

# Stowe mail

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NEWS ROUND UP FROM STOWE



## STOWE BECOMES A UCL BEACON SCHOOL IN HOLOCAUST EDUCATION

Stowe is delighted to have become a Beacon School in Holocaust Education which is a status given by University College, London's Centre for Holocaust Education. This exciting backing from UCL is only awarded to a handful of schools each year and reflects Stowe's commitment to developing our pupils' understanding of the Holocaust.

As a Beacon School we are committed to the view that the Holocaust is a critically important part of young people's education while appreciating the complex challenges that the Holocaust raises as a school subject. In order to receive this status we have already demonstrated an existing commitment to the importance of Holocaust education as well as a keenness to embrace creativity and innovation into our curriculum.

Being awarded this status not only recognises our current delivery of Holocaust education and how we develop our pupils' understanding but it also provides the School opportunities to further develop our pupils learning through cross-curricular initiatives and shows a commitment to increasing expertise and teaching standards to advanced levels.

Ms Francesca Holloway, who teaches Philosophy & Religion at Stowe, is the School's Lead Teacher for the Beacon programme and will work with our Executive Leadership Team to make Holocaust education a priority. Ms Holloway will also advocate better Holocaust education in other schools across the region. Her work will include developing a scheme of work specifically targeted to the needs of our pupils whilst organising outreach to other schools across the region to share her knowledge and to help with the development of their educational programmes. This outreach will include a CPD day for local teachers from both the State and Independent sectors. Ms Holloway will also attend a four-day residential course at UCL over the half term break and will visit Poland in April 2020.

## Cheshire & Winton Open

Following years of discussion, planning and construction work to convert the 'old Cobham' into two new Day Houses, we were delighted to welcome the first cohort of pupils to Cheshire and Winton at the beginning of this academic year. The Houses were formally opened on Sunday 8 September by Barbara and Nick Winton (daughter and son of Sir Nicholas Winton), Neil Heslop OBE (CEO of Leonard Cheshire) and Elizabeth Cheshire (daughter of Leonard Cheshire). Sarah and I are thrilled with the exceptionally high standard to which the Houses have been completed, and parents and pupils alike have clearly been impressed by the facilities on offer. The 65 new pupils across both Houses have made a superb start to their time as Stoics - starting at a new school can be daunting enough without being the pioneers of new Houses as well, but the boys and girls of Cheshire and Winton have settled in seamlessly, and it is hard to believe they have only been here a few weeks. They have already begun to exemplify the character traits of compassion, integrity, resilience and perseverance that we hope to become the hallmarks of Cheshire and Winton, and which were encapsulated so notably in the men after whom the Houses were named. So, many congratulations to the founding pupils of Cheshire and Winton on such an auspicious start, marked by a convincing win for the Third Form boys and girls in the House Football Competition - the first win of many we hope!

We would also like to extend a very warm welcome to all the new Stoics who joined us across the School in September. We hope that you have enjoyed your first three weeks at Stowe.

*James Peppiatt and Sarah Sutton, Cheshire and Winton Houseparents*





## Cambridge Chemistry Challenge

June 2019 saw our third year of participation in the Cambridge Chemistry Challenge, and this year's group of seven Lower Sixth chemists produced our strongest set of results to date. This national competition aims to stretch and challenge students interested in Chemistry and, although designed to be accessible to first year A Level students, it deliberately takes them significantly beyond their syllabus, encouraging a way of thinking more likely to be found at university. Across the country, there were over 9,000 entries into this year's competition. Congratulations go to our seven students who all

achieved scores worthy of certificates this year. Boris Baros (Upper Sixth, Bruce) and Harry Mehta (Upper Sixth, Walpole) were awarded Gold certificates, their scores being within the top 10% of all entries received, whilst Poom Hall (Upper Sixth, Cobham) received a Silver certificate. Copper certificates were awarded to Edward Don (Upper Sixth, Chandos), Henrietta Gendler (Upper Sixth, Queen's), Hannah Laurence (Upper Sixth, Stanhope) and Rohan Sekhri (Upper Sixth, Walpole).

