

# Stowe mail

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NEWS ROUND UP FROM STOWE



## Winton Cup 2019

On Tuesday 7 May, we welcomed over 100 Prep School pupils to participate in the Winton Cup. The competition, named after Old Stoic, Sir Nicholas Winton (Grenville 23), is a day for prep school children from the surrounding areas to experience Stowe and get involved in activities that are designed to test them in topics not covered in their typical school syllabus.

The students competed in sessions run by the Geography, History, Politics, Philosophy & Religion and History of Art Departments, which challenged them to examine the Middle East, the chosen theme for the year. The day was packed full of fun activities, with pupils guessing countries and flags, playing the role of UN peacekeepers, passing legislation in a mock House of Commons, identifying the key themes in middle eastern art and examining the creation stories that emanated from the Levant. These intellectually rigorous and fun sessions combined with a beautiful day, allowing pupils to experience Stowe at its best.

The Stowe staff were very impressed with the

knowledge, enthusiasm and creativity of these pupils, with some excellent performances as 'Prime Minister' for the day, thoughtful solutions to the Arab-Israeli conflict and even some incredible knowledge of obscure Middle Eastern flags. Although the scores were incredibly close, the cup was eventually won by Wetherby Prep, with Elstree Prep in second place and Swanbourne House in third.

The event is integral for outreach and we hope that many of these 10 and 11 year old pupils will return as fully fledged Stoics in the future. The pupils were impressed with the grounds and facilities that Stowe has to offer, but it was also excellent to hear them talk so positively about the fun, variety and challenge that they experienced in the sessions. These are all key aspects of a Stowe education and it was excellent to share this with such an enthusiastic group of children.

*Paul Griffin, Faculty Chair of Humanities and  
Hannah Nelson, Graduate Assistant*



## Leadership & Management

Cameron Chambers (Upper Sixth, Grenville), Kianti Subowo (Upper Sixth, Queen's), Rowan Brudenell (Upper Sixth, Grenville), Hugo Robinson (Upper Sixth, Grenville), Jess Potts (Upper Sixth, Nugent), Max Whitehead (Upper Sixth, Grenville), Tom White (Upper Sixth, Chatham), Tavish Struthers (Upper Sixth, Bruce) and Alex Jones (Upper Sixth, Grenville) all successfully completed their Level 3 Award in Leadership and Management.

This is a City and Guilds of London Institute Award and a nationally recognised adult leadership qualification.

Their success represents a significant achievement on their part, demonstrating 3-4 years of professional development and management experience gained within CCF, to the advantage of the junior cadets, whom they have led and managed.

Additionally, Stewart Johnston (Upper Sixth, Chandos) has successfully passed the BTEC Level 2 Extended certificate in Teamwork and Personal Development in the Community.

*Major Jan de Gale, Contingent Commander, Stowe CCF*





## Stowe Singing Festival Day

On Tuesday 7 May, Stowe ran a very successful Singing Festival Day for Primary and Prep Schools. Over eighty children and their music teachers enjoyed a packed day of singing which included mini-competitions, quick learns and work on a wide variety of prepared repertoire. Five schools took part; Buckingham Primary School, Beachborough School, The Grove Independent School, Milton Keynes Preparatory School and all the way from Bakewell, St Anselm's School. There was a tangible buzz in the Music School throughout the day as the children learned and refined songs under the direction of Mrs Sherry and Mr Speakman. The children learned a short song and then led by Mrs Sherry, found themselves stretching to a drum riff before launching in to a series of exercises to warm up their voices ready for action. Even the morning break included an activity as groups practised tongue twisters ready for a competition! By the end of the morning,

we had worked through all the prepared repertoire. The afternoon gave the opportunity to refine the pieces further and to learn three slightly adapted songs; 'Streets of London', 'Go West' and 'Don't look back in Anger' which were sung simultaneously to an adjusted backing track from 'Go West'. Stowe Chapel Choir joined us for the last part of the day in adding their voices to 'Climbin' up the Mountain'. Finally, the children performed the pieces in an informal concert for family and friends. Despite a tiring day, they sang with energy and clear enjoyment.

Thanks go to Mr Speakman for his help in planning the day, to Mr Greene for accompanying some items, to Mr Weston for producing the backing track, to Stowe School Chapel Choir and to Jess Foxwell (Fourth Form, Lyttelton) for playing her flute so beautifully in one piece.

*Rachel Sherry, Head of Vocal Studies*

### GOLF

At the beginning of the Easter break, Stowe golfers set sail for the fairways of the Algarve as we embarked upon another exciting six day PGA Golf Coaching and Development Trip to Portugal. We based ourselves at the award winning Amendoeira Golf Resort, home to both the Faldo and O'Connor championship courses, along with a 9-hole Academy course and superb practice and teaching facilities. With daily expert coaching provided by Andrew Hancox, Stowe's PGA Golf Professional and Head of Golf, it was no surprise to see the Stoics making significant progress with both their golf swing technique and mechanics, short games and overall on course performance. Through use of the latest V1 golf coaching software, Stoics were able to compare and contrast their biomechanical swing patterns during both practice sessions and on course competitions, thus developing their understanding throughout.

In addition to playing the O'Connor and Faldo courses at Amendoeira, we visited two of Portugal's most prestigious and iconic venues - Quinta do Lago and Vale do Lobo. In a very closely fought contest, Tom Riley (Lower Sixth, Bruce) was crowned winner of the Stowe Golf Portugal Classic after recording the lowest 36-hole gross score. This capped off a very successful year for Tom at Stowe and culminated in his nomination for Stowe Golfer of the Year, which was presented to him at the recent Sports Awards Dinner. It was also particularly pleasing to see Ed Snushall (Lower Sixth, Temple) playing such good golf and clearly making excellent use of the expert PGA coaching available throughout the trip. In summary, the trip was a huge success and I must thank Panos John and Craig Sutton for assisting and supporting me throughout the duration of a very busy and demanding week.

*Andrew Hancox, Head of Golf*



## The Headmaster's Poetry Competition 2019

The Headmaster's Poetry Competition is an Annual Third Form Competition held in conjunction with the national Poetry by Heart Competition. All the Third Form were set a task over the Easter holidays to learn a poem by heart. The students then performed their poem to their class and English teachers at the beginning of term and the two best were selected to go into the final. This was held on the Saturday 18 May in the Uglund auditorium. All the students in the year, their teachers and Form Tutors were there to support as well.

There were 16 in the final and all performed to a very high standard indeed, learning poems from Shakespeare Sonnets to Ted Hughes and contemporary poems, all from the Anthology on the Poetry by Heart website.

This year the judging also included Dr Smith

(Head of English) and Mrs Akroyd (Head of Media and Film Studies). The judges found it difficult to choose an overall winner, therefore the 1st prize was awarded to three contestants who were all given a Bene and a book token and the runners up received a Commendation.

Three winners: Max James (Third Form, Cobham) with Epic by Patrick Kavannagh, Ronan O'Reilly (Third Form, Grenville) with The Soldier by Robert Brooke, Paddy Potts (Third Form, Chandos) with When You See a Million of the Mouthless Dead by Charles Sorley.

Highly Commended;

Daniyal Khaibullin (Third Form, Chandos) Shakespeare's Sonnet 53, Alice Butler (Third Form, Lyttelton) with The Messages by Wilfrid Wilson Gibson.

*Lyn Foden, Librarian*



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# A Night at the Musicals

On Wednesday 1 May, this well-attended concert was a showcase event for some of our talented musical theatre vocalists, featuring singers from all year groups. Emily Banks (Lower Sixth, Lyttelton) opened the evening with a strong performance of 'Losin' my Mind' by Sondheim. Jet West (Fourth Form, Stanhope) gave a heartfelt rendition of 'Freddy my Love' from 'Grease' and this was followed by a lovely performance of 'One Perfect Moment' by Izzy Galione (Fourth Form, Lyttelton). Emily Wilson (Lower Sixth, Stanhope) continued the evening with the delightful song 'My Favourite Things' from 'The Sound of Music'. Skyla Wakeman (Third Form, Lyttelton) delivered 'Burn' from 'Hamilton' with intensity, and this was matched by Olivia Omotajo's (Fifth Form, Stanhope) passionate 'And I am Telling you' from 'Dreamgirls'. Olivia Elliott (Lower Sixth, Stanhope) gave us 'I know Where I've Been' from 'Hairspray' and then the mood changed with Ruby Cooke (Third Form, Lyttelton) singing 'Morning Person' from 'Shrek' which featured a singing bird popping up, then exploding above the piano! Georgia Glenser (Lower Sixth, Lyttelton) performed 'Maybe I

like it this Way' from 'The Wild Party' with authority and Sonya Sander (Lower Sixth, Lyttelton) showed emotional depth in 'Loose Ends' from 'The Witches of Eastwick'. Lula Goldsmith (Lower Sixth, Stanhope) sang the touching 'What Good would the Moon be?' by Kurt Weill. Millie Fooks (Fourth Form, Queen's) put her heart in to 'I Dreamed a Dream' from 'Les Miserables'. It's always good to see new performers taking the stage, including Millie, Jet and Izzy. The evening was rounded off in dramatic fashion by Oscar Hill (Upper Sixth, Temple and Head Boy) with 'Bring him Home'. The appreciative audience enjoyed a wonderful and varied evening.

