

**S. THOMAS' COLLEGE
GURUTALAWA**

HEADMASTER'S REPORT AND PRIZE LIST



CHIEF GUEST: THE REVD JOHN C. PUDDEFOOT
Warden, S. Thomas' College, Mount Lavinia

WEDNESDAY 26TH MAY 2010 AT 11.00 A.M.

PROGRAMME

1. Welcoming of the Chief Guest
2. Hymn for Sri Lanka
3. Prayer - The Chaplain Emeritus
4. Presentation of the Report - The Headmaster
5. Address by the Chief Guest -
THE REVD JOHN C. PUDDEFOOT
6. Distribution of Prizes -
MRS SUSAN PUDDEFOOT
7. Vote of Thanks to the Chief Guest
 - i. Mr Christo Gonawala,
Senior Vice President of the STCG OBA
 - ii. Mast. Kavishka Gamage,
Head Prefect of the School
8. College Song
9. National Anthem

PRAYER

We give Thee humble and hearty thanks, O most Merciful Father for the memory and good example of James, first Bishop of Colombo, our Founder and for all our Governors and Benefactors, especially Dr R. L. Hayman, our first Headmaster, by whose benefit this whole College is brought up to godliness and good learning. We beseech Thee to give us grace to use these thy blessings to the glory of thy Holy Name, that we may answer the good intent of our religious Founder, and become profitable members of the Church and Nation, and at last be partakers of the immortal glory of the Resurrection through our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

HYMN FOR SRI LANKA

O Father, thou hast promised
The isles shall wait for thee
The joyous isles of ocean,
The jewels of the sea
Lo! We this island's watchmen,
Would give and take no rest
For thus hath thou commanded
Till our dear land be blessed.//

Then bless her, mighty Father,
With blessings needed most,
In every verdant village
By every palmy coast
On every soaring mountain
O'er every spreading plain,
May all her sons and daughters
Thy righteousness attain.//

Give peace within her borders,
That there may be goodwill
The love all unsuspecting
The love that works no ill,
In loyal, lowly service
Let each from other learn
The guardian and the guarded,
Till Christ himself return.//

To him our land shall listen,
To him our land shall kneel
All rule be on his shoulders
All wrong beneath his heel,
O consummation glorious
Which now by faith we sing
Come, cast we up the highway,
That brings us back the king.//

*Rev. Walter Stanley Senior (1876 – 1938)
Poet of Sri Lanka, Seeker of Soul, Servant of God*

THE HEADMASTER'S REPORT

In 2009 we witnessed the end of the bitter civil war that had ravaged our beloved motherland for over 30 years. While all the problems of the nations have by no means been resolved, at least we are a nation of people that no longer has to worry about a war. The hard task of rebuilding our nation has now to be pursued so that all Sri Lankans, irrespective of ethnicity, caste, class or creed, can fully enjoy the benefits of peace for which so much blood was shed.

The year under review also witnessed continued progress in all spheres of life at the School about which the Report in your hands will give you an indication.

The Chapel

Actg. Chaplain: The Headmaster
Senior Sacristan: J. C. Rodrigues

We thank and praise God that during the year 2009 we continued to have a full Chapel at services. The life of the Chapel continued with regular morning and night prayers as well as celebrations of the Holy Eucharist on Sunday mornings.

During the Lent Term we had Bro. Michael Grace tSSF from the Archdiocese of York in the UK serving as a volunteer Lay Chaplain. He did much to bring in systems and discipline among the Altar Servers and ensured that everything was done 'decently and in order'. Unfortunately due to a serious health condition he had to return to the UK in time for Easter. We are grateful to him for all he did for the Chapel and School community.

The Revd Bro. Lionel Peiris SSF of Devasaranaramaya was present as our Guest Preacher at the annual Patronal Festival of the Chapel on St. Francis of Assisi Day, 4th October 2009. He conducted a special seminar on St. Francis of Assisi and the Franciscan Way after the Solemn Eucharist and Fellowship Breakfast.

Our annual Service of Lessons and Carols for Christmas in three languages was held on the last Sunday of the Michaelmas Term.

Fr. Harold Goodchild, Chaplain Emeritus together with Fr Saman Jayasuriya, an ordained Anglican Deacon, were a great source of support to the Headmaster with regard to the chaplaincy and in the absence of a full time Chaplain. Mr. M. J. L. Rajapakse, licensed Lay Reader, assisted with the administration of the chalice at the Sunday Eucharist until his departure to join Government Service. We are thankful to him for his contribution.

A number of donations were received towards the upkeep of the Chapel, its furnishings and hangings etc. A new set of Vestments and a Cope were also presented together with a new set of six silver candle stands for the High Altar, a Cruet Set and two flags. A sound system has also been installed.

A statue of St. Francis of Assisi that had been damaged was restored by the Art Master and was blessed at the Chapel Feast.

Numbers

We have still to reach the right number of students that is crucial to our survival. As in 2007 and 2008 we admitted children throughout the year, but just as much as we did so, a number of factors also resulted in children leaving us during the year. There were many reasons for these departures, chief among them the inability of parents to pay fees or ill health.

The numbers in the School as of 31st December 2009 were:

Lower School	117
Middle School	175
Upper School	<u>147</u>
Total	<u>439</u>

Examination Results and Work

We presented 30 students for the Grade Five Scholarship Exam in 2009. As in the two previous years only one of them qualified with 143 marks.

42 students were presented for the G. C. E. Ordinary Level Examination 2009 of whom 52% qualified to follow Advanced Level courses. While comparing the results with those of the previous years progress is evident. For example, after a break of 15 years there were 100% passes in

Sinhala and Buddhism and an improvement in the Mathematics and English results too.

A number of our boys have already obtained entry to our parent School at Mount Lavinia to follow Advanced Level courses in all streams and disciplines.

Buildings, Equipment and Infrastructure Development

All our infrastructure work undertaken during the year was carried out with external funding as we had done since 2007.

A large donation by the members of Harper House of Sherborne School, Dr. R. L. Hayman's alma mater in the UK, enabled us to effect many significant repairs, renovations and replacements.

The entire Upper School block received a new asbestos sheet roof, the Middle School block was refurbished, all the classroom blocks and the dining hall were given pavements for the proper disposal of rain water that was causing problems to the foundations, a new 'chummary' was opened below the Simon Perera Block of Middle School classrooms for the single resident masters, the entire College Office was given a ceiling and the examination unit was enlarged to house a new duplo machine for printing exam papers among a number of other significant items.

In addition the former Isolation Room was refurbished to serve as a guest house for old boys and parents to generate a small income for the School. The facility is monitored strictly to ensure that there will be no mis use.

The STCG OBA refurbished the Read Junior dormitory and also constructed a brand new set of toilets and washroom for the Junior dorm block that greatly enhanced the facilities we offer our boarders.

Phase 1 of the Swimming Pool refurbishment project was started in December, sponsored by three individual members of the OBA at a cost of Rs 2 million. When Phase 2 is completed the Guru Pool will be one of the best in the region and the School will be able to generate an income to sustain its upkeep.

Staff

Staff numbers as at 31st December 2009 were as follows:

Academic	41
Administrative	18
Support	40

The Teachers are a significant part of the School who as educators have the responsibility of not just teaching subjects, but teaching subjects to children, helping to fix principles and form character. The extent of their contribution to a School's success or failure is dependent on their commitment, skill and love for children and looking upon teaching as a vocation rather than a way of making money. The Tutorial Staff need to be especially appreciated for producing the results that they have done despite several limitations imposed on them due to circumstances beyond their control.