*Alexandra Waine, Head of Chemistry*

### GOLF

A very strong Stowe golf team started a busy phase of competitions with a comfortable victory against Uppingham in the National Foursome Championship Cup on Tuesday 17 September. The team was made up of three pairs; Max Faulkner (Fifth Form, Temple) and Elliot Strickland (Third Form, Grenville), Ed Davis (Fourth Form, Bruce) and Chanel Fontaine-Geary (Fourth Form, Queen's), Tom Youds (Captain, Upper Sixth, Chandos) and Tom Riley (Upper Sixth, Bruce). On Wednesday 18 September, the team followed up with a win over St Edward's in the ISGA National Match Play Championship.

*Andrew Hancox, Head of Golf*



## OS Careers Networking Event

On Thursday 5 September, we were delighted to hold our Careers Networking Drinks at The Phene in Chelsea. We were delighted to welcome over fifty Old Stoics, made up of OS mentors and recent leavers.

The evening began with drinks, followed by an array of delicious canapés. Once everyone had arrived, our guests became reacquainted with old friends as well as making new ones. The recent leavers were enthusiastic and proactive in seeking out mentors in their chosen fields, as well as chatting with professionals who were able to offer advice and guidance for those undecided on their employment path. We were regaled with memories and stories of days gone by as well as healthy exchanges of business and employment information.

During the course of the evening, the OS Chairman, Hannah Durden (Nugent 01), thanked everyone for attending and explained the advantages of coming along to evenings such as these, as well as keeping in regular contact with the Old Stoic Society, whom have a vast register of OS business contacts on hand, to offer guidance, advice, support and inspire, where required.

The evening allowed our recent leavers the opportunity to build their own professional network as well as take informal advice from our more established members. As our group of Mentors and Old Stoics grow, it is more important that this evening remains a regular fixture on our events calendar.

From beginning to end, the evening was a great success.

*Anna Semler, Old Stoic Society Director*



### LACROSSE

On Sunday 8 September, the Stowe 1st XII Lacrosse team travelled to Moreton Hall to participate in the annual Top Test Tournament, drawing top school and club sides from all across the country. Stowe recorded a fantastic record of four wins, a draw and a loss, with exceptional performances from Holly Phillips (Lower Sixth, Nugent), Rosie Grayson (Fifth Form, Nugent), Mia Dettori (Upper Sixth, Nugent) and Captain Amber Capurro (Upper Sixth, Nugent).

The full Senior 1st and 2nd squads travelled to the home of the National Champions at Berkhamsted on Saturday 21 September. The teams learnt much from the experience of playing in the top division.

*Rob Ingham Clark, Head of Lacrosse*

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



## Air Cadet Leadership Course Report

During the summer I was given the opportunity to go to RAF Cranwell in Lincolnshire to complete the Air Cadet Leadership Course (ACLC). The week long course teaches leadership styles and theory but mainly focuses on the practical application of leadership in the form of various command tasks.

On arrival at Cranwell we were issued our kit before facing a daunting inspection; however we soon settled in and were allocated into Flights (small groups). The early starts and the physically demanding nature of the course made for long, tiring days, especially when undertaking the practical elements of the course where it was necessary for us to pull together as a team and motivate each other to complete our command tasks.

The course is structured so that each individual leads one task every day and I found myself progressing well and learning new elements of leadership daily. We also had regular interviews to test our knowledge and progress as well

as daily drill practice for the final graduation parade. In our final interview it was revealed to us whether or not we had passed and I was delighted to have passed with Merit - not only that, but my Flight were awarded the Best Flight award upon graduation.

The course culminates in a parade in front of RAF Cranwell's imposing College Hall. This was a real privilege as the Hall is widely considered to be the spiritual home of the RAF. Overall the course was immensely beneficial and I hope to bring what I have learnt back to the CCF at School. As well as this, it was a pleasure and a learning experience to stay on an active RAF base and to learn about the leadership skills required for my intended career in the RAF. I would like to thank Mr and Mrs Murnane as well as Major de Gale for this fantastic opportunity.

*Henry Kirby (Upper Sixth, Temple)*

### BASKETBALL

The team have had an outstanding start to the season and performed well in their first development game against Radley, on Thursday 19 September winning 54-25. This was followed a 59-37 win against Abingdon on Tuesday 24 September.

Mr Michael reports that there is much promise with this squad due to such strength in depth.



