



# NEWSLETTER

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**Attachments:**  
**Term dates 06/07**  
**Healthy Eating Policy**  
**100 Club**

**Year 11 Results Day is Thursday 24 August, NOT 25th as stated in the recent letter to parents!**  
**Apologies for this error.**  
**Year 10 results also available on this day**

We said farewell recently to our Year 11 students who have left us to revise hard for their examinations. We have also wished our Year 13 students well as they enter their final school days. It has been a pleasure (most of the time!) to have had two such strong year groups in the school. In particular, I have valued the contributions of our Prefect team, led by Ben Needham as Head Boy and assisted by: Andrew Almond, Daniel Ashmore, Michael Morris, Carl Shirley, Ben Purvey. Peter Waplington has also been a valuable ambassador for the school as Head Boy – Sport.

We are privileged to have such high numbers of students at Carre's who show commitment to our work ethic. An ex-headteacher from a grammar school in the North-West recently visited the school, observing some teaching and spoke to a number of students and parents. He was very impressed with the distinctness of the approach that is adopted by so many students. However, for the minority, here is fair warning from me; success only comes

with dedication over time. For the students who do take their studying seriously, there is the opportunity to study at the best universities, have access to courses that they could only have aspired to in the past and the possibility of securing the better employment opportunities. For others, who seem intent on coasting, disappointment looms as friends open their results with glee, to be faced with disappointment. For those who ignore our pleas, the consequence can be profound. As parents, it is often difficult to keep sons motivated and focused, but the efforts are well rewarded come results day. Keep it up, please!

On the staffing front, it has been a pleasure to welcome back Yvonne Green to the school. Some will remember her as a member of the History team here. She has metamorphosed, through The Priory LSST (Lincoln) and Boston High School, to become Deputy Headteacher back at Carre's. Her main responsibilities are connected to further improving our teaching to maximise learning, but she obviously has other oversights and joins in the maintenance to keep the

highest standards at Carre's.

Please note that a policy on Healthy Eating forms part of the Newsletter. Jane Thatcher, our Catering Manager was recently featured on local radio as an example of what other schools should aspire to in their provision of healthy meals. We await a report from the Local Authority with interest and will pass on their findings to you. I know that for some parents and students there is a sense that our food prices have increased over recent years. I do not deny that this has happened, but would genuinely welcome any parent who would wish to sample what is available for students to join us for lunch. Feel free to contact us if you would like more details. We are already ahead of other providers in the range of meals available on a daily basis.

As ever, I would welcome your feedback on any issues at school. Additional information is always available on the school website at [www.carres.lincs.sch.uk](http://www.carres.lincs.sch.uk). Feel free to contact me directly at [mike.reading@carres.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:mike.reading@carres.lincs.sch.uk).

### CONGRATULATIONS LESLEY & DAVE

I am sure you would like to join us in wishing Lesley Andrews, PA to Mr Reading, all the very best for her wedding to Dave Batten on Friday 26 May. The wedding will be held at Barnsdale Lodge, Rutland Waters at 4.30 pm. (We are of course allowing Lesley to take the day off work on Friday!)



# Hello from our New Deputy Head!

Let me start by saying what a great pleasure and privilege it is to return to Carre's Grammar School as Deputy Head after an absence of nearly four years. I always hoped that, if the opportunity presented itself, I would return to the school because there is so much talent here, among the boys and the staff. To be part of the school's move to be the best in the county (for starters and who knows where after that) is what makes it a privilege.

It has been fascinating to see the changes that Carre's has undergone, as so many schools have, over the last decade or so. However, I feel that my association with Carre's is so much more personal because it is my son's old school and I have watched as a parent as well as a teacher. Having taught here before, I recognise almost all of the Year 11, 12 and 13 students and am fascinated by the changes in them. Academically, the changes are enormous; physically, they just seem to have grown half a metre!!

My task now is to support the school as it strives to help its students become well qualified, well rounded, professional young men of the 21st century. I also look forward to meeting new parents and renewing old friendships here at school.

**Yvonne Green**

## Schools' Challenge - 2006 - by Paul Haw 7C

The Schools' Challenge is a general knowledge quiz, which is held nationwide. The Carre's team is - **Max Bucknell 7C, Paul Haw 7C, Alistair Huton 7C and Tom Watson 8W**. Our mentor is Ms Cain.

The first rounds were held at St George's, where we beat Kesteven and Sleaford Girls' High School, who nearly beat us, and then Horncastle. Both were very close matches.

