

Greenfields School

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What they are and how your child will benefit.

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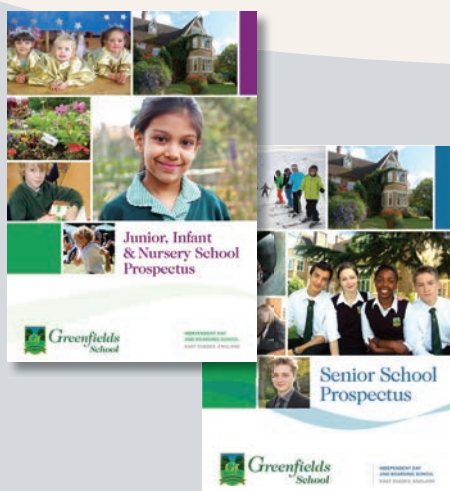
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An Introduction

from the Executive Head,
Jeff Smith



Welcome to the latest edition of the Greenfields School Magazine!

For those of you who are new to the school, I first want to give an overview of the school as a whole. Greenfields is

an international school with our day students ranging in age from between two and eighteen and our international boarding students ranging in age from between eleven and eighteen. We have students from all over the world – and we are non-selective. By non-selective I mean that, as long as we feel that we are able to properly service a student's needs in a group environment, we accept students of a very wide range of academic ability. Our emphasis is then on adding educational value to each one of them.



Instrumental in our ability to do this is our emphasis on the use of Study Technology. This is a tremendous discovery made in the field of education by author and humanitarian Mr L Ron Hubbard. With this approach to teaching, an individual is provided with the means to learn any subject with full understanding. It addresses and remedies the numerous physical and mental reactions that are caused by study itself – such as blankness, tiredness or wanting to give up study all together. As early as possible in their education, students are given the opportunity to complete a course on the subject of study itself and how to overcome the barriers that prevent a person learning in the first place.



Mr Hubbard also wrote a twenty-one precept, non-denominational common sense guide to living a happy life called the Way to Happiness. This forms the foundation upon which our school rules are based and of the standards for personal conduct to which the school, as a group aspires.

Another key element in our approach to teaching and learning is how we address the situation of students who have English as a Second Language or, for that matter, aren't able to speak English at all. For such students, we run, from Year 1 up, a unique English Programme that enables them, on a smooth gradient, to build up their English skills in reading, writing,



speaking and listening, so that they are eventually able to fully integrate into all other subjects in an appropriate year group.

For this purpose, we utilise the high quality materials developed by Cambridge University. These materials take a student from no English whatsoever all the

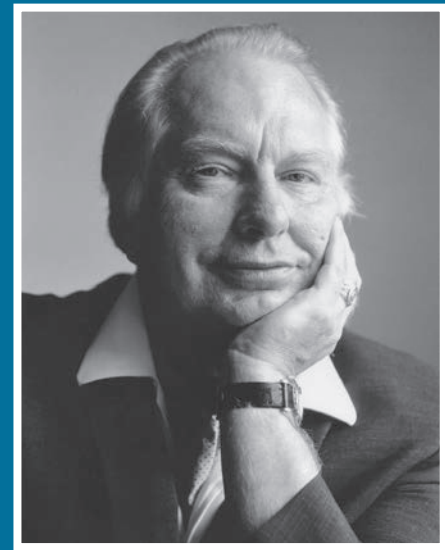
way up to advanced level. Furthermore, progress in all four skill areas (reading, writing, speaking and listening), can be closely monitored using the assessments that Cambridge University provide. Parents are thus able to see exactly how much progress their child has made and in which skill area.

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What about the longer term impact of an education at Greenfields? Well, evidence of that is to be found in our alumni. This is particularly poignant in 2018 as we celebrate 35 years of Greenfields at the Forest Row site with a Reunion Celebration as part of our Gala Weekend at the end of this academic year. We had former students visiting from all over the world. Their incredible achievements and abilities are a testament to the success of Greenfields as a school.

