

## From the Boarding House

March 2008

Dear Parents,

As a boarding house we have undergone two inspections this term and, as you probably know, have been found to be “outstanding” by Ofsted. This was backed up by the ISI inspection. The two worn chairs mentioned in the Ofsted report are now no longer!

We had an enjoyable Year 7 taster boarding weekend with swimming and skating, and we will be inviting year 7 parents to come and meet us and tour the boarding house early next term. Please do feel free to email us or ring if you have any queries about boarding next year.

Our boarders’ clubs include a range of activities and have visited Brighton and London on various away trips. The chocolatey smiles on the Food, Fashion and Fine Arts faces have been a sight to behold; the History club came back from the Tower of London and HMS Belfast saying that Mr Whitehead was the best tour guide; Sailing club has spent lots of time on the water and the Natural History club members have had some close encounters with fishy things both on the beach and in the aquarium. The weekend activities have not ended there. The Six-Nations provided the excuse we needed for a big screen in the rec. room which was useful for films afterwards. There was also kite making, treasure hunts, hockey, Connect 4, dancing, visits to Tunbridge Wells and Camber Sands (with chips) and more chocolate.

The boarders have been involved in designing and choosing a logo for a boarding house “hoodie” (cost £21) which we hope will be available for them next term; it is to be personalised with a nickname of their choice and is something they are keen on. There have been some great ideas put forward; sadly we can’t use them all.

The boarding staff have all worked tremendously hard this term and our new gappers are proving to be very good indeed.

Please can parents ensure that all items brought to school are named clearly, particularly in the case of temporary boarders, otherwise matrons are unable to return misplaced items to their owners.

We wish you a very happy Easter.

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