The following joined the Tutorial Staff in 2009:

Messrs. F. B. Nishanth, B. Kajenthiran, S. I. S. Subasinghe, T. B. A. Fernando, S. T. Nethiyaraj, R. M. C. S. Bandara, K. H. S. Chandralal, W. M. R. T. W. Kumara, Mrs. T. S. S. G. Hewavitharana and Mrs. M. A. D. S. Kumari Madalagama.

The following left the Tutorial Staff in 2009

Messrs. M. L. Razik, F. B. Nishanth, S. T. Nethiyaraj & Mrs. B. Arunagirinathan

The Administrative Staff of the School play a very important role and are often forgotten due to their silent service of support in the College Office. They are an important part of the School and my thanks to them cannot be over stated.

The following joined the Administrative Staff in 2009:

Messrs. A. Gallearachie, A. Jawahir and Mrs. S. N. N. de Silva

The following left the Administrative Staff in 2009:

Messrs. H. M. C. Ranasinghe, A. Jawahir and Mrs. S. N. N. de Silva

The Support Staff, continued to offer their fullest support to the School

and are in many ways indispensable to the smooth running of the School.

We welcome those who joined us during the year and we bid farewell to those who left us with gratitude for their time spent with us and wish them all success and happiness in their future endeavours.

SUPPORT GROUPS

The Board of Governors

The Board continued to support the Administration in the running of the School and provided extra funding from time to time. The Board held one meeting at Gurutalawa and the Manager did visit the School along with the Hony. Treasurer on a number of occasions, but more visits to the School by the entire Board would have been welcome in 2009.

Board presence at significant events such as the Prize Giving too would be encouraging to the students, staff and the parents. Guru has always suffered due to our distance and the encouragement that such a visit and the effect that a personal word or two from a Board member to the Staff can have cannot be underestimated or overstated.

The Old Boys' Association

The Golden Jubilee of the STCG OBA was celebrated in February 2009 during the annual reunion weekend. The 50th AGM was well attended as were the special dinner held thereafter. The presence of pioneer members P. S. Duleepkumar (first Hony. Secretary), Bradman Weerakoon and Gerald de Alwis was very encouraging to all those who had gathered. 5 special trees were planted to commemorate the event by 5 old boys representing the 5 decades of the OBA's existence.

A week later a special Service of Thanksgiving was held in the Chapel of the Transfiguration, S. Thomas' College, Mount Lavinia, to celebrate the Golden Jubilee. The Revd Jayanth Jeyaweerasingham, an old boy of Gurutalawa, preached the sermon, while the Headmaster celebrated the Eucharist assisted by the Chaplain of STC Mount Lavinia the Revd Rebecca Mathew and the Lay Chaplain of STC Gurutalawa, Bro. Michael Grace.

To commemorate the event the OBA financed a new washroom and toilet

block for the Junior Dormitories and also restored the Read Junior dormitory.

The anniversary Fellowship Dinner was held at the Palm Beach Hotel later in the year at which the new Warden of S. Thomas' College, Mount Lavinia, the Revd John C. Puddefoot (by virtue of his office Patron of the STCG OBA) was Chief Guest.

I owe a special word of thanks to the dynamic Senior Vice Presidents of 2009 Mr Mahen Ranasinghe and Mr Prabhath Jayasundere, who took over from Mr Mahen Ranasinghe on the latter's departure abroad towards the middle of the year. Their constant support, solidarity and encouragement was helpful to say the least. Mahen Ranasinghe was a dynamo! His tenacity and focused leadership always resulted in the OBA completing much of its goals. We are grateful to him for his contribution to Guru.

At the first Ex-Co meeting for the year Sub Committees were appointed for Education & Faculty Development, Sports Development and Infrastructure Development.

Needless to say that the constant and continued support of the old boy network is crucial for our many infrastructure development projects.

The Parent-Teachers' Association

A small group of concerned parents came forward to revive the PTA in Term 3 of 2009 and made the refurbishment of the College Kitchen, Pantry and Dining Hall their main priority. They also have plans for installing solar heating for the dormitory wash rooms at a later date. A preliminary meeting was held and an action committee was formed thereafter to proceed with the plans. A set of Rules have now been drawn up and it is hoped that many more parents will join the cause of supporting the School in providing improved facilities for their children while they study here as Boarders.

Many parents are content to pay fees and assume that this is sufficient, but the reality of a private fee levying school is that paying school fees alone is not sufficient. Parents have to join hands with the management to help with developing the school as well.

The Hayman Foundation

Although the Haymans retired to England in 1964, they never ceased to have links with S. Thomas' College. Dr Hayman passed away in 1983 soon after his last visit to Sri Lanka. Mrs Hayman last visited the School in 1992 when she attended the 50th Anniversary celebrations. She died in November 2007. Soon afterwards the Executors of her Last Will informed the School that she had left a bequest of 2000 Pounds to the School.

It was felt that the most appropriate way to use this money was to invest in a special Trust Fund that would be part of a new society called 'The Hayman Foundation'. It was decided to name this society thus not just to remember two of our greatest benefactors but also to pay tribute to two people whose devotion to the service of children touched so many others during their time at Guru. They both embodied Bishop James Chapman's ideal *'To spend and be spent in our work is our greatest and best privilege'* – that must be a challenge to us who continue what they started.

The objective of the Foundation is to raise funds on a long term basis for the benefit of the College. The Deed of Settlement was signed at a simple ceremony in the shadow of the Chapel of the Transfiguration following Service of Thanksgiving for the 50th anniversary of the Old Boys' Association in March.

The Board of Trustees appointed comprises the Headmaster (Ex Officio), three nominated members of the College Board of Governors [one of whom is the Manager] and two nominated members of the STCG Old Boys' Association.

The funds were invested with the Incorporated Trustees of the Church of Ceylon and will be disbursed by the Trustees on the request of the Headmaster as and when the Endowment Fund reaches 1 million rupees.

Any old Thomian who would like to be part of this venture may become a member of the Hayman Foundation by depositing a sum of no less than 1/3rd of the approximately Rs.300,000/- bequeathed by Mrs Mary Hayman.

CAMPUS FACILITIES

Boarding

Senior Boarding House Master: Rev. Fr Harold Goodchild
Prefect of Discipline: Mr V. W. Dikkumbura
Hostel Superintendent: Mr. A. Jawahir
Keble Matron: Mrs. J. Bartholot
Asst. Matron: Miss S. Subashini

This year to further enhance the welfare of the Boarders we appointed a Hostel Superintendent whose primary task was to look into the efficient running of the College Hostel.

A Hostel Council chaired by the Headmaster and a number of staff and some student leaders looked into various aspects of the hostel such as food, maintenance etc and met on a monthly basis.

The Sick Room

School Nurse: Mrs. S. N. de Silva

On the whole the general health of the students was satisfactory although one or two serious cases of illness caused great concern to the entire School community. The Sick Room needs to be upgraded to meet the demands of our resident community.

The College Kitchen & Bakery

Domus: Mr. H. K. Jayasundere

We continued to provide a balanced diet for our Boarders at a very reasonable rate. The children continued to have fresh vegetables from our own cultivation plots. They also received fresh milk, chicken and egg during the week.

The cost of running the College Kitchen was very high and the management had to take measures to cut down the cost while maintaining a good quality of food provided.

The Bakery continued to provide the required bread, buns and cakes for the consumption of the College community. The Cookery Club used the facilities for their baking activities as well.

