



## Oxbridge Success

Fettes is delighted to announce that as we go to press seven of our Oxbridge candidates have received offers, six at Cambridge and one at Oxford. However, we are awaiting a few confirmations before we have the final figures.

Places have been offered across a wide range of subjects including English, Medicine, Classics and PPS from a variety of different Colleges.

We wish all the successful candidates the best of luck in fulfilling their Oxbridge requirements.

**“We are very pleased with the successes here particularly when it is certainly not getting any easier to get an offer from these universities. It is surprising this year that the majority of offers come from Cambridge. We have had a good few near misses, but the work involved in approaching Oxbridge has as usual strengthened candidates’ hands in their other applications.”**  
**Tony Reeves, Assistant Headmaster**



## Champion Debaters

Fettes has been reaching new heights with debating this year, producing top speakers at both the Aberdeen and Cambridge Union Tournaments.

Ella Robertson and Allen Farrington are progressing well in the Scottish Law Society Competition, hoping to defend the title in 2010. Ella was also selected to represent Scotland at the World Schools’ Debating Championships which will be held in February in Qatar. Along with her four team mates, Ella will be competing with the brightest and most eloquent students from over 40 countries, hoping to bring home the Championship which was last won by Scotland in 2007. Topics up for debate range from domestic violence to nuclear warfare and teams have to be

ready to debate only an hour after receiving a motion – the only help provided being an Oxford Dictionary! Prior to the World Championships, Ella has taken part in the Four Nations Debating Tournament in which Scotland battled England, Wales and Ireland for the home title. The College continues to promote debating as an immensely rewarding activity which encourages confidence, clarity of expression and academic excellence.

**Ella Robertson**

**“Being engaged in world affairs is only the start – your arguments have to be crystal clear and utterly convincing.”**



## Classic Trip to Turkey

Sixteen classicists visited Turkey over the October half term for a moving and fascinating experience. In Constantinople-Istanbul (where East meets West) they visited the Blue Mesquite and the exotic bazaars the city offers. It was a melancholy tour of a once mighty Byzantine capital now an equally powerful world city.

The Gallipoli visit was moving and the Fettesians found a few OFs buried there but certainly not forgotten.

The tour then took them South to Izmir and Ephesus and a trek East to the wonderful city of Aphrodisias and Pamukkale. The tour ended with the immersion of all of the team into hot mud!



## Pipe Band Fundraising Dinner

Thank you to all those who attended and supported the Fettes College Pipe Band Fundraising Dinner on November 28th and helped us raise in excess of £10,000.

Guests enjoyed a champagne reception and a three course dinner while being entertained superbly by the Pipe Band. As well as raffle prizes, we had secret and silent auctions for rare whisky, a kilt, a diamond necklace, paintings and antiques followed by a live auction for some excellent prizes including a helicopter ride from Fettes to St Andrews, A week in Val d'Isere, a stay at Glenmor at Gleneagles and a Porsche for the weekend.

A huge thank you to all those companies who provided prizes including Laing the Jeweller, The Gleneagles Hotel, Porsche Edinburgh, Le Chardon Val d'Isere, 21st Century Kilts, Prestonfield House Hotel, One Spa at The Sheraton and The Balmoral Hotel.



## History Department Visit to Berlin

At the start of the Christmas holidays, 39 Fifth Formers and four staff visited Berlin and packed their five days with visits to places of historical interest relating to both the Second World War as well as more recent Cold War history.

**“The pupils were quite simply terrific and a great credit to their school.”**

The highlights included: The German Resistance Memorial, Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp, the architecturally important Olympic Stadium, the vast Soviet War Memorial at Treptower Park, Potsdam and the former Stasi prison.

Most of the trip was self guided but on certain occasions they utilised local guides including a two hour seminar/lecture at Wannsee.

## Hockey Training

After a number of weeks for trials and squad training, Matthew Tansini East U18, William Trainer and Matthew Jackman (missing from photograph) – East U16 took part in their age group Inter-District Hockey tournaments in November at Peffermill.

On the strength of their performance during the tournament all three boys and Hamish Imrie (U16) have been invited to attend Scottish training sessions.

We wish them well with this.







## 2010 Piano Competition – Listen Online

Congratulations to all those who took part in the annual piano competition adjudicated by Pali Favri.

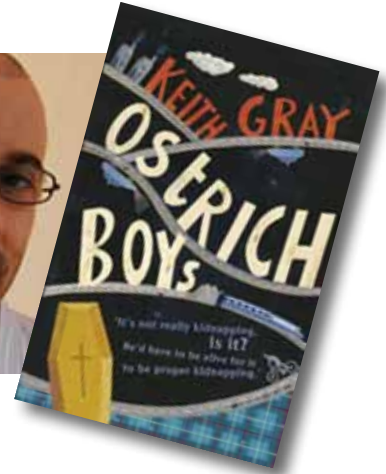
In the Intermediate Class, the winner was Sunny Yoon (Rondo), with both Alley Eugenicos (Prelude – Grieg, Gnosssienne) and James Goodenough (Mazurka, Toccatina) highly commended. In the Senior Class, the winner was Joyce Ma (Gershwin, Chopin) with Chris Zhang (Bach, Mussorgsky) highly commended.

To hear the competition, please log on to [www.numu.org.uk/trax.asp](http://www.numu.org.uk/trax.asp) and type in Fettes in the Artist/Title search box – enjoy listening.

## Author Visit

We were fortunate enough to welcome award-winning author, Keith Gray, to Fettes on January 20th.

He spoke to the Third form about writing for young adults and read to us from his latest novel, the brilliant ‘Ostrich Boys’ (2009), which was short-listed for last year’s Carnegie Medal. He also showed us a world exclusive (the draft of his latest (and 16th!) novel) and signed copies of his books for dozens of pupils. It was a hugely entertaining and enjoyable afternoon.



## College East and Carrington Perform

The Drama Year started with College East’s production of *The Wizard of Oz*, with Hannah Gray starring as Dorothy. The Concert Hall was transformed into a cinema for the opening ten minutes of the performance with the land of Oz appeared as a riot of green fur and primary colours. Excellent makeup and costume changed Pippi Russell into the Tin Man, Katie Begg into Toto, Carla Bannatyne into the cutest of Cowardly Lions and Chloe Fullerton into a Scarecrow, from Essex.

Stephanie Leech stole the show as the Wicked Witch of the West and terrified the audience with her frightening

pyrotechnics. In all it was a magical journey made all the more mysterious when the audience finally saw the disembodied head of the Great Oz.

Carrington produced an excellent version of *A Man for All Seasons* with Dr Aidonis at the helm. Duncan Hegan was impressive for someone of his age and gave us a portrayal of Sir Thomas More that was grave, well-judged and good humoured. His family, imports from Arniston, Tilly Dawson and Harriet Myzak-Douglas, gave warmth and a sense of the man at home, whilst Angus Richardson’s upwardly mobile Richard Rich, Daniel Mundell’s Spanish courtier and Ross Ledden as Norfolk, ably showed the outside pressures More was put under. A special mention must go to Hugh Mackinnon who triumphed as Henry VIII after taking on the role at short notice. High praise too must go to Gordon Robertson for his reptilian portrayal of Cardinal Wolsey. His scene with More was the high-point of an intelligent and well-paced evening’s entertainment.