I hope you enjoy this issue of the Greenfields School Magazine and invite you to visit and tour the site when you have an opportunity and see the school in action. It's a wonderful place!

Jeff Smith – Executive Head,
Greenfields School



“As long as children and young men and women find pleasure in study, they will continue studying throughout life – and upon that depends their happiness.”

– L. Ron Hubbard

Progress Boards, Assessments and Curriculum



Curriculum

As you may know, we have been piloting new curriculum (developed by Cambridge University) for English, Maths and Science in the Junior and Infant School. As of this year, the curriculum will be implemented in all year groups in these sections of the school. We will also be piloting this year recently released curriculum for Geography and Computing for Infants and Juniors.



With the books and materials that have been produced by both Cambridge University Press and Oxford University Press to align with the curriculum that we are following, we have in place a significant upgrade to academic delivery.

Furthermore, because the curriculum introduced in the

Junior and Infant School fully aligns with that being used in the Senior School, we have a smooth gradient of aligned materials going into place from Year 1 in the Infants all the way through to the IGCSE and Advanced Level Examination Courses in the Senior School.

We believe that with the Study Technology and the Curriculum Framework now being implemented, we have a winning combination.

Assessments

One of the major advantages of the collaboration that we have with Cambridge University is access to their student assessment and progress monitoring system. This gives us the facility to assess students in the core subjects of English, Maths and Science all the way from Year 1 to the top end of the school. Assessments can be marked and the data input to Cambridge who provide a complete analysis of the results – right down to specific questions and topics allowing very specific programmes to be drawn up for students to address what they didn't know and help them improve much more quickly. For each child, their parents and the staff will be able to see exactly what is going on – the progress being made and any correction that is needed. The assessments and results analysis will also enable us to obtain a much clearer picture of the academic level of new students joining the school – allowing us to be more precise with individual programmes and class placement.

Progress Boards

For many, many years progress boards have been in use in the Senior part of the school. They are currently being implemented more broadly in the Junior and Infant school, so that they are in use for each subject, at every level of the school. A progress board lists out all of the sections of a subject across a timeline of the school year to show the time frame in which they are expected to be done. A progress board helps to ensure that a student completes the required volume of curriculum in order to be ready to graduate into the next year group. Each major section of study is followed by an assessment. At any time, staff from our Qualifications Division may go down to the Junior and Infant classes to assess the very young students in their actual classrooms. If the student has completed all of the year's curriculum and has passed the final assessment, they can move onto extension materials.





The progress boards allow teachers, students and parents to see at a glance how the student is progressing against the timeline of the subject. They are reviewed regularly and the information is relayed to parents in the twice-yearly school reports.

For the students, a progress board adds some mass to a sometimes rather nebulous answer to the question "Where am I up to in this subject?" A progress board often acts as an incentive to students to meet production targets, as they can see what it is they need to accomplish to meet that target.

Having progress boards in general use will be helpful to parents - allowing them at a glance to see how well their son or daughter is progressing. Provision can obviously be made for students of different ability with appropriate targets being indicated on the progress board for specific students.

Prince William Award

Last September, Greenfields School was approved as one of the select few centres to deliver an exciting new qualification to all students in Years 3-9 (Juniors and Lower Seniors). This is known as the **Prince William Award** (PWA).

The goal of the programme is: "A well-researched, comprehensive and inspirational award programme designed to help young people develop an inner strength that will help them face whatever life has in store and find the confidence to be comfortable in their own skin."

As a school, we wanted to give our students greater opportunities to apply the principles from our *Way To Happiness* programme. As the PWA brochure points out, it targets the following:

Self-belief, Resilience, Courage, Good health, Gratitude, Optimism, Passion, Confidence, Compassion, Trust, Conscientiousness, Self-control, Self-awareness, Empathy, Listening, Sharing, Cooperation, Caring, Assertiveness, Teamwork, Problem-solving, Respect, Responsibility, Commitment, Neighbourliness, Kindness, Appreciation

Parent Meetings

In the Autumn and Spring terms, there are Parent Consultation Meetings – when the Head of the Junior and Infant School and her teaching staff are available for consultation on a child's progress at the school. These meetings are posted on the calendar and parents also receive an invitation to make appointments.



