



Vinehall School

RECORD OF ACHIEVEMENT

Academic Year 2004 – 2005

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Scholarships and Awards

Parents will be aware that Vinehall is celebrating another successful year academically. Our Year 8 pupils have done us all proud with a collection of eleven scholarships to public schools and the Common Entrances candidates again achieving an impressive number of A grades. The following won scholarships to their public schools:

Calum Bowie	Lancing	Ken Shearwood all-Rounders Award
Felix Canetty-Clarke	Tonbridge	Music Scholarship
Peter Everall	Hurstpierpoint	Music Exhibition
Christopher Goldsack	Sherborne	The Raban Academic Exhibition and Art Exhibition
Gabriel Harriman	Eastbourne College	Major Music Scholarship
Felix Keeling	Eastbourne College	Academic Scholarship
Imran Iqbal	Eastbourne College	Top Academic Scholarship
Sophie Pugh	Benenden	Academic Scholarship
Poppy Smallwood	Benenden	Music Scholarship
Max Spedding	Lancing College	Ken Shearwood All-Rounders Exhibition
Sarah Williamson	St. Leonard's, Mayfield	Top Academic Scholarship and Top Art Scholarship

The following pupils secured places at their respective schools on the strength of some very good marks in the Scholarship examinations:

Genevieve Pugh	Benenden School
Bertie James	Tonbridge
Freddie Nagel-Davies	Tonbridge
Matthew Pexton	Tonbridge
Nicholas Lawson	King's, Canterbury
Andrew Rose	Cranleigh
Alexander Todd	King's, Canterbury

Iona Edgar received the Benenden Common Entrance prize for science and R.S., Vanessa Lin won the maths prize and Nell Maudslay the history prize.

This year's 13+ leavers go to the following schools: Ampleforth, Benenden, Cranbrook, Cranleigh Eastbourne College, Eton, Felsted, Hurstpierpoint, King's, Canterbury, Lancing College, St. Bede's, St. Leonard's Mayfield, Sherborne Tonbridge and Winchester.

Lucy Blackstone is taking up a place at Tonbridge Girls' Grammar School.

Jennifer Bolden is going to Redroofs Stage School.

Anthony Moore and Guy Thomson won places at Winchester.

Napat Thavisin achieved a 'starred entrant' place at Eton, putting him in the top third of entrance paper results this year.

Sophie Wakeham secured her place at Cranbrook.

Junior Mathematical Challenge

In the UK Mathematical Challenge this year there were six gold, seventeen silver and seventeen bronze certificate winners to be added to Vinehall's Roll of Honour board in room 16. The overall average was significantly higher this year and therefore it was especially pleasing to see Joshua Powell of Year 7 amongst the top six.

As a national competition this is the biggest and the best by far. The number of schools participating grows year on year and 2005 saw a 6.7% increase which in real terms meant that on 26th April this year 283,050 pupils sat the same challenging set of questions. Fifty-nine of them were ours. Hopefully many of our leavers will continue to pit their wits against the UKMT question masters at their next schools. An Intermediate and Senior Mathematical Challenge awaits.

English Speaking Board

Both Year 3 classes performed group pieces and impressed the examiner to achieve distinctions. All the children for the Year 4 Minor Grade 1 performed enthusiastically and a record number of distinctions were awarded. A variety of dramatic and exciting pieces were chosen for the Year 5 group speaking and all three forms performed really well, achieving a distinction and two merits. Year 7s worked hard towards their talks, readings and recitals and attained some superb results including many distinctions. In the senior introductory grade, Calum Marris achieved distinctions in all four sections. There was a huge range of subjects covered in the Senior Grade 1 from the history of St. Petersburg to how one should cook squid.

Townsend Warner History Competition

As usual, Vinehall entered a team for this highly competitive annual inter-prep school history competition. There were around 750 candidates from all the leading prep schools. Vinehall were once more runners up, showing a magnificent team effort.

Twelve candidates did well enough in the general knowledge paper to go through to the second round of the top two hundred entries. The following received certificates or book tokens for coming in the first hundred and fifty, respectively Edward Bridge (100th), Alex Todd (94th), Matthew Pexton (76th) and Tom Barton (53rd).

Those who made it through to the top fifty were Andrew Rose (22nd), James Mannion (11th) and Christopher Goldsack who came a magnificent 6th place.

General Knowledge Competition

Well done to Saxton House on winning the General Knowledge Final.

