

Stowe mail

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NEWS ROUND UP FROM STOWE

A Level Drama

Huge congratulations and credit must go to the thirteen members of the Lower Sixth A Level Drama group and their teaching staff, who over two nights on Wednesday 6 and Thursday 7 March, presented their devised and original exam performance pieces to an eclectic audience made up of fellow Stoics, staff, family and friends.

Taking as their inspiration the varied theatre techniques associated with the work of theatre company, Complicité, each group were not only able to engage and entertain, but also demonstrate a genuine level of sustained skill and understanding that was worthy of high praise and even higher marks.

Ruby Redfern (Queen's), Juliana Ziemele (Queen's), Flora Walters (Nugent) and Rosie Ludlow (Lyttelton) set their 'The Stepford Wives' inspired mystery in the location of Dream Town - an idyllic 1950s suburbia, where the ever-smiling, polite and uber-friendly residents welcome a newcomer to their fold. However, everything is not as it appears and the climax of the performance saw a dark and menacing physical theatre sequence in which 'perfection pills' were forcefully administered to the newcomer, in order for her to fit in accordingly.

Sascha Clark-Jones (Bruce), Dominic Selvey (Chandos) and Maria Sharipova (Stanhope) cleverly used the backdrop of the current, British political landscape to present a funny, observant and satirical piece linked to the creation of a new party and their attempt to win a political campaign. All three group members were at ease in delivering the witty dialogue

and effortlessly switched characters with skill and aplomb. We had an array of stereotypical characters on show, from the hard-nosed political analyst to the pretentious advertising/media consultants who were capable of just about spinning anything.

Maddie Marriott (Nugent), Izzy Hopkins (Lyttelton) and Georgie Page-Turner (Stanhope) drew their inspiration from Angela Carter's 'The Bloody Chamber' and asked their audience to think carefully about what it is to be a woman in today's fragile and fractured world. The use of music and video technology in this piece was particularly note-worthy and the dark, menacing and foreboding undercurrent left the audience with plenty of food for thought, especially after seeing the two previous light-hearted and quirky presentations.

The exploits and courage of Edith Cavell are truly inspiring and it was the remarkable legacy of this World War One British Nurse; who helped over 200 Allied soldiers escape from German-occupied Belgium that Mia Dettori (Nugent), Sonya Sander (Lyttelton) and Georgia Glenser (Lyttelton) took as their sensitive and compassionate starting point. All three performers skilfully and effectively switched seamlessly from an array of characters, in order to tell their story. The physical theatre and movement aspects were handled with real skill and the tragic ending was a sobering way to end the evening.

Nick Bayley, Drama Department



We are delighted to share with you our latest promotional film showing the wide variety of sport we have on offer here at Stowe, at both participation and performance levels. The film was shot over the course of two terms and we really hope that you enjoy [watching it](#).

It has been exciting to work again with Old Stoic, Will Berner (Chatham, 2011) and his company Ablinq. Our very own Dylan Grafftey-Smith (Third Form, Walpole) provided the music and worked closely with composer Paddy Fletcher. The track was even recorded here in Stowe's Studio with the help of teacher Ben Weston. There are too many Stoics and Staff featured in the film to name them all, so why not see if you can spot anyone you know!

We would like to thank Will and his team for their work on this project and the Sports Department who helped line up all the teams for their starring roles, and, of course, all the stars of the film itself.

Please watch and share the film by [clicking here](#).

Tori Roddy, Director of Marketing & Admissions

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Classical Vocal Concert

This year's Classical Vocal Concert on Wednesday 27 February was a night to truly remember, with Stoics from all year groups presenting songs from across the ages in a variety of European languages and genres. The evening opened with the newly formed Chamber Choir, directed by John Wilkinson, singing Luboff's arrangement of 'Wade in the Water' with energy and style. The evening was interspersed with three vocal trios directed by James Speakman, Assistant Director of Music. The singers Emily Banks (Lower Sixth, Lyttelton), Emily Wilson (Lower Sixth, Stanhope) and Lula Goldsmith (Lower Sixth, Stanhope) with Ben Grinyer (Lower Sixth, Bruce) and Poppy de Salis (Upper Sixth, Stanhope) on violin performed this with sensitivity and a superb blend of balance of sound. The next trio, Oscar Hill (Upper Sixth, Temple), Archie Morley (Upper Sixth, Walpole) and Peter Entwisle (Upper Sixth, Temple) sang the lovely 'Say, where is he born?' from Mendelssohn's oratorio 'Christus'. Our third trio, Helena Vince (Upper Sixth, Queen's), Oscar Hill and Peter Entwisle gave a polished rendition of the 'Benedictus' from Schubert's 'Mass in G'. It was encouraging to hear unfamiliar singers during the evening. Georgia Glenser (Lower Sixth, Lyttelton), Alice Butler (Third Form, Lyttelton), Oliver Taylor (Lower Sixth, Chatham), Matthew Ryland (Third Form, Bruce), Olivia Omotajo (Fifth Form, Stanhope), Henry Hink (Fourth Form, Walpole), Ruby Cooke (Third Form, Lyttelton) and Boris Baros (Lower Sixth, Bruce) all commanded attention,

with beautiful performances at this annual concert. More seasoned vocalists Emily Wilson, Lula Goldsmith, Oscar Hill, Helena Vince, Emily Banks and Peter Entwisle all delivered outstanding renditions of their solos. The three successful DipLCM in Classical Singing candidates, Peter Entwisle, Oscar Hill and Helena Vince, received their certificates. There cannot be many schools in which both the Head Boy and Head Girl have demonstrated such high expertise vocally!

I was impressed with the way our Stoics presented themselves with confidence and poise at this concert. Besides the obvious joy of making music, good presentation is one of the many benefits and transferable skills that singing brings. There has been some wonderful feedback from audience members, and this was a truly memorable event. Many of the same pupils also showed their versatility by performing with equal distinction at our Open Mic Night on Sunday 10 March and will do so at 'A Night at the Musicals' on Wednesday 1 May. This is due in no small part to the dedication of the team of five highly experienced singing teachers we have. My thanks are due to Paul Badley (Teacher of Singing), Ben Andrew (Head of Keyboard Studies) and Craig Greene (Director of Music) for their expert accompaniment, enabling our singers to give of their best on the night. As ever, grateful thanks must go to Arts at Stowe for all the work they do to ensure that events like this happen.

