

Student Association Elections 2010-11

In the Spring Term each year, we hold elections for the Student Association Committee. The positions are open to any student (subject to the approval of the Personal Tutor) who is in the first year of a two-year course and the term of office is one year, from Easter 2010 to Easter 2011. These are significant posts, and universities and employers hold in high regard students who have held such offices.

Student President and Vice President

Whilst all the posts are important, the most significant positions are those of Student President and Vice President, so ably undertaken this year by Jack Nixon and Daniel Rodgett. Both act as important ambassadors for the College and are involved in all its public functions - so public speaking is an essential element of these posts. Both the Student President and the Vice President are Governors of the College and are expected to attend all Governors' meetings and sit on some of the Governors' Committees.

Thus the roles of Student President and Vice President present an excellent opportunity to develop leadership skills within the student community and to contribute to the corporate governance of a College with an annual income of approximately £16 million - neither post can be undertaken lightly.

The time commitment is not excessive - but meetings need to take precedence over part-time jobs, and time-management skills need to be sufficiently well-developed to manage A-level deadlines.

Voting: We use the Single Transferable Vote (STV) system for all posts. Students rank the candidates in order of preference and the elected officer is the first candidate to reach 50% of the available votes, after transfers if necessary. **The Vice President will be the runner up in the election for the Student President.**

Other Student Association Posts

Treasurer: monitors the SA funds and keeps up to date accounts.

Communications Officer: organises all meetings, including Student Council; records minutes.

Events Officer: organises and publicises a variety of social and other events.

Charities Officer: organises a variety of fundraising events including the students' RAG week.

Publications Editor: leads the editorial team - College Magazine and Year Book.

Personalised Learning Officer: represents the views of the student body on the development of teaching excellence, and sits on the Governors' Curriculum and Quality Committee and also on the College's Equality and Diversity Committee.

Environment Officer: encourages us all to place environmental issues high on the agenda, individually and collectively.

Sports Officer: represents the activities of the many sports teams in the College and will organise an Inter-Tutor Group Sporting Event in 2010-11.

Performing Arts Officer: represents the activities of the many students engaged in performing arts in the College.

Community Links Officer: encourages and organises community activities by students, liaising closely with Jenny Osborne, Lead Tutor for enrichment.

Student President Jack Nixon and Vice President Daniel Rodgett host a visit by IBM Chairman, Larry Hirst.



Student President Jack Nixon says:

"Being part of the Student Association means being part of an active and ambitious committee that aims to make the College lives of students extra special.

Not only do the SA organise a variety of College events but they also work alongside members of staff (including the Principal!) who will seek the views of the SA when any issues affecting the students are raised. Dan and I have had the opportunity to make a real difference to the College community. If you are thinking of running in the Student Association elections, I would fully encourage you to stand."

Thanks to the Student Association Committee 2009-2010



Parents:

It would be helpful if parents could discuss with students the opportunities and responsibilities that the roles of Student President, Vice President, or any member of the Committee present and encourage those who would like to take on such a high profile role to stand in the elections to be held this term.

Students:

Nomination Packs will be available from the Student Services office from 24 February. **Nominations are accepted only if you have a good record of commitment and attendance and the approval of your Personal Tutor.**

Student Association Election Timetable 2010

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| 2010 Election launched | Wednesday 24 February 12.15 pm - Café Direct |
| Closing Date for nominations | Tuesday 9 March (noon) |
| Hustings | Begin Monday 15 March |
| Election (e-voting on Intranet) | 19 - 23 March (noon) |
| RESULTS | Wednesday 24 March 12.30 pm Café Direct |

AS and A2 Module Results

A week early - on CRISTAL Web

The official publication date for the AS and A2 module results this term is Thursday 18 March. However, the results are likely to arrive in electronic form on

Thursday, 11 March 2010.

Staff in Registry will do all they can to transfer the results to students' secure pages on CristalWeb as early as possible on that day. CristalWeb can be opened via the Internet at home or on the College Intranet.

Parents' Evenings for 1st Year Students

Parents of students studying on the first year of a 2 year course, or on a 1 year course, are invited to the Spring Parents' Evenings which will be held on two evenings:

Wednesday 17 March 2010 5.30 - 8.30 pm

Monday 22 March 2010 5.30 - 8.30 pm

As usual, we expect students to accompany parents in order to make the discussion as helpful and fruitful as possible.

