



Dear Parents,



Lucas, Sebastian and Maxi point the way to the Epiphany on January 6th as the three kings at the Lower School Nativity on the final day of last term.

A very happy New Year to you all! Grateful thanks for the generosity of your cards, presents and good wishes for the Christmas season. I hope that you have all had an excellent Christmas, and are looking forward to all that 2018 may bring! For the school and the Nicholson family it certainly is shaping up to be a momentous year.

Particular welcomes to our new boys and their families: **Aarav Sharma, Ezekiel Akinosho, Ayaan Patel, Elias Fakorede, James Bennett, Kenzo Rugho, Adam Sheikh and Yaseen Said.**

Highlights from last month:

A December of only eight days was still action packed.



Thierno leads the string ensemble at the Christmas concert

Christmas was anticipated in style firstly with the boys enjoying an excellent Christmas Lunch mostly clad in Christmas Jumpers. Due thanks to catering Manager Mark Palmer and his team! Other lavish spreads were noticeable in the class Christmas parties that were celebrated with characteristic gusto and enhanced by a visit from Father Christmas.

This year our traditional carol service was combined with a concert of Christmas music from both the choir and our string band. The different format seemed to work well – readers Arthur, Thomas, Josh and Jamie read eloquently, Raymond lit the Advent Candles reverently (and carefully!) the boys sang and played beautifully (my favourite is still Hallelujah) and I had the opportunity to put Christmas in its historical context.

The famous Lower School nativity did not disappoint as once again the boys from Kindergarten to Pre-Prep 2 became stars, angels, shepherds, innkeepers, kings and pages or morphed into a variety of animals from sheep to camels. All narrators spoke clearly and confidently, Theodore was an inspirational Gabriel, Kieran a supportive Joseph, Mofi a suitably grumpy Herod; Maxi, Sebastian and

Lucas dignified Wise Men and Brian a superb Mary. Congratulations to Mrs Anthony and all of the Lower School Staff.



The school choir celebrate Christmas with Mrs Thomas at the helm.

Other Notable Events:

- Reception and Kindergarten visited Father Christmas in one of his pre-Christmas hideaways at Willows Farm
- The feast of Edmund Campion was celebrated with Mass with Father Michael Bossy and, later in the week, by a highly successful workshop arranged and organised by Mrs Regueiro
- The school celebrated some extraordinary sports results as three teams scored forty two goals against Chigwell, Forest and St Aubyn's in one week as reported on the school website:
Under 11s: Loyola A 7 Chigwell A 0; Loyola B 20 Chigwell B 0 (Regan 3, Gabriel 2, Josh 5, Christian 5, Arthur 6, Alfie 3, Aaron 1, Lucas 1)
Under 10s (playing Under 11 opposition); Loyola A 1 Forest A 1; Loyola B 1 Chigwell A 3; Loyola B 2 Forest B 1; Loyola B 0 Forest A 3; Loyola A 2 Chigwell A 1 (Artie 2, Josh 3, Frederick 1)
Under 9s Loyola A 7 St Aubyn's A 0; Loyola B 2 St Aubyn's B 0 ((Arty 2, Zareb 3, James 2, Bieant 1, Chase 1)
- The school once again appeared as one of the top one hundred Prep Schools in the *Sunday Times* listings.

- Our reigning National Small Schools Football Championship team were the guests of the English Schools Football Association at Wembley Stadium to watch the Premier League match between Spurs and Stoke City. Fittingly as Spurs was one Ollie Morah's former clubs, Tottenham won 5-1.



- The P.T.A. proudly announce that the sum raised at the Christmas Fete was **£6,413**. Once again congratulations to all concerned.

Early 11+ Results:

Hearty congratulations to one of our Hume Scholars, **Aaron Huang** and to **Thierno Diallo** who have been awarded academic scholarships by Haileybury College, Michael Dong who gained a place at Haileybury and passed a demanding preliminary examination for Harrow School, and to **Aaron, Thierno, Bobby Pope, Arthur Johnson, Gabriel Mehlman, Jensen Puvaneswaran, Ryan Silva and Regan Creasey** who have been awarded places at New Hall. (New Hall scholarships are not announced until the end of January.)

I am sure that you will all join me in wishing Rudiments all the best success as the entrance exam season begins in earnest on January 6th at Chigwell. The early start of exam season explains why we returned after Christmas so early (and broke up so comparatively early.)