Rachel Sherry, Head of Vocal Studies

CRICKET

Cricket Coaching with Graeme White

The Stowe cricketers have been working hard over the course of the winter with a mix of both one-to-one sessions and squad training. I have been impressed by the focus and commitment of the pupils and some have made rapid progress. We have a strong coaching team which was assisted this winter by former Stoic and current Northants County Cricket Club player - Graeme White (Bruce '05) who has recently completed his Level III coaching award. The players have thoroughly enjoyed tapping into his experience - particularly our spin bowlers. The biggest focus this winter was for players to develop game plans and strategies for various match situations they may face in the summer. Most of our one-to-one sessions are filmed and the boys review their performance on the Stowe Cricket YouTube channel. We have also recently purchased a Bola Fielding Machine which has been a great asset for the wicket keepers to use for diving practice, using the machine and deflection mats, and it will be a great tool to work all of our fielding unit hard once we can get outdoors. After six months indoors the players are now very much looking forward to getting outside and we are hoping the weather will be good enough to do so before Term ends.

Roll on summer!

James Knott, Director of Cricket

Philosophy@Stowe - Michael Wilcockson

On Tuesday 5 March, Michael Wilcockson, Head of Philosophy at Eton gave us a very thought-provoking talk about euthanasia and our intentions that accompany this decision. This talk was highly intellectual, memorable and sparked a great question and answer session between the audience and Mr Wilcockson. The event was a clear success with a record number of attendees and a large group of students staying behind to delve further into Mr Wilcockson's brilliant knowledge on the subject. This talk really was highly impressive and yet was another great Philosophy@Stowe event.

Amber Capurro (Lower Sixth, Nugent)



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Phillips Exeter Academy Choir

On Saturday 9 March, Stowe welcomed touring musicians from the Phillips Exeter Academy in the United States to perform a concert in Chapel, alongside our own choir and orchestra. The groups from Exeter had previously given concerts in Westminster and at Oxford University with Stowe being the final concert of their UK tour. The concert opened with the Exeter Choir performing four unaccompanied songs. The quality of their performance was exceptional and the sheer power of their sound completely filled the large space in chapel. The Stowe Chapel Choir followed with a tender performance of John Rutter's 'I wonder as I wander'. Next up were two collaborative items between the Exeter Chamber Orchestra and the Stowe Orchestra. The first of these was Elgar's delightful 'Chanson de matin', which was followed by Grieg's 'Holberg Suite' directed with poise and control from the violin by Stowe Head of Strings, Chris Windass. The Exeter Chamber Orchestra then performed music by Johann Christian Bach and Bela Bartok with supreme skill and musicality. The concert concluded with a moving performance of Tarik O'Regan's 'Triptych' by the Exeter Choir and Orchestra. The impressive performances given by both schools were really appreciated by the audience and we look forward to potential collaboration in the future!

Craig Greene, Director of Music

EQUESTRIAN

Lila Hill (Third Form, Lyttelton) has had some great results with her riding.

She has qualified for the Winter 1m British Show Jumping National Pony Championship Final on her new pony Oreo Patches. She has also qualified for the British Show Jumping Schools Championship Final on her pony Lissroe Melody for 1m and 90cm and will be representing Stowe in Wales on Saturday 17 and Sunday 18 March.

Ellie Martindale (Third Form, Queen's) competed at Aston le Walls on Sunday 3 March. Jerry was flying! He finished on his dressage score of 32.5 and came 3rd in the BE90. Kathy had a dressage score of 34 dressage, clear cross-country but unfortunately had one down in the show jumping in the BE100.

For Stoics, further competition training dates are now available with Ernest Dillon on Sunday 31 March and at the Addington Equestrian Centre on 20 March, 5 June and 26 June. Please contact the Equestrian Team for further details.

The Grafton Hunt meet took place at Stowe on Tuesday 22 January. It was a very fast day, covering some amazing country along with some great jumps. Pupils were all immaculately turned out and extremely well behaved, as were the horses! We were very fortunate with the weather as the snow did not arrive until the very end of the day.

Seventeen pupils took time out of academic studies to join in:

Megan Churchill, Polly French, Hattie Goodrich, Rosie Grayson, Otlie Hewlett, Isla Holman West, Jemima Howden, Arthur Irvine, Bo Jenkins, Sophie Lee, Chloe Livesey, Ellie & Krissy Martindale, Francesca McCloud Matthews, Charlotte Morgan, Lydia Taylor and Josh White.

Angela Haycock, Equestrian Centre Manager

Restoration Completion

On Friday 8 March, the Stowe House Preservation Trust (SHPT) completed the restoration of the North Hall. Visitors will now see the previously restored ceiling in all its glory, thanks to an improved lighting scheme. The two classical relief sculptures have also benefited from improved spot lighting that enhances the presentation of these two historic and highly significant pieces. The walls have been painted in a pale stone, matched as closely as possible to the finish that was found during research into paint schemes to have been on the walls prior to Queen Victoria's visit and deliberately toned to make the correct transition to William Kent's painted ceiling. Sixteen different paint schemes were identified, dating from 1734 to the 1960s and this was chosen as the most representative for the period to which the restoration was timed, when Carbonneaux's copy of the famous Laocöon statue stood in the hall. The Laocöon is currently being cast in a foundry in east London and will

be installed over the summer. Perhaps the most notable change has been the replacement of the modern terrazzo floor with a Purbeck Whetson, believed, again from detailed archival research, to represent the floor surface at the time selected for the restoration. Further finishing touches include authentic green colouring to the staircase balustrade with gold leaf detailing. Research continues to source a suitable copy of Giambologna's Mercury for the niche at the top of the stairs and Roman Emperors for the console bases on the upper walls.

The Stowe House Preservation Trust is a separate charity formed to fundraise for and manage the restoration of Stowe House and to present the historic house to the public when possible. SHPT's next project will be the restoration of the State Dining Room from May 2020. Fundraising continues for this work, for details please see the [SHPT website](#).

