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Headmaster's Welcome



I hope you enjoy this 2010-11 edition of the *Ashtedian*. You will find in the following pages a reflection of the many and varied achievements and activities which pupils at Freeman's have undertaken during this academic year. Nevertheless, it is impossible to include absolutely everything which takes place. I hope what follows gives a flavour.

Our examination results at the end of the academic year turned out to be even better than those in 2010 – we were particularly pleased with the A-level results, as over one third of the grades were A*. GCSE results were equally impressive; 82% of the grades were either A* or A and more than half of these were A* grades. The list of university destinations for those who left in 2011 is impressive – the top universities including the Russell Group and Oxbridge are very well represented.

Not all our success as a School is measured in terms of examination results and many of our pupils both in the Junior and Senior School have been successful on the sports field, with individual successes both for sportsmen and sportswomen playing in School teams and gaining County, District and National honours outside School. Impressive too is the high standard of sportsmanship which pupils display, especially when they are away from the School. In a very real sense, they are ambassadors for Freeman's and their commitment and demeanour, week in week out, in rain or in sunshine is undoubtedly one of the keys to their success. Freeman's is fortunate to have many talented sports teachers and Coaches and Mr Deighton and Miss Ridley are to be congratulated for all that they have achieved within this area during the course of the year.

The Music and Drama programme has been a full one. The Music department maintained its extensive programme of concerts throughout the year, totalling more than 30 in all. The musical events also give parents an opportunity to see for themselves the progress our young musicians are making. The Drama department had its usual programme of

studio productions for the GCSE and A-level students and was also represented at the International Forum on Food and Nutrition in Milan in November. The performances of the *Practical Princess* and *Nathan's Nightmare* towards the end of the summer term were enjoyed by sell-out audiences. The many other Societies and Clubs including Debating, Young Enterprise and the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme achieved much during the year. The Freeman's Debating team won the Regional round of the Oxford Union Schools' competition and made it through to the finals. Record numbers of pupils enrolled for the Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award and nearly half of Lower 5 enrolled for Silver with approximately 50 Sixth Form pupils working towards the Gold Award, including an arduous expedition to the Brecon Beacons. Our budding entrepreneurs who took part in the Young Enterprise Competition chose imaginative schemes from 'glow in the dark pyjamas' to 'YouTube adverts'. The Centre of Excellence Award made by Young Enterprise was a fitting tribute to the School's commitment to Young Enterprise over many years.

The pupils have been particularly effective in choosing charities to support and in raising significant sums for those charities. Giving help to disabled people in other countries, providing shopping tokens for people who have been hospitalised, supporting the Teenage Cancer Trust and the well-known Rianna's Fund which does such good work with projects overseas. The Sixth Form raised £5,300 during Rag Week, with the week full of fun and this year we enjoyed glorious weather which brought out some excellent fancy dress costumes.

I would like to thank everyone who has written articles or provided photographs for this edition of the *Ashtedian* and in particular my thanks go to Mr Mike Holland the Editor in Chief who has liaised with patience and skill to ensure that this edition comes out on schedule and is of the highest quality. I hope you enjoy reading it as much as I have.

Mr Philip MacDonal
Headmaster

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Avete



In September 2010 we welcomed a number of new colleagues to the teaching staff at the City of London Freeman's School:

Mrs Sarah Stewart joined the English department. Mrs Stewart is a graduate of Kings College London where she also gained her MA. She has been Head of English at Guildford High School and most recently held a teaching post at Woking College.

Mr David Parker, who has a degree in Chemistry from Queen Mary, London joined the Chemistry department. Mr Parker has extensive teaching experience in Surrey and most recently was Director of Studies at Worksop College in Nottinghamshire. We were also delighted to welcome back Mr Parker's daughter who had been a pupil at Freeman's until 2008.

Mrs Ros Cassidy, who joined the Food Technology department, qualified at Calder College of Education as a Secondary Teacher. Mrs Cassidy brings with her substantial experience in teaching Food Technology and also in managing a Technology department.

We also welcomed two new colleagues covering maternity absences.

