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NEWS ROUND UP FROM STOWE

Stowe mail

High School Musical

performed by musical high schoolers

After watching this year's production of *High School Musical*, I think you'd be hard pressed to find an audience member who hasn't fallen in love with musicals all over again.

It is infectious joy that unites cast and audience when watching Gabrielle (Clara Tearle (Fourth Form, Queen's)) and Troy (Seb Campbell-Preston (Fourth Form, Grafton)) disrupt the status quo to bring the jocks, nerds, thespians and skaters together.

There are a good number of "triple threats" in this cast. The leading couple are polished, convincing, yet heart warmingly innocent. And it's clear to see that the creative team, led by Rebecca Clark and Lucy Miller, understand how to utilise the cast's various talents effectively. Gymnasts, Latin dancers, acrobats and basketball players work together in perfectly choreographed, high energy and infectiously fun numbers. The total is something so much greater than the sum of its parts.

The cast has clearly worked late nights and endured tired mornings to put this show together, fitting rehearsals around end of year exams and GCSE coursework performances. They sing in pitch, dance with precision and do both with an obvious relish. Humour, provided by Sharpay (Sophia Wright (Fourth Form, Stanhope)) and her beleaguered brother Ryan (Matthew Ackroyd (Fourth Form, Bruce)), also hits the right note. I couldn't take my eyes off the stage as the cast bopped from the top to the bottom of every number with commitment and confidence and I found myself believing again in a world of unity and optimism.

At half time, a grandmother sitting next to me enthused, "I've paid lots of money to see professional musicals that aren't half as good as this one!" I agree.

There's forward momentum and a rattling pace from start to finish, helped by Jack Scott's (Max James (Third Form, Cobham)) clear DJ style announcements and a wonderful band made up of Stoics and Staff.

In the current, politically charged, climate, this show brings what we're longing for: unity, connection and community. They've created a beautiful sense of nostalgia for a simpler time when we could heal rifts in society by being well meaning and honest. We remember that we're all in this world together and it makes us feel good.

Maybe we should tell our world leaders to watch the show and get their heads in the game! As Ms Darbus (played by a convincing Amalie Mager (Fourth Form, Lyttelton)) puts it, this young talented cast and crew "give me hope for the future of the theatre" and for our world. These young actors, dancers and musicians could be the start of something new. It's exactly what we've been looking for!

There are 7 High School Musical Song titles are hidden in this article. Can you find them?

1. Gotcha Get your Head in the Game
2. We're all in this together
3. Bop to the top
4. Breaking Free
5. Start of something new
6. What I've been looking for
7. I can't take my eyes off you

Watch our behind the scenes film of the HSM production [here](#).

Emma Ackroyd, Head of Media & Film Studies





SUMMER JAZZ

The North Lawn of the Chung Music School, on Sunday 23 June, was the picturesque setting for the annual Summer Jazz picnic. The weather was kind enough for the Stowe Big Band to perform an excellent and entertaining set of both jazz standards and some more modern classics. The Senior Jazz Combo also performed an accomplished set featuring Sean Carslaw Tricot (Lower Sixth, Grenville) playing blues harp and supplying a suitably delta style vocal to go with it. We were treated to excellent solo vocal performances I greatly enjoyed accompanying, Emily Banks (Lower Sixth, Lyttelton), Millie Fooks (Fourth Form, Queen's), Boris Baros (Lower Sixth, Bruce), Henry Hink (Fourth

Form, Walpole), Amber Capurro (Lower Sixth, Nugent), Skyla Wakeman (Third Form, Lyttelton) and Paris O'Broughton (Fourth Form, Queen's). The afternoon concluded with a spirited and well-chosen mix of classic covers and great original tunes from Theo Hayes (Lower Sixth, Chatham) and his band Rainmaker, featuring Ollie Seddon (Lower Sixth, Cobham) and Lula Goldsmith (Lower Sixth, Stanhope). Thank you to all the Stoics involved and also to Jane Horwood, Ben Weston, Nigel Gibbon, Dave Richmond, Rachel Sherry and the Arts at Stowe team. We are already looking forward to Champagne and Jazz next year!

Miles Nottage, Head of Rock, Pop & Jazz

EQUESTRIAN

In the Inter-House event on Wednesday 15 May, the results were as follows:

Dressage - 1st Cecily Hopkins (Fourth Form, Queen's), 2nd Ellie Martindale (Third Form, Queen's), 3rd Megan Churchill (Third Form, Queen's). Showjumping - 1st Lila Hill (Third Form, Queen's). Combined Showjumping and Cross Country - 1st Megan Churchill, 2nd Ellie Martindale, 3rd Libby Hayes (Fourth Form, Lyttelton). With these results Queen's was the winning House, with Lyttelton coming in a close second.

On Speech day, Chloe Livesey (Lower Sixth, Stanhope), Cecilia Mayne (Lower Sixth, Nugent) and Bo Jenkins (Fourth Form, Stanhope) rode at the Equestrian centre demonstrating lateral movements. Parents and teachers came and supported.

