

Head's Report

The year's Record of Achievement makes impressive reading and for all of us there is cause for celebration of the many successes as well as pride in our children. It has been one of the best years ever for sport and Vinehall's productions and concerts have been outstanding. Our scholarship list is a long one and again all our Sixth Formers passed tough CE papers to win places at their first choice schools.

The music department works as a close-knit team to bring us a wide variety of instrumental and orchestral evenings. These are the culmination of hours of ensemble and individual practices and busy 'rest' periods. Music accompanies our worship, our productions and our day-to-day lives here. It is an important aspect of Vinehall life and of great benefit to the pupils' development.

Whilst we aim for every pupil to participate in music and games and to give everyone the chance to represent their school, we also need to stretch those who are naturally able and we nurture a range of talent, right up to national level. The number of matches is impressive and the results against other prep schools speak for themselves. To cap it all, the Head's XI was victorious against the Vines team on Vines Day and I am very grateful to the staff and parents who played for me, especially the captain, Tony Mannion.

With breadth in the curriculum comes a very full teaching week and our timetable is packed with all kinds of activities from carpentry to bridge club; Greek to cookery. The school calendar shows that hardly a day passes without some special event, allowing yet more children to enjoy more activities. The professional staff have high expectations across the board and this includes behaviour as well as academic work. As they move up through the school, our children are taught to cope with certain academic pressures and we promote increasingly independent study so that our pupils can move on to public school with all the skills they need for continuing success.

Vinehall offers a structured environment where children benefit from a wide range of opportunities and experiences. We want them to be happy, well-motivated and increasingly independent and responsible individuals. They should try lots of different things and develop a sense of self.

We support Christian community values and consider ourselves part of the Vinehall family, appreciating that each child is different. Some children reach great heights of achievement in art, DT or the performing arts and the staff are generous in the time and care they afford individuals so that we can bring every child in our care on. They deserve to be positive and confident young people and whilst we cannot predict what their lives have in store, we can do our utmost to equip our charges with good communication skills and enthusiasm for life.



This is a school with superb facilities and this year we added a new hard play area for break times, tennis, netball and hockey. Vinehall has - probably - the best prep school library in the country and is well-served by an increasing bank of computers and educational technology.

I feel immensely privileged to lead such a school forward from success into success, thanks to the professionalism of an outstanding team of staff. Together we are committed to the children and each shield is a lasting tribute to a special Vine, linking the past to the future. Every member of Vinehall plays his or her part in its success and every individual is important.



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Food, Fashion and Fine Arts Club invite Mrs Robinson to a 'cream tea' - home made scones made by the girls of course!