Nick Morris, CEO, SHPT





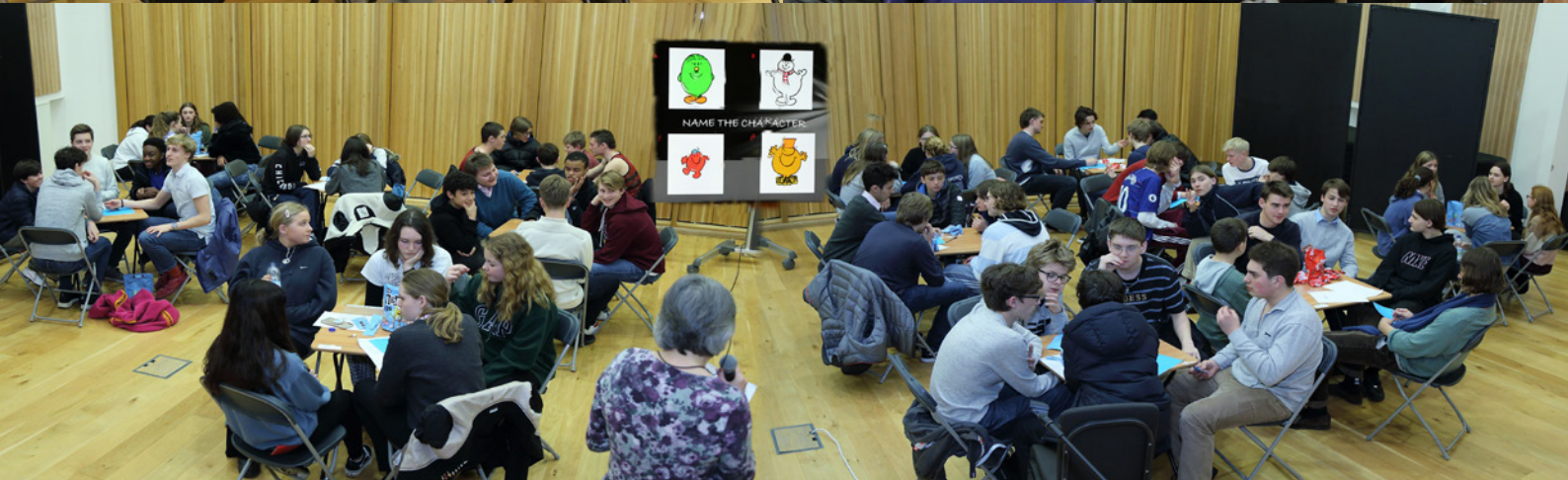
World Book Day

World Book Day on the Thursday 7 March was celebrated with the Inter-House Literary Quiz in the Ugland Auditorium. Each House fielded one member of each year group to create the teams, with three members from West.

There were ten rounds of themed questions on everything from Shakespeare to horror, mountains and cats, as well as a picture round. There were also questions from which the audience could gain points for their team, using an online quizzing tool called Kahoot.

The teams from Lyttelton, Grenville and Cobham jointly won the first round using their joker; after that it was a fight for the finish between Stanhope, Cobham and Walpole. Walpole and Nugent got full marks in the penultimate round with a deft use of their joker but eventually Walpole gained the overall win with 73 points; Cobham came second and Stanhope were beaten into third place by just one point.

Lyn Foden, School Librarian





Model United Nations

From Friday 8 to Sunday 10 March, twelve Lower Sixth Stoics represented Russia and Iran at the Cambridge Model United Nations (CamMUN). The team were extremely impressive in debate, and pushed through six resolutions on issues ranging from disarmament to the environment. Congratulations go to Alfie Cliff (Chandos), Tom Scott (Chandos) and Oliver Hall (Temple), who won Distinguished Delegate awards in their Committees. Special congratulations go to Octavia Comerford (Stanhope) for her Outstanding Delegate Award in the Historical Committee, and to Ben Grinyer (Bruce), who was awarded Outstanding Delegate in the Political Committee. Their achievements are all the more impressive given the size of the Committees and strength of competition.

Peter Dennis, Teacher of Philosophy and Religion

'Do No Harm' - Henry Marsh Book Review

Last month, a Scholars' trip was organised for us to visit Blackwell's bookshop in Oxford, where we were asked to choose some books for the School Library in an area that we were interested in. As I am looking to go into medicine in the future, I found a book about a neurosurgeon named Dr Henry Marsh.

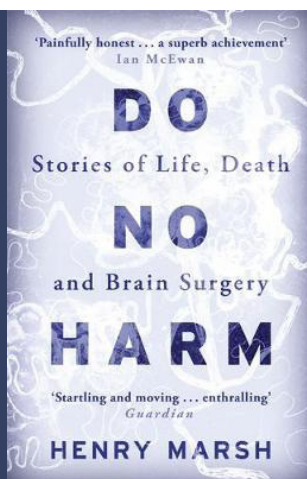
'Do No Harm' is all about his life as a neurosurgeon, his patients', their outcomes and how the British health care system would frequently get in the way. Dr Henry Marsh works in a large London Hospital and throughout the book recounts his stories of operations he has undertaken - most being successful - but all too often there are those that fail. In one chapter, Marsh recounts visiting a nursing home dedicated to caring for patients with catastrophic brain damage. He writes, "The doors were all open and through the doorways I could see the motionless forms of the patients in their beds, to my dismay I recognised at least five of the names." These are patients that, in Marsh's own words, he "wrecked" in operations that went wrong.

Dr Henry Marsh's painfully honest approach to his writing, and his understanding that surgeons, like their patients, are humans that make mistakes, is what really makes this book so fascinating. However, when it comes to neurosurgery the stakes are at their highest - where any small error could lead to irreversible brain damage. The operations themselves are captivatingly described, and one could see that Marsh has a deep understanding of the brain and its complicated structure that he shares with the reader, as well as a genuine care, and compassion for his patients. There is also some dry English humour thrown in, every now and again, at the expense of the NHS and the hospital administration.

Perhaps one of the main reasons I enjoyed reading this book, was that it gave me an insight into what life is really like for a doctor. Marsh never shies away from detailed descriptions of surgery, in the fear that readers may be too squeamish, but is completely truthful in his accounts of the sometimes brutal procedures that he has to go through as a neurosurgeon. This honesty meant that, by the end of the book, I also felt I had some level of understanding of the highs and lows of neurosurgery and could really comprehend just how difficult a job surgeons have.

Overall, I felt this was a very interesting book and one that is well worth a read if you get the chance. I would definitely recommend it to anyone who has an interest in medicine or just wants to know what life is like for doctors today.

Barnaby Peppiatt (Fifth Form, Chatham)



POLO

We had a fantastic day at the SUPA Polo National Competition on Sunday 3 March. Stowe took four teams, one in each section, which was the most teams of any school entered in the competition!

