

# St. MARY's and CHARLTON HOUSE End-of-Year newsletter July, 2010



As always, our CHAPEL is the centre of our school life. Whether it brings us together in music (*above is our Summer Festival*) or in prayer (*below are the [Confirmandi](#) from Years 9 and 10*), we are conscience of the protection of MARY, our Patroness.



Former student, [Robert Stewart](#), (*below*) has been accepted by Bishop Hollis, our Bishop, as a student for the priesthood. Seven more years of study now await him.



Congratulations to [Shauna Solomon](#) and [Benjamin Vandervelde](#) our new Head and Deputy Students; [Jessica Ross](#) (*Pastoral*); [Morgan Lofty](#) (*Curriculum*); [Laura Ingram](#) (*Sports*); [Alice Shiner](#) (*Events*)

The end of term always proves to be busy, with sometimes little chance to take breath and reflect upon what has passed. Certainly the school blog has become a significant record of College life and an important form of communication with parents (remember the snow!) and I look back on this to see that we have a thriving community. The College can take pride in the quality of its academic and sporting achievements but also recognise the enrichment provided through Drama, Music and Fund Raising. As I completed the last few blog items of the year I could not help but smile to see that the Induction Day for our new intake was set so closely to the Prom for our year 11. As we say good-bye to one group of students we welcome another.

Shauna Soloman becomes our new Head student, with Ben Vandervelde the new Deputy Head. I look forward to working with both of them next year and also recognise our new Heads of Sport, Curriculum, Events and Pastoral (Alice Shiner, Lofty Morgan, Laura Ingram and Jessica Ross respectively). This core team will help to engage and support both our existing and new members of the community in different aspects of College life.

The GCSE results for year 10 and 11 will be released on Tuesday the 24<sup>th</sup> August and students are reminded that these should be collected in person or have placed a request that they be posted by providing a stamped and addressed envelope.

Parents must make sure that uniform and equipment issues are addressed during the holiday and I am sure that you have already noted on your calendars the return date of the 7<sup>th</sup> September for students to return to College. I wish you a very pleasant and relaxing break and look forward to seeing you all in September. [Craig Lickley](#)

This sixth editorial brings us to the end of another academic year and what a year it has been, so full of events and achievements. Great efforts have given opportunity to balancing the inner development with the academic, social and sporting facets of school living. Celebrating religious feasts, following the liturgical year, are very much part of this inner growth and the development of spiritual values. Offering a value system for life is at the core of what we do. We are grateful to Fr. Michael, our Chaplain, who knits together the understanding of Gospel values, relating these to living out this year and giving the framework for living the future.

This last half term has been about outcomes – in sport, internal activities and GCSE achievement. It is the time to pass through new thresholds whether at age 5, 11 or 16. New beginnings open up at these ages and we pride ourselves on preparing young people for making these important transitions. The strong cooperation between the agents for change, students, parents and teachers, has been a hallmark of the year. I would like to thank all who have contributed to this success.

You have all been very generous responding to several initiatives to support the Brothers' schools in [Haiti](#) following the earthquake they experienced. A general appeal for donations, the social evening with auction, the grand raffle, Bro James' sponsored cycle to Berlin all contributed to a grand total of £6,500, a truly magnificent effort. A big thank you to all who have supported this appeal.

[Mr Ian Richardson](#) has been a stalwart in this development of young people. He has spent his entire teaching career at St Mary's and he has influenced so many in his 37 years with us, as a teacher of history, as a keen sports practitioner, as one responsible for P.E. and Games to all. His contribution has been immense such that he has attracted the respect and affection of school leavers every year. Our sincere thanks to Mr Richardson for such a generous career with us. We wish Ian and Joan many years of active and enjoyable retirement. [Mr D. Cheeseman](#) has been appointed to follow this act.

Our thanks too to [Mr and Mrs Migliari](#) who are both pursuing their teaching careers with new appointments at the same school. [Mrs Barnett](#) is also changing direction and while we thank them for their considerable contribution to St Mary's and Charlton, we also offer our best wishes for their professional contributions in the future. [Mrs Barber](#) will be leaving Charlton for a new appointment and we thank her and wish her well. [Mrs Fisher](#) also completes a year at Charlton and we offer her our best wishes and thanks. We will welcome [Mrs Adam](#) for Modern Languages and [Dr D Jackson](#) for Chemistry while [Brother James](#) will take responsibility for Music as [Mrs Thom](#) returns from maternity leave.

In September [Mr C Lickley](#) becomes head teacher at St Mary's and [Mrs D. Owen](#) becomes head teacher at Charlton House. In this new direction for both the College and Charlton they both have the full support of the Brothers as trustees and the community of Brothers will remain as close support for the future. To all I wish a very enjoyable summer holiday period and God's blessings. [Brother Francis](#)

The photo (*right*) is also a landmark. On Wed. 2nd. May, 1990, David Ingram - the youngest in our school - dug the first sod for the new Charlton. His youngest brother, John, leaves for SMC thus meaning that no member of the family is now at CH.



[Joe](#), our faithful gardener, celebrated his 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday late June. Yes: he elected to work on the day as he has been doing for over 40 years. Our prayers of gratitude both for the past and for the future, Joe.

