



Remembrance Service

**Thursday 11 November
& Sunday 14 November**

Reverend Tim Mullins led the short and poignant Remembrance Service on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month from the North Front steps; all of the Stowe School community gathered respectfully together. It was wonderful to welcome our Chaplain, Reverend Mullins, back to lead us.

Sunday 13 November provided welcome unseasonably mild weather for the Stowe CCF Contingent, who formed up smartly on parade in advance of Stowe Remembrance Sunday Chapel Service, under the command of Head Cadet CSM Harry Bryant (Upper Sixth, Cobham).

Awaiting inspection, Royal Navy, RAF and Army Sections arched as a proud body around the bust of OS Group Captain Lord Leonard Cheshire VC, on the Chapel Forecourt. The Head and visiting Preacher Brigadier (ret'd) David Russell-Parsons OBE, late Grenadier Guards, inspected and engaged with the Army Section. Mr Simon Creedy Smith, Chair of the Governors inspected the RN and RAF Sections, escorted by Cadet Chief Petty Officer Bo Jenkins (Upper Sixth, Stanhope) and Cadet Flt Sgt Johnny Sutherland (Upper Sixth, Chatham). The Contingent stood perfectly still for the duration, giving excellent accounts of themselves and demonstrating personal discipline and pride.

Cadet Cpls Natalie Nylaende (Fifth Form, Queen's) and Jasper Hayes (Fifth Form, Bruce) carried out their role as Flag Bearers with dignity, and impressively synchronised drill, leading the procession of Wreath Bearers and their escorts into the Chapel Service.

Each Wreath Bearer was accompanied by a Cadet escort; Cadet Flt Sgt Johnny Sutherland with the Headmaster; Cadet CSgt Alex Goodhart (Upper Sixth, Grafton) with the Chair of Governors; Cadet Chief Petty Officer Bo

Jenkins with Chair of OS, Hannah Durden; Cadet CSgt George Carpmael (Upper Sixth, Chandos) with Head of Operations; Head Boy CSgt Phil Benedic (Upper Sixth, Bruce) escorting Head Girl, CSgt Jemima Howden (Upper Sixth, Stanhope) and lastly Cdt CSM Harry Bryant, carrying the wreath on behalf of The Contingent.

Thoughtful prayers were read clearly by Cadet CSgt Alex Dens (Upper Sixth, Grenville), Cadet CSgt Sav King (Upper Sixth, Stanhope) and Cadet Cpl Rafe Gordon (Lower Sixth, Winton), with Lt Fitz Smith and Sub Lt Jonathan Cook each reading. As is tradition the names of 20 of the 270 OS who lost their lives were read out, with details including School House, Prefects (monitors), Regiments/Service, how, where and how old they were when they lost their lives.

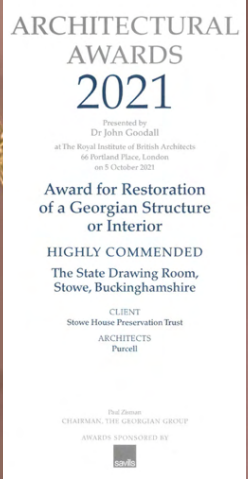
Movingly the choir sang the anthem, 'So they Gave their Lives to the Commonwealth', conducted by Mr Jonathan Kingston and accompanied by Mr Ben Andrew. Special mention must go to Sebastian Foxwell (Upper Sixth, Walpole) who played the Last Post note perfect, to a very full Chapel.

The Service of Remembrance was solemn, dignified and poignant. Brigadier Russell Parsons gave a personal, address, hymns were sung with passion, and all Cadets, Staff and Stoics involved felt proud to play their part in what a large number of Staff and Parents commented was a fine Service of Remembrance, guided and led, in the absence of our School Chaplain Reverend Tim Mullins, by Mr Mark Austen.

A formal, family lunch was enjoyed by Governors, Parents of Cadets with key roles, CCF Staff and families, in the magnificently decorated State Music Room.

Our thanks go to all who took part in the Service.

**Major Jan de Gale, Lt Col J S de Gale,
Contingent Commander Stowe CCF**



Drawing Room Ceiling Award

The State Drawing Room (Temple Room) was short listed by the Georgian Group for one of their prestigious Annual Architectural Awards. At a ceremony held on Tuesday 5 October at the Royal Institute of British Architects, the project was highly commended in the category of Historic Interiors; effectively second place in a hotly contested category.

On the evening, the judging panel commented on the depth of research, the quality of work throughout; most notably the finishing details, and the achievement of delivering the project at the height of the pandemic.

It is most unusual for a restoration of this nature to include such features as the creation of a replica chimney piece, while the restoration of the painted ceiling which had been lost for nearly a hundred years, was considered a remarkable achievement.

Stowe House Preservation Trust's (SHPT) Interiors Working Group (who advised on the decorative scheme), and the Board of Trustees, deserve great credit for having the

courage to grasp the opportunity created by Covid-19 to press on with major works, while the House was enforcedly empty. The achievement is all the more remarkable having been completed within the strict conditions that were necessary to manage the risks posed by the pandemic, both to contractors and the School.

SHPT continues its work to return the Mansion to its appearance at around 1800, having completed much needed conservation works to the Dining Room ceiling. The next stage of work will see the conservation of walls and woodwork in the Dining Room and the installation of copies of the original chimney pieces and tapestries depicting the classical deities.

SHPT receives no funding for its restoration work from the School, and is entirely funded by donations. If you would like to help us to continue this important work, please visit our [website](#).

Nick Morris, CEO, SHPT



Trafalgar's Fourth Plinth



Brooks Stevens (Walpole)

There is a plinth at each of the four corners of Trafalgar Square. The two southern plinths carry sculptures of Henry Havelock and Charles James Napier.

The northern plinths are larger than those in the southern corners, as they were designed to have equestrian statues, and indeed the north-eastern plinth has one of George IV.

The fourth plinth on the northwest corner, designed by Sir Charles Barry and built in 1841, was intended to hold an equestrian statue of William IV but remained empty due to insufficient funds.

The Fourth Plinth is now probably the most famous public art commission in the world.

In 1994 Prue Leith, then chair of the Royal Society of Arts, wrote a letter to the Evening Standard suggesting that something should be done about the empty plinth in Trafalgar. Five years later, it hosted the first artwork, 'Ecce Homo' by Mark Wallinger.

Since then, the Mayor of London's Fourth Plinth programme has invited leading artists to make sculptures for the plinth. These artworks have so far included a bright blue cockerel, a golden rocking horse and even Nelson's Ship in a Bottle.

The Third Form were inspired by Trafalgar's Fourth Plinth, and made creations using digital imaging software as part of this term's modular course.

Chris Grimble, Art Department



Paula Sanchez Podesta (Cheshire)



Elvin Ozkazanc (Queen's)



Institute of Leadership and Management Level 3 Successes

The Cadet NCOs, took the Institute of Leadership and Management Elective, Level 3 and are all congratulated on their success.

The ILM Level 3 is a City and Guilds vocational, nationally recognised, adult junior management qualification. Having been taught leadership theory, they are then provided with the opportunity to reflect upon and develop their personal leadership and management style and skills, useful in all manner of work-place environments.

Through the tool of CCF, NCOs gain much practical experience leading Junior Cadets and will be able to talk confidently about their abilities and experiences in interview. I was particularly impressed with this cohort who have been wonderful role

models, and have demonstrated leadership, commitment and enthusiasm, in spades. They have been the back bone of CCF. It has been a joy to watch them all grow and develop into the fine young men and women they are, on the cusp of taking on the world, beyond the environs of Stowe!

