



Former Principal, David Chapman in last summer's open air production of Romeo & Juliet

Chairman's Report 2008

I would like to thank all the Committee of the HCS Society for their efforts and determination in trying to keep your Society alive. Sporting events, luncheons, dances, etc were organised for your attendance, but, sadly, most were cancelled due to lack of interest. Up until now the Committee is made up of old boys, and up until now sadly no girls who try to organise events on your behalf. I am delighted to say that Hasina Brar, last years' Head Girl has joined the committee for 2009. It is not a job that has any "thanks" yet still they attend the Committee meetings and hope for better results. It is essential that you reply to the e-mails and letters sent to you, even to tell us that you cannot attend!

This year the Bells retire from the Committee. Joyce and Robert have been the backbone of the old Emblians and then the HCS Society for over 30 years, a tremendous amount of work. Thank you to both. Mike Clive has also retired. He attended for nearly 30 years. The future is good. Greg Davies is to be your new Chairman. Greg is a well-known and respected local business man, who has the skills to drive the Society forward. Jimmy Hunt and Chris Jewell are also to continue as the Sports Organisers. Hasina Brar and Tim Steadman joined in September, having left HCS this year so their contacts with staff and new leavers will be invaluable.

The school under David Chapman's leadership was very supportive of all the society's functions and I am very pleased to say that, new Principal, Hector MacDonald is very keen to see that the Society progresses.

So, 2009 is a new year for the Society and the School but I am sure that both will prosper under their new Leaders.

Best wishes to you all. Please, please attend as many functions as you are able.

Andy McCall
HCS Society President 2006 - 2008



Hector MacDonald,
Principal, HCS

Principal's Report

In keeping with the new school motto 'Vita Studia Una', or life and learning are one; we have had a superb first term of the academic year, with students excelling in a broad range of activities.

HCS is in demand for all of the right reasons, great development of the individual whether in sport, academic processes, music, drama or within the increasingly large range of co-curricular activities which now number 68!

The school has over 765 students, and both boarding and day-school numbers are growing. In boarding the

facilities have been re-furnished and the west wing is becoming a true home away from home. Increased weekend activities are attracting many to boarding life and up to twelve varied excursions per year are a sure way to fend off homesickness. We are happy to welcome four special scholars from Germany this year, and we expect our international community to grow over the years.

The sixth form is growing in both numbers and expertise – with the majority of students accessing Russell Group universities after their time with us. So many students are setting very high targets for themselves and we wish good luck to the

students attending interviews at colleges in Oxford, RADA in London, as well as a host of other preeminent universities.

Our students in Year 11 last year had wonderful results with 12 students having achieved 11 A*/A grades or more, and 39% A*/A grades, 71% A*-B grades, and over 99% of students with at least 5 A*-C grades in their GCSE results.

In A-Level results we gained 16.3% A grades, 47.25% A-B grades, with a 100% pass rate – illustrating that we can bring out the best in everyone!

We have had some very impressive sports results this year with the U16 Rugby XV having an unbeaten season to date, and the U16 Girl's Hockey team winning the Hampshire Shield against stiff rivalry. The traditions founded in sport are alive and well, and numerous sevens tournaments abound! I would urge alumni to attend HCS Society events, both sporting and social, you are always welcome to come and cheer on our students as they compete in the toughest fixtures.

We have enjoyed pantomime, the Autumn musical evening, trips to the battlefields in France, a super sports trip to Malta, geography field trips, amongst a host of other activities too long to account in detail. All of these things illustrate what a dynamic school HCS is, based upon two excellent former traditions that we would like to commemorate with display areas in the Old Library.

Seventy members of the school, selected from parents, teachers, staff and students attended a 125th Jubilee Service commemorating the UCST foundation at Canterbury Cathedral in November. We were inspired by the words of wisdom and superb sense of humour of Archbishop Desmond Tutu who gave the sermon. HCS is growing, competing, and really making a mark in education. Long may it remain a unique school for unique young people, diverse in interests but with something in common, high energy, creativity and a winning attitude!

Hector MacDonald
December 2008

Obituary

We regret to announce the death of David Henderson, a past president of the Old Emblians and Headmaster of Embley Park School from 1968 to 1987. David died in hospital on Wednesday, 19th March 2008.



HCS Junior School Year 2 pupils visiting East Wellow church to find out about Florence Nightingale

The New Committee

We welcome our New President, Hector MacDonald who is the new Principal of the school. Hector previously had a career in industry; was Dean of Studies in the US and was a housemaster and a director of studies at Sevenoaks School before a successful career as headmaster at 3 other schools.

Robert and Joyce Bell are retiring in the New Year. Robert has been secretary for 25 years and Treasurer for almost 3 years. We have not yet found a successor for Robert as Treasurer and would be delighted to hear from you if you are interested in taking on this roll.

