

# Stowe mail

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NEWS ROUND UP FROM STOWE



## Welcome from the Headmaster

It is hard to believe that we have already been back at Stowe for three weeks: the trees have taken on the russet hues of autumn while the mist rises from the Eleven Acre Lake.

On 6 September we gathered in Chapel for the first Assembly of term and welcomed a record number of 814 Stoics and 34 new members of staff. I reflected on this summer's creditable exam results with more than a third of A Level grades at A\* or A and 45 Stoics achieving at least 8 GCSE grades above 7 or A\*/A. A total of 148 of our Leavers secured places at universities this summer - two thirds of the cohort going to their first-choice university. Exeter is the most popular destination (18) closely followed by Newcastle (12) and Edinburgh (9). Our Oxbridge candidates secured their grades and we are about to submit this year's Oxbridge applications as the annual cycle continues.

Summer holiday trips for the Stoics included the Duke of Edinburgh gold expedition to the Cairngorms, a Politics trip to Washington, an animal conservation trip to Namibia (you'll be able to read the full report in *The Stoic*), our historians commemorated the centenary of the Battle of Amiens and the girls' hockey teams competed in Belgium as part of their pre-season training. While Stoics were away, Grafton was completely refurbished and the boys will be given an additional eight rooms when Cobham moves into the new boarding house immediately after Half Term. New Cobham is on target for completion towards the end of October: as I write the contractors are fixing the final facing and external render and the ground floor rooms are also being fitted out. All the rooms in Modern Languages were redecorated and refurbished resulting in a real buzz in the Department. The tennis courts outside the School Shop were resurfaced. The new golf course is four weeks ahead of schedule and will be playable in the spring of 2020.

Having read Professor Jordan Peterson's best-selling book, *12 Rules for Life*, this year I think we should practice **10 Habits for Successful Stoics**.

**1. You are in charge of your own destiny - you are the person responsible for managing your life.** We easily fall into a state of learned helplessness - but you control much more about your well-being than you probably realise. Life at school, particularly in a boarding school, can be stressful. All the staff are here to help. Fortunately, we were all teenagers once and went through the same changes you're going through now. However, in the end you have to want to learn and you have to do it yourself. Do not automatically blame your teachers if you are not making progress.

**2. Successful people don't procrastinate:** There is seldom a perfect time to do something, but procrastination is the thief of time. It is putting off until the day after tomorrow what should have been done the day before yesterday. Success is often the accumulation of small achievements over a long period of time - remember marginal gain theory? Small, incremental improvements which eventually aggregate to a significant improvement in your performance.

**3. Develop good habits:** Be on time: the punctuality drive continues this term and now we are installing bells in all the Houses. There really is no excuse for being late - especially at the end of break or after lunch. Eat the right things, get as much sleep as you can, rise early and take advantage of the mornings. Many high achievers get their best work done first thing in the morning: Sir Richard Branson wakes at 5am and jots his best ideas into a notebook for meetings during the day.

**4. Create a to-do list and stick to it:** Successful people are consistent in planning their days and weeks. Focus on pivotal points in the day and manage your time effectively. Develop good routines by sorting out files and books before you go to bed; use Sunday afternoons or evenings to get organised and set your priorities for the coming week. Control when you do certain activities - stay off social media except for designated times. Remember that no one knew that they absolutely had to have a smartphone until Apple invented one!

**5. Successful people exercise:** This is not just to keep their bodies in shape, but because exercise keeps the brain healthy, reduces stress, improves memory, creativity and productivity. Regular exercise will ensure that you get a good night's sleep. It doesn't matter if you are good or bad at games - the clue is in the word games, they are supposed to be fun. Find a game that matches your talents.

**6. Read voraciously:** I love reading - over the holiday I read books on Nepal and Bhutan before I visited those amazing countries. I read a book called *Posh Boys* by a left-wing writer who wants to abolish public schools and I read Jordan Peterson's *Twelve Rules for Life* - an antidote to Chaos although I didn't agree with much of his philosophy. I read a book on fiction writing set in public schools going back to Tom Brown's schooldays and finishing with Harry Potter - the author is Julian Lovelock who used to teach at Stowe; I read *Steppenwolf* - a book in German about existential emptiness in post-war Germany; a couple

of thrillers by Robert Harris - including one set in the Vatican - and some catalogues of exhibitions currently on in London - including *All too Human* which has just closed at the Tate. Warren Buffet, the world's second richest man, credits reading as the key to his success. Bill Gates claims that every book encourages him to think differently and teaches him something new. Barack Obama has a lifelong love of literature and Mark Zuckerberg wrote these words on his Facebook page: "Books allow you to fully explore a topic and immerse yourself in a deeper way than most media today".

**7. Take breaks and relax:** Free time is important to gain new perspectives, decompress and re-energise. Take a brisk walk around the grounds - after all you are in the most beautiful school in the world. You will find that you are more productive when you return. Relaxation is particularly important for perfectionists who find it difficult to relax as they are never satisfied with their achievements. If you never feel satisfied with your results, you will push yourself too hard and make yourself increasingly unhappy.

**8. Embrace failure:** Remember growth mindset? Successful people realise that mistakes get them one step closer to success; they don't fear failure and treat it as deferred success. Own your mistakes and use them to accelerate the learning experiences - you will be far less likely to repeat the mistake if you learn from it. Success or failure are too binary - there is a middle ground with gradations of success which enable us to become better the next time. This is the essence of growth mindset. There will always be someone smarter, faster and more competent than you are: but we are not equal in ability or outcome. This is not a zero sum game so if you don't succeed, try again. You'll be good at some things, middling at others and terrible at the remainder. Winning at everything probably means that you're not doing anything new or difficult. Always challenge yourself. Avoid phrases like "I can't do this", "I'm useless at that" or saying that something won't work until you've given it a try.

**9. Spend time with inspiring people:** Successful people tend to spend their time with other highly motivated people and limit their exposure to negative, cynical and toxic people. If you surround yourself with talented and enthusiastic friends, some of this positivity and energy will rub off onto you. If you have a friend whom you wouldn't recommend to another friend, is the friendship worth continuing? Life is not a solo act and none of us can exist without a network of people who care about us and support and help us when we need it. Friendships should be reciprocal, supportive and help you to become more than you are.

**10. Finally, find truth, meaning and value in everything you do:** We need to find the right balance between order and chaos in order to find true meaning in our lives. You don't need to be a slave to fashion and follow every new trend - the shiny object syndrome. Only say something you would be happy to have repeated back to you and only do things that you would be proud of by using your own standards of judgement.

# BTEC Engineers

As part of Stowe's partnership with Silverstone UTC, nine Stoics have embarked on a BTEC course at the College. This is an excellent opportunity for them to study a Level 3 course (A Level equivalent) using the first-class facilities at Silverstone. The BTEC course enables students to experience the practical applications of Engineering as well as gaining a valuable qualification that will support their university applications in engineering related fields.

The Stoics spend Wednesday afternoons at Silverstone and the first three sessions have been based in the workshop where UTC technicians were on hand to help our students with lathe and metal working tasks. They will next undertake assignments in Health & Safety and Electrical & Electronic theory before moving on to other modules that broaden their experience in engineering practice and theory.

Leading the instruction is Silverstone UTC's Vice-Principal, Vanessa Stanley, who is also a Stowe Governor. With a degree in Engineering from Imperial College, London, her passion for Engineering is already rubbing off on the Stoics who have so far impressed with their commitment and the rapid progress that they have already made. This is a very exciting venture which is opening up future prospects of the Stoics whilst enabling them to get valuable UCAS points.

*James Tearle, Head of Science*



## Rising Hockey Star

Rhys Noble (Fifth Form, Chandos) was selected to represent Mercia Lynx U15 at the Futures Cup in August. After a year of training and trialling for the squad at the Warwick Performance Centre, Rhys had confirmation of his selection during the summer. Rhys played against Wessex Leopards, Pennine Pumas and Saxon Tigers.

