

Old Stoic Olympic Selection

Old Stoic James Rudkin (Walpole 12), made time during his busy rowing training camp in Lake Como, Italy, to talk to Stowemail about being selected for the Great Britain Men's Eight (M8+) team which will compete in next month's Tokyo Olympics.



Your Father coaches rowing at Stowe, was it his influence that got you into rowing?

Yes, my Dad (Andrew Rudkin) was a really good rower when he was younger, and he still rows now. He coached me, has inspired me and got me into the sport. I've taken from him the enjoyment of the sport; I'm where I am because I love rowing, I don't ever feel bored, I love every minute of it, even the bad bits are awesome, they just make me want to come back stronger and perform better.

What sports did you do at Stowe?

My parents encouraged me to do sport alongside my schoolwork. They didn't want me to be inside all day and encouraged me to be active. I tried and played lots of different sports. I found hockey good fun but was awful at it; I was too tall (I'm 6ft 6") and I was scared of being hit by the ball!

I was pretty good at rugby and played quite a lot, but when I got to the Sixth Form, I whittled it down to rowing as the one sport that I decided to take more seriously.

What have you been doing since Stowe?

I went to Newcastle University and studied Politics and History as an undergraduate, then stayed to do a Masters in History. Since then I've been rowing full-time!

What is your training schedule like?

It's very full on! Training begins around 7am with the first session, which is around a 90-minute row on the lake. We start early as the weather is generally calmer on the water at this time. A 90-minute gym weights session follows, before a second breakfast, then I'll do another weights session before lunch. Finally, it's one more row of about 90-minutes (either on the water or on the Ergo in the gym), finishing the day around 4pm. We train seven days a week, although we get half days on a Wednesday and Saturday. I won't have a full day off without any training, prior to the Olympics.

Is it hard to spend so much time with the same people?

Thankfully, all my teammates and the squad get on well. Several of them were guys that I rowed with when I was a junior, in fact, one of the crew, I did my first GB international race with when I was 17!

We're very lucky that we have a group that is very cohesive and everyone gets on really well. If you are having problems, you have to get them out in the open and deal with them.

How do you feel physically at the end of the race?

The race is about five and a half minutes long. By the time you cross the line, you can't breathe, your legs are just burning and you can't really move your arms and fingers properly, because they're all cramped up. The relief of crossing the line is incredible, because you don't have to keep going anymore!

What are you looking forward to most about the Olympics?

Obviously, the racing is going to be awesome; doing everything to put out my best performance and see what happens. I know we have the capability to win (and it would be amazing if we can do that), but the main thing I want is to feel that we've achieved the best we can, whatever the result.

Tell us about the announcement that you'd been selected for the Olympics

Due to Covid-19 there have been two announcements; I was selected last year in March, lockdown happened and the Olympics were postponed. That was pretty bad as I had worked for four years to get to that position. I had finally got there and the games were cancelled. It meant I had to reset and go again, to try and be better next time. I set myself small goals; the Olympics is a massive goal, but you can't get there without taking smaller steps and achieving those along the way. After the second announcement this year, it felt like my selection last year was vindicated. Being selected was just the start though, it's now about making myself better than I was at the time of selection, and getting to the start line in a better place.

Do you see yourself staying in sport after you retire from professional rowing?

I'll always be active and take part in sport, but I don't think I want it to be my entire life. I feel very lucky to have gained an excellent education at Stowe and then attend a good university. I've been very fortunate to acquire these extra skills and qualifications and I'd like to use them.

Three words to sum up your time at Stowe?

Inspiring. I definitely think the House, grounds and the architecture are amazing and inspiring. It was one of the reasons my parents picked Stowe.

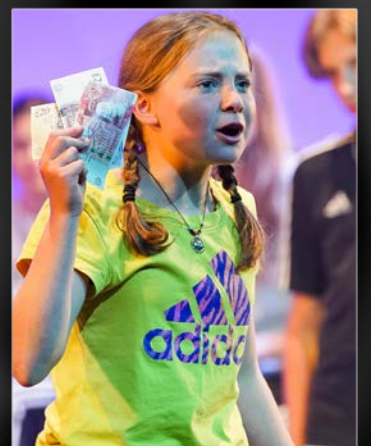
Challenging. I was challenged by my teachers, especially as I went through the School. I had a really good Economics teacher, Kevin Reiss, who had previously taught at Oxford. When I got a decent mark in an exam or assessment, he wouldn't be happy with it, saying "You're better than that" followed by "Here's how we're going to work to make you better" and I ended up achieving an A in Economics.

Supportive. The Head was always extremely supportive. Not many pupils rowed, and he could have easily not given me the freedom that I needed to progress; to have a day off to be able to race, or go to a trial, or he could have persuaded me to play another sport. My Houseparent could also have pushed me into playing House Rugby more but both the Head and my Houseparent said that rowing "Is clearly something you really want to do and could be quite good at, so we're going to give you the freedom to do it". That support was invaluable.



JUNIOR CONGREVE 2021

SHAKESPEARE'S THE MERCHANT OF VENICE



The Merchant of Venice by William Shakespeare is, though written hundreds of years ago, still shockingly relevant to our current world and the societies within it. Director Rebecca Clark and the Junior Congreve expertly navigated the extreme themes of racism, sexism and religious prejudice as they transported the audience to a lively and modern Venice stuffed with money, revenge, and romance.

The actors put on a fantastic performance and delighted the auditorium with the unexpected from cartwheels, skateboarding and dance routines. Miss Clark gave this Shakespeare comedy a contemporary twist while maintaining classical language and bringing focus to the key speeches.

The staging was minimal; an impressive graffiti covered skate ramp sat in the centre of the stage, bright orange Nike boxes adorned the set some stacked high and others piled in a mass near the rear. Pastel colour hues lit every scene as if Vince is in a perpetual Summer dawn. Silhouetted actors move across the stage, speakers blast upbeat pop music, what seems to be a friendly day at the skatepark erupts into a violent outburst. The juxtaposition of the soft lightening and dark shadows reminded us this tale also has a tragic slide.

A firm and feisty friendship between Bassanio and Antonio was well constructed by Oliver Lane (Fourth Form, Temple) and Oliver Jenden (Fourth Form, Chatham) from their first scene their bromance seems genuine and set the tone for Bassanio's passion and outrage over the collection of Antonio's debt, so wonderful expressed by Oliver Lane in later scenes.

I delighted in my introduction to the quick witted and wealthy Portia (Jemima Pearson-Gee, Fourth Form, Nugent) and her handmaids Nerissa (Lily-Ann Moon, Fourth Form, Nugent) and Maria (Sophia Beglin, Fourth Form, Nugent) the comfort in which the girls spoke in Shakespearean English was impressive and their excitement while discussing suitors was contagious. Pearson-Gee dominated scenes with vocal strength and sophistication while subtly including the wit and spunk of Portia.

James Smith (Fourth Form, Winton) dazzled as Gratiano the boisterous sidekick to Bassanio. Smith's pacing and articulation was on point throughout his entire performance.

The cast as a whole was fully committed to their characters and worked seamlessly together to provide a captivating and powerful piece of theatre. Annie Flint as Salarino (Fourth Form, Queen's), Jasmine Sakyama (Fourth Form, Cheshire), Lancelet Gobbo and Finley Simpson (Fourth Form, Grenville) as Solanio seemed to relish in their roles.

Shakespeare's The Merchant of Venice is a difficult play to navigate, and the production shifted from the funny to the harassment in a gradual arc. The production challenged us to look into ourselves and question our own sense of justice, sympathy, compassion and mercy. Long after you leave the theatre, Shylock's (Jasper Calkin, Fourth Form, Cobham) words hunt your thoughts, "if you prick us do we not bleed?" and leaves us asking, has humanity not come as far as we thought?

**Andrea Westmoreland,
Lyttelton Assistant Houseparent**



Dining Room Ceiling Revealed

The Stowe House Preservation Trust is delighted to end the School year with the completion of the first phase, in the long-awaited restoration of the Dining Room. After a conservation programme lasting six months, the ceiling was unveiled on Friday 30 June, two days ahead of schedule. Work began in January with a full condition survey to confirm the scope and estimated costs of the project. The conservation team started work by repairing flaking paintwork, so that subsequent cleaning did not damage any fragile original material. With the painted decoration secure, the whole ceiling was cleaned with a 5% ammonium citrate solution, gently removing years of accumulated grease and dirt. By mid-February, the surface was already looking better but there were substantial areas of damaged paint and many surface cracks that required filling. The large octagonal paintings and the smaller inset decorative panels were all removed for cleaning, which enabled a check of the underlying structure. We also wanted to be sure that the original octagonal paintings, replaced in 1817 by those we now see, had not survived under the surface! A layer of 'isolating varnish' was applied before repairs and redecoration, so that the original surface and paints were preserved and that any work completed could be reversed if necessary. The result has exceeded expectations, reflecting the skills of our main contractor, Messenger BCR and their sub-contractor, Chroma Conservation and completed within budget.

Work will resume in 2022 with the restoration of woodwork, completion of services upgrades and preparation of the walls to receive replicas of the original chimney pieces and tapestries, depicting classical deities that graced the walls before the 1848 sale.

SHPT is a separate charity responsible for the restoration and maintenance of Stowe House and for presenting it to the public. We depend on donations to fund our restoration work; to find out more or to support our fundraising effort, please visit our website, www.stowehouse.org.uk

Nick Morris, Chief Executive Officer
(Stowe House Preservation Trust)



#BackingNoah

Painting Auction

Keith Jansz has very generously offered his painting of 'Sports Day at Stowe' to auction for the #BackingNoah campaign. The canvas measures 12" x 24" and the reserve price has been set at £400. If you would like to make a bid, please email stowemail@stowe.co.uk by Friday 9 July.

The winner will be informed on Monday 12 June.

Read more about Keith Jansz [here](#).



#BackingNoah

Noah Cosby is still very much at the forefront of everyone's minds at Stowe and various fundraising events for the #BackingNoah campaign have taken place over the past few weeks.



Non-school uniform day or "Home Clothes Day" was originally planned to benefit the Amnesty International organisation. However, the Head made the decision to put the funds towards the #BackingNoah campaign and an impressive £1,690.81 was raised.



Varvara Rumyantseva (Lower Sixth, West) and Cordelia Supple (Lower Sixth, West) organised and ran a refreshments stall at Sports Day on Friday 28 May and raised £625.

£200,000

At the Service@Stowe end of year Village Fete, on Friday 2 July, a booth collecting loose change and cash which pupils found whilst packing up their dormitories, was added to the fundraising total.

£151,122

Our thanks to pupils from across The Stowe Group who organised events and those who participated and donated, every penny counts. The total raised by these events is an amazing £7,589.40.

At the time of writing, the current total for the #BackingNoah Campaign stands at £151,122 and further donations can be made [here](#).

Silent Disco

Temple House raised over £4,000 for the rehabilitation fund for Noah Cosby at a very successful silent disco for the whole School last week. For Covid-19 security, the School was split into year groups, with the dancing taking place in the Temple and Music Rooms with the Temple Sixth Form DJs situated in the Marble Hall. The Fourth Form and Sixth Form in particular, enjoyed the evening in large numbers with Abba songs being the favourite choice to sing along to!

My thanks go to the Catering and House Staff for their assistance in getting the State Rooms ready and for returning them back to their usual status, in time for Sunday morning breakfast.

Noah came into School a few weeks back for the House photograph and enjoyed seeing his friends for a few hours. Plans are afoot for his return to School in September.

Brian Hart, Temple Houseparent

Swanborne House non-uniform day

Swanbourne House held a non-uniform day and took a reflective walk around the grounds. The day coincided with the Top Year Leavers camp being held at Stowe, so those pupils took part in a walk around Stowe grounds. A fantastic £1,131.89 was raised on the day.



Lemonade Sale

On Saturday 19 June, Isla Corthine (daughter of Fiona & Richard Corthine) and her best friend Alice Crabb, both Year Four pupils at Winchester House, raised £141.70 from the sale of homemade lemonade and cookies.



STOWE OSCARS 2021

The Stowe Oscars were awarded to pupils in Upper Sixth for their contributions to the coursework element of either their Film A/S or Media Communication BTEC on Friday 11 June.

