

CITY CHATTER

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MESSAGES

To Vicky Chalmers happy 13th b-day from Kim, Bex and Naomi xxx
To Jazz have a great 14th birthday on Monday, love Becky, Ray, Nat, Abi, Keet and Fuji.
Win 2 VIP tickets for you and a friend to see a fashion show? Come up with a good name for our business which sells pyjamas. Hand your entries to us Emily, Hannah, Kirsty (Room 6) Tiffany (Room 118), by 20th October.

COLLEGE OPEN EVENINGS

Portsmouth College
17th and 18th October 6pm to 8.30pm
Havant College
18th and 19th October from 6.30pm to 9pm.
Further details are available from Mrs Noble, Work Related Learning.



REMINDER £15 TOPSHOP VOUCHER TO BE WON!!

All you need to do is design a poster, in colour, to advertise the bullybase. Your poster should include the following information: Tuesday and Thursday lunchtimes and after school in the TLC. Please hand in your designs to Miss Owen Room 102. Closing date Monday 15/10/06

THE INTEGRATION OF REFUGEE CHILDREN

Good practice in educational settings. There is a new website www.nrif.org.uk



NATIONAL MUSIC WEEK

Next week is National Music Week and CPGS is taking part!! Everyone will receive a £1 token that can be used to buy a limited edition single that is part of the My Music Campaign. Years 7 to 9 will receive their token in music lessons, Years 10 and 11 from tutors. You can also use the token against CDs or DVDs costing over £5 in HMV, Virgin or Woolworths in Portsmouth. See the posters in the Music Department for more details.
You can also take part in National Music Week by attending Jazz Choir on Wednesday lunchtime in Room 9.

HISTORY COURSEWORK

A reminder to all parents of Year 11 pupils of the coursework information meeting for history, RE and geography to be held in the new Teaching and Learning Centre on October 17th at 4.30pm. We would love to see as many of you as possible so you can find out how you can support your daughter with her coursework and answer any queries you may have. Reply slips to the letters can be returned to any humanities teacher or just phone the school to let us know if you are attending.



CONGRATULATIONS!

To the following girls who have been awarded a Headteacher's Commendation for:
Religious Education
Atiya Sharmin
Kayleigh Haines
WELL DONE!



TO ALL OF YEAR 9

For the week beginning 25th September 2006, the year group received only **ONE** conduct log! This is fantastic! An all time record! We are all really proud of you. Keep up the excellent work.

From Miss Tate and the Year 9 team



BUILDING BRIDGES

An exhibition of art by The City of Portsmouth Girls' School and Portsmouth High School. You are invited to view this on Saturday 14th October and Sunday 15th October in The Marquee, Gunwharf Quays from 11.30am to 2.30pm. Hope to see you there.

WINNER

Congratulations to **Hayley Patterson 11MNY** who came first in the National Poetry Day Competition with her splendid interpretation of "Identity". Hayley wins a Boots Voucher.

Also well done to **Tululah Gordon-Hall** and **Megan Davis** both of 9PIL, their works earning them a very close joint second. Can Hayley, Tululah and Megan please collect their prizes from the Information Centre.

Thank you to the many entrants who made judging a very hard task.

IDENTITY

As I trundle through the fluffy fields
I imagine how life would be
How life would be
If I wasn't me

If I had different eyes
To interpret the world with
If I had had different thoughts
To speak my mind with

Yet here I am
Amidst the green grass
Below the powder blue sky
And above the undiscovered earth

I spot something in the distance
A black and white being
It's grazing underneath the sun
And its all so be known to me

These fabulous creatures
I see before my eyes
Will one day be taken
Taken away from their offspring and lives

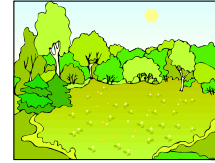
I wonder how they fear
How they look at me and you
How they enjoy the grass
If they even have a clue

I am one person
I love so many things
I want so many things
I have so many things

The way we sit beneath the stars
And nod off for an hour or two
It seems so effortless
For such a life we are partaking

As I skip through the saddening streets
I imagine how life would be
How life would be
If I wasn't me

A teenage girl in a dampened corner
In an old frost-bitten box
She knows of nothing but isolation
What if that was me?



continued

We laugh in happiness
We shout in anger
We weep in heartbreak
But we are so different you and me

I sit in front of the TV
While he sails around the world
She is falling in love
While they are beating an elderly man

Tell me how
How can we be so different?
When our minds are made the same way
Our bodies are moulded the same way

We all live under one big roof
And we all play the same game
So how can this be?
That we're different, you and me

I have my family and I have my home
And maybe I just don't know what that would mean
To a young boy dreaming of a generous world
To a young girl, longing for a way out

I see the world through my green eyes
I see love and comfort
He sees through brown
He sees nothing but imperfections

As I walk through my doorway
I imagine how life would be
How life would be
If I wasn't me

Without the love I have been given
Without the people I have been blessed with
Without the heart I was born with
Without the eyes I trust in

As I sink into my mattress
I imagine how life would be
How life would be
If I wasn't me.