Rhys had a fantastic season for Stowe School 1st XI. He made his debut in the Third Form and played every match in the centre of midfield last year. Rhys contributed some very important goals and was the top goal scorer at the Rugby School pre-season tournament which Stowe School won. Rhys capped off a great season with an excellent display in the County Cup final against RGS and was awarded the MVP for the 1st XI.

We'd like to say huge congratulations to Rhys on his achievement.

*Ben Scott, Head of Hockey*



## Service in Action

During the last two days of the Summer Term, the Third and Fourth Form took part in Stowe's Service in Action initiative. The programme was designed to offer Stoics the opportunity to give something back to and connect with local community projects. There was a wide range of projects on offer, from providing support to local residents in Buckingham, to helping support National Trust projects a bit further afield. The two days were a resounding success and the students made a real difference to all of the sixteen projects with which they were involved. Notable successes included the garden party that Stoics hosted for the elderly parishioners at Buckingham Parish Church, which included catering and music organised and performed by the students. Clearing and re-designing a quiet garden space for the pupils at Greatworth Primary School, a very small local village school. Supporting the local Food Bank by producing food packages needed by school

students during the holidays, who usually rely upon school dinners as their main meals during term time. Conservation projects with Buckinghamshire, Berkshire and Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust, the Buckingham Canal Project, Thornborough Woodland project and the National Trust Ashridge and Clivedon estates and helping redecorate and clear garden space at the local youth centre in Buckingham. It was great to have very positive feedback both from the projects we helped support and also from the students when they returned after a couple of very hot days hard at work! As a result of the work carried out by the Stoics, we have now added some of these projects to our weekly Volunteering programme. We are looking forward to also seeing these projects develop over the course of the year and seeing what we can add to the Service in Action programme in June next year.

*Gwilym Jones, Co-Curricular Co-Coordinator*

# A Career in Law

It's never too early to apply for work experience in Law. My first advice to students thinking about work experience would be to start searching as early as possible in order to avoid the stress! Don't leave it too late, as securing a good work experience placement is not easy.

My journey started in the beginning of May, when I realised that applying to read Law at university would not only require the best grades, but would also need me to complete work experience. It would be a 'must have' in order to stand a chance of securing a place at a top UK university. Dr West, Head of Careers and I spent a few weeks talking about resources that were available; directly applying to law firms, our wonderful contacts through the Old Stoic Society and various online portals aimed at helping school children identify and apply for placements. Unfortunately, due to my late application, all the places I applied to were full.

My next step was to contact more law firms in London but the majority of them didn't reply. The remaining firms declined my application for work experience. With around 65 emails and further applications submitted. Being told 'no' was not only disappointing, but I started to worry if I would ever find a placement. I continued to speak to teachers and research potential placements.

Stoics are very lucky to have such a helpful and professional network accessed through the Old Stoic Society. Thanks to Anna Semler, I was lucky enough to have a meeting with an Old Stoic mentor, Mr Burchett. He guided me through his career as an Army lawyer after studying at Oxford. He explained how broad, demanding and rewarding a career in Law can be. This reaffirmed my initial ideas of studying law, focusing me again on the problem of sourcing a range of work placements.

Later in June Dr West was invited to an event in London where he met Mr Stocks, an Old Stoic who was a senior manager in an international property firm. Mr Stocks kindly offered to introduce me to one of his law contacts, in one of the big law firms in London. As soon as Dr West emailed me with this information, I immediately sent Mr Stocks my CV and cover letter. It seemed like a miracle to me after I had had so many rejections, that I might secure a work placement thanks to one of my teachers bumping into someone at an Old Stoic event. Within a couple of weeks it was confirmed. I had actually secured a work placement in law. The work experience was in a real estate

department in one of the largest law firms in London. It only lasted three days, but the amount of information that I received by working with documents in the office, going to the meetings and shadowing solicitors was priceless. During the next two weeks that I spent in London, I managed to visit a variety of courts and sat through various types of cases. This started with Saturday morning court cases mainly linked to violence, theft and domestic abuse (the fallout from alcohol and drug related offences on the Friday evening) in the local court in Hackney. I also attended some more serious criminal cases in Crown Court. I found it very important to take notes, as I later visited Courts in Moscow in order to compare the legal systems.

While I was sitting in one of the hearings in Crown Court, I had an opportunity to talk to the solicitor after a case. The solicitor was representing the defendant. This allowed me to learn more about the job and discuss the case I had just sat through. I was surprised how willing some solicitors were to speak to me. One even asked if I was a reporter.

Finally, I would like to stress the importance of students taking personal initiative and taking responsibility for sourcing their own work placement. There are lots of opportunities that you must take in order to form an understanding of the career that you want to pursue in the future. It doesn't necessarily have to be formal work experience. For example, I also attended some lectures at universities. These are usually open to the public or you could attend subject specific study programmes. I completed the Young Lawyer Programme at UCL, which was amazing. I did this after my work experience and time visiting courts. I attended lecture and networking sessions where I was able to hear from professionals working in very different aspects of law and at different stages of their careers.

Students and parents, please take advantage of the wonderful mentoring support through the Old Stoic Society. Before speaking to the Careers Department, I did not understand how many Old Stoics are happy to help and mentor students.

Remember, you need work experience, not only for your personal statement for UCAS, but most importantly to help you understand if you really want to go into a career. For me, my work experience has confirmed my degree and career choice and has added to my excitement and focus towards a career in law.

*Maria Khalifun (Upper Sixth, Queen's)*



## EQUESTRIAN

### Stowe rider to compete for the Prince Philip Cup at HOYS

North Warwickshire Pony Club Mounted Games Team, fondly known as "Spots", are off to what is undoubtedly recognised as the world's most famous horse show - Horse of The Year Show (HOYS)!

The team features Isla Holman-West (Fourth Form, Nugent) who is somewhat of a sports superstar after securing her place in the England Mounted Games team earlier this year. Following her success at Royal Windsor back in May, she focused her attention back on her club team, North Warwickshire. Isla now follows in her sister's footsteps, who finished 2nd at HOYS in 2013 and lifted the Prince Philip Cup in 2014.

Isla has been riding since the age of two and joined the Pony Club aged five. She has competed in many disciplines with great success but mounted games has always been her first love and taking her much-loved pony Casper to HOYS is a dream come true. Isla was overjoyed when it was announced that the team had qualified.

Well done Isla!

For weekly reports on all Stowe Sports visit our website

[www.stowesport.co.uk](http://www.stowesport.co.uk)

## RUGBY

### Pre-Season Tour

The Under 15s had a fantastic pre-season tour to Cornwall in the last week of the holidays. This was superbly organised by Andrew Jackson.

We were very kindly hosted by Truro School in their boarding houses with use of all their facilities. The boys trained Monday-Friday, with a series of pitch, classroom and pool rehab sessions. We played two warm up games. A comfortable win against Truro School was followed by a successful close battle against Millfield. This was an outstanding performance against a side that beat us comfortably last year at 7s. The final day involved a trip to Perranporth to take advantage of the North Cornwall Atlantic swell and a surfing lesson.

Unfortunately we were due to return to Stowe to play in a tournament on Saturday at Abingdon. However, this was cancelled by Abingdon on Wednesday due to hard ground. The boys behaved impeccably throughout the tour. Respectful of Truro's hospitality and a pleasure to coach. This set us up well for an excellent win against Marlborough on the first Saturday of term.

*Liam Copley, Junior Colts Coach*

# Cycle Safe

The cycle workshop is located at the Drayson Shed, Shed Zero (located behind the Drayson Sports Hall and Pool) and here you can find Nick Zammit who will be there every Tuesday during term time between 10am and 2pm. He will also be available upon request at any other time and can come into Stowe to view and discuss any repairs that are necessary. The workshop is fully equipped to undertake the majority of bike repairs and carries a variety of stock to undertake repairs swiftly.

In addition, Nick has a small number of recondition bikes that over time he has collected from the bike sheds, these bikes used to belong to pupils who have since left Stowe. The bikes are of various makes, designs and sizes and he would like to offer these up to staff and pupils who require a bike. They are on offer from £25.00 and all the proceeds will be donated to Breast Cancer Care. If you are interested in looking and purchasing one of these bikes, please do not hesitate to contact [Nick](#).