Staffing

We say our farewells to Mrs. Cowdrey and Mrs. Whigham from the SEN department. Barry and Carol Marshall left in mid-June and Monika Cervickova and Vladimir Srom move into the Stable Yard over the summer to take over their role as a live-in caretaker/maintenance and catering couple.

We welcome an extra residential Gap student to Vinehall next term, only for the Michaelmas term. Chloe Piper comes from Australia and she will join our Gapper team, supporting the musical, academic and sporting life of Vinehall.

As you will already know, Mrs. Michelle King is joining us as a Year 3 teacher in September and Mrs. Gail Moffat joins us in the SEN department.

Setting and Streaming

As children move up through the school they are placed in sets for maths, French and Latin according to their ability and performance in those subjects. They are set in maths from Year 3, in French from Year 5, and in Latin from Year 6. The sets are based on the ability and performance of the children in that subject. The sets are continually monitored and children are moved between sets whenever the need arises. There are three parallel forms in the Prep School from Years 3 to 5. In Year 6 a top stream is made (this year it will be 6J) and two parallel forms. All of the children are continually monitored for progress during this time and at the end of Year 6 there is further movement between the top set and the two parallel classes resulting in the formation of a scholarship form and two Common Entrance forms for Years 7 and 8.

ART

Chris Goldsack won an art exhibition to Sherborne this year and Sarah Williamson won the top art award to St. Leonard's, Mayfield. A commendation for art was awarded to Georgie Beattie at Benenden.

The Art Scholarship Exhibition celebrated all the hard work that the children had put into their art work in preparation for art scholarships. The standard of work was again very high, showing maturity across a wide range of media and demonstrating that the children had worked very hard to produce excellent portfolios of work and sketchbooks. Parents enjoyed browsing through the exhibition and admired the marvellous selection of work.

In November we held another Art Auction, presided over by Mr. Will Richards of Bonhams. We started this event in 2002 with seventeen items. This year we auctioned fifty-five items ranging from textiles, prints, paintings, photographs, jewellery and culinary arts. We even had Chef Hugh Franklin being available to cook and serve a dinner party for up to eight guests! Parents, friends and relatives excelled themselves with donations and we were able to raise £2000 for the Rwanda dispensary.

Vinehall hosted local Primary schools for a series of master classes to promote the artistic talents of 'Gifted and Talented' Year 5 and 6 pupils. Kitty McGirr and James Hogan joined fourteen other children and visited "The Underwater World" in Hastings. After a sketching session there they all returned to Vinehall for workshops in printing and collage. Later their parents and teachers were invited to visit an exhibition of their work in the front hall. Following the success of this course, more sessions are planned for the next academic year.

Local potter Quellie Coles ran a series of pottery evening classes this year which a large number of children have attended.

TECHNOLOGY

Technology has enjoyed a successful year with one scholarship offered by Haileybury, to Max Spedding, and Genevieve Pugh joined the scholarship field to Benenden. Highlights of this year were a full set of newspaper chairs by Year 5, the use of the CNC machine for some Year 6 clock parts and Year 7s producing enamelled jewellery on a seaside theme. The jewellery was neatly packed in vacuum formed boxes. Year 8 produced animated Picasso paintings and presented them to parents at an Art and Technology Evening when computer presentations and design boards were on show as well as the working models.

DRAMA AND THEATRE

The end of the Michaelmas Term was marked by two suitably seasonal productions; Dickens' classic "A Christmas Carol" and "A Victorian Christmas Party". The Year 3 children performed enthusiastically in the latter and they were well supported by a lovely Year 4 choir. Mrs. West and Mrs. Glossop certainly gave the children ample opportunity to enjoy working in the theatre, and the quality of this production owes much to their careful training of the children. Twenty-six pupils from Years 7 and 8 were involved in Mrs. Gearey's imaginative production of "A Christmas Carol" which included a trap door and a spine-chilling ghost-in-a-bag!

The Lent Term culminated in an ambitious musical version of Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream", in which all members of Year 5 had a speaking role as well as several songs to learn. The show was beautiful to look at as it fulfilled everyone's dream-like fantasies with the colourful backdrop and fairy-lighted trees.

The Summer Term saw the theatre transported to the 1950's, as the Year 8 pupils, ably supported by an enthusiastic group of Year 6 and 7 children and several staff, rocked their way through a lively and upbeat version of "Grease". The audience much appreciated this sparky and professional production and are grateful to Mrs. Gearey and Mrs. Harmer for many hours of rehearsals and much hard work.

