

Graduation & Prizegiving

What better way to end the school year than with the largest and most exciting gathering of staff, students, parents and guests to pay tribute to our prize winners and, of course, our graduating class of 2009. This day is also very special as we hope to encourage all our students to achieve their best, not only academically, but in sport, community service and, importantly, for hard work and effort.

As always, we held this event at the lovely Don Carlos Hotel and were privileged to have Mr and Mrs Nathan Thomas as our guests. Indeed, their achievements are inspirational and worth noting in some detail. Mr Thomas has worked for many years with ABC News as a correspondent and anchorman both in the United States and worldwide. He has covered important world events such as the Gulf War from Baghdad, Tiennamen Square, the handover of Hong Kong and the Paris Concorde crash to name but a few. Furthermore, he has received an Emmy Award for the coverage of the Pan Am Flight 73 hijacking in Pakistan, as well as the Overseas Press Club of America Award for reporting from Baghdad during the first Gulf War. Travelling all over the world, he has reported from Vietnam, Beirut, Somalia, Rwanda, Bosnia as well as accompanying several US Presidents, the Pope and has interviewed various world leaders.

Mrs Herta Thomas' working life



is certainly no less interesting. Serving for 12 years as a Narcotics Investigator for the Metropolitan Police Department in Washington DC and later working as a bodyguard for diplomats and musicians. She has studied British History at Trinity College (Washington DC) and spent a summer semester studying the Civil War at Christ Church College, the University of Oxford. Now living in Spain, she assists with the training and breeding of her own race horses.

The keynote of Mr Thomas' address to the school was profoundly appropriate in the current world

economic climate: be prepared for change, be flexible. Recounting how he changed his life by making one important decision, even though it was radical, he spoke of the opportunities that followed which enabled him to be at the forefront of leading world affairs. We thank them both most warmly for spending time with us at our Graduation and Prizegiving Ceremony and, with their example, encouraging our students to aspire to great things.

During the ceremony we were entertained with some notable performances representing all



sections of the school. Our recently formed school orchestra, led by Miss Petrina Thomas, performed admirably. Mr Dave Cale, conducted the Year 6 choir who impressed us with their version of The Leavers' Song adapting the words specially for EIC. From Key Stage 3, our singers were Charlotte and Amber, accompanied by Daniel on guitar, all three to be congratulated for their accomplished version of the song 'Hallelujah'. Next, we were treated to an excellent performance by the Key Stage 4 students' school band, so well done again, Oliver, Thèa, Veronika and Tommy, I'm sure we'll be hearing more from you in the near future. And finally, from Year 13, Adham who played Beethoven's Piano Sonata No. 8 'Pathetique'. This young man is a remarkable musician who interpreted the piece with great sensitivity - Adham, you must continue to play at university!

The climax of this occasion is always to applaud the successes of our Year 13 students who are graduating and moving on to university. It is a great pleasure for me to speak about each one and this year's class have excelled in their expectations and

achievements. Their list of university offers does them great credit and we send them every best wish as they start their new adventures far away from home.

Finally, I mentioned how proud we are of their successes but asked them to consider the following:

'How far you go in life depends on being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving and tolerant of the weak and the strong. Because someday in life you will have been all of these'. - George Washington Carver.

Knowing our Year 13 graduating class, we are sure that each will seek not only to be successful but also to become a person of value.

Lesley Lawrence

The following students were the lucky recipients of donations kindly given by some of our business associates. We would like to thank them for their generosity as the money received goes towards university education.



Meca Gestion Award of 250 euros goes to Tristan in Year 13. Tristan won the EIC International Award and holds a conditional offer at Homerton College, the University of Cambridge.



Unicaja Award of 250 euros goes to Charlee in Year 13. Charlee won the Drama prize and holds a conditional offer at Leeds Metropolitan University.



Sodexho Award of 250 euros goes to Dominic in Year 13. Dominic won the Sports Personality Award and holds a conditional offer at the University of Manchester.

