



## *Extra-curriculum activities*

We believe that enhancing and enriching the curriculum through additional activities is essential to a good school. Therefore we make sure that there are numerous such opportunities for our students. Examples follow from recent years:

### **Plays/Dramas**

Our students have had the opportunity to work with professional artists on a number of outstanding productions, three of which have won national awards.

**Turandot-ji:** Over 300 students worked with the Royal Opera House to produce a Bollywood version of the opera Turandot. The project lasted one year and students taking part worked with professional musicians, dancers, directors, film makers, designers and writers to produce a spectacular show. As part of the project the students went to the Opera House in Covent Garden to see Turandot and the whole project was recorded in photographs which have been exhibited at the Opera House. Turandot-Ji was the runner up for the prestigious Royal Philharmonic Award in 2001.

**Indian Summer:** A play written by a ex-student and professional playwright (Harwant Bains) which was performed by students in Autumn 2001.

**Love Science:** A drama written for our students exploring ethical questions in Science which won a national competition, '*Science CentreStage*' and was performed in central London by Villiers students at Linbury Theatre, Covent Garden in 2002.

**Migrating Swallows:** A performance exploring the life histories of refugee students performed at The Waterside Centre, at British Airways and for which we won the Princess Diana Award in 2002.

**Lovesick:** A drama written for our students exploring the ethics and science of HIV and AIDs performed to audiences in 2004. A professional film starring Villiers students has been made of this play to be used by schools across the country.

### **International Links**

We are part of the Socrates Project funded by the European Union and we have link schools in Italy, Germany, Norway, France and Slovakia. Many of our students have been on visits to these countries, stayed with families and hosted guests in return.

Our Year 9 Football team has been to Norway to play in a tournament and two groups of students have travelled in consecutive years to Slovakia to perform at an International Arts Festival where they won the British Council Festival Award.

### **Links with Universities**

We have established a tradition of an annual trip to Liverpool Hope University for our Year 9 and 10 students to get a taste of University Life. We also have regular visits to Cambridge University and King's College London.

### **Activities Week**

Each year we have three activities days for Key Stage 3 students. Highlights have included:

- ★ 'Going on a Summer Holiday' (day trip to Brighton beach)
- ★ 'Wet, Wet, Wet' (trip to Coral Reef swimming pool)
- ★ 'Let's Go Skiing' (Dry Slope Skiing)
- ★ 'Down In The Dungeons' (Trip to London Dungeons)
- ★ Ice-Skating at Guildford Spectrum

### **Other Enrichment and Enhancement activities have included:**

- ★ A Science day working with Dr Theo Kreousis on 'Energy'.
- ★ Three day visit to the Space Centre.
- ★ School performance of Arthur Millar plays.
- ★ International Student Conference.
- ★ Music and drama performance on 'Fears and Phobias'.
- ★ Trip to the Lake District for year 9 students.
- ★ Duke of Edinburgh Award.
- ★ Italy exchange scheme.
- ★ German exchange scheme.
- ★ Debating society.
- ★ Visits to the Globe Theatre, Royal Opera House, National Theatre and Sadlers Wells.