



The Haberdashers' Adams' Federation Adams' Grammar School

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Headmaster's News

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Federation music concert

On Friday 30th April AGS joined forces with Abraham Darby Academy to stage a joint concert which was held in the Selwyn Theatre at the Academy. The AGS Orchestra opened the concert, playing a wide selection of music from 'The Dambusters March' to the 'Can-Can'. They were followed by the AGS Jazz Band, playing such wellknown favourites as 'Satin Doll' and 'It don't mean a thing if it ain't got that swing'. During the second half of the concert, the Abraham Darby Showband performed the whole of the programme which they performed in New York's Carnegie Hall last March.

This was the first time that the two schools have put on a joint concert and we were delighted and honoured to have the Master of Haberdashers with us in the audience. We greatly look forward to future collaborations.



Supper and a Show



Cabaret came to Newport this week when a group of Upper School pupils performed two half-hour shows. The PAC was transformed with café-style tables and creative lighting. The first half featured songs from the shows, opening with 'Willkommen' from the musical 'Cabaret'. Excerpts from other well-known shows followed, including 'Half a Sixpence', 'Chitty, Chitty, Bang, Bang', 'Sweet Charity' and 'Annie get your gun'.

During the interval, a hot supper was served while the audience enjoyed the mellow sound of the AGS Jazz Band.

The second show took us back to the sounds of the Sixties – a real 'pick of the pops'! Who could fail to sing along to 'Locomotion', 'Pretty Woman', 'Reach Out, I'll be there' and, of course, 'Delilah'? From Louis Armstrong to Petula Clark, The Beatles and The Supremes, there really was something for everyone.

Superb performances from all who took part – Oliver Snelling, Alex Williams, Adam Westley, Michael Wallbank, Toby Cowell, Sam Blade, Megan Conway, Vicky Webb, Becky Harris, Cinzia Ward, Chloe Hocking, Mica Skilton and Mollie Rowley. They were ably supported by our technical team – Adam Coomer, Jeffrey Yam and Nathan Clissold.



AGS Jazz Band – Nicholas Moor, Jonathan Harrison, Jonathan Sisson, Megan Conway, Chris Beal, George Bloor, Oliver Gernon and Michael Barratt

AGS Music would like to say a huge thank you to our talented and inspired choreographer, Amie Mills.

Sport



Athletics

Our Year 11 athletes competed in the Telford and Schools District Athletics meets at Oakengates, pitting their skills against the best in the area across the range of activities. The event was kicked off in style with the boys 800m, which saw **Ned Ruttly** storm to victory, leaving at least 20 metres of daylight between him and his nearest rival. Following this initial success **Michael Walsh** lined up for the 80m hurdles and put in a good performance, managing second place. Despite a slow start **Duncan Morrison** came close to winning the 200m but was just beaten into second on the line. Despite being three places back in the 400m **William Wallace** kept up the good work with a blistering last 100m, winning in style before **Aquile Smith** stuttered out the blocks but once again came in a credible second in the flagship sprint event, the 100m. **Ryan Cattle** prefers even longer distances but, despite trailing three others going into the final lap in the 1500m, he glided round the course and was bearing down on the leader as he crossed the line in second.

In the field events Adams' were no less successful, with **Morrison** claiming 2nd in the Long jump, **Smith** was also 2nd, but in the javelin. **Walsh** came in 2nd in the discus and also 3rd in the high jump, with **Josh Webster** 2nd in the shot and **Cameron Roberts** 2nd in the triple jump. The final event of the evening was the 4x100m. Roberts lead the way, passing the baton onto Morrison, who stormed up the back straight. A slight stutter as Webster took over on the bend, before passing onto Smith, who was scintillating on the home stretch, cruising in a mere 20m ahead of the nearest rivals. The results meant that we were certainly in the top two. Depending on how Thomas Telford did in certain events when the points come out, it could quite possibly be a victory. The boys were great and the effort they put in all evening was superb. Well done Adams'.

Mr Armstrong

Date for the diary: **Triathlon** 20th June 2010

Students, staff and parents are invited to join in the fun and challenge themselves in our annual Triathlon event. Entry fee will be £25 per head. Sponsorship forms available from the PE Department.

**** ** Ski Trip 2011 ** ****

The ski trip for 2011 will once again visit Saalbach Hinterglemm in Austria during the first week of the Easter holidays. Places are restricted to 60 this year and will be filled on a first come first served basis. Letters are being circulated to all families at the end of this week, which detail cost, booking and payment arrangements. If you are interested in taking up a place do look out for the letter and return it to Mr Latter as soon as possible to avoid disappointment

Cricket



Last week Adams' beat Ellesmere College in a 30 over game. We batted first and made 194-5, **Craig Atherton** hitting an unbeaten 114. They replied with 167-8. Adams' won by 27 runs.

Mr Blount

Table Tennis



I organised a friendly table tennis fixture with Charlton School, taking four year 10 pupils over to the Wellington for a round-robin tournament. With everyone playing each other from both schools, it was an overall close affair, with Adams' just about taking the plaudits coming 1st, 3rd, 6th and 7th. **Toby Rogers** won the tournament, which was based on points scored in each game, although **Henri Bidaou** beat everyone, his points tally was not quite as high, so he finished 3rd. **Isaac Wade** weighed in with some great performances to come in 6th, as did **Alex Kirby**, who was just behind in 7th. The boys were exceptional ambassadors for the school, playing the games in the right spirit and with full commitment to the cause.