When you arrive, please go straight to your first appointment. Should you need a map, it can be collected from either the main entrance to the College or the rear entrance near to Time Out. The map will show you where the tutors are located.

Students will be able to make appointments nearer the time on Appointment Forms to be completed on your behalf.

Please note that:

- 1 subject tutors will be in their normal teaching locations;
- 2 the careers adviser will be in College each evening and will be pleased to make an appointment to see you;
- 3 when making appointments, students should build in plenty of walking time between locations;
- 4 if you wish to see the student's personal tutor, it is best to see him or her last;
- 5 teachers do try to keep to time - please do not assume that the interview is endless! If you wish to have an extended meeting, this should be arranged separately.

Second Year Students in need of help

The above Parents' Evenings will also be available to parents of second year students who are experiencing difficulty. If you have concerns, please ask your son or daughter to make appointments with his or her subject tutor.

Review Data

Short-hand data concerning students' progress in terms of attendance, the standard they are working towards, and time-management have recently been sent to parents. Students on AS courses have undertaken a January Subject Review; you can ask to see their action plans on CristalWeb which will form the basis of discussions at the Parents' Evenings. AS and A2 module results will have been published electronically by the time of the meetings.

College Attendance and Illness

The vast majority of students attend regularly and on time - that is the College requirement. A few, however, seem to miss classes for apparently trivial reasons, often quoting medical appointments or sudden illness which smites them down for 24 hours. In these circumstances, parents will be asked to verify absences.

It is timely to point out that all references refer to attendance records and, given the demand for places at the College, those with a poor attendance will not necessarily be retained in College for a second year. Where attendance falls below 90%, the College Charter makes it clear that the student's place at the College will be put in jeopardy.

Summer Examinations 2010

Coursework Deadlines - all courses

Every year, some students find that they miss deadlines because they manage their time poorly. Please check with your son or daughter if deadlines are approaching - planning ahead is very important!

Plagiarism - Don't lend work; don't get disqualified

A reminder to all students; **coursework must be the work of the student alone.** In the past, on occasions and often in panic, work has been copied from other candidates. **This will always lead to disqualification from the examination.** If a student lends work to another student "to help him out" or "because she is a good friend and she said she wouldn't copy it directly", it is likely that his or her entry will also be disqualified.

Never lend coursework or research notes to another student - and if there is a real difficulty, always consult your subject tutor over sharing of work.

When writing an extended essay, all references must be fully acknowledged. If students find helpful paragraphs in a book or on the Internet, they must not copy and paste it into their own essays in the pretence that they have written it. It is likely that the examiner will recognise it - and the work will then be disqualified.

Important Term Dates 2010-2011

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| Parents' evenings | Wed 17 & Mon 22 March 2010 |
| Easter Vacation | Fri 2 April - Fri 16 April 2010 |
| Information Evening | Tuesday 27 April 2010 |
| May Holiday | Monday 3 May 2010 |
| Study Leave L6 only | Monday 24 May 2010 |
| Reading Week | Mon 31 May - Fri 4 June 2010 |
| A2 courses begin | Tuesday 8 June 2010 |
| End of Summer Term | Thursday 8 July 2010 (4.15 pm) |
| A and AS results | Thursday 19 August 2010 |
| GCSE results | Tuesday 24 August 2010 |
| New Academic Year | Wed 1 September (enrolment) |
| Second Year return | Thurs 9 & Fri 10 September 2010 |
| Full Term starts | Monday 13 September 2010 |
| Reading Week | Mon 25 - Fri 29 October 2010 |
| Open Days | Wed 10 & Thurs 11 November 2010 |
| Christmas Vacation | Mon 20 Dec 2010 - Mon 3 Jan 2011 |
| Study days | Tues 4 & Wed 5 January 2011 |
| Reading Week | Mon 21 - Fri 25 February 2011 |
| Easter Vacation | Mon 11 April - Mon 25 April 2011 |
| May Holiday | Monday 2 May 2011 |
| Reading Week | Mon 30 May - Fri 3 June 2011 |
| End of Summer Term | Tuesday 12 July 2011 (4.15 pm) |

MISUSE OF THE COLLEGE NETWORK

Occasionally, we have examples of misuse of the College Network. The College Network is principally for study-related activity and the storing or transmitting of inappropriate or offensive messages and images is a disciplinary matter, as it is in the workplace; trading from College e-mail addresses is similarly forbidden. Any students who **receive** offensive messages or images by e-mail should notify the Help Desk immediately.