On Thursday 30 May, we were at the Wellingborough NSEA Showjumping Championships and Plate Qualifiers at Keysoe and the results were:

80/85cm team Amelia Morgan (Third Form, Nugent), Hattie Goodrich (Third Form, Nugent), Libby Hayes (Fourth Form, Lyttelton) and Georgia Page (Third Form, Stanhope) put in a fantastic effort but were unfortunately out of the ribbons.

In the 90/95cm team section Libby Hayes, Polly French (Upper Sixth, Nugent) and Lila Hill (Third Form, Lyttelton) all rode clear rounds securing 3rd place qualifying for the Championship Plate in December. In the individual section Georgia Page was placed 6th and Lila Hill came 1st both qualifying for the Championship Plate.

The 1m/1.05m team Polly French, Cecily Hopkins and Lila Hill secured 5th place. Individuals Cecily Hopkins and Lila Hill rode fantastic rounds but unfortunately were not placed.

In the 1.10m individual, Polly French came 5th and also qualified for the Championship Plate.

There are still chances to compete for the School over the summer holidays. Dates are available on the Stowe School Sports [website](#) and please [email](#) if you are interested.

Angela Haycock, Equestrian Centre Manager



[StoweSport.co.uk](https://www.stowesport.co.uk)

For up-to-date news, fixtures and results from all the sports at Stowe make sure you visit our dedicated sports [website](#). You can also get live reports from our teams by following us on [twitter](#).

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Roxburgh Society Lunch

This year's annual Roxburgh Society Luncheon marked the 70th Anniversary of JF Roxburgh's retirement in July 1949. In order to celebrate the School's first Headmaster, all JF's surviving former pupils were invited to join the Roxburgh Society Members for lunch.

Over one hundred guests attended the event on Tuesday 18 June, which was held in the Music Room, and there was a very warm and friendly atmosphere as many Old Stoics reunited with old school friends for the first time in decades.

The lunch was a great tribute to Debbie Kelly-Greaves and her team and both the food and the service received a huge number of compliments. The Confit of Duck was served with wine thoughtfully gifted by Anthony Barton (Grafton 48) from his vineyards at Château Léoville Barton. The 2012 vintage was a wonderful treat for all who attended and was a significant talking point.

The President of the Roxburgh Society, Nigel Rice (Chatham 64) gave an excellent speech,

bringing together the various memorabilia of JF which Old Stoics had brought with them for the occasion. Whilst, in his speech, the Headmaster reminded us all what an impact Roxburgh had on Stowe in its founding years.

After lunch Toby Thorpe (Lower Sixth, Chatham) on Cello, Boris Baros (Lower Sixth, Bruce), Singing and Annabel Hing (Fourth Form, Stanhope) on Piano, performed to the delight of everyone and demonstrated to our Old Stoics that the talent in the School is currently of the very highest standards.

Many of the guests had not visited Stowe for some considerable time and were very grateful to Anna McEvoy, Stowe House Custodian, for a tour of the recent restoration works.

If you would like to learn more about the Roxburgh Society and legacy giving at Stowe, please do contact me by [email](#) or 01280 818326 and I would be delighted to tell you more.

*Charlie Clare, Development Manager
- Old Stoic Society*



Spanish Art

On Thursday 20 June, the Spanish Department merged with the History of Art Department to teach the Lower Sixth Spanish students in depth about one pivotal part of Spanish culture, heritage, and society - Spanish Art. We were all enlightened and inspired by a very engaging talk from Mr Estorick, who took us on a whistle-stop tour of Spanish Art throughout the years, paying particular attention to world-famous artists and architects such as Dalí, Goya, Picasso and

Velázquez, to compare and contrast how Spanish Art has evolved over the centuries. We were all also treated to some Spanish food to have during the talk, which blended one of our topics of Spanish gastronomy with cultural heritage. Our thanks go out to Mr Morales-Shearer for organising the talk, and to Mr Estorick for taking the time to showcase his expertise in the field of History of Art.

George Gauvain (Lower Sixth, Temple)