In the next round we played Skegness at Carre's and won again by more than 100 points. We went

on to play Gainsborough at Queen Elizabeth High School. Ms Cain hired us a people carrier to take us there, but obviously wasn't suited to it as she stalled it seven or eight times, but she usually drives an automatic and it was a manual gearbox. We were late arriving at Gainsborough so Ms Cain persuaded some road workers to let her take a shortcut through some roadworks, instead of using the diversion route!

Despite this we still went on to beat Gainsborough and became one of the best teams in the county! We are waiting for our

trophy to be delivered for winning the regional heats.

Our next match is against Stamford School in the next few weeks, so wish us luck!

Thank you to Ms Cain for organising the Schools' Challenge Teams and for practising with us every week.

**By Paul Haw - 7C**

**Stop Press - next round will be held at Carre's on 14 June v Stamford School - 4 30pm**



# Key Stage Updates



## Surviving Teenagers

Mrs Brooks and Mr Wilson will be hosting an evening for parents on  
**Wed 5 July and Tues 11 July - 7 30 - 9 00pm**

This is an informal evening where we will all have the chance to share our experiences of parenting teenagers and hopefully take away some strategies for building positive relationships with our sons. Light refreshments will be served. Places are limited so please book your place by emailing me at school:

**Rosemary.Brooks@carres.lincs.sch.uk**

Or contact the School Office

We look forward to seeing you there



## Year 9 Co-operative Fairtrade Contest

As part of their Citizenship programme all students in Yr9 prepared an entry for this competition sponsored by the Lincolnshire Co-op. Students competed in groups of four or five. The internal heats took place on Tuesday 23 May before a panel of distinguished judges – Mr Scholefield, Mrs Brooks, Mrs Hoyer and Mrs Jackson, (two of our School Governors).

We were impressed with the evidence of hard work and it has proved a very useful assessment in Citizenship skills and knowledge. The winners of this local heat will now go on to represent the school at the final at the University of Lincoln on Friday 9 June.

The results were as follows:

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| 1st | 9Z Team 4 – James Hoyes, Tom Monson, Tom Pearce, Sean Gale   |
| 2nd | 9X Team 1 – James Clark, Mathew Marshall, Adam Smith, Josh Wilding ,<br>Charles Smith  |
| 3rd | 9W Team 3 – Ryan Frost, Oliver Guilliatt, Alex Lewin, Josh Ireland<br>9W Team 5 – Jonathon Senior, Gresham Smith, Jamie Siddons, Harry Stubbs,<br>Jack Titterton |

Special mentions goes to 9Y team 3 for the very impressive platercine animation. Watch out Nick Park, Liam O'Neill is heading your way!

Well done to all entrants.

(Disappointed though that nobody thought to offer us a sample of that delicious chocolate!)

## Behaviour for Learning

We have been working on developing a refined discipline system that we are looking to launch in September. We are excited about this new development and believe that it will enable teachers to direct all of their energies into teaching and learning. Parents will have the opportunity to attend a meeting next term when the new system will be outlined and explained. Details of this meeting will follow after the holiday.

Alongside this we are also looking at reviewing our rewards system. We expect to involve the Student Council in future discussions about the rewards triggered by acquiring the required number of Commendations or Performance Awards.

# History Scene

On Wednesday 22 March the whole of Year 9 went on a visit to Kesteven and Sleaford Girls' High School for a performance of 'Doomed Youth'. The performance was acted out in front of a capacity crowd of all the Year 9s from both schools. The performance was based on boy soldiers going to war during World War 1 and the pressure they were put under by friends and family.

Although the legal age to join the army was 19, boys of 15, 16 and 17 were expected to join as other boy soldiers did so. The performance showed this very well as the characters acted out how young women thought that all boys should go to war and come back as heroes. Boys who had already joined expected their mates to join with them. The play showed this as two school friends were divided by their beliefs.

The play also showed that the war was not what people expected. Soldiers found it distressing and disturbing as they went to the front line and saw people being blown to bits, and realising that war wasn't glory and be home by Christmas.

It showed the roles of women during the war and that they were restricted to what they would do, which some women didn't approve of, for example women weren't allowed to fly in the RAF.

Overall, the play was very good and entertaining and got the issues of the war across extremely well.

**By Charles Smith 9X and Morgan Sherlock 9X**



## Year 12 History

"A good workhouse is an empty workhouse", the philosophy of Southwell Workhouse did not really apply today as it was reversed with the arrival of the Carre's Grammar School AS History Group. For the first time in a long while the Workhouse had over 20 people present in it, but unlike its past occupants we were not doing tedious tasks. So with the new philosophy being "A good workhouse is a full workhouse", we were certainly in for a busy day, where we would get hands-on experience in the topic of the Poor Law.

