

Art students selected to enter national competition

Art work by four Colfeians has been selected to be considered for a national exhibition.

Greenwich District Fine Art Society (GDFAS) have selected the Colfe's pictures to be considered for an exhibition in central London next year.

Ann Oduwaiye, Robert Ware and Sam Burton (Year 13) and Carmen Lau (who gained an A* in Art last year and is now studying at a college of Art based in Camberwell) are hoping to be among the final 20 artists, from over 300 selected across the country, whose pictures will hang in the Mall Galleries in March 2012.

In the next few weeks, the National Association of Decorative and Fine Arts (NADFAS) will send hundreds of all their selected works to the president of the Royal Society of British Artists (RBA) who, together with 2 other

artists, will consider all the submissions and eventually select 20 pieces of artwork. Those chosen, will hang in the Mall Galleries and the students will be given the title of RBA Scholar. There will then be one winner selected overall.

The young artists work will hang alongside professional artists. The decision will be made after Christmas.

Sam Burton says "I was surprised to be chosen but it would be fantastic to get further into the competition and maybe win. It would be a great thing to look forward to"

Ann Oduwaiye agreed "My picture was inspired by a photography exhibition I attended and it made me realise that I could use photography to show people in a different way and a different light. To have my work at the exhibition would be fantastic."



Sam, Rob and Ann outside the Art Department.

For Robert Ware this is particularly exciting because when the picture was selected it had been the first oil painting he had done. "Much like Ann I was motivated by an exhibition only this was a portrait exhibit. I was inspired to start using colour in a way that you don't normally see in real life on a person; using colour as tone."

U19 mixed results at the Kent Schools Netball Tournament

By Clare Sawyer

On 4/10/2011, the U19 girl's netball team went to Rainham to play the Kent tournament. We had 7 other schools in our group, including Farrington's, Wealds and Tonbridge. The first match got Colfe's off to a brilliant start, with superb shooting from Sammie Clinton and Millie Sherren as Colfe's won. This winning streak continued, with Colfe's beating Weald and drawing

closely with Farrington's and brilliant performances from Dela Glevey, Lauren Ellis and Imogen King. The last two matches played were our most trying. Despite losing both of these matches, and just missing out on being in the last 8 teams, Colfe's put in admirable performances especially Phoebe Roth and Issy Robson in defence. It was a great day and all the girls played brilliantly, with thanks to Mrs Rayes for taking us!

GK – Issy Robson
GD – Dela Glevey
WD – Phoebe Roth
WA – Lauren Ellis
C – Imogen King
GA – Sammie Clinton
GS – Millie Sherren.

Subs – Clare Sawyer and Ellie Bollom

Girl's player of the tournament – Sammie Clinton.

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Special points of interest:

- Congratulations to Josh Ling in Year 12 who won the 100m Breaststroke and 100m Freestyle titles at the Greenwich Borough Championships on Saturday.
- Year 13 students are reminded about the deadlines for their university application forms to be complete. Our experience is that earlier applications get a better range of offers, so time is of the essence. In particular, please check you have filled in your details correctly on the forms, especially GCSE and AS grades.
- Year 13 students are also reminded that they should confirm with their subject teachers what their predicted grades are.

Greenwich Young People's Council—reporting back

By Matt Robson

On Thursday the GYPC had a meeting at Woolwich Town Hall with Councillor Jackie Smith, where we discussed the state of children's services in Greenwich. We received feedback on the commissioning of services, and the full report is due to be published in November. The youth services will have started operating by spring.

The celebration of youth achievement, Y-Factor, will be

used to launch a number of projects by the GYPC – including a mental health campaign and a scheme whereby school councils are rated for their effectiveness. Previously the two independent schools represented on the GYPC, Colfe's and Blackheath High, were not going to be invited to Y-Factor. This represented stark hypocrisy on the part of the Council, whose motto is "promoting equality for all" but I am pleased to say that after some hounding of Jackie Smith we are now permitted to attend. We hope this will

help to break down some of the barriers between independent and state school pupils.