StoweSPORT



POLO

It has been a fantastic Summer season for Stowe Polo. We have had many new members join us for our twice weekly lessons. It's also been a busy term for matches. Our A team, Captained by Billy Hawkings-Byass (Upper Sixth, Cobham), Ivan Quirot de Poligny (Lower Sixth, Walpole), Jamie Baillie (Upper Sixth, Cobham) and Henry Hobby (Fifth Form, Chatham) won various matches against Rugby, Marlborough, Cheltenham and Eton. They had a highly competitive series of matches at the Copenhagen Cup at Guards Polo Club in Windsor. The two-day event held on Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 May, saw eight teams compete and we were thrilled to be beat Eton in the final and win the Copenhagen Shield. Our A team, (with Louis Hink (Upper Sixth, Walpole) instead of Henry Hobby) also came third at the Nationals Schools Competition held at Black Bears in Henley on Sunday 16 June and our B team, Julian Ma (Upper Sixth, Bruce), Rafi Mahmood (Fourth Form, Walpole), India Baillie (Third Form, Queen's) and Oliver Halsey-Wright (Third Form, Bruce) came 2nd in their intermediate division which was an excellent result. The B team also beat Radley and Rugby School when we faced them in a match on our home ground of Kirtlington on Wednesday 5 June. The absolute highlight of the year was held in the last weekend of term with the A team playing against the mighty Sandhurst army officers at the academy. It was an incredible event with a huge audience watching our players take on a crowned Prince and his fellow officers. We won 8-0 in a fiercely competitive game. We are very sad to be saying goodbye to our wonderful Captain, Billy Hawkings-Byass, who has been a huge part of Stowe polo having represented the School in ten National Competitions and showing huge commitment to the sport. At the Sandhurst game he was awarded Man of the Match by the head of Army polo. We welcome Ivan Quirot de Poligny who will be taking on the role of Captain of Polo and will be supported by Ella Almeyda (Lower Sixth, Queen's) who will Captain the Girls' team.

Fiona Corthine, Head of Polo





Arts Award

On Friday 14 and Saturday 15 June, the Arts Award Stoics enjoyed two engaging and creative Field Days on the theme of 'Dirty Dancing'. On Friday they were fortunate enough to take part in stimulating creative writing, singing, drama and film workshops led by Heather Eisenhut, Fergus Parnaby, Rachel Sherry, Nick Bayley and Lucy Miller. This range of activities enriched their experience of seeing the show at the Northampton Derngate Theatre on the Saturday afternoon. All the pupils had an enriching weekend and conducted themselves with positivity, enthusiasm and good humour.

After a visit from our external moderator on the Monday 17 June, we are pleased to announce that all of our Fourth Form Arts Award Stoics achieved their Bronze Awards. Congratulations go to Isabel Moffat (Nugent), Annie Saghri (Nugent), Antonia Bartoszewski (Nugent),



Neel Collin (Bruce), Matthew Ackroyd (Bruce), Greta Burnell (Queen's), Paris O'Broughton (Queen's), Polina Von (Queen's) and Malek Salem (Grenville). The moderator was impressed with how skilfully they documented their varied and extensive skillsets in a diverse range of disciplines, from music production to illustration.

Lucy Miller, Teacher of Drama & English

CRICKET

Well done to the girls' U14 team who had another win, this time against Akeley Wood School, on Monday 13 May.

In the block fixture against Eton on Saturday 18 May, the weather meant home games were unfortunately cancelled, but the away games went ahead and the 2nd XI managed an impressive win with Louis Newman (Lower Sixth, Grafton) scoring a 50.

Well done to the 1st XI who beat Bedford Modern School on Wednesday 19 June. The JCB's also had a mid-week win against Oakham.

In the final block fixture against Bromsgrove, there were some well-fought, close matches and well done in particular to the Junior Colts C and the Yearlings B and C for finishing with victories.

In the Boys' Junior Inter-House cricket - Grafton won the final and Grenville won the plate. In the Girls' Junior Inter-House cricket - Nugent are this year's winners.

ATHLETICS

In an Inter-School match held at Marlborough on Saturday 15 June, the following competitors managed winning performances:

Clara Capella (Third Form, Stanhope) in the Junior 200m; Harriet Perris (Third Form Lyttelton) in the Junior shot; Ben Eddeh (Lower Sixth, Grenville) in the Senior boys' 200m and Will Plessis (Third Form, Grenville) in the Junior 80m hurdles.

The U15 Boys' team recently won the County round of the Track and Field Cup, which is a purely team event where everyone scores points depending on their positions in their events, with the highest overall scoring school progressing to the regional rounds.

The athletics team travelled to Bromsgrove on Saturday 22 June where many athletes achieved personal bests. Victories in the Boys' Competition came from Rhys Jordan (Third Form, Bruce), Ewan Baker (Third Form, Chatham), Harry Rose (Third Form, Bruce), the Junior relay squad and Ben Eddeh (Lower Sixth, Grenville).

Victories for the girls came from Clara Capella, Jemima Howden (Fourth Form, Stanhope), Harriet Perris and Skyla Wakeman (Third Form, Lyttelton).

SWIMMING

Half-colours have been awarded to Larissa Campbell (Third Form, Nugent) and Angus Kennedy (Third Form, Temple) for consistency in training and racing for Stowe and for representation in the County Championships.



EPQ Fair

The EPQ Fair took place on Tuesday 4 June in the Library, Ante-Library and Blue Room.

57 Lower Sixth Stoics presented at the fair (which is now well established - being in its fifth year).

Once again the Stoics presented with poise, confidence and superb knowledge about their chosen subjects. Essay topics varied from 'Whether or not the fall of the Roman Empire was inevitable' to 'Whether we should protect Antarctica from exploitation', there were also excellent artefacts on show - with children's books being created to a calendar of Stowe through the seasons.