Any work carried out for pupils will be charged back via the end of term school bill run. For staff, payments can be made by cash or bank transfer.

Health & Safety: As we are approaching Autumn, Nick would like to remind Stoics and staff that if you are cycling between locations after dark, you MUST ensure that you have working lights on your bike, please do not use your bike in the dark without lights. If you require lights please contact Nick, so that he can arrange to fit these for you. Even though helmets are not compulsory (at this time) if you have a bike and intend to use it on or off site, please ensure that you get into a good habit of wearing a helmet. It only takes a slight knock or pot hole for you to fall off and suffer an injury.



Stowe School presents

# Romeo and Juliet

Wednesday 28 November  
- Saturday 1 December, 8pm

Following on from the success of the hard hitting production of 1984, Stowe School presents Romeo and Juliet, the most excellent and lamentable tragedy by William Shakespeare.

“These violent delights have violent ends  
And in their triumph die, like fire and  
powder Which, as they kiss, consume”  
William Shakespeare,  
Romeo and Juliet (2.6.9 - 11)

Directed by Rebecca Clark  
Designed by Daniel Scott  
Venue: Roxburgh Hall

To confirm your attendance email  
[thearts@stowe.co.uk](mailto:thearts@stowe.co.uk) or call 01280 818012

THREE DARK AND CHILLING TALES



# THREE STRIKES

LUCY CHRISTOPHER  
KAT ELLIS  
RHIAN IVORY

Our very own Rhian Ivory (Skills Department) will be published in Three Strikes. Her novella called Matchgirl, is a modern Young Adults retelling of Hans Christian Andersen's 'The Little Match Girl'. Busking, runaway Nia is mugged and left badly hurt in a tunnel. All she has is three matches, and she starts seeing pictures in the light... It is a story of grief, love and music.

You can pre-order it here.

## AN INVITATION TO THE AMERICAN FRIENDS OF STOWE COCKTAIL PARTY IN NEW YORK



If you are likely to be in, or passing through, New York over the Half Term break, we would be delighted if you were able to join us at the annual American Friends of Stowe cocktail party on 18 October.

Our 'American Friends' is the largest Stowe network outside the UK, and this event is always a wonderful and most convivial occasion. Once again this year, it will be held at the excellent Racquet and Tennis Club, 370 Park Avenue, between E 52nd St and E 53rd St, from 6:30pm.

This year, we are honoured that Michael Deeley (Old Stoic and Oscar-winning film producer of some of the most highly-acclaimed films of recent years) will be joining us to receive the American Worthies Award. His career and accomplishments, producing such iconic films as The Deer Hunter, The Italian Job and Blade Runner, are extraordinary, and during the evening we will enjoy clips of some of the most memorable moments from those films as well as some of his own personal reflections and anecdotes.

In addition to this, Dr Wallersteiner will provide an update on all the latest progress and news from Stowe - and above all, of course, it provides the opportunity to meet and enjoy the company of other members of our global Stowe community.

If you would indeed be able to join us, along with a guest or guests of course, please let us know by emailing [Colin Dudgeon](mailto:Colin.Dudgeon) and we will be delighted to add you to our list of guests.



# Amiens Tour

From the 6-9 August, Stoics and staff from Stowe visited the Somme battlefields as part of an international programme commemorating the Battle of Amiens. The tour saw students from England, Scotland, Northern Ireland, Australia, Canada, the USA and France come together to uncover more about the international cooperation of the Great War.

Anya Cook (Upper Sixth, Lyttelton), Alexandra Harrison (Upper Sixth, Lyttelton), Barnaby Peppiatt (Fifth Form, Chatham) and Miss Shah undertook a range of activities whilst on the continent. Visits were made to sites such as Sunken Lane, where the story of the Lancashire Fusiliers brought to life the reasons for Allied losses during 1916. The intricacies of multi national warfare were also revealed through visits to Newfoundland Memorial, Ulster Tower and Le Hamel. Through tracking the story from 1916 through to 1918, students gained a great insight into how cooperation was vital in securing the Allied success during the war, a notion which resonated deeply with students considering contemporary global politics.

On the 8 August, students took part in the international ceremony at Amiens Cathedral, which was also attended by Prince William and Theresa May. The Battle of Amiens was the turning point of World War One, leading to a substantial boost in morale for the Allied troops, and allowing further victories to be secured. A visit was also made to the Glade of the Armistice, during which time was spent reflecting upon how the war came to an end, and the complex nature of instigating a long lasting peace.

The tour was a fantastic success, and brought with it many opportunities to not only reflect upon the First World War, but also provided many learning opportunities about the history of different Allied countries, and how historical events often interlink and influence the actions of nations and individuals across the globe. Students and staff thoroughly enjoyed the trip and will no doubt find the study of history being deeply impacted by this in the future.

*Fran Shah, History Department*



## CRICKET

### BUNBURY SUCCESS

Congratulations go to James Cronie (Fifth Form, Cobham) who attended the U15s Bunbury Cricket festival, which is now ECB affiliated. James represented the Midlands and during the games he managed to amass 187 runs at an average of 47. James was the 2nd highest run scorer of the tournament. This good form has meant that James was selected for the best of Bunbury games to represent the North to play the South at Loughborough College over the August Bank Holiday weekend.



## TRIATHLON

Daniel Roberts (Fifth Form, Grenville) raced 'up a year' recently in the final A Youths UK race. Dan had a great swim and 'held on' on the bike powering through the field with a really strong run to take 11th (9th UK).



# Pre-Season Hockey Tour



Stowe departed School at 6am on Sunday 26 August. The tour consisted of a senior squad of 15 players and an U15 side of 13 players. After various pick ups along the M25 and in Dover, Stowe were on their way to mainland Europe.

The girls all filled in an evaluation form stating their targets for the tour, the coming season and Stowe hockey in general as well as analysing their own personal attributes. Dinner, bed and a good sleep followed. We had a two hour training session at HTC Isca (our training pitch hosts for the week) on their water based pitch which went very well. New coach Mr Blackmore-Beales took the U15s and I took the seniors whilst Mr Wentzel put the Goalkeepers through their paces.

During the middle part of the day we travelled to the Oceade Water Park where staff and students had a great time! After lunch it was time for our first set of fixtures against THC Indiana.

The U15s played Indiana U16s in a very close match. Stowe took the lead after Isla Holman-West (Fourth Form, Nugent) broke down the right and squared for Rosie Grayson (Fourth Form, Nugent) to score. Indiana scored an equaliser five minutes from time to draw the match 2-2. Frustrating not to win, it was a very solid start from the U15s. Player of the match went to Isla.

The U18s played very well against Indiana U19s. Holly Phillips (Fifth Form, Nugent) was impressive in midfield and as usual with Immy Joyce (Lower Sixth, Stanhope) a constant threat up front. Stowe contained Indiana well with Ellie Bewes (Upper Sixth, Queen's) and Gracie Potts (Fifth Form, Queen's) playing well in defence and Gemma Blane anchoring the midfield. Stowe doubled their lead when Holly Phillips burst through the Indiana defence and squared a pass for Immy Joyce to tap into an empty goal for her second. The match ended 2-0 and a very pleasing performance. Alyssia Dockerty (Lower Sixth, Queen's) was selected as POM by the opposition coach.

Tuesday morning was 1:2:1 time. The girls had a meeting with their tour mentor to discuss the matches played yesterday.

We travelled back to HTC Isca for training where we rotated the coaching staff and both squads worked on similar tactics to each other. After training we ate at the club before matches against ISCA in the afternoon. It was very one sided and Stowe ran out 14-1 winners, Rosie Grayson (Fourth Form, Nugent), Isabella Lloyd (Fourth Form, Nugent), Violet Arkwright (Fourth Form, Queen's) and Fleur Fenwicke-Clelland (Fourth Form, Queen's) were the goalscorers with Fenwicke-Clelland winning Player of the match.