Our A team - captained by Billy Hawkings-Byass (Upper Sixth, Cobham), Ivan Quirot de Poligny (Lower Sixth, Walpole) and Jamie Baille (Upper Sixth, Cobham) played brilliantly with some breathtaking goals. They won two matches and lost one, coming fourth in the country.

Our B team - captained by Louis Hink (Upper Sixth, Walpole), Julian Ma (Upper Sixth, Bruce) and Rafi Mahmood (Fourth Form, Walpole) played a tough selection of matches and came fifth in their intermediate division.

Our girls' team who played in the novice section were incredible and only lost their final by one goal. Captained by Bella White (Upper Sixth, Nugent), Ella Almeyda (Lower Sixth, Queen's) and India Baille (Third Form, Queen's) coming second in their division.

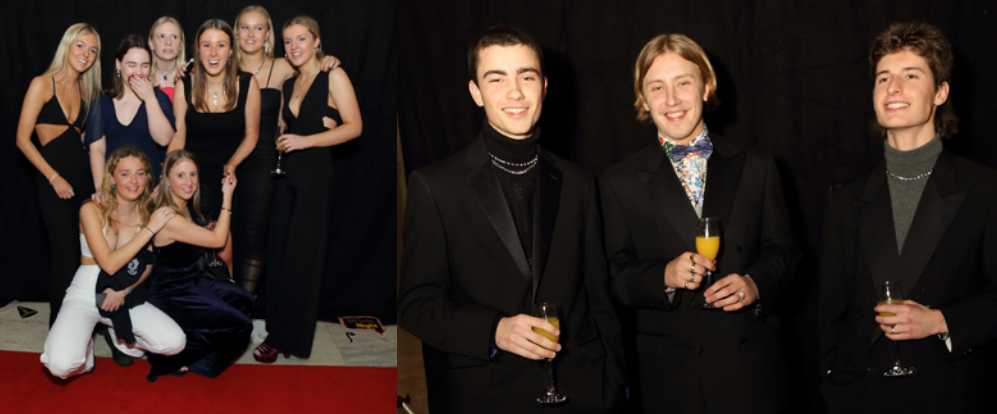
Finally for the Beginner section captained by Mark Kanjana (Upper Sixth, Walpole) who scored some incredible goals with Cody Skinner (Upper Sixth, Walpole) and Freddie Farrell (Third Form, Grenville) this was their first proper match and they came fourth.

A very pleasing result from all involved and they did a great job representing the growth of Stowe polo!

On Sunday 10 March, Rosie Grayson (Fourth Form, Nugent) represented Stowe in a combined schools team at the Girls' National Polo Competition and scored the winning goal to become the National Girls' Champions which is a fantastic achievement.

Fiona Corrhine, Head of Polo





Careers Talk: Entrepreneurship

"It is not the strongest of the species that survives, nor the most intelligent; it is the one that is most adaptable to change."
Charles Darwin

On Friday 8 February, over eighty Stoics attended a talk in the Music Room on Entrepreneurship. Many Stoics may be already considering starting their own companies or working for entrepreneurial firms. As aspiring entrepreneurs living and studying in such a creative environment as Stowe, we provide advice on how to create a business, grow a business from concept, launch to maturity and, of course, how to secure finance for such a venture.

To help our budding entrepreneurs understand some of the potential routes to success, we were lucky enough to secure two entrepreneurs for a careers talk. Ollie Forsyth, who is at the start of his career, and Brian Marcel who has recently published an autobiography of his career - 'Raise the Bar, Change the Game'.

Ollie guided us through his first entrepreneurial venture in which he secured enough free products from suppliers to start his own online business. With virtually zero capital, Ollie, at the age of 14, started his own firm as a sole trader. Later, after leaving school, Ollie started a subscription-based entrepreneur networking company, which grew to over 30,000 members. Ollie explained that due to the pressures of managing such a venture and the changing nature of the sector, he then transformed the business into the online platform 'Makers Podcast'. "We find out how the most successful founders have created immense success, but we also want to find out how they overcame those toughest obstacles, both for the business and personally." We wish Ollie the best of success with his new venture and hope to hear from him in a couple of years to see how the business model has evolved.

Brian Marcel (Chatham '63), expertly guided a room of more than 80 Business and Economics students and one Headmaster through his career, starting when he was in sales and then moving onto how he saw the collapse of the Soviet Union as a business opportunity. His venture brought bar code technology to a part of the world that needed change, and the opportunities that accompanied the fall of the USSR, globalisation and later the enlargement of the EU. Throughout his talk, Brian explained how he adapted to the various opportunities that presented themselves. Although the talk was based around his fascinating career and how Brian has mentored a number of entrepreneurs to become millionaires, the key messages he shared was to be brave, have a go and don't make excuses for not starting your own business. Brian kindly gave a copy of his book to all Stoics in attendance at the talk and I am sure that we will refer to this in the entrepreneurship unit in their Business A Level.

Dr Gordon West, Head of Careers

Stowe Oscars 2019

The inaugural Stowe Oscars (StOscars) saw the red carpet teaming with the biggest names in (Stowe) film. Those lucky enough to attend brushed shoulders with the likes of critically acclaimed director Rollo Jacobson (Upper Sixth, Chandos), Master of Suspense, Julian Ma (Upper Sixth, Bruce) and winner of the popular vote Paolo Alvigini (Upper Sixth, Grenville).

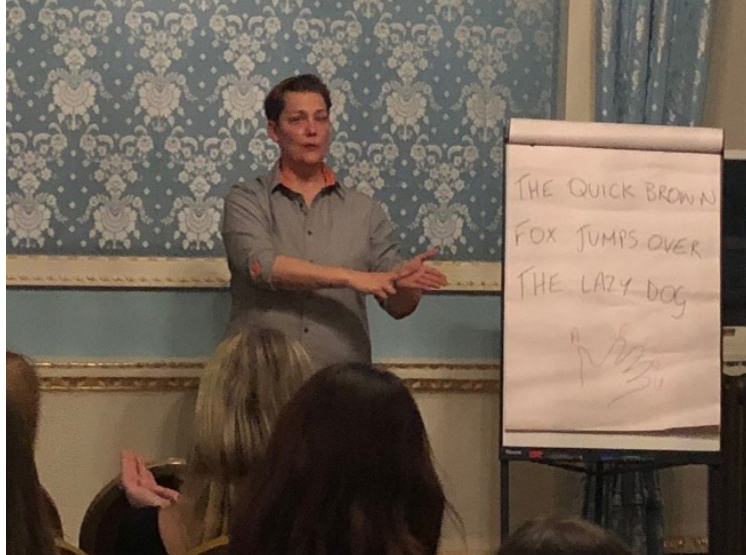
The ceremony began with a cocktail as the stars posed for photos on the red carpet before taking their seats. Hosting the event was the incomparable Tavish Struthers (Upper Sixth, Bruce) director of *A Chance* along with his co-host, the star of *Alone*, Ivan Titov (Upper Sixth,