Congratulations to the following Upper Sixth pupils:

Alex Goodhart (Grafton), Phil Benedic (Bruce), George Carpmael (Chandos), William King-Eccles (Walpole), Bo Jenkins (Stanhope) and Savannah King (Stanhope).

Also to; Harry Bryant (Cobham), Alex Dens (Grenville), Johnny Sutherland (Chatham) and Sam Wardlaw (Grenville), who all gained top marks.

Lt Col Jan de Gale, Contingent Commander Stowe CCF



Inter-House Cross-Country



The Inter-House Cross-Country event ran for the third year running on Thursday 4 November, on a beautiful course that descended from the South Front into the grounds. Almost every Stoic ran in one of the five year group races throughout the afternoon.

With restrictions being relaxed this year, we enjoyed a happy atmosphere on the South Front, with food vans, music, and lots of Stoics and Staff attending to support the runners.

As always, the event was fiercely competitive. Sixth Form highlights included a close battle between last year's top two finishers in the Upper Sixth boys' race, with Johnny Sutherland (Chatham) taking an emotional win after narrowly missing out last year. Skye Leather (West) ran a dominant race to win the Upper Sixth girls' race.

Harry Rose (Bruce) won the Lower Sixth boys', with Larissa Campbell (Lower Sixth, Nugent) continuing her unbeaten record, winning for the fourth time in a row.

In the Lower School, the girls' winners were Izzy Kaye (Fifth Form, Cheshire), Lulu Goaman (Fourth Form, Lyttelton), and Charlotte Hall (Third Form, Cheshire). Charlotte's run was particularly impressive; she ran the fastest time out of any of the girls, and the 17th fastest time overall on the day.

In the boys' races, Tobias Ellson (Fifth Form, Walpole), Tarka Goodwin-Hudson (Fourth Form, Bruce) and Paul Ostroverhy (Third Form, Chandos) won their respective races in some very competitive times.

In the House competitions, Winton and Cheshire won the Upper Sixth competition, with the other year group wins going to Grafton and Nugent. The overall trophy for the boys' and girls' competitions went to Grafton and Nugent.

Mark Austen, Head of Cross-Country



STOICS CAREERS

US & EU University Applications



David Hawkins, the founder of the University Guys, started with the application process and the considerations that one must take when looking at European universities. These were: the language barrier – is your course taught in English? Is the universities first language English e.g. do all staff including administration speak English? Many universities in the Netherlands offer the same course in English and Dutch, however, in Germany, most courses are taught in German therefore your German language skills need to be at a university level.

Just like in the UK you are primarily applying for the course, and therefore, that should be your focus. You will have to check the entry criteria carefully before applying. Finally, you have to consider the cost including your living expenses e.g. rent, due to the fact that many universities don't offer accommodation. Since Brexit, European universities can be both very expensive or very affordable, therefore do your research and check, if you are still eligible for the EU citizen discount.

David then moved on to US universities in which the application process is much more complicated and lengthier. This being said, David highlighted the importance of choosing universities with similar

expectations and requirements. There was a key focus on the size of the university with examples such as Browns, which is very small and focuses on whether the pupil would fit into their institution, in contrast to Penn State which has a much larger student body. This seemed to be mostly new to the pupils listening, and definitely became a vital consideration for those that were considering applying to a US university.

David also focused on the key difference between European universities and US universities; in the US you apply to the university, not the course. This was important in giving pupils insight into their choice of university as it is more important than course choice. David then talked through the application process and answered some questions from interested pupils. One answer I specifically liked was his opinion on early decision or regular decision for US university application. He stated that when set on a university it can be a good thing and increases chances of acceptance for your desired university but is very limiting especially if accepted to other universities.

In conclusion, David's talk on universities outside the UK was very engaging, useful and realistic, benefiting all students that were able to attend.

Joshua Mital (Lower Sixth, Winton)

Careers in Professional Services and an Insight into Forensic Accounting



After many virtual careers talks, the Business Society was excited to finally welcome an in-person guest speaker, Simon Cuerden. Simon is a partner in the professional services firm of Deloitte and has been a partner for approaching 20 years. After leaving university, Simon joined what is now PwC, joining their audit practice and qualifying as a Chartered Accountant, before focusing in the area of Forensic Accounting. He is a specialist in investigating fraud.

Simon shared his experience working for two of the Big 4 accounting firms: PwC and Deloitte. Joining PwC as a post-graduate, Simon trained in audit and later joined the forensic team, becoming a Director in 2000. Working his way up to a Partner at PwC, he moved to Deloitte, where he now leads a team of 150 Partners and manages employees who focus on fraud. The Stoics were briefed on the services that Deloitte provide; Audit and Assurance, Risk Advisory, Tax, Consulting, and Financial Advisory.

After Simon guided Stoics through an overview of the sector and **work experience, apprenticeships** and **opportunities for graduates**, Matty Neuhoff (Upper Sixth, Cheshire) asked if applying through the graduate route at Deloitte would be better for someone's career than going through the apprenticeship route. Simon stated that the higher and degree apprenticeship route

was relatively new at Deloitte but he has seen ex-apprentices progress to managerial positions at the age of 25, where normally a graduate might achieve this at around 27. He emphasised that firms like Deloitte invest a lot of time, money and energy into staff development and that, if you want to have a successful career, an apprenticeship is not a barrier to progression to Senior Management.

Simon then guided Stoics through a couple of anonymised fraud case studies and overvalued mergers that he had investigated. An eye-opening and fascinating experience for the pupils. Over 50 Stoics attended Simon's talk, and he has set the bar high for future careers talks, in-person, in the Music Room.

Simon's talk was not recorded but Stoics and Parents can access a range of careers talks through the **YouTube channel** of Stowe's Careers Department.

The careers talk was hosted by Grace Hurrell (Upper Sixth, Cheshire & Head of the Business Society) and Matty Neuhoff.

Gordon West, Head of Careers





RUGBY

The 1st XV were back to winning ways against St Edward's on Saturday 6 November, scoring 43 points on the North Front with Teddies managing 22.

The 2nd XV had the biggest win of the day, scoring 12 tries in a 78-5 win and the 3rds also had a comfortable victory.

The Junior matches against St Edward's were closer, but the Colts A, Junior Colts A and C team all ended their matches with victories.

Well done to the 1st XV for 26-6 win away at Uppingham on Saturday 13 November.

The 2nds had another comfortable win and the Colts As ran in an impressive 11 unanswered tries on the North Front. The Junior Colts A and B teams had closer games with a win and a narrow loss.

Grant Seely, Director of Rugby



Swimming

Stowe hosted the 2021 Stowe Relay Championships on Tuesday 17th November. It was great to see competitive swimming back on the fixture list after Covid and so many schools competing. The U18 boys team did well qualifying for both relay finals, our U16 girls get 'Swimmers of the Meet' for not only qualifying for each final, but taking Bronze Medals in both Medley and Freestyle Relays. Congratulations to Phoebe Haynes (Fifth Form, Cheshire), Molly Muhoho (Fourth Form, Nugent), Isobel Cox (Fourth Form, Cheshire) and Charlotte Hall (Third Form, Cheshire) for a great competition.

Cheryl Davis, Head of Swimming

Stowe **SPORT**

Equestrian



Isabella Russell, (Third Form, Cheshire) Equestrian Scholar, did Stowe proud at the NSEA competition at Keysoe on Saturday 13 November.

