



# BLATCH NEWS

Blatchington Mill School

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## Easter Holidays

School closes at 3.00pm on Thursday 2nd April for students  
 City-Wide inset day for staff on Friday 3rd April  
 School reopens for Summer Term on  
 Monday 20th April at 8.30am (Warning Bell 8.25pm)

## Wishing you a restful Easter break

The end of the term always signifies that time where we reflect and look forward to a break so that we can recharge the batteries – and this end of term is most assuredly that. We have had a short term but one filled with activity and success.

We had field trips for both Year 8 and Year 10 and these were extremely successful and informative. Our performances for this month included Heartbreak Beautiful, a production directed by Mr Rutter who took it on tour to Chichester. Well done to all concerned. We also saw Romeo and Juliet for Year 9. Ms Pinnick, as director deserves a huge thank you as she not only produced the play for a public performance but also ensured that all of our Year 9 students watched the performance during the school day. Very well done indeed to those students involved. Our students staged the Fashion Show which was a hugely entertaining evening. We also had our Spring Concert which showcased a very wide range of talent from all of our year groups. It was a professional mix of dance, singing and music and we are most grateful to Ms Fry for making this her priority when she was nursing a broken elbow – only one handed conducting allowed!

We also had an event which wasn't on our original calendar. Charlotte Soffe, one of our Year 11 students, organised a concert in aid of the Anthony Nolan Trust. Charlotte's approach to this project exemplifies the high quality community involvement of our students. Well done Charlotte and thank you.

I wish you a Happy Easter and I hope that you and your children have a good break as we need them back full of the joys of spring for what will turn out to be a very full summer term.

Janet Felkin

## Diary

### Monday 30th March to Thursday 2nd April

Rag Week

### Wednesday 1st April

Rag Day

Y12 Science trip

Y12 History trip

Y12 Law trip

Y10 Theatre Trip

### Thursday 2nd April

School closes at 3pm for students

Careers Drop-In Session,

3pm in the RIC

### Friday 3rd April

Citywide INSET for staff

School closed to students

### Monday 6th April to

### Sunday 19th April

Easter Holidays

### Monday 20th April to Friday

Y10 exams all week

### Tuesday 21st April

FAB Meeting 7- 9pm Conference room

Thursday 23rd April

Y7 Parenting Programme

6.30pm, C1 Drama Studio

### Tuesday 21st April and

### Wednesday 22nd April

Y11 GCSE PE Practicals

### Friday 24th April to

### Sunday 26th April

Silver Duke of Edinburgh Expedition

### Saturday 25th April

Teenspirit @Concorde2

### Monday 27th April to

### Friday 30th April

Y11 Art exams (4 days)

### Monday 27th April

UK Maths Trust regional Final (MO)

Y7 and 8 Gifted and Talented

Theatre workshop

### Monday 27th April and

### Tuesday 28th April

Y9 MFL Fast track GCSE Oral exams

### Thursday 29th April

Y9 assessment in Maths1 and English

### Friday 30th April

Junior Maths Challenge

Y9 assessment in Maths2

**Main Stage**  
 The Desperate Qualia  
 The Catalysts  
 Fuze  
 She's Abstract  
 Mirror Image  
 Running With Scissors  
 Dr. Pump

**+ Acoustic Stage**

**CONCORDE 2** **APRIL 25th**

Tickets:  
 U16 £4, 16+ £6

Available From:  
 Rounder Records,  
 Blatch Mill Box Office,  
 & Concorde 2

DOORS 7.00PM  
 BANDS 7.30PM

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 myspace.com/teenspiritbrighon

## Message from the Chair

As I write in a sun streamed office I am reminded that spring is the promise of new life and the bulbs are bursting forth bringing the hope of the long hazy days of summer.

The picture is very different for many of our students as they face the Easter holiday anticipating hours of study preparing for the examinations ahead, hoping that all they have worked hard to achieve will be realised. Remember, revision tip and timetables can be accessed on the Portal!