Chandos). Opening with some hilarious and edgy jokes, the two announced the winners. The audience cheered as endearing and heartwarming speeches were given from the likes of Imogen Oliver (Upper Sixth, Queen's) director of the sweet classic *Man's Best Friend*, Paolo Alvigini - director and writer of the highly popular film *The Joys of Living* and Cleo Leather (Upper Sixth, West) director and cinematographer of *Yesterday's Triumph* who persevered through a turbulent production. Though there were a few surprising winners, the event was a success and has set the scene for the years that follow.

Emma Ackroyd, Head of Film Studies



Languages Society



Languages Society members thoroughly enjoyed a talk given by Stacey Stockwell, a well-known sign language specialist on Wednesday 6 March. The talk commenced with the current problems in society regarding disability; primarily the mistreatment of disabled people and the lack of services provided for them. Did you know that that you are three and a half times more likely to become disabled in your life than suffer any other serious illness and 83% of people are not born disabled, but become disabled later on in their lives?

It was shocking to learn about the constant derogatory actions towards disabled people in society today. Mrs Stockwell gave us the example of a call centre dedicated to helping disabled people with allegations of disrespect, receiving more than 150,000 calls per week. This is a staggeringly high number and Mrs Stockwell is endlessly trying to raise awareness of how easy it is to communicate with people with disabilities, if only you know how. We then proceeded to learn the alphabet in sign language starting with the vowels on your fingers and then learning individual letters. Shortly afterwards, we tried to complete a sentence in sign language - 'The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog'. A sentence using all the letters of the alphabet. After 10 minutes, everyone in the audience could use British Sign Language (BSL); however sometimes we did get a little mixed up! Furthermore, Mrs Stockwell addressed some members of the audience using sign language and she enthusiastically expressed how easy it is and why everyone in society should take 10 minutes out of their day to learn BSL, as it may come in extremely handy at some stage in your life. Overall, it was a truly fascinating talk and we are extremely grateful for Mrs Stockwell taking the time to speak to us.

Tom Scott (Lower Sixth, Chandos)

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Badminton

On Wednesday 6 March the U16 boys' had a comfortable 13-3 win against Akeley Wood School.

Hockey

The boys' U16B, U15A and U15B had strong wins against RGS High Wycombe on Wednesday 6 March.

In the matches against Bloxham on Saturday 9 March, we shared the overall results with four wins and two draws each.

In the boys' Third Form Inter-House Competition on Monday 4 March, Bruce became Champions with Temple winning the plate.

Lacrosse

The U15As went to the National Schools' Tournament on Monday 4 March. They beat Dunottar School and held a top school, St Paul's to 3-1.

The U14As had a good learning experience at their first Nationals. Lizzie Knott (Third Form, Nugent) was outstanding in goal, recording 23 saves.

The U14Ds played The Dragon School on Friday 8 March, winning 5-1 with all of them leaving the field of play as better players than when they had entered it.

On Saturday 9 March, the 1st XII team were defeated by Cheltenham Ladies' College 8-3, but our 2nd XII won a 7-6 nail-biter. Our U15As lost 7-3, and the U14As won 11-4, making up for the 3-1 loss to them at Nationals. Tallulah Morris (Third Form, Queen's) and Lyla Mulcahy (Third Form, Nugent) led the team very well.

Badminton Championships

Stowe entered the National Schools' Year 9 Badminton Championships for the first time and got through to the quarter-finals of the County round. They were then defeated by a strong Webber School team. On Tuesday 12 February, the team consisting of Oliver Butler (Third Form, Grenville), Michael Spencer (Third Form, Temple), George Owen-Thursfield (Third Form, Temple) and James Gray (Third Form, Temple), competed in the Championships and beat John Hampden and Buckingham School 5-0.

Music Festival Success

Stowe siblings, Jessica (Fourth Form, Lyttelton) and Sebastian Foxwell (Fourth Form, Walpole) have recently enjoyed a remarkable run of success in music festivals. At the Banbury Young Musician Competition, Seb won both the brass and piano finals and, alongside Jess, they won the duet final. Jess was also awarded the prize for being the most versatile performer. As a result of these achievements, Seb has been invited to compete in the district finals in Reading. Jess won further prizes in both the Chipping Norton Festival and the Milton Keynes Festival being awarded outstanding certificates in all her classes at Chipping Norton. She won 1st prize in the Advanced Woodwind, Junior Woodwind, and Best Overall Woodwind player categories in Milton Keynes. Seb also won the Junior Brass Recital class in Milton Keynes and both have been invited to compete in the final round later this month. Both Jess and Seb have worked incredibly hard to reach these exceptional levels of performance. Congratulations to both!

Craig Greene, Director of Music



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History

Arek Hersh MBE

On Thursday 29 February, Third Form History and Philosophy & Religion students visited the Beth Shalom Holocaust Memorial Centre in Nottingham. The Centre provided an opportunity to learn about the gradual progression of persecution within Europe, and consider how and why such events were able to unfold. Students then heard the testimony of Arek Hersh MBE, a survivor of the Holocaust. Having grown up within Poland, Arek was separated from his family, and sent to a forced labour camp at the young age of 11. Managing to survive this experience through misleading Nazi officials about his age and work experience, he was later moved to a ghetto. With no-one to support him, he sought help from a local orphanage, who provided him with the shelter

and food he needed. However, at the age of 14, the ghetto was liquidised and Arek was sent to Auschwitz Birkenau. Despite the awful conditions, and being witness to horrific events, Arek persevered and fought for his survival every day.

The students listened to his account in awe, and being able to see his ID number tattooed on his arm made the experience much more personal. A range of questions were put forward by Stoics, considering not only the events which happened to him, but also how it has affected his faith in the long term. It was a very valuable experience, which allowed students to deepen their understanding of the historical context, but also consider the nature of evil and free will in allowing such atrocities to occur.