As can be seen, these points strongly align with the principles of the *Way To Happiness*, with an emphasis on application of such principles.

The junior class students have now successfully completed 2 terms of PWA and are working towards the 'Explorer' qualification, which emphasises developing character within a team. The feedback from the children has been fantastic and they look forward to the activities, which occur every other week.

Further, by completing each award, our students will obtain a series of recognised and highly respected qualifications that will look terrific on their future CVs. This programme enhances your child's educational experience and improves an array of skills. We are proud to be a part of this wonderful programme.



Christmas Shows

Cinderella



The Infant and Junior Christmas Play

Cinderella was written, produced and directed by the Head of the Infant and Junior School. Two performances of the play were given to packed audiences on both days. All of the Infant and Junior School classes were involved, with the leading rolls taken by students in Years 5 and 6. Everyone worked together as a team to produce the singing, dancing, acting, costumes, choreography and scenery.

The performances were well received and were a testament to the hard work and creativity of the whole team.



Nativity Play

The Nativity Play was produced and performed by the Reception and Nursery classes.

Two performances were given; one performance for the students of the Infant and Junior School and another performance for the parents. Both performances were very well received and were extremely charming. The script was written by the Reception and Preschool teachers and the costumes were produced by both staff and parents. The children enthusiastically rehearsed their carols during music lessons and daily in the classroom. All of this teamwork resulted in an excellent and endearing show.



Dance Show

During the Easter school holidays the Greenfields dancers performed at the Chequer Mead Theatre in East Grinstead. The show was called '*Trip of the Light Fantastic*', and they were all fantastic!

Throughout the Spring term over 40 dancers from Greenfields rehearsed during their dance classes. They were all very dedicated, diligently learning the choreography, trying on costumes, practising their make up and turning up for extra rehearsals over many weekends and during the school holidays. Their hard work was all worthwhile as the performance was truly magical!



Extra-Curricular Activities

Extra - curricular activities begin after the end of the school day from 3pm to 4pm, Monday to Friday.



Football Club

Reception to Year 2:

Monday - **Games**

Tuesday - **Outdoor Games**

Wednesday - **Arts and Crafts**

Thursday - **Games**

Friday - **Make It**



Checkers to Chess Club

Years 3 to 6:

Monday - **Social Skills and Manners**

Tuesday - **Cooking**

Wednesday - **Drama**

Thursday - **Checkers to Chess**

Friday - **Cultural Spanish / Football**



Drama Club

A Parent's Success Story

My daughter was attending public school in Canada where the program catered more to smaller children so while she was somewhat ahead of others, it was not enough to go into the next year. She was bored in life overall, was picking up bad attitudes and we worried how things would go as she got older.

So we moved to the UK. I stayed behind at work for the first 2 months while my daughter and husband went ahead for the beginning of the new school year. She started in year 3 and has not looked back. Later when I arrived, I couldn't believe my eyes. My baby was enjoying school, had made friends and was simply flourishing.

I quickly noticed that she was calm about marks and tests. Also, children are taught to handle their disagreements. This was quite different from the system she was used to where kids got penalized and had to basically 'deal with it' both academically and socially.

I think Greenfields is an island of sanity which is respectful of the little ones, a place where they can reach their potential and learn with understanding. I believe that here they are on the road to reaching their dreams.

– S.K.



School Trips

Science Museum, London

In March Years 3 and 4 went to the Science Museum in Kensington, London. They visited the Wonderlab where the children got hands on experience with scientific phenomena. They also had an opportunity to see a show where they found out about bubbles and gases. It was a very popular and exciting trip for the group.



Father Christmas at the Llama Park

At Christmas the Reception class visited Father Christmas in his grotto at the Llama Park. They each got to meet Father Christmas and were delighted to receive a present. There were many different animals to see including Reindeers, Llamas and Alpacas. It was a fabulous and festive event for all!