The College Farm

Manager: Mr. M. Ranasinghe

The College Farm continued to be an integral part of the School. The Farm supplied eggs, chicken, milk and vegetables for the use of the School and continued to be a resource for the teaching of Agriculture as well as offering practical hands on training to boys interested in farming.

The College Shop

The College Shop closed at the end of 2008 was outsourced and reopened under new management in Term 3 of 2009. The Shop provided basic necessities required for a Boarding School community.

Film Shows

Masters in Charge: Mr. D. N. Seneviratne

Seniors continued to have their films on Friday nights while the Juniors had their films on Saturday afternoon. The film shows are looked forward to very much by the students and helps to break the monotony of the week's daily rhythm of studies and games. The Films were carefully chosen by the staff in charge.

The Library

Library Assistant: Mr I. Kamalakannan

We received a number of donations of books from old boys and well wishers including two new sets of the Encyclopedia Britannica from Melbourne, Australia.

The Library Club and Junior Librarians functioned satisfactorily. The modest facilities of our library were used by many students and teachers.

SOCIETIES & CLUBS

Prefect of Clubs & Societies: Mr. S. R. Ratnapala

This Report includes the reports of only those societies and clubs that have been active during the year under review. A number of Clubs and Societies were not active during the year due to the fact that students were not interested in many of them. Those that functioned were well supported and the reports speak for themselves.

Student Christian Movement

Master in Charge: Rev. Saman Jayasuriya

Bible Studies were held weekly under the auspices of the SCM. Senior SCM members led morning prayers along with the Lay Chaplain and other Christian teachers. Some of our boys participated in the SCM Camp organised at STC Mount Lavinia. SCM students also helped with the annual Carol Service.

Buddhist Students Society

Teacher in Charge: Mrs. Sita Jayasekera

A special programme was held in the Hall for Poson Poya at which a sermon was delivered by a Buddhist Monk from the area. The Buddhist children continued to meet each morning for meditation before the start of the School day in the junior quadrangle area. They were also taken to the nearby temple for religious observances on Poya Days during the year.

Hindu Students Society

Master in Charge: Mr. S. Vijayaraja

The Society conducted meditation for Hindu students every morning. On special Festival days during the year such as Mahasivarathri the Society organized visits to Kovils in Haputale, Seetha Eliya and Nuwara Eliya for religious observances. Saraswathie Pooja was offered at the Haputale Kovil at a special programme hosted by some Hindu parents in October. Other Hindu rituals were also performed by the students during this visit.

10 students and some of our staff participated in the Hindu Society Programme organised by S. Thomas' College, Mount Lavinia in July.

Islamic Students Society

Master in Charge: Mr. B. M. Sufiyan

Apart from the conducting of the morning prayer time to start the day the Islamic students were permitted to attend Friday Prayers at the Gurutalawa Jumma Mosque under the supervision of Muslim members of staff.

As in past years the Islamic students also observed the Ramazan Fast for which the School allowed them to occupy a separate dormitory and they also celebrated the Meelad Nabi Festival in the customary manner.

English Literary and Debating Society

Teachers in Charge: Mrs. N. Chathurani & Mr. T. B. A. Fernando
The usual essay writing, debating and oratory competitions were held.

An English Day was held in Term 3 that was well organised. The Chief Guest was Mr. Hector Yapa, District Director of English, who was very happy with the standard maintained.

Sinhala Literary Society

Teacher in Charge: Mr. W. M. Dharmapala
Under the guidance of the teachers of Sinhala this society was revised in a more systematic manner and held regular meetings.

A notice board to display original literary contributions was put up near the Squash Court and served as an avenue for the children to display their talents.

The Sinhala segments of the annual Cultural Day were prepared by the Society and were well received.

Tamil Literary Society

Master in Charge: Mr. L. Theepakaran
The Tamil Literary Society received a boost due to the enthusiasm of the 2009 seniors. Inspired by the revival of the Sinhala Literary Society, it was decided to reactivate the Tamil Literary Society on similar lines and this proved to be very successful.

The Society organised the Tamil segments of at the annual Cultural Day.

Landscaping & Gardening Club

Master in Charge: Mr. B. M. Sufiyan
A *shramadana* was conducted during the year and members continued to help in maintaining the gardens outside the Hall, Library and College Office.

Plans were also initiated for a tree replanting campaign in view of the cutting down of a number of trees by the School authorities for timber sales. It was also proposed that the Orchard should be replanted.

Oriental Music Society

Maestro-in-Charge: Mr. D. P. Sugathapala
Our Oriental Musicians fared extremely well by emerging 1st in the Zonal and Provincial Competitions.

The Primary Music group came 1st in the Zonal and 2nd in the Provincial event. This was the first time we presented a primary level group and it was trained by Mr Dushan Sugathapala and Mrs Jeevanthi Dharmawardene.

The 'Beat' band continued to function and performed at the English Day.

The winners of the Primary Zonal Competition of 2008/2009 performed their winning act as the welcome song at the opening ceremony of the 124th annual Diocesan Council of the Diocese of Colombo in October. Their performance was well received. They also performed at the farewell assembly for Mr Jacques Huyghebaert in May.

The Oriental Music Group also took part in the Prize Giving, Cultural Day, English Day.

Oriental Band

Maestro-in-Charge: Mr G. B. S. Prematilleke
Band Leader: B. Y. S. Perera
The College Oriental Drummers took part in the All Island Dancing & Ballet Competition 2009 and emerged first at Zonal and Provincial level while they secured second place at All Island Level.

In September the Drummers took part in 'Kinnara 09' organised by the Hewisi Band of S. Thomas' College, Mount Lavinia.

The Band led the street procession the preceded the Anniversary Centenary Thanksgiving Service of the Church of the Ascension, Bandarawela.

The Drummers also participated in a number of School events during the year including the Prize Giving, the Poson Poya programme, the annual Cultural Day programme and the programmes in connection with

Children's Day and Teacher's Day.

We were able to purchase some good Flutes and other required items for the Band with funds collected for us by

Oriental Dancing Group

Maestro-in-Charge: Mr. G. B. S. Prematilleke

Leader: K. C. M. Thilakarathne

The College Oriental Dancers took part in the All Island Dancing & Ballet Competition 2009 and emerged 1st at Zonal level and 2nd at Provincial level.

The Dancers performed a special 'Fire Dance' at Kinnara 09 organised by the Hewisi Band of S. Thomas' College, Mount Lavinia in September.

They also participated in a number of School events such as the Prize Giving, Cultural Day, Children's Day and Teachers' Day.

Art & Craft Club

Masters in Charge: Messrs. D. Seneviratne & A. Amsakumar

The students of Art who belong to this club took part in a number of art competitions and exhibitions during the year.

One of our students won 1st Prize in the Ceylon Church Christmas Art Competition conducted by the Dioceses of Colombo and Kurunegala, while another won 3rd Prize in the same competition.

Photographic Club & Media Unit

Master in Charge: Mr. K. M. T. Pushpakumara

Members used the two digital cameras owned by the School to capture images at the various College events that took place during the year.

A special Media Unit was also formed with the help of Messrs Dammika Ratnayake and Chinthaka Bandara to make video recordings of school events during the year.

Agriculture Club

Master-in-Charge: Mr. V. W. Dikkumbura

The Agriculture students helped out in the activities of the College Farm.

As in past years the students also visited the Ambewela New Zealand Farm and the Highland Milk Factory to gain a practical knowledge of their subject.

