

Alleyn's School

Newsletter Lent Term 2007



Another eureka moment!

This term has seen an expansion of the Junior School Science Club to include 12 Year 3 pupils from the Dulwich Hamlet Junior School as well as the 18 Alleyn's Junior School pupils.

Working towards the British Association for the Advancement of Science Young Investigators Award, pupils have carried out experiments, over a period of 10 weeks, ranging from determining which end of an earthworm is most sensitive, to how salt affects the density of water. The experiments are designed to be interesting, fun and challenging, and aim to supplement their curriculum as well as encouraging scientific thinking and analytical skills.

The Science Club runs on Thursday afternoons from 3.45 to 4.45pm in the Senior School Biology Labs and is partly run by a number of Year 12 and 13 pupils. As well as contributing towards their Duke of Edinburgh Award the Sixth Form students have gained considerable experience in dealing with and looking after younger children and working on their communication skills. Not only do the Sixth Form students help, supervise and inspire the Junior School pupils, they also lead the plenary at the end of each session, including questions and answers and a brief explanation of the pupils' results.

As a joint project supervised by Angela Fairs and Charlotte Stevens from Alleyn's Junior



SPORTING STARS OF THE FUTURE Rarely has there been a line up of such amazing sporting talent assembled on the School steps. On land and sea they are conquering all before them. With bat and ball and on the track, as well as before the mast, they have shown the talent and grit to get to the top. But what exactly have they done? See inside and be amazed, be very amazed!

School, and Will Tibbits and Paul Burtenshaw from the Senior School, the Science Club has proven to be a resounding success, not only in terms of the Junior School pupils' enjoyment

and education but also in developing links between the three schools. Next term the club continues with another 30 pupils from Years 5 and 6 from the two Junior Schools.



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Excellence*



House News

29 members of Dutton's House took part in the Annual Sponsored Swim last week, raising money for their House Charity, The Royal Marsden Hospital. In the 45 minute swim Individual totals for lengths swum varied from 55 to 100, with Robin Foster (Year 9) and Harry Stones (Year 10) and Emily Grant (Year 12), all swimming an incredible 100 lengths in 45 minutes. In total the House swam 1724 lengths which is 26.94 miles! We are on course to beat last year's fantastic total of £850.

Extreme Pancake Throwing

In a nail-biting end to this year's competition James Davies of Brown's and Josh Hadwen of Dutton's both threw 15 feet and went into a sudden death toss-off. James, who was last year's winner, tossed the pancake high, breaking the school record, and caught it. But he tried to catch the greaseproof paper the pancake was tossed on (something that he didn't need to do). The pancake slipped from the pan and Mr English declared a no-throw. Josh simply had to toss the pancake to win, which he did!



Charity & Fundraising



Will Skidmore on lead Guitar for The Autonomy

Charity Gig Success

This year's Charity Gig was held in aid of the Toni and Guy ward at King's College Hospital. Bands from across the Middle and Upper School entertained a 150 plus audience supported by the revamped staff band. Notable acts included The Autonomy, Country of the Blind and The Revellers. A special thanks should go to Polly Checkland Harding, Daniela Russell and Lottie Unwin who arranged the gig. And to the Charity Committee for all the time and effort they've put into holding

such a successful event. We raised an amazing £780!
James Milne Yr 13

Alleyn's supports Cystic Fibrosis Fun Run

When it comes to supporting community events, Alleyn's is always keen to help and there can hardly be a more worthwhile cause than the Dulwich Park Cystic Fibrosis Fun Run on Saturday 19th May.

The School has donated £500 to the Dulwich Cystic Fibrosis Funding Group to support the running costs of the event, and 40 pupil volunteers will be acting as stewards throughout the day. Many pupils have also signed up to take part as runners, to raise even more money. Any pupils or parents interested in taking part in the run can visit www.dulwichrun.co.uk for details.

Blue Peter presenter and keen runner, Gethin Jones, will be taking part in the event. There is a 10km and a 5km event for adults and a one mile event for younger children.

Last year 140 adult runners and 200 children took part in the event, which raised £17,000.

Fundraisers Quiz Night

On Friday 9th March the Year 10 Fundraising team held a Family Fun Quiz at school. The evening was superbly hosted by Mr Reid, with questions suited to all ages and abilities. The ten pupils helped to set up the venue, devise a table quiz, managed the scoring and the bar, and assisted with the raffle and organisation of the whole evening. They even helped to clear up!

We hope to have raised over £800 for the Toni and Guy Ward, our chosen charity for this year.



Community Access

Alleyn's offers impressive community access to facilities and leads the independent schools sector nationally when it comes to opening up facilities to the wider local community.

Since the inception of the Facilities for the Community Programme last year, development has been rapid, and it is fulfilling its original brief as an innovative programme that extends the use of school resources, without charge. The programme fits comfortably alongside our own extensive use of the site.

More than 20 Community Partners, covering youth and community groups, sports clubs, local authorities and 17 state schools, work within the programme to offer a variety of activities for the local community. The scheme is in tune with the School's vision and values and is recognised as a force for public good.

Currently, school facilities offer a massive 3,840 hours a year of community-based activities onsite. The list of community activity is bewilderingly large, but includes activities as diverse as Saturday maths classes for academically gifted pupils from almost 20 local schools, to Dulwich Youth Orchestra rehearsals and performances, language classes, chess tuition with Grandmaster David Rummens, land-based sailing tuition and sporting activities.

While access to sporting facilities is almost fully booked, there is still scope for facilities to be made available for adult learning courses and the school is actively

looking to attract interest in this area.