## Institute of Leadership and Management

Congratulations to Amelia Leondiou (Upper Sixth, Queen's), Bertie Bryant (Upper Sixth, Cobham) and Henry Kirby (Upper Sixth, Temple) on passing the Institute of Leadership and Management Level 3 qualification.

This is an adult, nationally recognised qualification and is an impressive addition to their CVs.

It will enable them to talk specifically and confidently about personal leadership experience gained, and to stand out from the crowd, with more to offer any organisation in terms of management experience and leadership 'offer'.

*Major de Gale, Contingent Commander Stowe CCF*



### HOCKEY

In the league matches against Rugby School on Saturday 16 September, the U15A had a good win and the U16B drew. In the other matches, they ended in a loss by just one goal.

The girls did the School great credit in the block against Bromsgrove on Saturday 21 September. This is one of the most challenging schools to play against, but the overall share was 7 wins to Stowe, 2 draws and 2 losses. Congratulations to the U15As who are currently top of the Midlands League, which is made up of nine very strong hockey schools.

Congratulations to the Stowe 1st XI who beat Kimbolton 9-0 in the first round of the National Cup on Wednesday 18 September.

### RUGBY

With 10 victories out of 13 matches, the Stowe Rugby Club can be very happy on the whole with their performances against Cheltenham College on Saturday 14 September. Well done in particular to the Fifth Form year group who scored 148 points between their three teams with just 18 points conceded. The Yearlings A team deserve a mention as well for a 40-0 victory. The 5th XV and Colts Cs also had impressive wins against Bedford School on the same day.



# The Crucible

This year's whole school production of Arthur Miller's *The Crucible* is now in rehearsal. The cast and design team, made up of over forty Stoics from Third Form to Upper Sixth, are busily throwing themselves into exploring this engaging and topical text. After his impressive performance as Romeo last year, Dominic Selvey (Upper Sixth, Chandos) takes the title role of John Proctor, the farmer whose past misdemeanors occupy his moral conscience and act as the catalyst for the play's tragic events. We wish Dominic particular luck this academic year, as he pursues his ambitions to be an actor through applying for Drama School. It is also a privilege to be able to welcome our new Drama Scholars into the cast this year for the first time.

The Drama Department and the Stoics are particularly excited by the prospect of putting on this play because it is a GCSE Drama set text. Giving the pupils the chance to see their exam script lifted from the page to the stage will offer them a unique learning opportunity, whether they are a member of the cast, the design team, or the audience. We also look forward to offering pupil-led masterclasses to those currently studying the play in the Fourth and Fifth years. Over 200 people from local schools have already reserved their tickets, making this a real community offering.

The play, set in 1692 but written in 1952, is Arthur Miller's comment on the injustices of the McCarthy trials and the hysteria he witnessed surrounding the Red Scare of the 1950s.

He cleverly explores this through the similar 'witch-hunts', experienced by the 17th Century puritan community of Salem, Massachusetts, hundreds of years earlier. In our own times of political instability, this is certainly a play that still has much to say.

The *Crucible* will be playing in the Roxburgh Theatre from Wednesday 27 November to Saturday 30 November. Book your tickets now through [thearts@stowe.co.uk](mailto:thearts@stowe.co.uk).

*Lucy Miller, Drama Department*



## Curwen Print Studio Visit

In June the Stowe Art Department Staff and this year's 2019 Simon Alper Print Award winners, Phoebe Hill (Queen's 19) and Olivia Elliott (Stanhope 19) visited the world famous Curwen Print Studio in Cambridgeshire. Our lucky pupils went on to spend four days at the studio experimenting with linocutting, offset lithography and etching with one to one tuition throughout, producing a vast amount of work in a very small time. As a group we had an intensive workshop based on Gelli printing, a form of mono printing which can transfer images from magazines - a technique we hope to widely use in our teaching come September.

The Curwen press has been working with some of the UK's finest artists for over 70 years and we are very excited to host an exhibition from their archives in October, including works by Peter Blake, Paul Hogarth and HRH The Prince of Wales to name but a few. The preview will also host a live demonstration by one of the artists in residence from the Curwen.