Your Committee

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Laura Offer		



Archbishop Desmond Tutu shares a joke with HCS Students at the 125 Jubilee Celebrations for UCST at Canterbury Cathedral

HCS Society Website

The HCS Society website is a link on the Hampshire Collegiate School website. The website includes a downloadable Members email directory. To add your name to this directory please complete the permission slip which is available for download on the website. Alternatively email your details, including name, dates you were at the school, which school you attended together with any previous surname and, of course, the email address you wish to publish to our email address HCSociety@church-schools.com



Georgina Place starring as Fossil in the HCS Drama Department production 'Zodin The Evil Sorcerer'

50 Club

The Society runs a 50 Club which gives prizes of £20 and £5 each month and a grand prize of £50 once a year. The membership cost is £1 per month or £12 annually by standing order. We are continually seeking new members and would like you to join.

For further details contact Robert Bell.

50 Club Draw Results 2008

The Winner of the £50 Prize for this year is: M Clive.

	£20	£5
January	A P Goulden	L Appleton
February	C W Dewbury	M Jordan
March	M Whitfield-Tinner	R Parish
April	M Forsyth	M Slatter
May	I Britton	M Jordan
June	I Britton	J W Neil
July	B Parish	M Jordan
August	J W McNeil	D Chapman
September	A Adams	S Hill
October	M Clive	M Whitfield
November	R Parish	J Holden
December	R Bell	G Brooksopp

HCS Society Merchandise

The Society offers the following merchandise for sale.

Old Emblian Bow ties	£16.00										
Old Emblian Cumberbunds	£15.00										
Old Emblian Polyester Tie	£10.00										
HCS Society Tie	£10.50										
HCS Society Polo Shirts are available in the following sizes	£10.00										
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To order please contact your treasurer.

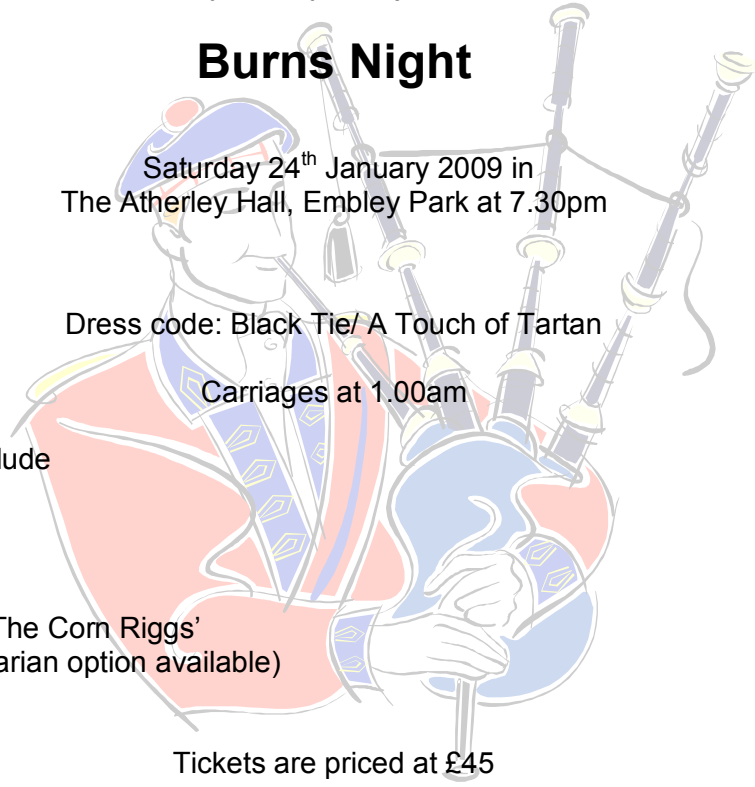
The Friends of HCS (Seniors)
Cordially invite you to join them for

Burns Night

Saturday 24th January 2009 in
The Atherley Hall, Embley Park at 7.30pm

Dress code: Black Tie/ A Touch of Tartan

Carriages at 1.00am



The evening's events will include

- ❖ Welcome drink
- ❖ String Quartet/Piper
- ❖ Ode to the Haggis
- ❖ Reeling to the band 'The Corn Riggs'
- ❖ 5 course meal (vegetarian option available)

Tickets are priced at £45

Tables for 10 people will be available or individual tickets can be purchased and we will seat you with HCS Society members if you wish.

HCS Society Events Programme

Sunday, 15th March 2009

10:30 am Netball, Hockey & Soccer v. School teams

Saturday, 4th July 2009

10:30 am Cricket & Tennis matches v. School teams

We also hope to run a Rounders match against the school on this date if there is sufficient interest

Saturday, 26th September 2009

12:00 Lunch in the Atherley Hall

1:00 pm AGM in the Old Library

2:30 pm Rugby match against Old Churchers – revives the annual match against Old Church played in the past

2:30 pm Hockey match v School team (7 or 11 a-side)

4:15 pm Tea in The Atherley Hall

7:00 pm for 7:30 pm Dinner in The Atherley Hall, Black Tie; £25 a head

Saturday, 21st November 2009

2:15 pm Rugby match v. a team to be confirmed.

You can sign up to any of the above using the reply slip enclosed with this newsletter