School facilities are open for community use after school for three and a half hours each weekday. They are open from 8am to 4pm on Saturdays and from 8am to 8pm on Sundays. The community access increases dramatically during the school holidays.

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From the Headmaster

The timing of Easter means that, as in previous years, the Lent term is relatively short but with an ever increasing number of things to fit into it, including the lessons! I therefore pay tribute to all the staff and pupils for yet again achieving so much in the wide range of co-curricular activities and in producing some excellent academic results in preparation for the end of year exams. I hope that you enjoy looking through this newsletter which aims to give a brief snapshot of life at Alleyn's this term.

Earlier this term we had record numbers of applicants taking the entrance examinations at all levels of entry and despite making fewer offers than in the past to fill our places, the take-up was such that we were not able to select from our long waiting list at 11+. It is a tremendous credit to the pupils, teachers and all support staff that so many applicants are putting us as their first choice. In particular I would like to thank our excellent Registrar, Mrs Aldwinckle and Assistant Registrar, Mrs Allen who work closely with Assistant Heads Mr Smith and Mr Williams who oversee the 11+ and 13+ admissions respectively. I also thank Mrs Hughes-Onslow for so skilfully administering the 16+ admissions working with Assistant Head, Mr Skinnard.

In addition to the usual very full sporting programme and numerous musical events this term a particular highlight was the 30th Reunion Dinner for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme at Alleyn's, with Guest of Honour the actor Mr Julian Glover who is this year's President of the Edward Alleyn Club (the Association of Former Pupils). The 'D of E' award was established in 1977 by Assistant Head, Mr Lilly who gave an entertaining speech to over 120 former pupils who spanned the 30 year period. Mr Alldrick gave a superb slide show with highlights covering each year of the awards.

On a much sadder note, nearly 50 current and former staff travelled to Plymouth on 1st February to attend the funeral of Mr Paul Lambert who had been the School's Serjeant and CCF Senior Staff Instructor from 1993 to 2005, when he had to retire early due to ill health. Paul was universally admired and respected by the whole school community and it was very moving to see that many former pupils had also made the journey. The country church was packed, the aisles full with people standing, as we paid a warm Alleyn's tribute to him for all that he'd done for us.

We have also paid tribute this term to Wave Yi-Dyer by launching the 'Wave Yi-Dyer Bursary Fund'. This named fund will help future pupils at Alleyn's who find themselves in financial need and it will also preserve our memory of Wave at Alleyn's. I have written separately to you about this and I hope very much that you will feel able to contribute. I believe that by acting together, however little individually, we can all make a very real difference to someone in our community who is in very real need. All contributions will be treated in the strictest confidence.

There were trips at half-term to Vienna, Buxton (to prepare for the World Challenge summer trip to Costa Rica) and RAF Wyton; and this Easter there is the CCF Camp, Duke of Edinburgh Expeditions and trips to Spain, Japan and

Headmaster's Book for outstanding achievement

Jessica Anyan-Brown	Alex Garcev	Olivia Minghella
Eugene Atkinson	Barney Geddes	Jack Myers
Zoe Baddeley	David Gleeson	Maya Peilow
Vikki Bentley	Sofia Greaves	Zephyr Penoyre
Georgia Butterworth	Nicholas Griffiths	Daniel Petrides
Xi Yin Chen	Ruby Gunn	Emily Powis
Joseph Child	Mary Hamilton	Owen Pugh
Aidan Clark	Lois Hawkins	Daniela Russell
Ellie Clarke	Jay Haworth	Annabel Savage
Kezia Cochrane	David Heasman	Edward Scott
Saul Collyns	Daisy Hill	Maija Sequeira
Emily Cook	Alexander Ingarfield	Josephine Solowiej-
Hamish Cooper	Meriel Jackson	Wedderburn
Chloë Courtney	Emel Kayihan	Natalie St. Cyr Clarke
Joe Cummins	Polly Keeling	Greg Stansil
Adam Dannreuther	Savas Kemal	Tom Straker
Elinor Davis	Lanikai Krishnadasan	Ramsay Tabbara
Katie De Salis	Torrens	Alisa Tatsuzawa
Christopher Dunn	Jessica Lawler	Lottie Unwin
Alexander Edgerley	Edmund Le Brun	Emma Waldegrave
James Edwards	Rosie Le Voir	Louise Warren
Thomas Emrich-Mills	Matthew Lewis	Hannah Webb
Rachel Everitt	Joe Lodge	Grace Welch
Hannah Ewens	Florence Low	Eleanor Wells
Elena Fearn	Liz MacManus	Jessica Willis
Adam Fletcher	Christopher Mair	Obi Winter
Luke Forryan	Grace Mallon	Yennah Wong
James Gallagher-Powell	Matthew Man	Hannah Yang

Belgium. We live in an increasingly litigious age and many schools are offering fewer trips each year as a result. We are extremely lucky at Alleyn's to have so many trips on offer and indeed the number is increasing each year; my warmest thanks to all the teachers involved.

My thanks also to the Alleyn's Association (ie all of you, the parents) for your continued, and much valued, support. In addition to this term's successful supper quiz we have had another enjoyable 'Headmaster's Lunch' (to which all parents are invited – please let the AA Chairman, Mrs Malkin, know if you'd like to be on the waiting list) which this term paid tribute to all staff involved in Thursday afternoon activities.

Thank you for your patience and understanding in coping with the inevitable disruption of the building site at the heart of the school. Pupils, parents and staff have all been superb and I offer particular thanks to Miss Walker, Mr Ody and all the sports staff for their strong support. They of course have to cope with the most disruption. A model and details of the new building which opens in June 2008 is on display in the library; you would be most welcome to call in at any time to see this, please just ask at reception.