There are ballot papers outside Mr Drury's office (which have also been emailed to you) which will be used to determine the topics to be debated in the House of Commons at the end of November. Please fill one out highlighting your top five issues then either give it back to me or leave it in Mr Drury's office.

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Max White (left) and Alex Hill on the way round their 'titanic struggle with the Sevenoaks top pair'

Another victory for Colfe's golfers

By Mr Otley & Alex Hill

Colfe's secured their second HMC Foursomes victory in a fortnight over prestigious Kent schools with a 3-0 whitewash of Sevenoaks.

The third pair out, Jimmy Davies and Teddy Hembrough, once again put the first point on the board with a second successive 7&5 victory. The

highlight of their round was a towering three wood from Jimmy to 6 feet on the par 5 sixth which set up an eagle opportunity. Middle pair James Lynch and Harry Fairbairn were involved in a much tighter match, eventually prevailing 3&2 to give Colfe's an unassailable 2-0 lead.

Although they were unaware that their match was now a 'dead rubber', Max White and

Alex Hill were involved in a titanic struggle with the Sevenoaks top pair. All square going down the par 5 last, both pairs were on the edge of the green in two. Alex Hill hit a wonderful chip which finished stone dead for a 'gimme' four. The home team's chip ran three feet past and when they failed to hole the putt Max and Alex won 1 up. Colfe's will play the winner of Whitgift versus Dulwich College in the next round at Royal Blackheath.

Colfe's girls attend U18 hockey tournament

By Isabel Johnny

We did not have the best start when we turned up three minutes before our first match, leaving us only a few minutes to get changed and warm up. So we rushed onto pitch to face our hardest opponents Sevenoaks, who had already been there for an hour warming up. It was a hard start as it was the first time the team had played

together this year, with us conceding a goal in the first minute. After that we were shocked into action with the defence working really hard to clear the ball and the goalie being constantly being bombarded with rocket balls with the eventual score being 8-0. Our next opponent were TWIGGS, another very strong team, however after a good team talk we were more ready this time.

However they were still very strong and a lot of the time the goalie was left in a one on one situation, where she had no chance, so the final score was 4-0. Finally we played Kent College, we gave it our all, and they only had a few lucky goals, with the final result was 3-0. As a positive we improved in every match as the team got used to playing with each other.



Isabel playing hockey for the school.

Euroscepticism runs riots at the launch of 'Guilty Men' by Peter Osborne

By Pascal Crowe

Deep in the heart of the capital, where the political cogs at the heart of Government whirr and grind lies an innocuously named think-tank named the Centre For Policy Studies. Don't let this fool you however; step inside, and you'll find a den of jowly, sanguine conservatives as you would have found at the height of the Iron Lady's tenure as PM. Partisan opinion hides behind unassuming acronyms...welcome to Westminster.

Famous right wing political commentator, Peter Osborne, or as he called himself "an out and proud eurosceptic" was there to launch his new book "guilty men" a damning indictment of those in the media who followed their hearts rather than their heads in their unabashed embracing of the euro and the euro zone, and who labeled those who opposed this opinion "fascists". Or so he said. To me, it looked like a group of true blues who were rejoicing at the breakdown of a European country and economy, where thousands of lives are being ruined, and using it to attempt to attack the liberal media and discount and discredit anything the EU has done for us, culturally socially and economically.

Before the book signing and ego feeding began, Osborne treated us to a speech that reflected, more or less, his views on the Blair-Brown years who he claimed were "responsible for the crisis" and as he put it the fact that

"the performance of the highbrow media is desperate- the tabloids perspective is brilliant". It was astonishing to view this pack of wolves baying at the door of the Europhiles, demanding an apology and hoping to call those responsible to account. In fact, so much did he harp on about the brilliant and clear vision of the tabloids I began to wonder how much influence Rupert Murdoch had on him.