We have every reason to be proud of the whole school community - they are an example of putting the needs of others before their own. The 'Pink' day raised money for a local charity. Red Nose Day was a great success with nearly £1k raised for good causes. The very special Flower for a Friend event, organised by the students, raised funds for the Anthony Nolan trust. I have witnessed some outstanding student performances in the Theatre and our very own Master Chef competition produced a medley of delicious food. Congratulations to all performers and participants.

The Governors and teachers have been busy working on your behalf ensuring that school policies are up to date and that information and guidance, teaching and learning and staff development are all of the highest standard. Our budget is applied to get the best possible environment and resources for the school. Each Governor is assigned to a year group and has a special area of interest and responsibility. A programme of focused school visits is one way of governors gaining first-hand knowledge of the effectiveness of school policies. The Community sub-committee has external members representing the wider community and there is a lot of excitement about extending the school beyond the traditional school community.

This includes the development of an industrial standard kitchen which offers opportunities for students to study for careers in catering. Governors also undertake training and gain skills for their tasks and we are working on sharing expertise across the school governing bodies in Hove.

Of course you will not forget that the work of the governing body goes on throughout the year and all the minutes of meetings are available for you to read. I am so proud of the Governor team, they are all volunteers and give their time freely to ensure that the student experience in the school is a positive and productive one!

Jenny Barnard-Langston,  
Chair of Governors

# Exams and Revision

## Year 10 Internal Exams

The Y10 Internal Exam Timetable for April 2009 is available on the BMS Portal in the [School Information Library](#) (see the links on the left hand navigation of the Portal homepage). Please make sure your child has all the necessary equipment for each exam. Seating plans will be displayed on the notice board outside the Exams Office.

## Year 11 Revision Sessions

Bookings are now being taken for the Y11 Revision Sessions during the Easter Holidays. Students must complete and return the [booking form](#) (PDF) for any sessions they wish to attend. The full session list and booking form is available in the BMS Portal [School Information Library](#).

## SAM Learning

Don't forget to use the [SAM Learning](#) revision programme over the Easter holiday. Research has shown that if a student spends 10 hours working on revision for a subject using the programme, they can move their achievement up by a grade. SAM Learning is available on the [Student Portal Page](#) under WWW Links.



## GCSE English and English Literature Study Guide now online!

When are my English exams? How do I revise for English? What do I need to revise for English Paper 2? The answer to these and many other questions can be found in the English revision guide (New version for 2009) in the English site on the Student Portal. This document has also been emailed to your child and contains comprehensive information, tips, advice and exercises to prepare fully for GCSE English and English Literature. We are sure it will prove very useful in the run up to the exams - *Mr Yahiaoui and Mr Breckenridge, English Dept.*

## Summer GCE and GCSE Exam Timetables

Individual Summer exam timetables will be given to students at the start of Summer Term. Please check that your child has received their own exam timetable and they have returned the reply slip by the due date Friday 24th April. Contact the Exams Office if you have any questions.

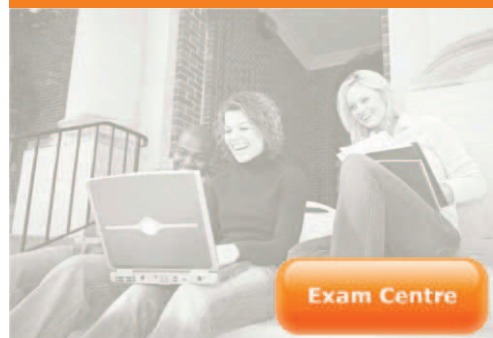
## Y11 Important Dates

- Y11 Leavers Assembly is Thursday 21st May
- Year 11 Record of Achievement ceremony is on Friday 22nd May at Hove Centre from 2 to 5pm. Tickets will be available for guests after the Easter break from West Wing reception. Please book early to avoid disappointment.
- Y11 attendance at the Prom is dependent on good levels of attendance (92%) and punctuality, a good behaviour record and a positive work ethic.