Qualifying both her ponies for the Hickstead Elite (1m 10 in the main international ring) next Summer, she brought home 1st place on Sparkling Castlewarren Gold, and 2nd place on Carravilla Boy.

Lucinda Stockley



Basketball

In the Third Form Inter-House Basketball competition held on Sunday 14 November, Stanhope came through as girls' champions beating Queen's 8-2, Nugent 4-2 and Lyttelton 10-2.

In the semi-finals of the boys' competition Grenville beat Cobham 24-4 and Grafton beat Temple 10-8 to set up a Grenville/Grafton final.

With the scores level Grafton went to the 'foul' line knowing that a

score would clinch the title and a miss would send the match into over-time. Max Ng stepped up and 'calm as you like' scored the 'foul' shot only to be mobbed by his ecstatic Grafton teammates in celebration.

Credit to Grenville, who took the disappointment of losing in great spirit.

Isaac Michael, Head of Basketball





ROWING

Henley-on-Thames, Long Distance Sculls

On Saturday 6 November the Stowe rowers took part in the Henley Long Distance Sculls. The event is a 3,000m head-of-the-river on the Henley Reach, the home of the Royal Regatta. A popular event, which attracted 450 boats, and saw crowds of supporters lining 2,000m of riverbank, as far as Temple Island.

This time the weather was kind to us, and the crews raced in good conditions. Will Crabb (Fifth Form, Winton) went in the singles in the morning division. His race was not without incident; as the singles negotiated Temple Island, a sculler capsized in front of him and was pulled out by a Stowe coach! As Will approached the finish however, he was greeted by vocal and enthusiastic support from the rest of the team. Will beat seven scullers from Maidenhead and Henley clubs, who row on the Thames all the time.

The 1st and 2nd boys' quads, and the girls' double, raced in the afternoon. All three crews sculled well, were very positive and enthusiastic, and enjoyed taking part in such a big event. The team is now moving into eights, aiming for The Hampton Head on Saturday 5 February, and The Schools' Head at Putney on Monday 14 March.

We have seen increased numbers attending training, and taking up rowing, so we hope to see at least a boys' eight and girls' quad racing in the New Year.

Many thanks to the Bettany, Hines, Comerford and Green families, who supported the crews at Henley. We hope you enjoyed your day. The crews were also supported by Old Stoics - Ted Bainbridge (Walpole 69), Dani Fusco-House (Lyttelton 16) and James Rudkin (Walpole 12). In June, Dani completed her Masters at Tulsa University USA, on a Sports Scholarship, funded by the standard of rowing she achieved at Stowe. With his Tokyo medal, James is now aiming for Paris 2024.

Special mention to Harriet Hines (Upper Sixth, Cheshire), who competed against other girls with international experience, after only five or six sessions in a sculling boat.

Crews at Henley long distance sculls:

Girls' 1st Double; Sienna Bettany (Lower Sixth, Stanhope), Harriet Hines, 20:56 (17th).

Boys' 1st Quad; Finn Tyson (Upper Sixth, Winton), Charlie Cole (Lower Sixth, Walpole), Thanassi Ghertsos (Upper Sixth, Chandos), Josh Green (Upper Sixth, Chandos), 13:48 (4th).

Boys' 2nd Quad; Max James (Lower Sixth, Cobham), Will Crabb, Ed Whitbread (Lower Sixth, Cobham), Hugo Comerford (Lower Sixth, Chatham), 15:58 (5th).

Boys' Junior-16 Single - Will Crabb 16:48, (18th).

HOCKEY



The U16 team are building an impressive run in the National Cup competition. They had another tense match against Headington School on Tuesday 2 November, but again showed deep competitive spirit to win 5 - 4, with Izzy Kaye (Fifth Form, Cheshire) scoring four goals. They progress to the next round of the cup which means they are now in the last 16 schools in the whole country.

This was an incredible day for Stowe, with it becoming the furthest any girls hockey team has gone in the National Cup since it became a knockout competition. Every player should have gone home very proud of themselves for how they helped the team, as everyone played their part. MVP (Most Valuable Player) was given to Izzy Kaye for her incredible 4 goals and amazing work rate throughout the game. Honourable mentions went to Ari Hay (Fourth Form, Cheshire), Martha Robertson (Fifth Form, Stanhope) and Phoebe Haynes (Fifth Form, Cheshire) for their work in attack and working back to defend.

In the Saturday block on 6 November, against St Edward's, the 1st XI had an excellent 3-1 victory with Cassidy Jorritsma (Upper Sixth, Cheshire) scoring twice. A well-balanced overall set of results also saw wins for the U16As U15As and Cs and the U14Cs.

The U15 teams had the best results in the block against Uppingham on Saturday 13 November. The Fourth Form girls really are proving to be an outstanding sporting year group across all sports. The U14C team got a win and the 1st XI had a very tight match which ended in a draw.

Ben Scott, Head of Hockey

Sports Performance

Fencing

Stowe's fencers travelled to Abingdon on the afternoon of Wednesday to compete in both the Foil and Épée disciplines against tough competition. Thanassi Ghertsos (Upper Sixth, Chandos) deserves a special mention for his outstanding leadership of the team.

Netball

Congratulations to our U15 team who won their National Cup match against Stephen Perse Foundation on Monday 8 November, and have now reached the last 16 teams in the country.

Squash

The Stowe Squash Club is growing in numbers and the players are rapidly improving their performances. The 1st and 2nd teams both beat Rugby School on Thursday 11 November, with Captain Luke Holland-Bosworth (Upper Sixth, Chatham), Robin Vane-Tempest Stewart (Upper Sixth, Chatham), Michael Spencer (Lower Sixth, Temple) and Eitan O'Grady (Fourth Form, Temple) all winning their matches. The 1st team then backed up that win by beating Uppingham on Saturday 13 November.



Drama

GCSE Devised Performances

On Wednesday 10 November, the Fifth Form Drama GCSE pupils treated a select audience of their peers, teachers and parents to a wonderful twilight performance of their original devised work. These pupils have shown incredible work ethic and resilience, having had their performance date changed twice, due to the unprecedented challenges presented by Covid-19.

The performances shared a common stimulus, the observational, documentary-style paintings of Ewing Paddock, whose London Underground Project captures the spirit of contemporary culture and the diversity of London life. The drama pieces took on a range of urgent modern-day themes, from consent to racial discrimination, mental health, grief, and our obsession with technology. Pupils gave emotive and powerful performances, eliciting both laughter and tears from their audience.

Oliver Lane (Temple), Jasper Calkin (Cobham), Sophie Lloyd (Nugent), Lily-Anne Moon (Nugent) and Katie Dens (Stanhope) kicked off the evening in style with a funny and poignant piece loosely based on The Story of Creation, cleverly replacing Eve's tempting apple with an Apple iPhone.

Despite having one of their group members missing, Jemima Pearson-Gee (Nugent), Annie Flint (Queen's), Sophia Beglin (Nugent), Freya Embley (Queen's) and Lilia Møller (Cheshire) then presented an equally thought-provoking and dynamic piece, urging us to re-evaluate the way we make first impressions about people.

Joseph Barnett (Winton) gave a highly amusing performance, alongside Lily Taylor (Cheshire) and Graham Bentley (Temple), in a piece that touched on the climate crisis, while also encouraging us, through a group therapy session, to focus on 'the journey' of life, rather than 'the destination.'