Francesca Shah, Teacher of History

Basketball

Since Half Herm the Stowe basketball teams have been unbeaten. On Saturday 9 March, The U18 boys have had two comprehensive victories beating Pangbourne School 59-23 and Bradfield School 67-41. In their first game of the season the U16 boys also had a very exciting 55-46 win against Bradfield School. Not to be outdone the girls also played their first match of the season against Thornton and had a fantastic 47-32 win.

The U18 and U16 squads continued their impressive seasons, with two more wins away against Bradfield on Saturday 9 March. The Stowe basketball club is currently on an impressive 80% win record.

Rugby

It was a gruelling day of wet and windy conditions at the Solihull Tournament on Thursday 7 March. The boys' Junior Colts won their group with tight wins over RGS High Wycombe and Warwick Schools. The Stowe team then showed great character to come back from two tries down in the semi-final against Sir Thomas Rich's School, to set up a final against bitter rivals Bromsgrove School. Josh Weru (Fourth Form, Grafton) raced away to score the first try and Ryan Thomas (Fourth Form, Cobham) doubled the lead shortly afterwards. Despite conceding a try on the stroke of half time, the Stowe boys hung on with some brave defending, to hang on to claim a 17-10 victory.



On Monday 25 February we hosted the Georgia National Rugby Team. Hundreds of Stoics watched the session on the North Front basked in February sunshine.

On Wednesday 27 February, Mr Rickner and Mr Seely took the Stowe 1st XV team to the Rugby Tonight Show, shown live on BT Sport. The boys were treated to Austin Healy's humour and expert comments by former Wales Captain, Sam Warburton, as well as a photo with the Rugby World Cup trophy itself!

On Thursday 28 February, six staff were hosted by former England player Richard Hill as they were given full access to the England training session in Oxford.

Grant Seeley, Director of Rugby



Medical Detection Dogs

On Wednesday 20 February, HRH The Duchess of Cornwall, visited Milton Keynes to open the brand new Medical Detection Dogs Training Centre. Founded in 2008 by Dr Claire Guest and Dr John Church, this important charity is regularly supported by Stowe, focusing on the training of specialist dogs for assistance in detecting human diseases. The Duchess toured the Centre, greeted the charity's hard-working volunteers and met with some of the charity's clients and their dogs. As a Patron of the charity since 2014, Camilla cut the ribbon to announce the opening of this brand new facility. Hugo Robinson, Lord-Lieutenant's Cadet (Upper Sixth, Grenville), attended this event to support the Vice Lord-Lieutenant and was praised for carrying out his role with pride whilst representing the Stowe Combined Cadet Force. Well done to Hugo for his participation at this event.



Netball

Our Senior sides performed well at the St Helens and St Katherine's Tournament on Wednesday 6 March. We took two teams, both reached the semi-finals and one team went on to finish the day as runners up which is a great result. Our Third team also competed, defeating Cokethorpe School.

Fives

We had a very close match with Mill Hill and Belmont School on Wednesday 6 March, having lost the first game Stowe fought hard and went on to win the 2nd and 3rd game.

Rugby 7s

It has been an excellent week for all the 7s squads. The Senior squad reached another final and ended as runners up at the Stratford tournament on Wednesday 6 March. On Thursday 7 March the U15s went to Solihull where they came through a gruelling day of 8 matches, winning every one in testing weather conditions. This impressive squad showed they had the strength of character to back up their outstanding rugby ability and finished the day as Champions. On Sunday 10 March the U14s went all the way to Ipswich for a tournament. In a similar manner to the Fourth Form, they showed the combination of skill, resilience and team organisation to come through their 6 matches unbeaten and return as Champions.



Stowe Performance Programme

The Stowe Performance Programme is designed to support our Sports Scholars and elite athletes through strength and conditioning, sports psychology, nutrition advice and more. The programme was redesigned and relaunched in September 2018 with a new team of coaching staff and a new look programme.

The Senior Performance Programme Team have a session every Monday afternoon and the Junior (Third Form and Fourth Form) every Wednesday. During the Michaelmas Term the PP squad covered a range of different areas including; weight-lifting with specific emphasis on technique, speed and agility, co-ordination and teamwork. The idea behind these sessions is to firstly improve the technical and physical capability of our elite performers but also educate our students so they are prepared for high level training outside of School, whether that be academy sessions during their time at Stowe or at university and professional clubs after they leave.

In November, Sports Psychologist Rich Hudson gave a lecture on 'Playing Under Pressure' and the pressure myth. He presented the idea that pressure does not exist and what we perceive as pressure is a culmination of other factors we allow to affect our mental state.

After Christmas, the PP sessions were more and in specific two week blocks. Our agility session at the track focussed on quick foot work, turning and turn of pace. Both Seniors and Juniors have taken part in three strength circuit sessions that



got the blood pumping!

The PP team were also given a leadership seminar with plenty of coach/athlete discussion about their role and what the athletes can do to get the best from those around them. Every member of the PP squad saw themselves as a leader as we discussed just how much we can impact our team mates.

Our second talk was from Dr Tony Baross on Sports Nutrition. Dr Baross discussed our dietary requirements and recommended proportions of different food types. He also spoke to us about snacks and what we could and should be eating before and during sports events.

The Performance Programme has been a huge success as we aim to reach that 'next level', whatever that next level may be for our students.

Ben Scott, Head of Hockey



Prep School Hockey Tournament

On Monday 11 March, Stowe hosted its annual boys' Prep School Hockey Tournament. Twenty-one teams were entered from ten schools across three age group competitions - more than 200 boys took the field! The tournament structure was a round robin group stage, before proceeding to cup and plate competitions with certificates and medals for runners up and winners. The afternoon was frantic with over fifty 7-a-side matches taking place.

Congratulations to Beachborough School for winning the U11B tournament, Northampton School for Boys for winning the U11A and Winchester House School for winning the U13A tournament. Thank you to all schools for making the trip and making the tournament such a success.

The boys taking part in the tournament were also able to see the new Stowe Sports Film during their visit, whilst also taking some shelter in the sports tent!

I would also like to thank all parents and supporters as well as the Stowe staff for their hard work during the afternoon.

