

MADRAS COLLEGE NEWSLETTER OCTOBER, 1978

It was only to be expected, I suppose, that after a spell of very indifferent weather during the summer holidays, the weather would improve once school resumed. So it was that session 1978-9 got under way in brilliant sunshine with a total roll little changed from last session's in spite of a smaller intake to SI.

The hard work put in by both staff and pupils produced very good results in the 1978 S.C.E. examinations. Equally encouraging were the achievements of those pupils who were assessed by the North Regional Examinations Board for the Certificate of Secondary Education.

For those who are already thinking ahead and pondering choices of careers or courses of further education, the forthcoming Careers Convention will be of interest. It will be held in the South Street building on the evenings of 31st October and 1st November, with a different group of consultants available on each evening. Detailed programmes will be given out to years 4, 5 and 6 after the October break. Spare copies will be available at the Careers Convention.

Though it will be next season before Station Park can be regarded as fully operational, the turf on most of the pitches is recovering from the effects of the Open, and our teams have made an excellent start. It is good to see for the first time an under-18 soccer team. On most Saturday mornings up to 300 pupils are involved in games, and of course this is only possible through the enthusiasm of staff. Once more the indefatigable Drama Club held a sponsored play-reading spanning twelve hours non-stop in order to raise funds to complete the equipping of the "Quad Theatre" created on the stage of the South Street assembly hall. The sum of £500 raised was a fitting reward for their efforts.

At the start of the session we welcomed to the English staff Miss Jack and to the P.E. staff Mr Auras. Although these were the only changes in staff for the start of the new session, soon afterwards we lost the services of Mr Binnie, who moved from the music world into that of educational publishing with the firm of Mary Glasgow & Baker. He will be sorely missed, not only in the classroom but in the extracurricular field to which he contributed so much. At the October holiday we shall be losing Mr Colin Armstrong from the Chemistry Department when he moves nearer home to take up a teaching post in Carnoustie High School. He too will be missed, not only by his Chemistry pupils, but by the members of the Canoe Club to which he contributed so much expertise and enthusiasm. We are grateful to Mrs McCallum for agreeing to fill the gap until a replacement can be found.

News (always difficult to get) of our former pupils is as follows:-

Graduations from Edinburgh Graduations from Dundee

Rosemary Beimers	B.Sc.	Michael Weir	M.A. History.
Nicholas Bolton	B.Sc.	Graham Rennie	Bachelor of Architecture
Ian Burness	B. Mus.	Susan Pride	B.Sc.(Town & Regional
Jane Lees	B.Sc.		Planning)
Nanda Mayo	B.Sc.	Stephen Mitchell	B.Sc. Engineering
		Andrew Lumsden)	Engineering
		Duncan Rae)

Graduations from Strathclyde

James Barbour Politics

Graduations from Oxford

Petra Regent B.A.
Nicholas Upton B.A.

Coming Events

- November - P.T.A. Meeting - Kilrymont Road 7.30 p.m.
"Aims of Art & Design Education" - Mayer Lacombe (Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art).
- December, 13th - Carol Concert - Kilrymont Road.
- Christmas Holidays - 22nd December to 3rd January, 1979 inclusive.
- Easter Holidays - 31st March to 15th April, 1979 inclusive.
- Summer Holidays - 30th June to 19th August, 1979 inclusive.

Parents are sometimes in doubt, about the name of the guidance teacher whom they should contact for advice. The following list may be helpful:

SI	Mr J. Noble (Boys)	- - - - -
	Mrs M. Irving (Girls)	- - - - -
SII	Mr D. Wemyss (Boys)	Mr A. Mackenzie (Boys)
	Mrs A. Braid (Girls)	Mrs A. Taylor (Girls)
SIII	Mr P. Close (Boys)	Mr A. Mackenzie (Boys)
	Miss S. Young (Girls)	Mrs A. Taylor (Girls)
SIV	Mr W. McGavin (Boys)	Mr A. Mackenzie (Boys)
	Mrs M. Napier (Girls)	Mrs A. Taylor (Girls)
SV	Mr W. McGavin (Boys)	Mr C. Mackay (Boys)
	Mrs M. Napier (Girls)	Mrs A. Bridges (Girls)
SVI	- - - - -	Miss A. Cantley.

I wish all staff and pupils a pleasant October break. School resumes on Monday, 23rd October.



Rector.