One of the real highlights of the evening for me, however, was Amina Aldabergenova's (Lyttelton) heartfelt and mature monologue about identity, grief and mental health. This beautiful piece of original spoken word poetry, written by Amina herself, revealed both the fragility and resilience of the central

character, Susan, in a highly effective way.

Later, Lily-Grace Stewart (Queen's), Camille Thornton-Izzard (Cheshire), Stanislava Tokareva (Stanhope) and Jemima Hammond (Nugent) gave punchy performances in a piece with the message of 'girl-power' at its heart. Through a clever blend of physicality and monologue, the celestial 'Four Graces' identified a number of society's faults and set about putting them straight.

As the evening drew to a close, Amy Brogden (Queen's), Ariella Moore (Lyttelton), Martha Roberston (Stanhope) and Sam Watson (Chandos), again combined comedy with poignancy in a clever piece drawing together the disparate lives of four troubled people.

Finally, the evening ended on a high with an extremely moving and thought-provoking performance by the highly talented Martha Blake (Cheshire), Jemima Dare (Queen's), Finley Simpson (Grenville) and Alicia Wilson (Lyttelton). This piece tackled the topical issue of sexual assault and consent in a mature and sophisticated way that managed to blend humour with its fundamentally serious message.

The following evening, the entertainment continued with Jasmine Sakylama (Cheshire), Oliver Jenden (Chatham), Mimi Price (Cheshire) and Zac Willner (Cobham) performing a poignant and comic 'Squid Game' inspired piece where 'players' were trapped on a secret underground line and were presented with a series of challenges to pass to pay for their bad behaviour on social media.

Our costume designers, Bea Axe (Lyttelton), Emma Khrypkova (Stanhope), Agatha White (Nugent) and Gretel Jarman (Cheshire) designed and made skilful costumes that hugely enhanced their respective performances, while Rory Calvert's (Chandos) lighting design, similarly provided an imaginative platform for the final group's piece.

The Drama Teachers all felt incredibly proud of these talented pupils, who, despite setbacks and challenges, threw themselves wholeheartedly into their work, making this a memorable and impressive showcase of their strong abilities.

Lucy Miller, Drama Department





RUGBY

NatWest Cup Round Three

Our Junior Colts faced Bedford Modern School on the North Front on Tuesday 16 November 2021, in Round Three of the NatWest Cup. Number eight Ifesi Ejim (Fourth Form, Grenville) got Stowe off to the perfect start with a powerful 30m run from the base of the scrum to open the scoring.

BMS responded almost immediately by punishing a mistake to bring the scores level. It remained a tight match until Stowe pulled away with some superior attacking and powerful lock Sam Cousins (Fourth Form, Chatham) scored a hat trick of tries to make the final score 36-7.

We look forward to hosting Haileybury in the next round on Tuesday 30 November.

Grant Seely, Director of Rugby

Badminton

On Saturday 6 November the 1st team hosted Abingdon. The teams were very evenly matched and played out some thrilling games with the end result an 8-8 draw. 1st pair Joshua Mital (Lower Sixth, Winton) and Arin Chatsuan (Fifth Form, Grenville) won all of their matches.

On Saturday 13 November we fielded five teams against Uppingham. The 1st team had an excellent 8-1 win. Our 1st & 2nd pairs won all of their matches. 3rd pair Gilbert Xu (Fourth Form, Chandos) and Alex Gu (Lower Sixth, Chandos) fought back against their counterparts having lost their 1st game 21-12, to then win the next two 21-16, 21-16. They beat the Uppingham 1st pair 21-18 and lost narrowly to their 2nd pair 19-21.

The 2nd team had a nail biting 5-4 win. 1st pair Oliver Dickmann-Peña (Third Form, Winton) & Ned Goodrich (Fifth Form, Chandos) held their nerve to beat their 2nd & 3rd pairs 21-20 and 21-19.

2nd pair Terry Tan (Lower Sixth, Chandos) and Harvey Tian (Lower Sixth, Walpole), clinched the overall match by winning their last match against their counterparts 19-21, 21-20, 21-14.

Isaac Michael (Head of Badminton)



Lacrosse

The 1st X girls travelled to Cheltenham Ladies' College on Saturday 6 November, for a tremendously close game from start to finish. Playing four 12-minute quarters, Stowe got off to a slower start, with the first three shots failing to find the back of the net. The girls however soon found their rhythm and both teams traded goals for much of the game. The real turning point came at the start of the final quarter, Cheltenham were up 8-7, but the Stowe 1st X then slotted five consecutive goals to finish the game 12-8.



This is a particularly significant game, being the first win against CLC since the 2017/2018 season, as well as a fabulous team performance, with everybody pulling their weight and shining.

Stars of the game must go to Savannah King (Upper Sixth, Stanhope) with 1G5A, and going 11/18 at the draw, Rosie Grayson (Upper Sixth, Nugent) for 4G1A, Lyla Mulcahy (Lower Sixth, Nugent) for leading the team in goals with five, and Kimi Chen (Upper Sixth, Lyttelton) for working her socks off between the pipes with nine saves.

Those that made the journey to Cheltenham Ladies' College with the 2nd XI, on Saturday 6 November, were rewarded with a fantastic display of end-to-end Lacrosse, with highlights at both ends of the field. Determined, resolute defence mirrored with a creative, lightning-quick attack. Stowe finished the game the victors, 6-5 and on the back of a pleasing performance that showed a level of maturity and control, reigning in the temptation to play a fast and loose style that could have cost them the match. Such a close game was enjoyed by all, but the Stowe girls walked off the field with their heads highest. Stand out performances were visible all over the field, Jemima Hammond's (Fifth Form, Nugent) hat-trick, Ola Kalu's (Upper Sixth, West) 10+ saves in goal but the real lynchpin of the team performance came from Freya Embley (Fifth Form, Queen's). Leading the charge out of defence, holding up the fast breaking CLC offence and converting her first goal of the season

saw Freya take home the Most Valuable Player (MVP) award. An excellent showing all round.

It is worth noting that Stowe are playing two different girls' sports this season at a very competitive level. To beat St Edward's at hockey and CLC at lacrosse on the same day is a triumph for girls' sport at Stowe.

The Senior team had a good natured friendly on Saturday 13 November against a team made up of the players' parents on the South Front. The families of the Stowe players worked their socks off all game long, managing to slot four goals in forty minutes, with Mary Baker, Steven Goodrich and Caroline Bewes as the key players.

Stowe were confident throughout the game, with numerous players getting on the scorecard, and excellent sporting behaviour on display. As a team, they finished with sixteen goals, which is one of the higher numbers of goals scored in a game this season.

Thanks must go to all the players from Dadford LC, as well as the lacrosse coaches and umpires who were essential in getting the game on and played with enjoyment and memory-making in mind. Stars of the game were Jemima Roberts (Lower Sixth, Lyttelton) & Lyla Mulcahy (Lower Sixth, Nugent).

Huge congratulations go to Rosie Grayson for admittance into the U19 Regional Academy.

Rob Ingham-Clark, Head of Lacrosse





LIBRARY

Inter-House Literary Challenge

As last year, we held the Literary Challenge for all year groups, with two pupils from each House competing. This meant that there is an Upper School and a Lower School challenge to ensure that West have their chance.