In the U18 match, tired legs were evident and plenty of rotations were needed as the weather was also very hot. Stowe had to contain Isca for large periods during the first half but Bella White (Upper Sixth, Queen's) stood firm in goal making some vital saves. Eventually the deadlock was broken and it was Stowe that found the net. A quick break from Phillips and Joyce led to Helena Vince (Upper Sixth, Queen's) slotting the ball into the bottom left hand corner. Stowe won their second short corner of the match on the half time whistle. The first shot was saved but Gracie Potts pounced on the rebound the

slap home and double Stowe's lead. Immy Joyce chased down every loose ball in attack. 15 minutes into the first half Isca got their goal. Stowe were too slow in closing down and were punished when Bella White was beaten by a very strong reverse stick shot into the bottom corner. At 2-1 the game was tense but Stowe restored their cushion almost immediately. Charlotte Would ran with the ball from her own half through two defenders and finished well. Isca did pull another goal back from a short corner after the final whistle but Stowe ran out 3-2 winners.

After training on Wednesday we headed straight to the city for lunch in the main square before heading back to the hotel to prepare for our final matches of the tour against HC Royal Evere White Star.

Both age groups played up meaning the U15s played against White Star U16 and the U18 played against the U19s. Stowe U15s were under pressure throughout the first game but defended gallantly. Lavinia Primrose made some excellent saves while Jemima Howden and Otilie Hewlett were very good in defence. Although the game was once sided, Stowe's spirit shone through as they forced a few short corners throughout the match and nearly scored towards the end. The final score was 8-0 but it was a great experience for the girls. We wouldn't be surprised to see some of the opposition on the international circuit in a few years. Player of the match for Stowe was Poppy Mowat (Fourth Form, Nugent).

Next it was time for the U18s. The girls put into practice what they'd practiced in training and this really helped keep White Star out of the D. Stowe conceded once in the first half but should have had a short corner late on. 1-0 down at half time was a good achievement and Stowe set about their business in the same way in the second half. Toyah Mowat had another good game, getting better with every fixture and the stand out player was Ellie Bewes. Very strong in the tackle and composed on the ball, Bewes showed great maturity and was a match for many of the White Star forwards. Stowe conceded a second midway through the half but held on to hold the deficit at 2-0. A very good performance and exactly what Stowe needed in terms of pressure and intensity of opposition. Player of the match was Ellie Bewes.

To wrap up the tour we all went out for dinner that evening and then presented some tour awards...

Top goalscorer: Rosie Grayson (U15) and Immy Joyce (U18); Best defender: Otilie Hewlett (U15) and Toyah Mowat (U18); Player of the tour: Isla Holman-West (U15) and Holly Phillips (U18); Tour Legend: Jemima Howden (U15) and Ellie Bewes (U18).

On Thursday we travelled to Bruges where we had a couple of hours sightseeing before stopping off at a chocolate factory outlet. A smooth journey back to Stowe and we finally arrived at 10pm.

It was a fantastic tour overall and the coaching staff would like to thank all the girls for their efforts and excellent behavior throughout. We are very grateful for the support we received both before and during the tour from staff members and parents. Here's to a very enjoyable season!

*Ben Scott, Head of Hockey*

## OS ROWING

### GB Performance

James Rudkin (Walpole 12) won a bronze medal for Great Britain Eight in the World Rowing Cup in Plovdiv this September. James has established himself as a key member of the GB Rowing Team Senior Squad since joining in 2017. James won silver in his first World Cup Regatta in Belgrade last June.

James was first selected for his country in 2010 when he was the spare for the GB v France match, and then raced in the M4x at the Coupe de la Jeunesse in 2011. The following year he finished 12th in the M4x at the World Rowing Junior Championships, and was later selected for the U23 squad – his best result was a fine silver medal in the M4 in 2016.

Rowing runs in James' family; his Dad enjoyed a fruitful rowing career and taught James to row at their local club Hollowell Scullers in Northamptonshire.

James attended Stowe on a Sports Scholarship and attained junior honours, before going on to to study at Newcastle University to study History and Politics, followed by a Masters in History. James was men's Captain in 2015, having attained U23 representation and domestic success. He represented Newcastle at senior level and learned to sweep under the tutelage of the Head Coach Angelo Savarino.



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## National Theatre Live

BOOK NOW

# King Lear

Thursday 27 September, 7pm

Broadcast live from London's West End, see Sir Ian McKellen's extraordinarily moving portrayal of King Lear.

Chichester Festival Theatre's production received five-star reviews for its sell-out run, and transfers to the West End for a limited season. Jonathan Munby directs this 'nuanced and powerful' (*The Times*) contemporary retelling of Shakespeare's tender, violent, moving and shocking play.

Considered by many to be the greatest tragedy ever written, King Lear sees two ageing fathers – one a King, one his courtier – reject the children who truly love them. Their blindness unleashes a tornado of pitiless ambition and treachery, as family and state are plunged into a violent power struggle with bitter ends. Book online here.

If you are unable to make this live showing we will be running a National Theatre Live Encore performance in January. Keep an eye on the website for dates.

# CCF SUMMER



In mid-June, Stowe CCF (Combined Cadet Force) were delighted to welcome 12 Bangladesh Sixth Form cadets and three accompanying staff for a 10 day visit to England and to Stowe. One cadet from each of the 12 Bangladesh Colleges (nine male colleges and three female colleges), was selected, with each prized college place already hotly fought over. Needless to say, the calibre of the cadets was extremely high and they were a pleasure to host.

After a gruelling 18 hours of weary travel, our guests were quickly and warmly welcomed into West, Bruce, Grenville and Walpole Houses, where Housemasters, Matrons and Stoics made them feel at home. After experiencing and enjoying an introduction to our Christian faith in Stowe Chapel on their first morning, they were escorted to various academic lessons by our wonderfully hospitable Stoic Sixth Form cadets. Mr Cuddy's British Empire history lesson provided the opportunity for one of the Bangladesh teachers to enlighten the class on how important 1857 was to him personally, and to Bangladesh. This unexpected personal account gave the pupils an excellent alternative view and the Stoics left the classroom buzzing. Our guests were captivated as they were shown around Stowe House and Grounds. A very well received brief on the background of Stowe was presented by Mr Robinson and they were fascinated to compare and contrast our Stoic academic path, with their own, following an academic brief from Dr Potter.

A mixed Stoic/Bangladesh cricket match (with a bit of Stoic/Bangladesh/German football in the background) took place on the sunny and inspiring South Front, arranged by James Knott, followed by a friendly joint BBQ with Mrs Tearle's visiting German students, after which the Headmaster met and chatted with the Bangladeshis, presented various gifts and in turn gifts were received.

A visit to observe the Changing of the Palace Guard at Buckingham Palace took place the next day, with the Rifles 'doubling' (running), previously unseen, off the Palace Forecourt, having recently been granted permission by Her Majesty The Queen the week before. Coffee, lunch and a Ceremonial Brief in Wellington Barracks Officers' Mess followed. We then visited The Houses of Parliament and were lucky enough to be shown around by Mr Critchley's son, Hugh Critchley.

A visit to Oxford took place the next day, incorporating a lengthy lunch in a curry house with 20 or so ex-Bangladesh cadets living in the UK, who were delighted to welcome their fellow country men and women. More speeches and

exchanges of gifts ensued. A couple of the Bangladesh cadets did gently confess to missing their home cooked curries.

The next day the visit programme took a sharp military turn as we took the group to join 60 of our Army cadets (Fourth and Lower Sixth Form) and CCF staff on a week-long Army Summer Camp in East Sussex, where all cadets thoroughly enjoyed shooting, blank firing section attacks, ambushes, compound clearance, laser games, survival, kayaking, mountain biking, vehicle recognition and a heavy weapons stand, amongst many other activities. We were delighted to be told that each of the activity stand leaders commented on, and commended, our joint Stowe and Bangladesh cadets on their willingness to learn and engage in every task set before them with energy and enthusiasm.

