

The Haberdashers' Aske's Boys' School

# SKYLIGHT

SPRING 2010





# Awards & Achievements

## World Schools Debating

Hasan Dindjer (U6H2) and Edward Schwitzer (U6R2) represented England in February at the 22nd World Schools Debating Championships held in Doha, Qatar. They were part of a team of four students who won through to the finals but lost to Canada. England opposed the prepared motion that "governments should never bail out big companies" in the final.



## French Debating Competition

February saw the final of *Les Joutes Oratoires*, the L6 French Debating Competition organised by our French assistant, Nicolas Reynard. All thirty-six L6 boys who study French took part in the competition and they are to be congratulated on an extremely high level of argument and language. The final was fiercely fought between Ben Poster (L6J1) and Anthony Meyer (L6H1) and the opposition team, Joel Kariel (L6S2) and Raphael Torrance (L6R2). The judges, the Headmaster and Dr Koestlé-Cate, finally awarded the debate to Joel and Raph. We are looking forward to seeing our teams in action against other schools from North London in the summer term.



## Quiz Bowl

In March, a team of Sixth Formers were runners-up in the Annual Quiz Bowl run by the American School in London. The format is similar to *University Challenge*. The HABS team, consisting of Brett Bernstein (U6R1), Jonathan Metzger (U6C2), Andrew Rose (U6S2) and David Woolfman (U6H2), had a 100% record throughout the qualifying stages and defeated the hosts in the semi-final. Unfortunately, they went down narrowly in the final to a strong Latymer Upper side that they had defeated earlier in the day.



## Geography Quiz

In February, Years 7, 8 and 9 participated in the first annual Geography Quiz. The quiz consisted of several rounds, including an O.S. map round, a picture round and an A-Z on worldwide objects and places. 26 teams took part in this joint event with the Girls' School. The GlobeTrotters from Year 7 (Dylan Dissanayake, Jacob Knight and Khush Kotecha, 7H) were victorious in the end, with Team Red Bull in second place.



## University Offers

Once again, HABS has secured an impressive total of Oxbridge offers. Thirty-eight U6 applicants were successful this year, with sixteen boys heading to Oxford and twenty-two to Cambridge. This is the school's highest number of entrants since 2006, and follows on from last year's spectacular A Level performance. HABS remains at the forefront of university admissions, with other destinations including Imperial, UCL, King's, Durham, Bristol, Edinburgh, Warwick, Manchester, Nottingham and Birmingham. We wish the boys the best of luck in their decisive A2 examinations this summer.

## HABS Art Ties

The Art Tie is the highest accolade that Art students can gain at HABS and they are awarded annually to those students who have shown exceptional artistic ability. This year's 24 winners have produced a range of very successful images in a wide variety of different media and are considered the very best artists in the school.



# Prep & Pre-Prep

## Town Planning at the Pre-Prep

In February, the Kingfishers spent a day with the Lego Young Town Planners. They learnt about the basic logistics of house building, constructed their own building and created their own Haberdashers' town. Many interesting buildings were created, including a Haberdashers' prison!



## Prep and Pre-Prep support Haiti



February saw Prep boys holding a fair in aid of the Haiti Earthquake Appeal. Each class ran their own stall, including 'Splat the Teacher' and a cake stall. An amazing £593 was raised in the course of just one hour. Many thanks to all the boys and parents who contributed prizes, cakes and board games as well as their time and thanks to the two courageous teachers who were 'splatted'! Not to be outdone, our Pre-Prep boys also raised a staggering £824 for the Appeal through the Kingfishers' MUFTI Day.

## Waste not, Want not



In February, the Prep welcomed a visiting speaker from WasteAware. The boys had great fun learning all about recycling, reusing, reducing and repairing - and there were many fresh ideas for the things we can all do to help the environment. The boys ended the afternoon with an exciting paper-making workshop - messy but memorable!