We cannot thank enough all the staff at the Curwen, Director Loraine Chitson, Patron Simon Alper and maestro Stanley Jones MBE for their continued support to the Stowe Art School and our pupils over more than 25 years.

*Daniel Scott, Head of Art*

## HOCKEY

The St George's Sixes is a top national tournament and the hosts had to turn away several schools that had applied to be part of the setup this year. The format was 6 a side (5 outfield + 1 GK), 6 minutes each way (12 minutes total per game). There were four groups of 7 teams and although not official, it looked like we were seeded 6th in our group...

Every game was frantic and extremely tiring with so few players on half a pitch but the girls were immense. After drawing 1-1 with Kingston Grammar the girls were every unlucky to lose to ex Regional Champions, Wellington - we lost 2-1 after being 1-0 up at half time. We had matched both teams and been unlucky only to take a draw from the two games. The girls went on to win four matches in a row, 3-2 against City of London Freeman's School, 4-0 v Ardingly, 3-1 v Latymer Upper and 2-0 v St Mary's Ascot.

This meant Stowe qualified through to the plate and in 2nd place in their group. The girls then beat Kent College 4-2 in the quarter-final and St John's 1-0 in a very tense semi-final. This set up a final against Pangbourne who had knocked out ex-National Champions Cranleigh in the quarters. Stowe went 2-0 up through goals from Alyssia Dockerty (Upper Sixth, Queen's) and top scorer, Holly Phillips (Lower Sixth, Nugent), before being pegged back to 2-1 going into half time. With three minutes to go, Pangbourne scored an equaliser but such was the belief of the Stowe girls, we felt we could still win the match in normal time. With a minute left on the clock, Clara Kretschmar (Lower Sixth, West) beat two players on the left hand side baseline before peeling strong and unleashing an unstoppable strike above the GK's helmet and just under the crossbar to give Stowe a 3-2 lead. After successfully defending a penalty corner after the full time whistle, Stowe were crowned champions.

The work ethic and team unity was fantastic. We had two Fifth Form, five Lower Sixth Form and three Upper Sixth Form and the team included three brand new players to the School.

We took a squad of 10 and most girls played half a match each game meaning we had a 'first half' team and 'second half' team.

The girls had all been on the pre-season tour together and their fitness shone through in the big moments. Those who want it and work hard, often reap the rewards. Every midfielder and striker scored multiple goals, the defence and GK were incredible and this day will live long in the memory of all that were involved.

Squad: Alex Trumper - GK, Evie England, Jemima Howden, Lauren Yeowart, Alyssia Dockerty - Captain, Holly Phillips, Charlotte Would, Clara Kretschmar, Immy Joyce, Holly Churchill

*Ben Scott, Head of Hockey*



## CCF Exercise Baltic Exchange

On Sunday 21 July, cadet Corporal Poom Hall (Upper Sixth, Cobham) from Stowe CCF flew to Lithuania for a five day adventure at the exercise Baltic Guards. A national selection was held in April, in Liverpool, where from out of the several hundred that applied, a total of 40 cadets were selected. Being one of the 40 was a privilege.

Arriving in Lithuania, the UK cadets were joined by other cadets from: Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Ukraine and Poland. During the week the UK cadets learnt about Lithuanian traditions and cultures also having participated

in military themed activities (including shooting, fieldcraft and tactical training) alongside their international peers. There were some demanding tasks, such as crawling through a muddy field undetected and testing muscular endurance in the tree top climbing. However, there were also relaxed tasks, for example visiting historic museums and exploring the old city of Kaunas, integrating with the Lithuanian culture. All in all, this exchange was a once in a lifetime experience, in which all the cadets gained enormous experience from participating. Each cadet was awarded with a Headquarters Regional Command Medallion before departing from London.

*Corporal Poom Hall (Upper Sixth, Cobham)*



## An Invitation to The American Friends of Stowe Cocktail Party in New York

Thursday 17 October

If you are likely to be in, or passing through, New York over the half term break, we would be delighted if you would join us at the annual American Friends of Stowe cocktail party in Manhattan on Thursday 17 October.

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

This year, we are honoured to have as our Guest of Honour Mr Jamie Niven, son of the great David Niven (OS); we will be presenting Jamie with a posthumous 'American Worthies Award' for his father, and hearing some reflections on David's association with Stowe and his remarkable career as one of the country's finest actors on both stage and screen.

