

SAMUEL WHITBREAD COMMUNITY COLLEGE



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Year 9s go to Cambridge

We arrived in Cambridge (not looking forward to the rain!) after a short bus journey to St Catharine's College, a part of Cambridge University. After having a quick presentation about University life, we got cracking with the project. Our aim was to choose an appropriate shop to fill the space of one that would be closing soon.



We went and had a look at the site, conducted surveys into the public's views and took notes about the area. It was

really interesting to see the different parts of Cambridge. We returned back to the presentation room after lunch to collaborate our findings, design a flyer and present our ideas. Although the ideas for what to do with the disused shop were all completely different, they were all really good. It also gave me a real insight as to what student life is like at University along with a greater understanding of Geography at this level. Overall, it was an amazing day!

Joe O'Dell Year 9

And a big thank you from me for the way in which the students conducted themselves. They were a credit to the college.

Mr L Huckle

6th formers too!

Our links with Cambridge University are working well to improve our students' aspirations. At present two students have received conditional offers for next year: **Lesa Davies**, Christ's College, to read Engineering and **Tom Fletcher**, Pembroke College to read Law.

Mr H Black-Hawkins

PE NEWS 1 Badminton

Having become District Champions, the Year 11 Girls' Badminton team recently progressed through to the County Championship. The team, consisting of Emily Tompkinson, Sarah Laverty, Robyn Fraser and Lucy Drury finally arrived at Cranfield University after some satnav problems and were ready to compete. The team beat Bedford High, thrashed Stopsley Sports College and only lost to the eventual winners Vandyke Upper, to finish second in the County. A big 'congratulations' to the girls for their determined and positive attitude throughout their 7am practice sessions and the competition itself.

Mr R Candlin

CHARLIE'S SON RISE PROGRAMME:

A request and an offer

Our 9-year old son Charlie is a loving, gentle child who has autism. After some bleak and frustrating years we heard of an approach that could produce real results: the 'Son Rise Programme' was the only truly positive, proven idea we had heard of.

Initially Charlie attended lower school and we ran our programme in the evenings and week-ends. Unfortunately, after some time it became clear that we were treading water. We therefore decided to take him out of school and go full-time at home. We have made real strides, but now need to bring in more help. We can pay a reasonable hourly rate to positive, committed people. No formal qualifications needed.

If you, or someone you know might be interested in becoming involved in Charlie's journey please contact Debora and John on 01767 627756 or 07791 911498; or deboramilton @ aol.com. Many thanks.

Mrs D Milton

DEADLINES

YEAR 9: OPTIONS

Year 9s must return Options forms by Monday 8th February to either Mrs Reeve in Room 811 or Mr Nolan in Room 124. A copy of the booklet and the form is on the college website.

Mrs J Reeve

6TH FORM: RE-SITS

Forms to apply to resit public exams taken last summer must be with the Exams Office by Monday 1st February.

Miss J Masih

FROM THE GOVERNORS

Governors are always looking for ways to engage with the college and help create a healthy and safe place for learning for the students; as a governing body we aim to support the college in different ways.

For example, one of our governors supports the staff Leadership Development Programmes through offering coaching and facilitation and meets on a regular basis with a number of senior staff. This uses her expertise in practical and tangible ways. Governors also attend the achievement assemblies each term. We are always impressed to see such enthusiasm between staff and students to recognise achievement within the college. An ethos of 'looking for the good' is a positive and progressive approach to teaching and helps develop and create a confident and assured environment for the students to work in.

If you are interested in finding out more of what we do and feel you can help in any way or have any comments do not hesitate to contact us; you can email us on [governors @ swcc.beds.sch.uk](mailto:governors@swcc.beds.sch.uk) (nb this replaces the 'student services' address)

Mr T Edwards



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Cross-Country Running

SWCC athletes performed well yesterday at the Mid Beds Cross Country Championships: 17 students have qualified for the County Championships next Wednesday at Ampthill Park.

Qualifying athletes: **Yr 9** - Molly McKenzie (2nd), Megan Angell (3rd), Billy Lannon, Mitchell Brooks, Josh Saunders (2nd). **Yr 10** - Helen Davey
Yr 11 - Chris Thornley (6th), Luke Angell (1st), Amelia Wood (4th), Chloe Walsh (5th), Beth Talbot, Katie Faulkner (6th). **6th form** - George Burkett (3rd), Craig Emmerson (4th)

Mrs L Taylor

Engineering News

WOMEN INTO CONSTRUCTION & ENGINEERING

Still a few places left for this event on the 5th February - to apply, and for more information, contact the Engineering Office.

Mrs D Hill

DETENTIONS

Information about the new Detention System 2010 has been sent to all student and parent email addresses. It has also been placed on the school website and a copy placed in every tutor room. The new system will be explained to pupils in tutor time and in assemblies.

*Mr M Lewis
Head of Student Services.*

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RUGBY

The Year 11 Rugby team have reached their third consecutive Bedfordshire County Cup final. The team have had very limited opportunities to play or train this year, as the pressures of the final year keep mounting, but the team has shown great determination to create a school record in becoming the only team to be crowned County Champions for 3 continuous years.

Having beaten Queensbury 42-11 in the first round, comprehensively beating Redborne 60-0 in the quarter finals and recently putting together a fine performance to beat Sharnbrook 55-5, we now face Icknield School in the final and the team are highly motivated to make the most of this opportunity to make history.

Mr R Candlin

BASKETBALL

The Year 11 Basketball team got off to a fantastic start with their first league matches. In their first game they won 22-9 against Biddenham, and then thrashed Stratton by a very convincing 44-8. Many congratulations to Max Lewis, my player of the match, for making his debut on the team, scoring some fantastic baskets and working exceptionally hard every minute he played both in defence and attack.

The whole team played outstandingly: Michael Darlow, Declan Burnside, Ed Lavallin, Ayot Bishi, Carlo Mariano, Max Lewis, Jack Brown and George Bascom.

Miss J Bratton

PE Department notices

Bring kit: The PE department are asking that all students bring their full kit to all lessons. With exams on at the moment any student could have outside lessons. Lunch-time detentions will be given to any student who fails to bring full kit. Students who are unable to participate in PE lessons should bring a note and still change into PE kit to keep their school uniform clean. Most students can help in coaching, umpiring or observing during PE lessons.



Name kit: Please ensure all items of clothing are named. In PE we accumulate huge piles of unnamed kit that cannot be returned.

Vouchers: The Tesco for Schools and Clubs 2010 vouchers will be available from 1st March. Please donate them to our college. They can be given to form tutors or handed in at reception.

Mrs B Hollowell

ROTARY CLUB YOUNG CHEFS COMPETITION

Emma Norris is going to Hinchbrook School tomorrow for the regional finals of this competition. She will represent the school and Bedfordshire and we all wish her luck.

Mrs T Lund