Sharing Passwords

On no account should students share their passwords into the College systems with a friend, even their best friend. The College will always treat the sharing of passwords as a disciplinary offence; students accounts are always suspended pending an investigation

The Learning Resource Centre - opening times

The Learning Resource Centre (Library, Careers and IT Centre) will be open during Reading Week at the following times:

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| Tuesday | 16 February | 10am - 4pm |
| Wednesday | 17 February | 10am - 4pm |
| Thursday | 18 February | 10am - 4pm |

For further information or to check the status of the network, please contact the help desk on 01252 688271, especially if you will be travelling from a distance.

Important Meeting for First Year Parents

Higher Education Information Evening

Thursday 22 April

6 pm and 7.30 pm

What can you study? Where? How do you apply?

What does it cost? What about debt?

Admission by ticket only.

This will be held in the Prospect Theatre. Tickets available for either session from the Student Services Office.

DON'T LET THIS BECOME URGENT - DO IT NOW!

HE Finance for students starting university in 2010

New students need to apply online through the Student Finance England service which will assess their eligibility for funding and for the student maintenance loan. Students and parents can apply now at: www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance - you can follow the link on the College website. Information packs for students have been ordered and will be given out in tutorial lessons.

CAREERS EVENTS FOR STUDENTS

As a holder of the prestigious Investors in Careers Award, the College is proud of the careers support and guidance it provides for all students.

Tuesday 23 February

So you want to be a Teacher? - University of Southampton

Thursday 25 February

So you want to be an Engineer? - Fluor

Tuesday 2 March

Gap Year - A generic talk about the benefits of a gap year

Tuesday 9 March

So you want to be a Doctor? Queen Mary, University of London

Friday 12 March

UCAS HE Convention - University of Portsmouth. A requirement for all first year students thinking of university. Coaches will take students from College to the University throughout the day.

Tuesday 16 March

So you want to be a Lawyer? - Sarah Bryant

Tuesday 16 March

Getting in to Oxbridge 2011 Talk, Prospect Theatre, 1.15pm
See details alongside.

Thursday 18 March

Stay local and get a degree with less debt - FCoT

Tuesday 23 March

Gap Year - Travel Safe - advice, guidance and courses

Thursday 25 March

Kaplan Financial - Joey Harman

Thursday 1 April

PKF (UK) LLP - Stephanie Linwood

SUMMER TERM

Tuesday 27 April

Information Evening for new students and parents 5.30 pm - 8.30pm. Students considering taking a new subject in their second year might find it helpful to visit Curriculum Areas in the College on Information Evening in order to speak to subject specialists.

Tuesday 4 May

Making a competitive application - Steve Watts, Homerton College, Cambridge

Friday 2 July

Moving On Day. An exhibition and a day of careers seminars for all First Year students.

Wednesday 22 September

College deadline for medicine, veterinary science and Oxbridge UCAS forms. Students applying for popular courses at oversubscribed universities should aim to meet this deadline as well.

University Admissions 2010

A record number of students have completed UCAS applications and are now receiving offers. Between May and June students will be required firmly to accept their first choice university, subject to their achieving the grades required; they can also hold an insurance offer. **Each student is given an individual deadline date by UCAS.**

OXFORD 20 CAMBRIDGE 10

Amongst the many successful applicants to top universities are the following 30 students who have won Oxbridge places:

Cambridge

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| Surein Aziz | Jesus | Mathematics |
| Naomi Clothier | Homerton | Natural Sciences (Physical) |
| Lauren Edwards | St John's | Natural Sciences (Biological) |
| Colin Li | Girton | Mathematics |
| Frances McDonnell | Christ's | Law |
| Catriona Meechan | Trinity | Mathematics |
| Ben Ramsay | Churchill | Natural Sciences (Physical) |
| Tiffany Seery | Corpus Christi | Archaeology & Anthropology |
| Ben Sun | Magdalene | Medicine |
| Max Westwood | Girton | Engineering |

