



# Bishop Ramsey

# RECORDER

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## Dates to Remember

### September

- Thursday 20th - Art Show Case Exhibition 7.00 - 9.00  
Upper School  
Tuesday 25th - Year 10 National Curriculum Evening  
Upper School 7.00 pm

### October

- Tuesday 2nd - Open Evening 6.00 – 9.00 pm  
(School closes at 1.30 pm)  
Wednesday 3rd - School starts for pupils at 10.25 am  
Friday 5th - Non Uniform Day  
Monday 8th - Year 11 Work Experience begins (2  
weeks)  
Monday 8th - Black History Day this week  
Monday 8th - BTEC Residential leaves (5 days)  
Monday 15th - Year 10 Army Visit and Careers  
presentation  
Monday 15th - Launch of 2006-07 Engineering Scheme  
this week  
Tuesday 16th - Year 7 National Curriculum & FBR  
Cheese and Wine Evening Lower School  
7.00 pm  
Thursday 18th - Spell In

Monday 22nd to Friday 26th Half term

### November

- Thursday 8th - Senior Maths Challenge  
Monday 12th - Year 10 School Leaving Booster  
immunisation  
Tuesday 13th - Prospective Year 12 Evening Upper  
School 7.00 pm

The mail drops for the Autumn term will be on the following Mondays: 5th November and 10th December.

Please ensure that your son/daughter returns the acknowledgement slip to their form tutor without delay.

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## Headteacher's Notes

1. **Welcome** to the first **Recorder** of the new School year. We begin the school year by once again celebrating **tremendous successes** in the recent public examinations.

**Our results at Key Stage 3** beat last year's record. Maths and Science scored 95% at level 5+ with English scoring 94%. At level 6+ Maths achieved 83%, Science 65% and English 61%. Excellent results all round.

**At GCSE** 78% of our candidates achieved 5 A\*-Cs and every student who completed Year 11 left with a GCSE. Over 25% of all grades were A\* or A, and two students, Hannah Stobbs and Alex Dawson both achieved 10 A\* grades and one A grade.

In the **Sixth Form 25% of all entries were at grade A** with a further 25% at grade B. Eleven of our candidates achieved 3 grade As or better. Two of these, **Joe Shapiro** and **Zoe Koumoullis** were accepted for their places at **Oxford University**.

**Particular congratulations** go to **Alex Dawson** (Year 11) who came in the top 10 in the country in the Chemistry GCSE and **Joe Shapiro** (Year 13) who achieved a similar feat at Government and Politics A level.

2. One of our **most successful** departments in this year's public examinations was the **Art Department**. They will be **showcasing the best exam pieces** this **Thursday (20th September) from 7.00 - 9.00 pm** in the Upper School Hall. It will be well worth a look.
3. Our **Sixth Form party returned safely from Malosa** just before the end of term. They had a fantastic time living and working in Malawi. The next issue of the Recorder will be a "**Malosa Special**" with reports and pictures of their adventures.

See all the pictures in colour on our website [www.bishopramsey.hillingdon.sch.uk](http://www.bishopramsey.hillingdon.sch.uk)

4. We are pleased to welcome the following new members of staff to the School:-

#### Teaching Staff

Mr Abraham	ICT
Miss Barnes	English and Media
Miss Brady	Science
Miss Cazan	English
Mr Cullen	Psychology
Mr Forrest	Physical Education
Miss Hardy	Science
Miss Kerbel	Director of Learning & Achievement
Mrs Kidd	Head of Inclusion Faculty
Mr Murphy	Science
Mrs Pittaway	AST Science
Mr Smith	Religious Education
Mrs Spears	English part time
Miss Themistocli	Head of English Faculty
Mrs Tin	English and Media Studies
Miss Vakeria	Maths
Mrs Sookdeo	Science
Mrs Trafford	English part time
Miss Walker	Art

#### GTPs

Mrs Fox	RE
Miss Patni	Design and Technology
Miss Panayi	Drama and English

#### Support Staff

Mrs Gumm	Science Technician
Mrs Violet	Study Supervisor
Mr Pereira	ICT Technician
Mr Coles	ICT Technician

5. May I take this opportunity at the beginning of the school year to **remind all parents that I will only authorise a student's absence from school for a family holiday during term time in the most exceptional circumstances.** This is because of the damage that absence can do to a young person's education. Full details of our policy on attendance are available on our website.

