



Dear Parents,

The summer term began, strangely, before Easter and then, of course, came the Royal Wedding before the boys were forced to focus their full attention on the examination programme. Alongside this, however, a tremendous amount has been taking place, in particular in the sporting and cultural fields, and Repton has once again been a hive of activity.



It is particularly poignant for me this year, of course, to bid farewell to our leavers as they are my final Upper Sixth. How pleasant it is, then, to pay tribute to such a tremendous cohort. Over the last five years those that have been here since B block have contributed hugely to the well-being of School House and I would like to think that they have all become good friends with one another and indeed with all the House staff. Those who joined along the way, too, have fitted in seamlessly and all will be fondly remembered. It is not possible to list their myriad achievements on many fronts but suffice to say that on countless occasions staff running activities here, and indeed parents who have occasionally entertained members of the group, have commented on what a credit they are to the House. Under Sam and Josh's



excellent guidance this year they have been simply brilliant and I thank them all most sincerely. I am tremendously proud that they have grown into such excellent young men. That said I feel that the current Lower Sixth will offer Mr. Naylor tremendous support when he succeeds me in August. Mikey Thomas and Sam Yung will lead a capable team of prefects and I assure you that the House will be in good hands. (See how many of the

current sixth form you can spot on the photo from September 2007)

The successful year that we have had in House competitions has continued this term and we have added to our successes in steeplechase, hockey, badminton and Russell Cup with further trophies in junior cricket and senior and overall golf. Throw in our boys' many excellent performances for school teams from top to bottom of the school in all sports and there is no doubt whatsoever that we are punching our weight in this area of school life.



The Junior School Play, 'The Wind In The Willows', was also an important element of the term for several members of the House. Under tutor Mr. Levesley's direction Matt Davidson's Badger and Matt Thomas's Chief Weasel were really impressive, there were one or two other cameos and Hayden Ball was again the technical mastermind, though it is good to see some junior boys showing an interest here, too. I would also like to commend the musicians of the House who, as members of various choirs, bands and ensembles offer such dedicated and often unappreciated expertise to the school.

Next term begins on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August and boarders should return by 8pm.

Lyn and I would like to record our appreciation of your marvellous support over the time that we have been looking after your sons and to thank many of you who have made generous gifts. We have enjoyed our time in School House immensely and, of course, we wish Cherry, Jon Hill and the other tutors and, most importantly, Tom and Vicky Naylor every future success.

Kind Regards,

*Frank and Lyn Watson*