Our day started with a short coach journey to the Workhouse in Southwell, where we were led into the main building by three guides. We were then given a short introduction which included the history of the Workhouse and details of the Poor Law. This was a very beneficial activity as it

reinforced what we had already learned in class, as well as going into more detail about the conditions in the Workhouse. With this information in mind, we embarked on our tour of the Workhouse. It was like going back in time, as everything had been restored to how it was back then, and to add to the realism, the National Trust had left the able-bodied men's dormitory exactly as it was found when the acquired the Workhouse.

After our tour, we broke for lunch and went into the town of Southwell to try and find something hot to eat after being in the Workhouse, which was freezing in order to "add to the realism", they did not have any heating! Unfortunately, we got delayed as we were locked in the car park, but eventually we managed to get to the town centre and spent about half an hour there.

Upon our arrival back at the Workhouse, we were again led into the main building where we participated in a group activity. This activity involved each group reading through different sources and deciding on questions based on these to ask the Workhouse Master and a pauper. When all the groups were ready, we gathered together and began the activity. Two of the guides had dressed up as the two characters and through their answers portrayed both the personalities of the men and historical information. After this, it was time for us to go, bringing to an end a very productive and beneficial day, which will hopefully help us in our future study of the Poor Law.

**By Chris Heathcote and Tom Simpson - L63**

(Photos - see page 2)

# Intermediate Maths Challenge Results 2006

## GOLD CERTIFICATES

### Year 11

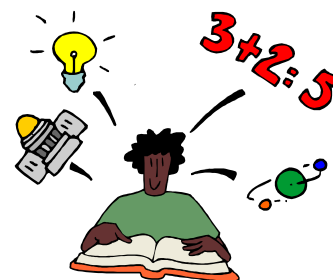
Edward Cree, Matthew Evans, Andrew Bell

### Year 10

Callum McConchie, Adam Lee, Richard Rosa

### Year 9

Chris Machin, Oliver Guilliatt



## SILVER CERTIFICATES

### Year 11

Henry Waind, Ben Burrows, Brendan Hodson, Joe Kendall, Josh Bryan, Liam Earth

### Year 10

Jamie Graves, Edward Cunningham, Michael Paffett, Daniel Mansfield

### Year 9

Stephen Carey, James Hoyes

## BRONZE CERTIFICATES

### Year 11

Robin McConnell, Daniel Leonard, Lloyd Ellis, Matthew Packwood, Chris Faulder, Chris Hues, Joel Barlow, Joe Myers

### Year 10

Alex Baker, Niall Grady, Ross Mawson, Richard Wells, Nathan Thompson, William Allen, Finnbar Neylon, Alistair Godbolt, James Wright, Luke Endley, Callum Bircumshaw

### Year 9

Charles Smith, Samuel Gartside, Jonathan Richards, George Grant, Harley Stevenson-Cocks, Matthew Taylor, Luke Thatcher, Jack Cole, Blake Harding

**Best in School - Edward Cree**

# Challenge Plus Day - Gifted and Talented

On 28 March 28 Year 8 students from Carre's were invited to attend the Challenge Plus Day for Gifted and Talented students from seven local schools, which was to be held at Kesteven & Sleaford Girls' High School. The day was run by Scott Hurd, one of the leading lights in Gifted and Talented provision nationally. The day involved leadership activities, team work, planning, presentations and the building of bridges out of paper and straws.

Special congratulations from Mr Wilkinson were given to Conor Shanahan-Kluth who produced an outstanding presentation on the merits of the Guinness can that refills itself automatically!!

All the students enjoyed the day and learned a huge amount about how business leaders and entrepreneurs conduct their work. The school hopes that this will continue in the future and that students will feel more confident about expressing their talents in whatever field they are in. (photos below)

(Miss Whitton has compiled a great display depicting the day - currently on the stairway leading up to the staff room, and well worth a look).



## Work Experience 2006

Year 11 students should now be contacting their employer and introducing themselves. Please can all students ensure they have returned the blue part of the form to school as soon as possible, that the employer retains their part and the final piece needs to be passed to parents. Mr Scholefield will hold a briefing for Work Experience after one of the main exams, closer to the time so that information remains fresh. This date will be notified in due course to students.