The first round was for the Upper Sixth in the State Music Room. There were five rounds including one challenge round that was constantly on the go during any breaks. Each House was given a menu at the beginning with the round choices, choosing one to use their Joker on which would double their score for that round. Most Houses chose the Characters round, which was the right choice it seems, as most scored very highly. In the end, following a scramble to get the marks in, it was Stanhope that prevailed, closely followed by Queen's and then Bruce.

The Lower Sixth Challenge was a few days later, with the Books to Film round, mainly chosen by teams for their Joker. This round again involved two from each House. The prevailing House in this round was Queen's with a massive score of 50 points, closely followed by Lyttelton and then Chandos.

This meant that the overall winners of the Upper School Cup were Queen's, followed by Lyttelton, Stanhope and closely followed into fourth place, Chandos.

The Lower School Challenge first round was held just after Half Term, again with two players from each House, this time in the Fifth Form. Most Houses opted not to choose a picture round for their Joker this time, proving costly in some cases, as the Classic Authors round was the highest scoring round of the night. For this round, the overall winners were Queen's with 27 points, followed by Nugent with 25 and Stanhope with 23. Chatham, Cobham, Grafton, Grenville and Lyttelton were joint fourth with 21, and all the rest very close behind.

There is all to play for when the scores are added for the Fourth and Third form challenge next term.

Thank you to the English Department for their support and help on the nights and providing some of the questions, as well as Lucinda Stockley for helping with everything as always.

Lyn Foden, School Librarian

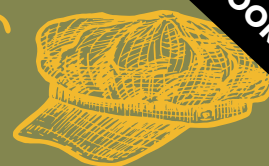


Fireworks

The Stowe Community enjoyed a stunning Fireworks Display and Pop Concert on the South Front on Saturday 6 November.



Oliver



**FRIDAY
NOW FULLY
BOOKED**

BOOK NOW!

Rehearsals for OLIVER are in full swing in the Drama Department. The Production Team have been so impressed with the work pupils have done so far. It's shaping up to be a brilliant performance and we encourage everyone to come along to see it at the end of the Michaelmas Term.

The show will be performed on the evenings of Wednesday 1 to Saturday 4 December, with an additional matinee performance on Saturday. Parents can book tickets [here](#).

Alice Kenny, Drama Department

FLiX

STOWE FLiX
PROGRAMME

January - March 2022: The Coming of Age


As Stowemail goes to print, film lovers will be pleased to hear that we are currently adding the final touches to our next season of films THE COMING OF AGE (PART ONE) - a season of films in which we celebrate the diverse ways cinema can tell us stories about childhood.

Films in the season have been selected by myself and members of the group, and we will be screening films dealing with coming-of-age from a variety of cultural perspectives, when choosing which films to programme. Topics covered by the films chosen include gender issues, ethnicity, mental health and abuse and rebellion as well, of course, as first love. Films to be featured in the season include (amongst many others) Celine Sciamma's, 'My Life as a Courgette' (her Portrait of a Lady On Fire was a big hit this term); Studio Ghibli's, 'When Marnie was Here' and Robert Mulligan's adaptation of Harper Lee's 'To Kill a Mockingbird' with Gregory Peck.

Each film will be screened on Mondays at 3.15pm in V002 (usually over two consecutive weeks). The last film of term, however, will be screened in its entirety.

FLiX members will also be off to the cinema again early next year (following last term's successful trip to see James Bonds 'No Time to Die'), and already on the agenda for January are Paul Thomas Anderson's, 'Licorice Pizza' (the film I am looking forward to most in 2022) and Kenneth Branagh's black and white autobiographical tale, 'Belfast', plus in March, Robert Pattinson donning the cape in 'The Batman'. Spaces on these cinema trips are limited to 8, so it will be first come - first served as ever.

Andrew Webber, FLiX Co-ordinator



FLiX screenings are usually accompanied by lively post-film discussion and healthy debate; the kind of things Monday afternoons were made for.

Prep School Art Festival/ Chris Atkinson Exhibition

On Wednesday 10 November, 80+ Prep School Pupils from 12 different schools took part in Stowe's 2nd Prep School Art Festival.

Following on from our Schools' Climate Action day, our theme centred around environmentalism, recycling and reusing discarded objects.

As a stimulus, the work looked to the delightful and playful 'Covid creations' created by former Master at Stowe, Chris Atkinson, which was exhibited and curated specifically for this event.

Following in the footsteps of Picasso's and Tinguely's objet trouvé, Chris opened his show the previous week to wide critical acclaim, selling nearly all of the 50 exhibited works for charity.

It was wonderful to see so many supporters, ranging from former Staff members to the entire village of Dadford!

Inspired, our Prep School Pupils transformed plastic into treasures, junk into jewels and at the end of a whirlwind day, exhibited 240 pieces of work in a colossal group installation, which was enjoyed by Staff and visiting Parents alike. I am indebted to the Art Department's Staff and Technicians for making the event so enjoyable for all those who attended.

Daniel Scott, Head of Art



service@stowe

Stowe's Stupendous Shoeboxes!

Prior to Half Term, the Service@Stowe team launched an initiative to support the Operation Christmas Shoe Box Appeal. The pupils at Stowe are privileged to be surrounded by a strong community, whether that is in School or at home. This is sadly not the case for many children around the globe. Operation Christmas Child is a volunteer lead appeal to ensure that children from the poorest families, orphanages and hospices receive a gift of love and hope during the festive period, which could be the spark to change their future.

Stoics were asked to put together a shoebox filled with items and gifts, which will then be collected nationally and distributed to those in need. The School Community certainly rose to the occasion, with a whopping 411 boxes being packed and wrapped!

Each House made a fantastic contribution to this cause, with the highest number of boxes being packed by Bruce, who collated a total of 89 boxes! The boys were offered pizza for the whole House as a thank you for their efforts. However, their generosity went even further, with the Bruce requesting that the money instead be used to cover the transport costs involved in ensuring the boxes are able to be received by a child in need.

With such a vast number of shoeboxes, it became clear the Service@Stowe would need help in sorting and labelling the boxes. Luckily, the School Prefects were more than willing to donate their time to the cause, spending a Sunday afternoon checking the boxes had appropriate items, were labelled correctly, and ready to be shipped off to the children who so dearly need them.



I would like to take this opportunity to thank all who contributed to this wonderful cause. A huge thanks must also go out to Matrons and Houseparents, who helped to coordinate these efforts. The pupils involved in Service@Stowe must also be recognised for their efforts in wrapping individual boxes, and ensuring all had the relevant labels on. This unseen administrative work ensures that all parcels and donations will be sent to a child in need, and help provide a wonderful for Christmas for someone who otherwise would not have this opportunity.

Fran Shah, Service@Stowe

Stowe Christmas Hamper Initiative

This Christmas, Service@Stowe has decided to work alongside the Trussell Trust to come together and take part in their Christmas Hamper initiative.

The Trussell Trust is working to stop UK hunger and poverty. Their network of food banks provides emergency food and support to people in crisis. The Trussell Trust has a vision of a UK without the need for food banks. Over 100,000 volunteers have joined the Hunger Free Future campaign, showing their support for a future without a need for food banks. This is a very significant problem the UK is facing, with 8.4 million people in the UK struggling to afford to eat.

Pupils can supply all kinds of non-perishable goods such as food and toys to fill the baskets and these will be sent to foodbanks around Buckinghamshire, reaching those families most in need around this time of year.

Donations for hampers will be collected on Monday 29 November.

Please listen out for our broadcast on Stowe Radio later in the year for details of what Service@Stowe has achieved so far.