January Events

Tuesday January 2nd	Staff Training Day
Wednesday January 3rd	<p>Pupils return. Classes begin at 8.30. No mass or assembly today</p> <p>Maths Scholarship classes recommence after school</p> <p>No Choir after school.</p> <p>Breakfast Club, After School Club and Supervised Homework restarts</p>
Thursday January 4th	<p>Early morning weekly Staff Business Meetings begin. Please note the consequently staff will not normally be available for early morning consultations on Thursdays</p> <p>Elements swimming restarts</p> <p>No rugby training after school</p>
Friday January 5th	<p>No rugby training after school</p> <p>English Scholarship classes recommence after school</p>
Saturday January 6th	<p>Feast of the Epiphany</p> <p>Chigwell 11+ exam</p>
Monday January 8th	<p>After school sports clubs commence (see calendar)</p> <p>Extra curricular French restarts</p>
Tuesday January 9th	<p>String Orchestra restarts 8.00 a.m. Violin classes restart</p> <p>Weekly Staff Curriculum Meetings commence</p>

	3.20 p.m. Schola recommences
Wednesday January 10th	Rudiments led Mass with Fr Selvini 10.30 a.m. Choir recommences after school. PTA meeting 7.45 p.m.
Friday January 12th	Under 11 rugby v. Brentwood 2.00 p.m.
Saturday January 13th	Forest 11+ exam
Monday January 15th	City of London Boys' 11+ Governors' Meeting 7.30 p.m.
Tuesday January 16th	Forest Under 11 Swimming Gala – departure 3.15 p.m; expected return: 6.00 p.m.
Wednesday January 17th	Figures led Mass with Fr Page 10.30 a.m. Mr Nicholson attending the Catholic Independent Schools Conference in Liverpool
Thursday January 18th	Under 9 rugby v. St Edmund's... ... so no after school rugby for Under 11s Mr Nicholson attending the Catholic Independent Schools Conference in Liverpool
Friday January 19th	Mr Nicholson attending the Catholic Independent Schools Conference in Liverpool
Saturday January 20th	Bancroft's 11+ exam
Monday January 22nd	St Edmund's 11+ exam
Tuesday January 23rd	Mr Nicholson inspecting another school (away for remainder of the week)
Monday January 29th	Mr Nicholson returning from Theo's Christening
Wednesday January 24th	Elements led mass with Fr. Bossy 9.30 a.m.

Friday January 26th	Under 9 soccer v. Chigwell
Wednesday 31st	Prep led Mass with Fr Selvini

You may notice that I shall be away from school for much of two consecutive weeks, either attending the annual conference for Catholic School Independent Heads which this year is taking place in Liverpool or inspecting another school. Obviously school will remain in very good hands whilst I am away and my classes will either be covered by colleagues or will be made up once I return.

Birthdays

Happy birthday to **Chase Edgar, Sachin Malhi, Rilee Bennett, Michael Barrett, Leonidas Karras, George Louka, Adam Sheikh, James Morgan, Syed Jasim, Romeo Malik and Zaki Raza.**

In Memoriam:

It is with sadness that I relay the news of the death of Mr Chris Simpkins the father of two former pupils, Ciaran and Ethan during the Christmas holidays. We obviously will keep the entire family in our thoughts and prayers.

With all good wishes to all for both this new term and the New Year,

P.G.M. Nicholson

Lent Term Calendar overleaf ...

Lent Term 2018

Calendar

Date	Event
JANUARY	
Week 1 Cycle A	
Tuesday 2nd	Staff training day Non pupil day
Wednesday 3rd	Breakfast Club recommences 7.15 p.m. Pupils return 8.30 a.m. No choir after school After School Club commences 3.15 p.m. Homework Club commences 3.15 p.m.
Thursday 4th	Elements swimming commences Weekly business staff meetings commence 8.15 a.m.
Saturday 6th	Chigwell 11+ Scholarship and Entrance Examinations Feast of the Epiphany
Week 2 Cycle B	
Monday 8th	Figures and Rudiments French commences Under 9 soccer squad training recommences 3.15 p.m.
Tuesday 9th	String Orchestra commences 8.30 a.m. Schola commences 3.15 p.m. Weekly staff curriculum meetings commence 3.15 p.m. (mission statement)
Wednesday 10th	Rudiments led mass with Fr Selvini 10.45 a.m. Elements and Prep French commences Choir commences 3.15 a.m. P.T.A. Meeting 7.30 p.m.
Thursday 11th	Under 11 rugby training commences Pre-Prep 2 soccer recommences
Friday 12th	Under 11 rugby v Brentwood Under 11 soccer squad training begins
Saturday 13th	Forest 11+ Scholarship and Entrance Examinations
Week 3 Cycle C	
Monday 15th	City of London Boys 11+ Scholarship and Entrance Examinations Mrs Payne attending English as an Additional Language course Governors' Meeting 7.30 p.m.
Tuesday 16th	Interschool Swimming Gala – Forest School 4p.m.