Stowe entered two teams for the Summer Camp Inter Schools CCF competition, coming 3rd and 7th out of 9 teams. Of particular note was the School's representation on the 25m range, where we achieved top team and top shooter, with Tavish Struthers ranking as the best shot of the 430 cadets on camp.

Following the visit, Major Himel, one of the Bangladesh accompanying members of staff wrote: "The trip to London and Oxford City was mesmerising. Staying at Stowe was like home. And finally learning of cadets during Summer Camp was a new arena for all. All members of my team cherish the memory of Stowe..." They all absolutely loved their visit to Stowe and England and were immensely grateful to all Stoic cadets (many of whom have become friends), Stoics, Stowe staff and the military personnel who welcomed them so hospitably and gave of their time so generously, to ensure that they had an unforgettable experience; one which has undoubtedly had a huge impact upon their lives.

Dr Smith and I will visit Bangladesh in the October Half Term with 12 of our Stoic cadets, when we will visit cadet colleges, and be entertained with a Cultural Show, Art Exhibition, and Parade in our honour. We look forward to a few friendly sports matches with the Bangladesh cadets and interacting and engaging with them. We will also explore various different parts of Bangladesh, the National Army Museum, monuments, Cox's Bazaar and the Rohingya refugee camp. We look forward to being exposed to culture and faith in a country so different to our own, geographically, politically, militarily, and historically. The Stoic cadets are much looking forward to this unique, bespoke visit.

*Major Jan de Gale, Contingent Commander Stowe CCF*



Cadet CSM Hugo Robinson was appointed Lord Lieutenant's Cadet for Buckingham with effect from October 2018 until October 2019, replacing CSM Alex Harris. Two Stoic cadet appointments as Lord Lieutenant's Cadet for Buckinghamshire, in a row, is something of a record!

# Washington D.C.

On the last day of the Summer Term, 10 History and Politics students awoke bright and early, ready for their tour of Washington D.C. After a long day of travel, students spent the first evening getting to know some of the key locations of the city. The next five days were jam packed with an exciting range of visits. Students spent some time in the Newseum, a museum dedicated to the freedoms provided by the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. A few hours were also spent visiting just some of the 17 different Smithsonian museums, within the D.C. area.

Having indulged in the history of the city, the students also spent some time on the trip developing their understanding of American politics, with a visit to Congress and the National Archives, where they could see the original documents of the Constitution, Bill of Rights and Declaration of Independence. Not only that, but students were also granted permission to enter The Pentagon and discover more about the power base of the US military. Further opportunities to learn about the history of the country were also provided through a visit to the Ford Theatre, where Abraham Lincoln was assassinated, and touring the different monuments within the city – the most famous of which being the Lincoln Memorial.

The Stoics spent some time participating in the culture of America, watching a baseball game between the Red Sox and Washington Nationals. Although it was a slow match to start, by the 5th inning, the Red Sox had gained a substantial lead and went on to dominate the game. Not only did students enjoy the sports of the country, but they were also lucky enough to be able to watch the Independence Day parade on the 4th July. Celebrating the birth of a nation, the Declaration of Independence was read out, followed by a number of floats and marching bands from each of the states of the U.S.

Considering the sweltering heat (36 degrees!) every day, the students did not let this deter them from getting the most out of the city, and hopefully through seeing the buildings which host the three branches of US politics, and also some of the key historical sites of D.C. students will be able to utilise their experience to help with their studies.

*Fran Shab, History Department*



# CCF

## Cyprus/ Troodos adventure training Camp 15th-16th July 2018

Henry Kirby (Lower Sixth, Temple) RAF was successful in his bid for a place on the annual RAF Cadet Cyprus Camp:

On arrival in Cyprus myself and 47 other air cadets were welcomed to RAF Troodos in the heart of the Troodos mountains. The following day we were arranged into "flights", which were the groups we would be in for the rest of the camp. We then began the round robin activities for the week. My flight was first to go scuba diving which was, for me, the highlight of the trip as it included diving down to a sunken helicopter and fire engine. This was shortly followed by lunch in the Junior Ranks Mess on RAF station Akrotiri. These round robin sessions continued throughout the week and activities included rock climbing, abseiling, go-carting, high ropes, paintballing, kayaking, paddle boarding and orienteering. All of this was broken up by several visits to RAF Akrotiri to learn about the operations going on there as well as hearing the stories of the people who work and serve there. The trip was immensely enjoyable and I would recommend it to anyone wanting to do new things and meet new people.







# New Music Award Holders' Concert

On 12 September, the Music Department hosted a concert to highlight the incredible range of talents possessed by our new award holders in both the Third and Lower Sixth Forms. The concert was a fantastic event full of inspiring performances and the high quality music making on offer illustrated the bright future of music at Stowe. Otto Lehmann (Third Form, Grenville) opened proceedings with a rousing performance of Joe Bennett's Circus Performance for guitar. After Otto's impressive display, we witnessed an extremely polished and emotional performance of Feeling Good by Nina Simone courtesy of the extremely talented vocalist Skyla Wakeman (Third Form, Lyttleton). Dylan Graffey-Smith (Third Form, Walpole) demonstrated his prowess at the drums with an energetic performance of Lead Sheet by James Uings. Following this, Matthew Ryland (Third Form, Bruce) displayed the versatile nature of his musicianship by

performing on both piano (Nocturne - Grieg) and bassoon (Ivor the Engine – Elliott). Toby Thorpe (Lower Sixth, Chatham) then gave an exquisite performance on the cello of The Swan from Carnival of the Animals by Saint-Saëns. Continuing the stringed theme, Benjamin Grinyer (Lower Sixth, Bruce) performed Debski's Cantabile displaying beautiful tone and intellectual understanding of the music. Joscelyn Sequeira-Shuker (Lower Sixth, West) gave a captivating and sonorous performance of Chopin's Nocturne in C# minor which contrasted with a spirited and lively performance of Tango by Stravinsky from Boris Baros (Lower Sixth Bruce). The concert concluded with a graceful rendition of Einaudi's Primavera by Wilbur Hamilton (Third Form, Temple). A huge congratulations to all performers on an exquisite evening of music making.

*Craig Greene, Director of Music*



# StoweSPORT

## Rowing

The Stowe Rowing Club is a vibrant community which is growing rapidly and welcomes new pupils at all levels, especially those who have not tried it before. The Club competed at the Milton Keynes Regatta on Saturday 22 September with Stowe entering a variety of races including a Men's Eight, Girls under-16 Double Sculls, Girls under-16 Single Sculls, who were all 2nd overall. Well done to Katie Lee, Fixy Hill and Ella Wright. We also had competitors in the Boys U18 Single Sculls and Boys U16 Double Sculls. Stowe celebrated wins in the Men's Quadruple Sculls and the Boys U16 Quadruple Sculls.

## Hockey

The 1st XI girls had a thrilling 4-4 draw against MK Ladies and the Yearlings got their season underway with training matches against The Leys. In the midweek matches on 19 September against Tudor Hall, the 1st team had a draw, with the U15A and B having convincing 7-0 wins. On Saturday 22 September we faced St Edward's in 11 matches. Stowe won 7 of them and 2 were drawn, the aggregate goal tally was 21 goals to Stowe - with 9 against so well done to the Girls' hockey squads and coaches.

## Rugby

Our first block fixture of the season was against Marlborough College on Saturday 8 September. Stowe Junior Colts and Colts got their seasons off to a winning start at Stowe, the Seniors travelled to Marlborough and had four hard fought matches, but didn't win on this occasion. The Yearlings also went down to Marlborough and enjoyed their mini tournament.

Stamford were our opponents for the majority of teams on Saturday 22 September. We shared the overall results with five wins each. The Colts and Junior Colts teams continue their fine form with further impressive performances. Mr Smith was particularly thrilled with the Junior Colts C team who beat Bedford in a thrilling match.

## Lacrosse

The 1st Squad at Moreton Hall tournament saw us playing five matches, winning 3. It proved to be a valuable day with Holly Phillips, Grace Congreve and Charlotte Munn on great form. On Thursday 20 September the 2nd VII had a 3-3 draw against Bedford School.

