

## Junior School Prize-giving 2002

Every prize-giving is special, of course, especially for all those who get prizes, but this year the Junior School Prize Giving ceremony had a claim to being really special. To begin with, the Great Hall was decked out in more flags and flowers than it had ever seen before – there were wonderful House flags, designed by members of Forder, Hecker, Stuart and Usherwood – I wonder if the designs upon the flags were in any way symbolic of the current state of the Houses – the man representing Hecker looked a bit shaky around the knees to me and the man on the Usherwood flag looked as if he was intent upon drowning his sorrows! For Mrs Stevenson, the College librarian, this was her final prize-giving, having had a large hand in organising it over many years past, and it was entirely fitting that the venue looked so very smart and that the guest of honour was so appropriate. Which brings us to . . . Dr. Seldon, who kindly agreed to come (back) to St Dunstan's to present the prizes for us. Many in the College community will remember Dr Seldon with great fondness and admiration, as he was the Deputy Head during a particularly busy and exciting time in the College's history and has gone on to become Headmaster of Brighton College, as well as being well known for his political biographies (on John Major and Winston Churchill), his other writings and his television appearances. In short, we were lucky to get him, given how incredibly busy he has become – and, as we found out, doubly lucky as the prize-giving took place on his wedding anniversary. Luckily his wife – also Dr Seldon – was able to come back to St Dunstan's with him, although she stayed quiet on the question of whether this was the best possible way to celebrate!

Dr Seldon certainly had to work hard – although Mr Gaskell worked equally hard in producing and delivering his speech on the Year in the Junior School, whipping up the crowd and teasing the outgoing Year 6. All children leaving the Pre-Prep received a certificate, each one an individual recognition of the contribution made by that child, as did those leaving Year 6. There were also (literally) scores more prizes to be awarded. Those receiving prizes for academic improvement are perhaps to be especially congratulated for their hard work, but there was a good deal of recognition of an enormous amount of hard work – the stars of *Bugsy Malone* certainly deserved their awards and there were plenty more to go around – for the mathematicians who had gained our first ever Level 6 Maths results in the SATs examinations – for our dedicated musicians and for our sports girls and boys, many of whom enjoyed enormous success during the course of the year in a wide range of activities.

Thanks are due to all those who had a hand in the organisation of this evening, a great celebratory way to end the school year – but in particular, thanks should be expressed to Mrs Stevenson, Mrs Hallett and their teams of florists, book buyers, furniture shifters, lighting engineers, sound technicians and a cast of hundreds, Mr Gaskell for his hilarious speech and, of course, to Dr Seldon. In respect of the prize-giving, and indeed in so many other ways, we will miss Mrs Stevenson, and the Junior School thanks her for her enormous contribution to our Prize-givings but also to the life of the College in general, and we wish her well for the future.

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## Prize Winners

### Academic Achievement

J3P Eleanor Kay  
 J3Q Katherine Watson  
 J3R Sophie Monaghan-Coombs Richardson  
 J4P Joanna Kamenou  
 J4Q Stuart Allford  
 J4R Fred Dowd  
 J5P Hailey Tittle  
 J5Q Jonathan Porter  
 J5R James Morgan-Snowley  
 J6P Thomas Rathborn  
 J6Q Balbina Pawlowska  
 J6R Katy Sheen

### Effort and Progress

J3P Philip Thomson  
 J3Q Robert Dines  
 J3R Thomas  
 J4P Arthur Jones  
 J4Q Opal Jordan  
 J4R Adam Bien  
 J5P Huw Ayling-Miller  
 J5Q Joanna Grech  
 J5R Laura Smith  
 J6P Brett Lynch  
 J6Q Shaun Gaisie  
 J6R George Kamenou

### Special Award for Service to the School Community

J3P Jordan Williams  
 J3R Alicia Stubbs Edwards  
 J4Q James Burley  
 J5P Noor Jan-Mohamed  
 J5R Robyn Rhule-Samuel  
 J3Q Yasemin Dervish  
 J4P Clementine  
 J4R Zoe Nicholson  
 J5Q Oliver Vidgeon

### The Usherwood Trophy for Service

Isabella Burley

### Subject Prizes and Special Awards

English  
 Ritson  
 Simone Gray-

*special awards to:*

Holly Cumming,  
 Becky O'Malley  
 Sarah Thompson

French  
 Humanities

*special award to:*

Douglas Butt  
 Alexander Fox  
 Luke Elliott

Information Communication Technology  
 Mathematics

*special awards to:*

James Middleton  
 Edward Davenport &  
 Rajiv Patel  
 Joel Green, James Nash,  
 Richard Tatum  
 Mala Bhandari

Religious Studies  
 Science

*special awards to:*

Amy De Zoysa  
 James Hutton, Ben Ryan  
 George Holloway  
 Charlotte Lawes-Dixon  
 Giulia Spissu  
 Victoria Comerford  
 Christine Leang

Electronic Workshop Special Award

Art Year 3  
 Year 4  
 Year 5  
 Year 6

Design Technology.

Year 3  
 Year 4  
 Year 5  
 Year 6

Music Year 3  
 Year 4  
 Year 5  
 Year 6

*special awards to:*

Thomas Beresford-West  
 Jake Biele  
 Nicholas Wideson  
 Ben Russell  
 Luis Regis  
 Lucinda Davenport  
 Thembi Fakoya-Sales  
 Fiona Gray  
 Lucy Badminton  
 Kelly Dean, Peter Miller,  
 Michael Patterson,  
 James Patterson  
 Anna-Maria Dixon  
 William Nichols  
 Lucy Marsh  
 Alexander Wood  
 Stephen Coley  
 Christopher Murray  
 Laura Kastoryano  
 Simone Dawkins

Chorister's Cup  
 Most Improved Strings Player

Dance Cup  
 Plate for Drama  
 Chess Cup

Sportsman of the Year  
 Sportswoman of the Year

*special award to:*

House Trophies  
 Work Shield  
 Activities Trophy

Stuart  
 Forder

**Head of Junior School**

*(Donated by Mr J D Gaskell)*  
for overall contribution to the life of the

Tajana Bunton-Williams  
*Prep Department*

**Headmaster's Cup for Academic Scholarship**

*(Donated by Mr J D Moore)*

Alex.Nicholson

**Sports Trophies**

- Athletics Cup
- Cricket Plate
- Football Shield
- Netball Cup
- Rounders Cup
- Rugby Cup
- Swimming Plate

- Forder
- To be announced
- Forder
- Usherwood
- To be announced
- Forder
- Stuart

**House Representatives**

This year's House Captains are:

- Amy De Zoysa
- Sarah Thompson
- Edward Davenport
- Tajana Bunton-Williams

- Forder
- Hecker
- Stuart
- Usherwood

and their Vice-Captains are:

- Pascale Morrison-Derbyshire & Ben Ryan
- Stephen Coley & Camilla Douglas
- Pooja Patel & Peter Miller
- Douglas Butt & Thomas Rathborn

- Forder
- Hecker
- Stuart
- Usherwood



Clare Skinner, abseiling in Pembrokeshire