The Director's Award of 250 euros goes to Elin in Year 13. Elin shared the Artist of the Year prize and is applying in 2010 to Lunds University, Sweden.

Year 4 Certificate for Academic Achievement



Georgia

Year 4 Certificate for Effort



Sam

Year 5 Certificate for Academic Achievement



Jamel

Year 5 Certificate for Effort



Alina

Year 6 Certificate for Academic Achievement - English



Karim

Year 6 Certificate for Academic Achievement - Mathematics



Eden

Year 6 Certificate for Academic Achievement - Science



Milly

Primary Certificate for Exceptional Effort Year 6R



Buster

Primary Certificate for Exceptional Effort Year 6B



Grace

Primary Team Trophy



Red Team

Primary Sportsboy of the Year



Samuel & James

Primary Sportsgirl of the Year



Luna

Primary Cup for Sportsmanship



Thomas

Nominees for Primary Student of the Year:

Jana
Karim
Jonathan

Primary Student of the Year



Celia

Key Stage Three Certificate English



Pilar

Key Stage Three Certificate Maths



Lukas

Key Stage Three Certificate Science



Edward

Key Stage Three Certificate Languages



Gabriel

Key Stage Three Certificate ICT



Oliver

Key Stage Three Certificate Humanities



Martin

Key Stage Three Certificate Expressive Arts



Alexandra

Key Stage Three Sportsman of the Year



Christian

Key Stage Three Sportswoman of the Year



Alice

House Shield



Goya

Nominees for Key Stage Three Student of the Year:

Aden
Alexandra
Juan Luis
Daniel
Maria
Ana
Sofia

Key Stage Three Student of the Year



Pilar

Key Stage Four Departmental Certificate - English



Bilal

Key Stage Four Departmental Certificate - Maths



Douglas

Key Stage Four Departmental Certificate - Science



Alexandra

Key Stage Four Departmental Certificate - Languages



Alexandra

Key Stage Four Departmental Certificate - ICT



Morgan

Key Stage 4 Departmental Certificate - Humanities



Joseph

The David Sutcliffe Memorial Science Prize



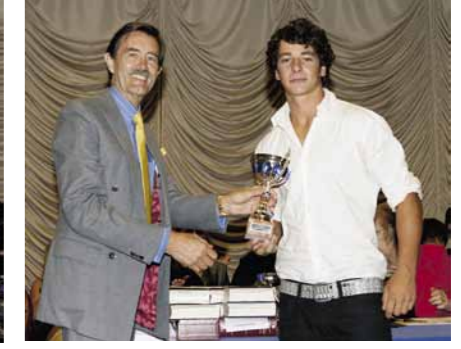
Harold

Modern Languages Student of the Year



Maria

Musician of the Year



Oliver

Key Stage Four Sportsman of the Year



Joseph

Key Stage Four Sportswoman of the Year



Olivia

Key Stage Four Student of the Year



Bilal

Drama Student of the Year



Charlee

Maths Student of the Year



Pejmon

English Student of the Year



Daniella

Key Stage Five Departmental Certificate - English



Oliver

Key Stage Five Departmental Certificate - Maths



Mason & Harold

Key Stage Five Departmental Certificate - Science



Marion

Artist of the Year



Lydia & Elin

Nominees for Sixth Form Student of the Year:

- Charlee
- Emily
- Marion
- Candice
- Natasha
- Daniella
- Molly

The Sixth Form Student of the Year



Winston

Key Stage Five Departmental Certificate - Languages



Emily

Key Stage Five Departmental Certificate - ICT



Nathan

Key Stage Five Departmental Certificate - Humanities



Winston

Sports Personality of the Year



Dominic

Nominees for the EIC Award for International Understanding and Community Service:

- Ricardo
- Harold
- Denise

EIC Award for International Understanding and Community Service



Tristan

*Nominees for Key Stage Four Student of the Year: Alexandra Burchett, Olivia Lonsdale, Joseph Elliott, Georgia Meacham, Chloe Mustafa