Please note that **Travelcare** of Ickenham offer a **5% discount to all London Borough of Hillingdon families who take holidays during official school holidays.** A flier from Travelcare is attached to this copy of the Recorder

6. **Attached** to this edition of **The Recorder** are the following documents:

- A letter giving you advance notice about **Academic Tutoring Day** and a reply sheet on which we ask you to indicate your preferred appointment time(s).
- An updated list of **telephone extensions.**
- A **calendar** of important events taking place this coming academic year. Your son or daughter has already received a calendar card.

7. Again this year all editions of the **Recorder** will appear on our **website** at [www.bishopramsey.hillingdon.sch.uk](http://www.bishopramsey.hillingdon.sch.uk). An advantage of this is that you will be able to see the pictures in colour and more clearly than we can manage on our paper version.

#### 8. School Uniform

We are very proud of the **School's uniform** and expect the highest standards from our students. All students are required to **wear the regulation uniform correctly** when in school and on the journey to and from school. We ask parents to support the school in seeing that extremes of fashion are avoided.

9. I like to use the **Recorder** to celebrate individual achievements, with photographs where possible. However if any parent has a concern about their son's daughter's photograph or name appearing in '**The Recorder**' or on our website, please inform the **Upper School Office by September 24th**

#### 10. Open Evening

Open Evening is on **Tuesday 2nd October**. School will close for pupils at 1.30 pm to enable us to prepare for the evening. Many pupils will be involved in the evening, working in departments and showing prospective pupils and parents round the school.

School will begin with registration in Tutor Rooms at **10.25 am on Wednesday 3rd October.**

We will be publishing more details about **Open Evening** via primary schools, to prospective pupils and parents. However, if you have a child in Year 6 and are intending to come to our Open Evening we would be grateful if you would read on .....

**Open Evening will take place entirely at Upper School** this year. This is because our new entrants in September 2008 will spend almost all of their time at Bishop Ramsey on a single site at what is now Upper School.

This will simplify Open Evening arrangements but will make parking and traffic more of a nightmare than in previous years. **Please help by avoiding parking near the school if you can.**

11. I am pleased that **2 of our Year 11 students** have decided to take action in supporting **poor villagers** in **West Africa** who have to walk long distances for water. Please see their letter attached to this edition of the Recorder.

### *Big Build Update*

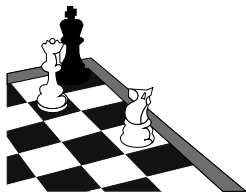
- The '**Wedge**' building is now well underway and its sheer size is becoming apparent. **Construction is on schedule** and work is beginning to create the first floor of the building. We have had our first application for a 'new licence' turned down and this has delayed the start of the work on the Drama Barn.

2. A student group led by Head Girl Claire Hazleton and Senior Prefect Andrew Deans is being drawn together to act as a bridge between the student community and our contractors. They will keep **students informed** about the big build through assemblies and will pass on student concerns and suggestions to Mr Nixon and Rydons. I hope they will contribute to future issues of the Recorder and to the website.
3. There is a **special section of our website** devoted to the **Big Build**. Go to **www.bishopramsey.hillingdon.sch.uk** and follow the links for the schedule of works, plans and photos of the progress to date.
4. There will be a **meeting later this term** for parents at which you will be able to find out more about what will be happening and when, how it will affect your son or daughter and hear about the ideas for the new single site Bishop Ramsey that are emerging from discussions among staff and students.