Music Theatre has become a regular part of the menu of accredited music exams offered by Stowe School Music Department, with pupils achieving excellent results. My thanks go to Liz Miller, Edwin Pitt-Mansfield and Colin Zammit for preparing their pupils, to Craig Greene for his accompaniment and to Arts at Stowe for ensuring that events like this happen.

*Rachel Sherry, Head of Vocal Studies*



## CRICKET

On Friday 29 March, James Cronie (Fifth Form, Cobham) was at the Oval cricket ground to attend the Cricket Society lunch and received his AA rosette ESCA award for his superb performances at the ECB Bunbury Festival last summer.

On Sunday 31 March James was doing the 12th Man duties for Northants 1st XI against Durham MCCU.

## LACROSSE

The Lacrosse World Championships will take place in Peterborough, Ontario from 1-10 August. We are thrilled that Olivia Thomas (Nugent 18) has been selected and wish her every success following her and her team's gold medal win at the European U20 Championships last summer.

*Rob Ingham Clark, Head of Lacrosse*

## BADMINTON

Congratulations go to Oliver Butler (Third Form, Grenville) for his excellent success in Badminton. Oliver competed in the English National Junior Championships in London, on Saturday 6 and Sunday 7 April, taking home all three titles: Singles, Doubles and Mixed Doubles. A massive well done from Stowe!





## Engineering Conference

On Friday 3 May, Stowe hosted the inaugural Engineering Inspiration Conference, 'Daring to Dream'. The event was organised and run as a partnership event with Silverstone UTC, and Stowe were delighted to have 50 Silverstone students join our own for a day of talks and experiences not soon to be forgotten.

We had fascinating and inspiring talks from a range of industry professionals, including Axel Wendorff, Chief Engineer for Honda F1 and Kevin Gaskell, who has run numerous companies including Porsche and BMW UK. We also enjoyed a talk from Rob Lewis OBE, Director at TotalSim Ltd, on their work modelling complex aerodynamic systems for both motorsport and British athletics. Kieron Salter and Mike Gascoyne also provided attendees with valuable lessons learnt through their careers in a range of engineering industries.

A real highlight of the day was Andy Palmer, Vehicle Line Director for the Ultimate Series at McLaren Automotive, who talked delegates through the process behind engineering a hypercar. Andy also showed us some, as-yet-unseen, pictures and videos of the brand new McLaren Speedtail, the fastest McLaren ever,

which is still in development. Andy was even kind enough to bring along a McLaren Senna, which certainly attracted a lot of attention parked outside the science building! Our apologies to the Languages Department, who may have been slightly disturbed by the 4.0 litre, twin-turbocharged V8 engine - it was quite loud!

A special thank you must go to the panel of Stowe and Silverstone alumni who shed some light for attending delegates on both universities and degree level apprenticeships. It's so vital for recent, first-hand experience so our thanks go to Jack Polturak (Chatham 18), Adam Briery, Amber Morris and Disha Naik (all Silverstone alumni) for their time and their invaluable contributions to the day.

My thanks go to Principal Neil Patterson and Nicola Woodhead from Silverstone UTC for all their help in organising this successful event. It is certainly the intention to repeat this in future years - so stay tuned, as there are already plans afoot to make the next engineering conference even bigger and better.

*Craig Donoghue, Head of Physics*

### CRICKET

In the three block fixtures so far, Stowe had the upper hand against Bradfield and Abingdon on the whole, but struggled against Bedford. Well done to James Cronie (Fifth Form, Cobham) in the 1st XI and Oscar Watson (Fourth Form, Chandos) in the U15As have been scoring plenty of runs in the early season.

Well done to the Stowe Cricket Club who managed a winning block on the whole against Oundle on Saturday 18 May, with wins for the 3rd team, the Junior Colts A and B and Yearlings B, C and D. Rafi Mahmood (Fourth Form, Walpole) in the JCB's scored runs and took 5 wickets.

On Tuesday 14 May, in the Senior Inter-House finals, Chandos played Grafton. The champions this year are Grafton, with Cobham winning the plate.

### TENNIS

In Inter-School matches, the girls have made a good start to the season with a 75% win rate so far playing against Oakham, Uppingham and Bloxham. The Yearlings boys' teams deserve a mention for winning their opening matches impressively. In the Junior and Senior girls' Inter-House finals, Nugent narrowly beat Queen's. In the Senior boy's Inter-House finals, Grenville beat Bruce.

On Saturday 18 May, many of the tennis fixtures against Oundle were extremely well-matched. Oundle's clinical finishing meant they won the lion's share, but our Senior girls stood strong and fought their way to victory in 3 out of the 4 matches. Senior Colours were awarded to; Ellie Bewes (Upper Sixth, Queen's), Gemma Blane (Upper Sixth, Queen's), Lily Marriott (Upper Sixth, Nugent), Georgie Leefe (Upper Sixth, Nugent), Tom Percy (Upper Sixth, Grenville), Harry Hewlett (Upper Sixth, Cobham) and Hector Smiley (Upper Sixth, Bruce).

### SWIMMING

Our U14 swimmers started off our series of 31 fixtures to be played against Oundle in various sports over the weekend. For the first time in many years the boys' and girls' combined team returned victorious, winning the overall match by 1 point.

#### Prep School Swimming Gala 2019

On Thursday 9 May, Stowe hosted our Annual Prep School Swimming Championships. This year saw the teams focus on relays and the level of competition was extremely high through both age groups of U11 & U13. The Prep Schools attending were Beachborough, Maidwell Hall, Summerfields, Cothill, Davanies and Lambrook.

Gold Medal Winners: Boys' U11 Medley and Freestyle Relay - Davanies, Girls' U11 Medley and Freestyle Relay - Lambrook, Boys' U13 Medley and Freestyle Relay - Summerfields, Girls' U13 Medley and Freestyle Relay - Beachborough.

*Cheryl Davis, Head of Swimming & Water Polo*



## Mozart Trio Prize

The annual Mozart Trio Prize Competition took place in the Music School on Sunday 19 May. This event provides our most advanced Sixth Form musicians a chance to put themselves forward in a competitive musical environment, judged by a professional adjudicator. This year we were lucky to have Keith Slade (Head of Woodwind at Oakham School and professional clarinetist/conductor) to deliver the adjudication and his insights into the music and performance practice were greatly appreciated by all. The competition featured six Stoics, all of whom have reached an exceptionally high level of musical performance. The performers; Boris Baros (Lower Sixth, Bruce), Emily Banks (Lower Sixth, Lyttelton), Toby Thorpe (Lower

Sixth, Chatham), Lula Goldsmith (Lower Sixth, Stanhope), Jeffrey Au (Lower Sixth, Walpole) and Alexandra Jordan (Upper Sixth, Lyttelton) all delivered virtuoso performances and covered a wide range of musical styles and genres throughout the event. The audience were treated to an amazing feast of musical delights and all acquitted themselves exceptionally well. The winner was announced as Jeffrey Au who performed Liszt's incredibly difficult *Mephisto Waltz No. 1*. Performing this piece is a significant achievement for any pianist but is particularly so for one of school age! Congratulations to all performers for staging an impressive array of music making.

*Craig Greene, Director of Music*



# RAF Section Visit to Duxford

The RAF CCF section took full advantage of the spring weather at the very start of term to visit the Imperial War Museum's impressive collection at Duxford. As a front-line RAF station Duxford has a magnificent history; home of 19 Squadron at the outbreak of the Second World War it was the first operational base to receive the new Spitfire fighter aircraft. It was also for some time the home station of Wing Commander Douglas Bader who led the Duxford Wing during the Battle of Britain. After the war Duxford remained a key flying station all the way through to the Cold War; while no longer operational it still regularly plays host to numerous air shows and flying displays as well as routinely catering for private flying.

Given its prestigious heritage it is no surprise that Duxford makes a perfect home for the Imperial War Museum's 'country collection' that augments its main museum in London. The cadets spent a full day wandering round the numerous exhibits and static aircraft (ranging from an original fragment of the Wright Flyer to a B-52 bomber that itself is some 12 metres longer than Orville Wright's first powered flight), exploring the inside of Concorde, learning about aerodynamics, designing their own aircraft and simply absorbing the history of this remarkable and fascinating location.

*Jon Murnane, RAF Section Commander, Stowe CCF*



# Women, Islam and Art

Our final Philosophy@Stowe/Theology@Stowe event this year saw Dr Yafa Shanneik speak to students about her research on Women, Islam, and Art. Dr Shanneik is lecturer in Islamic Studies at the University of Birmingham, and has followed hundreds of women Muslim refugees as they adjust to their new lives in Europe. She explained how a technique called body mapping helped them gain a sense of ownership over their lives, which in many cases had been placed on hold through war, displacement, and family breakup. Alfie Cliff (Fourth Form, Chandos) and Ambur Capurro (Lower Sixth, Nugent) did a fantastic job of chairing the event, and questioned Dr Shanneik on the relationship between Islam and art, as well as her suggestions for legal reform.