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

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

*Colin Dudgeon, Director of Development*

## EQUESTRIAN

### Ireland

Cooley King Cobra and I endeavoured over to Millstreet, Co. Cork Ireland where we took part in the CCI2\* Short format. After an average dressage test of 39.4 dressage, we then ranked 1st in the show jumping after jumping one of very few clear rounds. The cross-country course was causing carnage, in traditional Irish manner the ground was boggy and deep, however, Cobra and I stormed round to finish on my dressage score to come 6th overall and 4th out of the Brits.

*Chloe Livesey (Upper Sixth, Stanhope)*

### Swailcliffe

Well done to those who braved the challenging at Swailcliffe on Sunday 15 September. The dry and hard conditions made competing difficult, but Megan Churchill (Fourth Form, Queen's) had a good afternoon and qualified for the Championship in two weeks' time.

*Angela Haycock, Equestrian Centre Manager*



## IN BRIEF

### Badminton

The Senior team was back to full strength on Saturday 21 September and managed 15 wins out of 16 matches in the triangular against Bromsgrove and Wellingborough.



## U15 and Senior Girls' Tour to Germany & Holland

On Monday 19 August the Stowe staff and students departed for Duisburg, 29 girls across two squads made the trip along with five staff members.

On our first morning, we left for our first training session at Club Raffelberg. The three new girls joining Lower Sixth settled very well on the pitch and the session was very enjoyable for both the U15 and Seniors squads.

Our first set of fixtures was against our training hosts, Club Raffelberg. German champions in the past, this was going to be a very tough game however the score line didn't matter as what was most important to the coaching staff was the effort until the end of the match. Once back at the hotel, we went out together for waffles and crepes, a very nice way to end the first full day on tour!

The following day, Miss Jackson led a great warm up session. After heading back to freshen up, we played at Club Aachener. The U15s won 2-1 after dominating the first half - just a breakaway goal from the home side led to some nerves with 10 minutes to go. The U18s played against Aachen 1st XI ladies rather than an U18 side with the game ending as a loss 4-3.

On Friday, we headed to HDM Hockey Club where both age groups trained together for the majority of the session. We then prepared for our third fixture of the tour against HC Schiedam. Both matches were again very close. The U15s and U18s were both 1-0 up after the first quarter before being pegged back. The U15s lost 3-1 as their squad of 13 ran out of gas in the last few minutes but again showed the resilience and effort of last season making Miss Lewis-Williams and Mrs Sutton very happy. The U18s were involved in another close match that ended 2-2.

On Saturday morning, we travelled to HC Den Bosch for our final tour fixture. Both teams battled tiredness and injuries to do themselves proud once again. The U15s were down to a bare 11 by the fourth quarter but played brilliantly in their 5-2 loss. The U18s lost 5-3.

After lunch, we headed to Amsterdam for a group canal cruise and some free time before heading back to the hotel. During the end of season meal, the staff presented awards to teams.

U18 Defender: Jemima Howden (Fifth Form, Stanhope), U18 Midfielder: Holly Phillips (Lower Sixth, Nugent), Top Goalscorer: Clara Capella - U15 (Fourth Form, Stanhope), Immy Joyce - U18 (Upper Sixth, Stanhope), Most Improved Player: Ella Gray-Cheape - U15 (Fourth Form, Lyttelton), Alex Trumper - U18 (Lower Sixth, Stanhope), Player of the Tour - Larissa Campbell (Fourth Form, Nugent), Emily Sutton - U15 (Fourth Form, Queen's), Evie England - U18 (Lower Sixth, Cheshire), Tour Legend: Clara Capella - U15, Clara Kretschmar - U18 (Lower Sixth, West), Outstanding Contribution to Stowe Hockey Award - Francesca Napolitano (Fourth Form, Stanhope).

The tour was a great success and my thanks go to all parents and to the staff that made the trip such a success. Mrs Sutton and Miss Lewis-Williams were able to perform a comprehensive handover of the junior girls while Mrs Campbell and I were able to take a good look at our new look squad. Miss Jackson led the GK training and warm ups all week - I cannot imagine any other GKs having as much face time with a specialist GK coach during their pre-season.

