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Dear Old Sulian,

The School officially became an Academy early in April and we are now in the position of being considered an independent school funded by central government. We hope that this will allow us the freedom to innovate and to utilise the sparse resources which exist to support the boys and students across the City. As you would expect we will continue to work with our partner school, Hayesfield Girls' School, and our friends within the Bath Education Trust. Over time I hope to be able to bring you news of the work we undertake and its impact on the City.

On to much more important issues, I am pleased to inform you that the cricket season has officially begun and the early signs are very positive. The Under 12 boys are unbeaten after three matches, having dispatched Warminster School and two QEH teams. The Under 14 team has achieved the accolade of bowling out King Edward's School for 50 runs before cantering home to victory with the loss of only one wicket. Their former coach takes all the credit for this great success and asks why he was demoted to the new boys team. The Under 15 team is currently in disgrace for failing to defeat Writhlington School in a recent Cup game.

We have recently competed in four Somerset Cup Football Finals but I am only able to report positively on one clear victory. The Under 16s team avenged a defeat by Chew Valley last year and ran out 5-1 winners in a well played game at Twerton Park. The Under 13s were edged out 4-2 by Wellsway School and the same opponents defeated our Under 14s 3-2 in a very closely fought contest. Despite being considered a 'rugby school', it is good to see our boys competing so well in this particular sport.


The Summer, of course, always sees the departure of two echelons from the school and we wish our Upper Sixth and Year 11 boys every success in the examinations to come. We anticipate a splendid crop of results and it is very pleasing to note that, yet again, our students will be taking up exceptional University offers, including Oxford and Cambridge, cementing our place as a premier provider of A Level courses for Bath. We are very pleased to note that, as well as 100 of our own boys joining the Lower Sixth in September, 100 external students will also be taking up places with us.

I am very much hoping that when you are able to take up the opportunity to visit the school you will be delighted to note one or two small improvements to our stock. The Music Block will be completed by the end of August and this will at last give accommodation which is an improvement over that in enjoyed by illustrious musicians since the time of Raymond Leppard. Some of you, of course, less illustrious in musical circles, will also have endured music practice in cold and draughty accommodation. There will, of course, be some who venture to suggest that the more miserable a room, the better the learning. I assume that future budgets will allow your philosophy to be realised! In addition to the Music Block we are very pleased to have had the support of many across the City to allow us to begin work on the new artificial surfaces which will allow our boys the opportunity to excel in a number of sports which previously needed specialist accommodation away from the school. These new surfaces are sited on the redgra and the old wasteland adjacent.

I mentioned Raymond Leppard earlier and many of you will know that he is in Bath to promote his new book and will also be visiting his old school on May 20. May I cordially extend an invitation to you to join us in the Main Hall from 2.30 p.m. for cream teas and some musical entertainment. You will also have the opportunity to visit the new Music facility, although, of course, in, as yet, an incomplete state. I hope that it will be an opportunity for you to catch up with old friends.

Yours sincerely,

A Davies  
Headmaster



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**BEECHEN CLIFF SCHOOL**

*The Headmaster cordially invites you to*

**Afternoon Tea with Raymond Leppard**

Book Signing of Raymond Leppard's Autobiography  
'Music Made Me'

followed by a tour of the new Music Block

**from 2.30 p.m. on 20 May 2011**

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