Mr Armstrong

Sports Colours Evening

Friday 11th June 2010

Tickets will shortly go on sale for our annual sports colours presentation evening on Friday 11th June at Longford Hall. This is always a really enjoyable evening and a wonderful social event, as well as a celebration of students' sporting achievements. Look out for the letter which will be circulated to parents soon.





Election Results

.. and the winner is ...

We appreciate that you have probably read and heard the 'E' word more than enough in recent weeks, however before you overlook this item and move on to the next we thought you may be interested to know the outcome of our own Adams' Grammar School political election.

Tom Partridge, William Bone, Jake Stickley, James Cottrill, Adam Coomer, Patrick Reynolds and Karan Katoch were our party representatives and all did an excellent job over the course of two school assemblies in presenting their case for their respective parties in four minutes per presentation. Voting in school took place last Wednesday 5th May, ahead of the rest of the nation and staff members were also invited to take part, if they wished.

The results were published using both the first past the post system and also using proportional representation. In first past the post the Liberal Democrats won with 286 votes, followed by Conservatives (232), Labour (128), UKIP (62) and the Green Party (27). Under proportional representation the Liberal Democrats gained 370, Conservatives 194 and the Labour Party 169. Under this system the votes for the Green Party and UKIP were reallocated according to second and third choices.



Cash 4 our Schools Campaign

The Shropshire Star newspaper is offering a total of £20,000 to schools across the region as part of a six-week token-collect campaign. Three schools will

benefit from £10,000 and two prizes of £5,000 respectively in return for collecting tokens from the Shropshire Star newspaper.



Commencing **Monday 17th May** and every night for the next **six weeks** the newspaper will contain tokens with different face values each day. Some days will be worth more than others, this will change from week to week and on occasions bonus tokens will be published.

Clearly we would love to be a recipient of one of the cash donations and so we are urging you, all your friends and extended family, work colleagues, neighbours, in fact anyone you can think of, to collect tokens to benefit our pupils in school.

Every school has an equal chance of winning as the number of pupils in school will be taken into account, not just the total value of tokens collected.

We will be placing collecting boxes in school and in many other locations. If you are able to site one at your place of work or any other place where you think tokens may easily be collected (with relevant permissions of course!) then please contact the Adams' Development office (01952) 386307.

Please help us to be a winner. The monies available would go a long way to supporting our pupils in school. Equally, if you have any additional ideas as to how we might maximise our 'token value' do please talk to us.



Thank You! A very big *Thank You* to the parent, who does not wish to be named, who this week donated two Gold Member tickets to the FA Cup Final on Saturday. The package included drinks at half time and Gold car parking. They were auctioned off to the highest bidder (who was equally happy!) and the proceeds of £500 will support our pupils' extra-curricular activities. An extremely generous gesture.

ADAMS' GRAMMAR SCHOOL SOCIETY (AGSS) NEWS

AGSS Summer Ball 2010

AGSS are currently in the process of organising this year's Summer Ball to be held in the grounds of Longford Hall. We were overwhelmed with the demand for tickets for this year's AGSS Summer Ball and thrilled that all 420 tickets sold within the first hour of availability!

Last year, the Ball raised £6,000 to enable us to purchase valuable items for our School. However the major element of every year's profit is made from the raffle donations and corporate sponsorship we receive and so it's time for us to again ask for your help!

All donations for the raffle would be gratefully received - in the past we have received items as varied as bottles of alcohol, boxes of chocolates to restaurant meals and helicopter flights - so all ideas welcomed!

Additionally we can offer local businesses the opportunity to sponsor an element of the evening - pre dinner drinks, entertainment, balloons, casino etc, with full recognition on the night of the company's support.

For further details re any of the above please email us via agssociety@hotmail.co.uk or alternatively contact either Jan or Louise via the school office who will ensure your details are passed on.

Please help us to help our school. Thank you for your continued support.

AGSS Family Race Night

The AGSS Race Night was held on Friday 26th March and we are delighted to announce that the profit for the evening was £1,062, which is fantastic. Thank you everyone.

MARCH and APRIL 2010 - 100 CLUB WINNERS

March			April		
1st	£120	Sam Baker of Newport	1st	£120	Mrs C Wade of Telford
2nd	£80	Mr A Hartshorn of Wolverhampton	2nd	£80	Julie Mayer of Newport
3rd	£55	Stephen Gregory of Telford	3rd	£55	Jude Baxter of Shrewsbury

For information on past winners and an application form to join The 100 Club, please see the AGSS website.

For more information on AGSS, please visit the website at www.adamsgs.org.uk
and click on the AGSS pages via the Parents section.
You can also email us on agssociety@hotmail.co.uk.

Reminder: Monday 24th May is designated as an Independent Study Day

**Half Term holiday takes place from Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June 2010
During this week the school office will be open from 8.30am – 12.00 and 12.30-4.00pm each day**

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With my very best wishes
to you all

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