# SCHOOL CALENDAR - SUMMER TERM 2010

## APRIL 2010

Thu-Mon	1-5	School Football Tour to Antwerp, Belgium
Fri	2	<b>Bank Holiday</b>
Sat-Sat	3-10	Junior Ski Trip to Serre Chevalier, France
Mon	5	<b>Bank Holiday</b>
Tue-Mon	6-12	CCF Tri Service Adventure Training Camp to Otterburn
Tue-Mon	6-12	CCF Gold Expedition to the Cheviots
Wed-Tue	7-13	Year 8 French Exchange to Chambéry (Away)
Thu	8	09.00 Final date to submit enquiries about results (January GCE and GCSE examinations)
Thu-Thu	8-15	Athletics Warm Weather Training, Club La Santa, Lanzarote
Fri-Sun	9-11	CCF Silver Expedition to the Cheviots
Fri-Sun	9-18	6th Form Dusseldorf Work Experience Exchange (Away)
Sat-Tue	10-20	Middle School Stuttgart Exchange (Away)
Sun	11	HABS Big Band, NCBF National Finals, Birmingham Conservatoire
Thu	15	10.00-12.00 U14 Cricket Pre-Season Training 13.00-15.00 U13 Cricket Pre-Season Training
Fri	16	10.00-12.00 U13 Cricket Pre-Season Training 14.00-16.00 U14 Cricket Pre-Season Training
Sat	17	10.00-12.00 U12 Cricket Pre-Season Training 13.00-15.00 U12 Cricket Pre-Season Training
Mon	19	Middle School Play rehearsals 10.00-14.00 U15 Cricket Pre-Season Training 10.00-12.00 Seniors Cricket Pre-Season Training 13.00-15.00 Seniors Cricket Pre-Season Training
Tue	20	Middle School Play rehearsals 10.00-14.00 U15 Cricket Pre-Season Training 10.00-12.00 Seniors Cricket Pre-Season Training 13.00-15.00 Seniors Cricket Pre-Season Training
Wed	21	<b>Summer Term Begins</b> Engineering Education Scheme Celebration and Assessment Day
Wed-Fri	21-30	Theresienstadt Exhibition (Bourne Foyer)
Tue	27	16.15 Prefects' Meeting (Aske Hall)
Tue 27 Apr - Mon 3 May		Year 8 French Exchange to Chambéry (Home)
Wed	28	19.30 Guitar and Percussion Concert (Seldon Hall)
Thu	29	19.00 Junior Mathematics Challenge Theresienstadt Survivors Evening (Bourne Foyer and Seldon Hall)

## MAY 2010

Sat	1	Middle School Play rehearsals
Sun	2	Middle School Play rehearsals
Mon	3	<b>Bank Holiday</b> Middle School Play rehearsals
Tue	4	Year 10 Geography Fieldwork trip, Watford
Wed	5	DEPUTATION DAY
Thu	6	09.00-10.30 PRE-PREP OPEN WORKING MORNING (appointment only)
Thu-Fri	6-7	09.00-16.00 GCSE Art Exams (Art Studios)
Fri	7	Lunchtime CCF Photograph Year 10 and U6 (Aldenhall House)
Sat	8	Middle School Play rehearsals
Sun	9	Middle School Play rehearsals
Mon	10	19.30 Middle School Play <i>The Tempest</i> 19.30 7+ New Parents' Evening 19.30 Confirmation Evening (Chapel and Old Refectory)
Mon-Wed	10-12	09.00-16.00 AS and A2 Exams (Art Studios)
Mon-Wed	10-14	SATS Week/Prep Exam Week
Tue	11	Blood Donation Day 19.30 Middle School Play <i>The Tempest</i> 11.30 1st XI v MCC Cricket Match
Wed	12	19.30 Middle School Play <i>The Tempest</i> 19.30 Summer Concert (Bourne Hall)
Thu	13	pm CCF Open Afternoon
Fri	14	<b>16.00 Year 11 and L6 Block Leave begins</b> Tracking Grades due - all years
Mon	17	Public Exams start 19.30 5+ New Parents' Evening (Prep Hall) 19.00 Prefects' Dinner (TBC)
Tue	18	13.30-14.30 5+ New boys visit the Pre-Prep
Wed	19	13.30-14.30 5+ New boys visit the Pre-Prep
Thu	20	16.15 Tea Party for Year 7 Primary School Heads
Fri	21	<b>14.00 U6 Block Leave begins</b> AS Physical Geography paper F761
Mon-Fri	24-28	Year 6 Residential trip to Orielton, Wales
Tue	25	13.30-15.00 New 7+ boys visit Prep AS Human Geography paper F762 AS (L6) Geography book collection
Wed	26	13.30-15.00 New 7+ boys visit Prep
Thu	27	13.30-15.00 New 7+ boys visit Prep 19.30 Private View of the GCSE and A Level Art Show - VIP Guest Paul Winstanley
Fri	28	GCSE Art Marking
Fri 28 May - Tue 1 Jun		U13 Cricket Tour to Devon
Sat 29 May - Tue 1 Jun		History Trip to Paris
Mon	31	Bank Holiday