Finally it only remains for me to thank each of you for your kind and active support throughout this busy term. Sue and I wish you all a very Happy Easter.

An historic moment

Saddlers' Hall plays host to historic signing of building contract

The signing of the building contract for the new Alleyn's Performing Arts Centre was an historic moment and it was fitting that it should have taken place amidst the splendour of Saddlers' Hall in the City.

Chairman of Alleyn's Governors Raymond Cousins and Mark Horn, Managing Director of the construction company Roof Ltd, signed the contract

surrounded by representatives of all the contractors, the School Governors, Alleyn's staff, the National Youth Theatre, the architects, bank funders, the legal team and members of the Worshipful Company of Saddlers.

The signing, followed by a superb lunch at Saddlers' Hall, was the perfect launch for a collaborative venture that will provide Alleyn's with one of the most modern and attractive performing arts venues in London.



From left to right: Mr Edward Pearson (Past Master of the Saddlers' Company), Mr W Dyson-Laurie (Master of the Saddlers' Company), Mr R Cousins, (Chairman of the Board of Governors Alleyn's School), Mr J Lilly, Mr J Pretlove (Governor), Mr M Longmore, Mrs A Brownbill (Governor), Mr H J C Pulley (retired Saddlers' Governor), Mr M O'Donnell, Professor A Kakkar (Vice Chairman Board of Governors), Mr M Price and Dr C Diggory

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Over the Easter holidays there is a packed programme of activities (in addition to the regular evening activities):

• **Peter Edwards Cricket**
Coaching from Tuesday 27th March to Thursday 29th March. Anyone interested in attending should call 020 869 35695.

• **Southwark Council Community Games**, a multi-sports event, on Tuesday 3rd April between 2pm and 4pm and on Thursday 5th April between 3pm and 5pm. Anyone interested should contact Ahmet Akday on 07958 112072.

• **Dulwich Youth Orchestra**
Concert performance on Saturday 14th April at 2.30pm in the Great Hall. Anyone who would like to

attend should contact Phillipa Luddington on 020 727 43862.

• **Townley Sports Camp** from Tuesday 10th April to Friday 13th April. Anyone interested in attending should contact Rob Ody on 07714 333539.



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Riding School, and its famously beautiful white Lippizaner horses; the utterly spectacular Habsburg Imperial Crown Jewels; city centre ice-skating; and a tour of the city in a Fiaker, a traditional horse-drawn carriage.

Any remaining daylight hours were spent exploring on foot, and indulging in a little light shopping. The evenings were spent in venerable restaurants offering typical local delicacies, including the city's largest, and simply enormous, Schnitzel.

Freud Museum Visits

Last term both year 12 and 13 psychologists had the opportunity to visit the Freud Museum in North London. We saw the couch that the famous psychoanalyst had used in his many years of analysing neurotic patients, sat in a copy of the famous chair looking at some of the weird and wonderful artefacts that Freud collected from around the world and used as his inspiration. We also saw some art works which were heavily symbolic and worried about the content of our dreams!

School Trips

Vienna

On Saturday, 10th February a group of Sixth Form Germanists set off for a five-day study visit to Vienna. We stayed at a comfortable hotel in the very centre of the city.

Austria's capital is, in geographical, political, and cultural senses, at the very heart of Europe. It has a population of some 1.6 million, and innumerable cultural and historical treasures. And just as important, it is one of Central Europe's leading gastronomic lights. We knew we would have time only to sample a little of what this most vibrant of cities has to offer.

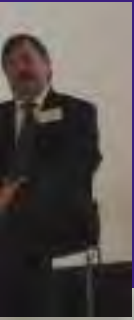
We managed in a busy schedule nonetheless to include:

the Museums Quartier, one of the world's largest cultural complexes; the Giant Ferris Wheel, trademark of Vienna and a symbol of its world-famous Prater amusement park; the Spanish

Above: Sixth Form Germanists in Vienna. Below: Year 12 at the Freud Museum



ch 9 2007...mock interviews, self defence, field exercises, balls, UCAS academic references, basketball, molecules, and flying rockets...a great day was had by all!



PSHE

Year 8 students attended a PSHE day designed to enable them to practise some life skills. The sessions they attended included a talk from Hope UK-a drugs awareness charity, a talk from the police on personal safety, sessions from the London Ambulance Service, London Fire Brigade and Transport for London. They also enjoyed an energetic self-defence lesson led by the Metropolitan Police. A great day was had by all!

Careers Interviews

David Stretton has been putting Year 12 students through the mock interview challenge for the past thirty years, so it was only right and just that on his last Interview Day he should be grilled in turn. The task fell to Ben Porter, who established that teaching has been Mr Stretton's 'dream job' and that he is not very good at telling jokes.

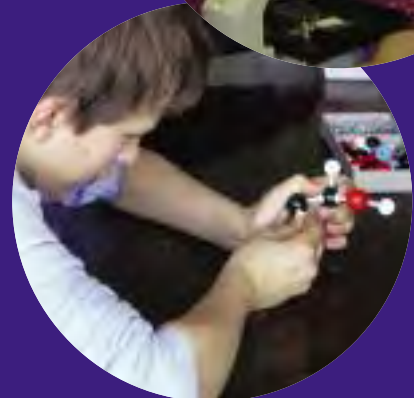
During the day the realistic role play sent adrenaline levels soaring for both interviewers and pupils as the prospect of life after Alleyn's came into sharp focus. Many thanks to the panel of interviewers for giving generously of their time and expertise, to the staff for their tremendous support and to the pupils for being themselves.