## The Exam Centre

Exam Timetables, Coursework deadlines, revision sheets and useful websites.

Log on to the Portal and click on the Exam Centre button



## FAB NEWS

### Next FAB Meeting:

Tuesday 21st April,  
7pm in the Conference Room  
New members always welcome!

### Next FAB Event:

Wine & Wisdom III  
Family Quiz Evening  
Friday 1st May

Contact: Jacquie Stevens,  
FAB Secretary at  
[j.stevens468@btinternet.com](mailto:j.stevens468@btinternet.com)  
to find out more about FAB

# MASTERCHEF 2009

Cooking doesn't get tougher than this



## Results

### KS3 Winner



Jenny Goodsell:  
Chicken & Bacon Meatballs in tomato sauce, Mixed Salad with Mustard Dressing

### KS3 Runner Up



Joe Morley:  
Zesty Lemon Mousse with Crunchy Ginger Biscuits

### KS3 Runner Up



Joshua Winstone;  
Garlic Chicken wrapped in Pancetta with Mushroom & Onion Spaghetti

### KS4 Winners



#### Winners:

**George Burman-Lacey:**  
Breaded Chicken Stuffed with Mozzarella and Pancetta served with Pan Fried Mushrooms

**Tasnia Kashem:**  
Chicken Bhoona with Pillau Rice

**Danny Lowley:**  
Chicken and Mango en papillote, with asparagus stack and cous cous.



#### Runners Up:

**Lauren Compton:**  
Mini Strawberry Cheesecakes

**Henry Newton:**  
Key Lime Pie

**James Kettle:**  
Stuffed chicken with pesto, peppers and bacon

**Rafe Pol:**  
Red Chicken and Green Vegetable Stir Fry

### KS4 Runners Up



## Everyday objects become art

'Use and Reuse' investigated the use of everyday objects in ready made sculptures (made famous by artists such as Marcel Duchamp) with 8E/Ar1 and Ms Bettridge. Students were split into working groups where they had to look at the work of installation artists, ready made sculptures and word art. In their groups they discussed world issues and chose a theme to construct a sculpture to represent. Then they chose objects which they grouped together to form a sculpture illustrating their world theme. Mr Breckenridge sent the students instructions which taught them how to design a catchy slogan which would capture the imagination and the attention of their audience and they found ways of illustrating the slogans through Powerpoint so that they could be projected over their sculptures.

- Ms E Bettridge, Art Dept.



Year 8s demonstrate their installations



Model students at the Fashion Show 2009

## Fun, fashion and fundraising

### Over £1000 raised on Red Nose Day!

Activities included selling noses, a joke competition and "Wear something red for Comic Relief". The students also voted for how the money should be used, with over 46% choosing to help children who have to care for their families. Well done to everyone who took part and thank you to Ms R Auld for organising Red Nose Day at school.



### Winning joke

#### By Hannah Verth, 7JA

A boy was going out on a walk with his girlfriend Lorraine, but he likes someone else called Kiki, so he pushes Lorraine off a cliff and sings "I can see Kiki now Lorraine has gone".

### Y9 Valentine Cards Scheme

Year 9 students raised £51 for [WaterAid](#) by making and selling Valentine's Day cards. The cards were available to pre-order and were delivered in secret to the lucky Valentines!

### Children in Need

Well done to Emily Cary and Leah Brown, 7PS, who raised £18 for Children in Need.

### FAB Jewellery Recycling Scheme

This term FAB have been collecting unwanted and broken jewellery, old

watches and discarded mobile phones. Every student who participated was entered in a draw for an MP3 player. FAB have raised £228 in total by taking scrap gold and silver to James Ross Jewellers, Station Rd, Portslade, who were very generous and offered small prizes for future raffles.

### Fashion Show

All profits made from the Fashion Show will go towards [Cancer Research UK](#). The amount raised will be announced after the prom.