## JUNE 2010

Tue	1	<b>Summer Half-Term Holiday Begins</b>
Fri	4	<b>Summer Half-Term Holiday Ends</b>
Mon	7	INSET DAY - NO SCHOOL FOR MAIN, PREP & PRE-PREP BOYS Year 10 Art/Ceramics GCSE mock exams (Art Studios)
Tue	8	13+ New Parents' Evening Pre-Prep School Photograph

Tue-Fri	8-11	School Exams
Wed	9	09.00-12.00 CCF Staff Training GCSE Moderation (Bourne Hall)
Thu	10	13+ Feeder Schools' language day 11+ New Parents' Evening
Mon	14	pm Year 6 Production dress rehearsal Geography KS3 book collection
Mon-Fri	14-18	L6 Activities Week
Tue	15	Junior Mathematics Olympiad L6 History Day, London
		19.00-21.30 L6 Higher Education Evening (Bourne Hall) 18.30 Oxbridge applicants section of L6 Higher Education Evening (Bourne Hall)
		19.30 Year 6 Production Performance
Wed	16	Prep School photograph Pre-Prep Sports afternoon
		19.30 L6 Economics Day
Thu	17	19.45 Year 6 Production Performance Parent Ambassadors' Evening
Fri	18	Art AS and A2 Level Marking Year 8 Geography Fieldtrip, Walton-on-the-Naze
Sat-Sun	19-20	L6 Social Skills Day (TBC)
Sat-Sat	19-26	CCF Army Section Year 10 visit to the Tower of London Prefects' Training Day
Sun	20	11.30 Years 9-10 History trip to Ypres
Mon	21	09.30 Junior German Exchange to Offenburg, Germany (Home)
		09.30 1st XI v Habs Company Cricket match
		14.00-16.00 Year 5 Instrumental Scheme Concert (Seldon Hall)
		14.40 Junior House Cricket Competition
Mon-Mon	21-28	Year 7 Library visitor - author Joe Craig
Mon 21 Jun - Thu 1 Jul		L6 Personal Statement Workshop (Aske Hall)
Tue	22	<b>Year 11 and L6 return from Block Leave</b> 11.00 A2 Geography Global Issues paper F763
Wed	23	19.30 Year 11 and Sixth Form Geography book collections
Thu	24	09.00-12.00 Year 9 French Exchange Alma (Home)
		pm GCSE and A Level Art Show (Bourne Exhibition Area)
		19.30 Junior House Cricket Competition Final
Fri-Mon	25-28	Music Festival first semi final (Seldon Hall)
Sat	26	18.30 Year 8 Geography Fieldtrip, Walton-on-the-Naze
Sat 26 Jun - Sat 3 Jul		Prep School Summer Concert (Bourne Hall)
Sat 26 Jun - Mon 5 Jul		A Level Moderation
Sun	27	Admissions' 'Onlies' visit
Mon	28	11.00 Music Festival second semi final (Seldon Hall)
		Provisional last day of GCSE exams
		11.00 CCF Silver Expedition to Yorkshire
		11.00 Cricket BBQ
		11.00 Cricket Week
		11.00 Middle School Stuttgart Exchange (Home)
		11.00 Mencap Funday
		11.00 Old Habs Day
		11.00 1st and 2nd XI v Old Habs CC Cricket match
		11.00 Work Experience Week 1
		11.00 Prep Sports Day
		11.00 L6 Geography Field Trip to River Ver, Herts
		11.00 A2 Geography Applied Skills paper F764
		11.00 Music Festival HABS Young Musician Final (Seldon Hall)
		11.30 1st XI v DI Yeabsley's XI Cricket match
		11.30 Provisional date of last GCE unit and of AEA Mathematics exam

