



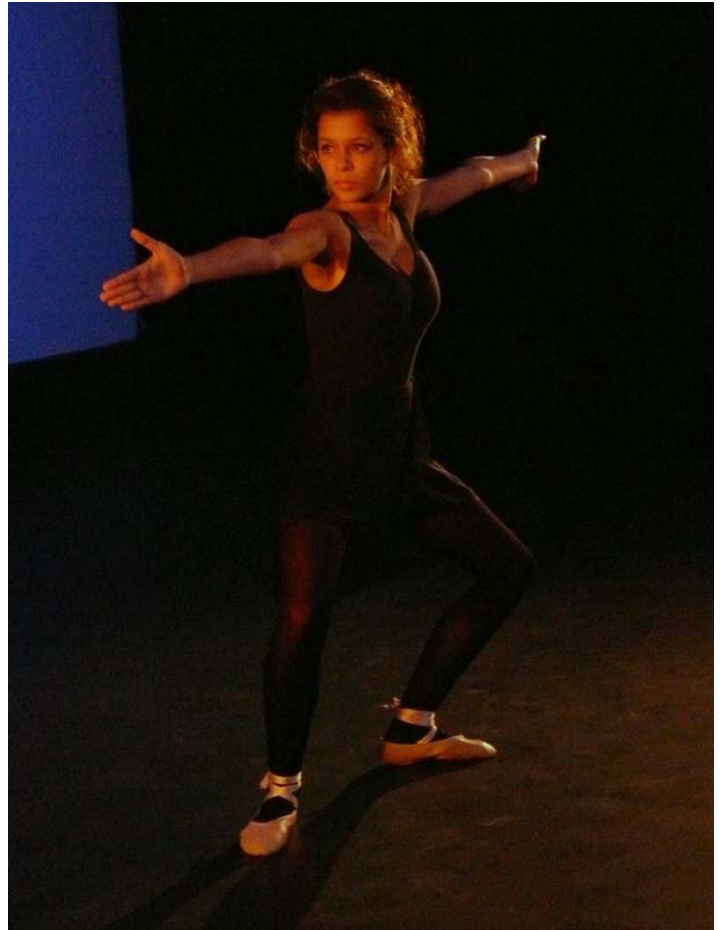
# The Royal High School, Bath

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## Newsletter - Week ending 18 January 2008

**They Could Have Danced All Night:** Fourteen schools from across the country participated in this year's Girls' Day School Trust 'Day of Dance' on Wednesday this week. We were delighted to host the event, with a number of our visitors from Newcastle staying overnight with Royal High families or joining our boarding community. 130 girls took part in this celebration of dance, which is now a firmly established annual event. The morning comprised a number of workshops lead by dance professionals, featuring diverse styles including Musical Theatre, Contemporary and Street Dance. Dancers from different schools worked together to produce a performance for the show in the afternoon. Each school also brought their own prepared dance routines to the show. Commenting on the day, Mrs Sheffield, our Director of Sport said *"It has been an exhilarating day for the performers, working with experienced and talented professional teachers. It is also a great opportunity to get together with other GDST schools. Dance is now a really popular activity, with something to suit all interests and abilities."*

**Fit For Purpose:** We are proud to present the *Royal High School Aerobathon* on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> February starting at 1.45 pm and ending at 5pm. The afternoon will include an aerobics class, a circuits session and a final 'salsacise' class. The afternoon is open to all students and guests over 12 years old. All abilities welcome and no experience is necessary. Tickets cost £5 and are available in advance. All proceeds go to the Ghanaian orphanage visit this summer by Dr Pascoe and Mr Leather. Please come and join us for a fun afternoon!



**Parking:** Once again we have to remind some parents to be more considerate when parking in roads adjacent to the school site. We regularly receive reasonable complaints from long suffering residents about thoughtless and selfish parking, including the blocking of driveways and, in some cases, damage to lawns. Like any institution, we value our relationship with local residents and want to nurture it so that they too can feel positive about the school's development plans. However, it is quite clear that some of our neighbours are made angry and upset by inconsiderate parking and driving both during the day and during evening events and we would ask you all to be mindful of this.

**Music Events:** We have two performances to look forward to later this month. Next Wednesday (23rd) will see the *Year 7 Music Showcase* in the Memorial Hall Theatre at 7.00pm. Our talented young musicians have prepared a varied programme to entertain you, which will be made even more enjoyable by a glass of wine. The following Tuesday (29th) is the *Ceilidh Band Picnic Supper*. Under the leadership of Lorna Osbon, the band has really made its mark and you are in for a really lively evening of music and dance. You can reserve a seat at a table for just £5 from Mr Cockerham, our Director of Music. It starts at 7.30 p.m. in the Memorial Hall. All proceeds go to support the Crane Academy in Kenya (see also next item).