### Strictly Duets

Sixth Form are raising money for [Teenage Cancer Trust](#) and [The Rocking Horse Appeal](#) as their chosen charities for RAG Week and the Strictly Duets Show.

### Flower for a Friend

The Flower for a Friend Variety Show was organised by Charlotte Soffe, Y11, to raise funds for the [Anthony Nolan Trust](#) - a charity supporting leukaemia sufferers.

### Fun Run for M.E. sufferer

Ms C Taylor, Community Arts Co-ordinator, did a 5km sponsored run from West Pier to Hove Lagoon in March to raise funds for a close friend suffering from M.E. Her target figure of £2000 will go towards treatment for her friend Emma Hampson who has been severely ill with chronic M.E. for ten years.

## In brief

### Y9 Student is "Young Champion"

Congratulations to Pardis Kianoush, 9CL, for getting the "Young Champion's Award" from Kingswood Education and Adventure.

### Minibridge Results

1st Place: Chris Derrick and Felix Dibb-Fuller (Varndean)  
2nd Place: Justin Stavely and Max Priestly  
3rd Place: Lee Rebbeck and Syd Wilson

### Y7 stack it up

All Year 7 are participating in speed / cup stacking which will lead towards an inter-form competition. Speed stacking helps with co-ordination, concentration and team work. Thank you to the Year 9 young leaders for helping with the event.

### Historical Fiction Winner

Eden Munday, 9SW, won the Historical Fiction Competition with his short story set in the Roman Empire. Eden's story will now go forward to the Historical Fiction national competition. You can read his piece on the Portal.

## Y7 Parents Invitation to Parenting Programme Thursday 23rd April 6.30pm to 8.30pm C1 Drama Studio

You are invited to a Year 7 teen talk (practical strategies and support for parents in preparation for teenage years). The focus will be raising responsible teenagers and the topics include:

- Taking part in family decisions
- Be respectful and considerate
- Be involved in family activities
- Develop a healthy lifestyle
- Be reliable
- Be assertive

I recommend you attend this very important evening - so that working together we can ensure your child reaches their full potential at Blatchington Mill School. Please return the [reply slip](#), available on the portal and also emailed to Y7 parents, to the Year 7 office by Thursday 2nd April. 2009 to reserve your place  
- Mr J King, Year 7 Tutor

# Performing Arts at blatchington mill school



[www.blatchingtonmillschool.org.uk/performingarts](http://www.blatchingtonmillschool.org.uk/performingarts)

## Romeo and Juliet reviews



**by Hannah Wren, Y9**

**Acting** - This terrifically exciting production of "Romeo and Juliet" starred Nancy Wesby as Juliet and Tyler Hounsome as Romeo. The play was staged as a contemporary version set in Brighton 2009. The play was presented well by the actors with only a few minor hiccups, barely worth mentioning.

**Set** - The set was excellent and it was very obvious as to what room they were in, of course they had the beautiful balcony. Throughout the play there was pictures projected onto the back wall which made it very easy to work out where they were.

**Music** - The music chosen was very relevant to the scenes the party scene was staged brilliantly because the music was half contemporary and half older style. This was good because without being to full on, the cast were able to create the contemporary feel without ruining the Shakespearian feel to the play.

**Overall Stars** ★★★★★

**by Anders Swaffield, Y9**

**Acting** - I thought that the acting in Romeo and Juliet was to a good standard. Some people needed to speak up a little bit and be a tad more confident. Some people projected their voice very well and it was a joy to listen to but others needed to add more confidence and expression to their voice. They used the majority of the stage well and didn't fall out of character.

**Set** - I thought the set up of the set was brilliant. It was hard to bring everything on and off the stage but I thought that backstage people done it well. The balcony scene was brilliant; it was used to great effect by the actors. I don't think that the directors could have done it better!

**Special Effects** - I thought that the special effect were good. I liked the idea of using different scenes in the background, for example, using a house and different scenes for meeting people was a good effect. The actors used the special effects to a great standard.