*Peter Dennis, Teacher of Philosophy and Religion*



# Medical Detection Dogs



On Wednesday 9 May, we were greeted in Lyttelton with smiles and happy barks from a few members of the Medical Detection Dogs team. One of their clients, Zoe, suffers from Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome (EDS) which in 2014 led to Postural Tachycardia Syndrome (PoTS); this means she has a condition that frequently makes her suddenly become unconscious. Stowe, our lovely, adorable, sponsored MDD dog is now her constant companion and support. We were intrigued by the connection between the two, whilst we and Zoe engaged in group conversation, Stowe always kept an eye on her to check if she was okay. The connection between them was so beautiful to watch; it was great seeing the positive outcome from the School's fundraising and what that funding has achieved. Zoe told us lots of stories including the time when Stowe stayed by her side in one of her 'moments' in a pet shop surrounded by dog food. We were all fascinated to hear what wonderful moments and funny occasions the Medical Detection Dogs had been involved in; from accurately alerting a diabetic client whilst in a hair salon full of strong chemical smells, to a man with a heart condition that means every time he goes to sleep he is in danger of his heart stopping, and his MDD dog is trained to push

a button which emits a sound that mimics his Dad telling him to wake up - and his heart starts beating again. All these occasions are just a few of the many times these incredible dogs have saved the life of a human.

Zoe was accompanied by senior MDD dog trainer, Debra Church. The joy in Debra's face as she told us how she takes care of the dogs and how she personalises the client's dog care to each of them was amazing to see.

We are very grateful for the work Medical Detection Dogs have done with our Stowe puppy and we would love to see how we can help improve the lives of other people that suffer from conditions which deprive them of fun and exciting lives.

On Friday 17 May, Lyttelton hosted a Krispy Kreme doughnut sale and on Monday 27 May one of our very own Stoics, Ethan Collins (Lower Sixth, Temple) will do a sponsored cycle around Richmond Park to raise more money.

If you would like to join us in this venture, please support us on our [donation page](#).

*Emilia Pacia (Upper Sixth, Lyttelton) and Sonya Sander (Lower Sixth, Lyttelton)*

When we first named that adorable, bright, MDD puppy, 'Stowe', back in 2016, we had no guarantees that he would complete his training and 'make the grade'. His first visits to the School demonstrated that he was a confident and sociable puppy (remember his arrival in Chapel?) but going through the rigorous

assistance-dog training programme does not ensure a working dog at the end of it. Yet, true to his name, Stowe has overcome the challenges and last Autumn became a fully-accredited MDD medical alert dog and was partnered with his new owner, Zoe.

Stowe is trained to alert Zoe by leaping in front of her face when he detects the reduced blood flow to her heart and the simultaneous rise in her heart rate; this warning gives her precious seconds to lie down, preventing falls. In the eight months that Stowe has been at Zoe's side, she has not suffered any injuries or hospital admissions.

Zoe would like to say the following to the Stowe community:

*"Thank you for having us and making me feel so welcome. It meant a lot to me to come and meet you all and to know there are so many people that love Stowe.*

*I can't thank you enough for the fundraising that led to the amazing Stowe. He has completely transformed my life for the better and I couldn't be without him now."*

Well done, people.

*Sheilagh Rawlins, Science Department*

# Stowe SPORT



## ROWING

### Stowe Rowing Team at Dorney Lake Regatta

Sunday 12 May, saw the staging of another fantastic Ball Cup Regatta at Dorney Lake. In bright sunshine, the Olympic rowing course was at its sparkling best. This term, the Stowe rowing team is Elliot Patel (Lower Sixth, Cobham), Josh Green (Fourth Form, Chandos), Toby Blythe (Third Form, Grafton), Saul Lewis (Fourth Form, Walpole), Sienna Bettany (Third Form, Stanhope), David Gollifer (Third Form, Grenville), Maksim Uspenskiy (Third Form, Walpole), Max James (Third Form, Cobham), Ed Whitbread (Third Form, Cobham), Charles Cole (Third Form, Walpole), Ed Bush (Third Form, Cobham) and Hugo Comerford (Third Form, Chatham).

Most of the Stoics got at least two races, with Maksim qualifying for three finals and racing six times down the course! The team was led off by the J15 quad of Saul, David, Ed Whitbread and Sienna, coxed by Max.

Elliot and Josh raced well in doubles and singles. Josh seemed particularly unlucky not to proceed to his singles final, which saw him come in a close second. Charles and Ed Bush raced well in their double and Sienna raced well in her first time out in a single. The officials at this competition appreciate that for many of the youngsters, this is their first experience of racing.

Max and Saul raced in doubles and Toby and Maksim raced in singles, with Maksim taking 4th place in his final. Best performances of the day came from the J14 quad of Max, Toby, Ed Whitbread, Maksim, coxed by Ed Bush who won the bronze medal in a field of strong rowing schools, with Maksim and Toby also winning silver medals with a very impressive race in J14 doubles.

It was a pleasure to meet Charlie Chick, who rowed so well in the Stowe 1st VIII at Henley Royal Regatta last year. We were also all grateful to Saul's parents for taking some super team photos of a memorable day.

This event was a wonderful experience for the Stoics who were a credit to the School. They were supported by a large group of parents and siblings, and the coaching team of Mr Johnson, Mr Lomax, Mr Bainbridge and myself.

*Andrew Rudkin, Rowing Coach*





## Army Field Day

On the Monday 29 April, 44 Fourth Form Army cadets conducted their second military field day of the year.

This day saw the cadets conduct two main elements:

- a live firing range package held at Bicester Garrison
- a blank firing exercise conducted on School grounds.

This is the first time that the cadets have had exposure to firing live 5.56mm rounds on a 25m range and was greatly enjoyed by all. After a few nervous starters, all got into the swing of things showing excellent marksmanship and weapon handling principles.

The second half of the day saw Cadets learn how to camouflage themselves properly, patrol in pairs and respond enemy contact using blank rounds.

The Cadets learnt how to move and fight through an enclosed wooded area effectively and quickly.

Stoics were also put to the test with their navigational skills and basic military fitness over the obstacle course to keep them warm.

*Sgt Sprules, SSI Stowe CCF*

## Air Cadet Pilot Scheme 2019

In March this year, I was given the opportunity to attend the Air Cadet Pilot Scheme (ACPS) in Dundee, Scotland. The course offers 12 hours of flight training spread out over two weeks, fully paid for by the MoD and is run by Tayside aviation.

Despite the weather keeping us grounded for much of the first week, it was still very interesting to learn about the principles of flight as well as the specifications and limitations of the aircraft we would be flying which were Aquila A211s.

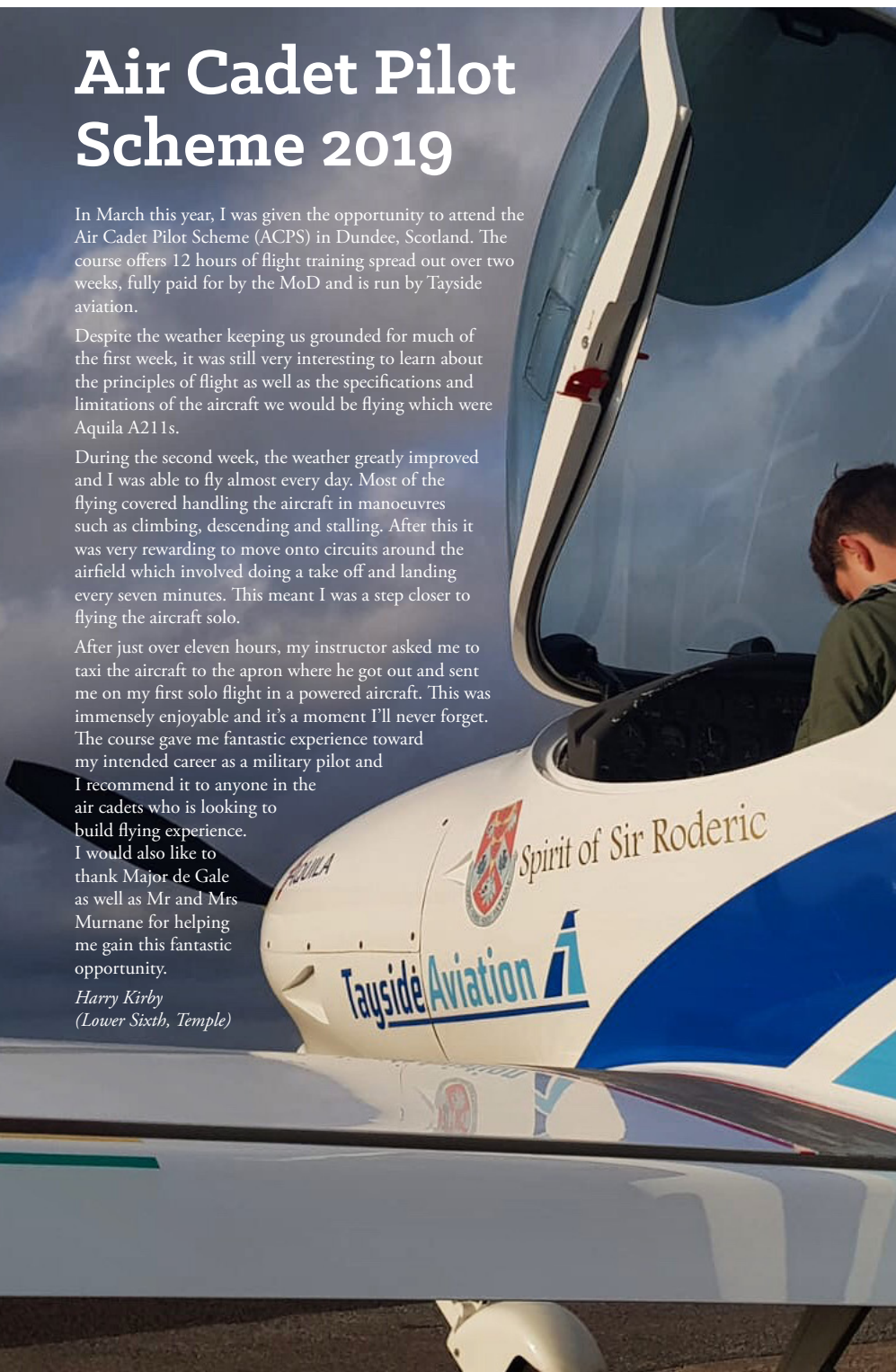
During the second week, the weather greatly improved and I was able to fly almost every day. Most of the flying covered handling the aircraft in manoeuvres such as climbing, descending and stalling. After this it was very rewarding to move onto circuits around the airfield which involved doing a take off and landing every seven minutes. This meant I was a step closer to flying the aircraft solo.