This year, they took place following a very engaging talk from Film Producer, Peter Czernin of Blueprint Productions and a screening of one of his most impressive films, *Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri* (Martin McDonagh, 2017) starring Hollywood Oscar (as opposed to Stowe Oscar) winner Frances McDormand. His company has also made (amongst others) *In Bruges*, *A Boy Called Christmas* and *The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel* and they are currently putting the finishing touches on a new Netflix funded TV production of *Lady Chatterley's Lover*, directed by Deniz Erguven, who also made the acclaimed film *Mustang* (a Film Studies A Level set text that pupils will be studying next year).

Mr Czernin spoke about the trials of film production; the processes a script has to go through before it is finally realised on screen and the changing face of the film industry post-Covid-19.

Then, after a slap-up pizza supper in the Music Room, and a palpable sense of tension, the winners of the Stowe Oscars were announced. These were presented by Mr Czernin.

Film pupil Greta Burnell, (Lower Sixth, Queen's) who organised the talk, is to be thanked for inviting such a winning and engaging speaker to Stowe and, whilst some of the 25 or so Film and Media Stoics who attended the event may have gone home empty-handed, they all went away inspired.

**Andrew Webber, English,
Film and Media Teacher**

The winners were:

Best individual Unit for Media

- Katie Beaton (Upper Sixth, Queen's)

Best Overall performance in Media

- Freddie Manners (Upper Sixth, Grenville)

Best film

- Charly Tyson (Upper Sixth, West)

Best Cinematography

- Felicity Holmes (Upper Sixth, West)

Best Editing and Sound

- Celest Lamberti (Upper Sixth, Stanhope)

Best Screenplay

- Marlow Turner (Upper Sixth, Cobham)

Best storyboard

- Harriet Page (Upper Sixth, Stanhope)

Archaeology at Stowe



Those who have been able to visit Stowe recently, may have noticed trenches being dug on the Bourbon, outside Grafton and even on the South Front. The work of the archaeologists has ranged from exploratory digs related to planning applications, such as the new Bourbon Golf Club House, to exciting investigations into the nature and location of the lost Temple of Modern Virtue in the Gardens.

In the Summer Term, the History Society were delighted to hear from one of the Principal Archaeologists, Stephen Wass. Using his excellent communication skills as a former Headteacher and the obvious enthusiasm he has for his profession, Stephen gave us an exciting insight into the world of Archaeology. With many other such events moved online or cancelled in recent months, it was also exciting to see a return to a live academic talk.

Stephen initially spoke about archaeology broadly, saying that many (if not all) of the claims made about the discipline in film are actually true. He noted the foreign travel, the thrill of making a find and even the danger of excavating in difficult locations. The reality of the patience required and wading through mud in less glamorous locations, was also eloquently explored.

He illustrated the work completed at Stowe, with very recent finds, including a prehistoric hand-axe (possibly from the Mesolithic period) a bottle of late-Victorian anchovy sauce (from which the smell of anchovies was still strong) and a tea-cup; probably owned by one of the higher-ranking servants at Stowe in the 1760s. Stephen ended his talk with his hopes for possible future work at Stowe, which will no doubt help us continue to improve our understanding of the historic environment in which we live and work.

For some Stoics considering archaeology at university, the talk was a perfect insight and some will hope to follow this up with work experience. For the rest of us who prefer our history a little less muddy, the talk brought alive the many layers of the past lying beneath our feet, all from the comfort of the Uglend Auditorium with no mud or spades in sight.

Paul Griffin, Faculty Chair, Humanities



Stowe Medics

This has been an incredibly busy year for the Stowe Medics. From Oxbridge offers to workshops and online conferences, the pupils have been pushed and pulled, tried and tested, and they have succeeded. We are immensely proud of our Upper Sixth successful applicants, following a turbulent year of online tests and interviews, as well as unprecedented high entry requirements. Our congratulations on their successful university offers go to:

Peter Springall (Upper Sixth, Winton): Keble College, Oxford

Keira West (Upper Sixth, West): Anglia Ruskin

Barnaby Peppiatt (Upper Sixth, Chatham): Southampton

Grace Patterson (Upper Sixth, Cheshire): Queen Mary University of London, Nottingham, Brighton and Sussex

Rosia Li (Upper Sixth, Stanhope): Cambridge, Trinity Hall, Imperial College London, King's College London and UCL

Since joining as the new Head of Medical Admissions, it has been a pleasure working with these pupils, from writing personal statements, UCAT, BMAT, additional medical science tutorials and interview preparation with the Stowe Team and external schools. They have worked tirelessly with a sheer determination that must be applauded and admired. Recently, they passed on their words of wisdom in the hindsight of experience, to our Lower Sixth hopefuls, who were extremely grateful for their advice.

The Lower Sixth have enjoyed a year of online and in-person support and development. We began with an introduction to medicine lecture and talks from Leicester Medical School followed by Old Stoic Nigel Rossiter (Cobham 81) and his son passing on their wisdom, quips and experiences at St George's and Buckingham Medical Schools. This year has been challenging for the Lower Sixth, but we have developed their knowledge far beyond the specification by learning to read and analyse scientific papers on Covid-19. We have simulated university-style learning with the introduction to problem-based learning, which many medical schools now blend with more traditional lectures to develop their students' knowledge and skills.

This year saw Stowe's first online Medical Conference, organised in conjunction with MedLink, one of the country's top pre-med course providers. We were staggered by the response, with over 3,000 attendees from all corners of the world including the USA, Philippines, Singapore, Hong Kong, Indonesia and India amongst others. We were able to share our experience and expertise alongside members of the Royal Colleges, to support pupils from all backgrounds on their medical journeys.

It is easy to give a round-up from a teacher's point of view, what is more important is the growth and experiences of our pupils. So, I would like to leave you with the experiences of one of our Lower Sixth aspiring medics.

"As an aspiring medic in the middle of a global pandemic, the journey towards medicine has had some significant changes compared to previous years. With Covid-19 restrictions in place, I have focussed on external reading, research and using online resources to gain a broader knowledge of the medical field. I completed the Brighton and Sussex virtual work experience at the beginning of the year, which proved to be useful in covering many specialities and valued characteristics in the field. Along with online resources, I dedicated my time to external research of my EPQ, on the experimental treatment of OCD and related topics. Midway through the year, I managed to secure A&E work experience in my home country, South Africa, where I was able to, not only gain insight into several specialities and administration positions, but receive first-hand experience of the effect of Covid-19 on a hospital setting. During Medics' Society, we have had in depth discussions about medical ethics and completed independent research topics, mine being on Epilepsy. We are currently writing personal statements and preparing for UCAT and BMAT tests to be taken at the end of Summer. Later in the year, we will be completing final drafts and preparing for interviews, which will hopefully put us in an advantageous position for applications." Teagan Ralph (Lower Sixth, West)

To those leaving this year, I wish them the best of luck in the next stage of their journey. We hope you return soon and share your experiences and knowledge with the next generation of Stoic Medics. To those thinking this may be their field, please come and talk to me, Mr Tearle, or any of our aspiring medics. We wish you a safe, restful and joyous Summer break.

Jess Reinhold, Head of Medical Admissions



Change 100

Change 100 has enjoyed an exciting year and we are looking forward to the first recipients joining the School in September. To celebrate we are hosting 'Change 100 Day' on the last day of term. The day will include guest speakers, Ray Lewis, Founder of the Eastside Young Leaders' Academy, Olympic Bronze Medallist Marilyn Okoro (Lyttelton 02), and Liberty King (Nugent 13) who features in the [Change 100 video](#).

The afternoon will feature a Colour Run, starting and finishing on the North Front. The Third, Fourth and Lower Sixth will run around the Bursar's field, passing through five stations where coloured powder will be thrown, giving everyone a multicoloured makeover. We hope this will bring a kaleidoscope of fun and joy before the Summer holidays start for us all.

For more information, including the latest fundraising tally for Change 100, please take a moment to read the Third Edition of the [Change 100 Bulletin](#).

Colin Dudgeon, Director of Strategic Development and Fundraising



Celebrating 25 Years at Stowe

Mrs Tracy Jones (Teacher of French and Nugent Houseparent) and Mr Craig Sutton (Director of Sport and Teacher of Sport Science) were celebrated in this week's Staff Break Meeting, as both marked 25 years of teaching at Stowe!



THIRD FORM FILM-MAKING PROJECT

The last week of term proved to be an extremely busy period for the Film Team here at Stowe, which coordinated (with the help of over 20 brave teachers) a three-day film-making workshop, for the entire Third Form, as part of the end of year Change Maker week.

Ms Ackroyd, Ms Eisenhut and Dr Webber, organised the sessions which required the Third Form pupils to make a trailer for an imaginary "up-dating" of a children's classic. These included Peter Pan, Cinderella and Little Red Riding Hood. After a day spent planning, scriptwriting, storyboarding and rehearsing with their supervising teachers, they were then filmed at various locations throughout the School (including the Head's study - The Gothic Library), and finally edited with Sixth Form Film and Media pupils support on the Wednesday morning.

Each group was given a few basic props and costumes and a children's version of the tale they were adapting. The idea was that they would film several scenes from their imaginary modern version of the story, using the illustrated books for guidance, whilst adhering to some of the codes and conventions of film trailers. To make the task even more challenging, each group had a number of shot types they needed to try and include too.

The finished results were then screened to the cohort on in the afternoon and votes were cast for the best production.

The two Runners Up (Alice in Horror Land and Sleeping Fooksie) and Final Winner (Red and The

Wolf) were announced at a presentation in The Chapel and Oscars duly awarded to the best filmmakers: Frederica Hodges (Queen's), Gene Qiu (Chandos), George Smith (Winton), Nicole Yonan (Stanhope), Gilbert Xu (Chandos), Robert Layter (Chatham), Grace Huang (Lyttelton), Grace Reilly (Cheshire), Gwen Grovit (Nugent) and Gwilym Dickinson (Grenville).

Head of Film, Ms Ackroyd, who devised the project said, "It was an entertaining way to extend the Third Form pupils' horizons and support them as "Change Makers". They had to work in teams, master new technology, think in creative ways and meet deadlines. Thanks are due to all those teachers who really did support their groups during the three days. It was an exhausting but satisfying way to finish a very hectic term."

Ms Westmoreland, a Teacher Supervisor (who even went so far as to organise a "wrap party" for her Alice in Wonderland team) added, "I was impressed by the initiative and creativity of my group. They were engaged and worked cooperatively throughout."

And Aurea Parsons (Cheshire), who took part in the project and played both The Queen of Hearts AND the Cheshire Cat said, "It was fun, everyone contributed ideas and worked together well."

There are already plans to repeat the project again next year, once everyone involved has had a chance to recover from all the excitement.

Andrew Webber, English, Film and Media Teacher





ICAEW

Reaching the final of the ICAEW Base Competition

The BASE competition by ICAEW (Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales) is a national business and finance competition for 16-17 year-olds across the UK. A team consisting of three girls, Katie Gibbs (Lower Sixth, West), Daryna Tsvykh (Lower Sixth, West), and Yuxinzi Xu (Lower Sixth, West), reached the National Final to compete against 550 schools from all across the country.

We chose our team based on various factors. We thought we would work well as a team, in addition to the range of knowledge we have from our various A Levels. We have Politics, Philosophy and Religion, Economics, Computer Science, Science, Maths and Business. This helped us bring different points of view from the subjects we are good at and helped us to reach educated solutions to problems.

The first round of the competition entailed completing two different sections. Part one was an interactive game, that put us in the position of an ICAEW accountant and we had to work as a team to complete the challenges given to us. This section was quite tricky due to lockdown as we could not meet in person, and with two members of our team being international, we had to compensate for the issues raised by different time zones. It was a difficult challenge to overcome, but overall, we feel that it helped build our communication and time management skills.

Once we had completed part one of the first round, it was onto the second, which consisted of creating a presentation. We were given an information pack with three possible options our business could take, and had to create a five-minute presentation, in which we assessed the three options and selected the one that we felt would be the best. We produced a list of pros and cons for each, and made a PowerPoint presentation detailing our conclusions. We then recorded and submitted it.

