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TAUNTON YOUNG MUSICIAN OF THE YEAR 2009-2010

Oliver Kelham (5th Form – Goodland) was delighted to be awarded the third prize (£50) when seven of Taunton's most talented young musicians took part in the final round of the prestigious Taunton Young Musician of Year Competition on Sunday 24th January 2010 at Queen's Hall. Each of the students, whose ages ranged between 15 and 18, performed a fifteen minute solo recital.

Oliver is a tenor and he sang an English Art Song, O Mistress Mine, (Quilter), a German Lied Nachtviolen, (Schubert), Mozart's aria Un'aura amorosa (from Cosi Fan Tutte) and Then Shall the Righteous Shine Forth (from Elijah) by Mendelssohn.

The competition was assessed by three distinguished adjudicators Nigel Perin (a founder member of The King's Singers), Kathryn Hardman and Colin Touchin.

They congratulated all the performers on their high standards and praised them for being fantastic ambassadors for young people. They all wondered how the competitors found time for school work with their busy musical schedules!

Oliver would like to thank Mr Cracknell for his fantastic accompanying and Alison Kettlewell, his singing teacher, for all her help, encouragement and support.

The well deserved winner of the competition was Laura Hammonds (cello) who gave a superb performance. The Competition is promoted by the Taunton & Somerset Music & Drama Festival and supported by the Rotary Clubs of Taunton and Taunton Deane Borough Council, the Mayor of Taunton presented the prizes.

Last year's winner of the Taunton Young Musician of the Year award, Christopher Ma, also a pupil at Taunton School, has gone on to further success. He has been offered places at all of the top London Conservatoires and will be taking up a place at The Royal Academy of Music in September.

NATIONAL YOUTH CHOIRS OF GREAT BRITAIN

Oliver Kelham (5th Form – Goodland) has been offered a place with the esteemed National Youth Choirs of Great Britain, in the Tenor 1 section of the 100-strong Training Choir South, which is for 13 - 18 year olds. Auditions were held across the country in November and 2009 was a record

year with well over 600 applicants. As a result of his success, Oliver will have the opportunity to attend two residential Training Courses each year, working with distinguished conductors & voice coaches. The Courses involve master-classes, coaching and practices and culminate in a major public concert; this year, Oliver will be attending a course in Sevenoaks in August.

The Choirs regularly tour abroad and last year NYC members performed Handel's Messiah as part of the BBC Proms.

Howard Goodall

"They are of a phenomenally high, world-class standard and act as a springboard for the country's most gifted and versatile young singers"

ESU PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

Jeremy Soper, George Hallas and Steph Brice competed in the highly prestigious English Speaking Union Public Speaking Competition District Final, held at Queen's College, Taunton, last Wednesday. Usually, the team is made up of Year 11 students, but this year's competition unfortunately clashed with mock GCSE examinations, so we entered a Year 10 team instead. George performed very well as speaker; his

speech entitled 'Money is the root of all evil' was especially apt this year in the light of the controversy over bankers' bonuses and MPs' expenses.

George delivered a thoughtful and well argued speech, which was extremely well constructed, whilst Jeremy was outstanding as questioner, although he did appear to forget he was meant to ask questions for a brief moment! Once he remembered, his questions were both probing and perceptive. He in fact won an 'Outstanding Bravery Award' for his comments on the legal profession, a risky move given that the judging panel was almost completely made up of lawyers!

Steph was a very good chairperson and controlled every aspect of the debate very well, ensuring that everything ran as smoothly as possible. She avoided an awkward moment of silence by posing a question to the speaker herself, prompting the audience to contribute also. All thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to develop their public speaking skills and are determined to battle their way through to the regionals next year.

HELP FOR HEROES CHARITY 60 MILE WALK

The aim of Help for heroes is to raise money for wounded British armed forces personnel to help them get back to normality with practical and direct support in rehabilitation before a serviceman, or woman, returns to their unit or transits back into civilian life. H4H also provide schemes such as "battle back." This scheme is designed to encourage those who have suffered serious injuries to play sports and try

new activities in a sociable atmosphere; it has only been running from 2008, but has made a phenomenal difference to the lives of many wounded Servicemen and women.

For this reason, 6 members of the Upper Sixth (Marcus Freeman, Liam and James Macdonald, Conor MCGough, Oliver Curson and Jon Roberts) are walking 60 miles across Dartmoor in February to raise money for H4H. The walk starts from Oakhampton camp on the 15th and then follows a route which takes us 30 miles to Princetown where we stay the night, then on the second day, (16th) we walk the following 30 miles to Ivybridge towards the south of Dartmoor to complete the walk.