Sofia Tangsrud (Lower Sixth, Stanhope)
and Olivia Otter (Lower Sixth, Stanhope)



Below are some examples of the things that could be included in the hamper:

- Christmas crackers
- Biscuits for cheese
 - Crisps
 - Stuffing mix
- Tea, Coffee, Hot Chocolate
 - Soft Drinks
- Jams and Preserves
- Small gifts for both children and adults
 - Cereal
 - Pasta
 - Rice
 - Couscous

'We are delighted that Boycott Farm have yet again been very generous with both their time and goods, and kindly donated 50 jars of plum jam, 15 Christmas cakes and 15 Meringues for us to include within the hampers. These delicious goods will make a fantastic addition to the hampers the School puts together.'



CCF TEACHERS

CCF teachers, Lt Fran Shah and 2Lt Zizi Trelawny Vernon have fun enjoying courses provided the Cadet Centre for Adventure Training (CCAT).

Over the Summer holidays, I decided to sign up to a range of CCF courses run by CCAT. Ordinarily I would have been away travelling the world, but decided to do something different this year, as Covid-19 made international travel so difficult. I have a huge passion for being outdoors, whether this be on a bike, walking or on the water. As such, the CCAT courses immediately appealed to me. I signed up to attend three week-long courses; the Basic Mountain Biking Course, the Foundation Mountain Walking Course, and the Basic Canoe Course.

Although I attended my first one with trepidation and anxiety about not being as capable as others, I soon found these fears to be unwarranted. The other participants were from a broad spectrum, both Cadets and adults. Some were already very competent at the activity, others were complete novices. The instructors for all three courses had a fantastic approach though, to ensure that all who were involved made progress and developed their own skills at a level and pace they were comfortable with.

I threw myself into all three courses, and found a new-

found enjoyment of mountain biking, which was completely unexpected! Alongside this, it rejuvenated my passion for hiking, and has prompted me to begin to work towards gaining my Mountain Leader qualification.

Having been commissioned through the CCF meant that I was able to access these courses for an incredibly low cost, but was then able to claim volunteer allowance from the MOD, which meant I actually earned money whilst attending these! So not only was I able to thoroughly enjoy my Summer break and meet new people, I was able to get a bit of pocket money on the side.

I'm now looking into taking some of these sports further and gain the nationally recognised qualifications. Again, I will be doing so through CCAT, to ensure that it is done at a reduced cost and also allows me to gain more experience of the cadet outdoor education experience.

I would thoroughly recommend supporting the CCF to all members of Staff. Although it can be tough when you're camping out on a rainy day in October, the range of benefits which can be provided is phenomenal and it is great to engage with the Cadets in a non-academic setting.

Lieutenant Francesca Shah CCF, Teacher of History and Politics



National Transport Awards

It is safe to say that my first duty as the Lord-Lieutenant's Cadet was one to remember. The event on Wednesday 20 October, was held at Fawley Hill which is a unique estate near Henley (described as the most 'bonkers' aristocratic estate in England), and home of Lady McAlpine.

The event was organised by the National Transport Trust with the aim to highlight lifetime achievements in all forms of transport. The awards were being handed out by Her Royal Highness Princess Anne. The Princess Royal flew in by helicopter, then drove down to where we were gathered. I opened the car door and greeted her, after which I showed her to the stage.

Following the awards, the Princess Royal, the Lady-in-Waiting, Lady McAlpine, the Lord-Lieutenant and I walked around the grounds of the estate before I escorted Her Royal Highness to lunch. The Princess had a private lunch with Lady McAlpine, and from what I gathered, they seemed to be good friends.

Upon the conclusion of the event, I walked the Princess back to her car. It was fantastic to meet the Princess in what I would consider a relaxed environment. Although a formal event, the atmosphere felt comfortable and cheerful. I had a wonderful afternoon and I am excited for future duties.

Flt Sgt Johnny Sutherland (Upper Sixth, Chatham), Lord Lt Cadet to The Countess Howe

Black History Month Art Competition

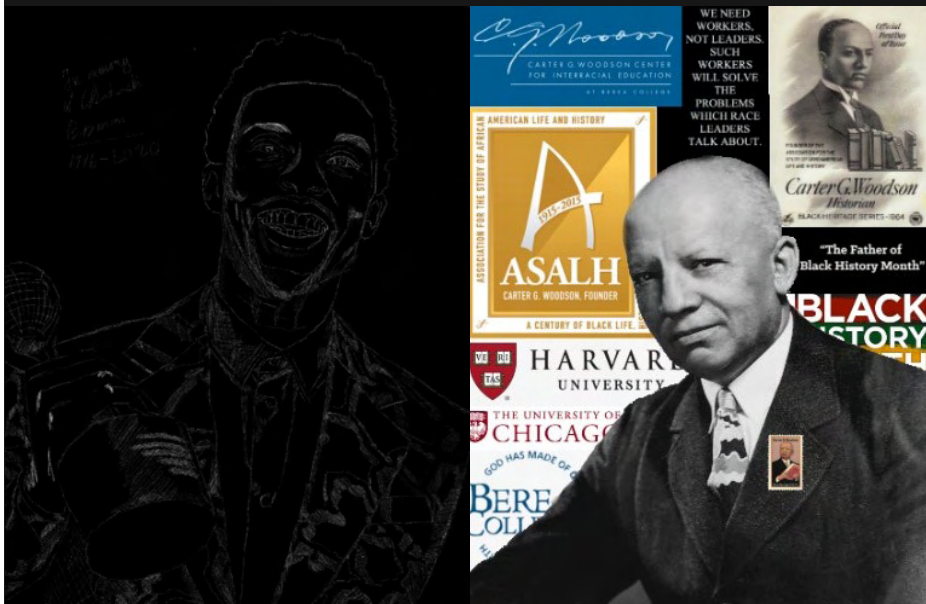
October was Black History Month, and to celebrate, the International Society launched an Arts Competition. We had many pieces of work submitted, some of which are on display outside the Dining Hall.

Congratulations to all those who participated, and many thanks to Precious Wakhungu (Upper Sixth, Lyttelton) who organised this event.

Fran Shah, Head of International Pupils

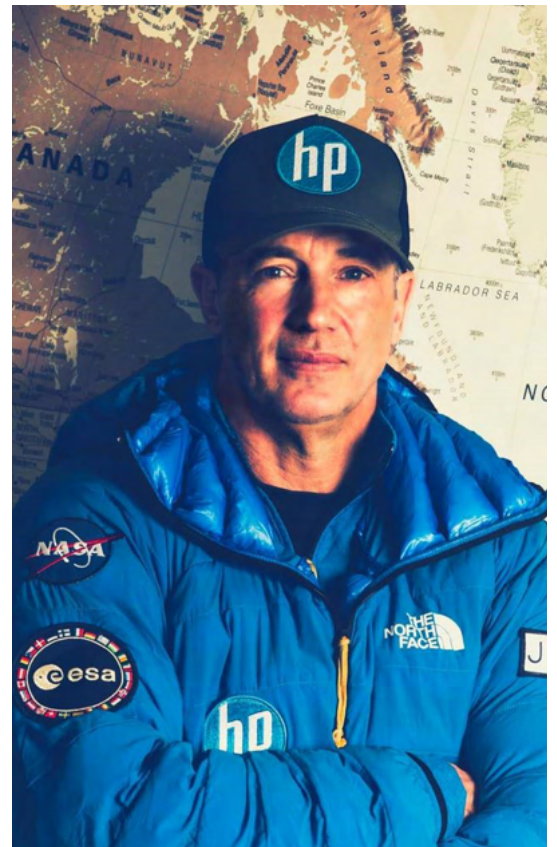


**First Place (£30 Amazon voucher)
Deborah James (Lower Sixth, Nugent)**



**Second Place (£20 Amazon voucher)
Vinci San Bonifacio (Fifth Form, Chatham)**

**Third Place (Domino's pizza)
Imogen Taylor (Lower Sixth, Nugent)**



Justin Packshaw Expedition

We wish Explorer and Stoic Parent, Justin Packshaw, all the best on his epic adventure.