## Football

On the first Sunday of term the legendary Inter-House Football Tournament was held with the following winners: Third Form Boys - Temple; Fourth Form Boys - Grenville; Fifth Form Boys - Bruce; Lower Sixth Form Boys - Bruce; Sixth Form Boys - Chatham; Junior Girls - Queen's; Inter Girls - Queen's; Seniors Girls - Queen's.

# Old Stoic Racing Club

We are delighted to announce that the Old Stoic Racing Club will have two horses racing in the Stowe colours this season, Topper Thornton and Royal Sunday. Both horses are in training with Alex Hales (Chandos 92) at his yard in Edgcote, near Banbury.

Our new horse, Royal Sunday, is a four year old who won impressively on his debut at Hereford by five lengths and was in the process of running a very promising race at Towcester before making a slightly inexperienced mistake and falling. He has fully recovered and is now back in training and will be ready to run by the end of October. Royal Sunday will start off next season over hurdles and we are all excited about

his prospects.

One share is still available in Royal Sunday. Past pupils and parents are strongly represented but sadly as of yet no teaching titans! We would be delighted if a member of staff would like to take on the share. The share is £1,700 for the season and includes regular visits to the trainer's yard near Banbury, owners badges at the races and a percentage of any prize money won. Flexible payments options are available and shares can be split by friends.

Click [here](#) for further information about the Old Stoic Racing Club.

*Anna Semler, Director of OS Society*





## Cambridge Chemistry Challenge

Following on from our participation in last year's Cambridge Chemistry Challenge, this summer a group of six Lower Sixth Chemistry students tackled this year's demanding paper. The aim of this national competition is to stretch and challenge interested students beyond the confines of the A Level syllabus and encourages them into a way of thinking which is more likely to be found at university. Across the country, there were nearly 8000 entries into this year's competition. For our students, copper certificates were awarded to Helena Vince (Queen's) and Stefano Beni (Chandos), a silver certificate to Larry Zhao (Walpole), while Cameron Chambers (Grenville) received a Gold certificate, his mark having been within the top 8% of all entries received. My congratulations to all those who took part.

*Alexandra Waine, Head of Chemistry*



## John Bercow MP

Politics students excitedly welcomed John Bercow into School on 14 September. As Speaker of the House of Commons, he provided Stoics with an insightful look into the different functions of his role; not only in maintaining order within parliamentary debates, but also in managing the staffing and functionality of the parliamentary environment. Alongside this, Mr Bercow provided students with an excellent account of the importance of political education, especially in the modern world and the increase of fake news. Stoics had the opportunity to question Mr Bercow, and did so eloquently. Questions ranged from Mr Bercow's opinion on the Iraq War, the rise of nationalism and extremism, and also his opinions on football clubs! The students represented the School fantastically, and this opportunity allowed them to not only further their understanding of the UK democratic system, but also brought the subjects of government and politics to life.

*Simon Cole, Head of Politics*

## Lunchtime Music

On Thursday 13 September there was with barely an empty seat in sight, the audience of the first Lunchtime concert of the academic year were treated to outstanding performances by Isabel Ward (Recorder), Anya Cook (Flute), David Choo (Piano) and Ally Jordan (Flute). All of the recitalists were preparing for their Diploma assessments in the following week, and each musician displayed greatly encouraging talent and mastery of their instruments.

*John Wilkinson, Graduate Music Assistant*

## Squash

In our first match of the year, the Stowe 1st VI beat St Edward's.

## Swimming

Our U18s and U15s boys and girls teams swam at the ESAA regional competition for school relays. Congratulations to those who set new records in this fiercely competitive competition. Alice Butler and Lucas Davis had particularly strong swims.

## HOCKEY

On Monday 17 September, Stowe hosted two fantastic hockey events. The first was a 'fun day' organised by England and GB star, Zoe Shipperley. Steeple Claydon School and Roundwood Park School visited Stowe bringing with them fifty 7-10 year olds for a morning of hockey training. Many of the boys and girls had never before played hockey, so were introduced to basic skills and rules as well as everyone taking part in fun competitions and activities throughout. The morning was a big success with smiles and red faces all round!

The second event was another edition of the Stowe 7s Girls' Prep School Hockey Tournament. Akeley Wood, Winchester House, Beachborough, The Dragon, Sir Thomas Fremantle and Thornton College all entered teams at either U11 or U13 level or both. There was some top hockey on display as all girls played their hearts out during a sunny afternoon at the Bourbon. Our Wales international, Miss Jackson, and Zoe Shipperley ran the U11 tournament putting on a masterclass in between matches and the rest of the Stowe hockey staff organised and umpired the U13 tournament.

Winchester House won the U11 tournament with every match being decided by two goals or less. Beachborough won the U13 tournament as they edged out Winchester House and The Dragon. All matches between these three sides ended 1-0!

Thank you to all who took part and came to support the event. We will be hosting another girls' tournament on the corresponding date next year - Monday 16 September 2019. We also look forward to hosting our boys' tournament on Monday 11 March 2019.

*Ben Scott, Head of Hockey*



## OS RUGBY

### Rugby Success

Old Stoics Rotimi Segun (Chandos 15) and Tajju Atta (Temple 18) played against one another in last Friday's Premiership Rugby 7s final at Franklin's Gardens. Rotimi scored for the Saracens side helping them to 33-12 victory over reigning Champions Wasps. 21 year old Rotimi is hitting the headlines with his impressive contribution and is set to be a major player in next season's Gallagher Premiership. Our congratulations to Rotimi and to his fellow Old Stoic, Tajju, who made an exciting appearance in the Wasps' line up for this exhilarating match. Click [here](#) to read more.



# OLD STOIC DAY

On Saturday 15 September, we welcomed 230 Old Stoics and guests back to Stowe for Old Stoic Day.

Once again, we invited Old Stoics celebrating the 50th, 40th, 30th and 25th anniversary of their departure from Stowe to gather for the occasion. We were delighted to see such an excellent turnout from the 1988 and 1993 year groups. Also, this year's Old Stoic Day coincided with two special birthdays. John 'Fingers' Fingleton (Chatham 66), who has volunteered on the OSS Committee for more than 20 years, celebrated his 70th birthday and Liz Zetl (Former staff 1938-1942) celebrated her 101st!

The day began with a warm welcome in the Marble Hall, followed by a short but moving Chapel Service, delivered by The Revd Tim Mullins. During the service, we paid tribute to James Arlon (Walpole 88) and Henry Hope Frost-Frost (Lyttelton 88), both of whom, sadly passed away earlier in the year. Alasdair Stone (Temple 59) kindly delivered the reading. Having been a Chapel Prefect during his time at Stowe, he was very honoured to speak in Chapel after so many years. After the service, our guests returned to their boarding houses for tours lead by Stoics, which remains a highlight of the day's itinerary, guaranteed to bring the memories flooding back.

Before lunch, our guests gathered for drinks on the South Portico, during which time the Headmaster gave a speech to thank everyone for coming. Our guests then dined in the State Rooms, tucking into a nostalgic school lunch laid on by our excellent catering team.

After lunch, a host of activities were laid on for our guests, including watching the rugby, playing golf, and tours of the landscape gardens. Towards the end of the afternoon, everyone gathered for a delicious afternoon tea to round off the day. With the sun still shining, our guests were able to enjoy the remainder of the day on the South Portico.

It is always a pleasure to welcome Old Stoics from overseas, so a special mention must go to Alasdair Stone (Temple 59) and his wife Helga, who had travelled from the USA and Tony Joyce (Chandos 68), his wife Deb and their family, who had travelled from Australia, to take part in the day.

As ever, it would be impossible run Old Stoic Day without the expert help of many departments at Stowe, including the General Office, Security, Parking, House Staff and SHPT teams all giving their time to assist with welcoming our guests. The stars of the show were the Catering team, lead on the day by Debbie Kelly-Greaves, who laid on an array of delicious feasts throughout the day for our guests, alongside the hundreds of meals they serve for Stoics, Staff and Parents on a normal weekend. A great many thanks to all who helped us and to all those who joined us for the day.