We hope to raise over £1000 and are close to this figure with sponsorship and donations, but we would like to donate as much money as we could to this cause and if anyone would like to sponsor the team or to donate any money, either contact one of the team members, or email marcus101@hotmail.co.uk with your name, contact details and how much you would like to sponsor us. We also have an online Just Giving account, where you can sponsor directly at, www.justgiving.com/H4H-60miles

ONE NIGHT ONLY

On the night of Friday 22nd January, Mr Tarr and some of the boys going on the hockey tour to Singapore and Australia hosted "One Night Only" to raise funds for the tour in the summer of 2010. The event was hosted by two senior tourists, Nick McLaughlan and JJ Debenham. The show started off with Ed and Alex performing their spin on the "Crazy Frog," followed by Miss Diaz's and Miss Dubois' shot at "1,2,3,4" by Feist. Other acts included the Headmaster, George Rawlings & Damon Booth and an interesting dance routine from a Sixth Form trio of girls. The night was much enjoyed by all who attended and, importantly the aim of raising money for the Tour was achieved. Congratulations to all who performed and thank you to the boys and Mr Tarr who led from the front.

SCHOOLS QUESTION TIME

Following our success in reaching the final of this prestigious national competition, BBC judges will be attending a Taunton School version of the popular TV current affairs programme on Thursday 18th March (7.30 p.m, Old Library). There will be a mixed panel of students/guests and audience involvement is important. There will be a limited number of spaces in the audience for parents and anyone interested in coming along should contact me, preferably by email (mark.chatterton@tauntonschool.co.uk)

Mark Chatterton

SPORTS RESULTS

Netball

Three friendly matches were played at home on Saturday 23rd January against some tough Yeovil Netball Club teams.

1st team Lost - 16-26

The first team played against a strong Yeovil ladies' side and despite the score showed some excellent play in parts. For the first game, it gave a very promising out look for the season ahead and a great foundation for Regionals this Saturday.

U16 Lost - 8-17

The U16s also came up against an experienced ladies team from Yeovil. The girls showed some promising netball and hopefully this practice match has helped with the girls' preparations for the up and coming Regional's.

U14 Won - 22-8

The girls played a very controlled game, coping well with the changes each quarter. The girls were always in front but managed to pull away impressively in the fourth and final quarter, winning it 11-3. There's no doubt that this match and the previous match against Millfield has given the girls a boost in their confidence for Regionals this weekend.

Three of the TS teams (U19, U16, U14) have qualified for the Regional Netball Finals held in Bournemouth on Saturday 30th January. They are hoping to qualify for the National Finals in March; good luck to all those taking part.

Hockey

Taunton v Sherborne

1st XI	Drew 2 - 2
2nd XI	Lost 3 - 0
3rd XI	Lost 5 - 0
4th XI	Lost 10 - 1
Senior Colts	Won 6 - 2
Junior Colts A	Won 3 - 0
JCB	Drew 2 - 2
JCC	Lost 5 - 1
Foals A	Drew 4 - 4
Foals B	Lost 4 - 1
Foals C	Lost 5 - 1

Taunton Area Cross Country Championships

Last Week Harriet Rogers and Luke Conway represented the senior school at the Taunton Area Event held at King's College, Taunton.

Harriet won her event with a convincing lead over the rest of the field and Luke Conway was 11th in the Intermediate boys' event. Both Harriet and Luke have now been selected to represent the Area in the County Competition on Saturday 6th February, and Harriet's younger sister Charlotte (Taunton Prep) came 6th and was also selected following her strong performance in the junior race. We wish the three of them luck and thank them for their commitment and dedication.

Alexandra Cutts

A STORY FROM THE PREP SCHOOL

Year 1 at Huish Woods



Year 1 had a great time at Huish Woods last week. The children have been learning about their senses in Science lessons and were able to use what they had learned at their visit to the woods. Working with a partner, they used their senses of sight and touch to collect and explore interesting objects. After a delicious hot chocolate, we all had fun playing on the climbing equipment. When we got back to the classroom, we recorded our observations on a chart.

Lynn Riggs

PTA NOTICES

Save the date!

Please make a note now of these social events organised by the Taunton School PTA:

6th March 2010

Head's Supper

Black Tie dinner with dancing
Upper Dining Room and Old Library
7.00pm

An application form can be downloaded from the Taunton School Website Parents Association Link, or printed off at the bottom of this Courier.