Justin Packshaw and Jamie Facer Childs are working with NASA, Stanford University and the European Space Agency (ESA) travelling 4,000 kilometres from coast to coast of Antarctica, right through the frozen heart of the continent. Over the 80 day expedition, they will receive no assistance, travelling by foot and kite, relying solely on physical and mental strength.

Much like the extreme conditions found on planets in our Solar System, Antarctica has an austere environment that is useful for a range of human and biological research, ranging from isolation, microbial investigations, immunology, and much more. Justin and Jamie's mission will allow scientists to observe a rare scientific story of human adaptability, which will ultimately contribute to the ongoing mapping of genomic, physiological, psychological, and environmental data models of human centred space exploration.

The expedition can be followed on their website www.chasingthelight2021.com, and throughout the expedition Stowe will be in contact with Justin eagerly following his progress.



HOUSE SINGING

On Saturday 13 November Stowe's annual House Singing Competition was held. Lyttelton won the Unison and Cheshire the Part-Song.

You can watch the whole performance (with sound!) on YouTube [here](#).



Stowe-Daly Virtual Exchange 2021-22

Monday 1 November saw Stoics participate in the second meeting of the 2021-22 Stowe-Daly virtual exchange. The Stoics involved have been staying in contact with their partner pupils from Daly College in India, and during this meeting, spent 15 minutes getting to know them and discuss their Half Term breaks.

After these initial discussions, Stoics then presented to the Dalians about the variety of Autumn and Winter festivals held in the UK, providing discussions upon Remembrance Day, Christmas and Burns' Night. Within these presentations, Stoics gave depth about the history of the festivals, as well as traditional ways of celebrating.

The unusual foods and dancing which occur during Burns Night were most fascinating for the Dalians to learn about. The Dalians also presented about the festivals celebrated in India throughout the entire year, giving some great detail about the Hindu calendar, alongside the celebrations of events such as Holi, Diwali and Eid. The photos and videos shared by the Dalians really brought the experience to life, and really highlighted how similar the two nations are in regards to decorations within festivities, but differ in regards to specific cuisines or music.

The third meeting of the Stowe-Daly 2021-22 virtual exchange took place Monday 8 November, a few days after our friends in India had celebrated Diwali. Stoics and Dalians spent some time initially in breakout rooms, discussing the celebrations both have been undertaking. Stoics discussed the history and ways we celebrate bonfire night in the UK, and many Dalians shared photos and insights into their family celebrations of Diwali.

This was followed by presentations from each school about the political and economic climate currently facing their home nations. Saul Lewis (Upper Sixth, Walpole) gave a great explanation about the most recent general

election of 2019, discussing the different parties running and the outcome of this. Charlie Crofts (Upper Sixth, Chandos) then highlighted more about Boris Johnson as PM, and his strengths and weaknesses thus far. This was then followed by Jet West (Upper Sixth, Stanhope), Isabella Lloyd (Upper Sixth, Nugent), Izzy Cuerden (Upper Sixth, Lyttelton) and Laura Lempiere-Johnston (Lower Sixth, Nugent) discussing the impact of Brexit upon British politics and economics.

The Dalians really did value learning more about the nuances of these situations and about the different range of opinions towards such controversial political problems. Dalians then shared a presentation detailing the key political players within India, explaining the differing policies of the major parties, the BJP, INC and AAP. They also provided a discussion upon the different chambers of the Indian political structure, which really allowed Stoics to develop a much broader and deeper understanding of the differing politics around the globe. For those studying politics, it provided a great opportunity to compare the political systems between the two countries, with many noting the similarities in political structures, but differences in regards to party ideology.

This meeting was invaluable in providing pupils from both schools with the opportunity to gain a much deeper insight into international relations, and also to continue to foster links between the two establishments. We are very much looking forward to our next meeting with Daly, when Stoics will be presenting about Advent, Christmas and New Year celebrations in the UK.

Fran Shah, Head of International Pupils

Exchange Student.



COULD YOU BE A LIFESAVER?

Supporting the Anthony Nolan Organisation

ANTHONY
NOLAN

During Assembly on Monday 15 November, I spoke to the Stoics, introducing and explaining a campaign I am promoting at School.

The reasons behind bringing the Anthony Nolan Organisation to the School for me were simple. Not only have my family raised money for Anthony Nolan in the past, out of respect to a friend who suffered from Hodgkins Lymphoma disease, but also because I wanted to change the attitude towards charity at Stowe.

During assembly in Chapel, I spoke about how it becomes custom that money goes out of pupils' accounts to charities, and we never really know its impact, on an individual or on society. What Anthony Nolan needs (donors not just donations) made me realise that School would be a perfect place to launch a campaign for them.

The age requirements of 16-30, to become a donor, work for both some Staff and just over a third of the pupils. What this does, is to raise awareness to the cause, and encourage contributions from Stoics that will benefit themselves and the charity. Thus, my aim is to get people thinking about how they are helping and importantly, does the charity necessarily just want money or would they prefer, in this case, stem cells?

In pledging to support the Anthony Nolan Organisation as a School, our aim is to register as many pupils as possible on the Stem Cell Donation Register, and on top of this, for every pupil who signs up, we will cover the registration fee that is usually funded by the charity. The cost of registration is £40, so if we had 30 new donors, we would set a fundraising goal of £1,200, and throughout the rest of the academic year, we will raise money through events such as a home clothes day in the Lent Term, and a possible silent disco.

Alfie Darling (Upper Sixth, Head of Walpole House)

The Anthony Nolan Organisation needs your help and the simple process that takes minutes to complete is all that it takes to help save lives. The charity has given 91 people a second chance of life in the last month, and to be a part of that is special. This is the perfect way of giving back to society and helping people in need at a time of general disruption.

If you are between the ages of 16 and 30 you are eligible to register to become a donor.

For someone with blood cancer or a blood disorder, an amazing stranger donating their stem cells could be their best chance of survival.

If you sign up to the Anthony Nolan stem cell register and one day come up as a genetic match, you could be that amazing stranger. Without you, there is no cure.

You can find out more about joining the register **here**.

If you would like to sign up, please **email** and you will be assisted in doing so, and we will make sure that you get recognised for your contribution. You can donate to the campaign **here**.



Well-Being with Swanbourne

Our recently opened Well-being Centre was the venue for an event on Thursday 11 November, where Stowe's Pastoral Upper Sixth Prefects delivered training to a group of eight Well-being Prefects from Swanbourne House School.

Paris Broughton (Queen's), Bo Jenkins (Stanhope), and George Carpmael (Chandos) designed and delivered the session which was based on training they had received from Stowe's team of Therapists, headed by Louise Springall.

The training included discussing the role of a Well-being Prefect, the attributes which might make someone effective in this role, a discussion about various mental health issues and finally, a chance to role-play how a Well-being Prefect might listen to someone who comes to them for help.

