



RANBY HOUSE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term 2

19th September 2008

Welcome

Thank you to all those who provided positive feedback about the start of term newsletter. I have decided to make the newsletter a regular point of communication between school and home. It will be published five times each term: at the start of term, at both the exeats and half term as well as at the end of term. As a school, we hope to reduce the amount of paper which comes home at signing out and this newsletter is one way in which we hope to achieve our goal. Please expect that your child will come home with a newsletter for you at these key points of term. It will also be possible to view the newsletter on line on the school website. I hope that you will find the content useful.

Staff News

For the benefit of those of you who were unable to attend Speech Day in July and who therefore missed the announcement about my successor as Deputy Headmaster, I am delighted to announce that **Mr Chris Ward** has been appointed. Mr Ward, who is currently Head of Years 7 and 8, Junior Boys' Houseparent and Director of Music at St John's-on-the-Hill Prep School in Chepstow, will move to Ranby House with his wife and young daughter to start his new role in January 2009. We very much look forward to welcoming them to the Ranby community.

Winter Uniform

A reminder that, after this Exeat Weekend, all pupils should be wearing winter uniform. For girls this means kilts and blouses with school ties; for boys, shirts should be long-sleeved. Braver boys may continue to wear short trousers if they wish!

New Website

The school's new website was launched on Monday 15th September. The new design allows for greater flexibility and expansion. Plans are in place to continually develop the site with new features and new pages. The password for the protected parents' area is 'aut08'. Please have a browse and let us know any suggestions for further development of the site by mailing Mr Davis at d.davis@ranbyhouseschool.co.uk.

Publicity and Photography

The school is currently reviewing its publicity, through our new website, school publications, printed materials and press coverage. This will involve recording and showing pupils' experience and achievements at the school in the form of photographs, reports or attributable quotations in any of the above media. I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that

we will assume blanket consent for us to use your child's picture and/or name unless you request otherwise. Rest assured that we will do this sensitively and with due regard to Child Protection issues.

Calendar

Please note the following changes or additions to the calendar for the period between First Exeat and Half Term:

Wed 24 th Sept	Under 11 Boys' and Girls' Bassetlaw Cross Country Fixture at 4.00pm in King's Park, Retford
Thurs 25 th Sept	'Life in a Senior School' talk to Year 8 pupils (rearranged from Thursday 18 th September)
Fri 26 th Sept	Year 8 Boys' Rugby Trip to Leicester Tigers
Mon 29 th Sept	French Exchange Information Evening at 7.00pm (for parents of pupils in Years 7 and 8)
Mon 13 th Oct	Chess matches v S. Anselm's are away fixtures.

Harvest Festival

Do join us for our annual Harvest Festival at 10.00am on 28th September 2008

This year we are supporting two charities:
Seeds for Africa and Send a Cow.

Collection envelopes have been enclosed in the Exeat envelope for your convenience. Please bring these to the Service, or, if you are unable to come, return them with your donation to your child's Form Teacher/Tutor.

Gifts of food are very welcome; please bring these to the service. All produce will be distributed to local elderly residents and to "The Well" Charity at the Baptist Church in Retford.

School Portrait Photographs

Individual portrait and family photographs of all the children will be taken at school on the 29th and 30th September. You will be sent proofs of the pictures and there is absolutely no obligation to buy the photographs. If you have a son and would prefer him to be photographed wearing his white shirt, please send him to school wearing a white shirt on both days. Boy boarders will all wear white shirts unless parents request otherwise.

Dates for Academic Year 2009-2010

Provisional dates have been published in the parents' area of the school website (see paragraph opposite for log in details). Alternatively a hard copy of the dates can be obtained from the School Office.

Open Morning

On Saturday 4th October, the school is holding an Open Morning for prospective parents starting at 9.30am. There will be an opportunity for visiting parents and children to meet senior staff and to tour the school with Year 8 pupil guides. Any current parents who know of friends or families who are interested in visiting the school on Open Morning, should contact the school office for an invitation flyer.

Year 8 Positions of Responsibility

Congratulations to the following pupils who have been awarded positions of responsibility for this academic year:

Head Boy	Timothy Foulds
Head Girl	Amber-Leigh Huddleston
Deputy Head Boy	Rupert Innes
Deputy Head Girl	Megan Clothier
Head of Chapel	Sophie Walker
Head of Choir	Leo Graves
Head Librarian	Bethany Allen

The following have been appointed Group Captains or Heads of Boarding for this term:

St Alban	Lorna Heatlie-Edwards Harry Strawson
St Benedict	Toby Byford Amelia Hale
St Columba	Isobel Clarke Evan Tilley
St Dunstan	Josephine Levick Thomas Cundy
Head of Boys' House	Toby Byford
Head of Girls' House	Lorna Heatlie-Edwards

Ranger Outpost

From Mr Davis: This is a small, very secure, application that allows your child to access their H: drive on the school network in order to transfer files (encrypted) back and forth to home. The application and instructions are about 4.0 Mb in size and are available for download from the Parents' area of the new school website.

Scientific Calculators

From Mrs Ockenden: Every child from Year 6 upwards is expected to own their own scientific calculator. We provide class sets of appropriate calculators for younger children. Each year I always order suitable calculators through school and sell these on to pupils at cost price. The 'school calculator' is always a Casio model. If you would like to take advantage of this offer then please either write a note in your pupils' group book/planner for me or let me know in writing as soon as possible so I know how many calculators to order. The cost will go onto the end of term bill; until I know how many to order, I will not know the exact cost, but this should not exceed £5.50 per calculator.

Sports Results

Rugby

1 st XV v Wellow House (H)	Won 75-0
1 st XV v Grace Dieu (H)	Won 30-0
U11 v Wellow House (H)	Won 27-0
U11 v St Mary's Lincoln (H)	Won
U11 v Stamford (A)	Won 27-5
U11 v Grace Dieu (H)	Lost 10-12
U11B v Grace Dieu (H)	Lost 0-57

Hockey

U13 v Wellow House (A)	Won 8-1
1sts v Foremarke Hall (A)	Drew 1-1
2nds v Foremarke Hall (A)	Lost 6-0
U11 v Wellow House (H)	Won 3-2
U11 v Foremarke Hall (A)	Won 5-0
U11 v Highfields (H)	Won 6-2
U10 v Wellow House (H)	Lost 4-0
U10 v Foremarke Hall (A)	Lost 6-2
U10 v Highfields (H)	Won 5-0

Worksop College Rugby Festival

Ranby House fielded three sevens teams in the U13 competition: the U13A VII were unbeaten and were awarded the 'U13 Team of the Tournament' for their efforts; the U13B won all three matches, unfortunately causing the U13C team their one and only loss in the competition. The U11 team played four twelve-a-side matches: won 2; drew 1; lost 1.

Foremarke Hall Hockey Tournament

Congratulations to the U13 Hockey squad whose performance at the Foremarke Tournament on 13th September resulted in Ranby winning the competition. Ranby beat Foremarke in the final, two goals to nil.

Senior Girls' Group Hockey

1 st St Benedict	3 rd St Columba
2 nd St Dunstan	4 th St Alban

Sports Captains

Congratulations on the following appointments:
Captain of Rugby Rupert Innes
Captain of Hockey Sophie Walker

And Finally...

The school has enjoyed a very positive start to the new academic year. I hope that you all enjoy the exeat weekend: we look forward to our pupils returning refreshed and ready for the challenges ahead.

David Sibson
Headmaster