



Dreams and Teams

Back in October Mr Smith and Mrs Head went to South Africa to link up with the Mamello Secondary in Virginia, which; for the next 3 years will be our partner school on the 'Dreams & Teams' programme.

The initiative is funded by the Youth Sport Trust and British Council, and uses sport as a focus to achieve positive social and educational change in both schools and the wider community. The programme has been running for 5 years in 4 continents, 43 countries and 430 schools.

During the trip Mr Smith and Mrs Head visited secondary and primary schools in the town of Virginia which is situated about 260km from Johannesburg. They spent their time developing links with the school, taking assemblies and speaking to staff and pupils.



The future of the project is very exciting with two South African teachers visiting Castle in 2008, and over 40 pupils from Castle signing up to have a Pen Pal in South Africa. The ultimate dream of the project is for some Castle students to visit South Africa in the future.



Breaking News

First Aid Course

As part of the BTEC Sports Course, three groups of Yr 10 students, along with 7 members of staff took part in and passed 'The First Aid at Work' certificate. The courses were run by Ann Andrews from the First Aid Awareness Group. A lot of theory was covered during the sessions and both staff and pupils learnt some vital skill which could be extremely useful to them in the future.

New and Improved Staff

Since the last publication of the 'Sports College Newsletter' there have been a few changes within the P.E. & P.A. Department. Miss Catt and Mr Carley have both joined the school, while Miss Stone has been promoted to In charge of the PE Department.



David Beckham Academy, Will Burn.

The David Beckham Academy was a great experience for all the students and staff from The College that attended. The Trip began with a very early morning and long bus ride to Greenwich, but once we arrived the fun began. We were grouped into 'countries' and each group took part in team building challenges from a basic warm up to skill based activities. After break we got the opportunity to learn about scouting, coaching and

team tactics.

After lunch a big tournament was organised with each country playing each other. The winning country at the end of the day was Brazil, which was unlucky for me as I was representing the England Team!!!

However, the whole day was a great experience and provided me with a perfect opportunity to further my coaching and playing skills.

Extra Curricular PE Clubs

The extra curricular sports clubs currently offered by the PE department are listed below. All fixtures and the daily lunch time football club on the Astroturf are not displayed.

Day	Time	Club
Mon	320-420	Trampoline Club
Tues	800-840	Mixed Rowing
Tues	320-420	Boys Rugby Club
Tues	320-420	Gymnastics Club
Thur	320-420	Boys Football
Thur	320-420	Mixed Fencing
Thur	320-420	YR 7 Girls Football
Fri	800-840	Mixed Rowing

Please see a member of the PE staff for more information.

60 Sec Interview

Name: Danny Herriot, Yr 10
Subjects studying: English, Maths, Science, PE, Wood Technology and Humanities.
Specialist Sport: Rugby
Sporting Achievements: Northampton Saints U16+U15, Kent U15 and Blackheath U15.

Sporting Hero: Andrew Sheridan, (pictured 1st right)
Current Training: 2 hours 3 times a week with Deal and Betteshanger Seniors, Kent and Northampton Academy.
Sporting Ambition: To represent England.



Girls Football

Under 16's – The under 16 girls have had a great season this year. In the league they have lost just one game, a very competitive match against Walmer, and won the remaining four with scores ranging from 3-2 to 12-0!! Every player has really worked hard this year and deserves the success they have had. As the majority of the team will still be here next year they will definitely be a side to be reckoned with.

Under 14's – The under 14 girls are a side that are rapidly developing. The team was relatively inexperienced at the beginning of the year, but their dedication to training (no matter what the weather) has seen them improve dramatically. They are just coming into form now with a great win against Astor and really are a team for the future.

Boys 7-a-side Football

Years 7-11 all competed in their respective tournaments held over three days at differing venues on the 6th, 7th and 8th November with the finale of the three events for Yr 8 & 10 being held at Castle. All the teams represented the College admirably with special mention going to the two most senior sides.

The Yr 11 played well as a team to reach the semi-final of their tournament held at Archers Court, losing narrowly to a strong Walmer side, but the best performance of the week came from the Yr 10 side that ran out winners, defeating Sandwich on penalties in the final. In the penalty shootout all the College boys held their nerve to put their penalties home but special mention must go to the College goalkeeper Tom Chittenden who saved 2 of the 3 Sandwich penalties.

Sailing

The course was organised as a partnership between The College and the Youth Community Service for a select group of Year 11 students.

The course began in mid September and ran for a 6 weeks. Everyone who was involved enjoyed themselves and the students involved represented the College admirably. The students proved themselves to be a hardy bunch, sticking with their tasks despite the onset of some extremely testing weather conditions.

Students that took part were: Ryan Wood, Thomas Shea, Jim Heath, Matt Douglas, Billy Collard, Zac Divito, Jack Brind, James Speczini and Nathaniel Smith, all of whom were accredited with the Royal Yachting Association Level 1 Certificate.

The group have also been offered the opportunity to further their sailing experience through an after school club run by Stuart

Representative Honours

- Danny Herriot (Kent and Northampton Rugby Academy)
- Danny Maslak (Kent Football)
- John Brayne (Gillingham FC)
- Macaually Murray (Gillingham FC)
- Rosie Allen (Kent Girls)
- Alex Gaches (Kent Tennis)

Btec Results

Congratulations to the 59 pupils in BTEC Sport and the 41 pupils in BTEC Dance and Performing Arts who gained at least a pass in their Level 2 course giving them the equivalent of at least 2 GCSEs.

This is a huge improvement in the results especially in PE, where the pass rate has increased by a staggering 89%.

House Competitions

TG have taken an early lead in the house competition with a staggering 2938 points mainly consisting of their huge merit score that they have accumulated over Term 1. TW lie in 2nd place with 1883 points, with KH in 3rd place on 1475 and JW in 4th on 1316 points.

Interested in Writing an Article?

If you wish to write an article in the next edition of the Sports College Newsletter then please see Mr Smith, Director of Sport and Performing Arts.