Once those attending had a few glasses of red inside them, certain tongues began to slip and people began to talk. This is obviously a place where those "old Tories" who are no longer the fashion of the party proper come to reminisce about the good old days. Indeed, I found myself having some lovely words with Lord Howard, but when I asked for a few words for this publication on the state of the Euro zone and who he thought responsible I was met with a brick wall of "no comment". Some are obviously more aware than others of the political ramifications of their words. When speaking with Osborne however, I was delighted to find he was much more forthcoming: "who broke the euro? Danny Alexander!". One man I spoke to who was kind enough to let his thoughts go to print was Piers Pottinger, who described himself as an "interested and involved observer" and whom I later found out to be one of Osborne's close friends. He described the event as "a fantastic evening. Peter Osborne has able to speak out in a dramatic way, which will not make him many friends

but true conservatives are delighted and elated by what he has done". After sidling round the room a few more times to gauge a few more viewpoints, which ranged from "the BBC have a liberal left wing bias", "we need another woman like Thatcher, she'd never have allowed this", and "someone needs to lead Gordon Brown into a very dark alley", I began to make my excuses in case they suddenly sniffed out my liberal ideology and pounced.

To be fair to the CPS, Osborne has a point. The BBC does have a liberal bias. They did get it wrong about the euro. And I think almost everyone agrees that Gordon Brown should be led into a **very** dark alley. But to blame the failure of the euro zone on one man, or one party, is to simplify the issue incredibly. No one could have seen the extent to which Greece was lying about its level of national debt, and to use this to justify our complete withdrawal from the EU is absurd. We're not even in the Euro zone! We'll lose more money if we allow Greece to fail, lose trading partners and cultural and social links that can't be replaced. To me, this event seemed less about current politics and more an opportunity for the old boys of the conservative party to come together and reminisce about glory days and past victories. Perhaps if they paid more attention to the here and now of politics, and looked at the problem from a wider perspective, they would have some answers for us, not just political jibes.



Pascal met Lord Howard of Lympne at the launch of 'Guilty Men' - a pamphlet published by the Centre for Policy Studies

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Colfe's School Politics Department is an associate member of the Centre for Policy Studies, so students are free to attend lectures and debates.



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Sam Burton's art work which is being considered for a national exhibition (see page 1).

Kent Cup—Colfe's victory over Aske's

By Tom Chapman and Josh White

We were anticipating a relatively easy game against Haberdashers' Aske's however we were given anything but.

The game was our first in the Daily Mail this year. We knew we had the quality in all areas, especially with White's extra fast pace, to succeed and were, undoubtedly, cocky going into the game. This cockiness showed up early on, as a knock on from second-row Dominic Rees off the kickoff showed. We then proceeded to be shocked at the speed, despite poor quality (rife with dropped passes), of Aske's play. On a

hard pitch the game was fast paced and this suited the lightweight Askeians. Struggling to keep the game under control, we weren't really dominating any area of the opposition and the game was played mainly between the 22s. Our backs did look dangerous when they got the ball however. Will 'Grizzle' Grist scored a fine try in the corner and Jack 'Big Mac' McCusker swept up a loose ball close to the line and dotted it down like any good openside would. Josh White probably scored too. Aske's hadn't given up though and scored a decent try towards the end of the first half. The forwards didn't have a great game it has to be said but after a stirring team talk at half time they started to up it;

slightly. Having lost talisman Tom Chapman to a nasty-looking injury Charlie Whittaker came on and did a cracking job at scrum half, working well with year 12 Morgan Diss at fly-half. Alex Graham scored a brace also doing well off the bench too. Max Dunmore made a cameo appearance, however with his lack of pace, struggled a bit in his un-preferred position of full-back. Morgan scored a nice try linking well with 'Lethal' Grizzle once more. Charlie Banks converted a handful of the tries.

Final Score: Colfes 45 – 5 Aske's. A comfortable victory in the end however we will need to work harder in later rounds if we are to do well in this competition.



Charlie Banks pass misses Euan Johnson