Oxford

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| Andrew Bailey | Lincoln | Physics |
| Damian Buxton | Corpus Christi | Philosophy Politics & Economics |
| Matthew Clark | Hertford | Mathematics & Philosophy |
| Bronya Greatrex | Exeter | Law |
| Callum Higgins | St Hugh's | Earth Sciences |
| Dajun Huo | New College | Biochemistry |
| Rachel Ibbotson | Hertford | Biochemistry |
| Joe Jordan | Keble | Economics & Management |
| Henry Mitchell | Pembroke | History & Economics |
| Brent Morris | Oriel | Physics |
| Christopher Nicholls | Wadham | Mathematics |
| Rebecca Paisley | St Edmund Hall | Earth Sciences |
| Dean Palmer | Jesus | Law |
| Samuel Poulson | Worcester | Engineering |
| Stuart Rowland | St John's | Physics |
| Chloe Townsend | Open, tbc Aug | History |
| Adam Walker | Christ Church | Philosophy Politics & Economics |
| Charlotte Ward | Lady Margaret Hall | Biological Science |
| Louise Williamson | Christ Church | Chemistry |
| Rachel Wiltshire | St Hugh's | History |

Getting in to Oxbridge 2011

Tuesday 16 March 2010; 1.15pm

Prospect Theatre

Richard Partington

Churchill College, Cambridge

Dr Mark Wormald

Corpus Christi College, Oxford

This is an annual event to which parents and students are welcome. There will be an opportunity to talk to the Oxbridge representatives and ask questions.

Visits to Colleges and Open Days

A series of visits will be organised to enable students to see some Oxbridge Colleges in the summer. Further details will be available after Easter.

Rushmoor Youth Forum

The Rushmoor Youth Forum is able to provide limited financial help for educational trips or voluntary activities (maximum £250 per student) - students must be residents of Rushmoor.

For further information about the grants or forum membership visit the website: <http://www.rushmoor.gov.uk/index.cfm?articleid=768> or call the Rushmoor Youth Forum on 01252 546408.

College Spring Concerts

Music Scholars' Concert

The College's talented Music Scholars perform a varied programme as soloists and chamber musicians.

Friday 12 March 2010, 7.30pm
Guildhall, Guildford

The College Big Band, Chamber Choir and Choral Society Concert

Programme to include works by Viennese composers through the ages; while arrangements of music from Bach to Paul Simon will be performed by the Big band.

Wednesday 31 March 2010, 7.30pm
Prospect Theatre

Chamber Choir to sing Evensong

Wednesday 12 May 2010, 5.30pm
Southwark Cathedral

Leavers' Concert 2010

This informal concert marks the day on which many of our second year students will leave us and it is therefore fitting to send them on their way with some music!

Friday 28 May 2010, 7.30pm
Prospect Theatre

Concerto Competition winners and Choral Society Concert

Choral Society will be performing Haydn's Nelson Mass.
Friday 9 July 2010, 7.30pm
Guildford Cathedral

Summer Dance Show



Featuring Dance A Level Exam work and Dance Company performances

Thursday 20 May 2010, 7.30pm
Tickets from College Services

Car parking around the College

New parking arrangements have been introduced in the area around the College. There are now designated Student Parking Bays on the roads and users MUST display a permit to park there. Failure to display a permit will result in a £60 fixed penalty fine.

Second year students driving to College thus have three possible parking places - The Brian Smith Car Park on site, the new on-road Student Bays, and Farnborough Football Club, each with different permits.

College policy states that parking is only available to first year students later in the year - we have just reached the point where they may apply for a temporary permit to use the Football Club. These students will be given first choice of permits in the second year, either on-road or on-site.

Students should not park their cars in any other places, particularly outside residential homes in more distant roads.

Dropping off students

Please do not use the College Car Parks to drop off or pick up students. An increase in car movements inevitably creates greater risks when pedestrian activity is at its height - it would be helpful to arrange a safe meeting place a little distance from the College.

Farnborough Music Society Concerts

Luis Pecas (Countertenor) - UK Debut

Luis Pecas will be accompanied by Joao Santos and supported by Music Scholars from the College.

Saturday 27 February 2010, 7.30pm
Prospect Theatre

Ensemble 4 (Clarinet Ensemble)

The Ensemble was created in 1999 and have developed a wide repertoire of original works and arrangements from Bach to the Beatles and Beyond.

Saturday 27 March 2010, 7.30pm
Prospect Theatre

St John's Piano Trio

The St John's Piano Trio will be performing: Haydn's Trio in G, Shostakovich's Trio in E minor and Schubert's Trio in E flat.

Saturday 24 April 2010, 7.30pm

Tickets for all events from College Services 01252 688219

Drama and Theatre Performance Exams

Audiences are warmly welcome to attend any of the examination events.

