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## BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS

Apologies to the triumphant girls for omitting their photo in last weeks newsletter.

Once again, many congratulations to them on their fantastic achievement in Nottingham!



Team: **Catherine Dillon** (Captain), **Ellie Blake** (Vice Captain), **Benitia Knowles-Wright**, **Zoe Barnes**, **Florence Bird**, **Meghan Nash**, **Sami-Jade Storton**, **Madeline Hollis**, **Sophie Ottaway**, **Katie Gale**

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### **Dates for your diary.....**

#### MAY

26th End of Term 5

29th May - 2nd June  
END OF TERM HOLIDAY

#### JUNE

5th First Day of Term 6

7th Orchestra Practice  
7.30 - 9.30p.m.  
(LSDH)

12th Year 12 return from  
study leave

14th Orchestra Practice  
7.30 - 9.30p.m.  
(LSDH)

21st Orchestra Practice  
7.30 - 9.30p.m.  
(LSDH)

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# HARD GATE SCHOOL

## A SERIALISATION BY ALEX BROWNE - 10CYS

Three days had passed and George found himself staying yet another night at Owen’s house. His mum was staying with her mother. She had suffered a breakdown after a stranger in the local supermarket had asked her about Mike.

The two boys sat at the window, staring out into the windy street at a small gang of girls who were walking by.

“Tell you something, it was pretty horrific!” George said

Owen didn’t want to start a conversation with George that would end with thoughts of what had happened the other night, but neither did he want to make George feel like he was avoiding the subject.

“What was?” said Owen, reluctantly  
 “That wind, it’s lethal!” He smiled.  
 A silence filled the room. George turned to Owen, and noting Owen’s unsure expression he said: “Don’t worry, you can say it if you want to,”

Owen sighed and ran his fingers through his hair. “What was it like?”

“My Dad, the tyrant?”

“No!” Owen shivered and sighed again “Yes,”

“Horrid... but I survive. I’m used to it you see. I’m as hard as nails!”

George said “I know my dad’s crazy, but at the same time I know

that it’s only the alcohol that makes him mad. Still, I’ll never forgive him!”

“Don’t you feel a little missed out, you know, because you’ve got no dad?” Owen said with a comforting gaze,

“Not really, me and mum, that’s all I need!” He smiled.

“Don’t worry George, it’ll turn out fine. It usually does!”

“Best get to bed!” George said and with that they abandoned their posts at the window and fled to their sleeping bags.

**There will be a break from this epic tale for a few weeks. Thank you to Alex Browne for keeping us all entertained.**

**Look out for next week’s new serialisation!!**



### NEW PUZZLE! CHEMISTRY SUDOKU

H	He	Li	Be	B	C	N	O	F
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**Based on the first nine elements of the periodic table:**

		Li		N				
							O	N
		B	He		Be			
He				H	F			
O		Li					N	C
B	F						He	
			C	He				
	He							H
			Be			Li		

C	He	Li	F	O	N	B	H	Be
B	O	H	C	Be	He	Li	F	N
Be	F	N	B	H	Li	He	C	O
Li	B	He	N	C	O	F	Be	H
H	C	O	Be	Li	F	N	B	He
N	Be	F	H	He	B	C	O	Li
He	Li	B	O	F	H	Be	N	C
O	N	C	Li	B	Be	H	He	F
F	H	Be	He	N	C	O	Li	B

**Solution to last week’s puzzle:**

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION - EXAM WEEK

As you are aware, exam week was provisionally in the calendar for week beginning 19th June. Due to increased pressure from external exams, we will be extending and modifying exam week.

### Year 7, 8 & 9

Exam week remains the week beginning Monday 19th June. In a change to previous years, the subject exams will take place in normal lesson time. This means the timetable for Year 7, 8 and 9 will stay the same.

Although exams are taking place in normal lessons, their significance and importance has not been diminished!

All pupils will benefit from and should take this opportunity to review and consolidate their learning by revising thoroughly for these exams. Departments use the results in many ways including setting for the following year and tracking individual pupils' progress. Subject staff will be giving pupils details of their exams in due course.

### Year 10

Year 10 exams will take place on **Tuesday 27th June, Wednesday 28th June** and **Thursday 29th June** and include GCSE module exams in Science and Mathematics.

All Year 10 exams will take place in the hall and pupils will attend normal lessons when not sitting an exam.

All pupils will benefit from and should take this opportunity to review and consolidate their learning by revising thoroughly for all their exams. They are particularly important in Year 10, as they mark a significant point in the GCSE course.

Departments use the results in a variety of ways including setting for Year 11 and monitoring pupils' progress.

Thank you for your support as we prepare pupils for their exams.

**Mrs Deborah Gibbs**

## YEAR 11 AND STAFF ROUNDEERS TOURNAMENT

Many thanks to everyone who participated in this tournament. The results were as follows:

Team 1	First
Team 3	Second
Team 2 & 4	Joint 3rd



A well mannered tournament with many big hitters scoring.

The total raised for the Rush Charity was £28.20.

Well done!

**Mrs N Strickland**

## YEAR 10 INCREASE THEIR BRAINPOWER!

On Friday 12th May, Year 10 pupils studying GCSE PE, GCSE Dance and the National Certificate in Sport took part in a morning of brain training activities with Kate Bloomfield and Wayne Middlemist from the Quantum Training and Learning Company. During the morning they learned how their brains work, why they remember television advertisements which have nothing to do with them, how to discover their learning personalities, what their preferred learning styles are and much more.

At the end of each section of the course they all learned how to juggle (the best exercise for cross brain activity).

All the pupils took part with great enthusiasm and will be using many of the techniques learned to enhance their learning in all subjects.



On Sunday 21st May a number of keen basketball players travelled to Cardiff to watch the Harlem Globetrotters. Unfortunately the championship play off between Leeds United and Watford Town was taking place next door in the Millennium Stadium and so the journey took much longer than anticipated. On arrival **Jack Case** (10AJA) was selected for a shooting competition in which he won some globetrotter memorabilia. When the globetrotters took to the court to warm up, a stray ball was immediately returned by one of our national league stars Ashley Hill, who managed to hit one of the globetrotters on the head with his accurate pass!

The globetrotters put on a great show including their famous bucket of water trick. The end being where they throw a bucket of water into the crowd. Unfortunately our seats were courtside which meant that the majority of our Year 11 girls were completely soaked, but in the spirit of the whole thing they did get their bags dried off by one of the players. We left the stadium having had great fun and having bought souvenirs and collecting photographs and pictures. Then we had the slow exit from Cardiff with the football fans; Leeds United supporters were not so happy as we were!



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