### HEAD'S COMMENDATIONS

Geraldine Hill	7A	Gracie Payne	7D	Louise Ley	9W
Emma Clarke	7D	Phoebe Bielecki (x2)	7W		

## Calendar

<b>Tue 22 Jan</b>	All day	Girls' Day School Trust Gymnastics Day	Croydon
<b>Wed 23</b>	16.00 - 18.15	U12 AB 7-aside Hockey v Wellsway School	away
	19.00 - 20.30	Year 7 Music Showcase	Memorial Hall
<b>Thu 24</b>	16.00 - 18.15	U13 XI Hockey v Wellsway School	away
	<b>19.00 - 21.00</b>	<b>Year 9 GCSE Choices Evening for Parents and Students</b>	<b>Sports Hall</b>
<b>Fri 25</b>	16.00	Exeat weekend for boarders begins	
<b>Sat 26</b>	09.00 - 17.00	Ten Tors expedition training for Years 10 -12	
<b>Sun 27</b>	18.00 - 22.00	Boarders return	

**Crane Academy Photography Exhibition Update:** You should by now have received your invitation to a private viewing on 14 February, from 5.30 - 9.00 p.m. of David Partner's exhibition of stunning and moving photographs taken on a visit to Kenya in October (please see last week's newsletter). A selection of the photographs is now available on our website, in the 'News & Events' menu. (Go to [www.royalhighbath.co.uk/crane](http://www.royalhighbath.co.uk/crane)) The photographs can only be fully appreciated by seeing them for real but you will certainly enjoy the vitality of the images and David's wonderful composition. All the photographs are limited editions, signed by the photographer and can be purchased for £100 framed, or £75 unframed. All sales revenue goes to our trust fund for The Crane Academy. We do hope you will come along. The exhibition is at The Chapel Row Gallery in Bath and lasts until 21 February. Full details are on the website. If you haven't received your invitation please contact Lynda Bevan on 01225 313877 ex2857 or [l.bevan@bat.gdst.net](mailto:l.bevan@bat.gdst.net).

**In Sickness & In Health:** Inevitably at this time of year we have quite a lot of students who are off sick. Please remember to phone or email the school before 9.00 a.m. if your daughter will not be coming to school. It is also helpful if you could let us know if your daughter is going to be late. Please remind your daughter that she should sign the late book if she misses registration. These procedures enable us to keep an accurate record of who is in school and are vital in the event of an evacuation emergency.

**Sports News Round Up: Saturday's Results** - Our U12 A Hockey side lost 4-2 against a strong Redland team. The U12 B side doggedly played out a goalless draw. Our Netball teams fared better, with our U14, U15, U16 and 1st teams all claiming victories. *Mixed Hockey* - On Monday our U13 and U14 players took part in a mixed hockey event with Beechen Cliff School. This was a great opportunity for them to showcase their skills alongside the boys from Mr Kellock's Hockey Academy. We look forward to building on this relationship in the future.

**Congratulations** - **Georgia Wise** in Year 8 has been selected by the English Ladies Golf Association for a special coaching programme for young golfers of exceptional promise. She is one of just eight young players in Wiltshire who will have the chance to improve their game under the watchful eye of a top coach. **Verity Barber**, also in Year 8 represented Great Britain at the weekend in a U15 fencing competition against France. She was one of the top 25 boys and girls from the whole country selected for the event in Moneteau, near Paris. Verity, who trains at school and at Bath Swords will be representing the South West in the forthcoming Nationals in February, when she hopes to achieve a national ranking. **Laura Seal** (Year 9) has won a place in the Avon team at the forthcoming Regional Cross Country event after coming 4th in the Avon round of the competition.

**Babes:** Two Year 8 students will be appearing in The Arc Theatre, Trowbridge production of *Babes In The Wood* which runs from 31st January to 3rd February. **Madeleine Butt** and **Katie Phillips** both have leading roles as 'Merry Men'. If you would like to see this traditional family panto, ring 0845 299 0476 for tickets. More information is available at [www.arctheatre.org.uk](http://www.arctheatre.org.uk)

**School Shop:** Next week the shop will be open on Wednesday 23rd lunchtime instead of Tuesday. *Desperately wanted for sale:* - jumpers, cycle shorts, tracksuit bottoms, large skirts and polo shirts. Uniform for sale is welcome all year around. Please attach a label to each item with a safety pin stating daughter's name, class and what the item is and its size.

### Dates for your Diary

<b>Tuesday 29 January</b>	<b>7.30 p.m.</b>	<b>Ceilidh Band Supper in the Memorial Hall</b>
<b>Saturday 2 February</b>	<b>2.00 p.m.</b>	<b>Charity Aerobathon in the Sports Hall</b>
<b>Thursday 14 February</b>	<b>5.30 p.m.</b>	<b>Crane Academy Exhibition at Chapel Row Gallery</b>