Plans are already well underway for the Michaelmas term production and auditions will be held during the first week of September. Senior play rehearsals will take place regularly on Monday and Wednesday evenings as well as Saturday afternoons.

CLASSICS

The Classics department went on several trips this year. In October, Year 6 went to Fishbourne Roman Palace and Year 4 went to Lullingstone Roman Villa in March. Two Year 5 classes went on a visit to the Canterbury Roman Museum in October and to Pevensey Castle in June. We also hosted a special Classics Day for Prep Schools at Vinehall this year, which was a great success.

MUSIC

The following children won music scholarships:

Felix Canetty-Clarke
Peter Everall

Tonbridge
Hurstpierpoint

Gabriel Harriman
Poppy Smallwood

Eastbourne College
Benenden

Approximately one hundred and twenty five children took Associated Board examinations. The senior string players participated in the Eastbourne strings day. A junior strings workshop took place in November and solo performances helped to build the children's confidence. The orchestral concert featured an impressive number of ensembles and culminated in a performance of "Star Wars" by the senior orchestra. The music department also hosted the first prep. schools' orchestral day when participants came from Holmewood House, St. Ronan's, Marlborough House and Dulwich Prep.

The woodwind evening gave all players a chance to perform in various ensembles and allowed many the first opportunity for a solo performance. The junior musical was "A Victorian Christmas party" and seventy children participated in the junior piano evening. The five hour "drumathon" involved thirty children from Years 3 to 8 and raised £1308 for the Friends of Unawatuna. Brighton College and King's Choral Days were enjoyed by members of the senior choir and Miss Ault's singing pupils. Eastbourne College Jazz Day was another fun occasion and it gave a few pupils a chance to improvise.

Several children auditioned for the IAPS training orchestra and were successful. Lancing College hosted piano, singing and orchestral days which gave Vinehall pupils invaluable musical experience. Many distinguished guests attended the leavers' concert and it was considered a great success. Some of Mrs. Sigsworth's drummers attended a concert by Magenkió in the White Rock Theatre and a few of the senior percussionists had an opportunity to perform at The 606 Club in London.

Subscription Concerts

The sixteenth season of Subscription Concerts has been another musical feast! We have attracted some of the world's leading classical musicians, ranging from the pianist Stephen Hough (this year's recipient of a Classical Brit Award for his performance of the Rachmaninov concertos) to the outstanding Skampa Quartet who, along with the talented young Irish pianists Finghin Collins, gave a magnificent concert which drew our season to a close.

The booking form for next season will be sent out towards the end of July and we hope that many of you will attend next season's concerts.

CAMPS AND TRIPS

The 2005 Year 6 camp will be remembered for a number of things, not least the glorious weather and the excellent behaviour of the children. The fact that the children were so positive throughout a hot and demanding 10 km trek more than ever illustrated their great spirit and resolve. The children participated in the activities enthusiastically and well done to Columbus for winning the camping cup.

This year's Lake District Trip for Year 8, led by Mr. Butcher, was a huge success. Despite the pouring rain, spirits were high and the Year 8 pupils enjoyed great camaraderie, an antidote to the stress of examinations.

Sailing Club enjoyed a variety of activities this year. Canoeing on the pool and the adventure playground at Bewl and a mad November day on the beach at Pett were highlights. Most sailing was in toppers at Bedgebury School and a good time was had by all.

The girls in the Food, Fashion and Fine Art group have enjoyed a wide variety of activities including jewellery making, card-making for Mothering Sunday, gift-wrapping, decorating Easter eggs, and experimenting with tie and dye. Mrs. Jeremy gave an interesting talk about chocolate and the girls sampled different kinds of chocolate and made some chocolate ice cream. There have been trips out – to Battle, "Holiday on Ice" in Brighton and the highlight of the term, a trip to London to visit the National Portrait Gallery and Covent Garden Piazza.

FRIENDS OF VINEHALL

Sarah Kowitz's committee has been extremely busy this year organising a series of social events, including coffee mornings, wine tasting, an art auction, a summer picnic and the Vines' Day fete. The Pet Show in May was a wonderful event and so popular that it is hoped that this will take place every two years. The parent class representatives have been a helpful addition and enable excellent communication between parents. We wish the new committee well for next year.

YEAR OF 2005

Year 8 enjoyed a special post-examination programme of visiting speakers organised by Mrs. Redstone. The leavers are kindly donating a clock for the south-facing side of the main building so that children can check the time during play!