Ben Scott, Head of Hockey



Lent Addresses 2019

We have been very fortunate to have The Revd Rico Tice, Associate Rector, Langham Palace London, with us this month. Rico has been our speaker at The Lent Addresses, which took place in the Watson Art School from Sunday 3 - Wednesday 6 March.

Rico had spoken at the Carol Services at the end of last term, so we knew we were in for a treat. His message was clear, powerful and relevant, and his captivating talks were balanced by his warm and engaging personality. The evening meetings were well attended with over sixty Stoics present at each talk, some returning for all three nights.

It is hard to believe that he was only with us for four days - so many people met and spoke with Rico - we hope that the impact of his visit will, for some, last a lifetime.

Tim Mullins, School Chaplain



Swimming

On Friday 8 March, the Senior swim teams headed to the Olympic pool in London, to compete in the prestigious Bath Cup, along with eighty schools from all over Great Britain. The Senior boys' Julian Muhoho (Upper Sixth, Bruce), Julian Ma (Upper Sixth, Bruce), Ian Hsu (Lower Sixth, Chatham) and Lucas Davis (Lower Sixth, Bruce) came a very respectable 17th in the Freestyle Relay and 13th in the Medley.

The Senior girls' team of Holly Stradling (Lower Sixth, Lyttelton), Emily King (Fifth Form, Lyttelton), Louise Blomqvist (Fourth Form, Stanhope) Larissa Campbell (Third Form, Nugent) impressed with one of our best placings from the last five years. Finishing 16th and 15th in the Freestyle and Medley respectively.

Congratulations to Larissa Campbell (Third Form, Nugent) who qualified for six races in the Oxfordshire and North Bucks County Championships and Angus Kennedy (Third Form, Temple) who qualified in four races in the Scottish District Swimming Championships both held in February.

Cheryl Davis, Head of Swimming



Open Mic Night

On Sunday 10 March, the Ugland Auditorium was the venue for the Open Mic Night. Open Mic is an opportunity for Stoics to perform music they have chosen themselves in a style that they enjoy listening to and playing. It is also a forum for young musicians who don't frequently perform live music at Stowe to showcase their talents, as well as enjoy listening to their friends and peers. We were treated to some really musical and emotional performances. Sofia Atkinson-Hieber (Fifth Form, Nugent) got the ball rolling with her own original song and Malek Salem (Fourth Form, Grenville) followed her with a moody and chilled-out rap that he had also written himself. There were further striking performances from Celest Lamberti (Fifth Form, Stanhope), Olivia Omotajo (Fifth Form, Stanhope) and Millie Fooks (Fourth Form, Queen's). Olivia Elliott (Lower Sixth, Stanhope) performed an original song with Peter Entwisle (Upper Sixth, Temple) and then went on to engage us with a haunting interpretation of Chris Isaacs' 'Wicked Game' with Mimi Pearson-Gee (Fifth Form, Nugent). We were very fortunate to have both the Head Boy, Oscar Hill (Upper Sixth, Temple) (superbly

accompanied by Billy Baker (Upper Sixth, Chatham) and our Head Girl, Helena Vince (Upper Sixth, Queen's) performing at the event and there was also fantastic representation from the Third and Fourth forms. Isabella Elliott (Third Form, Stanhope) and Clara Capella (Third Form, Stanhope) performed a moving duet of 'Chasing Cars' and Ruby Cooke (Third Form, Lyttelton) and Lauren Hawkins (Fourth Form, Lyttelton) both put in memorable solo performances of Adele's 'Make You Feel My Love' and 'Worse Things I Could Do' from Grease. Clara Tearle (Fourth Form, Queen's) gave a sophisticated performance of one of her own songs and the evening was rounded up with Theo Hayes' (Lower Sixth, Chatham) band, 'Rain Machine' with Sean Carslaw Tricot (Lower Sixth, Grenville), Lula Goldsmith (Lower Sixth, Stanhope) and Ollie Seddon (Lower Sixth, Cobham). I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the performers for taking part and I am already looking forward to the next one!

Miles Nottage, Teacher of Music

Harry Arkwright – In the Press

Harry Arkwright, Head of Grafton House (Upper Sixth), has been excelling in horse-riding, with the press describing him as a 'promising Jockey'. Whilst completing his A Levels, Harry has competed four times in points and now has a point to point win in his repertoire. Congratulations to Harry, if you would like to read more about his achievements, please click [here](#).



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Friday 24 May

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Björn Again promises to bring the party to Southside19 performing all the greatest ABBA hits.

As always picnics are welcome but great festival food and drink will be available to purchase on the night. This fantastic evening of fun and music starts at 6pm with time to settle in before the music begins at 7.15pm.

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or call 01280 825710**

Maximum of 9 tickets allowed per group booking.
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Please note it will not be necessary to book tickets for current Stoics.