## School News, Visits & Activities

### 1. Chess Club News

This year the chess clubs will continue both at Upper and Lower School. Do encourage your child to come and join in this ancient war game—it is a great way to stretch the mind and looks good in a CV.



Chess club at Lower school is every Thursday in room V  
Chess club in Upper School is every Tuesday in room 6.

*Leslie Pringle.*

### 2. Careers in the Army Presentation

On Monday 15th October 2007 we will be hosting a **Careers Army presentation** led by West London Army Careers. The presentation will start at 6.30pm in the US hall. If you are interested in attending, please contact me via email at [amurphy1@hillingdongrid.org](mailto:amurphy1@hillingdongrid.org).

*Ms Murphy*  
Head of Faculty –  
Contemporary Studies

3. School leaving booster immunisations for Year 10 students have been booked for **Monday 12th November**. Parents will shortly be receiving the consent form and information regarding these. Please ensure you return the consent form to Mrs O'Leary promptly. Many thanks.

4. **Healthy Eating Guidelines for food items purchased in the school canteens.** Under new legislation the canteens are **no longer able to serve items** such as chocolate biscuits, cakes or certain snacks unless purchased with a main food item at breaks or lunchtime. For more information please go to the Food Standards website - [www.schoolfoodtrust.org.uk](http://www.schoolfoodtrust.org.uk)

## Bishop Ramsey Parents School Link Group



Message to parents—do you want to make a difference to the school for the benefit of your child? For some years now a group of parents have met to discuss some of the issues that come up in school. The group is a friendly working party that wishes to forge closer links between home and school.

Although we think that teachers do a very fine job, there are problems that arise from time to time

The group began as an ethnic minority group, but we now think that some of the issues that we have been discussing over the last few years would be useful for parents of all ethnic extraction. We recommend this as a real way to improve the school, to raise issues that concern you and to meet with other parents. We recognise more and more that the best schools have a partnership between school and parents and pupils.

So, here is an open invitation to any parent when we have our next meeting. The next meeting is on **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September** in Room A6 (the Upper School chapel) at 7 p.m. There are refreshments. At this meeting we shall be working through some of the sensitive situations that arise at school, drawing on the expertise of parents.

The group is run by parents with Susan Yarde as our chairperson, but the link with the school is through Leslie Pringle. Ring him on 01895 671038 if you wish to know more about this group. I shall be sending a suggested agenda in the new year.

### Location of the meeting.

We meet in Room A6 (the Upper School chapel) . You will find this by entering the building by the entering the school through Hume Way, past Highgrove swimming pool, and, veering to the right towards the reception, seeing a cage with huts enclosed on the right. We are the first group of huts near the main building.

I can be contacted on 01895 671038 or by email on [lpringle@hillingdongrid.org](mailto:lpringle@hillingdongrid.org)

*Leslie Pringle*

## *FRB News*

Attached to the **Recorder** are details of the **events FBR will be holding during the Autumn Term**. All are welcome. More details to follow in the next issues of the Recorder.

## *Congratulations to ...*

The following former students on their success at university....

**Rebecca Coster**, BSc in Economics and Statistics  
**Kaythryn Casey**, MA in English  
**Rebecca Gallagher**, BA in Sociology  
**Jeremy Singer**, BSc in Multimedia Technology and Design

## **and to**

**Joe Shapiro** for being amongst the top ten who achieved the highest overall marks in Government and Politics at A level

**Alex Dawson** for being amongst the top ten who achieved the highest overall marks in Chemistry at GCSE

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I have received the Bishop Ramsey Recorder Issue 1 2007/08

Pupil's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Form \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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# **Art Show Case Exhibition**

A selection of A'level and GCSE Art work



**Thursday 20th September**  
**upper school hall. 7-9pm**  
**All welcome**

September 2007

Dear Parent / Guardian,

**ACADEMIC TUTORING DAY- ADVANCE NOTICE**  
**Thursday 22nd November 2007**

After another very successful Academic Tutoring Day last year, the event this year will take place on Thursday 22nd November.