Science Society

Master in Charge: Mr. R. M. D. W. B. Ratnayake

The Science Society organized a very impressive Science Exhibition in the Hayman Testimonial Science Laboratory to coincide with the annual Prize Giving in July. This exhibition was declared open by the Chief Guest at the Prize Giving, Mrs. Nirmalie Wickremesinghe who commented on the high standard that she was able to see.

Some special exhibits were the electrical circuits used for storing electric charges presented by K. C. M. Thilekerathne, P. A. Ratnayake, C. D. Senaratne, B. Y. S. Perera and D. K. N. Pramoditha. H. B. Abeywardene presented the eco system of a rice field, D. S. Chandrasekera and H. M. Gimhana provided a soil profile while H. D. N. Prasad demonstrated electroplating.

The Exhibition was very well received by all parents and visitors as well.

The Society was invited by the Headmaster to spearhead a project to make the campus eco friendly and plans for garbage disposal were drawn up.

The Horse Riding Club

Master in Charge: Mr. S. Medawela

Riding Master: Mr. S. C. Jayanath

The year 2009 saw S. Thomas' College breaking new ground when it became the first School to enter an equestrian sports competition in Sri Lanka – The National Dressage Competition organised by the Premadasa Riding School and the National Equestrian Association.

Of the 9 students who participated in the three groups 2 won silver medals

and 2 won bronze medals at the event.

Although Horse Riding is an expensive sport, it is popular and has had the advantage of drawing a number of students to the School as well. The School continues to owe a debt of gratitude to Mr Jacques Huyghebaert who conceived the idea of the Horse Riding Club in 2007, and even though he left the School in 200 he continued to show a great interest in our activities as a Club.

Karate

Master in Charge: Mr. L. Theepakaran

Coach: Mr. Samantha Jayajeeva

Karate caught on at Gurutalawa and during the year under review our boys participated in a number of events at local and national level.

The highlight of the year was one of our boys, Ranul Perera winning a gold medal in Katha at the Junior National Karate Championships in Colombo.

Scouting & Cubbing

Scout Master: Rev. Fr. H. C. Goodchild

Assistant Scout Masters: Messrs. L. Theepakaran & A. Amsakumar

Cub Pack Teachers: Miss S. Wijesinghe & Miss S. Subhashini

Scouting continued to go on as normal with meetings on Wednesday afternoons.

18 of our scouts qualified for their membership badges that were conferred on them by the District Commissioner, Mr. L. A. M. Chandrasekera at an investiture ceremony held at STC Bandarawela. These Scouts are now working for their next badges.

Some work was done on 'Emergencies' as a Scout must BE PREPARED to deal with situations such as 'when lightning strikes', fires, floods and such things. We have been slow in the winning of badges due to a lack of time and the non availability of examiners. But the scout training is done to

prepare our boys for 'service'. Also the College has a 'floating population' as some boys leave the group for various reasons during the year, chief among them being our difficulty to cater for the bigger boys who need more strenuous and adventurous activities in the programme. Also boys tend to get involved in too many other activities and due to the small number in the school as a whole this is made worse. We must also look forward to having more trained Scout leaders to carry on!

Scouting aims at training a boy for service. Every proficiency badge prepares a Scout for some sort of service. There are some badges which are PUBLIC SERVICE badges. Public Health, Ambulance etc. Scout training aims at making a boy not self-centered but other-centered. The test is passed or the badge is won to enable him to serve. The second Scout law is 'To help other people at all times'. The spiritual part of scouting is also important. The first Scout law is 'to do my duty to my belief and country'. The Scout programme is incomplete without the time set for SILENCE when we remember the importance of our beliefs.

Our boys get the training that will help them to be useful in society now and surely in their lives when they step out into the world – 'Once a Scout, always a Scout'.

A Cub Pack was started for the Lower School and is progressing slowly.

The Scouts were also in charge of the Flag Hoisting that preceded important School events during the year under review.

The College Magazine

Master-in-Charge: Mr Bede Fernando

Co-Editors: D. Senanayake & B. Y. S. Perera

Due to the lack of funds to start the Magazine properly it was decided to inaugurate an E-Magazine on the College Website and this was done successfully.

SPORTS AND GAMES

Prefect of Games: Mr. S. Medawela

In 2009 we continued to face difficulties in the area of sports due to the lack of committed persons to take charge of the individual sports as well as the lack of competent coaches and necessary resources.

The days of teachers coaching sports after school hours are long gone. The OBA was keen to sponsor a full time Sports Coordinator and a number of applications were received. Unfortunately none of the applicants were satisfactory.

Athletics

Master in Charge and PTI: Mr. S. Medawela

The main event of the Athletics calendar in 2009 was the annual Inter House Athletics Meet on 28th February. The Chief Guest was Mr Prabhath Jayasundere. Read House emerged Champions and carried away the D. A. Seneviratne Memorial Challenge Cup.

36 of our athletes competed at the Zonal Meet that was held at Ambagasdowa. 22 took part in the District Meet at Badulla.

Badminton

Master in Charge/Coach: Mr. S. Medawela

The annual Inter House Badminton Tournament was held and the Challenge Trophy was won by Hayman House.

40 of our shuttlers also participated in four age groups at the Inter-School Badminton Competition held at S. Thomas' College, Bandarawela.

Rugby Football

Master in Charge/Coach: Mr. V. W. Dikkumbura

The annual Inter House Rugby Football Tournament was held and the Canon R. S. de Saram Challenge Shield was won by De Saram House for the second consecutive year.

Our Under 14 and Under 16 teams took part in two inter school competitions.

The Under 14 team played in the Milo Tournament at Ratnapura, winning one match, losing one and drawing one.

The Under 16 team took part in the Milo Tournament at Kurunegala where they won their first match against Sri Rahula College, but lost to St. Thomas' College, Matale.

Cricket

Master in Charge: Mr. S. Medawela

Coach: Mr. I. Kamalakannan

The Under 13 team played 5 matches in Round 1 of the Tournament of which they won 4 while there was no decision in the last due to rain. The team qualified for the 2nd round but lost to Ruwanwella Central College.

Our Under 15 team played 5 matches of which they won 3, lost 1 and drew 1. They unfortunately failed to qualify for Round 2 due to the low run rate.

The Inter House Cricket Tournament was revived and was won by Hayman House.

The annual encounter between STCG and our brother School at Bandarawela, revived by the two Headmasters in 2008 on a small scale at Gurutalawa was played on a much larger scale at the Bandarawela Esplanade. After an initially good start the Guru XI sadly lost the match. The winning team was awarded the Headmasters S. L. A. Ratnayake and Patrick Gunawardene Memorial Challenge Trophies. The Best Bowler Award was won by W. M. L. M. Weerakoon of our School and Best Batsman award was awarded to A. S. Kalpana.

Two of our boys, K. N. K. Gamage and W. A. A. N. Silva were selected for the District Team and played up to the finals.

Basket Ball

Master in Charge: Mr. A. Jawahir

This sport continues to draw much interest and there are always boys playing a game of Basket Ball.

The Inter House Basket Ball Tournament was played at two levels (juniors and seniors).

Soccer

Master in Charge/Coach: Mr. M. M. Maheer

Regular practices were held after a long break and an Inter House Soccer Tournament was held that was won by Garnier House.

Hockey

Master in Charge/Coach: Rev. Fr. H. C. Goodchild

Hockey was restarted after a long break on a very small scale during Scouting time on Wednesdays.