The EPQ Fair continues to cater for the individual student - allowing them to go above and beyond the constraints of the curriculum and really research a topic they are passionate about and to be able to produce an academically rigorous piece of work.

Michael Rickner, Head of Projects



Photograph: Courtesy of the artist and the Normandy Memorial Trust

Old Stoic's D-Day Sculpture

David Williams-Ellis' (Temple 77) latest work has been unveiled as part of D-Day's 75th Anniversary. David was commissioned by the Normandy Memorial Trust to create a sculpture to occupy the centre point of the new British Normandy Memorial overlooking Ver-sur-Mer, France.

The memorial is the first to record the names of the 22,442 men and women serving under British command, who made the ultimate sacrifice in securing the freedom of Western Europe. The 18-foot sculpture, consisting of three bronze infantry figures armed with weapons, was unveiled at the inauguration of the memorial site to coincide with the 75th anniversary of the landings. David will hold an exhibition of the Normandy Soldier maquettes at the Portland Gallery later in the year.



The Stowe Beagles Puppy Show

The Stowe Beagles Puppy Show was held on the Headmaster's lawn, on Saturday 8 June. We were immensely fortunate with the weather, many people having telephoned Reception during the latter part of the week to check if we would go ahead. The Judges were Mrs Rosemary Stobart, (Great Aunt of the Master, Freddie Richards) and Charles Stirling Esq. We showed a small entry this year, just three couple of dogs and a couple and a half of bitches. The winning dog was Sopwith, and the winning bitch Sorrel, both walked by Mr Laurie Strangman (Bruce 57) and Mrs Laurie Strangman from Gawcott, hosts of our annual Hunter Trials. The judges chose Sopwith as the overall Champion.

Following the show we retired to the Marble

Hall for tea and speeches. Our Chairman, Alistair McGee (Lyttelton 73) mentioned with great sadness the passing of Captain Brian Fanshawe (Walpole 54), a legend in the hunting world, and a great help to the Stowe Beagles in difficult time during the 1990s. It was great to see former Masters from the early days of the Beagles, Martin Wood (Bruce 65) and Stephen Moreton (Grenville 68). The Master's mother, Mrs Catherine Richards presented the prizes to the Puppy Walkers, and then the Masters Cup to the two new Joint Masters, Tom Gurney (Lower Sixth, Grenville) and Bertie Keane (Lower Sixth, Walpole).

Phillip Kennedy, Stowe Beagles

TENNIS

On Saturday 15 June, the Senior mixed teams had two straightforward wins against Bloxham, with all six pairs winning all 18 sets that were played.

On Saturday 15 June, the U14 boys had a tight match against Bedford, narrowly losing 4-5, however James Gray (Third Form, Temple) and Michael Spencer (Third Form, Temple) continued their impressive form this season and won all three of their sets.

On the same day, the U14 A girls' team beat Bedford girls School 6-3, well done to Willa Percy (Third Form, Queen's) and Emily Sutton (Third Form, Queen's) for winning all three of their sets. The U14B team also won 7-2 with Alice Scheffey (Third Form, Queen's) and India Baillie (Third Form, Queen's) winning all three sets, as did Giselle Atkinson-Hieber (Third Form, Nugent) and Phoebe Wiseman (Third Form, Queen's).

The Seniors played mixed matches in the second half of term and the current No1 pair in the School are actually in the Fourth Form. Bella Lloyd (Fourth Form, Nugent) and Archie Burnet (Fourth Form, Grafton) won all three of their sets convincingly and helped the 1st team to a comfortable win against St Edwards. Other wins came from the 2nd VI, Girls U15B & C and the U14B & D.

Grafton beat Temple in the final of the Junior House tennis.

Congratulations to Tom Percy (Upper Sixth, Grenville) who has won the Senior singles trophy.

On Wednesday 19 June, the 1st and 2nd VI had comfortable wins against Tudor Hall, with the U15B & C and the U14C following with wins on Thursday 20 June.

A very good end to the season for the School against Rugby on Saturday 22 June. Both Senior mixed teams won as did all three Girls U15 and U14 teams. The Boys U15A had their first win of the season due to hard work and the dedication they have shown. Although the Boys U14A team lost 3-6 James Gray (Third Form, Temple) and Michael Spencer (Third Form, Temple) have gone through the whole term without losing a set.

Out of the 12 matches played, Stowe won 9 of them, with a combined score of 67 sets to Stowe against 37 sets to rugby. Congratulations to the Tennis Club for finishing the season so strongly.

John Skinner, Head of Tennis & Fives

SAILING

The Girls Inter-House trophy was awarded to Stanhope after a count back following a tie with Queen's.

LTCL Diploma

Jessica Foxwell (Fourth Form, Lyttelton) was proud to announce the results for her LTCL music diploma which she took back in May. She has passed with 93% which is a distinction. This is a fantastic achievement as this exam is the equivalent to a second year degree in music college. Well done Jessica!