Mrs Harriet Pennington took her first degree at the University of Wales in Geography and following a short period of teaching overseas she became Head of Geography at Chessington College where she was also Deputy Head of the Sixth Form. We welcome her to the Geography department and during the course of 2010-11 Mrs Pennington has become a permanent member of staff.

Miss Rosemary Kempster, who joined the staff of the Junior School in September, is a Newly Qualified Teacher and her first degree is in Classical Studies and Philosophy from Exeter University. She has interests in archery and swimming. Miss Kempster also joined the permanent staff in the Junior School in the course of the academic year.

Mrs Vicky Burstow took over the teaching of English as an Additional Language in September. Most of Mrs Burstow's teaching takes place with overseas boarders after school and on Saturday mornings. Mrs Burstow is a graduate of the University of Nottingham with very wide experience of teaching English as an Additional Language both in the United Kingdom and overseas.

Mr Philip MacDonald



Atque Valete

At the end of the academic year the School said farewell to a number of colleagues:

Ms Louisa Burningham of the French department will be much missed as she moved to Dorset to take up a new post. Ms Burningham, in addition to teaching French for over 17 years at the School was most recently a very popular and highly successful Assistant Head of Sixth Form. We wish her every happiness in the West Country.

Mr Bernard Hall, the Head of Careers since 2003, will also be missed, especially by pupils in the Senior School with whom he has worked tirelessly, assisting with GCSE and A-level option choices, the Morrisby testing, work experience, and the university entry procedures. Teaching colleagues will fondly remember Mr Hall's many cameo roles in various staff reviews including the annual staff pantomime! We wish Mr Hall every success and happiness for the future.

Mr Paul Longden who came to the City of London Freeman's School in 2002 retired at the end of the academic year. Mr Longden has given long and loyal service in the Chemistry department whose results are amongst the highest in the School. Mr Longden also took an interest in the Travel Scholarships and Awards offered to Sixth Form students where he has been a tutor in recent years. We wish Mr Longden a long and happy retirement.

Mrs Vanessa Ielpi is well known to colleagues and parents in the Junior School. Mrs Ielpi came to Freeman's in 2003 and during the academic year has been away from the School on maternity leave. Mrs Ielpi was a popular colleague in the Junior School Common Room, known for her lively personality and perpetually good humoured approach. She is now the proud mother of three delightful children and we hope she will continue to visit the School and keep us up to date as her family grows up in the years ahead.

Mrs Amanda Trehearn came to the City of London Freeman's School in 2005, joining the English department. She has seen many generations of pupils through their English studies with great success and she will also be warmly remembered by the School's Debating teams. For several years Mrs Trehearn has led Debating teams to regional and national success, and the Annual Debating Society Dinner is also a highlight of the School's social calendar. Mrs Trehearn left at the end of the academic year to take up the Headship of the English department at Reed's School in Cobham.

Mrs Hinton-West and Dr Glenys Owen-Jones left at the end of the academic year, both colleagues taught in the Geography department. Dr Owen-Jones wishes to concentrate on her work at the Royal Horticultural Society in Kew and Mrs Hinton-West is relocating after five years at the School. We wish them well for the future.

Mr James Gibson of the Boys' Games and PE department made his very strong mark at Freeman's as a first rate coach of rugby and cricket. In recent years he took on responsibility for Boys' Games and PE in the Junior School and was very involved in the decision to extend boys sport there, including the introduction of football. Mr Gibson came to Freeman's as a Newly Qualified Teacher and has now secured a second appointment at Kings College School Wimbledon, where we are sure he will be equally successful in the years ahead.

Finally, Mrs Melanie Bloor, well known to the teaching staff at the school has left in order to relocate to Oxford. Mrs Bloor has been at the School since 2004 and most recently has been a highly organised and efficient Headmaster's Secretary, keeping both the Headmaster's Office and the Headmaster himself running smoothly! We wish her every happiness when she moves to Oxford.

Mr Philip MacDonald

List of Staff and Governors

HEADMASTER P. MacDonald	MA (Oxon)	Mrs J. E. Cooper	BEd (Oxford Brookes) <i>Junior School Teacher</i>
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