DOE

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze participants and staff tested their navigational skills on Leith Hill where they spent the day putting into practice skills learnt earlier in the term. The day stayed dry and we would like to thank all the staff for their help once again. The Bronzes are soon to be going on their practice and qualifying expeditions where, we hope, all of their navigation practice will come in handy.

Olympics

We've always thought that our students were multi-talented but the Year 7 Olympics on Field Day really gave them the opportunity to showcase their range of talents. In 13 different sessions lasting over 3 hours they groped strange fruits, smelled weird and wonderful smells and tried to construct a 3D molecule from a 2D diagram (with instructions shouted at them from behind screens). They balanced objects, memorised objects and tried to knock things down. They even shot home-made rockets at a target. So next time you ask your son or daughter what they did on Field Day ...don't be surprised by the answer.





Dear Parents and Guardians

I am very pleased to introduce the new team of Alley's Association officers who were elected by all those parents attending the AGM in November: **Hilary Foster** is the new Deputy Chairman and thus, is expected to become Chairman

at the next AGM. **Grainne Gleeson** is the Treasurer and **Lindsey McCausland** is the Secretary. I remain for another year as Chairman, according to the Constitution. It is a terrific team again this year and, among the officers, we have children in Years 8, 9,10,11,12 and 13, so you should be well represented! New committee members, who put themselves forward, are welcomed every year. The Association does ask that you serve for a year, but you need not stay on the Committee forever! We are eager to have your participation whenever you are available during your child's time at Alley's. You may always help at an individual event, if that is more convenient for you, without serving on the AA Committee.

◆ With the help of the school, the Alley's Association has a new, dedicated e-mail address alleynsassociation@alleyns.org.uk. You may always reach the Association by phoning the school, or by emailing me at my address below, or now at the new AA email address. Please send along all comments, suggestions and offers of help!

◆ Though we are rapidly moving in to spring, this is my first chance after Christmas to thank you all for your wonderful help in making Holly Fair 2006 such a success. There were many teams of parents working on different aspects of the fair and it all came together with a happy, festive result. Many thanks! We will begin planning Holly Fair 2007 with a meeting in May. Please let us know if you would like to attend the meeting. All are welcome.

◆ A very practical, new Lost Property system is now in operation. We thank Marilyn Dyrbus and Jacqui Berry who have worked closely with Mr. Longmore to develop creative solutions. See below.

◆ There was the usual scramble for tickets for Quiz Night which again proved to be a popular event attended by over three hundred people. Rowdy participants were admirably controlled by Nick Ferrari who acted as question master and adjudicator while keeping up a steady amusing banter throughout. The bar opened at 7.00 and

kept up a continuous brisk trade while hors d'oeuvres were devoured during the opening rounds. The Alley's Kitchen staff, to whom we owe many thanks, provided fresh fish and chips which were served by a team of pupils from Year 12 who volunteered to help during the evening in numerous ways to make it a success. The smooth running of Quiz Night would not have been possible without the efficient team who quietly worked away behind the scenes before, during and after the event. I would personally like to thank those who organised the ticket sales, questions and bar, provided the food, score masters and quizmaster. Finally, the support and enthusiasm from numerous people from within the school, in the weeks prior to the evening and on the day itself, was fantastic.

◆ Now most importantly, going forward – the Alley's Association has some terrific gatherings planned for the Trinity term! Please be sure to come to the May 2nd summer lecture evening when we are extremely pleased to have JULIAN GLOVER, actor and Alley's Old Boy, speaking to us of his experiences in the theatre. This will be an informal presentation and conversation followed by a glass of wine and reception, and is an unusual opportunity to hear of the theatre first-hand. **See the enclosed flyer with details.**

◆ Also not to be missed is the AA Summer party on June 9 when we are again so fortunate to have Mr. Skinnard and his band, Butcher's Brew, performing for us. The School Jazz Band will be on hand as well, for what will be a very relaxed, friendly evening to take our minds off exams for one night! Put together a table, or come on your own and join a table. **See details on the enclosed flyer and reply early to be sure you have a space!**

◆ **You will also see a flyer announcing the next Heart Start first aid course.** This will be Mr. Davies' last session, as he retires at the end of the year. Mr. Davies leads a simple but very professional course relevant to absolutely every member of the family. We are extremely grateful to him for his time. Don't miss it!

I look forward to seeing you in the summer term.

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Lost property sales

This term has seen the second of our successful Lost Property sales. Following an excellent suggestion from the Alley's Association Committee these sales have become a good way of recycling items that have been unclaimed in Lost Property for three months or more.

Mrs Dyrbus and Mrs Berry of the AA have kindly worked together with Mr Adam Price (the 'lucky' member of staff who runs Lost Property) spending

several hours sorting and labelling items in advance of each sale.

Various items of games kit (football boots and trainers included) and other assorted items were sold for a small amount. This has helped reduce the enormous amount of unclaimed lost property that builds up over time. Named items are always listed on the school intranet (updated weekly) as well as on the lost property notice board in the front of the Pavilion building –



this enables pupils to see what items have been found and they can reclaim them any lunchtime or morning break free of charge – it is well worth naming everything!!

There are two Lost Property Sales a term, one before and one after half term – an ideal way of getting extra items of uniform at a fraction of the shop price. The monies raised are also going to a good cause, as so far almost £300 has been raised for Alley's Association funds. The next sale will be held in the Pavilion between 12:00noon and 3pm, Saturday 28th April 2007.



performers for this year's offering, and deserves much credit for a tightly produced show that was very well received by packed houses. Miss Slack worked tirelessly behind the scenes to make this production possible with other key staff input, Anna Sideris (class of '06) directed the musicians, student technicians worked with characteristic precision and modesty, and Dr Diggory's support was crucial.