Swimming

Master in Charge: Mr. I. Kamalakannan

Coach: Rev. Fr. H. C. Goodchild

Swimming went on without a break despite problems with the pool filtration system that occurred from time to time. It is one of the most popular sports activities in the College, especially among the juniors who are very keen. Whatever the weather conditions the boys enjoy a dip in the pool.

We had our Inter House Swimming Tournament at the start of Term 3 due to water problems that prevented us from organising it at the end of Term 2 as usual. Dr Harsha Perera, an old boy and former Captain of Swimming at Guru was the Chief Guest.

The College Swimmers also took part in the Swimming Meet organised at the Diyatalawa Military Academy Pool by the Sri Lanka Army. We won 4 gold medals and three silver medals at this event. Our dream is to take part in the Public Schools Swimming Tournament in Colombo. This would require hard, daily and intensive training and with our boys taking part in so many other activities, intensive training is difficult.

Our swimmers have been divided into 3 groups – A, B & C. If a boy can do only one stroke, he is out in Group C. If he does two strokes, he is in Group B and is able to do three strokes he is in Group A. When he does all four strokes and a dive successfully he becomes a College Swimmer. All our boys aim for this place.

At the end of the year the pool was emptied and refurbishment work was begun. A new filtration system was also planned.

Volleyball

Master in Charge: Mr. S. Medawela

Coach: Mr. D. K. Rasika

The College Under 13, 15, & 17 teams played in the Zonal Tournament while the Under 15 & 17 teams were selected for the District Tournament.

We presented 4 teams for the DSI Super Sports Volleyball Tournament. Unfortunately while our teams won at Zonal level they were knocked out at District level.

Significant Events During the Year

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| 30 th January | The annual Inter House Athletics Meet with Mr Prabhath Jayasundere, a former Head Prefect as Chief Guest |
| 29 th February | 50 th AGM of the STCG OBA |
| 7 th March | Special Thanksgiving Service for the STCG OBA Golden Jubilee at the Chapel of the Transfiguration, STCML
Formation of the Hayman Foundation |
| 15 th May | Special farewell and felicitation ceremony for Mr Jacques Huyghebaert, on his withdrawal as Advisor to the School, presided over by the Lord Bishop of Colombo at which the Hon. Prof. G. L. Peiris delivered the key note speech. |
| 23 rd May | The 6 th annual Uva Thomian Cricket Encounter was played at the Bandarawela Esplanade with Mr Michael Tissera, a former Captain of |
| 4 th June | Investiture Ceremony for the newly trained Scouts |
| 19 th June | Annual Sinhala & Tamil Cultural Day Programme |
| 3 rd July | Annual Prize Giving with Mrs. Nirmali Wickremesinghe as Chief Guest |
| 28 th July | Board of Governors meeting at Gurutalawa |
| 18 th September | The annual Inter House Swimming Meet with Dr Harsha Perera, Swimming Captain in 1985 as Chief Guest. |
| 1 st October | International Elders' and Children's Day Programme organised by the teachers in the hall. |
| 4 th October | Patronal Feast of the Chapel of St. Francis of Assisi (Chapel Day) at which the guest preacher was the Rev Bro Lionel Peiris SSF |
| 6 th October | International Teachers' Day Programme organised by the students in the Hall. |

- 23rd October The annual English Day Programme with Mr. Hector Yapa, Director of English for the Uva Province as Chief Guest.
- 13th November Valedictory Service and Assembly for the outgoing Class of 2009
- 4th December Annual Festival of Lessons and Carols in the Chapel
- 8th December Community Christmas Dinner and Childrens' Party

My Thanks

Whatever has been possible over the year has been due to the hard work and dedication of so many. My thanks are due to them for all that they have contributed over the past years through their efforts, financial contributions and other acts of solidarity and support.

Our Bishop-Visitor, the Rt Revd Duleep de Chickera

The Board of Governors of the School, especially our present Manager Mr Lincoln Fernando.

The Archdeacon of Nuwara Eliya, the Ven. Dhiloraj Canagasabey

The STCG OBA, OBA branches abroad and the many old boys who have rallied round us.

The Warden, Sub Warden of our parent School at Mount Lavinia and the Headmasters of our brother schools at Kollupitiya and Bandarawela.

Our Chaplain Emeritus, Fr Harold Goodchild, the Sectional Heads, Mrs S. Jayasekera, Mr V. W. Dikkumbura and Mr K. M. T. Pushpakumara and all the academic staff of the three sections who have been a very hardworking team to ensure academic standards.

The Manager Administration, Mr. Ananda Gallearachie who since July 2009 has been a tremendous support to me at all times and the staff of the Accounts and Secretary's Office.

The Prefect of Games Mr S. Medawela and the Sports Unit staff.

The Administrative Officer, Mr S. Selvaratnam and the other administrative staff in the College office.

The Divisional and Zonal Directors of Education, Welimada

The Works Supervisor Mr. M. Maheer, the Domus Mr H. K. Jayasundere and all members of the College Support Staff

Donors towards our many projects and other needs, especially the students of Harper House, Sherborne School, UK and the donors towards the Pool Project.

All Parents and well wishers.

Conclusion

At the end of May I shall be completing three years as Headmaster and will begin my last year under my present contract. What the next step will be remains in the distant and uncertain future. These past three years have been successful, but they have not been free of difficulties and problems. We have overcome and we have stayed the course. Guru has always been a School that has faced such problems, our response to them determines the future direction that we take.

I have become convinced over the past three years that unless we offer something very different to other schools here at Guru our numbers target will never be reached. We need to find what makes an education at Guru unique and special – not merely a Boarding school where parents or guardians who sometimes do not have much choice, leave their children – sometimes as though we are a Reform School or an SOS Childrens' Village. There are a number of options that I have been thinking about.

We could offer vocational education & training especially for students who are not academically capable of facing our public exams. This would be enhanced by the facilities we have here for carpentry, agriculture etc. There is a niche for this type of education among our church schools. In fact the subject known as PTS or Practical Technical Skills that we teach from the Lower 4th to the Middle 6th could be taken forward to the O/L and even A/L stages. We are even hoping to start paper making as part of a programme to make this campus an eco friendly place. We have the potential to be a 'Sports School' but we lack the staff and resources for this as of now.

One of Jacques Huyghebaert's last proposals before he withdrew in 2008 was that we go up to A/L at Guru and the Board granted permission for me to start A/L for Pure Arts subjects in Sinhala and Tamil. The financial side of the proposal required a minimum of 50 students to make the plan viable and the lack of that number is the reason we have not progressed on this. We have not started it yet due to that number not being available. However, one of the possibilities that may be considered is for us to provide the Pure Arts courses in Sinhala and Tamil for the entire Thomian network that will hopefully ensure numbers, of course only if both Mount

Lavinia and Bandarawela send us their students offering Arts in Sinhala and Tamil while they offer the other disciplines. This is something that will have to be looked at seriously.

So there is still work to be done, and the future, though dark, is filled with endless possibilities.

It is said that ‘Talk is Cheap’. What we need is more action on the part of those who claim to have Guru’s interests at heart. Our distance from the center inevitably results in us being ‘forgotten’. It would be unrealistic and unfair for interest groups and interested individuals to expect the School to thrive out here only with the efforts of the Headmaster and Staff who are on the ground. Pundits have perorated on what the School needs. I invite them to put their words into practice. Pledges and promises are made, but only a small number have actually made good those pledges and promises.