The Stowe pupils talked about their own experiences and answered questions from their younger counter-parts in a positive, collaborative atmosphere.

Here are some quotes from the Swanbourne pupils:

"We loved doing the role play, it made the situation feel real".

"The scenarios really helped me to think about what might be discussed".

"Bo, Paris and George were awesome, so friendly and approachable."

"I feel confident to be a Well-being Prefect."

"Can we go to Stowe more often?"

This is one of the first events to be held at the new Well-being Centre, which is situated in The Queen's Temple.

The Well-being Centre is currently open to pupils on Tuesday to Thursday afternoons. It's a Centre for pupils and Staff and we are gradually building up the programme of events.

Please get in touch with Therapy@stowe if you have something you would like to see happen there.

**Aidan Harvey-Craig,
Head of Psychology**

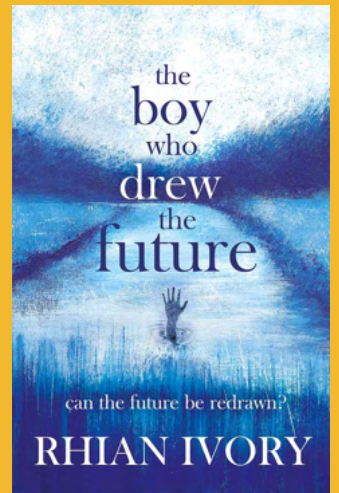


THIRD FORM RESEARCH AND WRITING DAY

MONDAY 4 OCTOBER 2021



CHANGEMAKERS



With many pupils from other years busy, there was time for the Third Form to spend some time learning to research and write an essay, on a subject that they could choose from a list of questions from Curriculum areas.

At the beginning of the day the pupils met, and had a presentation from Rhian Ivory who is a celebrated Young Adult author and also a part-time member of Staff at Stowe. Her most popular published book so far is 'The Boy Who Drew the Future'. She is currently writing a book that is based on Bletchley Park, about a very special woman who worked there during the Second World War.

Rhian talked to the pupils about how she researched for the novel, some of the things she discovered whilst researching, how she planned the book, how many drafts she has had to do before being published (currently 17!) and how important it is, particularly for a historical novel, to be as accurate as possible.

The Third Form then had another session on how to research smartly on the internet, a reminder on how to use the library, both online resources and books, and how to spot the most reliable sources of information.

Dr Potter gave the pupils a challenge to write an essay, answering a question that they could choose, from a list provided by departments, ranging from Climate Change to Leonardo da Vinci, whether Humans Possess Free Will, to Robotics and many more. The next two lessons were then dedicated to researching, planning, writing the essay, and adding in their sources of information in a bibliography at the end.

Each essay was sent to be marked by the Department

that set their question, and the one with the best effort gained a small prize. The ones that gained the best marks were judged by Dr Potter for the overall winner and they were given the overall prize of a Commendation or a Bene.

Commendations go to the following pupils for their essays:

Niamh Gilmore (Cheshire), **Tomisin Ibitoye** (Chandos) and **Paul Ostroverhy** (Chandos) - 'Do human beings possess free will?'

Harrison Newman (Winton), **Nada Shamsuddin** (Cheshire) and **Sebastian Hughes** (Grenville) - 'Is climate change a real emergency?'

Arabella Williams (Stanhope) - 'Was Leonardo da Vinci more of a scientist than an artist?'

Freddie Boardman (Chatham) - 'To what extent did the ancient Greeks and/or the Romans shape the modern world?'

Grace Nasmyth (Queen's) - 'Are villains more interesting than heroes?'

Kaito Mbanefo (Grenville) - 'The future of artificial intelligence and its specific use in robotics'

Sofia Comino (Stanhope) - 'What are the benefits of learning a foreign language?'

The overall winner of the competition this year is **Flora Peppiatt** (Queen's), who will receive a Bene for her essay on the title, 'In a multi-cultural society, is there enough diversity on TV?'

Lyn Foden, School Librarian

CAREERS Woodhead Award

As this year's winner of the Woodhead Award, I would like share my experience with any aspiring scientists and medics to hopefully encourage them to apply for this outstanding opportunity next year.

The Woodhead Award is a constructive way to reflect on completed work placements while simultaneously gaining first-hand interview experience. This has proven to be extremely useful in appreciating the work experience I have done and extracting the vital lessons I have learned from it.

Working in A&E in South Africa at the height of a pandemic came with a handful of unique experiences which I was able to discuss with the Woodhead Family. I also shared my personal insight into the effect of

Covid-19 on a hospital setting as well as talking through the areas of medicine in which I am passionate about.

In addition, correctly preparing and getting into the right headspace for interviews is a vital skill for future university applications, and is one of the many lessons I have learned from the interview process.

The Woodhead Award is a competition which I strongly encourage younger pupils to apply for, not only for the opportunity to prepare for university applications, but to fully appreciate, and get the most from your completed work experience.

Teagan Ralph (Upper Sixth, West)

Tré Ventour Talk

On the evening of Monday 15 November, local writer, poet, journalist and Black History and Race Educator, Tré Ventour, gave a talk in the Ugland Auditorium.

Tré completed a Masters in Race Education and Decolonial Thought. His dissertation study was a critical race theory response to the First World War, namely the UK 1919 riots and how schools and other education providers may more appropriately teach the role of black soldiers and service people during that conflict.

During his talk, Tré applied a racialised lens to two of Jane Austen's literary works, Mansfield Park and Sanditon, particularly in relation to how Black and Brown readers may see these texts.

The talk was a fascinating and thought-provoking listen for all who attended, and we give huge thanks to Tré for his time.

To find out more about Tré, and the work he does, visit his [website](#) here.



TOBY MICHAEL

Introspections of an Englishman

Toby Michael Exhibition

Old Stoic and Sky Portrait of the Year award winner, Toby Michael (Temple 15) kicked off this year's season of exhibitions with his dramatic oil paintings. From self-portraits to self-promoting politicians, Toby's work nods to the work of Singer Sargent and Carravaggio to create dramatic, theatrical empty space from which the protagonist can emerge.

We look forward to welcoming Toby back to give some portrait painting tutorials to our Lower Sixth in the Lent Term.

Daniel Scott, Head of Art



During the week of 1 November, the BBC Radio 1's Minute of Me was once again back. They handed individuals the microphone, to give them the opportunity to have their voice heard for 60 seconds on National radio this time, to share their feelings on the Environment. It's one of the biggest topics of discussion and they wanted to hear from young people across the world.

Broadcasting the minutes on the hour, every hour, it was a chance to listen to young people sharing their thoughts.

Stoic Ele Blane (Upper Sixth, Queen's) used this opportunity to talk about her role as a Stowe School Climate Ambassador, our recent Schools' Climate Action Day and her optimism about the positive change that young people can make.

You can listen back to Ele's Minute of Me, which was live on Radio 1 on Friday 5 November at 12 noon on the @bbcounds app.

Languages Society

On Wednesday 3 November, the Languages Society "International Food and Drink" event took place. The members of the Society had an opportunity to try food and drinks from different countries. From French madeleines to German chocolates, Spanish and Italian wines to Irn Bru, Danish liquorice to Austrian waffles, the trick was not to try everything all at once! Everyone seemed delighted to be able to sample so many different tastes and get to know different cultures through their gastronomy.

Varvara Rumyantseva (Upper Sixth, West)



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