After five performances of *Grease* recently, the cast, crew and directors should be feeling very proud of their efforts. Performing such a 'popular' musical in 45 minutes was certainly not without its challenges but the resulting flash of colour, character and song greatly entertained us all. Mr Zivanic deserves a special mention for the beautifully choreographed dance sequences, as does Anna Sideris for all of her efforts with the music. The direction was undertaken through a successful staff and student collaboration: Miss Slack of the English Department and Adam Fletcher (Year 13). The support of their dedicated and efficient production manager Miss Hewitson was invaluable. Well done to all!

Drama

Brechtian theatre this term has been highly entertaining and politically stimulating.

Commemorations of Brecht's death 50 years ago provided a wealth of opportunities.

Steam Industry's *Caucasian Chalk Circle* at The Scoop was a rollicking pantomime version with 'peasant' style music. ETT at Richmond theatre presented *Mother Courage and her Children* in a style faithful to the model books of Brecht's Berliner Ensemble. We had fun exploring the production's rehearsal processes the following week, when the Assistant Director led AS and A2 students in a workshop at school. Our pilgrimage to Canterbury's Gulbenkian Theatre was rewarded by the most sophisticated, most enjoyable and most thought-provoking production yet. Filter company's technologically advanced methods brought *Caucasian Chalk Circle's* narrator into the 21st century, with a Jarvis Cocker homage, while keeping the integrity of the drama's other timelines in the mythic past and post WWII. We are looking

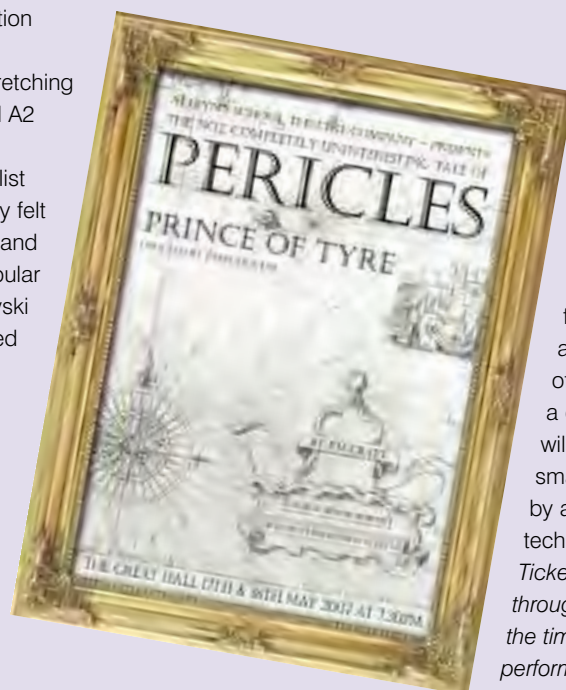
forward to the Big Brecht Fest (pun intended by the Young Vic) in the Easter holidays.

We have also enjoyed seeing a range of cutting edge theatre companies: the physically dynamic and thematically shocking *Pool (No Water)* by Frantic Assembly, Shared Experience's gilded and guilt ridden *Orestes* and Kneehigh's imaginative rendition of *Cymbeline*.

Meanwhile the preparation period for the practical examinations began by stretching us quite literally as AS and A2 students attended Yoga sessions taught by specialist Harriet Green. We definitely felt the effects on mind, body and breath that made it so popular with practitioners Stanislavski and Grotowski. Now excited and nervous, we are developing our ideas for staging Caryl Churchill's *Vinegar Tom* and Jean Anouilh's *Antigone*. The AS too are working intensely on their devised pieces. *Rebecca Nicholson-Lord, Florence Rawlings, Louise Reid and Hannah Tottenham*

The Bear Pit is Back

The tradition of a student Bear Pit production has returned with an energetic rendition of *Grease* (above). These productions will continue to be student-led, and to offer actors and directors a chance to cut their teeth on all aspects of the performance process. Adam Fletcher pulled together an energetic and enthusiastic company of



Pericles

An annual Lower School Play returns to Alleyn's with an ambitious production of *Pericles* directed by Mr Stocker. This funny and fast moving adaptation, by Jim Grant, of Shakespeare's hit, has a cast of over 60, and will be accompanied by a small band, and supported by a few budding technicians.

Tickets will be available through form tutors nearer the time for the two performances; May 17th and May 18th at 7:30pm

...getting to the top

Flying Scholarship goes to Alleyn's Year 12 student...

Chris Mair

attended a Gliding Scholarship Course in the summer of this year, and was one of only two on the course of nine people to glide solo – a great achievement. In November, Chris applied for a Flying Scholarship and was called for assessment on a selection day. Consisting of a flight test and interview, the selection day at RAF Wyton assessed responsiveness to training. A week later, Chris was awarded his Flying Scholarship and will attend Tayside Aviation in the summer to complete 12 hours of continual flying assessment.

Chris also applied for the RAF Sixth Form Scholarship, which runs as an incentive to join the service as a commissioned officer, providing funds of up to £4000 towards education in Year 13. Chris passed his filter interview and was called for further selection by the RAF's Officer and Aircrew Selection Board. He attended this Board in February during half-term and is awaiting the results sometime in April or May. We hope for good news!

Alex Garcev selected for England Football honours

After selection from among 80 trialists for a place in the Southern Schools ISFA U19 squad, **Alex Garcev** (Year 12) played in a series of squad games to gain a place in the A team. This resulted in a match against Essex Schools A team and Alex was selected to play in the South England Independent Schools side against the North of England team.