I am very excited for the season ahead.

*Ben Scott, Head of Hockey*

## WORK EXPERIENCE

As part of the careers programme at Stowe, Fifth Form Stoics are required to complete a work experience placement during their summer holiday to enable them to make informed decision on their future career choice as well as support their application for university, apprenticeships or other further education.

Last summer Stoics completed work experience placements in various fields like medicine, education, finance, business and art and design.

Max Marshall-Lee (Lower Sixth, Cobham), spent his week in the sales and purchase departments at Braemar, a company that "provides technical expertise and professional marine and energy services around the globe".

Max gained lots of valuable experiences and insights into the different areas of a business which he kindly shared with us below.

### What were your main tasks and duties on placement?

I was given a seating plan of the office and a classification sheet which consisted of a range of different ship dead weights and whether a ship is a tanker or a bulk carrier. As part of this process, emails in the sale and purchase department are received centrally by the administration team with a printed copy detailing offers for both sale and purchase of ships and also incorporating problems with vessels and details of repairs. These forms were known as 'pink sheets'.

It was my job to distribute these emails to the relevant individuals according to the ship classification sheet. My second job was to archive every ship that had been purchased and sold by Braemar into a spreadsheet by using the ships sale sheet. This allowed Braemar to recover any ship's file and sale sheet either electronically or by paper and the sale sheet gave me an understanding of how much a ship is worth according to what and how much it can carry. Whilst doing this, I had to place the folders of each ship into sorted boxes which would be sent to storage.

### What was the key thing you learned on placement?

During my time at Braemar shipping I was able to become involved in a number of different operational areas of the business but the main skills I learned were both people based and tech based but especially the organisation of all the work and what the process is for how a ship is bought and sold.

### What did you like best about your placement?

How exciting it was working for the first time on a busy trading floor and having to overcome a challenging experience.

*Max Marshall-Lee (Lower Sixth, Cobham)*



## Milton Keynes Regatta

The Stowe rowers enjoyed a good day of competition at Milton Keynes Regatta on Saturday 21 September. Preparation for this event has been more difficult than usual, not least because blue green algae has meant the Stoics cannot use the 11 Acre Lake at Stowe. Instead Mr Righton has arranged land training, with rowing on Wednesday afternoons on the lake at Hollowell. Stowe was represented in Junior-15 singles by new-starter Aston Rigoll (Third Form, Bruce), who finished behind his opponent from Peterborough. In his race, Toby Blythe (Fourth Form, Grafton), lost to the fastest sculler from Peterborough, but beat another boy from Peterborough. In the final of Junior-15 girls singles Sienna Bettany (Fourth Form, Stanhope) finished a close second to the winner, from Peterborough and comfortably beat the girl from Thames Scullers. Sienna then teamed-up with Miss Trelawney-Vernon in the top event for women's double sculls. They had a very close race with the winners from Huntingdon and had a big margin over their opponents from Bedford. Miss Trelawney-Vernon who rowed at school for King's Canterbury and for Edinburgh and Washington Universities is keen to develop a girls' team at Stowe. Our boys' Eight of Jack Saville Sneath (Lower Sixth, Cobham), Barnaby Peppiatt (Lower Sixth, Chatham), Theo Finlan (Lower Sixth, Temple), Josh Green (Fifth Form, Chandos), Ed Whitbread (Fourth Form, Cobham), Charlie Cole (Fourth Form, Walpole), David Gollifer (Fourth Form, Grenville), Aston Rigoll and Toby Blythe (Fourth Form, Grafton) (coxing) then raced against Milton Keynes in Band 2 Men's Eights. Our crew is a combination of three year groups but they rowed well and took an early lead, looking sharper than their opponents. However by halfway the adult crew from Milton Keynes drew out to a small lead. The Stoics hung on determinedly and the finishing margin was small - about half a length. It was a splendid effort and an exciting race enjoyed by all the supporters. Then our Junior-18 quad of Jack Saville Sneath, Barnaby Peppiatt, Theo Finlan and Josh Green raced against two crews from Peterborough. They found this quite tough and need to raise their fitness to compete at this level. The day finished off with our Junior-15 quad of David Gollifer, Toby Blythe, Ed Whitbread, Charlie Cole and Hugo Comerford (coxing). They gave their opponents from Peterborough a good race and Hugo excelled, shouting himself hoarse and heard right across the lake, as he encouraged his crew on until the last stroke. In splendid sunshine on a beautiful multi-lane lake rowing course, it was a good day's racing, enjoyed by the Stowe parents and supporters and the coaching team of Miss Trelawney-Vernon, Mr Johnson and Mr Rudkin. We are grateful to Old Stoic, Mr Bainbridge, for advising and supporting the crews.