After just over eleven hours, my instructor asked me to taxi the aircraft to the apron where he got out and sent me on my first solo flight in a powered aircraft. This was immensely enjoyable and it's a moment I'll never forget.

The course gave me fantastic experience toward my intended career as a military pilot and I recommend it to anyone in the air cadets who is looking to build flying experience.

I would also like to thank Major de Gale as well as Mr and Mrs Murnane for helping me gain this fantastic opportunity.

*Harry Kirby  
(Lower Sixth, Temple)*



# StoweSPORT



### SAILING

On Wednesday 1 May, the Stowe sailing team won their first regatta of the season, beating Bloxham 3-1.

In light wind conditions six boats took to the water at Greatmoor reservoir to battle for the boys Inter-House sailing trophy. The Chatham pair of Hugh Fox (Lower Sixth) and Theo Coley (Fifth Form) produced the combination of tactical nous and skills to retain the trophy.

### ATHLETICS

On Wednesday 15 May, the Senior boys' produced a fine display of track and field prowess, winning the meet held at Stowe by 20 points over four other senior schools (Abingdon, Bloxham, MCS Oxford and RGS High Wycombe)

Individual wins for Ed Anderson (Upper Sixth, Bruce), Ben Edeh (Lower Sixth, Grenville), Dom Saghri (Upper Sixth, Chatham), Lyle O'Brien (Lower Sixth, Bruce), Harry Reed (Lower Sixth, Walpole) and Jayden Brooks-Hurst (Upper Sixth, Walpole) with the 4x100m relay team cruising to victory in the final event of the day.

*Grant Seeley, MiC Athletics*



### CYCLING

The summer cycling season has started in earnest. Ethan Collins (Lower Sixth, Temple) and Larissa Campbell (Third Form, Nugent) have ventured into the weekly time trialling at Weston on the Green's two and half mile airbase circuit. As well as dabbling in some circuit racing, Harry Kirby (Lower Sixth, Temple) has been travelling the UK in search of fast courses and times for the Chris Boardman Trophy. So far times at Weston, have reflected the training improvements Harry has made, with personal bests for 10 miles (22:53) and 25 miles (59:39). On the A11 course in Cambridge, Harry came first in the Junior category.

*Chris Grimble, MiC Cycling*



OS CRICKET

### Ben Duckett England Call-up

Old Stoic, Ben Duckett (Grafton 13) has the chance to earn a place in England's World Cup squad after being called up for the one-day series against Pakistan and the ODI in Ireland.

Ben top-scored as Nottinghamshire made a season-high total in the One-Day Cup in April. He has made 123 runs in his three previous ODI appearances for England, the last of which came in 2016.

ODI in Ireland took place on Friday 3 May and we wish all the best of luck to Ben from Stowe in the Twenty20 against Pakistan.

# Old Stoics

On the afternoon of Thursday, 25 April, we returned to the Savile Club for our annual SOS Luncheon. With 72 Old Stoics confirmed to attend it was our largest gathering to date, and once again, allowed us the opportunity to dine in the Savile Club Ball Room.

The afternoon started with a Champagne Reception to allow everyone to reacquaint themselves. After drinks, our guests ascended the grand staircase for a delicious three course lunch in the Ball Room. John 'Fingers' Fingleton (Chatham 66) welcomed everyone and thanked them for joining us before inviting Chris Atkinson (Chatham 59) to say Grace, always truly memorable by mentioning each guest by name. The atmosphere was very jovial, with guests reminiscing about their time at Stowe, renewing acquaintances and making new friends.

As lunch drew to a close John 'Fingers' Fingleton (Chatham 66), gave a short speech informing our guests about recent Old Stoic activity. This was followed by Crispin Robinson (Second Master) who kindly gave an address about Stowe's recent successes.

Throughout the afternoon, the service was exceptional with the staff at the Savile Club working hard to ensure our guests were well looked after. I would like to thank all of our guests for attending and the Savile Club for making us feel so welcome, along with John 'Fingers' Fingleton (Chatham 66) for arranging the use of the Club and kindly assisting with the planning for the occasion.

The SOS lunch remains an ever-popular event on the OS calendar.

*Anna Semler, Old Stoic Society Director*

## Berklee Music Scholarship

Congratulations to Theodore Hayes (Lower Sixth, Chatham) who has recently been awarded a much-coveted and prestigious full scholarship, to study at Berklee College of Music in Boston, Massachusetts this summer as part of their intensive five week Summer School. Berklee College of Music is widely regarded as one of the finest institutions in the world for music, and notable alumni include film composer Howard Shore and pianist Keith Jarrett.

As part of the course, Theodore will be studying under renowned educators and performers including Marty Walsh, who has performed extensively with artists such as John Denver, Dolly Parton and Julio Iglesias among others. The course will feature one-to-one sessions with other members of the faculty at Berklee as well as opportunities for ensemble coaching, recording and much more. Theodore is hoping to study at Berklee on their full-time degree programme when he leaves Stowe in 2020. We wish him all the very best for this incredible opportunity.

*Ben Andreu, Head of Keyboard*

# Mali Mae Album Release

Mali Mae's (Mali Aitchison, Nugent 18) debut album, *Personal*, was released on Monday 15 April. It has been something that Mali and Ben Weston have been working on for about 18 months. Eight of the tracks were recorded and produced in our studios at Stowe, and four were recorded at Decoy Sound in Sussex (where famous names like Ed Sheeran, George Ezra and Kylie have recently recorded albums).

Listen to the album here:

[Apple Music](#)

[Spotify](#)



PERSONAL



# Drama



The Magic Lamp by Ben Okri and Rosemary Clunie:  
A theatrical response by pupils in the Fourth Form.

Life is also eloquent in the pastel of a street corner,  
where silence meets destiny.



A face is where rivers meet.



The spirit reads time through art.



Life is a street corner.

The age of iron is over. The age of magic has begun.

Unveil your eyes.



We are on the edge of a crisis now.





## Sofia's Song

On Wednesday 3 April, Stowe Records released the debut single by Sofia Atkinson-Hieber (Fifth Form, Nugent), called Red. Recorded in the Stringer Recording Studios under the guidance of Mr Weston, it is a catchy upbeat pop record which has captured the attention of Spotify executives, being playlisted on Release Radar and accumulating over 25,000 plays. Sofia is one of Stowe's most prolific songwriters and has appeared in many school concerts and Chapel services. Her first EP is currently in production and due for release before the end of the year. 'Red' is available on all major music platforms, including Spotify, Apple Music and Amazon MP3.

# Corkscrew Society Dinner

Corkscrew Society, now marking its 47th year (and thus being, we believe, the longest-running Stowe Society in constant existence), drew its activities for 2018-19 to a close on Friday 10 May with a most enjoyable formal dinner in the Music Room. We were delighted and honoured to welcome Charles Hopkinson-Woolley (OS and current parent) as our guest speaker for the second year running, and he presented a wonderful range of French wines to accompany what was a superb dinner prepared by our Catering team.

Membership of Corkscrew is open to Stoics in the Upper Sixth only and provides an opportunity, over the course of six evenings during the year, to learn some helpful lessons about wine: what they enjoy (and don't enjoy!), how wine can effectively accompany food, how to navigate the perils of a wine list, and how price does not always equate to quality, or

indeed the level of enjoyment. This year's group has been a terrific one and have approached the Society and its activities in just the right spirit. Congratulations to Ed Anderson (Upper Sixth, Bruce) and Alex Jones (Upper Sixth, Grenville) who won the 2019 Corkscrew Society Challenge (a blind wine-tasting and quiz), and a special word of thanks to Clare Hill-Hall who has organised our evenings wonderfully well. It was also a pleasure to welcome Talulla Barrow (Lyttelton 07) to the Dinner, who talked about the Old Stoic Corkscrew Society and encouraged Stoics to consider becoming involved in the years to come.

I will be inviting members of this year's Lower Sixth to apply for membership as soon as the new Michaelmas Term starts.