As last year, the school will be closed to students except for their interview. Every student is allocated a 15 minutes interview with their parents and a member of staff. We will send you your interview time in the near future. The interviews will take place between 8.30 am and 6.00 pm. If you have more than one child we will ensure that your interviews run consecutively, so that unlike form tutor evenings, you will be able to conduct your interviews on a single day, and there should be little or no waiting. All students from Years 7 to 12 are involved in these interviews, a separate Year 13 parents evening will be held on the 29<sup>th</sup> November. Attached is a form for you to request a suitable interview time. Please fill in **all** your children's names and forms on **one** return sheet. We will start allocating times as soon as we receive them from you on a first come first served basis.

This day is part of our developing system of student tracking and target setting based on the increasing data we have about our students. We wish to expand this system as evidence suggests that making students responsible for setting and working towards targets can assist in the process of raising standards. We have now run this day for 6 years with a 96% attendance rate and the whole process has been commended by Ofsted.

To help the interviews be more useful you will receive data about your son's/daughter's performance prior to the interview that will enable meaningful targets to be set for the rest of the year. These targets will be reviewed as the year progresses by staff and students to give students positive feedback as well as to assist in identifying any under achievement.

You will, of course, have the usual opportunity to discuss progress with subject teachers later in the year.

Year 10's will be sitting a Science Module exam on this day and will therefore need to make appointments after 1030.

Yours sincerely

**D N Poole,**  
**Assistant Headteacher.**

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**ACADEMIC TUTORING DAY – THURSDAY 22nd NOVEMBER 2007**

**PLEASE RETURN TO THE LOWER OR UPPER SCHOOL OFFICE AS APPROPRIATE**

**IT WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR ADMINISTRATIVE PURPOSES IF ONLY ONE COMPLETED FORM PER FAMILY IS RETURNED TO SCHOOL.  
THANK YOU.**

Student(s) Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Form \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please tick preferred time.**

<b>ANYTIME</b>	
<b>8.30 – 10.30</b>	
<b>10.30 – 1.00</b>	
<b>2.00 – 3.30</b>	
<b>3.30 – 4.30</b>	
<b>4.30 – 6.00</b>	

# FBR EVENTS FOR THE AUTUMN TERM

You are warmly invited to support FBR, our parents association at the following events this term:-

1. FBR AGM - 7.30 pm on Wednesday 3rd October in Room A5 at Upper School
2. For Year 7 parents only we will be providing Cheese and Wine and the opportunity to meet members of the committee at the Year 7 National Curriculum Evening.

This evening gives parents the chance to find out about the subjects their sons and daughters will be studying, meet form tutors and discuss how they have settled in.

Time: 7.00 pm

Date: 16th October

Venue: Upper School Hall

3. Family Disco for Year 7s and their parents. This is a new venture and we hope many Year 7s will come along.

Fuller details in the next Recorder.

4. An old favourite and a regular sell-out - the FBR Quiz Night in Upper School Hall on Saturday 24th November at 7.30 pm.

This evening includes a grand prize draw and a Fish and Chip supper.

Details and booking form in the next Recorder



# Bishop Ramsey

CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

Headteacher: Mr A J Wilcock MA (Cantab)

Dear Parent/Guardian

## Walk for Water 2007

We are two students in Year 11 currently studying Citizenship as our short course. As part of our coursework we are organising a 3 mile walk around the Ruislip area with containers of water to hopefully raise awareness of villages in West Africa, where unfortunately a lot of villagers are forced to walk miles everyday to get water. We will also be carrying collection buckets and charging adults 50 p and children 20p to take part.