The great Nelson Mandela said after winning the Election to be South Africa’s first Black President “*After climbing a great hill, one only finds that there are many more hills to climb.*” This is our almost daily reality here at Guru, but we continue to journey on with faith, hope and love, patience and perseverance.

ESTO PERPETUA!

The Revd Marc Billimoria
Headmaster
26th May 2010

THE MANAGEMENT OF THE SCHOOL (as of May 2010)

1. The Board of Governors

Chairman (*Ex-Officio*): The Rt. Revd the Lord Bishop of Colombo,
Bishop-Visitor
Hony Secretary: Mr. R. N. Asirwatham
Hony Treasurer: Mr. Indrajith Fernando
Manager of the School: Mr. Lincoln Fernando
Staff Representative: Mr. Merrill Aluwihare
Other Members: The Hon. Prof. G. L. Peiris, Prof. Dayasiri Fernando, Prof. Priyan Dias, Dr. Vijaya Corea, Messrs. Rohan Edrisinghe, Mohan Abeynaike, Michael Sproule, Maithri Wickremesinghe, C. P. S. Mendis, Suren Goonewardene.

2. School Administration

Headmaster
Revd N. M. P. Billimoria BA, PG Dip Theol, Dip Min TG

Manager – Administration
Mr A. Gallearachie

Sectional Head – Upper School
Mrs. S. Jayasekera BSc (Spl), Dip. in Ed., MA (Ed.)

Sectional Head – Middle School
Mr. K. M. T. Pushpakumara Dip in Com. System Design (NIBM)

Sectional Head – Lower School
& Prefect of Discipline
Mr. V. W. Dikkumbura BEd, Dip in Agri., Trained

Prefect of Games
Mr. S. Medawela G. C. E. A/L

Senior Boarding House Master
Rev. Fr. H. C. Goodchild

Hostel Superintendent
Mr. S. L. Franklin

3. Tutorial Staff

LOWER SCHOOL

1. Mrs. J. Dharmawardene Primary Trained
2. Mrs. R. C. Dikkumbura Primary Trained
3. Mrs. R. M. S. Rajapakse Primary Trained
4. Mrs. J. Nesaseelan Christianity Trained
5. Miss K. S. Wijesinghe BA
6. Miss H. T. Mafliya G. C. E. A/L
7. Miss S. Saranya G. C. E. A/L
8. Miss A. S. Subashini G. C. E. A/L
9. Mrs. M. Billimoria BA
10. Mrs. P. Guneratne BPA (Hons.)
11. Mr. J. M. Jayaweera Primary Trained

MIDDLE & UPPER SCHOOLS

1. Rev. S. R. N. Perera Dip. in Public Health
2. Rev. K. S. Jayasuriya BTh, (reading for MA)
3. Mr. S. R. Ratnapala Maths Trained
4. Mr. D. P. Sugathapala Music Trained
5. Mr. R. M. D. V. B. Ratnayake BSc, Dip in Ed
6. Mr. W. M. Bandulasena G. C. E. A/L
7. Mr. B. M. Sufiyan BA, Dip in Ed
8. Mrs. N. Chaturani English Trained
9. Mr. S. Vijayarajah BSc
10. Mr. S. Kaviharani BCS (UK), Dip
11. Mr. T. Ellango Science Trained
12. Mr. Peter Colin G. C. E. A/L (reading for BCom)
13. Mr. S. M. D. M. Seneviratne G. C. E. A/L (reading for BA)
14. Mr. L. Theepakaran BA
15. Mr. A. Amsakumar G. C. E. A/L (reading for BA)
16. Mr. G. B. S. Prematilleke BFA (Hons.), PG Dip. in Wri. & Comm., Dip. in Dance, (reading for MPhil)
17. Mr. W. M. Dharmapala BA, (reading for MA)
18. Mr. B. Kajendiran G. C. E. A/L (reading for BSc)
19. Mr. S. I. S. Subasinghe BA, Dip. in Geology

20. Mr. T. B. A. Fernando English Trained
21. Mr. R. M. C. S. Bandara BSc, (reading for Bsc in Computer)
22. Mr. K. H. S. Chandralal BSc (Hons.)
23. Mr. W. M. R. T. Kumara BSc (Hons.)
24. Mrs. K. C. M. Tillekerathne English Trained, Higher Dip. In English, Dip. in English for Teachers
25. Mr. R. M. A. A. B. Rathnayake BSc (Hons.)
26. Mrs. V. Umadevi BA (reading for MPhil)
27. Mr. A. H. V. J. C. De Silva BA (Spl)

PRIZE LIST 2009
THE LOWER SCHOOL
GRADE ONE (KINDERGARTEN)

Prizes for General Proficiency

1. S. M. J. Ranhida
2. M. L. M. V. D. Mahalaksha
3. D. S. Uyanage
4. H. M. S. M. Rathnayake
5. M. I. A. Razmi
6. M. N. M. Murshid
7. M. H. M. Sameer
8. M. Gobi Harshan
9. M. Dilakshan

GRADE TWO (FORM 1)

Prizes for General Proficiency

1. A. M. Isuru Udara
2. N. Shahid Ahamed
3. M. G. U. Senadheera
4. J. J. M. A. M. R. Bandara
5. G. C. L. Perera
6. M. A. M. Arham
7. D. N. Silva
8. M. R. M. Razmi Dilzad
9. M. N. Fathima Fazna
10. S. K. Vinobass

GRADE THREE (FORM 2)

Prizes for General Proficiency

1. A. N. D. Gunarathne
2. K. A. D. K. Madushanka
3. K. M. R. M. Sugathapala
4. M. H. M. Hasher
5. M. K. W. A. C. Deshapriya
6. S. B. L. Billimoria
7. R. Sham
8. C. A. P. Harold
9. T. Dushyanthan
10. Fathima Rizmiya

GRADE FOUR (LOWER THIRD)

Divinity	Not Awarded
Buddhism	L. H. L. Nimalan
Hinduism	Not Awarded
Islam	M. N. M. Rizan
	M. A. M. Safran
English Language	P. C. Athukorala
Sinhala Language	W. M. P. Kaushalya
Tamil Language	M. N. M. Rizan
Number	M. J. M. Inshaf
	M. N. M. Rizan
ENV	M. H. Razik
	M. N. M. Rizan
Link Language	M. A. M. Safran
	M. N. M. Rizan
Handwork	M. H. Razik
	M. N. M. Rizan
Dancing	L. H. L. Nimalan
	M. N. M. Rizan
Singing	W. M. P. Kaushalya
	M. N. M. Rizan
Art	D. P. V. Vihasara
	M. N. M. Rizan
Form Prize	M. N. M. Rizan
	N. J. M. Inshaf

GRADE FIVE (UPPER THIRD)

Divinity	M. A. Tishan Saranga
	W. Brayan Smith
Buddhism	N. Senal Dilmith
Hinduism	P. Kokulatheepan
Islam	Not Awarded