## JULY 2010

Thu	1	11.30 Fraser Bird Cricket match
Fri	2	19.30 U6 Leavers' Dinner Dance (Hilton Hotel, Watford)
		09.00-17.00 FIELD DAY
		09.00-17.00 Year 9 PSE Day
		09.00-17.00 Year 10/L6 Art Trip to the Henry Moore Foundation
		09.00-17.00 Prep School Commendation/Display Day
		09.00-17.00 Year 7 History Trip to Agincourt
		09.00-17.00 L6 Biology Field Trip
		09.00-17.00 Founders' Dinner
		09.00-17.00 Work Experience Week 2
		09.00-17.00 Herts Schools Cricket County Finals
		09.00-17.00 1st XI Cricket Tour to Devon
		09.00-17.00 Pre-Prep Production rehearsal (Prep School)
		09.00-17.00 Year 10 & Art Students trip to the Henry Moore Foundation
		09.00-17.00 Junior School Play
		09.00-17.00 U14 Cricket Tour (TBC)
		09.00-17.00 Pre-Prep Production
		09.00-17.00 Junior School Play
		09.00-17.00 CCF Annual Reunion Dinner at the RAF Club, Piccadilly
		09.00-17.00 U15 XI v Staff XI Cricket match
		09.00-17.00 Junior School Play
		09.00-17.00 Summer Term Ends
		09.00-17.00 CCF Army Summer Camp to Wathgill
		09.00-17.00 Junior German Exchange to Offenburg, Germany (Away)
		09.00-17.00 Big Band and concert Band Tour to the Rhineland, Germany
		09.00-17.00 French Alps Cycling Trip

## AUGUST 2010

Thu	19	AS and Advanced GCE results published
Tue	24	GCSE results published
Mon	30	<b>Bank Holiday</b>

## SEPTEMBER 2010

Mon	6	Autumn Term Begins (Main School and Prep School)
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NB. The School Calendar is subject to change.

Please check the fixture card and the website version of the calendar which is regularly updated



# Events

## Tatchell Talks

In February, political campaigner Peter Tatchell addressed the Politics Society on his concerns about the current state of democracy in the UK. Tatchell argued that the current electoral system results in unrepresentative governments that are a far cry from democracy. The lecture was well received by a keen and inquisitive audience.



## Miskin in the City

In January, HABS' Economics Society hosted Paul Miskin, who has worked in the City for over two decades and became the youngest sales MD Citigroup has ever had at the age of 29. Mr Miskin was asked questions about our emergence from recession, the stock market and taxes. He also gave the boys advice on how to get into the City.



## Mind over Matter

February saw HABS' Philosophy Society playing host to Professor Tim Crane of Peterhouse, Cambridge, a leading figure in the philosophy of the mind. In his talk, he laid down the problem of giving an adequate explanation of what the mind is.

The talk was especially interesting given the recent visit from Professor David Papineau, his associate and philosophical rival. Professor Crane was impressed with the questions he received from the audience, consisting of pupils from the Boys' and Girls' schools, as well as Philosophy students from North London Collegiate School.



## Art: The Turner Club

The Turner Club is a special Art group for boys in the Junior School who show exceptional talent for painting and drawing. In March, these budding artists looked at the paintings and prints of Pop artist Andy Warhol and went on to produce their own iconic portraits. Their work was exhibited in the Bourne foyer in the latter part of the term.



## CCF BGI

The CCF's Biennial General Inspection took place in March, with the three sections (Army, Royal Navy and Royal Airforce) competing against each other. The events included an inspection, tug of war, rifle shooting, orienteering, raft building and a First Aid practical leadership course. The Army section was the overall winner.



## Meadows MuftIE Day

February saw conformity thrown out of the window when ties of all shapes, sizes and colours swooped through the school in aid of Meadows MuftIE Day. Notable ties included two wooden ties, large bow ties and even ties made from corn flake packets. The event raised in excess of £150 which will be donated to the Meadows House Charity, Great Ormond Street Hospital.



## CCF Dinner

In late January, over sixty boys and staff attended the annual CCF dinner at the Tower of London in order to thank U6 boys for their outstanding contribution to the Corps. In his address, Major Saddington looked forward to a reunion dinner for the senior boys five years hence at the Army and Navy Club. In response, the senior cadet in each section - Matthew Worby (U6M2) for the Royal Navy, Basil Letts (U6H1) for the Army and Andrew Campbell (U6H1) for the RAF - thanked staff and fellow SNCOs for their help, guidance, leadership and enthusiasm over four years' service to the Corps.