*Andrew Rudkin, Rowing Coach*



# Old Stoics

## OS Day 2019

On Saturday, 14 September, we welcomed 320 Old Stoics and Guests back to Stowe for Old Stoic Day. This year, we invited Old Stoics celebrating the 60th, 50th, 40th, 30th, 25th and 10th anniversary of their departure from Stowe to gather for the occasion. We also brought together Old Stoics from the 1964 unbeaten 1st XV for the 55th Anniversary of their winning season. We were delighted to bring together such a large number of Old Stoics for the day, allowing everyone to meet up with friends from their year and make also make new ones. We were particularly pleased to bring together over 60 Old Stoics from the year of 2009 and 40 Old Stoics from the year of 1994.

The day began with a warm welcome from the Head, Dr Anthony Wallersteiner, in the Marble Hall, followed by a short but moving Chapel Service, delivered by The Revd Tim Mullins. The collection was taken in memory of Caroline Whitlock (Former Staff 2007-2017)

who worked in the Old Stoic Office for nearly 10 years and sadly died earlier this year. After the service, our guests were invited to return to their boarding Houses for tours lead by Stoics or remain in Chapel for an Organ Recital given by Jonathan Kingston (Former Staff) in memory of Roderick Swanston (Bruce 66). John Fingleton (Chatham 66) gave a short speech about Roddy's life, after which, Roddy's siblings, Jo and Mark Swanston, formally presented Craig Greene (Chandos 07), Director of Music, with the Swanston Collection, consisting of over 2,000 Gramophone records now housed in the Music School. The concert featured six organ pieces including Overture to the 'Occasional Oratorio' by George Frederik Handel, Sicilienne by Maria Theresa von Paradis and Lied to the Sun (from The Lied Symphony, Op.66) by Flor Peeters to name a handful. The Chapel Organ is the largest organ in three counties, it was extremely moving to hear the compositions peeling out of the Chapel.

*Anna Semler, Old Stoic Society Director*



## International Pupils' Dinner

Stowe School welcomes a great variety of cultures, faiths and ethnicities. We are home to pupils and staff from over 40 different countries, ranging from Ghana to Australia and beyond. With such a diverse population at Stowe, the School is developing the support and care offered for pupils who have joined us from abroad. Some pupils from other nations may initially find they experience a culture shock or homesickness when arriving in Britain, and as such, may need additional guidance in their first few weeks at Stowe. The first International Pupils' Dinner was held on Tuesday 10 September, and provided an opportunity for

our international students to mix with others who have a similar culture to themselves, and also to meet those from other countries too. The time was also used for the pupils to voice any concerns or difficulties they have about being in the UK, and to provide ideas of how we could grow the multicultural nature of the School. Many pupils have since opted to join an International Pupils' Council, which will be meeting at least once a half term to build upon the initiatives proposed on this evening.

*Francesca Shah, Teacher of History and Politics, International Pupils Co-ordinator*

Take a look at our website for forthcoming events at Arts@Stowe

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# Climate Change Strike at Stowe

On Friday 20 September, millions of young people across the world put down their school books and went on strike, as part of a massive global day of action; their goal, to raise awareness of the impacts of climate change and call upon adults to step up and take action.

Inspired by the words of Greta Thunberg, a Swedish student, “This is not a single-generation job. It’s humanity’s job... Let’s all join together, with your neighbours, co-workers, friends, family and go out on to the streets to make your voices heard and make this a turning point in our history.”

Greta has been described as a voice of her generation and is a key figure in raising climate change awareness, particularly in the younger generations who will feel the full and devastating effects of future climate change.