A2 Drama and Theatre Studies

Tuesday 23 - Thursday 25 February
5pm onwards, Prospect Theatre

AS Drama and Theatre Studies

Monday 8 March - Friday 12 March
5.30pm onwards, Prospect Theatre

A collection of group performances from selected texts

Sports Report

It has been a rather quiet time on the sports fixtures front due to a combination of examinations and snow, but with the worst of this behind us our weekly fixtures have resumed.

The men's 1st XI football team travelled to Reigate College for the quarter finals of the National Cup; the first time that the College has reached this stage of the competition. The team won 2-0 and will play Hartpury College, the cup holders from Gloucester.

The women's football team travelled to Filton College in Bristol for the semi-finals of the National Cup. Despite a gallant effort they lost 5-1. The women's football team remain top of the Hampshire League and therefore still qualify for the British Colleges National Cup.

The men's basketball team were able to play their fixture against Havant College and showed their presence on the court, dominating 68-21.

Upcoming events:

The swimming team will be competing in the National Finals in Coventry; and

The College's football, rugby, basketball, netball and hockey teams are currently on tour in Barcelona.

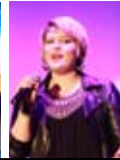
Congratulations!

Lucinda Cowing on being awarded a Sir Peter Holmes Memorial Award for her project in southern Yunnan in China, to investigate the impact of ethnic minority culture on traditional music.

Feedback

If you have any comments about the quality of education which you feel your son or daughter is experiencing at the College, please do not hesitate to contact me.

John Guy, Principal
February 2010



University Admissions 2010 - tough decisions in August

Parents and students will be aware of the financial constraints placed upon universities for 2010-11. There will be no growth in undergraduate places this year and there are more applicants in the system than this time last year.

The message for students is clear - this year, more than ever before, it will be important to get the grades which universities have set in their offers. In previous years, universities have often relaxed the requirements if students have not quite met the grades but that is extremely unlikely this year. Sometimes universities ask for a particular grade in a designated subject in an offer like ABB. If a student gets grades BAA (ie higher than required) but with the B in the "wrong" subject, they are unlikely to be accepted.

"Vice-chancellors and students erupted in fury after more than £500 million cuts from university budgets were unveiled today."

The Times 1 February 2010

Expect tougher A2 questions this year

This year, the A level questions on the A2 papers are designed to be harder than in previous years. There was a lot of comment in the national press over the AQA A2 Biology paper taken in January which allegedly asked students about topics they had not studied, and even about the OCR A2 Biology taken by our students which had a question about a seal - seals are not on the syllabus. The examiners have done this deliberately to ask students to apply the knowledge they have learned to new and unfamiliar situations. It is part of the development of stretch and challenge in the A level curriculum, in preparation for the new A* grade.

The message to students is that they should expect to be faced with unusual situations on the papers and to calmly apply their knowledge to the question. They should not panic that no one has taught them about seals, for example, and complain that it is not fair.

Research by OCR has shown that when students panic, they do less well on the easier questions than they would otherwise do. Having introduced the A* grade here as the only pilot in the country, our teaching staff are well aware of the changes and will be supporting students to prepare for the new, more challenging questions.

Baroque Christmas Concert

Students from the College captivated the congregation in St Andrew's Garrison Church on Friday 18 December 2009 with a beautiful evening of music at the College's Baroque Christmas Concert.

The evening began with Charpentier's Kyrie from the Messe de Minuit pour Noel, so wonderfully intoned by the College Chamber Choir that it seemed too high an expectation that such quality would be maintained throughout the concert. It was followed by two delightful chorales written for the Lutheran Church in Germany shortly after the Reformation.

Soloists Madeleine Sakakini (soprano), Katy Ovens (alto), William Malins (tenor) and



William Etheridge (bass) filled the church with their stunning unaccompanied harmony in A Great and Mighty Wonder by Praetorius, only to be matched by Jessica Mabin, Katy Nagle and Stephen Mills who joined William Etheridge in a perfect rendition of J S Bach's O Little Sweet One.

Director of Music Paul Bambrough's choice of Monteverdi's Beatus Vir, a setting of Psalm 112, enabled the chamber choir to show their strength, maturity and versatility as they triumphed in this next dramatic work scored for six-part chorus and soloists.

The student voices were able to rest during Samuel Cleeve's solo violin performance of J S Bach's Partita no 2 in D minor, which he played without score in a magnificent and passionate rendition, with great depth of feeling bringing sustained applause from the

appreciative and delighted concert-goers.

