

Articles about Charters School in the Local News April 2009

Charity benefits from Charters Fashion Show

Charters School Year 13 students Richards Baggs, Christopher Woods and Daniel Nicholas were extremely pleased to present a cheque for £700 to the Children with Special Needs Foundation, Chairman and Founder Gordon Parris who attended with Patron, Richard Keyes of Sky Sport. Students who participated in the 'Comedy Fashion Show' also came in their 'comedy fashion costumes' to show their continued support.

Earlier this academic year, the Charters School Year 13 students currently studying for their A Level Business Course had to think of an idea for the section of the course called 'Organising an Event'. Year 13 student Richard Baggs was flicking TV channels looking for inspiration when he came up with the idea of a fashion show. This seemed a good idea but also seemed a bit cold, boring and robotic and he wanted to do something completely different. He decided on an alternative fashion show called the 'Comedy Fashion Show'. Students strutted the catwalk as 'Austen Powers, 80s power dressers, daft punk and The Jackson Four!' Money was raised by selling tickets and refreshments.

Year 13 student Richard Baggs said regarding the 'Comedy Fashion Show', "This show was a whole school event, involving 65 performers from Year 8 through to the Sixth Form. 'the Children with Special Needs Foundation', the charity we are donating the money to also watched the show. I realised that, Chris Woods, Daniel Nicholas and I were taking on a huge responsibility and commitment which inspired us to work hard to reach our goals."

Gordon Parris, Founder and Chairman of the Children with Special Needs Foundation said, "We are really pleased to be chosen to receive the donation from Charters School. Over the years our charity has donated to Charters so it's an extremely nice gesture and one that we are very pleased to accept. This money will go towards the trip for



Back row (l-r): Zara Buck, Miss Navdeep Brar - Business Studies Teacher, Rebecca Partington, Gordon Parris, Chairman & Founder of the Children With Special Needs Foundation, Ricard Keyes - Patron of the charity and Sky Sports Presenter, Amy Richardson, Rebecca Quillish. Front row (l-r): Christopher Woods, Richard Baggs, Daniel Nicholas

special educational needs children to Florida in September."

Charters School Year 13 student Richard Baggs said, "It's a great sense of achievement for us to be able to donate this money to the Children With Special Needs Foundation especially as they work so hard in the community and have donated many items to the school in the past".

Charters School Year 13 student Christopher Woods said, "I was delighted with the support from all members of staff and pupils, the show went fantastically and was thoroughly enjoyed which showed by their generosity in donating around £70

in cash donations from staff and audience members when leaving the show on the night. Which when added the tickets sales help to raise a fantastic amount."

Richard Keyes, Sky Sports Presenter and Patron of the Children With Special Needs Foundation said, "I am absolutely delighted of course to be back at the school where my own children attended. As a patron of the Children With Special Needs Foundation I am very happy to support this fantastic charity and to accept this donation on their behalf. Everyone did a fantastic job raising this money, it was a brilliant idea. Well done!"

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Charters wins district netball championship



The champions: (back row l to r): Sasha Mahal, Ceri Davies, Katie Brunnock (Captain), Ella Collins, Holly Gibbs. (front row l to r): Charlotte Maxfield, Charlotte Everest, Annabel Lindsay

Girls from the Charters School U13s girl's netball team have become the South East Berkshire District Champions.

They won their group, scoring 30 goals and conceding only two goals in total in their four matches.

The Charters girls then went on to beat St Marys 4-3 in the quarter finals. Next up were their rivals from the Marist School, who they beat 3-1 in the semi-finals. In the finals, Charters achieved an amazing 8-3 win against Leighton Park.

Twenty-two teams entered the tournament.

Mrs Kirstie Hartwell, Charters School Subject Leader Girls' PE, said "The U13s girl's netball team played brilliantly to win this tournament and become the SE Berkshire District Champions. They played strategically with dedication and commitment, all their training and hard work paying off with this great win. We are all very proud of them at Charters School."

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Tennis Clubmark for Charters

The Charters School Junior Tennis Club has been awarded the 'Tennis Clubmark' award. It is the only school in Berkshire to achieve this status.

Achieving 'Tennis Clubmark' means that the LTA endorses and supports the Charters School tennis programme, policies and procedures, action and development planning, and club management.

The Charters School Junior Tennis Club tennis coach Mr Simon Grassi and pupils have worked very hard over the last six months. They worked in conjunction with the LTA to develop their skills in coaching and playing. This means pupils have an effective club

and enjoy their tennis and make good progress.

Mr Grassi said, "This award shows that tennis at the Charters School Tennis Club is of the highest quality. Our tennis coaches, players and volunteers are proud to receive this 'Tennis Clubmark' award which is due to the hard work delivered on and off the court."

Mr John Golding, Tennis development Manager for the Berkshire LTA said, "Simon Grassi and his team at Charters School are making a real difference to Berkshire tennis and 'Tennis Clubmark' is the recognition that they and the facilities provide a great venue for children of all ages and abilities."



