



Parents' Newsletter

Graduation Term

June 2016

Dear Hebron Parents,

This term has seen the completion of another very useful facility for the school, that of the new **Sports Hall Annexe** (see below). This facility



gives the school more space for PE lessons and sporting fixtures, as well as for play. The Annexe is just one of the projects which has been funded using revenue from the **Hebron School Appeal Fund**. Another project which we are excited about is the building of the '**Brighton Flats**' at Selborne. This will provide much needed extra accommodation for staff and students at the girls' campus.

As we come to the close of this academic year, the school is busy with exams, revision classes, stayers/leavers sporting fixtures, end of year dinners and, of course, the inevitable report writing. A sad aspect of this time of year is the many farewells which have to be said to leaving staff, IGs and our Standard 13 students, some of whom have been here for many

years and who have come all the way through from Junior School.

I particularly want to thank our leaving staff who have served the school and community so

well during their time here. We say goodbye and thanks to **Benita Fernandes, Rachel and Mike Tattersall, Louise Abbott, Elizabeth Toon, Mary and Trevor Edgeworth, Rosemary Graham, Jo and John Milner, Angela and John Sisson, Jackie England** and **Jenifer Prabhakaran**. It is always good to have new blood and ideas coming into the school and I am pleased that we have some impressive new staff

appointments who will be joining us in August.

At Hebron, we also encourage leadership qualities in our students. Many of our Standard 13s have taken on student leadership roles, which, as well as serving the school in countless ways also help to develop aspects of their characters and prepare them for the future. Our students have served as prefects, blue and gold house captains and as members of our Student Council Executive Committee. Each year, as a gesture of appreciation, we take our student leaders out to the **Ooty Club** for dinner (photo below).

I wish our leaving students all the best and pray for God's blessings for the future. This summer I hope you all have a wonderful holiday catching up and spending quality time with your children.

Deo Supremo!

Howard Oldcorn
Principal



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GABLES COFFEE DAY

Saturday 7th May was the annual Gables Coffee Day & Jumble Sale. The girls from Gables and Elkhill dorms all worked exceptionally hard to run a HUGELY successful Coffee Shop and Jumble Sale. Their enthusiasm was lovely to see and they were thrilled to raise Rs 52,770. This money went to Pink Lotus Baby Rescue Ministry to provide for children from very difficult backgrounds.

We were well supported, with hundreds of staff, students and parents turning up, and God gave us an amazing morning – free from rain. We are so thankful for everyone who helped to make it such a great event!



MARK RONALDS

Dorm Parent

DORMS

The year 2015–2016 in the dorms across the school has been action-packed, with lots of activities/outings, building relationships/bridges and, of course, discipline/restorative follow up, which is an integral part of life when there are children involved. I want to thank the Dorm Teams for their commitment and service to enable your children to have the best care possible.

Please may I urge you earnestly to support all the policies that are in place, so that we as Dorm parents can care effectively for your children.

Dorm Reporting Time after holidays -

Students are expected to be in their respective dorms by 7.00pm on the day of Boarders’ Return after all holidays, unless they are actually travelling long distance to reach Ooty.

Media Policy – We have implemented the current Media Policy for 1½ years

now. The practical issues that Dorm Parents have had have prompted us to make some changes to the Media Policy. Please familiarize yourselves with the new Media Policy and support us to do our best as we care for your children.

Smart Phones – Any phone/device that is ‘stand-alone’ or ‘internet capable’ is not to be used by the students and is considered ‘illegal’ at Hebron. This last year we have had to deal with an increased number of students who have brought back 3G phones with them. And, for more than a handful of the students, it has been a 2nd offence. Please let us work in partnership with each other to educate our children to make the right choices.

Communication – If there are sensitive issues/news from the home front, please communicate with the respective Dorm Parents, so that we can care more effectively for your child and make relevant allowances for your child to process information.

Selborne Renovation – I want to convey my appreciation to Mr and Mrs Kanagaraj, Miss Vallely and the Std 11 girls for their tolerance and patience in having their routines disturbed by moving to Montauban from the 28th of May 2016. This has enabled us to start the renovation process for the front of the Selborne building, to be ready for the beginning of the Semester in August 2016.

