



Principal's Report

Welcome back to the start of the new semester. Every student has a new Spring Semester Planner and they will be receiving a Progress Report in the next two weeks for the Winter Semester. Parents are reminded that they need to sign the Planner every Friday and check the newsletter so that there is good communication between home and school.



Student Planner

I was recently invited to the 10th Anniversary Celebration of the Prince's Teaching Institute at Madingley Hall, Cambridge. I joined a number of top Headteachers and Principals from around the country who are engaged in leadership research in an area of their choice. Mounts Bay Academy is involved in developing some action research on the use of iPads to aid personalised learning in the curriculum. Our project received a great deal of positive and enthusiastic interest from other school leaders.



HRH Prince Charles

I also had the opportunity to meet HRH The Prince of Wales who expressed his interest in ensuring that all good schools should have a high quality programme involving subjects such as English, Maths, History, Science, Geography and Modern Foreign Languages, but he was also very concerned about the recent government announcement that suggested that vocational qualifications were not as valuable.

He clearly believes that all students should have an holistic education which incorporates both academic and vocational elements which is very similar to our curriculum philosophy at Mounts Bay Academy where all students follow a full academic programme and have an opportunity to develop a vocational area of their choice.

Prince Charles was also very interested to hear that two of Mounts Bay Academy students had recently been successful in obtaining a place at his old school, Gordonstoun, after a competitive interview process.



Felix Harvey-Jefferson
One of our Gordonstoun Alumni

Best wishes

Sara Davey
Principal

Home Study Survey

At Mounts Bay Academy we are constantly seeking advice and guidance from all our stakeholders about our work.

As such we are asking all parents to complete a form on our website to help guide our Home Study policy.

If you have not already done so, please complete the survey link below if you have a child at the school.

It only takes around 2 minutes to complete and will help us to take your views into account.

[Click here to complete the survey online.](#)



Admissions Policy 2013 - 2014

We will shortly be coming to the conclusion of the consultation process for our Admissions Policy 2013 - 2014. If you wish to view our draft policy document, please visit the Policies section of our website.

[Click here to view the draft policy document.](#)

Year 8 Guided Choices Evening Postponed

We are committed to ensuring that every student here at the Academy is given the best opportunity to take courses that will be valuable to them in their further education and their chosen career.

Due to the delay in the publishing of the Government's final list of courses for accreditation in 2014, we regret that we are having to postpone our Year 8 Guided Choices Evening on Thursday 1st March.

We will inform students and parents of the new date for the evening as soon as we receive the published document.

Invigilators and Readers/Scribes Needed

We require a number of invigilators and readers/scribes for the summer GCSE period from the middle of May until the end of June 2012.

Hours will depend on the exam timetable but flexibility is essential.

Good levels of literacy and numeracy are required for this role.

Rate of pay: £6.29 per hour
A CRB check will be required

If you are interested in applying for this role, please e mail Julia Robinson at jrobinson@mountsbay.org or phone her on 01736 363240 ext 207

Breaking Sports News

Football **Richard Lander 3 - MBA 1**

Match report by Jacob Trudgeon

On Tuesday 21st February, the Mounts Bay Academy Year 7 Football team travelled to Richard Lander School in Truro to play a cup match. The game started with both teams having chances but Richard Lander eventually took the lead with a good goal. That made Mounts Bay more hungry, but straight from the kick-off Richard Lander's lead was doubled. We gave away a free kick right outside the box and the opposing player placed it right in the top corner.



Straight after half time Mounts Bay got back into the match after a good ball down the right by Daniel Reece which gave Jacob Trudgeon an open goal to make it 2-1. Mounts Bay had many chances to equalise, but with five minutes to go Richard Lander had another free kick outside the box and once again it was placed right in the top corner.

The final score was 3-1 and a good game was played by all. Congratulations to the Mounts Bay team who were valiant in defeat.

Show Jumping

On Sunday, 19th February Shea Cornish, Tean Manser and Charlotte Blewett-Harris competed in the schools show jumping at Resparveth Equestrian Centre, Grampound Road.

Although they all produced two excellent rounds, they were unlucky to have a pole down. This was a very good result bearing in mind Shea was riding a very inexperienced pony, Tean had only ridden hers once before and Charlotte's who had not been to a competition for two years!

Congratulations to them though for coming third in the Tack and Turnout, an unexpected result. Many thanks to such dedicated parents for enduring the cold, making such a long drive to the event and having such a late night as the event over ran by two and a half hours.

The next event will take place in the May half term and will be at Tregurtha, near Marazion.