Our event will be taking place on 29th September and we would really appreciate your support on the day. The walk will be appropriate for the whole family, with larger containers for children over 12. We hope that the day will be a fun, family day out and will start at 11 am sharp, please meet at St Martin's Church, Ruislip. If you aren't there, we can't wait for you! If the weather turns against us and it begins to rain (or worse) then **Walk for Water** will still take place. West Africans still have to walk in all weather - so will we!

We hope to see you there!

Yours faithfully

**Vikki Parkin 11.5 and Samantha Shannon (11.3)**



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260	Year Director Year 10 - Miss Maycock	222	Mr George
209	Year Director Year 11 - Miss Lankester	147	Miss Goldstein
262	Year Director Year 12 - Mr Dawkins	138	Mr Griffin
228	Year Director Year 13 - Mrs Holmes	191	Miss Gross
		196	Mrs Harding
237	Head of Art Faculty - Mr McIntyre	173	Miss Hardy
227	Head of Business Studies - Ms Holder	156	Mrs Head
141	Head of Drama - Mr Buss	149	Miss Hill
257	Head of English Faculty - Miss Themistocli	148	Reverend Hillel
256	Head of History - Miss Jeremy	151	Mrs A Hughes
241	Head of Humanities Faculty - Miss Petford	194	Mrs B Hughes
208	Head of ICT & Technology Faculty - Mr Shubert	150	Miss Hunt
218	Head of Mathematics Faculty - Mr Foote	192	Mrs Hurley
235	Head of Modern Languages Faculty - Mrs Foord	179	Mr Khan
245	Head of Music - Mrs Pearson	131	Mr Ladha
216	Head of P.E. - Mr Owen	157	Mrs Lall
241	Head of Psychology / Sociology - Mrs Turner	153	Mrs Lally
214	Head of Science Faculty - Mrs Dhir	162	Mrs McNamara
258	Head of Theology & Philosophy Faculty - Mr Pringle	161	Miss Mian
261	Head of Faculty of Contemporary Studies - Ms Murphy	226	Ms Miell
231	Careers Office	163	Mrs Mitchell
217	Connexions Office	158	Mr Mullaly
246	Exams Office - Mrs Craddock	180	Mrs Munro
232	Library - Mrs Buck	198	Mr Murphy
212	Medical Room - Mrs O'Leary	142	Mr Owen
242	The FLU - Mrs Hunt	159	Miss Panayi
		176	Miss Pattni
		165	Miss Peres da Costa
<b>VOICEMAIL EXTENSIONS</b>			
195	Mr Abraham	166	Mrs Pittaway
135	Mrs Active	220	Mr Pointon
130	Mr Aitken	182	Miss Prothero
177	Miss Barnes	168	Mr Rahim
172	Miss Brady	164	Miss Robinson
134	Mrs Bryant	171	Mrs Roth
136	Mrs Burrows	174	Mrs Shah
141	Mr Buss	133	Mr Smith
137	Mrs Caamano	221	Mrs Sookdeo
152	Miss Cazan	155	Mrs Spears
139	Mrs Chrysanthou	178	Mrs Stack
185	Mrs Clarke	193	Mrs Stuart
190	Mr Cullen	184	Miss Taylor
167	Miss Curling	154	Miss Tin
143	Miss Dennis	181	Mr Tulsidas
183	Ms D'Souza	140	Mrs Vakeria
144	Mrs Duckett	132	Miss Walker
197	Mr Evans	225	Mr Waller
175	Mr Fisher	146	Mr Watson
170	Mr Forrest	238	Mrs Weatherhead
199	Miss Forward	186	Mrs Wellington
169	Mrs Fox	187	Mrs Windsor Richards
		160	Mrs Woods

**STAFF EXTENSION NUMBERS AVAILABLE ON 01895 634506 - LOWER SCHOOL**

110	Year Director Year 7 - Miss Kerbel	115	Library
125	Year Director Year 8 - Mr Butler	108	Medical Room - Mrs James
124	Year Director Year 9 - Mr Owen	111	Senco - Mrs Kidd