# Trips

## Year 10 in Valencia

In February, fifteen boys, along with Mr Moss and Mr Garvey, travelled to Valencia. The boys stayed with host families and attended the language school, Babylon Idiomas, daily. Highlights included a visit to the impressive City of Arts and Sciences, a city-wide bicycle tour and an opportunity to see the Mestalla Stadium, home to Valencia FC.



## Ski Trip 2010: Alpe d'Huez

During February half-term, 56 boys from Year 9 to the L6 and six teachers embarked on a voyage of intense personal discovery, sincere inner reflection and some high class skiing. The resort of choice was the beautiful Alpe d'Huez with an impressive 249km of piste.

Six days of intense skiing ensued, culminating with Dominic Edwards (L6M2) being crowned 2010 Ski King. Thanks must go to Mr Thackrey, Mr Simm, Mr Marx, Mr Hardman, Mr Keenleyside and the Dathan family for overseeing the week.



## Mountaineering Club in the Brecons

January saw the HABS Mountaineering Club setting off for South Wales. In spite of earlier snow and forecasted heavy rain, the boys set off, undeterred, to the highest peaks in the Brecons. Progress was slow and exhausting but the boys eventually reached the summit of Fan y Big (719 m). The next day offered stunning views of the snow-topped mountains and the boys took in Tor y Foel (515m). They were delightful company and earned compliments from the other guests in the Youth Hostel.

# Drama and Music

## The Tempest

Shipwrecks and conspiracies; strange creatures and apparitions; revenge, rage and first love... there is indeed a tempest brewing on Prospero's magic island. Come and be enchanted by this year's Middle School Production, *The Tempest* - Shakespeare's late, great masterpiece. Performances run from Monday 10th to Wednesday 12th May: ticket booking forms will be sent to boys at the start of next term.



## Music

The Music Department has been flourishing this term. The Orchestral Concert afforded the opportunity for small string ensembles to demonstrate their ability before Philomusica performed a rousing arrangement of the music from *Gladiator*. The Symphony Orchestra's achievements include a fantastic performance of Ives' *Variations on America* and a stylish accompaniment for Aaron Taylor's (U6J2) performance of Mozart's Flute Concerto. The Keyboard concert threw the spotlight onto some of our talented individuals and the Wind Bands Concert entertained a packed out Bourne Hall with vibrant and energetic ensemble work. Particular congratulations go to Matthew Naughton (U6R2) who received the Sheila Watson Prize for String Playing, Brett Bernstein (U6R1) and Andrew Campbell (U6H1) who share the Wesley Woodage Brass Prize, and Aaron Taylor who received the Woodwind Prize.





# Sport

## Football

The 1st XI began promisingly with a 2-0 win over St Columba's College, but HABS failed to qualify for the quarter finals of the LB Cup. The 2nd XI is starting to prove a useful feeder club for the 1st XI. The first match played by the 3rd XI resulted in a disappointing 4-0 defeat at Radley but it was followed by a comfortable 3-0 victory over Merchant Taylors'. The U16A team had a convincing 4-0 win over St Albans. Radley proved tougher opposition and HABS went down 2-1 in an excellent match. The U16B team has had a drastically shortened season so far, with just one game having been played.

## Cricket

The various squads have all been practising hard in the newly refurbished Indoor Nets, thanks to the generosity of the Kansagra family, and the outlook is promising. In addition to the well established 1st XI and U13 Devon Tours, we are hoping to organise a short tour for the U14s. The penultimate week of the summer term is Cricket Week, during which several important games will be played at all age levels. Your support at these games and throughout the season will, of course, be most welcome.



## Rugby 7s

The season started with the Fraser Bird tournament: Elstree finished third behind Monmouth and Adams. All three of our teams played well but as fatigue set in, our challenge faltered against a very durable Adams school. The U13 and U18 squads will contest the Hertfordshire 7s before finishing the season at Rosslyn Park. The U13s also compete at the Berkhamsted 7s. The U16 and U14 squads will appear at the South of England competition at QE Barnet before the U16s finish at Rosslyn Park.