After this match Alex was selected for the full England squad and he went to Lilleshall



to play against Shropshire.

Subsequently Alex has been named as one of an England U19 squad (of 14 players) who will tour Poland in April before going on to play Scotland in an international on April 17th. We wish Alex all the best in playing for his country

Frederica runs fastest ever U-15 girls 800m

Frederica Foster, (Year 9), has put down a marker that she intends to be an athletics star of the future – clocking 2:13:18 in a recent 800m AAA Indoor Championship race. It was the fastest ever girls U-15 time in the UK.

Frederica, who must now be in the frame as an Olympic hopeful in 2012, showed great determination to stay with Sigorni Bell, the Gateshead runner who made an early break for victory half way through the race.

Frederica displayed the pace and stamina to pass her rival and into the record books, despite the fact that this was her first ever indoor race. It was a measure of the quality and competitiveness of the girls in this race that all three medalists produced times that ranked high on the UK all-time list for the age group.

Frederica is confident that she can shave more time off this all-time record for U-15s. She says she is regularly running 2:12 in training.

She said: "My aim is to run below 2:10 and to win all the big titles like the English Schools and the English Athletics Championships."

Alleyn's student looking good for the Olympic Games!

Last season **Jacob Brubert** (Year 12) was selected for the British



sailing team, windsurfing in the Techno 293 (U17) and the RS:X (U19) Olympic class. The summer culminated in a top 10 finish at the world championships in Marsala, Sicily- finishing as the second-placed Briton. In the autumn at the National Championships at Weymouth, after being blown off the water on the first day, Jacob won two out of three races, to win the event (and a large cup!).

Over the winter he's been training both locally at Queen Mary Reservoir, under the Heathrow flight path, and on the South Coast (as well as completing some sessions reluctantly on the rowing machine). At half term he trained with the British team in Cadiz, Spain. Soon after, the racing calendar for 2007 got underway and at an Olympic Class ranker event in Weymouth, the conditions were light, but after some close racing Jacob won his first event of 2007!

Windsurfing and sailing are not the easiest sports for a London schoolboy but, despite the travelling, Jacob claims it's fun to be braving the elements and competing against friends at the weekend. He says, "It's definitely weird to be sitting in a classroom on a Monday morning! Though I've still got 2007 to get through (plus a bit of work), 2012 always looms as a good incentive!"

Alleyn's 1st XI Cricket Captain Stars in the National Scene

This year has been filled with huge cricket achievements for **Alex Senn** (Year 13), the School 1st XI captain. Alex was offered a trial by Kent soon after being released from the Surrey youth set-up – a setback he used to his obvious advantage by working hard at his game and proving Surrey made a mistake! Having impressed after scoring



80, Alex was selected for the Kent U17 side to play in the National County Championship. In his first game Alex scored 205 not out against Essex and followed this up later in the season with 151 against Sussex. Alex ended up as the leading run scorer in the South of England for the whole tournament.

This form led to Alex's selection for the Kent 2nd XI. He played on five occasions, including a game against the India U19s, and three games against Surrey. In one of the Surrey matches Alex came in to bat with Kent at 24-4 and made 41, and this helped Kent to win the game by three runs. All three of the games against Surrey were won, which obviously gave Alex particular delight!

Alex's performances throughout the summer were rewarded with a contract to the Kent Cricket Academy. He has been training twice a week at Canterbury throughout the winter with some top class coaches including Academy Director Paul Farbrace and Kent 1st XI coach Simon Willis. Both his batting coach (Vince Wells) and bowling coach (James Tredwell) have played first class cricket, so he has gained invaluable advice from them.

This summer Alex will be playing in the Kent 2nd XI and he is about to embark on pre-season training with the 1st team. Alex has also been nominated by Alleyn's to play for a South England schools select side which will play against the North England side. Alex will be notified of selection on March 23rd.

We obviously all wish him the best, while congratulating him on an amazing set of personal achievements over the past 12 months.

Sport and Games

Football; Alleyn's School Independent Schools Football Association Representative Honours – 2006/7:

- **Alex Garcev** – ISFA U18 South and Full England Team
- **Matthew Man** – ISFA U16 South and Full England Team
- **Gabriel Ajala and Adam Collins** – ISFA U18 South Team
- **Ben Cannell, Charlie Handy, Camilo Martin Vargas and Nicky Sloman** have been selected for the ISFA U13 London Prep Team. As a result of this they have trials for the ISFA Under 13 National team.

Water Polo

- **U14 Boys** – qualified for 2nd Round of National English Schools Competition
- **U15 Boys** – qualified for the first time for Schools Water Polo League 'Final 4' across 3 tournaments out of 15 schools
- **U16 Girls** – qualified for the National English Schools 'Final 6' in the country tournament
- **U16 Boys** – Finished 3rd in the English Schools South of England Regional 'Final 4' tournament
- **U19 Boys** – qualified for the first time for Schools Water Polo League 'Final 4' out of 15 schools and finished 4th
- **U19 Boys** – qualified for the English Schools South of England Regional 'Final 4' tournament

Cross-country

- Congratulations to the following people who were selected to run in the London team for the English Schools cross-country championships :
- **Seniors:** Danny Brewer & Emily Meins
- **Intermediates:** Georgia Tindley
- **Juniors:** Frederica Foster, Hannah Edwards, Elinor Davis, Georgina Castle
- the highest number of Alleyn's girls invited to run at English Schools to date
- a first in both the Senior London Champions being from Alleyn's (and both in Tyson's house)