*Colin Dudgeon, Development Director*



## SKY Arts Portrait Artist of the Year 2019

Toby Michael (Temple 15) was a shortlisted contestant in SKY Arts Portrait Artist of the Year 2019 competition. Toby graduated from Winchester Art School in 2018 and has since been completing commissions for individual clients, working on a series of British portraits for Simon Claridge's Claridge Fine Art in Winchester and working towards a larger body of self-directed work for a 2019 Solo Show Brighton. Toby hopes to participate in other competitions such as the BP Portrait Award and the Lynn Painter-Stainers prize over the coming years. Toby is making an impact in the Portrait world and is certainly one to watch. [Click here to view a time lapse from his entry to the SKY Portrait Artist of the Year 2019 competition.](#)

*Anna Semler, Old Stoic Society Director*

# Wind and Brass Concerts

On Sunday 12 May and Friday 17 May we had two concerts involving our Wind and Brass players. The first, at All Saints' Church Burton Dassett, involved the Wind Band and a string quintet. We were very interested to learn that the Temple family rose to prominence in Burton Dassett due to the success of the wool trade, two generations before they acquired the land at Stowe. A current link with the church is through Sebastian (Fourth Form, Walpole) and Jess Foxwell (Fourth Form, Lyttelton) who live in the village. They both performed solos in the concert. Seb played Chick Corea's Spain on the Flugel horn, and Jess gave a lovely rendition of Vivaldi's Concerto for flute (Il Gardellino). The band also played many of their favourite pieces mainly from the film repertoire.

Our second concert, in the Uglad Auditorium, featured several of our soloists. The concert opened with Tham Luanghvisut (Third Form, Walpole) on Saxophone giving an atmospheric account of Debussy's 'La plus que lente'. Sophia Southwick (Fourth Form, Nugent) demonstrated what an overlooked instrument

the recorder is with Sonata prima by Dario Castello. Jess Foxwell performed again as a soloist with the Sonata by Taktakishvili. Samuel Ellis (Fourth Form, Chandos) performed three times in this concert. First; on the Bassoon with Hurlestone's Sonata, he then gave an amazing display on the recorder with electronic delay effects of 'Contrapunctus' by Ziegenmeyer. He also played with our wonderful Bassoon Quartet for a rousing finale of Alfred's Colonel Bogey. Also tonight we heard Izzy Ward (Upper Sixth, Stanhope) give one of her final concerts at Stowe, playing Hypnosis by Ian Clarke. Seb Foxwell performed twice once on the trumpet and then again in a trio on the piano with Sophia and Jess. They gave a delightfully lively account of a Trio Sonata by Telemann. These concerts would not have happened without lots of hard work from Sally Adams (who also did some accompanying) and Sarah Watts (who also directed the Bassoon Quartet). Thanks also to Craig Greene and Ben Andrew for all of their accompanying on the piano.

*Nigel Gibbon, Head of Brass, Wind & Percussion*

## London College of Music examinations

On Monday 29 April, Stowe hosted another session of LCM music examinations. The Chief Examiner in Music, Philip Aldred visited us once again. He was bowled over by the high standard achieved by candidates, all of whom gained distinctions. Three pupils received notably high marks. Sonya Sander (Lower Sixth, Lyttelton) gained a splendid 97% in her Grade 8 Music Theatre, whilst even this mark was topped by Olivia Elliott (Lower Sixth, Stanhope) who was awarded 100% in her Recital Grade 8 Popular Music Vocals examination and Old Stoic, Lucy Sutherland (Nugent 18) who also obtained 100% in her DipLCM in Music Theatre. Particular thanks go to Olivia and Lucy's singing teacher Liz Miller for her fantastic work in leading her pupils to achieve such stellar success. We are fortunate at Stowe to have a dedicated team of music teachers and this is especially true in the vocal Department.

*Rachel Sherry, Head of Vocal Studies*



# Arts Award Field Day

On Monday 29 April, the Arts Award Bronze group went to Stratford-upon-Avon for an enriching and inspiring day in Shakespeare's home town. In the morning they had the opportunity to walk in Shakespeare's footsteps, taking in some of the sights, including the house where he was born and grew up. They then visited the home of the internationally renowned Royal Shakespeare Company, where plays are performed all year round in their Royal Shakespeare and Swan Theatres. The pupils had the opportunity find out all about the history and recent renovation of this impressive venue, and climb to the top of their tower, which boasts stunning views across Stratford.

In the afternoon, the pupils visited the theatre

company's alternative venue, 'The Other Place'. This is where you can find a smaller studio theatre, their vast costume store and expansive rehearsal rooms. We were treated to a fascinating tour, which gave the Stoics true insight into the process a play goes through from conception to final performance - a process which can take up to four years! The pupils felt privileged to gain backstage access to such an incredible venue, seeing costumes worn by actors such as Judy Dench and David Tennant and hearing the orchestra warm up for that afternoon's matinee. They are now even more excited for their chance to see a live performance of 'Dirty Dancing' on our next field day in June.

*Lucy Miller, Teacher of Drama and English*

# Work Experience

Louis Pascal (Lower Sixth, Bruce) is focused on becoming a civil engineer. Not any civil engineer, but one that specialises in the design and construction stadiums. With his sights set on a degree in engineering, Louis wanted to secure work experience with some of the top firms in the sector.

Louis secured his work experience by contacting many employers, as the sector traditionally offers work placements to university students through formal internship programmes. Louis was expecting rejection, however by the end of Louis' six month epic journey, he secured work placements with two of the world's top firms that specialise in stadium design and construction.

**Louis' thoughts:**

**Why did I want to do the work experience?**

Stadium design is fascinating, I think this would be something fascinating to talk about at an interview for my first job or if I decide to apply for a degree apprenticeship.

For me, work experience will allow me to understand what the job really involves and I want to meet front line staff. I enjoy networking, if I am lucky, I may meet the right person that gives me that inspirational piece of advice that may help me later in my studies or career.

**How I found the companies and how did I apply?**

A quick search on Google helped me find the top companies and the projects that they have worked on. My research was mostly about my personal preference and what you want to specialise in, sports stadiums.

All of the companies I looked at offered internships, but nothing for someone who is still at school. If there was a section where I could express an interest in a vacancy, I uploaded my CV and cover letter. For some companies, I had to be a little more creative. I found the name of the CEO or a senior partner, searched for their contact details and emailed them directly.

The process, rejection and success firstly found BuroHappold in December. I found a direct email for someone high up in the business. I directly emailed them and received a quick response. I was referred to their recruitment team and after three months finally got accepted. The lesson I learned here was that you need to apply early.

Applying for Foster + Partners was a bit less conventional. I emailed their recruitment department and was lucky enough to get a brilliant contact. Her name was Esther Ajie, after sending emails back and forth, she believed, based on my enthusiasm, that I would be a good person to recruit for a week. I chose the summer and put the two one-week work experiences together at both companies. I was so excited that I had secured two work placements, back to back, in London with some of the top companies in the sector.

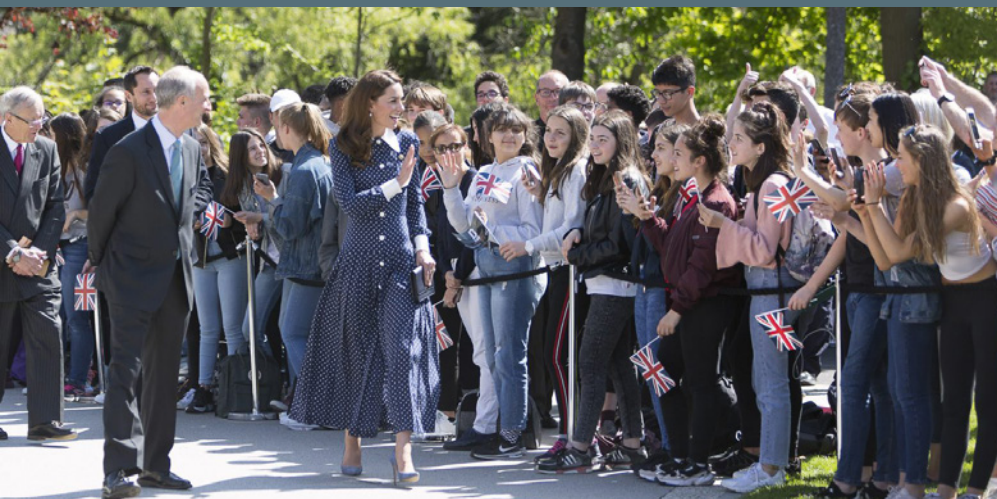
*Gordon West, Head of Careers*

# CCF Cadet at Bletchley Park

On the Tuesday 14 May, I was given the fantastic opportunity in my capacity as Lord Lieutenant's Cadet for Buckingham, to attend the new D-Day exhibition in the newly restored Teleprinter Building at Bletchley Park. This occasion marked the 75th anniversary of the D-Day landings. The building was opened by HRH The Duchess of Cambridge, whose grandmother and great aunt had worked there during the war. The Duchess talked of her sadness that her grandmother, and very many others, had been unable to talk about the important work that they did during the war. Having been sworn to secrecy, she spoke up on their behalf to stress that the roles they played should also be remembered with pride.

This prestigious event involved members of the civic council such as the High Sheriff and the Lord-Lieutenant. My role as Lord-Lieutenant's Cadet allowed me to be part of the civic party that follows HRH throughout the afternoon allowing me to see parts of the tour that were blocked off from the public. Even though it was a short afternoon it was a privilege to be part of the day.