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GOLDEN GIRL: Claire Burriss was one of eight who picked up her gold Duke of Edinburgh Award last week. Ref:102935-1

Gold reward for hard work

COMMUNITY-spirited people have been rewarded for their hard work.

Eight residents living in the Royal Borough were awarded with a gold Duke of Edinburgh Award on Friday at a ceremony in Maidenhead's Town Hall.

It took some as long as nine years to get their hands on the award, which commends young people between 14-25 for their voluntary work that helps develop personal skills. It comes in three bands - bronze, silver and gold.

Theo Perkins, Christopher Gibbs and Andrew Guard, from Charters School in Ascot, picked up the gold badge at the venue in St Ives Road, after already completing the bronze and silver award.

Andrew Guard, 20, who has taught children to swim at a school in Ascot and started working for the Duke of Edinburgh Awards when he was 12, said: "It was nice to be

able to pass on my skills. It is a great achievement and really fun."

Claire Burriss' experiences at the Maidenhead Venture Scout persuaded her to go for the gold award when she was 18.

"I enjoyed all the activities

we did there," said the 26-year-old from North Ascot.

She had to complete a range of activities from a 15-mile hike in Dartmoor to helping at the 19th Maidenhead Scout Group. She also learnt how to drive within six months.



AWARDED: Andrew Guard, Christopher Gibbs and Theo Perkins from Charters School have been presented with their gold Duke of Edinburgh Award.

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● **PIPE DREAMS:** Youngsters show-off the results of activity days at Charters Youth Club. 092122b2/3

Crafty youth club



BAKING cakes and making pipecleaner dinosaurs were just some of the activities children in Sunningdale enjoyed in the holidays.

Charters Youth Club, based at the Charters School, hosted a total of four fun-packed activity days with cooking, arts and crafts, a bouncy castle, outdoor games, pool and table football.

Tracey Ranson, of the Royal Borough's youth and community services, said: "It's important that we do things that kids want and ensure they come along again."

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Bowled over by World Cup winner



Star guest:
Kirstie Hartwell,
Head of girls' PE
at Charters School
welcomes England
Ladies' Cricket
captain Charlotte
Edwards to coach
the under 13 and
under 15 girls
Indoor Berkshire
County
Champions
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A PRO cricketer was on hand to help prepare a girls' team for the county finals.

Students from Charters School enjoyed a visit from Charlotte Edwards, captain of the England Ladies' Cricket team, which has just won the Cricket World Cup.

The Charters U13 and U15 teams are currently the Berkshire County Cricket Champions and have had six previous training sessions with the cricketing expert.

Kirstie Hartwell, head of girls' PE at the Sunningdale school in Charters Road, said: "We were very lucky to have Charlotte Edwards at

school considering her very busy schedule.

"The girls' cricket team at Charters is now training for the U13 and U15 regional finals which take place on April 23 and 24 in Bristol. With Charlotte's training we will gain more expertise and confidence in our skills prior to the competition."

Throughout the session the girls practised game play and tactical awareness.

Ms Edwards said: "I'm delighted that Charters girls have reached the regional finals in the U13s and U15s. This is testament to all their hard work and commitment to cricket."

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IN THE NEWS: Emerald Davy, 13, Salman Husein, 12, Abigail Thornton, 12, Marianne Bell from the BBC and Claire Killian, 12 settle down for a busy day of news gathering. Ref:102809-2

Good news day for BBC students

Young journalists receive hands-on experience

PUPILS at a popular secondary school became journalists for a day on Thursday.

The Year Eight pupils from Charters School in Sunningdale joined youngsters from 300 other schools across Great Britain where they took part in the day-long event organised in partnership with BBC News.

The event aimed to encourage students to take an active involvement in news reporting through the use of IT and audiovisual technology.

The lucky Charters students were joined by Marianne Bell, editor of BBC Radio Berkshire, who helped them produce news stories which were balanced, relevant and engaging.

They learned to be part of a news team - from the early breakfast meeting reviewing the day's top stories, through the writing and editing process to the final product.

Pupils interviewed staff and their peers in order to add depth and a range of perspectives to their work.

They kept to a strict deadline, just as they would in the real world of news reporting.

When the bell went at 3pm, all news stories were uploaded onto the BBC web page, along with the finished pages of many other schools.

They can be accessed via the www.bbc.co.uk/schoolreport

Megan Lloyd Johnson, English teacher at Charters, said, "The BBC School News Report has been a fantastic experience for us all.

"We were exceptionally privi-



BIRDS EYE VIEW: Emily Robinson, 13, poised for action. Ref:102809-3

leged to have the hands-on assistance of BBC professionals.

"Marianne's presence gave the students a real boost. The opportunity to have expert advice helped them to build con-

fidence and skills.

"The 12 students have worked with enthusiasm and dedication, despite the demanding deadlines and huge learning curve. What a great day!"

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