## Skiing 2007

Thank you for all the deposits which have now been paid. Payments may now be made at any time in order to spread the cost of the trip. The final balance must be paid by **23 November 2006**. Please ensure that when making a payment you send in your payment card so it can be recorded. We will hold a parent and student information evening in late October.



### REMINDER

Students **MUST** wear school uniform when accompanying parents to Parents' Consultations



# Sports Round-Up

**Cricket** - the Year 10 cricket team have kick-started their year with a fine win over Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, Horncastle in the first round of the Linden Shield. Superb batting by Thompson (64 not out) and Braithwaite (52) set a high total for QEGS to chase, but excellent bowling (Guilliatt 3-5) secured the win. They will play St George's in the next round.



**Athletics** - In the District Athletics recently Oliver Guilliatt came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 100m and 1<sup>st</sup> in the 200m. Luke Tupholme 2<sup>nd</sup> in discus; Rob Titmus came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 400m intermediate boys and James Wathen got 2<sup>nd</sup> in the junior boys' javelin. All these boys will now go on to represent South Kesteven at Grantham in the County Championships.

The PE Department are currently holding an Athletics Club on a Wednesday Evening from 4 to 5pm. All are welcome.



**Tennis** - Tennis club is on Thursday lunchtimes for beginners and Friday for games players.

**Sleaford Standard Awards** - the **Year 8 rugby team** won the District Cup in April and have also recently been named as Sleaford Standard Team of the Year. They were presented with their trophy last night by the Chairman of North Kesteven District Council at a presentation evening held at the Solo Club. This award is open to nominations from all age groups and is well regarded throughout the local area. The **U18 soccer squad** were also commended. The best young male sportsman award was given to Joe Dunderdale for his athletics and cross country. The evening was very successful and shows the 'progression and effect the sports college is having in and around the town.' (John Lavery editor).

## Spotlight on James Offer - newest member of the PE Department

We have a new addition to our PE staff - James Offer (pictured right).

Originating from Bedford, James studied his degree at De Montfort University Bedford for four years and has just finished. He came to Carre's during his third year for eight weeks' school experience and tells us that he really enjoyed his time here. In fact, he enjoyed it so much that he jumped at the chance of joining the school when a position became available, despite having to move from Bedfordshire!



James played rugby for Bedford and Luton on a semi-professional terms in the position of fly-half. His other favourite sports are skiing, snowboarding, tennis, golf, football and basketball and he loves watching American sports

James' favourite holiday destination so far is USA and he most wants to go to South Africa and New Zealand on holiday and to play some rugby.

Other favourites are:

Favourite subject – Sport Psychology

Favourite band – Stereophonics

Favourite film – Good Will Hunting

Favourite TV programme – The Sopranos

Favourite food – steak and mash or Chinese!

Best job other than working at Carre's – golf caddy in America.

Pet hates- people who drop litter and who intimidate others, oh and Leicester Tigers (had to say it lads)!!!

We welcome James to Carre's and hope his time here is a very happy one!

# Outstanding Student Achievements

On Sunday 19 March **Tom Bond - 8W** (picture right) took part in his first race of the rowing season. He competed in the East Midlands Junior Head 2km, held on the river Trent, between Farndon and Newark, organised by the Newark Rowing club. Tom was Stroke in the Newark J14 coxed quad. The boat came second in their class with a time of 10.36 minutes. Well done Tom!

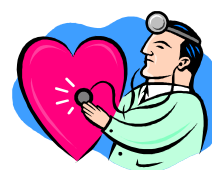


**Robert McDonald - 11W** (pictured left - on the right) has had a busy March. On the 19th he competed in the British Indoor Speed Skating Championships at Spalding and took the Silver medal in his individual race and the Gold medal for the junior two-man relay race. He also entered the adult relay in a scratch team, which came third overall, but there were not allowed to receive the bronze medals as Robert was officially too young to compete!

The following week, Robert was nominated for an award - Junior Sportsman of the Year by our local paper (The Bourne Local) and was then lucky enough to be chosen as the Junior Sportsman of 2005 at the awards ceremony on 29 March.

Robert's next target is the British Outdoor Championships in August. We look forward to hearing how he gets on. Congratulations Robert for all your achievements so far!

## Get Fit for Summer with the Wellness System



Carre's Grammar School Fitness Suite is providing a Wellness Check which will consist of a blood pressure and heart rate check. The Wellness Check will also include Body Mass Index and Body Fat Percentage.