*Cadet CSM Hugo Robinson, (Upper Sixth, Grenville)*





# Duke of Edinburgh's Award

Since the beginning of the Easter holidays, Stoics from the Fourth Form and the Lower Sixth have been involved in two very different types of expedition. The Gold Practice expedition to the Yorkshire Three Peaks saw the participants tackle Whernside, Pen y Ghent and Ingleborough in what were challenging conditions at times. The Fourth Form had their first opportunity to put their training into practice on the Bronze Practice Expedition in the Cotswolds in the first week of the Summer Term. The weather was kind to the Bronze participants and allowed them the opportunity to focus on their navigation skills and try not to get lost... which they achieved with varying degrees of success! A brief review from some of the participants:

"Our Gold DofE experience was not one that can be easily forgotten. The beautiful landscape of Yorkshire, both in the snow and the sunshine, was breathtaking. The wind, coupled with the cold conditions that we met on our first day of walking was not an easy task, but as a group, we worked hard to keep each other going, taking regular breaks in order to embrace our surroundings. The feeling of achievement that we all encountered as we climbed to the top of Yorkshire's three peaks was immense, and great memories as well as quality time away from our phones made for a brilliant trip for everyone involved."

Lula Goldsmith (Lower Sixth, Stanhope)

"Over the course of 2 days my DofE group and I completed our Practice Expedition in the Cotswolds. We started off in Folly Farm and after six hours of walking we arrived in The Cotswold Farm Park. That night we cooked for ourselves, pitched our tents, had fun and enjoyed a peaceful evening in the countryside. After a good night's sleep we started off again to get back to our first arrival point. We learned many skills including team building, communication,

orienteering skills and cooking. Although we had teachers along the way to support us we were surprised to find ourselves very independent and knowing exactly what we were doing. I had a very enjoyable experience and I would recommend it to anyone wanting to learn new skills, have fun and complete an amazing achievement."

Jessica Foxwell (Fourth Form, Lyttelton)

"Maps in hand, our group set off, roaming freely across the beautiful Cotswolds countryside. After a few minor deviations, accompanied by lots of singing along the 20km walk we arrived at Cotswold Farm Park. We unpacked our tents and went about hammering in our tent pegs and tried to arrange our sleeping bags on our base mats to make them look as appealing as possible! I live on a farm and enjoy being outside and camping. But this wasn't home-from-home duvets and wood burning stoves type camping, with marshmallows toasting on sticks. No, DofE camping is rough and basic! If I have learnt one thing, it is that layers are key as the temperature can suddenly drop in the evening. A friend advised me to take a hat as it can be freezing cold at night, I wish I had listened to her! I like my sleep, but the cold, and the sheep and donkeys which surrounded us in the field that night, tried their hardest to keep us all awake!"

Poppy Goaman (Fourth Form, Lyttelton)

After Half Term the Bronze participants will head to the Shropshire Hills for their Assessed Expedition, the Golds will spend four days exploring the Caringorms for their Assessed Expedition and the Silver group will be off to the beautiful Snowdonia National Park to begin their Silver experience.

*Gwilym Jones, Co-curricular Coordinator & MiC DofE*





## Granada Spanish Trip

The trip to Granada was a huge success! Despite the ill weather nine students from Stowe thoroughly enjoyed the Spanish culture and atmosphere that Granada had to offer. After a long day of travelling we finally arrived in Granada and hastily met our host families who prepared a traditional dish for dinner. We had an 8-hour long siesta and the next morning we had free time to wander the streets of Granada and get a feel of the vibrant city. Late afternoon, we went to watch a Flamenco show with the group having very mixed opinions about it. However, it was extremely useful in having an insight into Spanish tradition and culture.

The next day we went to a school to start our full day of activities. As a group, we wandered through the streets and plazas and we identified art, culture and different styles of architecture. Shortly afterwards we each returned home to our host families who once again had prepared a wonderful selection of tapas.

On Tuesday, we went to a traditional market of San Augustin where we had to ask the vendors and customers questions to fill in our questionnaire. This helped improve our general

knowledge and developed our confidence in Spanish conversations.

On our final day, we visited the breath-taking monument of la Alhambra a UNESCO World Heritage site. The buildings, gardens and water fountains were truly stunning and our two hour long guided tour gave us a real insight into the architecture and thoughts behind the builders and sculptors of the palace. It was very intriguing to learn about the historical mark that was left by the Arabs when they invaded Southern Spain. When they invaded, they contributed massively to Spanish society in a variety of ways and this includes; the language, the food, the traditions and the architecture. Before we went back to our host families for our final night we went back to the school and learned how to make a delicious Paella (traditional Spanish food) and the secret recipe into making a refreshing jug of Sangria.

Overall, the trip ran very smoothly and every Stoic returned in a happy tone, feeling confident with their Spanish. We all highly recommend that you go on this fantastic trip and we all thank Mr and Mrs Dobson for accompanying us.

*Tom Scott (Lower Sixth, Chandos)*

## Careers Talk

On Tuesday 14 May, 43 Stoics attended a careers talk by Antonne Owen-Thursfield on careers in the banking and investment industry. Antonne presented an engaging and informative talk based around his career and experiences of working as a trader. He discussed routes into the industry and how the competition for graduate places has resulted in many of the top firms seeking not only a good undergraduate degree, but also in many cases a good MBA.

Antonne demonstrated live stock market trading and guided students through many key terms that are commonly used in the industry including bear and bull trading. Students then discussed the various types of markets and job roles that can be seen in the industry and potential salaries for new graduates and compared that to starting salaries for MBA graduates.

When discussing work experience, students were encouraged to apply early for the most competitive placements and to ensure they network with friends, family and the Old Stoic network. This is essential in most sectors, especially highly regulated industries like banking who tend to reserve most work experience places for university students.

The presentation concluded with a share trading activity, where students simulated buying and selling of shares. This was a good opportunity for students to understand some of the basics of share trading and to practice some of the numerical skills that are essential in this type of role.

At the end of the presentation students were given a list of recommended books that they should consider to help them gain a better understanding of the sector. One of those books was "On the Floor" by Aifric Campbell. Antonne kindly donated a copy of this book to each boarding house.

*Gordon West, Head of Careers*



## Temple House Silent Disco - In aid of William's Fund

William was only two years old when he was diagnosed with cancer, it was given various names, but his parents never found out the exact type of cancer William had. He was a brave boy, but sadly died at the age of four years and nine months, leaving William's Fund as his legacy. William's Fund has so far raised over £870,000 for Childhood cancer research and has set itself a target to reach the magic £1 million by 2020! Temple House held a Silent Disco on Saturday 27 April for this wonderful charity with the whole School able to take advantage of the superb DJ-ing skills of Oliver Pritchard (Upper Sixth), Nathan Dana (Upper Sixth) and Louis Redfern (Upper Sixth). With three different channels to choose from, the night was a huge success, with those taking part donating £5 each. We ended up raising £1,740, and everyone had a great time dancing to either club music, recent chart bangers, or my personal favourite, retro hits. It was a surreal experience from the outside, when all you could hear was the chanting of YMCA! Thank you to all those who contributed.

*Brian Hart, Temple Housemaster*



# Stowe Challenge 2019

On Friday 3 May one of the major Inter-House events took place, namely, the Stowe Challenge. The competition involves six separate disciplines designed to test a range of skills with all the year groups in the boys' and girls' Houses being involved. New events this year included clay pigeon shooting and a 1k row on the ergos. The activities were based around the Bourbon playing fields, where music, food vans and the enthusiastic encouragement of housemates and staff made for a wonderfully supportive yet competitive atmosphere. Each House gains points for their finishing position in each event and they also play a 'joker' on their perceived strongest event for which they are awarded double points. 28 pupils take part in this inclusive event from each House.

## Boys' Results:

Grafton won the Obstacle course cup with Bruce 2nd and Chandos 3rd. In the clay pigeon shooting Grenville came out on top to take the cup with Bruce 2nd and Walpole 3rd. Grafton were the quickest home in the run and log carry with Chatham 2nd and Walpole 3rd. Bruce won the problem solving task followed by Cobham and Grenville 3rd. In the 1,000m swim relay Bruce were victorious,

Chatham 2nd and Grafton 3rd. And finally, in the 1k rowing, Grafton took the win, Chandos came 2nd and Temple 3rd. In the final standing, Chatham and Grenville were 3rd equal with 44 points, Bruce came 2nd with 54 points and this year's winners of the Stowe Challenge were Grafton with 59 points.

## Girls' Results:

Nugent won the Obstacle course cup with Stanhope 2nd and Queen's 3rd. In the clay pigeon shooting West and Lyttelton got their tactics spot on to tie for 1st place with Queen's and Stanhope also in a tie for 3rd. Queens won the run and log carry with Lyttelton 2nd and Nugent 3rd. Nugent won the problem-solving task followed by West and Queens in 3rd. In the 1,000m swim relay Nugent were victorious, with Lyttelton 2nd and Queen's 3rd. In the 1k rowing, Nugent came 1st, Queen's came 2nd and Lyttelton 3rd. In the final standing, Lyttelton came 3rd with 59 points, Queen's came 2nd with 66 points and this year's winners of the Stowe Challenge were Nugent with 70 points.