11th March 2010

Coffee Morning

Weirfield Library

8.20am - 9.00am

18th March 2010

Tea Party and Nearly New Uniform and Sports Equipment Sale

Pre-Prep Hall

2.30pm - 4.30pm

Full details on how to sell at this are available to download from the Taunton School Website Parents Association Link

30th April 2010

Quiz Night and Ploughman's Supper

Upper Dining Room

7.00pm

Details coming soon!

2nd July 2010

Summer Ball

Marquee, Taunton School

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

John Rae Society Lecture Monday 1st February

Mr Francis Cornish, Former Ambassador to Israel.

Old Library

Coffee from 6.30pm in the Arts Centre Foyer, with the lecture starting at 7.00pm.

Storytime - Tuesday February 9th

Stories are not just for children! We all have stories to tell: our own, our family story, our school story, our community story and so it goes on. Stories fling a rainbow over life and help us

make sense of our world. Giles Abbott became a professional storyteller after he lost most of his useful sight in 1998. He says,

"Through loss of something I took for granted, I have found something I didn't know I'd lost - the joy of story!"

Giles will be in school on Tuesday, February 9th, spending most of his time in the Prep School, but coming to the Carington Library to tell stories from 1.10 - 1.40pm. Treat yourself to a break from the everyday and come to hear him.

Porsche Ride and Drive - Saturday 13th February



PORSCHE

Porsche Centre Exeter would be delighted if you could join them here at Taunton School on Saturday, 13th February 2010, between 9am and 5pm, to take a demonstration drive in a new Porsche.

They are offering demonstration drives in all their Porsche models,* including the new Panamera, which is a 4 door, 4 seater model. Also available are drives in the new generation Boxster and Cayman, which will give you the opportunity to experience the impact of completely revised engines, as well as the Cayenne and 911 models.

Each drive will last approximately 30 minutes and you should call Kevin

Turner in advance on 01392 822800 to book a particular vehicle and time slot. We hope you can join them here at Taunton School, but, if you are unable to make it or would like more information, please feel free to call Porsche with any enquiry on 01392 822800. Alternatively, you can always drop into their Porsche Centre, which is located in Matford Park Road, Exeter.

* Please note: Age and license restrictions apply. You will need to bring your full driving license including paper counterpart to test drive any of these models.

5th Charity Trip to Albania

On July 8th this year, eight pupils and three staff members will fly off to Albania to take the needy children from the Home of Hope in Elbasan for an exciting activity holiday at a centre in Ishull Lezhe. If you could see the sparkle in the children's eyes and hear their squeaks of joy, you would know how much this holiday means to them! The pupils and staff not only all pay their own way, but also raise the money to pay for the camp fees, food and transport for the Albanian children and the staff from the Home who come with us. We need to find approximately £3,000 this year, so please support us in our efforts.

The TS team comprises Vicky Baines, Bethany Jackson, Janina Nieper, Annie Pearson, Rory Phillips, Rachel Shaw, Hee Soo Song and Cathleen Voysey, with Mr Alistair Hallow, Mrs Christabel Ager and Hannah Parsons (former pupil and a member of the first team to go, in 2006)

HOLIDAY SPORTS CAMPS

A variety of holiday sport courses are available for children aged 5 – 16 years at Taunton School. Camps begin at 9.30am and finish at 4.30pm. Early drop offs are from 8.30am and late collection finishes at 5.30pm. Half day camps are from 9.30am – 12.30pm or 1.30pm-4.30pm.

Courses available are:

29th March- 1st April – Andrew Flintoff Cricket Academy

26th – 30th July – Multi- Sport and Activity Week, inc. Activate Stage theme: Circus and Animals and Sunshine Soccer

2nd – 6th August – Adventure Week

9th – 11th August – International Netball Roadshow

9th – 13th August – Multi- Sport and Activity Week, inc. Activate Stage theme: Musical Week and Sunshine Soccer

16th – 20th August – Multi- Sport and Activity Week, inc. Activate Stage theme: Activate's Got Talent and Hockey Academy

16th – 20th August – Matt Dawson Rugby Academy

For more information on these courses and others available, please contact the Sports Club Manager, Andy Hall on 01823 349207 or andy.hall@taunton-school.co.uk or visit www.taunton-schoolevents.co.uk

CALENDAR DATES

Saturday 30th January

Deadline 1st Assessments (by 1.00pm) (Not Yr 11)