## Golf

HABS' Golfers have had a very successful season to date. The squad of William Aldred (9S2), Aidan Kovenklioglu (8J), Nick Mason (11J1), Harry Kovenklioglu (11J2), Ben Cherkas (L6R2), Philip Bagshaw (U6C1) and Shan Ahluwalia (U6J2) reached the Eastern Region semi-final of the HMC Foursomes, with victories over Merchant Taylors' and Mill Hill, before a narrow 2-1 defeat at the hands of Bedford in early March. Elsewhere, a three man singles team has entered the ISGA matchplay tournament, and at the time of writing we look forward to a regional final against Felsted School. Earlier rounds saw the team succeed against Mill Hill, Brentwood and St Columba's College.



## Golf Tour

The 2010 Golf Tour visited the world famous La Manga resort in Spain in February, where sixteen boys and three members of staff took on the North, West and South courses. Ben Cherkas (L6R2) took an early lead in the tournament with a superb 38 points over the North course, closely followed by Yash Patel (9S2) and 2008 champion Vivek Patni (11S2). Day Two saw Yash stamp his authority on the contest, with an astounding 41 points over the tight West course. Debutant Joel Citron (7C) won shot of the day with a chip-in for a par on the par 5 15th hole. The final round over the Championship South course saw Yash holding his nerve, taking the honours with 37 points to secure the tour title for 2010.



## HABS Cross Country Team hits top form

The season started well with the senior team winning the overall District title; the team went on to take the lead with a strong showing in our showpiece relay event, the Goater Cup, in January. Shortly afterwards, the U13 team were victorious at the IAPS Prep School Area Championships, led home by Jonny Daitz (8R).

The school's own season-long competition for the Ultimate Loop has already seen three school records smashed by Tommy Almond (7M), Elliot Reidy (8C) and David Fernie (11R2) but the pinnacle has to be the new overall school record set by Max Jenkins (L6M2) who took six seconds off the old school record to set the new overall best of 9:22 for the 2800 cross country kilometres. Max continued his great form by taking ninth place in the Hertfordshire County Championships - a performance which sees him shortlisted to represent the county nationally.



## Hockey

The 1st XI started the season against St Albans but, despite some courageous defending, they failed to find the net and the opposition scored a controversial late goal. Next came a strong Challoners' side. Against Stowe, the boys conceded a sloppy goal after rather lax defending. Having seen the 1st XI lose to St Albans the 2nd XI were keen to get their season off to a flying start. However, they lost out to a team of greater physical prowess, despite a goal from Salil Patel (L6R2). Against Stowe, the players raced into an early lead with a slick short corner routine from midfielder Ben Jacobs (U6H1); Salil Patel later cemented the victory.



## Swimming

This season has seen terrific performances, ranging from the Intermediates storming their way to the top of the podium to Ishwar Mahesh's (L6S1) unparalleled 100m individual medley swim. The Junior team glided into third place, missing the silver by just two points, and the Seniors achieved a solid fourth place out of nine competing teams. The season witnessed outstanding swims from Harry Jukes (8R), JJ Dixon (10C1), Hugo Cliff (10R1), Jared Baker (10C1), Edward Allchorne (11S2) and Sachin Hoyle (L6J2). Help and support from Mr Stiff and captain Peter Kempl (L6M2) has enabled us to have a very successful season.

## Water Polo

The Water Polo club have performed strongly this term. The U19s and U15s have qualified for the schools' league final. The U19s scraped through at Harrow with Jeremy Hasson (11M1) winning the game with a fantastic back shot. The U15s have won every game in both qualifying tournaments and are favourites for the title. The U14s have competed strongly and are prepared for the upcoming national tournament and schools league programme. HABS has continued to gain representative honours with Jared Baker (10C1) and Tom Dean (11M1) performing well at Great Britain trials. At the time of writing the club is in a strong position to challenge for further honours.

## Badminton

Sachin Hoyle (L6J1) and Sahil Shah (L6J2) were runners-up in the Harrow Five Schools Badminton Tournament, which bodes well for next year. In addition, Neeloy Banerjee (U6J2) organised the first of what we hope will be a tradition of mixed matches with the Girls' School.