Year 10/11 County Badminton Champions!

Report by Ryan Hosken

We have just returned from the County Badminton Championships. The year 7/8/9 girls came 2nd of the three teams in their group. They won all of their games against Wadebridge School, only losing out to Penryn in the last game. The year 7/8/9 boys came 2nd; playing well but coming up short against Truro school. The year 10/11 girls gave it their all and only just lost out in their three matches coming third place overall. The year 10/11 boys won their first match 5-0, lost their second 3-2 and won their last 3-2. It came down to the wire but Mounts Bay progressed through to represent the county in Exeter, going through by just one game!

We are proud of everyone's efforts - "Fantastic, well done!"

Year 11 Public Services Group Expedition

Report by Tyler Richards and Ben Gillo

As part of our Public Services BTEC studies, we had to plan and complete a day expedition. We set out on routes that we had planned in previous weeks' lessons, taking it in turn navigating across the moors from the North coast of Penwith, back to the Academy.

After quite a few disagreements as to which way was correct, and a few slips and falls in the mud which we all found hilarious, we finally got on the right track and made our way to Ding Dong. Once here we completed some vital survival techniques, under the guidance of Mr Fish, such as what to do if someone were to get hypothermia and how to deal with a casualty in the great outdoors.



We used various items of survival kit to show that we were capable of dealing with an emergency. After this, we put our compass and map reading skills to the test, to find our way back through the mist closing in us back to the Academy.

Once back in the Academy, we had time to reflect on the achievement that we had made, successfully navigating over four miles of moorland to get back to school.

[For more pictures of our expedition, look on the showcase pages of our website.](#)

Meeting an Olympian

On Tuesday 21st February both year 7/8 boys and girls were very privileged to meet one of Great Britain's Olympic Hockey players. Richard Alexander is playing in his second Olympics this summer at the 2012 games. The pupils had the opportunity to question Richard and discover some of the key components applied by an individual when playing at the top of their game.

Commanding the attention of a room full to the brim of 200 local pupils would be hard for anyone, but Richard had the whole room totally enthralled and hooked on every word. His advice and explanations provided pupils with the knowledge and understanding of what it takes to compete at National and International level, and has hopefully instilled within them a sense of determination.



The pupils then had the opportunity to show off their own talents and play in a friendly tournament. Whilst this was happening the pupils had their chance to meet, talk to and be photographed with Richard Alexander. England Hockey provided each pupil with a small gift which Richard was happy to autograph.

Richard was an excellent example to the pupils and was enthusiastic for every photo and question thrown his way. Even our own Henry Hocking in year 7 gave his own thoughts on the day, featured the following morning on Radio Cornwall. It was an exceptional opportunity for the pupils to experience the dedication and motivation an elite athlete competing in the London 2012 Olympics exudes and a hugely inspirational afternoon for all.

[For more pictures of our day, please look on the sports pages of our website.](#)

On Thursday 15th March the Academy will be taking part in the BBC News School Report which gives 11-16 year-old students in the UK the chance to make their own news reports for a real audience.



Schools across the country are participating in an annual News Day, simultaneously creating video, audio and text-based news reports, and publishing them on a school website, to which the BBC aims to link. For more information about the event, click on the logo at the top of this article.

We are aiming to produce a 1 hour rolling news programme which will be broadcast live on our [website](#) on that day.

The News Page for the day is now on our [website](#). Please join us by watching on the day, for what promises to be a fantastic experience.

Book Early



Tickets for the Wizard of Oz will be on sale from next week, priced at £2 each for adults and £1.50 for children. We will have evening performances on Wednesday 21st March and Thursday 22nd March.

We will also be having a special performance during school for Academy students at £1 a ticket on Tuesday 20th March.

To book yours early and avoid disappointment, [e-mail cosborne@mountsbay.org](mailto:cosborne@mountsbay.org).

Dates for Your Diary

Thursday 1st March

Year 8 Guided Choices Evening
Postponed until further notice

Thursday 8th March

Year 8 Parents' Consultation Evening
3.30-6.30pm

Tuesday 20th – Thursday 22nd March

Academy Performance – “Wizard of Oz”

Tuesday 20th March

U15 Hockey
Y7 Boys' Hockey

Thursday 29th/Friday 30th March

24 hour Music Gig

Friday 30th March

Break up for Easter holiday

Monday 16th April

Return from Easter holiday

Monday 7th May

Bank Holiday

Friday 1st June

Break up for half term holiday

Monday 11th June

Return from half term holiday