SPORT

This academic year we have organised more matches than ever before. New teams playing for the first time were Colts C, U10C and U9C in rugby, cricket and soccer. U13 lacrosse team, judo squad match against St. Ronans, U12 tennis IV, boys. Informal netball, hockey and rounders tournaments were held against St. Andrews for the Year 3 and 4 girls. These were much enjoyed and are to be repeated next year.

Athletics

We have had a very rewarding season of Athletics and the standard keeps improving. Calum Bowie won the cup for the most outstanding performance of the day at Hurstpierpoint Sussex championships for his 400 m and he came 5th in the national finals. The senior boys relay team came 7th in the national finals.

At the Sussex County Athletics Championships, Pascale Hughes, Kirstin Mair, Jenny Bolden, Annie Caffyn and Lilian Hazael all qualified for the finals in their events as did the U12 relay team. Iona Edgar came 9th in the U14 800m and Kirstin Mair won the U12 high jump. Iona and Kirstin went to the National Championships in Birmingham.

Ballet

Twenty-one children from the Prep and Pre-Prep took ballet exams in May. All the girls passed their exams with nine gaining distinctions and ten gaining a merit.

Cricket

The second half of the cricket seasons was very much more productive and the 1st XI and U12 XI managed to win their last six games.

Tom Harvey has been selected for the Sussex U12 team.

Charles Newman and Scot Collier train with the East Sussex Squad. Tom Caffyn has scored 280 runs for the 1st XI, including three half-centuries, averaging over thirty runs per innings.

The Head's XI beat the Vines' XI for the third year running in another very close-fought match on Vines' Day.

Cross Country

Vinehall competed in domestic, local and regional competitions. We achieved a place in the Regional Round of the English Schools Cup, having won the local round on home ground. Events at various schools provided the incentive for regular training.

Lucy Blackstone came second at Derwent Lodge and fifth at Claremont. Iona Edgar came seventh at Claremont and Lilian Hazael was eighth at Derwent Lodge.

Golf

Both Parent and Child competitions were won by Scott Collier and Mr. Collier. (Michaelmas and Summer term). Six pupils represented Vinehall at the Kentish Prep Schools Golf Championships in June. In the pairs, James Floyd and Carwyn Jones came 6th, Scott Collier and Warat Thavisin came 8th and Jamie Poulter and Richard Rogers came 14th. As a school we were 3rd. The golf course is much improved thanks to the hard work of the grounds staff.

Gymnastics

The U13 team, consisting of Sophie Pugh, Catriona Flint, Georgie Beattie, Sarah Williamson and Marie Cotten-Rhein became national champions when they won the Group Sequence Competition at the IAPS National Championships in Birmingham in November. Sophie Pugh came 4th overall for her voluntary floor routine and Catriona Flint came 7th overall for her combined floor and vault scores.

In March, also at the GISGA National Championships in Birmingham, the U13 team, comprising Sophie Pugh, Sarah Williamson, Phoebe Ashenheim, Alexandra Gage, Marie Cotten-Rhein and Lily Canetty-Clarke came 2nd, winning silver medals in the Group Sequence Competition. Sophie Pugh came 4th overall for her combined floor scores and Marie Cotten-Rhein came 2nd overall for her set floor routine.

At the Bedgebury Invitational in May the following gymnasts were medal winners: In the U11 age group, Lucy Blackstone came 6th, Lily Canetty-Clarke came 2nd in her set floor and 2nd overall for her combined floor and vault scores. In the U13 age group, Marie Cotten-Rhein came 4th in her set floor, Sophie Pugh came 4th overall and Catriona Flint came 2nd for her combined floor and vault scores and 1st on her set floor.

Hockey

Max Spedding was selected for the U13 and U12 Sussex and South East England Hockey Squads a year young and Jake Willis Fleming was also a member of the County squad and Scott Collier a member of the Sussex Development Squad.

In girls' hockey, it was a season of mixed results although all teams improved. The 1st XI took part in two tournaments, finishing second in their section in one and gaining second place overall in the other.

Netball

The U13 netball squad is to be congratulated on ending the term undefeated, with five wins and one draw.

Riding

Vinehall entered the Inter-schools national prep schools qualifier at Mayfield on Sunday 26th June. Our team (Pascale Hughes, Sophie Whaley, Romilly Ellis and Beetle Gage) came 4th overall and Romilly Ellis came 5th overall. The team qualified for the National Championships at Ardingly in November.