Dorm Parents for 2016-2017

Std.	Boys	Girls
5-6	Singhs	Ashings
7	Chackos	Kellands
8	Trythalls	Ronalds
9	Thejus	Mouawads
10	Faszers	Kanagarajs
11	Clements	Azariahs
12	Jungs	<i>Yet to be finalised</i>
13	Sundarams	Inglis

LYNDA AZARIAH

Head of Dorms



JAZZ BAND AT OOTY FLOWER SHOW

Once again, Hebron Big Band Jazz were invited to perform at the Ooty Flower Festival, a real privilege! The Jazz Band, with over 30 members, practised very hard in anticipation of the festival. Unfortunately, due to time restrictions, only four of the five pieces prepared were able to be performed, two with jazz

vocals. The four jazz pieces were :

- Blue Train** by John Coltrane,
- Chameleon** by Herbie Hancock,
- Girl from Ipanema** by Antonio Carlos Jobim
- and **Inside Out** by Michael Sweeney.

The Jazz Band has a wide range of instrumentalists with different saxophones, clarinets and flutes, all kinds of brass instruments (trumpets, horns, trombones and tubas), as well as a rhythm section, comprising drums, keyboards and guitars.

ANDREW TRYTHALL
Head of Music



HEBRON CHAMBER CONCERT

Every year Hebron holds a Chamber Concert, a final opportunity for leaving students to perform in ensembles, and demonstrate the wide and diverse talents of Hebron Music students!

Normally this is held on a Sunday afternoon, but sadly this year it clashed with the Ooty Flower Festival.

The Chamber Concert was moved to a lunchtime concert on Monday 30th May, which allowed time for leaving students

to perform five items in front of a large audience. A good number of music students took part presenting a mixed programme of jazz, popular and film music on a variety of instruments. It was a great concert, enjoyed by all, and a real showcase for the abilities of the Hebron students.

ANDREW TRYTHALL
Head of Music





SPORTS THIS TERM

Following Sports Day and the Swimming Gala last term, we at Hebron have been busy with our Inter House Team Game competitions, the Blue-Gold Sports. There were three different age groups participating in both indoor and outdoor competitions, in seven different games, with a total of thirty six matches.

This was followed by the Stayers verses Leavers Tournament, where a team formed by those leaving the school at the end of this term played against a team of people who are to continue in Hebron next year. This competition has been closely contested, producing exciting results.

These two tournaments were interspersed by a few friendly games, the highlight being the Football tournament against the Gnana Deepam School who visited Hebron with their Boys' Football teams and the Girls Hockey teams. This gave both schools the opportunity for wider interaction and learning.

ANNIE STALIN
Head of PE



EXAM RESULTS

Exam results will be released in August. All students should have access to their own results through their individual links (Edexcel) and log-ins (Cambridge International Examinations).

2016 RESULTS

CAMBRIDGE INTERNATIONAL EXAMINATIONS	11 August
EDEXCEL (A-LEVEL)	12 August
EDEXCEL (GCSE)	20 August

If results cannot be accessed for any reason, or you have any queries, please contact the Examinations Secretary, **Mrs. Sonali Satish** (exam.secretary@hebronooty.org) so that she can forward results to you after they have been released.

Please note it is not possible for us to pass on the results over the phone.

SONALI SATISH
Exams Secretary

NOTE FROM HOZ

Greetings from Hoz. We will not continue the annual dental check-ups from August 2016 but are asking you as parents to have this done for your children during the school holidays at your own dentist. The monthly orthodontic clinics will continue for children already being seen. We will continue to use Dr. Senthilnathan for any emergency care that is needed.

Regarding vaccines, there is a few changes in the recommendations by The Indian Academy of Paediatrics. They are now recommending a booster dose of Varicella (Chicken pox vaccine) if only one dose was given in childhood and the child did not have the disease. Some children, who have not had chicken pox, have had 2 doses but many have not. It will be listed on the medical summary that they will be bringing home. Please talk with your doctor if they need a booster. Please let us know the date if and when it is given.

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