **U11A team** finished first in their section; the **U9A** team finished second; and the **U9B** team (comprised of precocious talents in the Junior Department) finished in a fine overall 20<sup>th</sup> place.

This Friday, during the day, the Music Department will be staging its annual **House Music Festival**, whilst, in the evening, the school will be hosting **76 Homefield Old Boys** at their annual dinner.

Ahead, next week, The Music Department is staging its end of year **Summer Concert** on Tuesday in the marquee, whilst, on Thursday, the boys will be enjoying **The Homefield Association Fun Afternoon**. On Thursday evening the U6th form will be staging its end of year Play with a comic reconstruction of **The Fall of Troy**. The Guest Speaker, at **Prize Giving** on Friday, will be **Andrew Cooney**, the youngest British Explorer to replicate the steps of Eddie the Penguin by walking to the South Pole!

The end of term for the Early Years' and Junior Department begins at the end of day, next Thursday. The Senior Department end of term commences at the end of prize-giving.

Best wishes for a successful concluding week of Term!

## Post script

A number of Homefield staff will be supporting industrial action tomorrow, but, with necessary modifications, normal classroom service will be maintained. The L6th form Science visit to Juniper Hall, will go ahead.