We were informed, that as a team, we had reached the National Finals and given in-depth feedback from our presentation in a report, which highlighted that creative and critical analysis skills were our main strengths. Out of 550 schools and over 5,000 students, our team reached the Final. Even though we did not win the overall competition, we are proud to have reached the Nationals. This was a wonderful team-building experience, and we valued working with students from different academic disciplines.

Katie Gibbs (Lower Sixth, West)

Careers

Careers Talk: Financial literacy and independence for the Upper Sixth

Jo Baldwin, a Financial Advisor, delivered an outstanding presentation to the Upper Sixth Form pupils aimed at supporting a better understanding of financial independence, in preparation for leaving school. The Money+ series, focuses on financial information needed to survive at university and how issues could affect your financial life in the future. The Upper Sixth were guided through the maze of personal and student finance, money saving ideas and spent extended time taking advice on different aspects of budgeting and planning. Jo has also kindly offered to support the Lower Sixth Careers and Higher Education Week at the end of term.

Useful links from the talk include: [Student Finance gov.uk](#), [Money Saving Expert](#) and [Quidco](#).

Gordon West, Head of Careers

STUDENT LOANS

How much will you pay back each month?

Employee Payslip	
FULL NAME: John Smith	
NI NUMBER: JF0000000F	
PAYMENT	AMOUNT
Gross Annual	£27000.00
Monthly	£2250.00
DEDUCTIONS	
Income Tax	£252.20
National Insurance	£185.76
Student Loan Repayment	£15.00
Total Deductions	£452.96
Tax Code	NET PAY
1100L	£1797.04

£27,000

Pay back **£15.00** monthly

Annual Salary	Monthly Repayments
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£29,500	£33
£33,000	£60
£37,000	£90



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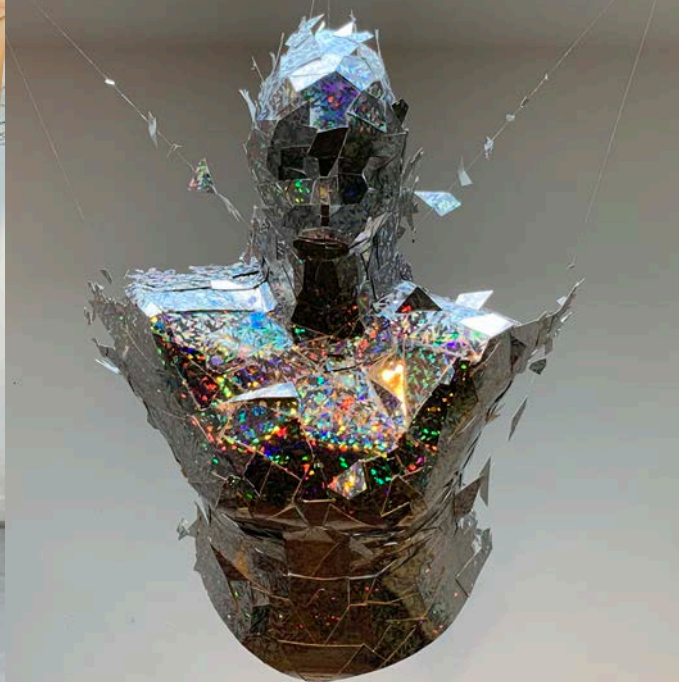
On Tuesday 15 June, Mr Gupta and Miss Shah took their Sixth Form tutees to Milton Keynes for a highly competitive game of bowling. The first few throws left a lot to be desired, but the majority of the boys quickly improved their technique, seeing their scores jump up rapidly!

Matteo Panghurz (Upper Sixth, Chandos), bowled four spares in a row, with several strikes also being attained by Griffin Mills (Upper Sixth, Chandos). Despite their solid efforts though, none were able to match the bowling prowess of Mr Gupta, who was the clear winner of the evening.

The most interesting bowling technique was demonstrated by Joshua Farchie (Upper Sixth, Temple) who not only had to rely upon the bumpers being utilised but also opted to roll the ball from ground level, rather than throw it! Although unsuccessful, it certainly provided some good entertainment for the evening. The game was followed by some well-deserved food from Nando's and McDonald's before the boys returned to House, ready to finish the term on a high. We do hope that next year we will be able to undertake a greater number of Tutor socials as the Covid-19 restrictions begin to lift.

Fran Shah, Head of International Pupils

STOWE ART EXHIBITION



ART EXHIBITION

GCSE Fifth Form and Upper Sixth A Level Art pupils defied the turbulence of multiple lockdowns and the pandemic, by each resolving their coursework, with a final piece of work brought together in an end of year Summer Exhibition.

The artwork evidenced the ever-increasing diversity and ambition of Stowe Art pupils as they explore their own individual thematic subject matter and interpretations. Amongst the exhibiting work were Lower Sixth landscape and large-scale expressive portrait paintings.

The 2021 exhibition truly embraced every possible form of media and art-form, from large scale oil paintings, film animations, sculptural and video installations to screen printing, photography, textiles, sculpture and more.

Congratulations to all the Stoics who have worked hard to produce physical artwork that made this exhibition possible and enjoyable for all those who visited.

PRE A LEVEL

Pupils had a week to visually research and then produce two collaborative pieces of work responding to the sculpture and architecture at Stowe.

Stoics explored what Classicism is and the Neo-Classical style found at Stowe through photographs and expressive observational studies of statues in the main Mansion.

The project encapsulated some of the key principles that will be developed further at A Level such as risk-taking and exploring more unorthodox and adventurous forms of art through creative approaches.

Chris Grimble, Art Department



ARTS AWARD



Friday 18 June was Arts Award Day and Artist Daniel Morgenstern came to Stowe to hold a workshop with the Fourth Form Arts Award pupils. Daniel is an experienced Illustrator and Graphic Designer with a highly skilled and original approach. He specialises in collage-style portraits and looked back at a successful career in the publishing industry, including regular commissions for a variety of magazines and newspapers such as The New Yorker, The Wall Street Journal and The Independent, to name just a few.

The workshop started with Daniel giving valuable insights into the world of a professional illustrator, demonstrating to the Stoics the importance of perseverance and integrity in the art world. After viewing some of his original artwork, the pupils embarked on creating their own collage portraits with valuable advice and input from Daniel.

The pupils collaborated on some projects and produced a fantastic variety of creative artwork. To push their artistic palette further, Daniel then introduced them to his other passion - graphic design. He encouraged the pupils to digitalise their artwork and to use their technological know-how and imagination to take their artwork to the next level.

The Stoics experienced a day full of creativity and collaboration: "I don't normally do art like this and I found it really interesting to learn about and take part in:"

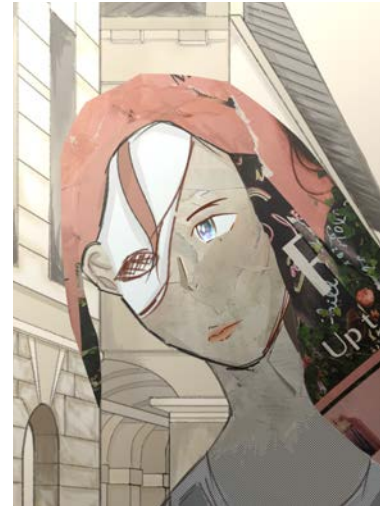
Sophie Lloyd (Fourth Form, Nugent). Jemima Pearson-Gee (Fourth Form, Nugent) commented about the experience, "I found today intriguing and different. It helped me to go outside my comfort zone and discover different abstract features of modern-day art."

A big thank you also to Laura Parker, for running a fun-filled workshop on Saturday 19 June, focused on art in the context of well-being and nature. The Stoics enjoyed a day packed with group activities both inside as well as out in the grounds. They ended the day creating a wide variety of beautiful pieces inspired by nature and well-being, including songs, poems and drawings.

As much creativity and artistic development as these workshops brought to the Arts Award pupils, we now look forward to being able to take Stoics out on trips again in the Autumn and to experience the arts in other environments, be it exhibitions, theatres, workshops or other events.

I want to finish by sending a big congratulations to last years Fifth Form Arts Award cohort, who have finally received confirmation of successfully achieving the Arts Award Bronze Level, after their projects were delayed by the pandemic: Arman Choudhury (Bruce), Charlie Cole (Walpole), Ruby Cooke (Lyttelton), Ruairi Massie (Walpole), Imogen Taylor (Nugent), Henry Thornton-Izzard (Winton) and Leia West (Queen's).

Sandra Wheeler, Head of Arts Award

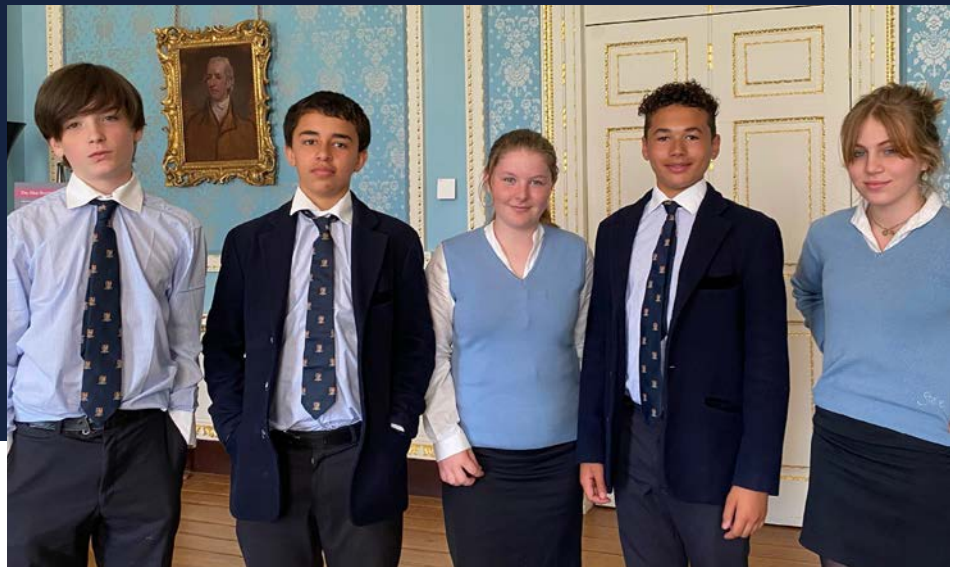


National Reading Challenge Quiz

Beatrice Floyd (Third Form, Queen's), Rosie Blythe (Third Form, Nugent), James Paterson-Brown (Third Form, Bruce), Rafe Stone (Third Form, Grafton) and Romayo Seaton (Third Form, Grenville), took part in the National Reading Challenge Quiz, North London Regional Heat on Wednesday 9 June.

The quiz was a virtual event, which challenged pupils' knowledge of Children's and Young Adult Literature. The Regional Heat consisted of 41 schools, so it was a tough competition but our team did great and had immense fun taking part. We are looking forward to participating again next year.

Lucinda Stockley, Library Assistant





CCF

CCF Fourth Form Tough Mudder Competition

After a decent drenching on Friday 18 June, the Fourth Form Cadets and CCF Staff were delighted to see the back of a month's rainfall in one day, and wake up to a glorious grey, cool and overcast day.

Army, RAF and RN Fourth Form Cadets took part in a multi-activity day, centred around the new CCF Tough Mudder Competition. (Alas, algae in the Lake denied us entry, so it just became Tough!).

The event consisted of an Air Rifle Target Sprint, testing running endurance and shooting skills, with a quick 500m best effort run, 10 heart racing, rifle barrel rising rounds at the target and another 500m dash in relays. Archery accuracy was tested next, with stand-out archery skills coming from George Whowell (Fourth Form, Bruce) and Stanislava Tokareva (Fourth Form, Stanhope). Next was a callisthenic warm up before the Double Obstacle Course Delight team effort. It turns out running it twice is quite hard work.

The Tough Mudder tested fitness levels, and there were some impressively strong performances and excellent displays of determination and effort, across the stands.

The other half of the group meanwhile, were introduced to a 'Try Dive' in the School Swimming Pool. The majority had not experienced diving before and it proved very popular, particularly diving through hoops and taking part in underwater frisbee.

Lunchtime change-overs took place and the RAF and RN Cadets, (having taken part in a Try Dive on the April field exercise), were given the challenge of building a land-based raft. The dastardly algae in the Eleven Acre Lake, prevented Cadets testing their raft building, binding and knot skill success on the water. Instead, the unformed sand bagged 'General', was unceremoniously lashed to the barrels and the raft was carried through Stowe grounds by the running Cadets. It was remarked that he was a rather heavy chap.

