

Tiffinian Association Bulletin

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The Tiffinian Association wishes you a very Happy Christmas!

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The Year 11 End of Year Video (2009) is now linked to the page.

Please post interesting Tiffin-related items onto the page for other OT's to view.

School news



Digital School Newsletter

Please click here to view the [digital newsletter](#) published by the school.



The newsletter includes:

- 1) A description of the Tiffin production of Haydn's Creation at the Rose Theatre
- 2) A video of highlights of the Tiffin School public speaking competition, adjudicated by **Frank Whately** (ex-Tiffin teacher)
- 3) An update of TSBC (Tiffin Small Boats Club)
- 4) A review of the recent Gig Night at the school

Over 4,000 prospective parents and students looked around the school during the **Tiffin School Open Evening** on 12th October and over 1,400 boys were entered for the **Tiffin School 11+ Entrance Test** on 8th December. This was the largest number to date. The boys sat papers in verbal and non-verbal reasoning in order to gain one of the coveted 140 places for September 2010. Competition for places at the school is very fierce indeed!

School visit to Ypres

In November, the Year 11 historians went on the annual visit to Ypres. The trip included visits to the Cloth Hall and Menin Gate in Ypres as well as to various cemeteries and sites such as Sanctuary Wood, Hill 62 and the farm where **Douglas Belcher** (1903) won his Victoria Cross. The vast number of headstones at Cement House Cemetery between Ypres and Langemarck brought home to the students the cost of WW1. **Charles Eglington** (1910) is buried in Cement House Cemetery. He joined the Royal Artillery underage in 1914 and was killed in action at Langemarck on the 15th October 1917. As on every visit, the oldest student in the group was called upon to lay a wreath on the grave. This year it was laid by **Richard Clarke**.



West Side Story (Music by Leonard Bernstein and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim).

Sixth formers and teachers from both Tiffin School and Tiffin Girls' School collaborated to stage a fantastic production of West Side Story. The main hall of the school was convincingly transformed into downtown New York in the 1950s. Maria, played by **Hannah Calascione** and Tony, played by **Kieran Brunt** led a talented cast. The singing, dancing and music (played by an orchestra of 35 instrumentalists) were faultless!



Badminton

Aaron Cheng, Year 11 – National Schools U17 singles champion (badminton). He is ranked No.1 in England at this level in both singles and doubles.

The Under 16 badminton team won the Borough Schools Badminton Tournament and now goes on to the county round of the national tournament.



Sailing

Felix Crowther, Year 8, has gained a place in one of the four Royal Yachting Association national junior sailing squads. He is therefore amongst the best 60 dinghy racers of secondary school age in Britain.



Alumni news



Varsity Match



128th Varsity Match, 10th December 2009

Tiffin alumni, **Tom Harris** (2006) (pictured with ball) and **Michael (Bomber) Harris** (2008) both played at the recent Varsity match at Twickenham. Tom started for Cambridge at tight-head prop (our first Rugby Blue in Dave Morris' time) and Bomber was on the bench for the U21s, coming on at scrum half.

Cambridge spent much of the opening 40 minutes in defence, but the match was transformed after the break into a fine display of running rugby with the teams sharing five tries, four scored by Cambridge. Cambridge beat Oxford 31-27 outscoring Oxford by five tries to three in a thrilling game.

This victory sees Cambridge extend its Varsity Match series lead to 61-53 with 14 draws.

Events

Saturday 30th January 2010: **OT Rugby Football Club Vice-Presidents'/Ex-Players' Lunch** at Dean Pavilion at Grists. Despite its rather grand title the lunch is open to all who are interested in seeing how the Club is currently developing and who would enjoy meeting-up with both young and old friends for a convivial pint or two. The bar will open for drinks from 12 noon with lunch at approx 1pm. The 1st XV Surrey League Three game against Streatham-Croydon will start at 2.15pm.

The cost will be £20 per head. Please contact Peter Smith on 020 8398 4748 or send a cheque to him at King's Cottage, 13 King's Drive, Thames Ditton, Surrey KT7 OTH. Cheques are payable to the 'OTRFC'.



Monday 21st December: **OT Golf Society Christmas Meeting**

This will be held at Effingham Golf Club, Guildford Road, Effingham, Surrey KT24 5PZ

The cost for this will be £52 for OTGS members and £55 for any guests. This will include coffee and a bacon roll on arrival and a Christmas lunch to follow the golf.

Play will start at 8.30am.

Please let Allan Piggott (Fixtures Secretary) know if you wish to attend on 01483 282411 or at allan.piggott@btinternet.com by Friday Dec 19.



Thursday 25th March 2010: **OT Golf Society Spring Meeting**

This will be held at the New Zealand Golf Club, Woodham Lane, Addlestone, Surrey KT15 3QD

If you have any information you would like included in future editions, suggestions as to how the bulletin might be improved, or if you wish to unsubscribe from the bulletin, please email Alex Swift at TAL@tiffin.kingston.sch.uk

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