

Cricket

There were several notable individual performances in the 1st XI that augur well for the future. Joshua Wilkinson, newly arrived from Perth, Western Australia, 57* and Peter Cole, 77*, *pictured below*, produced a magnificent unbroken partnership of 168* against Orwell Park School - in all likelihood the highest recorded in a school match at Brandeston Hall. William Squirrell hit a terrific 66* including 4 sixes against Taverham Hall in the Brandeston Festival. James Simpson bowled with accuracy and control, but again as in the run stakes, the leading wicket taker was Peter Cole.



In the 2nd, 3rd and 4th XIs all sides recorded victories. The 2nd XI fielded a very young side and special mention must be made of Edward Havers for his 5 wicket haul against Town Close House and to Captain Tom King, who was the first recipient of the B K D ent Spin Bowling award.

At Colts level, the A team were unlucky to lose in the semi-final of the Orwell Park Sixes but won the Plate Competition at the Framlingham College Festival. Oliver Webb and Tom Ridley showed potential with the bat and both Alex Myers-Allen and George Smith should develop into good bowlers.

Our youngest cricketers, the Under 9s, have recorded a good string of results at both A and B team level. The A team were well led by George Coulson in the mould of Freddie Flintoff.

Mr Carlos Reynell

The start of a new year brought a truly international flavour to the boarding houses in Brandeston with new boarders from Japan, Pakistan, Singapore, Dubai, the Philippine Islands and Germany to join the Hong Kong children. All these different nationalities add to and, make a splendid mix with the healthy number of United Kingdom resident boarders.

The upgrading in the boarding houses continues and during the course of the year both Alice and Austin Halls received new colour schemes, lighting and general freshening in various areas. As prospective parents are taken around the boarding house, usually without fail, each one comments on how surprised they are at the homely and welcoming

accommodation. Comments such as "It's not how I imagined it to be" always make us proud of what Brandeston has to offer.

I have often likened boarding to an express train hurtling through the terms. However I feel that after this year, the Brandeston Express has seen its day and been replaced by the 21st Century version, rocket powered and turbo charged, Brandeston's equivalent of NASA Space Shuttle Challenger or Discovery. At times boarding can be challenging and is definitely about discovery. Each term we try to find new things to do or places to go and this year has been no exception.

Unfortunately there isn't enough space to show pictures of all the trips and events we have undertaken, but I hope these few give you a flavour of what we have done. Whether it was a trip to Pleasurewood Hills, watching the Chelmsford Chieftains,



ABOVE: FLOWER POWER OF BEATLES NIGHT. BELOW: CERAMIC PAINTING IN THE ART ROOM



or competing in the table tennis tournament, I hope you agree that life as a boarder is both diverse and enjoyable. I started this report talking about the people in the house and it seems fitting that that's where I conclude as well. Part of boarding is what we have and what we do, but it is much more about who we are. To me, the children and staff are what make a good boarding house and I would like to thank everyone involved. I hope everyone has had as much fun as I have.

Bruce Wilson