*Craig Sutton, Director of Sport*





# Sports Awards Winners 2019

On Wednesday 8 May, we held our annual Sports Awards Day, where we hosted athletes from the Invictus games and GB Paralympic teams. Pupils had the opportunity to play seated volley with GB seated volley player Jules Edmundson and use hand bikes and race chairs on the track with Invictus Athlete Jen Warren. It was great to see the pupils seeing things from another level and learning about disability in sport.

Jen was our guest speaker for the evening's awards dinner and gave an exceptionally inspirational speech. Veteran Army Major, Dr Jen Warren served in the RAMC in hospitals across the UK, Germany and Afghanistan before a skiing accident left her wheelchair-bound and limited use of her left leg. A multiple Gold medal winner at the Invictus Games in cycling, athletics and swimming, she has chosen to concentrate on canoeing. In 2017, Jen was approached by the GB Paralympic canoe team and she was invited to a talent identification day. She had not been in a canoe since school but her experience of injury and disability taught her never to turn down an opportunity.

After dinner we celebrated our athletes who have excelled or gone the extra mile in representing Stowe. We would like to thank them all for their amazing commitment to Stowe Sports. We ended the evening with a tribute to Alan Hughes who leaves Stowe this year. His contribution to Stowe Sport, especially Rugby is exceptional and we thank him for his outstanding contribution over the last 22 years.

*Cheryl Davis, Head of Swimming & Water Polo*

## Award Winners

### Hockey

Outstanding Contribution - Gemma Blane  
Outstanding Contribution - Ashwin Batey

### Lacrosse

Most Valuable Player - Annie Roberts

### Netball

Most Valuable Player - Amelia Leondiou

### Rugby

Player of the Year - Ed Anderson

### Equestrian

Outstanding Equestrian Development - Coco Brooks

### Cycling

Outstanding Achievement - Harry Kirby

### Polo

Outstanding Achievement - Billy Hawkings-Byass

### Swimming

Swimmer of the Year - Lucas Davis

### Water Polo

Player of the Year - Alex Girling

### Cross Country

Most Improved Athlete - Stefano Beni

### Golf

Player of the Year - Tom Riley

### Fencing

Fencer of the Year - Lauren Brigden

### Badminton

Player of the Year - Oliver Butler  
Player of the Year - Eleanor Butler

### Rowing

Outstanding Achievement - Theo Finlan

### Football

Player of the Season - Tom Percy

### Basketball

Player of the Year - Ed Anderson  
Player of the Year - Maria Bukachi

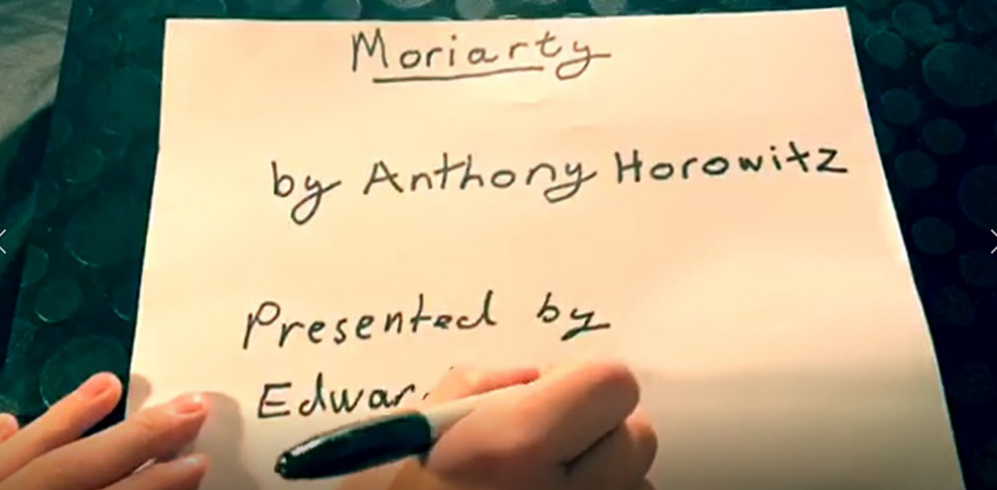
### Squash

Player of the Year - Hector Smiley

### Performance Programme

Athlete of the Year - Emily Sutton  
& Chanel Fontaine-Geary  
Athlete of the Year - Lauren Brigden  
Triple Crown Award - George Holmes, Gemma Blane  
Lifetime Achievement - Alan Hughes





## Third Form Vlog Competition

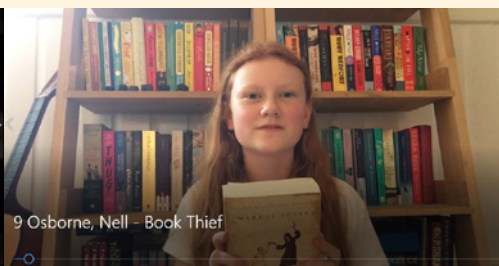
Over Summer 2018, before the current Third Form started their journey here at Stowe, the Library set a task for them to read a book from a selected book list and then create a book vlog telling us about the book they have read and whether they would recommend it but without giving away the plot line. All the videos were produced to high standards which made it extremely difficult to choose a winner from the entries. We felt that due to the number of vlogs that were produced to such high standard, that we would award the top five vlogs with prizes and celebrate the wonderful work they produced

during this year's Headmasters Poetry by Heart Competition. The awards:

Highly Commended was awarded to Clemmie Vaughan (Stanhope) and Daniyal Khaibullin (Chandos). Joint Second was awarded to Edward Bush (Cobham) and Nell Osborne (Queen's). Winner for this year was awarded to Isabella Elliott (Stanhope) for her vlog examining the book *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio.

Congratulations to all winners and well done to everyone who took part.

*Lucinda Stockley, Assistant Librarian*



TENNIS

### Trip to Portugal

Fourteen Stoics and two members of staff set off to Portugal at the end of the Lent term for some pre-season training. The following morning saw the first training session run by the British coaches from 5 star tennis. Everyone worked hard and fully engaged with the technical session. In the afternoon, the technical aspects from the morning session were put into practice with a 'games based approach' to give the players a chance to try out the things they had worked on earlier. This format continued for the next three days working on different aspects of the game. All the sessions were full on and the Stoics did work very hard, and always enjoyed the session.

My personal thanks to all at School who enabled this trip happen, and a special thanks to Sarah Sutton who accompanied me on the trip and helped it run like clockwork.

Plans for next year are already being made with the dates being 28 March - 2 April 2020.

*John Skinner, Head of Tennis*



## Geography - Lower Sixth Fieldwork

I'm slightly worried that now having had two fieldtrips in a row with glorious sunny weather, each year the Lower Sixth geographers will expect similar weather for their trip and whilst I can organise most things, I've not yet mastered the weather!

On Saturday 11 May, 47 slightly nervous Lower Sixth geographers set off to undertake fieldwork on the Jurassic Coast, staying in an outdoor activity centre near Swanage. The aim was to practice fieldwork techniques and prepare them for their NEA (Non-Examined Assessment) - a project worth 20% of their A Level.

Following a similar formula to last year, the Sunday saw us undertaking coasts fieldwork in two stunning locations - Worbarrow Bay and Swanage Bay. Comparing rural and urban beaches, measuring everything in sight - from beach angles and pebble sizes, to rates of infiltration and wave characteristics - we were able to simulate data and stimulate interest in the various theories we had covered in the classroom. Fortunately the weather also afforded that all important chance for an ice cream afterwards!

The human geography focus of Monday morning saw us in Weymouth, considering levels of deprivation there, contrasts between different areas of the town and the impacts of the Olympic legacy on the area. Working in small groups we collected data, visited the different areas of the town

and they started to formulate ideas for possible questions they might be able to use in their own projects. The afternoon then saw Geofieldwork Ltd introducing a new range of studies for us, related to the measurement of carbon in the ecosystem - from measuring trees, to sampling soil, the pupils had a chance to experience a wide range of new ideas and techniques.

The Tuesday morning was a return to physical fieldwork and sunny Studland Bay, where those of us who were more adventurous did manage a quick (if rather cold) paddle in the sea! Data was gathered through the sand dunes and pupils were introduced to a range of different methods, as well as some beautiful scenery and a chance to see 'Old Harry' himself in the distance! We then moved to Sandbanks to compare the services, houses and facilities there with those found in Weymouth - needless to say there was quite a contrast!

Once again the trip proved to be a great success, with the Lower Sixth finding themselves surprised at having actually enjoyed it! Despite the hard work and long days, everyone gained a new set of skills to take forward to their data collection over the summer, as they work on their own independent projects at a location of their choosing over the holidays, probably also involving ice cream!

*Sarah Murnane, Head of Geography*



# V&A Acquisition



The V&A have acquired a selection of pieces from British Fashion Designer Phoebe English's (Lyttelton '04) synonymous fashion label. The V&A's Fashion and Textile collection now has complete looks from both the AW15 and SS16 collections along with their accompanying marionettes. The puppets were created to sit alongside their counterpart models during a retrospective show for the Museum's Fashion in Motion series in October 2016.

Details on each collection are outlined below:

#### Autumn Winter 2015 'Trapped Glitter Look'

This look is made from multiple oversized sheer garments, layered up over one another to create a chaotic and dishevelled appearance. Each individual garment holds small amounts of glitter which has been poured into the garment during the making process and is now sewn and trapped inside the inner layers. The glitter falls and drops to fill each hemline, yoke and pocket and appears as a glittering weight at the bottom of each garment. This collection was originally shown as a presentation at Somerset House, where the models moved in and out of the audience,

sparkling subtly in the bright show lights.