- London Schools Championships: **Junior team** came 2nd with 3 runners inside the top 12 (**Frederica Foster, Hannah Edwards, Elinor Davis**) **Intermediate team** came 3rd with **Georgia Tindley** first Alleyn's girl in in 9th place. **Senior team** came 2nd with **Emily Meins** winning the event.
- Selected to represent Southwark at the year 7 & 8 London Cross-country championships :
Yr 7: **Claudia Beith, Polly Hawkes, Polly Keeling, Jude Mack, Alice Mines, Jessica Wilmot**
• team came 2nd overall but **Jessica** is London champion.
Yr 8: **Emily Cook, Martha Day, Sarah Grice, Mathilda Lewis, Kate Wilson.**
• team came 1st overall.
- **Danny Brewer** selected to represent London at the English Schools championships. Senior boys team finished 2nd at the London championships, with **Danny** finishing 1st.

Fives



Oliver Brennan, Sam Redmayne, Wim Geberbauer

- At the west of England championships, **Peter Hanton** won the U16 singles, and together with **Adam George** finished runners-up in the U16 doubles.
- **Inigo Ackland** and **Jo Garratt** won the senior doubles plate competition in the U13 Fives competition that took place Sunday 11th
- Alleyn's Year 7 boys were amongst the 54 boys who entered the Public Schools Fives Championships at St Paul's School.
- In the singles all 5 (**Wim Geberbauer, Sam Redmayne,**

Olympic Youth Festival Success

Housemaster of Dutton's, and teacher in charge of girls' hockey, Sue Chandler spent three weeks of January at the Australian Youth Olympic Festival in Sydney, Australia. The festival is held every other year at Home Bush, the site of the 2000 Sydney Olympics, and is part of the 'Olympic Legacy'.

Sue was assistant coach to the Great Britain under-20 women's hockey squad, comprising 18 players between the ages of 16 and 20. In the tournament, GB played Australia, China and New Zealand.

After the round-robin stage GB were in second position overall and so qualified for the final where they met Australia. The two teams had already met for three test matches before the tournament, with honours even, at one win each and one draw. In the tournament match Australia edged a close match

2-1, so GB went into the final as underdogs.

The Great Britain team handled the pressure of the occasion perfectly and produced their best hockey when it mattered most. In a superb display of skill, tenacity and sheer determination they won the gold medal, defeating the host nation by 4 goals to 2. Sue described the team performance as 'outstanding' and said that the Youth Olympics were "a wonderful opportunity for both players and coaches to experience an international high quality, multi-sport event."



Sam Browett, Oliver Brenman and **Charlie Williams**) reached the last 16.

- **Oliver Brenman** went on to win the plate singles and in the main competition **Wim Geberbauer** reached the final.
- In the Doubles **Wim** and **Sam**

Redmayne won their group and went on to win the championship, beating Pilgrim's in the Final.

We are now scouring the record books to see when a pair of Year 7s last won the doubles. Well done to them.



Basketball: the LISBA Under 15 winners and Under 19 winners. (see overleaf)



Basketball

- **Ed Scott**, Year 9, was selected to train with the England Under 14 squad during the February half term
- The **Under 15 and Under 19 Boys** teams won the London Independent Schools Play Off Finals. The Under 15 team defeated Dulwich College 86-54 in the final. The Under 19 team defeated Dulwich College 88-74 in the final.
 - The **Under 15 and Under 19** teams have also reached the LISBA Cup Finals. The Under 14 and Under 16 teams are at the semi-final stage of their respective competitions
- The **Under 15 boys** team have reached the last eight in the National Under 15 B Competition
- The **Under 19 girls** team reached the last 16 of the National B competition for the second successive year

Hockey

- In Year 7, 35 boys have played regularly through the term. The attendance at hockey club has been fantastic. The **U12A** team has been guided to great success by Mr. English
- In Year 8, similar numbers have attended and, now, in the Lower School, we have almost half the boys playing hockey every Saturday
- We are putting out **U14A** and **B** teams for the first time in many years
- The **U15s**, managed by Mr. Bush, have the best record in the school having won the majority of their matches
- The **1st XI** have played some difficult sides this year and have managed to maintain a winning record overall in their results

Special mention for:

- **Frederica Foster** – won the AAA U15 Indoor 800m in 2:13.18 (new national indoor record).
- **Martha Day** – was selected to attend the England football U14 training camp at Lilleshall at February half-term.
- **U15A netball team** who are undefeated when able to play a full first team (except when losing to our senior team by one goal)

CCF

Bad weather did little to dampen the enthusiasm of the CCF, which maintained an action-packed programme this term.

All three sections have had kayak training in the school's pool and the RAF have been flying twice – at half-term and for the Lent Field Day. The Army section provided an energetic 'enemy' group for a three-day field exercise with RGS High Wycombe, and a one-day range and obstacle course day, run by Allyn's, was a great success with cadets from RGS, Mill Hill and the local South London ACF attending. On the same day, the practical teaching assessments of the Year 11 Cadre Course took place at school – these cadets will form the school's instructors of the future.

The whole Army and Navy sections, with a few RAF cadets – some 230 in all – were in the field

at Pippingford Park in Sussex for the Lent Field 'Day'. Camping out overnight and with fieldcraft, campcraft and navigation being the main activities it was a great success.

In addition to the main Thursday afternoon sessions, a number of specialist groups ran at lunchtime and after school: cadets continued to qualify for St John Ambulance First Aid awards with Mr Davies and the ongoing Signals course, run by Chris Mair and Max Shaw, moved out of the classroom into practical radio exercises around school. The Corps of Drums continued to improve and Sgt Wright, the School's SSI, started up the military band, beginning with practice sessions for a brass quintet – more members are welcome from amongst cadets and other pupils of all ages.