Congratulations to all Fourth Form Cadets, with special mention to Army Section Three, the overall Tough Mudder Competition Winners, with RN and Army Four Section coming Joint Second, and Army Five Section coming Third. Two intrepid Lower Sixth NCO's, Cdt Sgt Johnny Sutherland (Lower Sixth, Chatham) and Cdt Cpl Alexander Dens (Lower Sixth, Grenville), joined the Target Sprint for a break from exam revision. They tackled an advanced version and both put in a seriously impressive run time and shoot, respectively.

Thanks as ever, to the CCF Officers and Staff who ran the stands, with as much energy and enthusiasm as the Cadets. A great day and welcome break away from the classroom for all.

Lt Colonel Jan de Gale, Contingent Commander, Stowe CCF



Careers

Army Careers Talk - 27 May 2021

On a rather sunny day, Stoics were lucky enough to (virtually) welcome several guest speakers; Mark Harrison, Lt Col. Stanford-Tuck (retired) and Captain Clarke (Cobham 12) to discuss Army careers, the benefits of joining the Army and also the application process involved.

The talk was superb, answering not only questions proposed by myself and Rafi Mahmood (Lower Sixth, Walpole) but it also gave an insightful dive into the various routes of joining the Army, whether that be Gap Year Commissions, Army Scholarships, the officer route before or after university or the soldier route from the age of 16. The Gap Year Commission is the ultimate Try-Before-You-Buy for people who are not sure if the Army is right for them. During the Gap Year Commission, you receive basic training, earn £18,000, receive all the benefits that the Army has to offer, but won't participate in active combat nor do you need to sign up afterwards. For all options, you must have seven GCSEs including English Language, Maths, either Science or a foreign language, grades nine to four, and/or 72 UCAS points, depending on the route you choose. The recruiting process includes the application form, an interview, and a variety of assessments for mental and physical health.

Questions proposed by Rafi and I ranged from inquiring about the many qualifications one might gain from joining, such as apprenticeships or university degrees, to highlights of the guest speakers times within the Army. The talk was fascinating, giving those who listened a very interesting insight into the life as an Army Officer.

A huge thank you must go not only to the Careers Department, Ms Guntner-Jones and Lt Colonel Jan de Gale for organising the talk, but also to all the guest speakers who came in - a fantastic evening all round.

You can find a recording of the talk on the VLE in the Careers section.

Harry Bryant (Lower Sixth, Cobham)



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A year in review

In spite of year of Covid-19 restrictions and lockdowns Stoics have continued to be committed to Service and their desire to have a positive impact on their communities and the world around them.

During Lent Term there was a significant increase in Stoics participation in personal fundraising challenges, tech collection initiatives, donations to food banks and animal shelters and projects supporting the NHS and essential workers.

Over the course of the year Stoics have supported: The Windmill Children's Centre in Milton Keynes, The Getaway Foundation, Brackley Food Bank, Buckingham and Burton Primary Schools, The RSPB, Buckingham Free Meals Program, Stowe National Trust, Buckingham and Winslow Young Carers, local care homes, Amnesty International, Walking Wounded, EACH, Alzheimer's Society, Romania Schools Project, Street Child and the #BackingNoah Campaign.



Visiting Primary Schools - Creative Solutions

Every Thursday afternoon, come rain or shine, the Visiting Primary School programme members travelled to Burton and Buckingham Primary Schools, and took on gardening projects and tree root removal jobs, and painted tables, benches, play equipment and sheds.

Even though the programme members were unable to visit with the primary school pupils and help them with reading and other activities as they had done in previous years, they managed to find a creative solution to keep the connection with the schools and community.

Mrs Ackroyd, Programme Leader said of Eliza Wilson (Lower Sixth, Stanhope) and Sofia Wright (Lower Sixth, Stanhope), "The two girls dug out weeds in the pouring rain, soaked to the skin, without a single complaint."

Mr Richard Paxton who led the painting projects at Buckingham Primary School acknowledged Grace Patterson (Upper Sixth, Cheshire) and Sophia Batey (Upper Sixth, Cheshire) stating that they, "have consistently gone above and beyond. They are always keen, and helped with organising additional events when we couldn't go into schools, being understanding of restrictions and last-minute changes."

The Visiting Primary Schools programme members are looking forward to getting back to visiting with the primary school pupils next term, but should be very proud of all the work they did to brightening up the playgrounds and creating garden space.

Thinking differently about Service



Two new Service projects were introduced to Stoics this year; the Repurpose Project and the Climate Action Group. With the temporary closing of charity shops, donations were piling up in the Boarding Houses. Seeing an opportunity and working with the Matrons, the Service@Stowe team collected unclaimed and approved items to be repurposed by the Fashion and Textile activity group led by Miss Trelawny-Vernon. The project is in its early stages, but we are looking forward to seeing the Stoics' creativity as they transform a discarded item into something new.

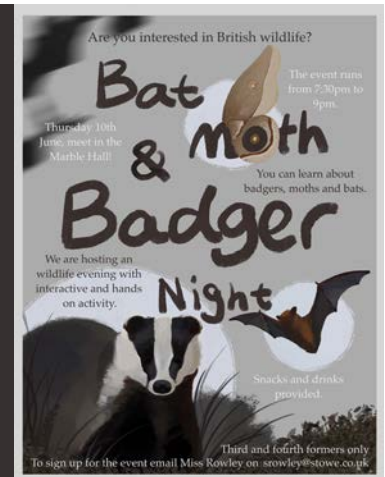
The Climate Action Group, led by Miss Rowley, gives Stoics the opportunity to create activities for Swanbourne School pupils. The activities are designed to encourage discussions around the effects of climate change and to help children better understand their role and responsibility in protecting the planet.

Stoics have met both new Service projects with enthusiasm. If you are interested in learning more about the Service@Stowe programme, please contact **Ms Andrea Westmoreland**.

CONSERVATION SOCIETY - A Wild Night!

On Thursday 10 June the Conservation Society hosted the first ever Stowe Bat, Moths and Badger Wildlife Evening. Conservation Society Members Finley Simpson (Fourth Form, Grenville), Sofia Ptychkina (Third Form, Lyttelton) and Grace Huang (Third Form, Lyttelton) guided by Miss Rowley, organised a fun-filled and interactive evening. Those who attended took part in animal skull identification, watched camera trap footage of badgers, learned how to use a bat detector and identify different species of bats and moths. The students explored the Stowe grounds bat detectors in hand, in an attempt to pick up on any bat activity in the area. They visited a live badger sett and discussed the importance of conservation. Grace Huang enthusiastically said the evening was "Great fun and I really want to host another wildlife evening next term."

Andrea Westmoreland, Service@Stowe





CCF visit to Kempston Outdoor Activity Centre

On Friday 18 June, Stowe CCF Army and RAF Sections, headed down to Kempston Outdoor Activity Centre and got stuck into a range of activities aimed at improving our life skills.

We started our day with a variety of team-building exercises, consisting of getting the whole team through a spiders web, building a structure to hold a melon, and navigating our way through a field of barrels, blindfolded and on wooden planks. This tested our ability to work together and communicate, which are vital for later life.

Next, we moved onto climbing in the indoor climbing centre. We were introduced to climbing with a brilliant instructor, with much experience who has completed many daring challenges of his own. This tested our physical strength and determination, and helped us to encourage our teammates as they battled to the top! The instructor left us with a target to learn five new knots, which many of us will take on, giving us a head start for CCF activities in the future.

Then we were familiarised with willow and taught the skills to make a basket. We were also treated to some hot chocolate (heated with the fire we started) and toasted marshmallows, which were thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

Lastly, we headed down to the river, where we participated in either kayaking, canoeing or paddleboarding. We tried kayaking and some of us found ourselves in the river very quickly on several occasions, let's just say kayaking isn't the sport for us! Luckily, the water seemed to be warmer than the outside temperature, which was a big positive! We enjoyed getting stuck in with races and water polo, which was a new experience for everyone.

The weather, although horrible, did not seem to dampen our spirits and Stoics showed perseverance as we kept up morale. This made for an incredible day, which was very much appreciated, as we know how much work was put in to make it possible.

It was a great day and we are both very glad to have been a part of it.

Alice Bryant (Fourth Form, Queen's) and Natalie Nylaende (Fourth Form, Queen's)



Royal Navy Section Activities

On a very wet and windy Friday 18 June, the Royal Navy Section travelled to Chichester Basin and Harbour for a day of kayaking, canoeing and paddleboarding. The Cadets thoroughly enjoyed the day and made the most of the activities in atrocious weather.

The return stop at McDonald's did help the Cadets overcome the worst of the bad weather!

Thanks must also be given to the Royal Navy Adventure Training Team who carried out the activities, controlling and looking after a large group of Cadets in extremely wet and windy conditions.

Lt N Zammit, OIC RN Section





Careers Talk Royal Navy

On Tuesday 25 May, Chris Fearnley, RAF recruiter, held an excellent presentation on careers in the RAF via Microsoft Teams. Even whilst not being at Stowe physically, Chris certainly succeeded in inspiring many Stoics.

During the presentation, we learned about the different careers, 23 apprenticeships, degree sponsorships and other qualifications like Higher National Diplomas the RAF has to offer and about the RAF's entry requirements. You have to meet the health and fitness criteria as well as have GCSE at grade four or above in English, Waths and three other subjects, or two A Levels at grade C or above depending on which route you take. The RAF is also looking for some personal qualities like communications, being able to work in a team, self-confidence and respect to name a few.

At the end of his presentation, Johnny Sutherland (Lower Sixth, Chatham) and I were given the chance to ask him questions about the RAF. Since I am interested in the possibility of joining the RAF in the future, this was the perfect opportunity to ask about the RAF in great detail. We asked him questions ranging from what attracted him to the RAF in particular and what advice he would give his younger self now. Overall, myself and Johnny enjoyed ourselves and we would like to thank Chris again for his time last Tuesday.

You can find a recording of the talk on the VLE in the Careers section.

Thanassi Ghertsos (Lower Sixth, Chandos)

A Chance to say Adiós

The Spanish Department kindly took both the Lower and Upper Sixth pupils on a trip to Stoneleigh Boutique Hotel in Buckingham on Thursday 10 June, to celebrate the end of a busy year for all of the A Level candidates.

Mrs Peña organised an entertaining quiz, providing a great opportunity for the Lower Sixth pupils to revise in a fun way ahead of our end of year exams. The Lower Sixth pupils used the expertise of the Upper Sixth on the film we studied, 'El Laberinto del Fauno', with four teams battling it out to win, with the different themes involved in the film and some interesting general questions about the Hispanic world.

Moreover, it was a final goodbye from all the teachers before the Upper Sixth left Stowe to go onto their exciting futures. We enjoyed afternoon tea with a glass of champagne and took the opportunity to catch up with our peers in a nice sunny garden, speaking in Spanish.

Connie Adams (Lower Sixth, Cheshire)

Stowe Science Review

Learn about critical advancements in medicine, how gene technology might help save humanity, whether humans should leave earth and move out into the universe and so much more in this year's edition of the Stowe Science Review.

Purva Shegunshi (Upper Sixth, Cheshire)

Articles by: Barnaby Peppiatt (Upper Sixth, Chatham), Barney Denison-Pender (Upper Sixth, Cobham), Bella Sawock (Upper Sixth, West), Purva Shegunshi (Upper Sixth, Cheshire) and Rohan Sekri (Walpole 19).

Click [here](#) to read.



Keyboard Showcase Finale

Following on from the performances earlier in the term, the third and final instalment of the Keyboard Showcase Series can be viewed [here](#).

This concert features music written by Chopin, Brahms, Chaminade, Einaudi and more.

Congratulations to all those who took part in this series for their accomplished performances.

Ben Andrew, Head of Keyboard



Cricket

In a midweek fixture on Wednesday 9 June against Magdalen College Oxford, the 1st XI won by six wickets and the next day they beat Oundle by 30 runs.

Well done to the Junior Colts who were crowned as County Champions, beating Chesham Grammar School by 114 runs, on the afternoon of Friday 11 June; We wish them good luck as they progress to the regional rounds.