Fitness Manager, Nigel Stephenson, who delivers Cardiac Rehabilitation and Exercise Referral programmes in Sleaford said "most people are simply not aware that they may have raised blood pressure, so we always check this before any new member embarks on a new fitness regime".

Carre's Grammar School Fitness Suite consists of 20 state of the art Technogym machines that are ideal for weight loss, muscle toning and general fitness. All of the machines are supported by the Wellness system, a computer package that monitors and records progress.

The Fitness Suite offers various exercise sessions for people who have had heart attacks, those who have been referred by their GPs and nurses, as well as the local community. The Fitness Suite offers a range of cardiovascular and resistance machines in a friendly and non-intimidating environment.

Nigel Stephenson said, "we are more than happy to offer anyone a free trial, even those who may not have used a gym before". To arrange a Wellness Check and Free Trial please phone Nigel on 01529 308741 or 07922 162603. Annual membership costs just £122.50.



# “Johnny and The Dead”

by Mel Woolgar



An avid fan of the Carre's school play, I eagerly awaited the arrival of Friday 24 March - my night to go and see “Johnny and the Dead” (by Terry Pratchett - adapted for the stage by Stephen Briggs).

Unlike the last school performance of “Camelot” when I had ‘heard’ the rehearsals for months, I knew nothing about this play (other than a brief glimpse of Chris Rick in action when I delivered a message to Mr Harding).

The play began with young Johnny Maxwell (Rorie O’Leary) in the local graveyard with his three buddies - Wobbler (Jonathan Arthur), Yo-Less (Luke Cozens) and Bigmac (James Lloyd).

It soon becomes apparent that Johnny is the only boy who is able to see Alderman Thomas Bowler (aka the talented Chris Rick), the first of “the dead” to make an appearance. Chris is always a joy to watch and I was looking forward to seeing his portrayal of the Alderman (I was not disappointed).

Johnny’s pals at first tease him and think he has lost the plot, but he does finally manage to convince them and a hilarious conversation ensues about what to call the dead. It seems they are not “ghosts” at all (in fact this term apparently offends them), so the boys come up with many innovative, more politically correct terms, including “Post Senior Citizens”!

One by one more of the dead make an appearance. The second being William Stickers, played by Matthew May. (William apparently would have been Karl Marx, had Karl Marx not got there first!). Poor Matthew was almost unrecognisable under a massive black beard, which must have been extremely hot and tickly. (I was pleased to see he had found his suit, which at 3 45 pm that day had gone missing!)

The exuberant Antonio Vincenti appeared next, skilfully played by William Wade, whose Italian accent

was a joy (William was French in “Camelot” - perhaps he is hoping for a German part next). Matthew Evans played the sensible Addison Vincent Fletcher and Edward Reeves a very believable Solomon Einstein (a relative of Albert we were led to believe). Hilary Shepherd from the High School played Sylvia Liberty - the only female “dead”.

One of my personal favourite characters was Stanley “Wrong Way” Roundaway, a footballer who, when he got excited, always went the wrong way up the football pitch! Tom Pengelly really brought the character to life (ha ha) and we had many laughs at him having to be retrieved from going the wrong way.

Last of the dead to make an appearance was Eric Grimm, a very sad character, who we later learned had committed suicide. Eric’s solitary character was sympathetically played by Gerry Flynn.

Johnny and his pals made it their mission to try and save the graveyard from the United Amalgamated Consolidated Holdings. Together, and with the aid of other characters in the play, they formed the Blackbury Volunteers.

The four friends each played their characters with a skill and ease belying their young years. Jonathan Arthur, as the very funny Wobbler, obviously has quite a talent for humour. Luke Cozens, who played Yo-Less, can now add acting to his list of talents, which already includes playing musical instruments and singing (I’ve seen him in action before). I really warmed to Yo-Less who always seemed to want to do his homework. (I loved the bit at the end where he was carried off stage by his two friends for this reason). James Lloyd portrayed Bigmac (so called because he was bigger than the rest) with humour and charisma. He had a great line towards the end of the

play when the boys were trying to describe a Ouija Board. “What about that thing with letters and glasses”, to which Bigmac replied “A Postman?”

However, the star of the night, without a doubt, was young Rorie O’Leary as the lead character Johnny. Rorie played the engaging and compassionate Johnny with warmth, charm and humour. I am sure that anyone who saw the play would agree that Rorie has a great future ahead of him “treading the boards” should he choose to do so. The amount of lines he had to learn was nothing short of phenomenal!