Toby Hoskins, assisted by Ramsay Tabbara, has been working hard on training a ten-person team for the prestigious 'Celer et Audax' Rifles (previously

the Royal Green Jackets) and Stowe School sponsored patrol competition which will have taken place by the end of term – the final event is a six-mile run in full kit including a river crossing.

A team is also being put together for the regional finals of the National Cadet First Aid Championships which will take place early in the Trinity Term.

At the time of writing final plans are in place for 190 cadets and staff to go to Easter Camp at Folkestone, and this year the event will involve the unit's Biennial Inspection, flying in army helicopters and the usual Cadre Course passing-out parade.

The term has also seen a number of inspections of weapons, equipment and documentation by the MOD in preparation for the Biennial Inspection and these have been passed with flying colours thanks to the SSI and his team of willing helpers.

Duke of Edinburgh

Duke of Edinburgh Award holders came from all over the country to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the awards at the school.

Staff and award holders spanning 30 years relived the fun, camaraderie and cherished memories of their times in the remote, and often hostile, corners of Britain forging friendships and an unbreakable team spirit in the face of stiff challenges.

The Duke of Edinburgh Awards scheme nationally, celebrates its 50th anniversary this year. At Allyn's, it began in 1977 and in that time a remarkable 2,570 pupils have earned Bronze, Silver or Gold Awards. In this academic year there will be 55 pupils with Bronze Awards, 40 with Silver Award and 70 going for Gold.

At the celebratory dinner at the school, attended by 125 guests, there were award holders dating back to 1978. Many of the years were represented, including a

table of this year's Year 13 Gold Award holders.

The event was attended by the President of the Edward Allyn Club and national acting treasure, Julian Glover, who gave an impromptu and emotional speech in praise of the achievements of pupils and staff involved in the Duke of Edinburgh Awards scheme, for which he received a rapturous round of applause.

Also at the dinner were three of the four former Duke of Edinburgh Awards Co-ordinators: Jon Lilly, Gwyn Edwards and Graham Halliwell (sadly, the fourth former co-ordinator, Lisa Cummins, was unable to attend at the last minute). It was good to see Tony York, former Head of the Middle School and Dr David Wallis, former Head of the Sixth Form at the celebrations, too.

Richard Alldrick, the current co-ordinator, delivered a rousing trip down memory lane, which he followed with a slide show of the



Richard Alldrick

highlights of each year of the awards. The slideshow was greeted with whoops and cheers from guests as younger versions of themselves appeared on the large screen.

It was particularly moving, to note that the biggest cheers were reserved for images of the staff who had accompanied each field trip. It was the clearest measure of the affection held by all the award holders for their time at Allyn's.

Music

The past two terms have been as busy as we have come to expect from our many active musicians. Barely a week has gone by without at least one or two significant musical events, and huge congratulations should go to all involved.

Highlights in the Advent Term include the Foundation Schools' Joint Concert, the Piano Prize, three soloists' concerts, a series of informal lunchtime concerts, the Music Staff Concert, two major concerts in St Barnabas Church, a Christmas lunchtime concert for the Outreach Programme of the Dulwich Picture Gallery, and three Carol Services. Around this our wonderful team of instrumental teachers have given nearly five thousand instrumental lessons. Bravo!

After such a busy Advent term we often expect the Lent term to be a little less frenetic in terms of musical activity. How wrong we always are – this term has presented yet further musical feasts! The String Prize highlighted the growing depth in both number and standard of our string players, whilst the two Chamber Concerts allowed us to enjoy some really high-class performances of intimate repertoire from over 20 chamber groups. Special congratulations should go to four of these groups who were invited to perform in the Finalists' Concert of a SE England Chamber Music Competition, held at the recently refurbished Cadogan Concert Hall in Central London.

In the penultimate week of term all six Year 7 classes will have taken part in one of the two



*Rehearsing for Year 7 Concert.
Finalist Concert of the Chamber Music Competition at Cadogan Concert Hall, Central London.
St Barnabas Concert, Advent Term.*



Year 7 Concerts. Each class presents songs and a class orchestra they have developed in their curricular music lessons during the term. The level of commitment, enthusiasm and detail in their preparation and performance is always a real delight, and reminds us that the future of Allyn's music is in secure hands. Another musical revelation each year is the GCSE Composition Concert in the final week of term, in which each of the Year 11 GCSE musicians perform one of their two coursework compositions. We are used to hearing many of them perform other composers' pieces, but there is always something very special about hearing their own creative ideas brought to life in sound. The resulting pieces should certainly please the examiners' ears.



Science



There's more to aluminium than coke cans!

More than 140 Year 9 pupils took on a science mission to explore the social, economic and environmental issues that surround the exploitation, extraction and recycling of aluminium – with some surprising results.

Emma Waldgrave and Elana Fearn went to considerable effort to create a model of an aluminium factory, made from

tin foil and 24 coke cans. The roof lifted off the ingenious model to reveal a wealth of well-researched information displayed inside.

The project was designed to encompass the Government's new science curriculum priorities, which have laid down that greater emphasis must be placed on science literacy and addressing scientific issues that relate to the real world.

Year 9 pupils embraced the new curriculum priorities by looking at the issues such as the effect of mining bauxite on rainforests, the things aluminium companies are doing to redress environmental damage, the amount of bauxite mined around the world and how much of the 'red mud', is needed to make a tonne of aluminium, and how aluminium is being effectively recycled.