## GOLF

In the Bedfordshire County Golf 36 Hole Mixed Foursomes competition, Chanel Fontaine-Geary (Stowe's inaugural girl Golf Scholar) and her partner finished in joint 2nd position overall gross. This is a superb result especially given that Chanel and her partner were competing against a field of adult golfers. Chanel and her partner will now compete in the 36 Hole Final of the South Bedfordshire Ladies' Championship on Saturday 29 September and we wish her all the very best.

Max Faulkner (Fourth Form, Temple) has continued to make excellent progress by being selected to represent Stowe in the Alexander Quin Independent Schools Golf Association Invitational Event at Prince's and Royal St. George's respectively. This official World Ranking event takes place over three days and we wish Max all the best as he flies the flag once again for Stowe Golf.

Our Senior Golf Team has had a mixed start to the campaign with defeats against Wellington (at The Berkshire Golf Club) and Perse in the 1st round of the ISGA National Match Play Championship – an outstanding performance from Max Faulkner ensured an early point went on the board against Perse's top golfer but disappointing defeats for Lochie Shillington and Max Smith meant that we were defeated 1-2 and will play no further part in this competition. In an extremely close encounter against Harrow at The Buckinghamshire GC, we witnessed fantastic performances in exceptionally tough conditions from Tom Youds (who comprehensively beat Harrow's Golf Scholar) and Tom Riley.

Attention is now turned towards the HMC Foursomes, HMC National Singles and a string of tough Inter-School fixtures.

*Andrew Hancox, PGA Golf Professional  
& Head of Golf*

# A. Mini Project



As announced in Stowemail last year, the Physics Department has acquired a classic Mini for restoration over this academic year. A small team of Sixth Formers this week made a start to the works. We have already flushed the old radiator and prepared it for removal, removed the bonnet and the boot lid, attempted to remove the doors (the car put up a fight here, but we will prevail), and began the long process of sanding to remove the current paint work. This, it turns out, will take a significant amount of elbow grease (and a truckload of wet and dry sandpaper). We will keep you updated through Stowemail as the project progresses.

*Craig Donoghue, Head of Physics*

# Duke of Edinburgh

Late June and early July saw the Silver Practice Expedition and the Gold and Bronze Assessed expeditions take place in heatwave conditions. Despite the heat, participants took a very sensible approach to the conditions and everybody completed their expeditions tired and sun-kissed but having taken the high temperatures quite literally in their stride.

The Bronze expedition to Shropshire enabled Stoics to enjoy views right out to the west coast of Wales and Snowdonia from the top of the Long Mynd and the Striper Stones, although they were not quite close enough to spot the Silver participants who were simultaneously completing their Practice Expedition in the Ogwen Valley area of the Snowdon range. The Silver groups had an excellent opportunity to sample the best that Snowdonia can offer as they summited Tryfan and tackled the ridge of the Carneddau before experiencing their first wild camp in the valley below Carnedd Llewelyn.

The Gold Assessed expedition returned to the Cairngorms this year, for what will probably be once in a lifetime conditions! Blue skies and temperatures of 20 degrees plus each day ensured that everybody completed the four day expedition with dry boots – unheard of in the area! The four groups were lucky enough to enjoy the summits of Cairn Gorm, Ben Macdui and Carn a Chlamain in breathtaking conditions with views afforded across the Cairngorm range and beyond. Needless to say the groups all took full advantage of every opportunity to drop into a mountain stream to cool off! Once again our staff and external instructors were very impressed with the way in which all groups acquitted themselves out on the hills.

In October this year's groups will be planning their expeditions for the coming season, with the Silver Assessed expedition taking place in the Brecon Beacons in October Half Term, where conditions are likely to be a bit different to the Practice in Snowdonia!

*Gwilym Jones, MiC DofE*

## Work Experience

During the second half of the Michaelmas Term at Stowe School, Fifth Form students start to plan, with the help of the careers department, tutors and parents, their summer work experience. With GCSE's on the horizon, many Stoics are focused on their summative assessments and dreaming of a long summer without the pressures of revising.

As part of the careers programme at Stowe, Fifth Form Stoics are required to complete a work experience placement, after they have completed their GCSE exams. Some students have their sights set on a specific placement to complement degree and career trajectories. Others are unsure of what they will do after their A Levels and have less of an idea of how to apply.

Recent surveys of graduate recruiters, showed that two thirds of employers look for graduates with relevant work experience, because it prepares them for work and develops general business and soft skills. This is essential in differentiating applications for employment, and in some cases, applying for some degree courses. In the context of Stowe's Fifth Form, this will probably be their first experience of a full working day in a professional environment.

During the summer of 2018, 89% of the Fifth Form completed work experience, with some students participating in academic and voluntary experiences that helped them develop confidence, communication and problem solving skills. Those who did not complete work experience this summer will be reminded by their tutors how valuable work experience is in preparing them for higher education and beyond.

The variety of work experience completed was impressive, including placements in SMEs, FTSE 100 companies, not-for-profit and multinational corporations in a range of sectors with the most popular placements seen in law, finance/banking, leisure/entertainment and teaching. It is wonderful to see the Stoic entrepreneurial spirit in action through the number of work experience placements that student arranged through visiting guest speakers. A good example of this can be seen with two of our Lower Sixth students who completed a placement with Reaction Engines at their new UK rocket testing facility at Westcott, Buckinghamshire, which is due to open in 2020. Reaction Engines visited Stowe in Michaelmas 2017 and welcomed future work experience

applications from Stoics. Reaction Engines will also be at this year's Careers Fair on 24 November 2018 along with other employers, Old Stoics and universities.

All over the globe, Stoics used the beginning of their summer break to experience commercial environments, many in professions that they aspire to. Many students commented, in this year's student survey, on how their work experience has helped them better understand specific professions, day-to-day duties and expectations of employers, clients and stakeholders. For some, this will be additional evidence to support their existing career plans. For others, experiencing a career for the first time may confirm that this career path is not for them. The realities of work are normally different from perception, which is another reason for completing work experience during the Fifth and Lower Sixth Form years.

This year's work experience survey evidenced a shift towards paid work employment, albeit this option is experienced by the minority. There are a number of students that decided to apply for summer jobs and were paid for their hard work. Reviewing the qualitative comments from students and speaking further with some Stoics, this route was not only lucrative, but also resulted in students developing those much needed social and professional soft skills that we all need in order to survive in industry. Many of those who completed work experience not directly linked to their degree choices are considering additional work experience during their Lower Sixth summer break. This will be aimed at specific experience linked to higher education plans.

The work experience cycle starts again this year, after the Half Term break. Students will be given an overview of the graduate labour market and will be asked to speak to parents with regards to sourcing work experience. Stowe School's careers team are here to help both parents and students identify and apply for placements, write CV's and discuss potential options.

Most importantly, students should apply for work experience early, especially in careers linked to medicine, finance, media, engineering, law and insurance (or with any company that is well-known enough to receive volumes of applications).

*Dr Gordon West, Head of Careers and Deputy Head of Sixth Form*



# Stowe Putter 2018

On Wednesday 22 August 2018, we celebrated the 52nd year of the extremely prestigious Stowe Putter. A stellar field of Prep School competitors once again took to the iconic Stowe Golf Course, which, despite the harsh summer conditions, had been superbly prepared by Steve Curley and his team. Over the years, thousands of young budding golfers have locked horns in friendly competition contesting the trophy - a classic Andrew Kirkaldy Putter of St Andrews design. During this period, much in the world of golf has changed, not least the composition of club heads, club shafts and the golf balls themselves. However, some things have remained the same: firstly, the magical and iconic Stowe Golf Course, which was re-designed in the 1960s by C.K.Cotton, and in spite of the significant developments in club and ball technology, it is interesting that the winning scores have not changed much over the last 50 years. Another constant has been the etiquette, courtesy and sportsmanship displayed by the players. This, without question, makes golf such a special sport and this year was certainly no different.