Speech Day



We're still reeling from the excitement this year's Speech Day. Huge numbers of Old Stoics and parents flocked to Stowe, helped by the glorious sunshine, which encouraged the Stowe community to turn out in droves. Our guests heard some incredible music, performed by Peter Entwisle (Upper Sixth, Temple), William Baker (Upper Sixth, Chatham) and the Head Boy and Girl (Oscar Hill (Upper Sixth, Temple) and Helena Vince (Upper Sixth, Queen's)) which you can watch [here](#). This year's Speech Day had a special twist, which tied in extremely well with the Old Stoic Classic Car Display. Our guest of honour was eminent Old Stoic Film Producer, Michael Deeley (Bruce 50). 2019 marks the 50th anniversary of one of his biggest hits, *The Italian Job*, so, with the help of our sponsor, classic car specialist insurers, Hagerty, we chose to theme Speech Day around the cult classic film by decorating Stowe with as many classic minis as possible!

The Old Stoic Classic Car Display welcomed 52 classic minis to its collection this year, along with a selection of replica vehicles from the *Italian Job*, including the infamous bus! As a result, we hosted a record number of classic cars at Speech Day, with 143 registered to attend, and the majority making it to join the Display. The Old Stoic Marquee was packed to the brim all day, serving drinks and bacon rolls to our drivers, Old Stoics and guests. We also laid on lunch in the State Dining Room for a record 200 people this year.

We remain extremely grateful for the continued support of our ever-loyal Classic Car drivers, without whom the event would not be possible. With the display now in its 9th year, we are overwhelmed by the continuing growth and success of this event, which has become a real highlight of the Old Stoic calendar.

This year, we had some extra special cars in attendance, including the 1962 Lotus Type 25 driven by Jim Clark, a 1907/1916 Berliet Curtiss and, a firm favourite, the 1959 Bristol Teardrop Special - the only one of its kind.

As you may know, each year Hagerty Classic Car Insurance sponsors our Classic Car Display, with their Marketing Director, Marcus Atkinson (Chatham 90), giving his time and expertise to ensure the Display runs smoothly. Without Hagerty's loyal support, it would be impossible to lay on such a wonderful day out for our drivers, let alone serve such a delicious lunch.

This year, Hagerty masterminded an extra special addition to Speech Day: an *Italian Job* inspired film titled 'Blowing the Bloody Doors Off'. The film was the grand finale to the Speeches on the South Front, following Dr Anthony Wallersteiner's interview with Michael Deeley (Bruce 50). Click [here](#) to watch the film.

Each year, Hagerty present the, 'Steady Barker' Speech Day Trophy to a person or vehicle with a story that really stands out, in memory of Ronald 'Steady' Barker (Grenville/Walpole 38). Steady was an internationally renowned motoring writer, with a passion for motor cars. In his later years, worked tirelessly with Caroline Whitlock to secure some very special cars for our Display. This year, Marcus awarded the trophy to Katie Forrest, who was a guest of Vera Steinmetz (Lyttelton 01), for her beautiful 1912 Rolls-Royce Silver Ghost, affectionately known as Nellie. Read more about this [here](#).

A wonderful day was had by all and we simply could not have done without the all the help received from Marcus, our wonderful catering teams, classic car drivers and Stowe staff. A great many thanks to all who lent a hand at this year's display, thank you for being part of our largest display to date.

Next year will be the 10th anniversary of our annual display, so please do save the date of Saturday 24 May 2020 and let us know if you would like to bring your Classic Car and take part.

Click [here](#) to see photos from the day.

Anna Semler, Director - Old Stoic Society





Modern Foreign Languages Open Mic Night

On the evening of Wednesday 22 May, our annual Modern Foreign Languages Open Mic Night took place in the Uglund Auditorium. There were eight acts, who performed in a variety of languages including Russian, French, Spanish, German and even Latin! The audience were treated to a wonderful array of performances, ranging from rap and poetry to singing and classical compositions. A huge thank you to all of our performers and also to our Stoic audience, who were keen to participate in the evening whilst remaining respectful of all acts throughout. A great success - bring on next year!

Alice Tearle, Head of Languages Faculty



GOLF

Inter-House Golf & The Laddie Lucas Trophy

As part of the Inter-House Golf Competition on Wednesday 19 June, the flagship Laddie Lucas Trophy was once again keenly contested - this event is 18 holes individual scratch stroke play. With the course playing tricky due to the rain, Max Faulkner (Fourth Form, Temple) played some excellent golf and recorded a +2 gross score to retain the trophy once again. Tom Riley (Lower Sixth, Bruce) and Edward Davis (Third Form, Bruce) were tied second so a sudden death playoff was required in order to separate the two players.

On the first playoff hole, Edward Davis played a magnificent iron shot to within 10 feet and duly converted the putt to beat Tom Riley and claim second place.