The block cricket fixture on Saturday 12 June was against Oakham. Our 1st XI again put on another dominant display of batting and bowling, winning by a dramatic nine wickets. Oakham reached 150 all out, with James Cronie (Upper Sixth, Cobham) picking up four wickets. Stowe chased down their total for the loss of just one wicket, with James Cronie scoring 72 and Rhys Jordan (Fifth Form, Bruce) getting 69. Well done also to the Junior Colts B team and the Yearlings C who also got excellent wins.

The 1st XI took on Marlborough at home on Wednesday 16 June. Stowe recorded 244 for 6 from their 40 overs. With a controlled performance in the field, Stowe were always on top and won the match getting Marlborough out for 180.

On Saturday 19 June, four Third Form teams played against Queen Elizabeth School from Barnet, North London. The As and Cs had two good wins, whilst the Bs and Ds had close games, but just lost in the end. Notable batting performances were half centuries for James Bristow (Third Form, Winton) and Huw Wilson (Third Form, Winton).

On the same afternoon the 1st XI played Bradfield on the North Front. After a solid start Stowe were cruising at 40 for no loss of wickets, but then an uncharacteristic and rather dramatic collapse saw the whole team out for 85. With such a small total to defend the team faced their biggest challenge of the season. The Stowe team's response was dramatic as they showed real grit and competitiveness, proving utterly unwilling to accept defeat and loose their unbeaten record. Wilf Pickard (Fourth Form, Cobham)

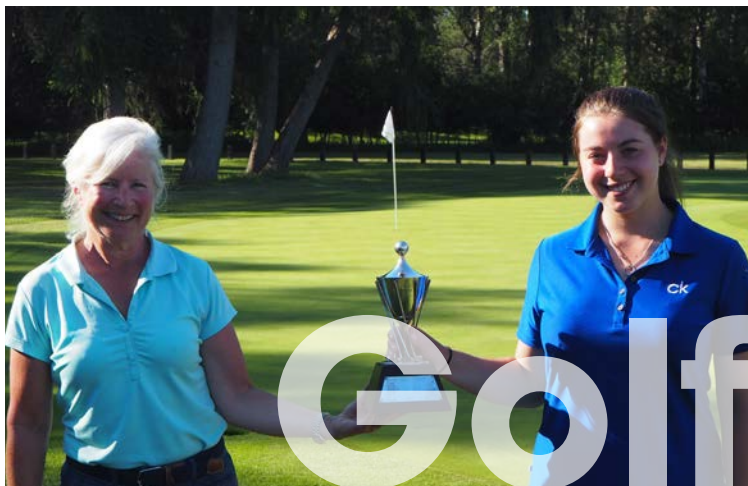
and Rhys Noble (Upper Sixth, Chandos) in particular bowled beautifully and the nail-biting game finished with a Stowe victory as we got them all out for 71!

Stowe then played Repton in the National T20 on Monday 21 June, winning by six wickets, thanks to commanding innings from Jack Mercer (Upper Sixth, Grafton), who scored 79 not out in pursuit of 148. Harvey Julian (Fifth Form, Winton) took four wickets to help restrict Repton's scoring. This win meant Stowe qualified for the East Final, which was played away at Felsted (who had the better net run rate) on Wednesday 23 June. Felsted won the toss and batted, but a very disciplined bowling and fielding performance meant the Stowe XI restricted Felsted to just 138 in their twenty overs. This was thanks again to an incredible spell from Harvey Julian who took four for 16 in his four overs. Aadi Sharma (Fourth Form, Winton) and Rhys Noble opened the batting and got the innings off to the perfect start with 48 runs in the powerplay. They extended this partnership until Noble was caught at mid-wicket, but Stowe didn't lose another wicket and Aadi Sharma finished 75 not out, to see us home.

This meant Stowe were winners of the East and had a trophy for their efforts, but it also meant they had to travel the next day to Malvern who had won the West region. This proved a game too far with Stowe bowled out cheaply in response to Malvern's 165's. It was a disappointing defeat that also ended the teams 17 match unbeaten run, but they should be proud of getting that far in the competition - last eight in the country. Malvern went on to win the competition.

On Saturday 26 June Stowe played Berkhamsted and Stowe amassed 250 runs thanks to a century for Rhys Noble. Rhys has been in fine form all season and this century was thoroughly deserved. In reply Berkhamsted got stuck in their reply and the game ended in a dull draw with them finishing on 174 for 4. Aadi Sharma was the pick of the bowlers with three wickets.

James Knott, Director of Cricket



Chanel Fontaine-Geary

Chanel (Fifth Form, Queen's) has now been accepted as a full member of the "Ladies Access Series" which sits underneath the main Ladies European Tour and works as a feeder to the LET. The professional golfers often take part in the Access Series tournaments, as it helps to prepare them for upcoming important LET Tournaments.

Chanel is an amateur on the Access Series and for her, over the next year or two, it will be like serving a Golf Apprenticeship, working and training under the expert guidance of Stowe's PGA Professional, Andrew Hancox, before hopefully joining the LET as a full-time professional golfer.

English U18 Golf Championship

On Friday 25 June, Max Faulkner (Lower Sixth, Temple) and Edward Davis (Fifth Form, Bruce) were flying the flag for Stowe Golf as they qualified to compete in the inaugural English U18 Golf Championship at Farnham Golf Course. The event is a new initiative with England Golf, offering places to the top 66 boys and 66 girls in the country. Edward Davis played some very good golf to record a top 20 finish in the event - many congratulations to him.

Andrew Hancox, Head of Golf

Equestrian



GB Junior

Following Els Simpson (Fourth Form, Queen's) and her horse Galinka VDL's success at the 2* International Show (European Viewing Trials) at Chard at the beginning of May, where they were clear and placed in the 1.40m Speed Class, they had a last-minute entry (the evening before) for the 2* Keysoe International Show near Bedford.

Els jumped in the 1.40m class on the Thursday with just a pole down before a perfect clear round in the 1.45m Speed Class on the Friday coming a credible 15th place. This was the biggest course they had competed in so far.

This gave her the confidence to declare for the main class of the Show (with a £31,000 prize fund), the 2* Grand Prix on Saturday 12 June. The fences were the biggest that she and Galinka had faced at 1.50m and they were up against some of the top professional riders in the UK, Ireland and the continent who were chasing the prize money.

The course was not only big but technically difficult. Out of 60 entries only nine jumped clear to enter the jump off. Els and Galinka jumped brilliantly, just having a back pole down on the third from home, of the 15 elements.

As a result, Els and Galinka have been shortlisted to represent the GB Junior Team (14-18 year olds) at the European Championships being held in Vilamoura, Portugal in July 2021, Congratulations to both!

Sophie Rickner, Queen's Houseparent



Half Term Success

Well done to Rupert King (Third Form, Chandos) who competed in Unaffiliated Show Jumping at Wickstead at Half Term and came 2nd in the 90-95cm and 5th in the 100-105cm.

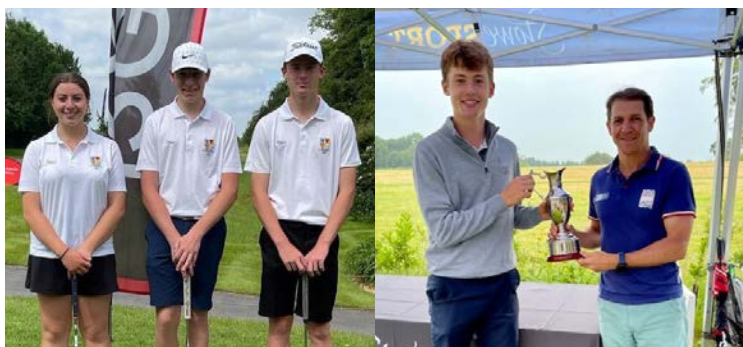
**Anthony Ashfield,
Chandos Houseparent**



School Equestrian Games

Congratulations go to Araminta Spencer-Churchill (Third Form, Stanhope) who took part in the School Equestrian Games (SEG) championship one day event at Swailcliffe on Sunday 27 June. Araminta was placed 9th with a dressage score of 34.75, 4 faults in the show jumping and a clear cross-country round.

**Angela Haycock,
Equestrian Centre Manager**



The Laddie Lucas Trophy

The Laddie Lucas Trophy is the premier Inter-School Golf Competition for Stoics and is named after the highly distinguished Old Stoic golfer, Percy Lucas (Grenville 34), perhaps better known as "Laddie" Lucas. Laddie was widely regarded as Britain's finest left-handed amateur golfer and represented GB&I in The Walker Cup, whilst still a pupil at Stowe.

On Thursday 17 June, the Stowe Golf Course was set up as a tough but fair test of golf, and Edward Davis (Fifth Form, Bruce) recorded the winning gross score of 73 to be crowned as Stowe's Champion Golfer of the year. Many congratulations to Edward for holding off a very strong field of Stoic golfers. This year's runner-up and winner of the silver salver was Elliot Strickland (Fourth Form, Greenville), who recorded a gross score of 75. The winner of the nett prize, which takes a golfer's handicap into consideration, was Jamie Bryden (Third Form, Winton), who recorded a nett score of 69. The runner-up in the nett competition was George Smith, who recorded a nett score of 71.

The Gerald Micklem Trophy

The Gerald Micklem Trophy is a traditional and extremely prestigious, invitational scratch match play Golf Tournament contested every year between eight of the top golfing public Schools in the UK. This year due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the event was staged at Sunningdale Golf Club and Stowe's team of Max Faulkner (Lower Sixth, Temple), Edward Davis, (Fifth Form, Bruce) Chanel Fontaine-Geary (Fifth Form, Queen's), Elliot Strickland (Fourth Form, Greenville) and Miles Dickinson (Fourth Form, Greenville) comfortably progressed to the final, having defeated a strong Winchester College. Unfortunately, despite our best efforts, we couldn't quite bring the trophy home as we narrowly lost 3-2 against Harrow in the Final.

Edward, Chanel and Miles played some excellent golf throughout the event and must be commended for such consistent match play golf.

Andrew Hancox, Head of Golf

Golf

ISGA National Schools' Finals Championship

Following victories in the Regional knock out stages against St Edwards' and Harrow, Stowe qualified for the ISGA National Finals, which were held at Worsley Park, Manchester, on Tuesday 15 June. At the National Finals, Stowe's team of Max Faulkner (Lower Sixth, Temple), Edward Davis (Fifth Form, Bruce) and Chanel Fontaine-Geary (Fifth Form, Queen's) recorded a fifth place finish out of 18 schools in the team event. This performance officially crowned Stowe as the fifth best golfing school in the UK. In the individual event, Chanel Fontaine-Geary carded a very impressive one under par gross score, to finish third out of a total of 54 competitors. This is the first time ever, that Stowe Golf has reached the National Finals so many congratulations to Max, Edward, Chanel and Mr Andrew Hancox for all of his expert PGA coaching and guidance.



The Return of Polo Against Radley

It was absolutely perfect conditions for Stowe's first polo match in over a year on Thursday 10 June. The A team, Captained by Rafi Mahmood (Lower Sixth, Walpole) had Lucas Stern (Fourth Form, Grenville), Luca Natella (Third Form, Cobham) and Archie Heseltine (Third Form, Cobham) playing together for the first time. They were up against a very strong Radley team, but quickly scored four goals in the first two chukkas; Luca Natella was on fire! Some amazing team work and strong instructions from Lucas Stern, who held the team together and were the winners finishing 6-5.

The B team Captained by Freddie Farrell (Fifth Form, Grenville) with Muhammed Murtala (Lower Sixth, Bruce), Jemima Hammond (Fourth Form, Nugent) and Bear Hewlett (Third Form, Cobham) had a tough match; Muhammed Murtala fought like his life depended on it, and Freddie scored a goal but sadly they lost 5-1.

An excellent match dedicated to Edward Bush. India Baillee was sorely missed in our B team.