Finally, the 100-strong Choral Society performed Vivaldi's Gloria in D, a joyful hymn of praise and worship. Solo parts were sung with confidence and beauty by sopranos Jessica Mabin, Nancy Reynolds and Charlotte Cartwright, alto Katy Nagle and baritone Jacob Howells-Jones but the whole choir sang with a strength and beauty more characteristic of a professional group than one would expect of a sixth form college choir.

The evening was a triumph for Director of Music Paul Bambrough, who had put together a wonderful Christmas offering, but especially for the talented students. Thanking them after the concert, Principal John Guy said, "I am not sure if, as performers, you realise just how wonderful it has been to listen to this evening's concert - it has indeed been a privilege to be present."

Media students delight exhibition audience

Photographs by Media students were the subject of great praise and critical acclaim at a private viewing of their best work showcased in a new exhibition taking place in the College's John Guy Building.

The exhibition, entitled View Finder, represents a range of photography work inspired by the theme of culture, drawing also on the importance of heritage and personal identity. The collection illustrates a range of classic and experimental forms and styles, resulting in a colourful and diverse collection of images.

The young photographers are students on the College's highly successful Media National Certificate Course. Before the project, most of the students had little experience of camera use except for holiday snapshots.

College Subject Leader for Media, Rachel Beasley, said, "I am really proud of the work in this exhibition; the students have thrived in creating original and inspiring images. The whole project has embraced our key aims of motivating students in a meaningful way in order to raise their achievement."

Among the works on show was a remarkable photograph by Dean Overton (above) whose image was entitled 'Moving On'. Taken in Oxford, he captured a moment of transition and the sense of an unknown but exciting future with which all the visitors identified.

Dean said, "The exhibition was amazing and seeing the photographs displayed so professionally gave us all a real thrill. I'm really please to have had the opportunity to do this."



Concerto Solo for Flautist Katy

12 talented A level musicians competed for the opportunity to play as soloist in a major concert at Guildford Cathedral in July. They were taking part in the College Concerto Competition held at the University of Surrey last week.

The musicianship of the students came under the close scrutiny of an illustrious panel of judges led by Professor Sebastian Forbes, one of the country's most distinguished musicians and Director of Music at the University. Professor Forbes was joined by Clive Williamson, internationally renowned pianist and Head of Performance at Surrey and Susan White, who has played with many of Britain's leading orchestras, performing widely in Europe and the USA.

The judges particularly commended the performance of Saint-Saens' Cello Concerto No 1 by Katy Nagle. In second place, the judges were unable to separate pianist Rachel Mills, for her mature performance of Beethoven's Piano Concerto no 1, and percussionist Ralph Wyld, who played the Concerto for Vibraphone and Orchestra by Ney Rosauo. They were unanimous, however, in selecting the overall winner as Katy Ovens, for her near-faultless, interpretation of Jacob's Concerto for Flute and Strings. In addition to her magnificent glass trophy, Katy will now play the complete Concerto as solo flautist before a packed audience at Guildford Cathedral in July, accompanied by a full orchestra. Rachel and Ralph will also contribute to the concert.



Performing Arts Week raises £1600 for charity



The Sixth Factor, the College version of the popular television show 'The X-Factor' topped off a marvellous week of events at the Prospect Theatre which involved 46 AS Performing Arts students tasked with setting up, organising and running a programme of events all supporting nominated national and local charities. Playing to an audience of over 400 people across the week the final figure raised was somewhere near £1600. From Monday's Fashion Show, which highlighted the heartbreaking tragedies during the Rwandan Genocide and the way that 'The Survivors' Fund' is engaging young people in re-building communities, set the very high standard for the week, followed by Tuesday night's lively Battle of the Bands, supporting 'The Rainbow Trust Children's Charity'. Wednesday's Dance Mania, a version of Strictly Come Dancing, helped highlight the work of 'Rosie's Rainbow Fund' and finally Thursday night's Sixth Factor raised money for their charity, 'Make a Wish' Foundation.

Matt Sheppard, Senior Curriculum Manager for Performing Arts, commented, "This year's events have been the best ever both through the sheer professionalism and organisational skills of all the students involved in a marvellous series of events and the awareness and money raised for all the worthwhile causes. The staff and students have yet again proved what a wonderful, wonderful department and College this is."