English Language	N. Senal Dilmith	Dancing	Grade 1	W. M. T. D. S. Bandara
Sinhala Language	N. Senal Dilmith			A. D. K. D. Abeywickreme
Tamil Language	P. Kokulatheepan			A. N. M. Nasmi
			Grade 2	W. M. S. Sewmini
Number	M. A. Tishan Saranga		Grade 3	L. M. S. R. Amerasinghe
	P. Kokulatheepan			S. K. Vinobass
			Grade 4	R. Y. Rajakaruna
ENV	N. Senal Dilmith			R. Sham
	P. Kokulatheepan		Grade 5	J. M. S. M. K. Dissanayake
				M. H. Rizad
Link Language	M. N. M. Nafeed			
	W. Brayan Smith	Art	Grade 1	M. Ansar Shivantha
Handwork	K. A. T. K. Perera		Grade 2	M. L. M. V. D. Mahalaksha
	P. Kokulatheepan		Grade 3	M. R. M. Razmi Dilzad
Dancing	N. Hafra		Grade 4	K. A. D. K. Madushanka
Art	L. S. Abeysooriya		Grade 5	W. M. P. Kaushalya
	N. Arshad Ahamed			
Singing	L. S. Abeysooriya	Handwork	Grade 1	G. W. D. Tharana
	W. Brayan Smith		Grade 2	M. I. A. Razmi
	P. Kokulatheepan		Grade 3	D. N. Silva
			Grade 4	R. Sham
Form Prize	N. Senal Dilmith		Grade 5	H. G. C. Malinga
	P. Kokulatheepan			
		The Headmaster's Prize for the Best All Round Student in the Lower School		L. S. Abeysooriya
Special Prizes				
Singing	Grade 1	M. H. M. Arkkam		
		T. M. C. H. Tennakoon		
		A. N. M. Nasmi		
	Grade 2	N. M. M. B. Nawarathna		
	Grade 3	D. V. N. T. Kaushalya		
		S. K. Vinobass		
	Grade 4	R. B. Wimalaweera		
		R. Sham		
	Grade 5	M. N. M. Nuzri		
		M. N. M. Rizan		

**MIDDLE SCHOOL
GRADE SIX (LOWER FOURTH)**

Divinity	R. S. Kevin Shen
Buddhism	M. L. M. K. O. Mahalaksha
Hinduism	Not Awarded
Islam	M. H. Azam Khan M. M. M. Faloor
English Language	T. A. Samarathunga
Sinhala Language	M. L. M. K. O. Mahalaksha
Tamil Language	P. Felix Saram
Mathematics	S. P. K. Sulakshana
Science	S. P. K. Sulakshana B. M. Karunarathne M. M. M. Fasloor
History	M. L. M. K. O. Mahalaksha
Geography	M. L. M. K. O. Mahalaksha T. A. Samarathunga M. M. M. Fasloor
LCC Education	M. L. M. K. O. Mahalaksha B. M. Karunarathne P. Felix Saram
Link Language	M. H. Azam Khan
Health & Phy. Education	M. L. M. K. O. Mahalaksha B. M. Karunarathne M. M. M. Fasloor
Art	L. M. P. Kamesh R. S. Kevin Shen
Dancing	M. A. Madushan
Music	Not Awarded
PTS	Not Awarded
Form Prize	M. L. M. K. O. Mahalaksha S. K. Sadurshan

GRADE 7 (UPPER FOURTH)

Divinity	W. E. K. L. S. D. Fernando D. Prasad
Buddhism	M. H. B. Dikkumbura
Hinduism	R. Thivagaran
Islam	M. N. M. Nuski A. N. Nizad
English Language	P. I. C. De Silva
Sinhala Language	M. H. B. Dikkumbura
Tamil Language	S. Jude Nilani
Mathematics	M. H. B. Dikkumbura P. I. C. De Silva
Science	W. M. A. M. Medigodella R. Thivagaran
History	M. H. B. Dikkumbura R. Thivagaran
Geography	W. M. A. M. Medigodella S. D. Ratnayake R. Thivagaran
LCC Education	M. H. B. Dikkumbura R. Thivagaran S. Jude Nilani
Link Language	M. N. M. Nuski D. Prasad
Health & Phy. Education	M. H. B. Dikkumbura S. D. Ratnayaka A. N. Nizad
Art	K. S. Weerasinghe D. Prasad
Music	M. H. B. Dikkumbura
PTS	M. H. B. Dikkumbura

P. Ashok Kumar
 Form Prize M. H. B. Dikkumbura
 D. Prasad

PTS
 Link Language

W. M. H. K. Medigodella
 C. Arun Prasath
 M. H. Hisham Khan
 C. Arun Prasath

GRADE EIGHT (FORM FIVE)

Divinity H. R. N. Fernando
 P. D. R. Saram
 Buddhism S. L. Wijesooriyarachchi
 Hinduism R. Gowtham
 Islam M. H. Hisham Khan
 M. M. Arsath

Form Prize

W. M. H. K. Medigodella
 C. Arun Prasath

Special Prizes

The Headmaster's Award for the Best All Round Student in the Middle School
 W. M. H. K. Medigodella

English Language M. L. C. P. Weerasinghe
 Sinhala Language L. A. K. D. A. Liyanarachchi
 Tamil Language C. Arun Prasath

Mathematics W. M. H. K. Medigodella

Science W. M. H. K. Medigodella
 W. P. S. Dharmasena

History S. L. Wijesooriyarachchi
 P. D. R. Saram

Geography S. L. Wijesooriyarachchi
 L. S. Fernando
 C. Arun Prasath

LCC. Education S. L. Wijesooriyarachchi
 C. Arun Prasath C.

Health & Phy. Education W. B. D. L Karunarathe
 W. P. S. Dharmasena
 C. Arun Prasath

Art K. M. Hasitha Lakshan
 C. Arun Prasath

Dancing A. W. P. De Silva
 Music M. N. Hisham Khan

**UPPER SCHOOL
GRADE NINE (LOWER SIXTH)**

Divinity	T. I. Dharmaraj V. G. B. Dexter
Buddhism	T. R. Kapugamage
Hinduism	Not Awarded
Islam	M. A. M. Sharfan M. N. M. Ziraj
English Language	J. S. De Silva
Sinhala Language	T. I. Dharmaraj
Tamil Language	V. Robert Kenady
Mathematics	P. B. Kodithuwakku
Science	T. I. Dharmaraj V. Robert Kenady
History	P. B. Kodithuwakku V. Robert Kenady
Geography	P. B. Kodithuwakku V. Robert Kenady
LCC Education	T. I. Dharmaraj V. Robert Kenady
Health & Phy. Education	P. B. Kodithuwakku
Art	W. A. A. N. Silva V. Robert Kenady
Dancing	D. G. Chinthaka Kumara
Music	A. J. M. S. D. Bandara
PTS	K. M. T. D. Bandara V. Robert Kenady
Link Language	Not Awarded
Form Prize	T. I. Dharmaraj V. Robert Kenady

GRADE TEN (MIDDLE SIXTH)

Divinity	D. K. Marshal F. S. Rodney
Buddhism	K. C. M. Thilakarathne
Hinduism	S. Muralitharan
Islam	M. Mufasar
English Language	K. C. M. Thilakarathne
Sinhala Language	K. C. M. Thilakarathne
Tamil Language	F. S. Rodney
Mathematics	K. N. K. Gamage G. Deepadarshan K. C. M. Thilakarathne
Science	W. A. Y. Chanuka K. C. M. Thilakarathne G. Deepadarshan
History	N. N. Thilakarathne K. C. M. Thilakarathne G. Deepadarshan
Business Studies	B. M. P. Silva R. S. Rodney
Art	B. M. P. Silva F. S. Rodney
Music	P. T. M. Karunarathne
Dancing	K. C. M. Thilakarathne
English Literature	C. D. Senarathne
Health & Phy. Education	B. M. P. Silva
Agriculture	H. D. N. Prasad F. S. Rodney
ICT	K. C. M. Thilakarathne
Form Prize	K. C. M. Thilakarathne G. Deepadarshan