Success against Eton

On Thursday 24 June afternoon we took A and B teams to face Eton in our last game of the year. The A team captained by Henry Hobby (Upper Sixth, Chatham) (his last ever match for Stowe) with Rafi Mahmood, Lucas Stern and Luca Natella played a fierce and fast match. Eton were starting with a two goal head start due to our teams slightly higher handicap but that meant nothing to the mighty Stowe team, who dug deep and didn't let Eton score a single goal! Everyone in the team scored at least two goals and we won with a final score of 10-2! The B team captained by Archie Hestletine, with Jemima Hammond, Muhammed Murtala and Bear Hewlett ploughed through the Eton defence going on to win 9-1!

Fiona Cortine, Head of Polo

Rowing

After a super start to rowing in the Summer term, with lots of Stoics trying rowing for the first time, in perfect weather on the beautiful 11 Acre Lake, the second half of term has been more challenging.

On the return from Half Term we were greeted with the news that as blue-green algae is suspected in the lake, it is now out-of-bounds. The Stoics have continued with some enthusiastic land training, and occasional Thursday afternoon trips to the splendid lake at Hollowell for the Lower Sixth rowers. Unfortunately, in the end, our rowers were not available for Marlow Regatta at Dorney. It may be that some manage to attend club rowing in the holidays.

Next Term, we have Milton Keynes Regatta (Saturday 18 September) and Henley Sculls (Saturday 6 November) pencilled into the calendar and both should be good events for us. Last year we were not able to use the 11 Acre Lake again, due to the algae, until November. So for next term we are exploring re-starting rowing on waters we have used in the past, such as the River Nene in Northampton and Great Moor, near Buckingham.

Andrew Rudkin, Rowing Coach

Sailing

Well done to Poppy Goaman (Lower Sixth, Lyttelton) who races a very fast type of catamaran called a Dart 18. She competed in the South West Championships, coming an excellent second place overall. She was also first in the youth Dart 18 category and first in the National Grand Prix Handicap.



New Captains

The 1st team rugby and hockey Captains have been appointed for the 2021-2022 season. Sabyn Maude (Lower Sixth, Lyttelton) has been appointed as the 1st XI Girls' Hockey Captain and Jack Simpson (Lower Sixth, Chandos) has been appointed as the 1st XV Rugby Captain.

ATHLETICS

Over 40 athletes travelled to Marlborough College on Saturday 12 June, where the Stoics competed against Sherborne, Clifton, St Edward's, Bishop Wordsworth, St Paul's and Canford.

There were several individual winners of events and the highlights came in the relays where Stowe romped home to record victory in the Junior girls, Junior boys and Inter boys. Overall, the Junior, Inter and Senior girls all came second. The Junior boys came third, Inter boys came second and Senior boys came fifth.

On Thursday 24 June, the Stowe Inters (mixture of Third and Fourth Form) boys' and girls' teams travelled to Stantonbury for the County Track & Field Cup. There were eight schools in attendance and Stowe had several individual winners during the day including Jojo Parker (Third Form, Cheshire) in the 200m, Mila Ratcliff (Third Form, Queen's) in the hurdles, Lucas Stern (Fourth Form, Grenville) in the 200m and Harvey Poole (Fourth Form, Winton) in the 800m. The day was rounded off in style as the boys 4x100m relay stormed home to win by 40m to conclude a very successful day for the Stowe athletes. We are thrilled to announce that the Stowe U15 Girls are the Bucks County Champions! The Boys U15 came third in Bucks.

Grant Seely, Head of Athletics

Tennis

Since Half Term, Tennis has continued with its ups and downs on the fixture front with only two out of the three matches being able to be played.

On Saturday 12 June, our Junior boys proved too strong for Bedford as the Yearlings A & B and the Junior Colts A & B teams, all won comfortably. Our Senior mixed-teams took on Bloxham and two teams returned with 7-2 and 9-0 wins, with Archie Burnet (Lower Sixth, Grafton) and Otilie Hewlett (Lower Sixth, Nugent) leading the way. Also on the same afternoon, three Senior girls travelled to Oundle. We had two close losses and a draw. Isabella Lloyd (Lower Sixth, Nugent) and Eliza Percy (Upper Sixth, Queen's), again won all their sets, which means they have completed their season with dropping a single set!

14 teams played against Rugby School on Saturday 26 June. Rugby came out on top by a narrow margin in the Seniors, but well done in particular to the Third and Fourth Form girls' teams who between them won 51 out of the 61 sets played, with six teams winning their matches comfortably. The Third Form boys' A team also had a good win.

Junior tennis has had one of its best seasons for a while, with very few defeats. It is worth noting that the following teams finished the season unbeaten, so congratulations to the Girls' U15A, B & C and Girls' U14B, C & D teams. The U15D and U14A team only had one defeat and the Junior boys have also had a good run since

Half Term. For their commitment throughout the season and being unbeaten this Summer Term, half colours were awarded to Fourth Formers Annie Flint (Queen's), Ruby Colebrook (Queen's), Claire Kepner (Stanhope), Aurora Flanagan (Stanhope), Lottie Moffat (Nugent) and Milly Robertson (Queen's) from the U15A team.

At Senior level, there have been mixed results but the teams have always given their all. We were able to put out more teams than expected due to the higher numbers of players in the Lower Sixth, and the season finished off with four mixed-teams taking on Rugby at Stowe. Although the results did not go our way, with Rugby coming out on top by a narrow margin, there was some exceptionally high-level tennis. Tennis colours were awarded Eliza Percy, Isabella Lloyd, Willa Hodson (Upper Sixth, Queen's) and Imogen Bewes (Upper Sixth, Queen's).

In the Junior boys' Inter-House Final, before Half Term, congratulations go to Cobham, who beat Grafton in the Final.

Finally, back in 2019, Eliza Percy, Imogen Bewes, Luciana Butler (Upper Sixth, Queen's), Willa Hodson and Niamh Dudgeon (Upper Sixth, Queen's) started a UKCC Level One coaching course.

Unfortunately, the pandemic put the course on hold, but nearly two years later they have completed the qualification and all passed. This now allows them to take a Level Two Coaching Qualification in any other sport they choose.

John Skinner, Head of Tennis

OPEN MIC PICNIC



The Music School lawn during the Summer months is a delightful setting and on Sunday 13 June, this natural amphitheatre was the perfect backdrop to the Open Mic picnic. We have had many such nights previously, but moving the event outdoors created a welcoming and informal atmosphere that inspired confidence in many of the young Stoic performers, a couple of whom had never sung in front of an audience before.

It was great to hear a song from our outgoing Head Girl, Mimi Pearson-Gee (Upper Sixth, Nugent) who also accompanied her sister Jemima (Fourth Form, Nugent). There were excellent performances from over a dozen singers and songwriters, and it is so encouraging to see real talent emerging in the Third and Fourth Form year groups. We plan to repeat the event next year so watch this space and do come along to support.

Miles Nottage, Head of Rock, Pop and Jazz



Leavers' Sports Festival

As part of the Upper Sixth Enabling Futures week the Sports Department held a Leavers' Sports Festival to give our sporting stars a final opportunity to represent Stowe together. Bloxham School and Magdalen College School, Oxford, came over to play a series of fun but competitive matches in sports including girls', boys' and mixed hockey, volleyball, football, netball, tennis and touch rugby.

A BBQ lunch and 'social' added to the festival feel. The day was a great success, and it was a fitting way to say farewell and thank you to all those who have contributed to Stowe Sport over their five years.

Craig Sutton, Director of Sport



Sixth Form Visit to Curwen Print Study Centre

Lila Rothery (Upper Sixth, Lyttelton), Wednesday Zhu (Lower Sixth, West), Jet West (Lower Sixth, Stanhope) and Skye Leather (Lower Sixth, West) joined Curwen Tutors for four days of Fine Art Printmaking. They worked with specialist Tutors in Silk Screen Printing, Photo Lithography, Dry Point, Woodcut and used the Offset Lithography Press to create large Monoprints, producing some amazing pieces of work to a large size, which is not always possible in class.

Lorraine Chitson, Centre Director was very impressed with the pupils' eagerness to experiment and because of this, their work evolved considerably during the four-day bursary. She commented further on how well-organised they were and showed great persistence and patience when faced with challenges.

After returning to Stowe, Jet West gave an overview of the trip: "We intended to build our portfolios and create practical work exploring our A Level theme of 'identities'. We all had very different ideas for our projects: Skye was focusing on exploring Classical sculpture, Jet; the ancient traditions of the Celtic afterlife, Lila; the concept of fallen angels and Wednesday on illusion.

Due to the variety of topics, we used a wide range of printing techniques to achieve the required effect for our print, whether that be intending to create tone, layering, pattern, or line. We experimented with screen and mono printing, offset lithography, dry point etching and solar plate printing.

Our days started early and began by playing around with concepts for a print, and gathering photos and resources. Most days we each worked individually, lost in our train of creativity and exploration, however, it was so inspiring and motivating to be working with and learning from dedicated art students, as well as with guidance of the Curwen Technicians. During our lunch break we discussed our ideas and the printing processes we experimented with and felt refreshed and inspired for a productive afternoon. Exhausted yet satisfied with our busy day, we headed back to our hotel in Cambridge, before exploring the beautiful streets of the city."

Click [here](#) to read the full history of the Centre.

Daniel Scott, Head of Art



EPQ

Late June/early July brings to a close the end of this year's Extended Project Qualification cycle for the majority of Lower Sixth. Once again, myself and the other EPQ supervisors have been extremely impressed with the quality of the work produced and the new academic skills learnt and honed over the past 10 months.

This year has been particularly rich for high-quality artefacts: fashion used to send a political message, creation of a surfboard, direction and production of a play and a set design for the play 'Amadeus,' to name but a few. The EPQ pupils should be incredibly proud of all their efforts and I am looking forward to lots of pupils achieving very high grades. Well done!

Mike Rickner, Assistant Deputy Head

RADIO SHOW

Welcome Back!

I am very pleased to bring you the latest edition of the Bruce Radio show with Araan Sobhan (Fourth Form, Bruce). This particular show is an exciting one, as it showcases several of the wonderful musical talents we currently have at Stowe, alongside Old Stoic musicians and bands. You can listen to the show [here](#).

A big thank you to Mr Weston who helped to collate the following playlist for this **particular show**. For anyone interested in getting involved in producing a Stowe Radio show next term, do let me know and keep an eye out for it appearing on your activity choices.

Philip Arnold, Bruce Houseparent

The Rise of the Stowe Gym Legends

In January 2020 lists were placed on the gym wall with the aim of incentivising the 1st XV rugby squad to improve themselves physically for the season ahead. At that point there was a solitary name in one of the columns, little did I know the impact this would have on the culture within our humble School gym. Tucked away at the back of the Drayson is a place that many Stoics and Staff rarely find themselves, however this is where many pupils have made their home over the past two years, at least.

Lifting weights has endless benefits to physical and mental health, well-being, sports performance and longevity.

As well as the Fifth and Sixth Form years putting the time in at the gym, the Junior Performance Programme (Sports Awards holders) meet once a week to develop the knowledge, understanding and techniques in lifting safely and effectively. Lulu Goaman (Third Form, Lyttelton) and Isobel Cox (Third Form, Cheshire) showed incredible potential during these sessions and have been practicing the art of Olympic weightlifting; an incredibly difficult and skilful practice. Both Lulu and Isobel have managed to clean their own bodyweight which is an incredible achievement for two young athletes, and it directly correlates to their incredible performances on the athletics track and in the swimming pool respectively.

Mathis Blandin (Upper Sixth, Winton) has also taken to Olympic weightlifting and has turned out to be somewhat of a natural. Having started properly honing his technique at the beginning of this academic year he is now able to clean 1.5x his own bodyweight (120kg). As well as being extremely powerful, he is strong and aerobically talented and I am in no doubt that if he continues to practice and improve this art form we could be seeing a lot more of him in the future, either on a lifting platform or somewhere like the CrossFit Games. The Upper Sixth contingent of Liam Finn, Jacob Ford-Langstaff, Sam Morten and William Wright complete the 'Winton House Strength Empire'. All joining as part of the new Day House at the end of 2019, somewhat smaller than you see them now.

The Upper Sixth of Bruce House comes in a close second on the strength roster, led by the imposing Udo Ekpecham who was the first to deadlift 200kg. Logan Brown, Tomi Akinyemi, Xav Treacher, Tom May and Henry Goodwin-Hudson (Lower Sixth), all finding themselves in the 100kg Bench Club.