Wednesday 17th	Mr Nicholson attending Catholic Independent Schools Conference in Liverpool Figures led mass with Fr Page 10.30 a.m. Staff Meeting (Mission Statement) 3.15 p.m.
Thursday 18th	Mr Nicholson attending Catholic Independent Schools D.F.E. and I.J.C. Census Day Under 9 and Under 8 rugby v St Edmund's
Friday 19th	Mr Nicholson attending Catholic Independent Schools Conference in Liverpool Elements rugby commences 3.15 p.m.
Saturday 20th	Bancroft's 11+ Scholarship and Entrance Examinations
Week 4 Cycle A	
Monday 22nd	St Edmund's 11+ Scholarship and Entrance Examinations
Tuesday 23rd	Rudiments Badminton and Trampoline training commences 8.45 a.m. Staff meeting 3.15 p.m. School trips and risk assessments Mr Nicholson inspecting as ISI Team Inspector
Wednesday 24th	Mr Nicholson inspecting as ISI Team Inspector Elements led mass with Fr Bossy 9.30 a.m.
Thursday 25 th	Mr Nicholson inspecting as ISI Team Inspector Figures rugby training.
Friday 26th	Under 9 soccer v. Chigwell No Under 11 soccer squad training Prep rugby training recommences
Week 5 Cycle B	
Wednesday 31st	Prep led mass with Fr Selvini 10.45 a.m. Under 10 rugby v Widford Lodge
FEBRUARY	
Thursday 1st	Last Under 11 rugby training of the year
Friday 2 nd	Candlemas Day Under 8 and 9 Rugby v Forest General Subject reports to be filed for Mr Nicholson
Week 6 Cycle C	
Monday 5th	7+ Open Morning 9.30 – 11.00 a.m. Staff Appraisals p.m.
Tuesday 6th	Staff Appraisals
Wednesday 7th	Pre-Prep 2 led mass with Fr George 10.30 a.m.
Thursday 8th	Under 9 rugby v St Aubyn's
Friday 9th	Under 10 and 11 rugby v. St Aubyn's General reports issued (Reception – Figures) Half Term commences 3.15 p.m.
Wednesday 14th	Ash Wednesday
Friday 16th	Issue of local entrance examination and scholarship results
Week 7 Cycle A	
Monday 19th	Half Term ends 8.30 a.m. 7+ entrance exams

Tuesday 20th	Staff Meeting – Understanding Children’s Anxiety 3.30 p.m.
Wednesday 21st	Rudiments led mass with Fr Bossy 9.30 a.m. Governors’ Visitation Day (tbc)
Thursday 22nd	Under 9 rugby v Brentwood
Friday 23rd	Under 11 rugby v St Edmund’s
Week 8 Cycle B	
Tuesday 27th	Staff Meeting – Understanding Children’s Anxiety 3.30 p.m.
Wednesday 28th	Owen House led mass with Fr Waller 10.45 a.m.
MARCH	
Thursday 1st	Coopersale Hall Cross Country
Friday 2nd	Under 10 soccer v. Brentwood from 10.30 a.m. Elements rugby training concludes for the year
Week 9 Cycle C	
Monday 5th	Governors Finance Meeting 7.30 p.m.
Tuesday 6th	Staff Meeting – Formation of Fine Motor Skills and Handwriting
Wednesday 7th	Figures led mass with Frs George and Michael 10.30 a.m. Parents Evening re Ski Trip 6.00 p.m.
Thursday 8th	Kinetic Theatre Company <i>Down to Earth</i> – performances 9.15; 1.30 p.m. Under 9 rugby – St Aubyn’s Tournament 2.30 p.m. Mrs Ferrari Memorial Concert All Saints Woodford - time tbc (but evening)
Friday 9th	Under 10 soccer and chess v Brentwood Prep rugby training concludes P.T.A. Quiz Night
Week 10 Cycle B	
Wednesday 14th	Elements led mass with Fr Waller 10.45 a.m. Tbc Spring Music Concert 7.00 p.m.
Thursday 15th	Under 11 cricket trials 3.20 p.m.
Friday 16th	St Patrick’s Day Under 9 soccer – Forest Tournament
Saturday 17th	Ski trip departs
Week 11 Cycle C	
Monday 19th	St Joseph’s Day Trustee Meeting 7.30 p.m.
Wednesday 21st	Prep led mass with Fr Page 10.30 a.m. Young Shakespeare Company performing to Upper School
Saturday 24th	Ski trip returns
Week 12 Cycle A	
Monday 26th	Interhouse Soccer from 1.00 p.m.
Tuesday 27th	Staff Meeting – to update data inputs 3.15 p.m.
Wednesday 28th	Dramatisation of the Passion of Christ 10.30 a.m. Rudiments General Subject Reports issued Term ends 3.15 p.m.

APRIL	
Wednesday 18th	Pupils return for Whitsun Term 8.30 a.m.