All of the characters, too numerous to mention individually, put their hearts and souls into their performances. I have to congratulate Peter Harding on his casting, as each of the students fitted their roles so well. I would also like to give a special mention to young Katie Wright from the High School (Johnny’s grandma), who insisted on taking part in all three performances, despite a family bereavement on the Wednesday. A very courageous young lady.

The play, of course, ended well with the Blackbury Volunteers securing the future of the graveyard. Though by this point there was only poor Eric Grimm left - the rest of “the dead” having gone off on their travels!

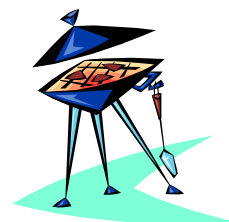
I thoroughly enjoyed the performance in which students from all years took part - what a talented bunch they are.

I must of course mention how smoothly the performance ran, from the sound and lights (Manager Russell Wright), to the set building, set changes and costumes. Everyone played their part in putting together a first class performance. Well done everyone - I look forward to the next venture!

# Parents', Teachers' & Friends' Association

## ***5-A-Side Football Tournament and BBQ.***

A date has been set for **Sunday 2 July 2006**. Football Tournament to commence at 10am until 1pm and the BBQ from 12 noon until 2pm. This year we will operate a 'pay as you go' system instead of the previous ticket system. Food items and beverages will include salads, burgers, sausages, bread rolls, soft drinks and a selection of puddings. There will also be a licensed bar for parents and friends!



Furthermore, a selection of traditional games will be organised for all the family and friends.

**Donations of prizes for the football tournament to be sent to the school office and are very welcome, along with any offers of help.**

## ***Teacher Project Requests***

The PTFA has provided these extras following teacher requests:- 3 sets of walkie-talkies; 3 sets of speakers for the English Department; speakers and 2 or 3 DVDs for Modern Languages; negative scanner for Art and Design; 2 x table tennis tables; as well as donating towards a science projector.

## **Suggested Forthcoming Event .....**

***Autumn Term Event Wine & Wisdom Quiz Night, Friday 13 October 2006***



A Wine and Wisdom Quiz Night was suggested with a licensed bar and nibbles.

Any budding Quiz Masters out there????

Please come along to the following if you can:-

➔ **PTFA AGM** is scheduled for Wednesday 4 October 2006 at 7.00 pm at the school

Ann Broadbent would love to hear from you on 01400 273363 or via email: [ann@broadbent-maths.co.uk](mailto:ann@broadbent-maths.co.uk) if you're available to help with this good will service to the school.

**Thank you to everybody in advance for your help and support**

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### Dates for Your Diary

**26 May** - End of Term

**5 June** - First Day of Term

**9 June** - AS Exams end

**9 June** - Yr 7 exam results

**9 June** - Yr 12 study leave ends

**12 June** - Yr 12 return to school

**16 June** - Battlefields Trip  
departs - 6 30am

**19 June** - Battlefield Trip  
returns - 8pm

**23 June** - GCSE & A2 exams end

**23 June** - Yr 8 reports issued

**29 June** - Bassingbourn visit

## Messages from the Office

- **Signing in when late.** It is apparent that many boys are not signing in when they are late. This then results in them having a missing mark in the register. Please could all boys who are late sign in the "Late Book" in the Foyer, giving a valid reason as to why they are late.

- **Absence from School.** In order to clarify the situation regarding reporting of absences, I quote the relevant paragraph from page 13 of the School Prospectus.

*"Parents are asked to request absence in writing through the Form Tutor at least three days beforehand. Dental appointments should be made out of school hours if possible. As any period of absence interferes with students' learning, parents are not expected to take their son on holiday during the normal school term. Absences are not authorised unless exceptional circumstances are offered on the request form available from the School Office."*

*Whenever a student is absent without foreknowledge, eg because of illness, parents should telephone the school office explaining the reason and the student should bring a note to his Form Teacher on his return. If a student is absent for more than three days, parents should inform the school again."*

- **Lost Property.** As mentioned in the last month's Newsletter, lost property is now only being held for a period of one month. However, we do have two pairs of almost brand new football boots in the office. One has the initials of "JM" (or could be "JN") on the label. If you think either of these could belong to you, please come to the office. You will be asked to describe the boots before we hand them over! We also have four very nice watches: a Ben Sherman, a Timex, a Lorus and a Jacques Farel. Again, if any of these items might be yours, please come to the office to describe them.

We also have two sets of keys - one with two keys and one with six keys.

- **Nearly New Uniform.** If you have any good quality uniform items that your son has outgrown, we would be very happy to receive them in the school office (washed please). Many thanks.