**Music** - The music used for this play was brilliant, the music was used at the right moments and the genre of music was definitely the right choice for the play.

**Overall Stars:** ★★★★★



### Blatch gets it's Artmark Award again!

Artsmark is a national award scheme managed by Arts Council England that recognises schools with a high level of provision in the Arts. Thanks to everyone for their support with the visit of Marigold Ashwell, Artsmark Validator. She was very impressed by our students, our facilities, the range and diversity of the curriculum offer and wider learning opportunities - so much so that she's struggling to think of targets for us! - Ms J Oatway, Performing Arts.



## Heartbreak Beautiful at the Chichester Festival Theatre

Congratulations to all who worked on and performed in Heartbreak Beautiful. It was a resounding success at Blatch and at Chichester Festival Theatre. The company and cast worked incredibly hard deserve the highest of praises. We now wait to hear from the National Theatre to see if we won the chance to perform there.

Mr N Rutter - Drama Dept.

# Fashion Show 2009



See the full gallery of Fashion Show photos on the BMS Portal

## President for a Day

15 Blatch students, with schools from across Brighton went to Cardinal Newman for "President for a Day" in March. The aim was to mix with other school students and to think about global issues such as the economy and fair-trade. We all appointed President of a made up African country and made decisions for our newly independent country. We looked at how different political decisions were made. One of our choices got us assassinated! It was a fun day and everyone learned about how policies work.

## Show Racism the Red Card

There was a great responses to the Y8 "Show Racism the Red Card" competition including poems, posters, models and DVD's .The winner was Nayeem Ahmed, 8JL, with a poster entry. Second place went to Mirinda Kidman, 8KL, and Lily Cheal, 8NA, with a DVD entry.Well done to all students who entered the competition.  
- Ms Auld, PSHE.

## Student documentary about healthy eating

Year 8s are taking part in Creative Partnership project where they have been making their own documentary. We have spent the past few weeks planning and making a short film about school dinners and healthy eating.

The class worked with film maker Simon Wilkinson of Junk TV who has taken them on location to shoot parts of the documentary. We recently visited Hove YMCA where the students interacted with some of the older members and interviewed them about their experiences of school.

This was a really beneficial process and the students came away feeling really excited by what they had heard and about putting it onto screen.



Film maker Simon Wilkinson in class

Through this project the students have had an opportunity to work with a media professional and learn film making and editing through interactive tasks. The class were responsible for the main part of the decision making right through from the outline of the narrative to the questions that were asked during the interviews. The group has become aware of social issues that were before unknown to them and through this they are seeing their community in a new light. It has been a pleasure to see the group grow in confidence as the project has gained momentum, while watching their ideas come to fruition they have become stronger as a unit and learnt about the importance of team work - Ms J Price, Media Dept.

# Y8 go mad in Dorset

**By Kersha Ford and Martha O'Keefe, Y8**

Students and teachers from Year 8 have just returned from a brilliant five day trip to Osmington Bay in Dorset. 45 of us splashed about in rivers, waded through waves, scrunched round sand dunes and ate ice cream. We even did a bit of work! We swallowed our fear (and ditched our hair straighteners) and went on the zip wire, abseiling, rock climbing and go karting. We also did the leap of faith. The sun shone all week, and apart from Mr Ewens and his team striking it lucky in the bowling on Wednesday night, everything was fantastic. We even went to Monkey World, but didn't know who was looking at who. There are some great photos on the blog so take a look! <https://www.bmsportal.net/sites/blatchingtonmill/norfolk/default.aspx>



Above: Y8 Students making the most of the Dorset sunshine

## RIC News: Tanzanian schools benefit from our old textbooks

The RIC has organised a collection of outdated textbooks for READ International 'Tanzanian Book Project'; sending textbooks and other educational resources to secondary schools in Tanzania. READ International has distributed over 336,000 books in four years directly to schools in Tanzania who are in dire need of educational resources.