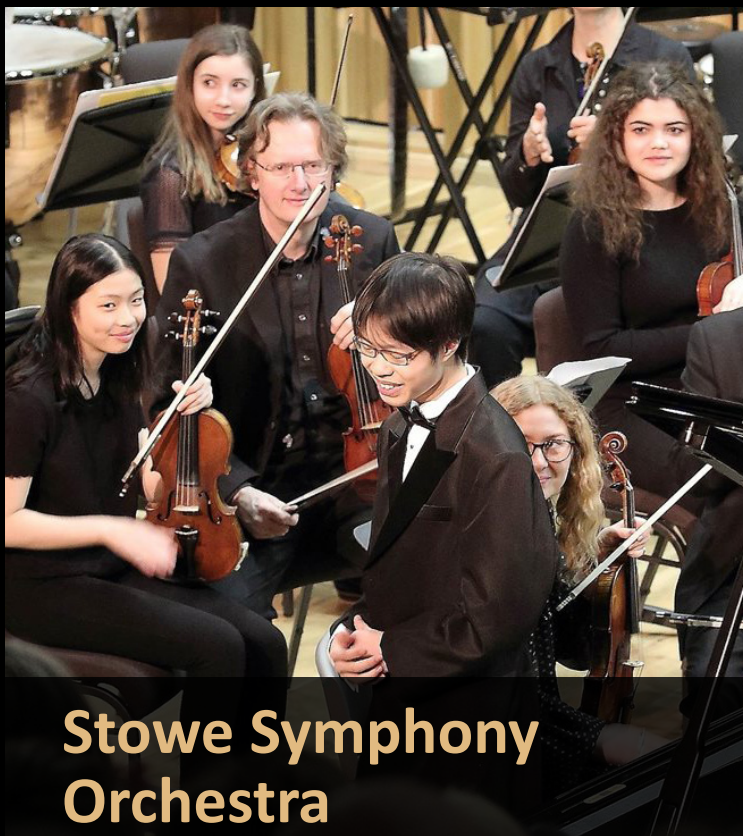
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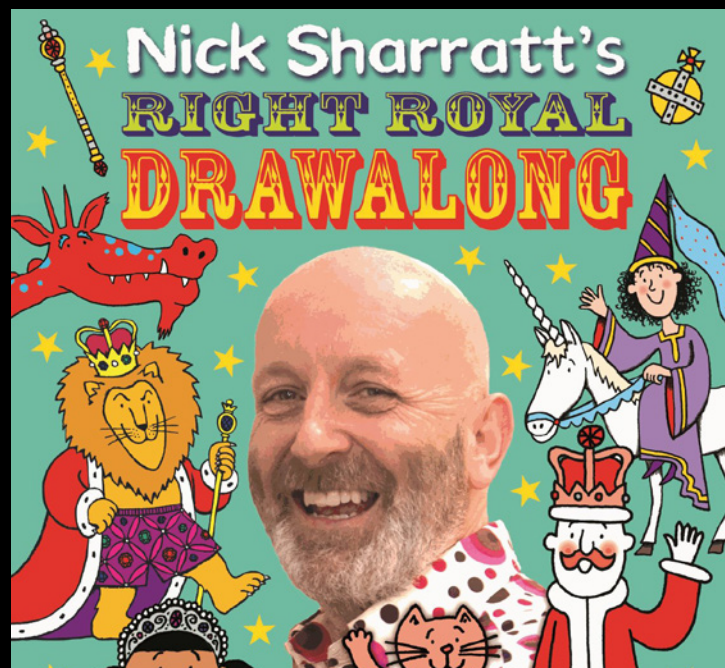
Stowe Symphony Orchestra

Wednesday 27 March, 8pm



Craft Café

Sunday 7 April, 2pm



Nick Sharratts Right Royal Drawalong

Wednesday 10 April, 2pm



All About Eve

Thursday 11 April, 7pm



Head Gardener on the march for Stowe

The National Trust's Head Gardener at Stowe, Barry Smith, is undertaking a colossal 129 mile walk to save a special place which saved him as a boy.

From Saturday 23 - Saturday 30 March, Barry will be walking from the Palladian Bridge at Stowe, with the walk being opened by the Headmaster, Dr Anthony Wallersteiner, to the Palladian Bridge at Prior Park, Bath, to raise money for the landscape programme.

Stowe Gardens and New Inn will be opening at 7.30am on Saturday 23 March and it will be free to those who arrive before 10am. This is a unique opportunity to experience the gardens and be a part of supporting Barry on his walk.

Barry has dedicated his life to Stowe Gardens, the 54-year-old will have spent thirty-nine years working in the illustrious gardens this year. His earliest memories are jumping off the proud tree stumps that line Buckingham Avenue.

He said: "Those who know me understand how much Stowe means to me and so I wanted to

step up to the plate for this special thirty years of the National Trust at Stowe anniversary year, challenging myself and get fit all at the same time.

"It would be brilliant to see lots of people there on the day and I am extremely grateful to everybody who has donated to the cause. The landscape at Stowe is in need of restoration." Barry is determined to do whatever it takes to ensure the gardens remain as beautiful as ever and continue to intrigue.

General Manager at the National Trust Stowe, Jane Jones, praised Barry for his fundraising efforts, "Barry is taking on a very difficult challenge and we are all impressed by his dedication to Stowe. The funds raised will go a long way to ensuring everyone can enjoy this special place for years to come. We are looking for people to dig deep and help Barry reach his £5,000 fundraising target." To donate please click [here](#).

James Eley, Senior Marketing and Communications Officer, Stowe National Trust



Champagne & Jazz

An evening of exceptional music making and celebration took place on Valentine's Day when the Music Department hosted Champagne & Jazz to raise funds for Buckingham & Winslow Young Carers. Much of the evening's entertainment was provided by the Stowe Big Band, capably led by Nigel Gibbon. The rousing sound produced by this group was sensational and the audience were bowled over by star turns from individual members of the band. Performances were also given by a number of Stowe's most talented singers who illustrated their abilities with a wide range of styles and moods. The Stowe Jazz Combo also provided a set and special mention must go to the astonishing drumming skills of Theo Hayes (Lower Sixth, Chatham). Background music was provided in the foyer areas of the Music School by a selection of Stowe pianists to help the audience relax whilst enjoying their drinks. The event raised over £1,000 for charity and was a great occasion enjoyed by all. Massive thanks go to everyone involved in organising the event, including members of the Music Department, the Arts at Stowe team and catering staff!

Craig Greene, Director of Music

New Room for Counselling

"Loving everything about yourself, even the unacceptable, is an act of personal power. It is the beginning of healing." Christiane Northrup.

On Monday 25 February the new counselling room opened its doors. Work had begun on Tuesday 12 February and it got noisy and messy as the Estates team removed the window looking into the corridor, knocked down part of a wall to create a new door, as well as bricking up the hole where the window once was. Well you can't make an omelette without first cracking an egg!

Rewind a few weeks earlier and Pam Rowett was on board, getting a good idea of what was needed, Andy Shann then did the necessary drawings and with those approved, Martin Langton's team moved in. I would like to thank all those who worked so incredibly hard to get the room completed on time - so thank you to Pam Rowett, Andy Shann, Martin Langton, Bob Campbell, Steve Cory, Craig Howkins, Darren Ridgway, Gavin Collis, Jamie Rickard and Nigel Egleton.

However, none of this could have happened without the very generous donation made by Mark and Lucianne Warde-Norbury who asked



for the money to be used for mental health & wellbeing. On Friday 15 February I had the pleasure in meeting Mark and Lucianne, so they could see how their donation was being used - they heard about the plans, got to see the work in progress and also about how Stowe works with mental health. So a huge thank you to Mark and Lucianne - the room is in constant use and we have increased the team to offer more counselling hours to Stoics.

The quote at the top of this article was a task I set Mark and Lucianne. I wanted them to pick a quote which they thought would be suitable for the new room and I'm sure you'll agree it fits perfectly.

Thank you again everyone!

Louise Springall, Senior Counsellor & Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



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