Rounders

Wet weather affected several rounders fixtures but there were some close matches and the U11 and U13 teams did particularly well. In the IAPS competition, our U13s gained a second place, earning themselves runners-up trophies, and the U11s won medals for third place. In the summer term the mothers beat the daughters in a fast-paced rounders match!

Rugby

The 1st XV won seven of their ten matches and reached the final of the Eastbourne College Prep School Festival. The U10 team remained unbeaten throughout their season. William Howard-Smith was chosen for the Harlequins Training Camp. Bertie James, Andrew Rose and Imran Iqbal attended the Sussex U14 training camp.

Swimming

The swimming squad has had the best year ever with some great results both locally and nationally. We had twenty-six children through to the IAPS national swimming finals, the girls at Wolverhampton and the boys at Millfield. Top achiever is James Floyd who won a silver medal in the National final.

The boys achieved the following results: U12 freestyle, James Floyd 2nd, U13 breast-stroke, Calum Bowie 7th, U12 breast-stroke, William Howard-Smith 7th, U10 freestyle, Archie Todd 9th, U11 free-style, Perry Andrews 11th, U13 butterfly, Felix Canetty-Clarke 11th, U12 freestyle, Tom Harvey 14th and U12 backstroke, James Mursell 15th.

In the relays, U12 medley relay and U12 freestyle relay teams (Warat Thavisin, Williams Howard-Smith, James Floyd and Tom Harvey) came 4th, the U11 freestyle relay (Tom Grant, Chris Boshier, Bobby MacLean and Perry Andrews) came 9th, the U13 freestyle team (Bertie James, Edward Neill, Calum Bowie and Alex Todd) came 10th and the U13 medley relay team (Edward Neill, Calum Bowie, Felix Canetty-Clarke and Bertie James) came 11th.

Our girls' U13 medley and freestyle relay teams did very well to qualify for the girls' IAPS finals. Catriona Flint, Iona Edgar, Hannah Boshier, Sophie Pugh and Nell Maudslay all competed at Wolverhampton. Hannah swam freestyle in the final and Iona swam backstroke. The squadron relay team acquitted themselves well.

One of the big local events is the St. Bede's prep gala, which took place in May for the Dicker shield. Ten teams took part with Vinehall taking first place overall with Calum Bowie (boys' captain) and Catriona Flint (girls' captain) accepting the shield on behalf of the school.

Tennis

The Senior Parent/Child Tennis Tournament took place on 22nd May. Fourteen pairs played with good humour, producing excellent tennis in trying conditions. The pairs who went through to the final rounds were: Napat Thavisin with Mr. Norman beat his brother, Warat, who was partnered by Mr. Willard. The other pairings were Max and Mr. Spedding who beat Marcus and Mr. Rowe. In the final, Napat and Mr. Norman were victorious.

The Junior Parent/Child Tennis Tournament took place on 12th June. There were ten children and their parents in the competition this year, two children from Year 3, three from Year 4 and five from Year 5. It is very pleasing to see the

younger children taking part and they acquitted themselves very well. Once again, the parents played in a very sympathetic manner with the children so they were all able to hit the ball and enjoy the game. In fact, the two Year 3 boys, Dominic Simmons and Henry Clark needed no concessions at all. The four semi-finalists were William Orr and Alice Brodribb. In the other semi-final, Alexander and Mrs. Pugh defeated George and Mr. Spedding. The final was very closely fought with a narrow win for the Pughs.

The U12s won one and lost one tennis match and the U13s drew one and lost one.

Sports Day

The weather was kind to us this year and sports day was a super occasion, running very smoothly indeed thanks to Mr. Butler's and Miss Gorrie's organisation. Saxton were victorious. Senior Victor Ludorum was shared between Bertie James and Tom Harvey. The Victrix Ludorum for the seniors was Sophie Pugh.

SCHOOL GARDEN

During this academic year we have allocated an area of ground behind the stable yard for a new school garden which has been prepared by our groundsmen. We have started to plant one small patch with plants that will attract butterflies and other friendly visitors. There are plans to divide up the plot and provide study areas for a range of cross-curricular issues. We have just taken delivery of a potting shed and boards to make some raised beds during the summer break. This is not a two-day garden makeover but a long term project that should provide our pupils with some hands-on experience of propagating, planting, tending and enjoying all that gardening has to offer. We would like to thank Blackbrooks Garden Centre for their generous support in our new venture.