Aston Rigol (Fourth Form, Chatham), is the youngest member of the current Legends, in Fourth Form a bench press of over 100kg is quite simply astonishing, if he continues along these lines he has the potential to be an incredible powerlifter.

Moving into the Fifth Form, there are two pupils, Will Plessis (Fifth Form, Grenville) and Archie McParland (Fifth Form, Temple), both currently part of the Northampton Saints Academy, have achieved a double bodyweight squat. Within elite adult rugby this would place you in the strong category, something some senior rugby players may never achieve, so at 16-years old this is an incredible achievement.

There has been an incredible increase in the number of girls coming to the gym regularly, proving that it is a misnomer that girls cannot be strong, elegant, athletic and downright awesome. No-one represents this more accurately than Clara Tearle (Lower Sixth, Queen's) and Savannah King (Lower

Sixth, Stanhope). Next seasons 1st XI hockey team are also ones to watch as they have gone from strength to strength, attending strength and conditioning sessions for the past year and embodying what it is to be skilful and powerful in exacting measure.

Special mentions go to Will Bursnall (Upper Sixth, Grafton) who has kept myself and other members of Staff company, until the minute the gym is due to close, in order to pack in as many reps as possible. No one has put in more hours in the gym than him over the past five years and his motivational playlists will be missed as he leaves at the end of the Summer term. Griffin Mills (Upper Sixth, Chandos) was a late entry to the wonders of throwing bits of iron around but safe to say he is quite the aficionado now, ending the year with a 105kg bench press is something to be especially proud of.

Finally, this brings us to a person who exemplifies what it takes to be a great powerlifter. His dedication to the art of picking heavy things up is unrivalled here at Stowe and I hope that one day he is able to prove himself on a grander stage. Philipp Benedic (Lower Sixth, Bruce) is the only pupil to find himself in every Legend column and ends Lower Sixth with; 125kg Bench Press, 190kg Squat and a 240kg Deadlift. At 89kg when these loads are normalised for bodyweight this equates to 1.4, 2.1 & 2.7 times his bodyweight respectively. This is a show of strength that would put him at the top of most school gym leader boards and he does so with a quiet and gentle demeanour. Spend five minutes talking with Philipp and you will understand why he is so passionate about lifting and I would encourage any young pupil to seek him out and ask him for some tips on lifting weights.

I couldn't be prouder of the achievements of these individuals, and there are many others that have also made huge improvements over the past 12 months that have not quite made these benchmarks, but I have no doubt will do so soon. As with anything, time, effort and consistency are required to be great and it is my sincerest hope that the culture that has blossomed through this most difficult of years, continues to flourish in the future.

George Coote, Head of Athletic Development



Equestrian



Bo Jenkins (Lower Sixth, Stanhope) joined us at the Equestrian Centre as a Third Former in September 2017, using the riding school facilities to develop her equitation skills. Bo proved to be a gutsy rider, happy to get on any horse we had available. Her enthusiasm with the horses led to her staying after her lesson, assisting with cleaning out the stables, grooming and any other task we could find for her to complete. It reminded me of myself as a youngster, being at the stables all day long just to be close to a horse; I'm sure some of you will recall that feeling.

In September 2018, Bo's parents purchased her a green, four-year-old Irish sports horse called Alfie. Bo became a first-time horse owner, a livery and a "true teenager" all at the same time; what could possibly go wrong with any of these combinations! I won't embarrass Bo with some of the stories, but our favourite has to be Bo going off on a hack on the Stowe Estate and Alfie returning to the livery yard without her! I think to say Alfie wasn't the easiest of youngsters would be fair, he had boisterous behaviour shown when trying to load him into a horsebox, and breaking rails around the arena. Bo persevered and would research feeds, supplements and training techniques to see if an answer could be found. As "horsey" people, we all know that sometimes perseverance, positivity and patience is all that is needed.

The next chapter begins with Lockdown. Fit horses, bored and frustrated pupils, and an Equestrian Manager that thinks online dressage could be fun. Bo rose to the challenge

taking it all very seriously. Suddenly that extra effort started to pay off, and the rosettes came in. Winning an unaffiliated preliminary dressage now wasn't good enough, so Bo moved the goal post to the next level. The rosettes continued to come in, with the Novice classes, along with a Most Improved Rider award.

Bo and Alfie enjoyed their showjumping and had regular lessons. I then encouraged Bo to take the next step and go out and compete for the School in a British Showjumping 'Just for Schools' Qualifier. The 80cm class was entered as a warm-up, before the 90cm. "Treat it as a schooling round" I said when she entered the ring. Bo and Alfie jumped clear. We had a little pep talk in the warm-up, ready for the next class, the 90cm. Bo and Alfie's start was delayed as the surface was being levelled, and we hoped this wouldn't upset the flow of concentration. Eventually, the round started and when they jumped the last fence, having gone clear, the Stowe Equestrian Team started to cheer! It wasn't until we returned home that we discovered that Bo and Alfie had come second in the 80cm class and first in the 90cm class, a fantastic achievement!

We are now so excited for this combination of horse and rider. The roller-coaster years are hopefully behind, and I don't think it will be long before we see them in a 1.10m or even 1.20m qualifier. This demonstrates that perseverance, positivity and patience do pay off. Well done Bo and Alfie!

Angela Haycock, Equestrian Centre Manager

Run for Alzheimer's

My great-grandmother suffered with Alzheimer's and I've heard of many of my friends who have also had experience of this awful disease, so I wanted to do something to support and raise money. I saw the challenge on Strava and my Mum and I decided to take part by running 100 Miles in 30 days.

In total, we raised just under £900 for the Alzheimer's Society and we are both grateful for all of the donations from friends and family.

Jess Foxwell (Lower Sixth, Lyttelton)





MUSIC End of Term Concerts

After many long months spent being deprived of live music, Stowe musicians made a triumphant return to the stage of the Ugland Auditorium for two end of term concerts.

On Wednesday 23 June, the Stowe Chapel Choir was joined by members of the Stowe Festival Orchestra for a rousing rendition of Vivaldi's jubilant 'Gloria'. The choir was ably directed by Choral Director Jonathan Kingston and featured sublime solo numbers from Jemima Pearson-Gee (Fourth Form, Nugent), Poppy Baker (Upper Sixth, Cheshire), and Mimi Pearson-Gee (Upper Sixth, Nugent). In addition to our professional string players, our very own Katie Potts (Head of Instrumental Studies) and Danny Mills (Trumpet Teacher) added extra finesse to an already stylish performance.

In addition to the Vivaldi, the concert featured two of Stowe's elite Music Scholar's giving concerto performances. Jessica Foxwell (Upper Sixth, Lyttelton) delivered a tantalisingly virtuoso rendition of Mercadante's rarely heard 'Flute Concerto in E minor'. Jess demonstrated superb skill as she guided her way through this incredibly complex score. Audrey Au (Upper Sixth, Lyttelton) followed this with a spectacular interpretation of Mozart's 'Violin Concerto No. 3 in G major'. Audrey captured the stylistic features of Mozart's writing with great maturity and illustrated her exceptional control over the instrument.

In the style of London buses, having waited so long for one concert, the penultimate week of term also saw a second significant event take place in the Ugland Auditorium. We were treated to an entertaining and polished performance of Saint-Saëns 'Carnival of the Animals'. This item, put together and directed by Head of Keyboard Ben Andrew, saw many of our finest pianists join forces with the Stowe School Orchestra as they navigated their way through the unusual and light-hearted score. Movements were interspersed with poems provided as part of the score, engagingly read by Dr Webber.

The concert also featured impressive solo offerings by Rosia Li (Upper Sixth, Stanhope), Sophia Southwick (Lower Sixth, Nugent), and Audrey Au (Upper Sixth, Lyttelton) who not only gave an impassioned account of the first movement of 'Brahms' Violin Sonata in G major', but also performed 'Spring from The Four Seasons' by Antonio Vivaldi, for which she was sensitively accompanied by Stowe School string players.

As we reach the conclusion of this most challenging of academic years, we are all hopeful for a greater return of all the most-treasured parts of life, whether that be sport, drama, or music. We very much look forward to welcoming many more of you back to the Ugland Auditorium from September and wish you a wonderful Summer break!

Craig Greene, Director of Music



STOWE 1's Mini Adventure

For the past few weeks the Design and Technology teachers Mr Whitby, Mr Quinn and Mr Williams, and pupils Barnaby Titmus Mather (Third Form, Cobham), Vinci San Bonifacio (Fourth Form, Chatham) and Max Cowper-Hart (Fourth Form, Chatham) have been restoring the Stowe 1 Mini.

So far they have taken off the bonnet and front grill to see the components of the engine and have fixed a leaking fuel pipe on the bottom of the car. They fixed the pipe by jacking the car up and putting a stand underneath. The left wheel was taken off whilst Vinci looked underneath to see the damage with a light.

Once they found out what screw they needed to use to get the bolt out, they removed the pipe and added a new one to the bottom of the car. After this, they put petrol into the Mini to see if the car would run. A few attempts later, and with some battery power from Mr Quinn's car, they got it running, the next step is to take the engine out!

Please check out our DT socials by clicking these links.

**Barnaby Titmus Mather
(Third Form, Cobham)**





CCF UPPER SIXTH NCOs REGIMENTAL DINNER

Stowe Upper Sixth Form Cadet NCOs, Officers, CCF Staff and guests, gathered on the low sunlit steps for pre-dinner drinks, with the backdrop scene of Stowe's stunning North Front and the gentle sound of Summer cricket practice in the background, before dinner which was held in the splendid Blue Room.

Our thanks go to our wonderful Catering and House Teams, who laid the tables beautifully and served us in style, very much in line with the feel of a formal Regimental Dinner. Jonathan Kingston and Sebastian Foxwell (Lower Sixth, Walpole) played the sprightly Post Horn Gallop with precision and dexterity, accompanying us as we processed into dinner. Our chefs excelled, and treated us with three skillfully cooked and delicately presented, delicious courses.

Our Guest Speaker, Captain Sebastian Clarke 4 RIFLES (Cobham 12) came to talk about some of the best qualities of a leader he has observed during his service in the Rifles. He referred, in particular, to leadership experience gained during an operational tour in Afghanistan, where he overlaid his theoretical leadership knowledge onto the gritty, practical, messy reality of an operational tour. He went on to describe an incident where he learned the importance of

"speaking truth to power" and described how crucial it is to explain to your team why actions are to be carried out; to be authentic to who you are. He also stressed the importance of getting to know each person in your team and genuinely caring about them and their needs.

Much of what Sebastian said echoed what is taught both in CCF and through the CCF-run Institute of Leadership and Management (Level Three) Elective. Hearing from a different perspective gave it salient weight, every person in the room related to his honest and inspiring words.

CSM Bursnall ably performed his duties of President of the Mess Committee (PMC), assisted by Cpl. Oscar Watson as Mr Vice, (the Junior Subaltern equivalent) as Loyal Toasts to our Sovereign, Her Majesty the Queen, were raised.

The evening was the first occasion since March 2020 that it has been possible to hold a formal dinner at Stowe. After such an unusual year, the NCOs were delighted to have an occasion to dress up in black tie and thoroughly enjoyed their introduction to a formal military dinner. As ever, each NCO rose to the formality of the occasion and was engaging and charming. We, in turn, were delighted to be able to lay on such an occasion for our NCOs and wish them well, in an exciting new chapter in their lives.

**Lt Colonel Jan de Gale,
Contingent Commander, Stowe CCF**



PHSE WORKSHOPS

In the first week of June, Lower Sixth pupils enjoyed PSHE workshops, with the girls welcoming Andy Williams, a former Policeman who now coaches self-defence. In this interactive workshop, Andy taught them personal safety and self-defence skills and by popular request, he will be back next term for a workshop with the boys.

Stuart Keen, the PSHE lead at Dr Challoner's Grammar School, spoke to the boys about their use of language, lad culture and consent. He is an excellent speaker who kept his audience enthralled throughout. The year group also enjoyed an engaging talk on addiction from a former high flier within the music industry.



The Upper Sixth have also enjoyed talks in their final week at Stowe from Rachel Findler, a former extreme sports athlete who overcame a debilitating illness to establish herself in another career; Rick Findler, a war photographer who explained the stories and challenges behind his photos and Dr Charlie Easman, who spoke about Mental Health Awareness at university.