In the House team event, Bruce won the Boys' event and Queen's won the Girls' event.

Andrew Hancox, Head of Golf

Quantum vs Biomedical Croquet Match and BBQ

Friday 14 June saw one of the highlights of the scientific year at Stowe - that of the croquet match of The Quantum Society vs the Biomedical Society. With pride at stake teams from both societies were locked in battle on croquet pitches to try to get the upper hand. This annual event also gives our Sixth Form scientists the opportunity to enjoy each other's company both during the matches and the BBQ that accompanied it. Also to say farewell to our Upper Sixth leavers who have contributed so much to the scientific life of Stowe.

The Presidents of both societies awarded colours to members who have given lectures themselves and attended many events. Colours also went to Dr Lakin and Mr Donoghue who leave this year having played such a central role in the Biomedical Society and Quantum Society respectively. At close of play, an honourable draw was declared showing that despite their rivalry, there is harmony through everyone's mutual respect and love of Science.

James Tearle, Head of Science

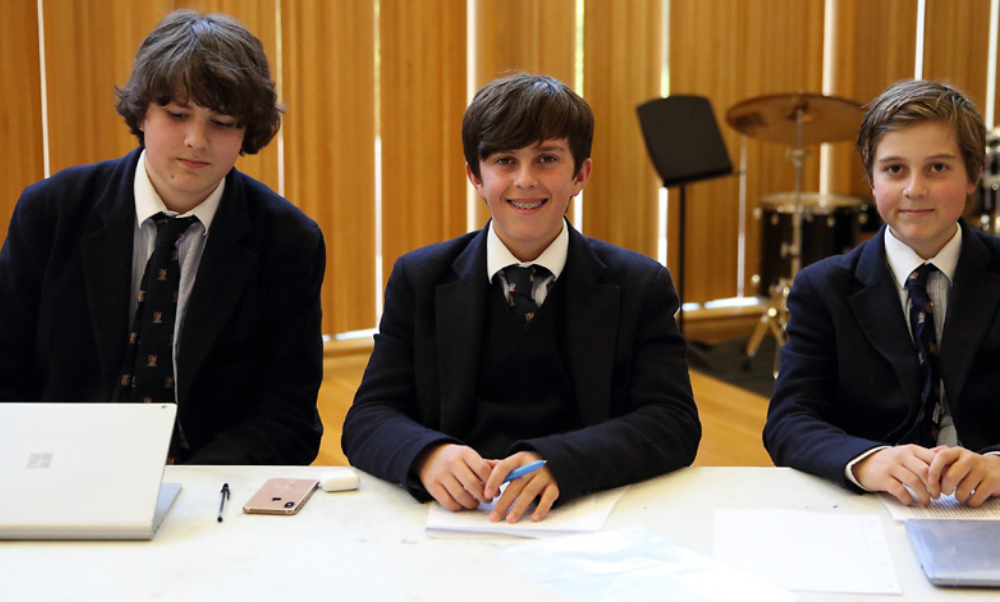


CYCLING

Mr Grimble, the Head of Cycling at Stowe takes cyclists of any ability to a weekly time trial event near Bicester. This is a great chance to set personal goals and then try to beat them. Well done to regular participants Larissa Campbell (Third Form, Nugent) and Harry Kirby (Lower Sixth, Temple) who recently set new 10 mile personal best times. Spurred on by this, Harry Kirby travelled to Bristol on Sunday 9 June, to compete in the Sigma Sport National Circuit Time Trial Championships. Averaging a speed of 41 km/h over the undulating 20 mile course he came 3rd and received a bronze medal.

ROWING

The Junior Rowing Squad participated at the St Ives Regatta near Cambridge. This is the first major regatta this squad have taken part in and the largest group of Third Formers we have ever taken away. There were some excellent performances and a particular mention should go to Toby Blythe (Third Form, Grafton) who reached the J14 singles final as well as reaching the final of the J18 double sculls. Well done to Charlie Cole (Third Form, Walpole) who picked up a win and Sienna Bettany (Third Form, Stanhope) who raced with Maksim Uspenskiy (Third Form, Walpole) in the J14 double sculls reaching the final. The Junior 14 coxed quad made up of David Gollifer (Third Form, Grenville), Edward Whitbread (Third Form, Cobham), Stepan Muravskiy (Third Form, Bruce), Finn Fagan (Third Form, Chatham) and coxed by Sienna Bettany (Third Form, Stanhope) raced an adult crew with both boats crossing the line within one length of each other.



Third Form Debating Competition

This term saw the inaugural running of the Third Form Inter-House Debating Competition, matching the format of the senior and intermediate competitions. Houses competed in a knock-out competition, debating topics such as the case for compulsory voting, the impacts of advertising, and the role of terrorism. The quality of debating rose throughout the competition as pupils developed their public speaking skills, culminating in an excellent final between Temple and Queen's. Queen's proposed the motion that public exams are counter-productive, but a strong opposition argument from the Temple team of David Stirling, Max Cranmer, and Max Stevens led to Temple taking the win. All competing pupils are to be commended for providing such a high level of debating throughout the competition.