BOARDING

Favourite outings this term have included Windsor Castle, Legoland, Covent Garden, galleries and theatre trips in London, Knockhatch Adventure Park and an afternoon building dens and cooking sausages at Wilderness Wood.

Boarders' activities have ranged from ice-cream making with Mrs. Jeremy to tie-dyeing and, of course, the infamous water slide. One of the high-lights of the term was the hugely popular Rock and Pop Day, in which all boarders had coaching on singing and stage presence from the "Startechz" team. In the evening, the best performers had the chance to sing or play in the theatre, accompanied by a rock band. Their talent amazed us all!

Competition for the Dorm Winners' Cup has been fierce, but yet again Swallows claimed victory. They also won the prize for best behaved dorm; a Chinese meal at a local restaurant!

Our Year 6 taster boarding was a great success and, as a result, several parents have been nagged mercilessly by their children to allow them to become full boarders!

PRE-PREP

It has been another busy and exciting year in the Pre-Prep. At Christmas the Nursery/Kindergarten and the Reception classes performed their own version of the Nativity. Year 2 put on a Christmas play, with some very strong individual performances. Year 1 discovered what goes on inside a bee hive in their play Honey and in the Nursery/Kindergarten Happy Hat Land we thought about how we should share. Reception ended the year with swashbuckling pirates and island princesses. Creative talent shone out in the Year 2 musical concert and Lucy Everist and Lydia Butler were awarded recorder certificates.

In swimming the children have progressed remarkably well, with almost all children in Reception and above swimming without armbands. The wonderful end of year gymnastic display showed just how the children's skills and self-discipline have developed. Special mention should go to Ivo Elliott, who despite his injury, competed bravely in our Sports Day and to Archie Ridpath for breaking the record for throwing. Congratulations should also go to RR and 1F for winning the tug-o-war for the first time.

At Easter the children joined in pancake races, guessed the number of eggs in the jar and were lucky enough to see the Easter Bunny. Other visitors to the classes have helped to enrich our curriculum and have included Dena the Dentist, Battle Fire Service, P. C. Shaun, Atlas Moths and Mrs. Morley with some wonderful Indian costumes. The children have been out to a number of different locations including Cranbrook Mill, Wilderness Wood, St. Mary's Church, Hastings Underwater World, Bedgebury Pinetum and Pizza Express.

Hilda Offen, the children’s author, visited on our “bring and bear to school” charity day. She told some of her stories and drew illustrations featuring some of our children. The funds raised went to The Fellowship of St. Nicholas, and their Fun Van that visits deprived children in the Rother area.

PRO ALIIS OPTIMUM AGERE – CHARITY COLLECTIONS

Charity Collections

Salehurst Church Restoration Fund (concert)	2500
Pestalozzi (concert)	1500
Mountfield Church concert	700
Rwanda – Lawrence Barham Memorial Trust (sponsored walk, various sales, Art Auction)	11357
Help the Aged and Cystic Fibrosis (at Carol Service)	537
Gift Assembly – Diocesan Family Support	(gifts)
Friends of Unawatana (Dressing Up Day, Smarties tubes and Drumathon)	3420
Round Table Wish Fund (non-uniform day)	323
St. Michael's Hospice (non-uniform day)	500
TOTAL	20837

Other Events

We held a joint Whole School Assembly with the Pre-Prep every term this year, presided over by our Honorary Chaplain, Fr John Lambourne of Salehurst Church. Seven of our Catholics made their First Holy Communion at Vinehall with Father Kevin. The senior Catholics have been on three outings to Aylesford Priory, Michelham Priory and Ightham Mote.

The Summer term saw our first Grandparents’ Day which was a great success and will become an annual event.

The School Council was led by Head Boy Alexander Todd and Head Girl Sophie Pugh this year. A large number of issues was discussed by Form representatives at Council meetings and discussed with Mrs. Robinson and other staff. The following issues were taken on at School as a result: more contact between Pre-Prep and Years 3 and 4; break activities; school lunch seating arrangements. In the next academic year the Council will meet more frequently.

Conclusion

Parents are invited to subscribe to our weekly e-newsletter, *Vinelines*, which provides a round-up of each week's events. The publication is now well-established, running beyond its 100th edition.

I am grateful to the very caring and dedicated staff team at Vinehall that works so hard for the children, ensuring that Vinehall is a lively and stimulating environment, full of opportunity and achievement. As a staff, we are grateful for the support of parents, enabling us all to work together for the benefit of the children.