East Grinstead Fire Station

This Spring Term Year 2 visited the East Grinstead Fire Station. They were first given a tour of the Fire Station and the Fire Truck. Then they were given a presentation on fire safety and the different parts of the uniform which the teachers even got to try on!! It was a very enjoyable and educational trip for all.



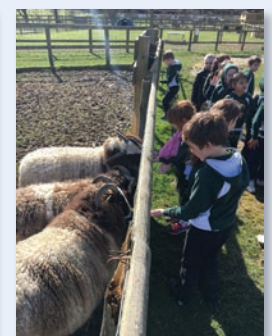
Pizza Express

A group of children visited Pizza Express where they followed the instructions of the chef. The children formed the dough, put on the sauce and cheese and watched the pizzas go in the oven. No need to bring a lunch on this trip!



Blackberry Farm

On a lovely Spring morning Year 1 went on a trip to Blackberry Farm, a family run farm in the beautiful Sussex countryside. They got to meet and pet lots of animals and go on a fun tractor ride. The whole class had a wild time in the play areas, sliding down the tube slide and even racing around the go-kart track.



News & Events



Hallowe'en Party

We started the year off with a great hallowe'en themed event. The children (and parents!) all came dressed in costumes and the PTA team in charge of the event really outdid themselves on the spooky decorations and the hallowe'en themed party games.

Bonfire Night

The feedback was unanimous on this being the best bonfire night Greenfields has had! The burgers and salad followed by warm brownie and hot chocolate were a great start, especially eaten underneath the marquees decorated with fairy lights. The children all played one gigantic game of football on the tennis court whilst the parents warmed by the bonfire and then the evening was brought to a close by a fantastic firework display. The whole event was sponsored by Good & Green and we are very grateful to them for this!



Santa's Grotto and Treasure Hunt

This was a huge hit with the children. Each class went on a treasure hunt around the school to find the clues and discover the secret password. They then returned to the hall where there was a lovely santa's grotto - with a real life santa! Each child got a chance to sit with Santa and have their photo taken before receiving a present.



Men's Poker Night

This was a brand new event for the PTA. After complaints from the dads last year that there was a mother's day event but nothing for the guys, the PTA decided to throw them a manly poker night! It was held at the beautiful Ravenswood Hotel and was a tournament style evening with each guy competing to win the £250 prize money. Once the men were knocked out of the tournament they went on to play individual games, eat buffet food and drink beer! It was a resounding success!

Both Ravenswood and Good & Green sponsored this event and it definitely couldn't have been done without them!





Valentines Disco

Love was in the air at our annual Valentines disco. The children came dressed in something red and an outside DJ/children's entertainer was hired for the evening. There was lots of dancing (complete with disco lights and a smoke machine) and games with prizes.



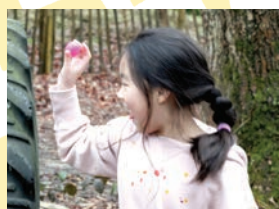
World Book Day Each student was asked to come to school dressed as their favourite character in a novel. The outcome was fantastic and for a day the world of literature walked the halls and grounds of Greenfields.



Mother's Day Dinner In March, the Greenfields PTA hosted a wonderful Mother's Day Dinner. Local mums (including parents, staff, teachers and friends of the school) gathered at the Ravenswood Hotel for a lovely evening out. Entertainment was provided by international opera singer Zita Tatari, whose son attends Greenfields. All of the proceeds from the event went towards new furniture in the recently refurbished dining hall. A big thanks to everyone who contributed to this delightful evening.



Easter Egg Hunt One of the most hotly anticipated events of the year is the PTA Easter Egg Hunt. The reception class up to year 2 had to find 130 baby chicks and years 3 on up had to find 70 plastic eggs with a letter in them and make words with these. The eggs and chicks were hidden by 5 of the Senior School students and everyone got a chocolate prize at the end of the hunt.



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