Mark Austen, Economics Department



RAF CCF Section

This term the RAF CCF section has sought to make the most of the summer weather to take to the skies whenever possible, achieving the rare feat of flying twice in the same week. On Monday 24 June, seven Fourth Form cadets travelled to Bicester for a day's gliding. Despite the low cloud and drizzle that stubbornly denied any hope of morning flying, by lunchtime the weather had improved sufficiently to allow all cadets to experience their first taste of winch launches, thermalling and glider circuits.

The big smiles became even bigger two days later when we travelled to our usual flying home of RAF Benson. No 6 Air Experience Flight again did us proud, and all cadets managed to achieve this important milestone in their training development, taking the controls of the Grob Tutor aerobatic aircraft themselves and completing their first ever sortie with the RAF.

The weather on the middle day of the Fourth

Form's three day camp was foul, with low cloud and persistent driving rain: perfect for donning a wetsuit and having a huge amount of fun on the 11 acre Lake in the School's fleet of Toppers with drag races and stand-up paddling, culminating in a newly-invented version of aquatic Quidditch that saw more cadets in the water than on their dinghies.

In addition to the term's adventurous training, the cadets also had the opportunity to visit the National Space Museum in Leicester, a hidden gem of a museum crammed full of rockets, astronomy and all manner of space-related exhibits.

My thanks go to Mr Davis, Mr Liversage, Mrs Murnane and Mr Syme for their help and hard work in planning and delivering such a busy June field-day programme for the RAF section.

Mr Jon Murnane, RAF Section Commander, Stowe CCF



Riding for the Disabled

Every Wednesday, Mrs Rickner, Mrs Cecil, Jennifer Hizli (Lower Sixth, West) and I go to a yard in Silverstone to help with the RDA programme there. This term we have started helping Emma (RDA leader) with the sessions. This involves supporting the children and sometimes Emma physically when they are riding, holding objects for the children to reach, throwing things for them to catch, and videoing the sessions to track progress. We also help with day to day jobs around the yard such as mucking out stables and grooming the horses. It is extremely rewarding to see how much progress the children have made over the term, and to know that you have played a part in their development. It has been a great way to take part in volunteering throughout the year and I have enjoyed it very much.

Henrietta Gendler (Lower Sixth, Queen's)

Did you know that Stowe has its own Racing Club?

It is now entering its third season with two horses in training - one flat and one jumper - with Old Stoics. The Racing Club is now looking for current parents to join our merry band of past pupils and parents for twelve months of fun and excitement.

For as little as £150 per month you can own a share in both horses and experience the benefits of being a racehorse owner including owners badges when the horses race, box hospitality, numerous visits to the trainer's yards to watch your horses work on the gallops along with an invitation to our annual end of season lunch back at Stowe.

Flexible payment options and split shares are available. Further information can be found visiting the Old Stoic Racing Club webpage or by [emailing us](#).

Don't delay sign up today!

Anna Semler, Director, Old Stoic Society





CCF Army and Navy Fourth Form Cadets Adventure Training Trip

On Thursday 13 June, the Fourth Form Army and Navy cadets set off to RAF Inskip in the Lake District for the weekend. After a quick breakfast, we drove to caving where we explored natural caves underground. You could stand up in some but others involved crawling on your stomach. We also did dry canyoning which involved scaling up rocky inclines using harnesses. On day two we did more canyoning down the waterfalls and the more adventurous of us also took on some challenging jumps. After an eventful journey home, we arrived safe and sound back at Stowe.

Amalie Mager (Fourth Form, Lyttelton)

Cadet Live Firing and Field Craft Weekend

From Friday 31 May to Sunday 2 June, five cadets from the Fourth Form; Alexander Dens (Grenville), William King-Eccles (Walpole), Alexander Goodhart (Grafton), George Carpmael (Chandos), Sam Ellis (Chandos) and one Lower Sixth Poom Hall (Lower Sixth, Cobham) took part in the 11th Infantry Brigade Live Firing and Field Craft weekend. After arriving at Longmoor Camp, we found our basic military transit accommodation, unpacked and were briefed on the upcoming day and events. Breakfast was an early 7 o'clock, and after eating we were given orders to fall in at the Parade Square ready to move out to the main ranges. After driving in convoy to the ranges we were briefed by the Range SNCO. The activities on the first day included, Scorpion Air Rifle shooting, Archery, Grouping and Zeroing and finally the main Competition Shoot. After discovering new talents at the Air Rifle Range, we moved to the Archery, although very fun, it was also extremely hot. We then walked to the Pit range, where we did grouping and Zeroing shoot in preparation for the Live Firing 5.56mm Competition Shoot. Once we had been given our groupings, with some surprises and disappointments, we walked over to the main Competition Shoot. This consisted of three shoots at 100m, 200m, and 300m. We were given three magazines of 20 rounds and were taught different firing positions. 100m

was shot in the kneeling position, 200m in the Sitting position and final 300m prone. After this we went back to the main troop shelter and began the declaration procedure. In the evening we were given the privilege to order pizza and watch the football in the NAFFI with the other schools. After a night of socialising and making new friends we got to bed and prepared for the hard day ahead.