GCSE and IB Mock Exams End

Weekend House: Weirfield

8.45am Voluntary Chapel
 8.30am TPS Year 8 Subject Taster: Modern Languages (Centenary Hall)
 7.00pm Whole School 'Valentine's' Warm-Up' Disco (Old Gym)
 Girls' National Indoor Hockey Finals (all day - tbc)
 Netball: National Regional Rounds (Bournemouth) depart 7.00am U19 U16 U14A
 Hockey v Queen's College (H) 1 2 3 SCA (A) JCA JCB U14A U14B

Sunday 31st January

Septuagesima (3rd before Lent)
 8.30am CCF RAF Gliding (Chivenor)
 10.00am U16 Sevens (Wellington)

Monday 1st February

GCE A and AS Level Exams
 RAG WEEK
 8.40am Headmaster's Assembly: Henry and Edward Pearson 'DofE Sailing'
 8.40am Chapel: Mr Andrew Kemp
 12.35pm Junior Chess (Carrington Library)
 4.00pm-7.30pm Summer Production Rehearsal (Arts Centre / GWR)
 6.00pm-8.00pm Girls' Indoor Hockey v Wellington (A) U18 U16
 7.00pm John Rae Society Lecture: Mr Francis Cornish, Ambassador to Israel (Old Library)
 (Coffee at 6.30pm in Foyer)

Tuesday 2nd February

Candlemas
 GCE A and AS Level Exams end
 8.40am Headmaster's Assembly: Henry and Edward Pearson 'DofE Sailing'
 8.40am Chapel: Mr Andrew Kemp
 4.00pm Field Day groups depart
 6.30pm 6th Form - Geographical Association Lecture (Wellington)

Wednesday 3rd February

FIELD DAY (all groups return by 5.00pm)

Summer Production Rehearsal for those not on Field Day
 9.00am Year 9 English Trip (All Day)
 9.00am-11.00am Design and Technology Arkwright Scholarship Exam (L4)
 6.15pm-8.00pm Summer Production Rehearsal (Arts Centre / GWR)
 Hockey: Somerset Cup Finals at Millfield (A) 1 SCA (tbc)

Thursday 4th February

UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge – P4 P5 Years 9 / 10 / 11 (top 2 sets) (Old Library)
 2.00pm Netball v Queen's College (H) 1 2 3 4
 3.00pm-6.00pm GCSE / A Level Rehearsals (Drama Studio / Arts Centre and Foyer)
 6.30pm MFL Society: Wine Tasting (Old Library)

Friday 5th February

Whole School MUFTI DAY in aid of School Charities
 PSHE Conference - All Day (Old Library)
 8.30am Chapel for Day Pupils: The Reverend Ray Avent
 11.15am-12.30pm L6 Horizons: 'Oxbridge Wit Sharpening' Dr John Newton and Dr James Penny
 11.15am-12.30pm L6 Horizons: 'Making the Most of a Gap Year' Mr Cyril Kelly (Arts Centre)
 12.30pm OT Western Club Lunch (Winterstoke Room)
 12.35pm Lunchtime Burke Debate (L19)
 4.15pm Hockey v TPS 3rd XI (H) U14C
 6.30pm Chapel for Boarders: The Reverend Philip Atkinson *
 7.30pm Charity Blind Date (Arts Centre)

Music for Life.

A concert showcase featuring
the talented musicians of Taunton School

Where Temple Methodist Church
On Saturday 22nd May
When 7.30pm
In aid of SURE

Somerset Unit for Radiological Equipment raise funds for the new Cancer (Beacon) Centre at Musgrove Park Hospital and use funds to purchase specific items of equipment to benefit the centre and patients affected by this terrible disease.

LIFE EDUCATION

Helping Children make healthy choices through work with schools, with parents and engaging the community.

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or Robin Venner on

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Taunton School Parent-Teachers' Association

invites you to
the Taunton Senior, Prep and Pre-Prep Schools
Head's Supper 2010
Saturday 6th March 7.00 for 7.30pm

Upper Dining Room and Old Library

Dress: Black tie

Carriages: 12.15am

Cash bar

RSVP by 14th February 2010

Head Teachers' Supper

Please detach and return to Ray Dormer, c/o the Senior or Prep School office.

Tickets £28 per person (include welcome drink, supper with wine, and dancing to live music)

Name:

Phone number:

Email address:

Number of people @ £28 each:

Name(s):

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I enclose a cheque payable to Taunton School for