#### Spring Summer 2016 'Star-Pleat Dress'

This look is made up of a criss-crossing harness, which weaves itself across the top of the body and extends falling into bundles of pleated linen. The thick and wide pleated panels of the skirt fall about in differing lengths. The idea was to visually 'trap' the wearer in the garment by constructing a star harness around the whole body. This collection, with its medical overtones, was originally shown in a presentation at the Royal College of Surgeons.

#### Marionettes

The marionettes acquired are two of thirty six puppets which were hand made by artist and puppet maker Judith Hope and the Phoebe English studio to showcase their six year archive at the Fashion in Motion show. Each one interacted with a model wearing an identical outfit.

You can browse Phoebe's pieces or book to see them in person via the V&A website. [Click here.](#)

*Anna Semler, Old Stoic Society Director*

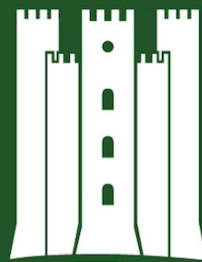


## German Play

The German Department was delighted to welcome the Onatti Theatre Company on Wednesday 15 May for a one-off performance of 'So Eine Nervensäge', a story of sibling rivalry between two sisters. The two German actors who performed this 50-minute play, put a lot of energy and enthusiasm into their performance and kept the audience's attention throughout. The language was pitched at just the right level for students who have been studying German for a couple of years and whilst it may not have been Goethe, it was a wonderful opportunity to see and hear German spoken in a different context. As always in Onatti plays, audience participation is key, which is something Stoics love and dread in equal measure. This year Skyla Wakeman (Third Form, Lyttelton) was asked on stage to take part. She remained calm amongst the confusion and bravely joined in! We were also joined by five students from the Royal Latin School and their teacher. My thanks go to Mrs Wheeler and all those who attended for their exemplary behaviour and for being so fully engaged.

*Alice Tearle, Head of German*

## ★ HEINEKEN RACE TO THE TOWER



On Saturday 8 and Sunday 9 June, I am taking part in the Race to the Tower Endurance Event. I will be covering two marathons over two days, starting near Stroud, travelling along the Cotswold Way and finishing at Broadway Tower in the Cotswolds. This 52 mile event with a total ascent of 7,450 feet has not been easy to train for and certainly will not be easy to do! Therefore any financial support that you could give to me and my two friends who are raising money for MIND, the mental health charity would be greatly appreciated and keep us going on the hard slog.

A link to our fundraising page is [here](#).

If this inspires you for next year or you want to know more about the event you can find out more [here](#).

Thank you for your time and support.

*Mr Andrew Jackson, Head of Sports Science & Physical Education*



Stowe School and Arts@Stowe Outreach Theatre

# ESCAPED ALONE



Preconceptions are that a 'play-reading' will simply save you trying to keep track of characters if you're reading a play to yourself. You think, 'great. I've been meaning to read that. I'll go along, listen to a bedtime story, look like a supportive member of the local community and give radio four a rest'. At least, that's what I thought and why I went to the recent reading of Caryl Churchill's 'Escaped Alone' which has been on my shelf for a while.

The rehearsed reading took place on Tuesday 30 April in The Dobinson Studio. It was performed by Jan Pickering, Katie Thomas, Ann Payne and Chrissy Powell and directed by Rebecca Clark. Acknowledgements Arts@Stowe, Rob Parker and Nick Bayley.

It was dark. There were four chairs and four very real people there then, as we the audience are also here when the moment of our lives, and our behaviour in it, plays out like Hamlet's play within a play - senses, visceral and embarrassingly real in the empty space before us. Voice, light, character and pause. Chrissy Powell's rendering of (character 4's) howls are ours. Ann Payne's depiction of (character 2's) fears resonate. Neither

can the abject be denied as the accident of happenstance enacted between Jan Pickering and Katie Thomas draws our empathy and reveals the audience are at once lizard brained: murderous humans, and sensitive. Human. Flawed.

I cried as it closed - for myself and in gratitude for the commitment the group made to move us, hammering the playwright's message home; urging us to see, to take responsibility and action to reorder priorities and live in balance. An empathic, moving, professional exposition of subjects and themes explored through 'Escaped Alone' reshaped the audience. Thank you.

The thought now, since attending Stowe School's first public reading, of spending time with others, growing intimate through and with a text, unearthing similarity is compelling. I expect many other of the audience were, as I was, moved to explore ways to get involved with prepared public readings. If you would like to...

Great stuff from Stowe - a blow to the heart and a call to action. A tribute to Caryl Churchill's text.

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# Boodles Tennis Tournament at Stoke Park

# Stowe Parents

Tuesday 25 June, 11am

£145 per person

Join us to enjoy world class tennis within the unique, English garden party atmosphere that The Boodles is now famous for. Not only will you be closer to the action than ever before, on Wimbledon standard grass courts, but you will experience the idyllic grounds of Stoke Park, with Pimms, Champagne and a buffet-style lunch.



## Events Update

Outside term time, Stowe promotes itself as a magnificent venue capable of holding a diverse range of events. This claim was severely tested over the Easter break when, in the space of Eight days, our complete range of facilities were enjoyed by events including a residential conference for the Central Association of Agricultural Valuers (CAAV), a Pilates retreat weekend, sporting academies hosted by both Northants Cricket Club and Luton Town Football Club and some filming involving an expert team of stunt drivers.

The visits by Northants and Luton Town saw over 200 children visit Stowe, as we continue to strengthen our relationships with local sporting clubs. The hustle and bustle of these events was in stark contrast to the serenity of the retreat

weekend where guests enjoyed Pilates in the Blue Room as well as making use of the pool and enjoying walks in the gardens.

The CAAV conference saw us host 130 delegates for a morning conference in the Roxburgh Theatre followed by talks from four speakers in the afternoon on key topics of interest to them including the House, gardens and golf course. The day ended with a formal dinner in the State Dining Room with guests staying overnight in Queen's, Stanhope and Bruce. The event organisers wrote to say that they 'would highly recommend Stowe House to all potential businesses as being one of the best venues that we have ever had the pleasure to use for a large event such as ours.

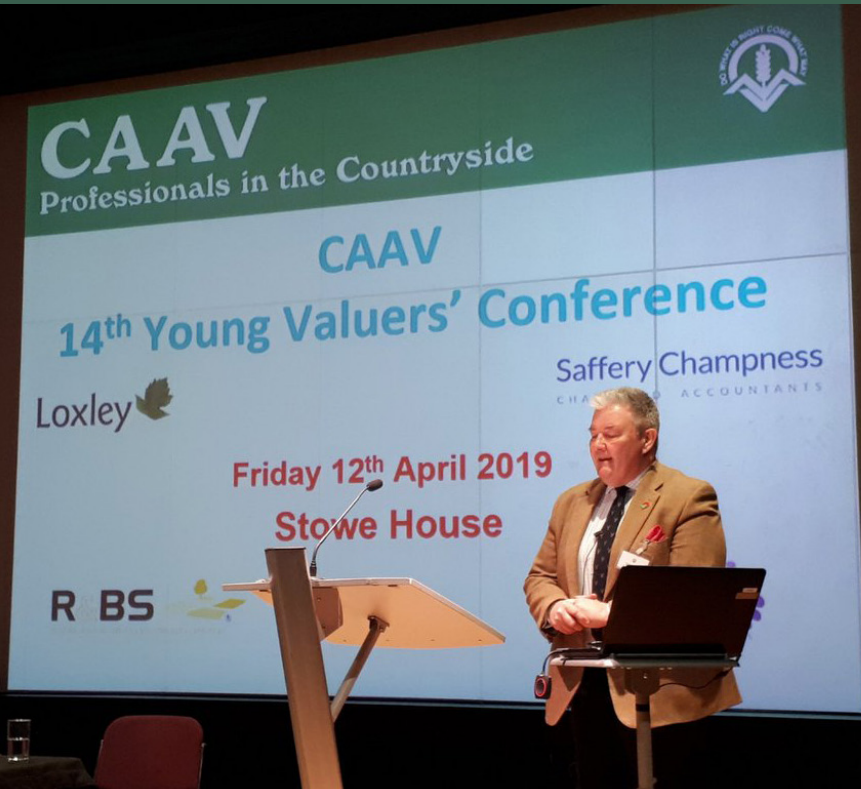
*Richard Clements, Venue Manager*

## Help Refugees Charity

In the Michaelmas Term, I began to email the charity Help Refugees to see if I could arrange someone to come and talk about their work. I had been to a talk myself and it was so interesting to hear of their work improving the livelihood of refugees in more than 80 projects across Europe and the Middle East.

We eventually organised the talk to happen on Tuesday 12 March. The speaker from the charity who came was called Ellie Bootman. She is 20 years old and has been living out in Calais for the last six months, where Help Refugees do the majority of their work. She has come back to England for a couple of weeks before she goes back to work with the people who are stranded in the city, are being constantly harassed by the police. The talk was incredibly interesting and she helped to highlight to the audience, the number of people living out there and what they are going through. It emphasised the fact that these people are no different from us, but are just unlucky enough to be born into these situations where they are forced out of their homes. Overall the talk was a success and a few of the people who came are now considering going to work with Help Refugees during their gap year next summer.

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