On the second day, we were given orders to go to armoury and collect a Rifle, BFA (Blank Firing attachment) and two blank magazines. After driving in convoy again we went to the Training Area. From here, our activities for the rest of the day included 'Moving With And Without Weapons'; Reacting to Fire Control Orders and how to give them; Why Things Are Seen; a Sniper Shoot whilst stalking, and Fire and Manoeuvre. After firing 40 rounds each during the fire and manoeuvre, we once again, started the Declaration procedure. Once finished we were taken back to the Camp where we started cleaning our weapon systems which took at least an hour. Finally, after returning the weapon systems to the armoury and packing our stuff into the van we set off back to Stowe in time for the beginning of the next half of term, all of us having really enjoyed the weekend.

We would like to thank Sgt Abbey and 2Lt Shah for generously giving up their weekend to take us.

Cadet King-Eccles (Fourth Form, Walpole)





Summer of Athletics

Stowe Athletics has had a very successful season with record numbers of pupils representing the School and some notable individual and team performances.

The first meeting of the season saw 35 boys travel to Harrow where the Senior Boys came 3rd and the Inters came 2nd in a very strong field of eight schools competing against the likes of Eton and Rugby.

We hosted our own meeting for the first time in years in May where the Senior Boys came 2nd to Abingdon out of five schools and the Juniors came a credible 3rd. Other meetings saw Girls' and Boys' teams entered at Bromsgrove (twice), Marlborough College and Radley College relays. It has been pleasing to see so many athletes representing the School on a regular basis.

In the Track & Field Cup, the Inter-Boys' team of 14 won the County Championships in Milton Keynes which saw them qualify for the Regional finals in Nuneaton for the first time in Stowe's history. Outstanding performances from Josh Weru (Fourth Form, Grafton) in the 200m, Ewan Baker (Third

Form, Chatham) in the Javelin and Fred Ross (Fourth Form, Chandos) in the High Jump saw them win their events with several other top three finishes in a very strong field of competition. At the Regionals, the same three athletes won their events with personal bests.

The School Sports Day was an excellent occasion which saw record numbers of pupils competing and the introduction of the 800m Steeplechase and the tyre flip proving popular new additions. Grafton and Queen's were the winning Houses on the day.

Huge thanks to all the pupils who have represented the School this term and to the coaches for their time and support in helping make the season so successful.

Boys' Athlete of the Season: Ewan Baker (Third Form, Chatham).

Girls' Athlete of the Season: Jemima Howden (Fourth Form, Stanhope).

Grant Seely, Head of Athletics



Stowe SPORT



Headmaster's Tankard

On Friday 21 June the annual Headmaster's Tankard Golf Competition was once again keenly contested around the iconic Stowe Golf Course. Indeed, as we prepare to open our new superb golf course next spring, this was the final Tankard to be played on the existing course. With this in mind, the event was exceptionally well supported with a bumper 15 pairs entering! Playing conditions were very good and credit must go to Steve Curley and his team for preparing the course so well. With a competition format of foursomes Stableford played over 9 holes, we witnessed some interesting staff/Stoic pairings. The winning pair - Mr Alan Hughes and Sam Wardlaw (Fourth Form, Grenville) - recorded a fine score of 34 points. Mr Giles Cuddy and Lucas Davis (Lower Sixth, Bruce) finished runners up with 32 points and third place was jointly occupied by Mrs Sarah Sutton and Emily Sutton, along with Mr Harry Gaunt and Fred Ross (Fourth Form, Chandos).

Hannah Durden, Chair of the OS Society and keen golfer, kindly stepped in to present the prizes. We eagerly anticipate the inaugural Headmaster's Tankard to be played next year on our new golf course.

Andrew Hancox, Head of Golf



Heineken Race to the Tower

On Saturday 8 June, Craig and Sarah Sutton took part in the Heineken Race to the Tower ultra event running a double marathon, with 7,400ft elevation, along the Cotswold Way to finish at the Broadway Tower. It was a great challenge to complete together in 11 hours 24 minutes with Sarah finishing 15th/249 ladies and 4th/96 in her age category. Congratulations to Team Sutton!



Lower School Academic Scholars

This term, LSAS Third and Fourth Form have been finding out about women in war. They have looked at historical figures from Boudicca to the present day, and on Thursday 16 May took a trip to Bletchley Park to find out about the cryptanalysts who helped crack the enigma code. They were treated to a tour of the grounds by the nephew of one of the "wrens", and got to encipher their own messages using an original enigma machine.

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