

## Chairman's Report

First of all, it has been another great year for the CSA, both productively and in the development of the CSA itself. For the second year running we have managed to recruit nearly a 100% of all new parents at our biggest recruiting occasion, the school uniform day. We have had a great response from our new parents, with many keen to add support to our new endeavour, which is to have more parent-to-parent liaison and more social events for The Crypt's parents and staff. The most successful of which, was the frog racing evening held on 14<sup>th</sup> November of last year. Not only was it a great success at raising funds for the school, it was brilliant fun as well. We look forward to organising another one.

Also, following on from last years demand, an e-mail system has been established where it is possible to receive CSA minutes, newsletters and event invitations. My thanks go out to Will Fair for the organising and the running of that.

If you have any good ideas about helping the school or you would just like to help in any way, please feel free to come along to meetings in the school library. For times and dates please use the school website or telephone the school. Also we would like to know if any parents have got any skills or knowledge in planning/building for future projects. It has been a good year for recruiting, but we still have plenty more room for any new volunteers. Along with the new incentive to have more social events, I hope we can carry on in our development and growth.

Productively, I am very pleased to say that two CSA sponsored projects that have been in the pipeline for several years have finally come into fruition. Firstly, the refurbishment of the main school hall. An idea put forward by the CSA to the school, it was considered and agreed to be worthwhile. After structural damage was found in the hall, the project was put on hold. Eventually, the time taken to survey the hall was in the end a positive time for the CSA to be in a better position to increase its pledge to the project, with a final pledge that more than quadrupled the original. The hall now looks fantastic. Complete with a superb sound system and lighting rigs, the hall really is a place where staff and pupils can really put on a show.

Secondly, the new building for the sixth form resource centre. In an exciting time for the school, the completion of the extension is eagerly awaited by all. The building is very impressive, with its contemporary lines and glass construction. I'm sure with the light, clean and fresh environment of the annexe, it can only enhance our sons and daughters education. On behalf of the CSA, I wish the school every success with its future in the new building, and of course, in the rest of the school.

I would also like to take this opportunity to say a special thank you to Karen Derbidge for taking on the running of the school uniform shop from last September, and also Sue Richards for taking on the post of treasurer since April 2008. With what I think must be record breaking pledges to the school in the same year, the monies pledged from the CSA have so obviously helped the school to be very productive. I think we should all be very proud of that fact. I would like to thank everyone who helps the CSA for all your time and hard work.

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