The charity only takes disused or old textbooks which are no longer needed. This also greatly benefits the environment. By 2010, READ International will have saved nearly two million books from UK landfills.

Thank you to the Science Dept for their very generous textbooks donation and Dr Ellery for coordinating the project in Blatch. We aim to run this text book donation scheme again in the future. Visit the [www.readinternational.org.uk](http://www.readinternational.org.uk) website for more information about the charity.



Dr Ellery and READ International Volunteers collecting books



Bloco Blatch Company  
Children's Parade  
Saturday 2nd May  
New Rd, Brighton  
Times to be confirmed

Y7 students and the Bloco Blatch Company have been working incredibly hard in preparation for this year's Children's Parade. We have created Ant inspired costumes and withy sculptures for the parade based on a story of a little girl who collects and studies insects. We will be transported into her garden and see her spying on a colony of ants invading her garden.

Kinetika, a London based carnival company, have designed the theme and story behind this year's parade which relates to the lead up to the 2012 Olympics. Look out for the Silver puppets in the parade, made in collaboration with Uckfield Community Technology College and Kinetika.

The Children's Parade will take place on Saturday 2nd May (times to be confirmed). We would really appreciate any parental support at the event. It would also be great to see many students and parents supporting us in the crowds on the day.

### Have you Bamboo or Garden Cane?

We are also in need of bamboo or garden cane if you have any unused off cuts or bits to make the backpacks to support the withy builds. Please contact Ms E Bettridge, Art department, if you can help.

# SPORTS AT BLATCH

## Most successful Cross Country season ever for Blatch

The English Schools' Cross Country Championships were held at Stanford Hall, Leicestershire on Saturday 21st March. Each county is only allowed eight runners per age group so it was a great achievement for Blatchington Mill to have two runners in each team. This event is the highlight of the schools' cross country season with over 300 runners in each highly competitive race and where only a few minutes separated first place from last place! Congratulations to the boys and to all our cross country runners for our most successful season ever - *The PE Dept.*

### Junior Boys

Liam Hurley 55th  
Jake Elliott 167th

### Intermediate Boys

Max Pickard 98th  
Will Gray 242nd



Will Gray (left) and Max Pickard (right)

## Year 7 Rugby tournament results

Blatch v Varndean: 10 - 0  
Blatch v Dorothy Stringer: 0 - 10  
Blatch v Longhill: 0 - 15

Well done to all players. Thank you to all parents who turned up on Saturday to support us. BMS found themselves in the hardest pool. The final was played between two teams in BMS's pool (Stringer and Longhill).

## Year 7 February

### Inter-form football results:

1st place: 7HB  
2nd place: 7BM  
3rd place: 7MT/ZM  
4th place: 7PS

## Orienteering News

Many thanks to all the parents & students who turned up on a beautiful spring morning for orienteering at Southwick Hill on Saturday 21st March. In fact, so many newcomers attended we ran out of maps at one stage! It was just the most glorious morning, and the Sussex countryside was at its very best. If you want to attend further events just see Mr Ewens who can give you more details, or check out the dates on the Orienteering Blog on the portal (look for the orienteering badge above right on the Student Portal).



Blatchington Mill Sports Hall also featured in this month's British Orienteering national magazine, as every Tuesday night the 'Southdowns Adventure Running Club' meet at 7.30 for an hour of exercise, navigation and fitness.

Newcomers are most welcome. Mr S Ewens can give you more details if you're interested. Finally, congratulations to Mr Ewens, as he finished a very credible 28th in the recent British Championships held in the New Forest (and no, there weren't just 28 people running!)



### Free drop-in centre for young people

The Hangleton Youth Centre is opening as a drop in for young people aged 13 to 19 on a Wednesday and Friday evenings from 7pm to 9pm. (find us at the back entrance of Hangleton Junior School). We offer a safe place for young people to meet and chat and listen to music, with cold or hot drinks including hot chocolate with cream. More information on the [Hangleton Knoll Project](#)

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