Liz Huxley Capurro, Head of PSHE

The Berlin Marathon 2021 for Sands

One of the most difficult things for many in the last year, has been a sense of isolation through successive lockdowns. Not just loneliness through lack of social contact, but the frustration of not being able to be there for friends or family when they might have needed us. This feels like a universal experience and beyond the obvious joy of a return to the pub or small dinner parties, it's great to feel like we can be there properly for those around us once again.

This wasn't the case last year when two good friends, Josh and Sophie, had a terrible experience at the height of the first wave. Josh wrote about this in a social media post recently:

"In amongst all the suffering felt by many over these past 12 months, Sophie and I tragically lost our son, Joseph, who was stillborn last August. We had been aware that there were complications ahead of the birth and spent months battling with some of the worst decisions imaginable, as well as a huge amount of grief. Without the support of friends and family, medical professionals, and charities such as Sands, Stillbirth and Neonatal Death Society, I genuinely don't know how we would have coped."

In the wake of these awful events and as we moved toward a second and third lockdown, Josh took up running and decided to complete his first marathon for which he is now training. He plans to raise money for the charity, which had been there to help them at an exceptionally difficult time. This charity exists to support anyone affected by the death of a baby, to improve the bereavement care received by parents and families, and to promote research to reduce the number of babies dying.

If international travel allows, I am going to run the Berlin Marathon with Josh in September and we have the Manchester Marathon booked as a backup too. We are also joined by David, who had openly despised running but has taken to his training with enthusiasm. Having spoken with friends and colleagues about our fundraising efforts, it is striking how many people have had similar experiences to Josh and Sophie. Almost everyone seems to have found it hard not being able to support friends going through hard times as easily as they would have liked.

If any of these themes resonate with you, I would be most grateful for any sponsorship that you feel able to give. We have one generous donor who has agreed to match donations up to £3,000, so anything you can give could be worth double. You can donate [here](#).

If we can run in Berlin, this will take place on Sunday 25 September. As such, I will also be very grateful to Stoics and Staff for their moral support on 26 September as we return to lessons after the Exeat!

Paul Griffin, Faculty Chair, Humanities



Enabling Futures:

STOWE ISLAND DISCS

In their final weeks of term, Upper Sixth Stoics, planning to study English or Media in the future, were given the chance to hear about the university experiences of some of their favourite teachers as part of the English and Film Enabling Futures programme.

Taking the form of a Stowe-Island Discs "chat show," our castaway teachers were asked to talk about a book, film or piece of music that they had encountered at university and to share this with the Upper Sixth Stoics. Interviewing were Ms Eisenhut and Dr Webber.

At the end of the week, Stoics returned the favour and presented their feelings about a film or piece of music, which had affected them whilst studying at School, to a gathering of eager Fourth Formers.

Cosima Prestwich (Upper Sixth, Nugent), spoke eloquently about Supertramp's marvellous 1979 hit 'Breakfast in America' written by former Stowe pupil Roger Hodgson (Grenville 68); Henry Pearson (Upper Sixth, Walpole) introduced pupils to the science fiction drama 'Pacific Rim'; Sebastian Smart (Upper Sixth, Chatham) terrified everyone with the film 'The Conjuring'; Marlow Turner (Upper Sixth, Cobham) shared his enthusiasm for Mark Knopfler's classy guitar playing on the song 'What It Is' and Olivia Omotajo (Upper Sixth, Stanhope) eulogised the Japanese anime 'Little Witch Academia' because of its handling of themes close to her heart.

Cosima summed up the sessions by saying "It's been an exciting process reflecting on the past five years and sharing this with others." So, say we all.

Thanks are particularly due to Ms Eisenhut, who made such a winning replacement for Lauren Laverne throughout the week.

Andrew Webber, English, Film and Media Teacher

Teachers choices:

Mr Parnaby (English Teacher), English - University of York, Book: 'The Fall of the House of Usher' - Poe, Music: 'Constant Elevation' - Gravediggaz, Film: 'Magnum Force' (Post, 1973).

Dr Smith (English A Level Co-ordinator & English teacher), English and Philosophy - University of Wittenberg, Book: 'Ulysses' - James Joyce, Music: 'Ruby My Dear' - Thelonious Monk, Film: 'Fitzcarraldo' (Herzog, 1982).

Mrs Foden (Librarian), Business Diploma - Oxford Business School, Book: 'The Dong with the Luminous Nose' - Edward Lear, Music: 'Zadok the Priest' - Handel, Film: 'Grease' (Kleiser, 1978).

Dr Webber (English and Film Teacher), Film and Literature - University of Warwick, Book: 'Short Cuts' - Raymond Carver, Music: 'Owner of a Lonely Heart - Yes', Film: 'Days of Heaven' (Malick, 1976).

Mr Floyd (Head of Sixth Form), Philosophy, Politics and Economics - Oxford University, Book: 'The Magus' - John Fowles, Music: 'I'm not Always So Stupid' - The Wedding Present, Film: 'Betty Blue' (Beineix, 1984).



NATIONAL TRUST

"Unprecedented" might be a word that has traded novelty for notoriety, but before this crazy academic year had ended, we had the Upper Sixth and Fifth Form opting to stay for a while after their exams, something that has never happened before! And they did have a point: denied a Summer at Stowe in Lower Sixth and with their Fifth Form Summer tainted by real exams, you can see why they might not have been in such a rush to get away as other years. Not wanting either to disappoint this Year's Leavers nor let a pool of talent and ability go untapped, the School dusted off last Year's Enabling Futures Programme and adapted it to a real-life setting.

Based around the idea of Giving, Taking and Treasuring, the programme offered opportunities to volunteer, learn and savour the last few days of the remarkable experience, that is life at Stowe. While it would be fair to say that the exercise was not without its challenges (who was to know that arranging volunteering opportunities for some 170 individuals in the middle of a national pandemic would be tricky?), on balance, the programme was a great success. The 'Giving' saw the cohort involved in a range of activities both within the School and in the wider local area. Teams of Stoics were deployed as Classroom Assistants in the Senior School, while others helped at our partner schools, Swanbourne House and Winchester House. Some joined the Grounds and Security Team, and a lucky selection found themselves helping Stowe House Preservation Trust and the National Trust. Work was varied, sometimes challenging and always interesting. Those engaged with the National Trust found themselves charged with painting the White Bridge, clearing the ground around the fountains, painting the black fence at the North Front boundary, and coming up with proposals for the Walled Garden, a hectare of the grounds seriously in need of some TLC! Three teams pitched ideas based around bird watching, a picnic centre, a maze and play area. They found a willing and much-impressed audience in Tanya Brittain, (General Manager, Stowe and Aylesbury Vale Portfolio) and Barry Smith, (Head of Gardens and Estates, Stowe Landscape Gardens) and we may see some of the team's ideas incorporated into future developments.

The afternoons offered opportunities to take seminars on university subjects, and talks on issues ranging from Student Finance, Resilience, Documenting Conflict through Photojournalism and Mental Health Awareness. All a break from the norm, the combinations of talks and seminars were sometimes challenging and sometimes entertaining but always informative. With the work done, the Upper Sixth had some time to wring the most out of their last few days as Stowe pupils and with a full activities programme augmented by Special Sports Days, there was plenty to do.

Every day ended with movies on the North Front as we screened a selection of (my favourite) classics, old and new on the scoreboard. Set against awe-inspiring sunsets, this year's Leavers had the option of settling down to enjoy the films, or get in one last game of football or rounders, to chat with friends or just drink in the atmosphere, all against the unique backdrop of Stowe House. These are the moments in which memories are made and we hope that this will serve as an unforgettable end – for all the right reasons – to what has been a remarkable year.

Paul Floyd, Teacher of Politics, Head of Sixth Form, UCAS

School Defibrillator



A new School defibrillator has been placed at the Bourbon Pavilion, to cover sports activities and the Golf Club. In the potential incidence of a cardiac arrest, access to the defibrillator is contained within a box and is secured by a panic tab which is easy to break off.

If you are ever asked by a first-aider to locate and retrieve a defibrillator, they are also located within the Medical Centre, at the Security Cabin and outside the Drayson Hall entrance. We would also ask that you keep an eye out if you are passing these locations, for any signs of unwanted damage and report it immediately, so that the equipment is there, ready and working, to help in an emergency.

Rebecca Donaldson, Health, Safety & Compliance Manager



OLD STOIC RACING CLUB SUCCESS

The Old Stoic Racing Club horse, had another win with Sweet Reward at Sandown on Friday 11 June.

This time at 11/2.

Change 100 gets 15% of the prize money though, which is a nice touch. We will be featuring it in our first Change 100 Annual Report later this year. The Racing Post story can be found [here](#).

Sweet Reward took a big step up in class, in his stride, to record a poignant success in the 1m2f handicap, under jockey Rob Hornby.

The improving four-year-old defied a 4lb rise in the weights, to edge out Russian Virtue by half a length for trainer Jonny Portman (Chatham 83).

Gary Davies, a member of The Old Stoic Racing Club syndicate, said a shared love of racing has helped its members through tough times.

"One of our syndicate members, Dick Fellows-Smith, has been a friend for decades and is going through a tough time battling cancer but he's as resolute as ever."

Portman highlighted the significance of the win for his long-serving owners and said: "He's owned by a great bunch of people. They've had lots of success with myself and Alex Hales (Chandos 92), so it was a great result."

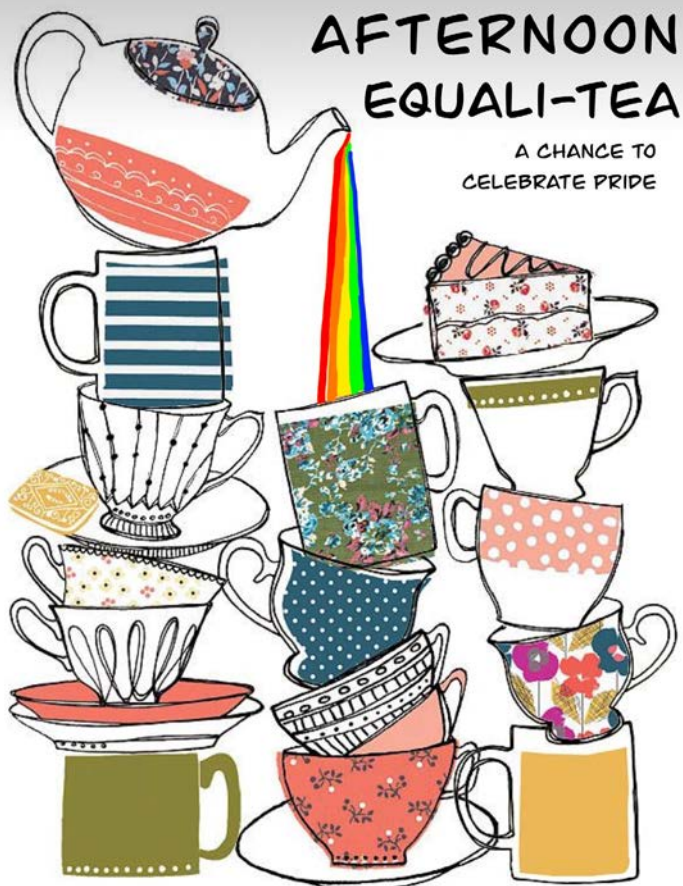
On Sweet Reward, a course-and-distance last month, the trainer added: "I had him in a race at York but it's a long way to go. Knowing his liking for Sandown, I thought it was worth stepping him up in grade out of his comfort zone. We took a punt and Rob rode the horse very well and it went our way. We're very happy."

Colin Dudgeon, Director of Strategic Development & Fundraising

PRIDE SOCIETY

This term, Stowe's Pride Society met for an Equal-Tea party to celebrate Pride month. Pupils and Staff came together to discuss Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender+ (LGBT+) literature, film and music and to share experiences of being LGBT+ at Stowe. We put together plans for events that we will be holding next year, including a trip to London Pride, an LGBT+ film night and a fundraiser for LGBT+ charities. Keep your eyes peeled for details of these in the Michaelmas Term.

Alice Kenny, Teacher of Drama



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