We were thrilled to have Mr David Harrison in attendance as our Guest of Honour. David was educated and introduced to the game of golf at Taunton School in the early 50s from where his golfing career developed rapidly. He became a teenage scratch and county player in 1954 and awarded Oxford Blues in 1959-61 when he went up to his Oxford College, St Edmund Hall - an affiliation that continues to this day. He was a Hampshire county player for 25 years from 1955-80; county champion no less than 6 times, and twice winner of the Golf Illustrated Gold Vase - one of the top amateur competitions in the UK in those days - and for many years held the course record of 63 at West Sussex G.C. Subsequently, he followed his distinguished playing career with a long period in the service of the game. He joined the R & A in 1981, serving on the Rules and Championship Committees and the Training Panel and, from 2003-06, he chaired the General Committee before becoming the Club's President in 2007 - surely the pinnacle of any amateur golfer's achievements. Coincidentally, he was President of the English Golf Union in 1992 (the year we last welcomed him to the Stowe Putter as our Guest of Honour); Joint-Chairman of the International Golf Federation; President of the Association of Golf Club Secretaries, and Chairman of the

Championship Committee of the European Golf Association. And, closer to home, he was also President of the Hampshire P.G.A. and the Hampshire Schools' Golf Association.

There can be few people who have accomplished and given as much to the game of golf as David Harrison. David spoke very highly of the Stowe Putter and was hugely impressed with the quality of golf on display. In his address during the closing ceremony, David passed on some remarkable wisdom to our golfers of tomorrow by stressing the importance of having regular golf lessons with a PGA Professional in order to iron out any technical faults within the golf swing, along with being able to develop and maintain sound basic fundamentals.

The winner of this year's Stowe Putter, with a score of 50 Stableford points, was Joseph Gould of Reed's School. David Harrison spent some time during the afternoon observing Joseph's golf and it is safe to say that he is a very talented young golfer who possesses serious potential for the future. The winner of this year's Junior Jigger, with an excellent score of 47 Stableford points, was Hayden Sarfo of King's Hawford School. It is clear from Hayden's fine performance this year that he will be a serious contender in future years. Holly Waterfield of Bilton Grange School recorded 47 Stableford points and claimed the Girl's Prize. This year's team prize was won by Spratton Hall who recorded a total of 86 Stableford points. Congratulations to all of the prize winners.

During the presentation, the Headmaster, Dr Anthony Wallersteiner, spoke very highly of the fine and distinguished history, which surrounds the Stowe Putter and golf at Stowe in general. He thanked David Harrison for taking the time out of his busy schedule to come and join us at Stowe on this special occasion. Special thanks were also made to Andrew Hancox for organising and co-ordinating the smooth running of the event, along with Di Proctor, Cheryl Davis (Official Scorers), Stewart Anderson (Official Starter) and our wider team of volunteers and staff in Stowe Enterprises and Admissions. Our sincere thanks to Chris Atkinson, (Old Stoic) for his support in the build up and throughout the event. We very much look forward to seeing you all again next year.

CYCLING

## National Youth time trial Championship

Harry Kirby (Lower Sixth, Temple) competed in the National Youth time trial Championship (GHS Trophy) on Saturday 8 September just outside of Norwich. In advance of the race itself Harry prepared thoroughly carrying out a recon of the 10 mile course and planning every detail to achieve maximum efficiency and go as fast as possible over the course on the day. This was the planned summation of Harry's year in which he has invested hours of training, sustained through the summer holiday while competing and fine tuning his pacing and approach. Data continued to confirm he was going faster than ever as he was consistently posting faster times at each event. The pressure was on to make this his best performance to date. He did not disappoint. Despite riders setting off at intervals Harry overtook two riders in front of him and gained a third. In the end Harry posted his best ever time for 10 miles; 20 mins and 30 seconds, faster than his previous Personal Best by 21 seconds and averaging a speed of 29.3mph. Harry can now claim to be the 15th fastest Youth time triallist in the UK for 2018.

*Chris Grumble, MiC Cycling*

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# Stowe Parents

Stowe Parents would like to extend a warm welcome to you all and we hope you will find something of interest in our selection of Events for the Michaelmas Term 2018. If you would like to make a booking, please click on your chosen event below and you will be taken through to our online booking page on the [website](#). If you have any queries, please contact [stoweparents@stowe.co.uk](mailto:stoweparents@stowe.co.uk)



## Apsley House Tour

Tuesday 9 October, 11am

£55.00

This beautiful Georgian building, once known as "Number 1 London", was the London home of the first Duke of Wellington and has changed very little since his great victory at Waterloo in 1815. Enjoy a private tour of one of the finest art collections in London, with paintings by Velázquez and Rubens, as well as a wonderful collection of silver and porcelain. After lunch there will be a private visit to the studio of British artist Wolfe von Lenkiewicz, known for his artistic reconfigurations of well-known imageries from art history.



## Headmaster's Garden Tour

Saturday 3 November, 10:45am

£20.00

The Headmaster will lead an exploration of the Stowe Gardens. His aim is to introduce the gardens to those who have not had a previous opportunity, and for those more familiar, we aim to broaden and deepen your knowledge.

This event is always hugely popular and we hope to continue that tradition this year. Book now to avoid disappointment!



## Headmaster's Dinner at the Carlton Club

Wednesday 14 November, 7:15pm

£70.00

Join the Headmaster for dinner at the prestigious Carlton Club situated in the heart of Mayfair, just off Pall Mall.

This is a fabulous opportunity for parents to meet each other. Enjoy a drinks reception in the Morning Room followed by a three-course evening meal in the magnificent Churchill Room. The evening will end back in the Morning Room for after dinner drinks.



## London Silver Vaults Tour & Lunch

Wednesday 5 December, 11am

£40.00

Located in Chancery Lane, The London Silver Vaults is home to the largest retail collection of fine antique silver in the world. After a short introduction, you will be free to enjoy one of London's most unusual shopping destinations, made up of 30 independent retailers.

Followed by lunch, this promises to be a shopping trip with a difference. Discounts will be available on the day.

# Long Service Awards

We began the term by celebrating some of our long serving staff. A lovely gathering in the Marble Hall saw staff recognised for their service to the School.

Each member of the staff celebrated on the day received a certificate, a Stowe present and a voucher to spend.

Michael Bevington, now the School archivist said:

“It has been a privilege to teach at Stowe for 40 years. Three aspects stand out. Firstly, the Stoics and staff continue over the generations to make this school lively and rewarding, in academics, sports and culture of all sorts. It is a particular pleasure to have taught so many sons and daughters of former pupils. Secondly, the beauty of the buildings and grounds, now wonderfully restored in the main, along with their exceptional history, make it a very special place in which to live and work. Thirdly, the way in which Stowe changes, as it adapts to modern challenges in education and society, enhances its unique foundation built on faith, innovation, leadership and service. Stowe must now have as promising a future as at any time in its past.”



# CHRISTMAS CAROLS AT CHELSEA OLD CHURCH

64 Cheyne Walk, Chelsea, London SW3 5LT

**Monday 3 December 2018**  
**7.30pm**

Followed by mulled wine and mince pies  
in Petyt Hall

All Old Stoics, Stowe Parents and Friends of Stowe  
are warmly invited to attend.

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This year's concert will remember the life of Tristan  
Voorspuy (Former Parent) and a collection will be  
taken for The Tristan Voorspuy Conservation Trust.  
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Tickets £10

Due to space limitations, please  
email [oldstoic@stowe.co.uk](mailto:oldstoic@stowe.co.uk) to  
reserve places for yourself and  
your guests.

If you would like to join the  
OS Choir to perform one carol  
during the concert, please email  
[oldstoic@stowe.co.uk](mailto:oldstoic@stowe.co.uk)

## Staff Notices

Congratulations to Mr Cuddy, Mr Stanworth and Mr Last  
who all got married over the summer holiday and to Mr  
Teasdale who became engaged.

## Stowe Beagles Ball

*Will be held in the State Rooms at Stowe School  
on Saturday 17 November 2018*



*Tickets: £50.00  
Dinner, Disco and Bar  
Dress: Black Tie*

**Tickets available from Phillip Kennedy  
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