GRADE ELEVEN (UPPER SIXTH)

Divinity	W. M. M. L. Weerakoon V. Wilfred
Buddhism	A. H. M. S. R. B. Wadigamangawa
Hinduism	C. Kavinath
Islam	A. M. Rinaz Ahamed M. N. Azard
English Language	S. M. D. N. Senanayaka
Sinhala Language	A. H. M. R. B. Wadigamangawa
Tamil Language	V. Wilfred
Mathematics	A. H. M. S. R. B. Wadigamangawa V. Wilfred
Science	I. A. Indurangala A. H. M. R. B. Wadigamangawa V. Wilfred
History	W. M. D. Weerasinghe A. H. M. S. R. B. Wadigamangawa Wilfred V
Business Studies	M. G. Devadasan
Art	A. M. Rinaz Ahamed C. Kavinath
Music	B. M. B. Sandakelum
Dancing	S. S. Kodippilarachchi
English Literature	S. M. D. N. Senanayaka
Health & Phy. Education	W. M. D. Weerasingha V. Wilfred
Agriculture	E. R. Perera
ICT	M. J. M. Fayaz I. A. Indurangala
Form Prize	A. H. M. S. R. B. Wadigamangawa V. Wilfred

SPECIAL PRIZES

The Chapel Prize <i>[Presented to the Senior Sacristan]</i>	J. C. Rodriques
The Dr & Mrs I. G. Gunawardene Prize for Divinity <i>[Awarded to a student in the Upper School]</i>	M. C. Salgado
The M. B. N. W. Gawarammana Prize for Buddhism <i>[Awarded to a student in the Upper School]</i>	K. N. K. Gamage
Sukunda Sudanthri Memorial Prize for Hinduism <i>[Awarded to a student in the Upper School]</i>	S. Muralitharan
The Shakir H. Marikar Memorial Prize for Islam <i>[Awarded to a student in the Upper School]</i>	M. A. M. Mufasar
The Cyril Perera Memorial Prize for Excellence in English <i>[Presented by the Members of his Family]</i>	
	Senior C. D. Senarathna Junior M. H. B. Dikkumbura
The Perpetual Prize for Mathematics in Memory of Headmaster E. L. Perera <i>[Presented by the Members of his family]</i>	K. N. K. Gamage K. C. M. Thilakarathne G. Deepadarshan
The Wijewardene Science Prize	K. Niroskhanth A. G. D. G. Adhikari G. Deepadarshan
The Mr. A. K. Chapman Scholarship Awards for Science <i>[Presented by Mrs Betty Chapman and Members of the Family]</i>	Senior W. A. Y. Chanuka Junior W. M. A. M. Medigodella

The D. W. Sooriyarachchi Memorial Prize for Agriculture
M. H. M. Perera
G. Deepadarshan

Cricket Junior Senior
M. H. B. Dikkumbura
U. E. Ranaweera

The David Paynter Memorial Prize for Best Artist
B. M. P. Silva
F. S. Rodney

Karate Junior Senior
A. L. A. K. D. Liyanarachchi
M. K. R. M. Perera

The Prize for Best Oriental Musician M. C. Salgado

Soccer Senior F. S. Rodney

The Prize for Best Oriental Dancer K. C. M. Thilakarathne

Rugby Football Primary Junior Senior
P. N. Jayaweera
U. E. Ranaweera
H. M. Gimhana

The English Essay Prize Senior Junior
W. H. B. Abeywardene
R. L. Wijesekera

Swimming Primary Junior Senior
T. A. Samarathunga
H. M. C. V. Madushanka
M. N. Shafraz
B. M. P. Silva

The Sinhala Essay Prize Senior Junior
L. L. O. S. Jiyendra
D. A. D. U. Senarathne

The Tamil Essay Prize Senior Junior
G. Deepadarshan
J. J. Soysa

Volleyball Junior Senior
G. U. D. Perera
H. G. Nuwarapakshage

The English Oratory Prize Senior Junior
B. Y. S. Perera
B. M. Karunarathne

The Sinhala Oratory Prize Senior Junior
M. K. R. M. Perera
D. G. Pathirana

Horse Riding Best Rider Best Groomer
W. A. T. D. Jayathilaka
W. H. S. Rajapaksha

The Tamil Oratory Prize Senior Junior
M. J. Saheed Anwar
R. Thivagarar

Prize for Best Cadet Western Bandsman Not Awarded

Special Sports Awards for the Year 2009

Athletics Primary Junior Senior
W. G. Yapa
I. D. I. K. Weerasinghe
U. E. Ranaweera

The Gamini Dissanayake Memorial Challenge Trophy for the Cricketer of the Year [*Presented by Mr. S. Perera*] K. N. K. Gamage

Badminton Junior Senior
M. H. B. Dikkumbura
J. S. De Silva
A. S. Kalpana

The Ralston Tissera Memorial Prize for the Most Outstanding Ruggerite [*Presented by his brothers*] D. S. Chandrasekera

Basket Ball Junior Senior
H. R. N. Fernando
A. S. Kalpana

The D. A. Seneviratne Memorial Challenge Cup for the Champion House at the Inter-House Athletics Meet 2009 Read House

The Canon R. S. de Saram Memorial Challenge Shield for the Champion House at the Inter-House Rugby Football Tournament 2009 De Saram House

The Bahar Memorial Shield for the Champion House at the Inter-House Cricket Tournament 2009 Hayman House

The Dr R. L. Hayman Memorial Challenge Shield for the Champion House at the Inter-House Swimming Meet De Saram House

The Challenge Trophy for the Champion House at the Inter-House Badminton Tournament Garnier House

The O. L. A. Cader Memorial Challenge Shield for the Champion House at the Inter-House Hockey Tournament Not Awarded

The D. A. Seneviratne Memorial Challenge Shield for the House with the Best Scholastic Achievement [*Presented by Mrs. D. A. Seneviratne*] Hayman House

The W. A. Ratwatte Memorial Challenge Shield for the Best All Round House [*Presented by Mr A. T. Ratwatte*] Hayman House

The Headmaster M. L. C. Illangakoon Memorial Prize for the Best Performance at the Grade Five Scholarship Examination 2009 [*Presented by the Headmaster*] N. Senal Dilmith

The Ronnie Weerakoon Memorial Challenge Shield for the Most Outstanding Student in Sports 2009 [*Presented by Members and Friends of the Weerakoon Family*] K. N. K. Gamage

The Canon A. J. Foster Memorial Scholarship Prize S. Ravikumar [*Presented by the STCG OBA*]

The R. L. & Mary Hayman Memorial Scholarship Prize P. A. Ratnayake [*Presented by the STCG OBA*]

The Cyril Perera Memorial Prize for the Best Scholar in the Middle VIth Form 2009 [*Presented by his Family Members*] K. N. K. Gamage

The R. G. W. Nilaweera Memorial Prize for the Scholar obtaining the Best Results at the G. C. E. Ordinary Level Examination 2009 [*Presented by Members of the Family*] For obtaining 5 A's, 2B's & 2C's A. H. M. S. R. B. Wadigamangawa

The Headmaster's Award of the Willie Jayatilleke Memorial Scholarship Prize for the Best All Round Student in the Middle Sixth Form [*Presented by Members of the Jayatilleke Family*] P. B. Kodithuwakku

The Dr. R. L. Hayman Memorial Trophy for the Best All Round Student of the School V. Wilfred