Here at Stowe, the Geography Department saw this as a great opportunity to give our pupils a platform to have their say. After class discussions

and research, throughout the morning, armed with hand-crafted posters and banners, we walked around the School and protested outside the Head’s office to help to raise awareness and to demand action from School to seek a more sustainable way of operating.

Many pupils said they felt inspired by taking part and this was evident from the passion and energy shown by both Fourth Form and Lower Sixth geographers. The Head listened to their views and many Fourth Formers followed up their protest with direct emails to him, sharing their ideas for strategies such as the removal of single use plastics and having a meat-free day each week; many of these are now starting to be investigated. There has also been interest in starting a new Climate Change Society, which the Geography Department will be firmly behind.

*Miss Rowley, Geography Department*

*Stowe* **SPORT**



RUGBY

**Rugby 1st XV**

The 1st XV welcomed Rugby School to the North Front with a decent crowd and the Barmy Army in full voice. Early signs were encouraging with the forwards winning their set piece and a pressing defence caused mistakes in the Rugby backline. Both teams traded blows in the 1st half with Rugby’s back row all on the score sheet inside the first 20 minutes. Stowe responded with when number 8; Udo Ekpecham (Lower Sixth, Bruce) showed his power for his first try of the season after a sustained period of pressure. Ben Edeh (Upper Sixth, Grenville) ran a superb line from the scrum to catch the Rugby backline napping to bring the scores to 14-28. With Stowe pushing deep in the 22 for another try, Rugby capitalised from a mistake and their number 8 ran the length of the pitch to widen the gap and deliver a killer blow before 1/2 time. In the 2nd half, Stowe fought hard but the class of the Rugby side which included several International players, showed through as they notched up a further 5 tries with all 10 tries being converted to leave the final score Stowe 14, Rugby 70.

*Grant Seely, Director of Rugby*





Stowe Parents would like to extend a warm welcome to you all and we hope you will find something of interest in our selection of Events for Michaelmas Term 2019.

If you would like to make a booking, please click on your chosen event below and you will be taken through to our online booking page on the [website](#).

If you have any queries, please contact Helen Jefferies at [stoweparents@stowe.co.uk](mailto:stoweparents@stowe.co.uk)



## Dinner with the Head at Boodle's Club, London

Friday 11 October, 7:30pm

This year the Head's Dinner is to be held at Boodle's Club in St James', London. Boodle's is a private members club founded in 1762 by the Earl of Shelburn.

As always, this is a popular informal event for parents, old and new, to meet each other in the company of the Head.

Click [here](#) to book.



## Clay Pigeon Shoot

Wednesday 30 October, 10am

Enjoy a morning of clay pigeon shooting in the beautiful grounds of Stowe. Start the day with coffee and pastries at the Bursar's Field before the shoot begins.

The event will end with a traditional shoot lunch and bubbles served on the portico of Concord & Victory.

Click [here](#) to book.



## Charity Cycle Ride

Cycling to end Sexual Assault is a movement that I created to raise awareness of sexual assault and to also raise money for a charity called Safeline. To raise awareness I will be organising an exhibition in the School Art Department entitled 'what I was wearing'. The aim of this is to display what survivors were wearing on the day that they were assaulted. The date of this is to yet be confirmed. To raise money I will be taking part in a group ride that will go from Lands End to John O'Groats. You can donate [here](#).

*Ethan Collins (Upper Sixth, Temple)*



## PGA Coaching & Development Trip to Portugal 2020

Saturday 28 March - Thursday 2 April 2020



## Lower School Ski Trip to Serre Chevalier, France

Saturday 28 March - Thursday 2 April 2020

## Charity Absceil

On Sunday 15 September, William Murray (Upper Sixth, Temple) and Ed Snushall (Upper Sixth, Temple) took part in an absceil down the John Radcliffe Hospital (100ft) in aid of Temple House's charity, William's Fund, which raises money for Oxford Children's Hospital. On top of the silent disco last year, which raised £1,700, the two Temple boys set up a just giving page, which has raised over £1,100, to make a total of £2,800 all in aid of William's fund. William's Fund is a fundraising organisation raising money for Childhood Cancer Research in Oxford.

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 4 years 9 months, leaving William's Fund as his legacy. William's Fund has so far raised over £960,000 for Childhood cancer research and has set itself a target to reach the magic £1 million by 2020! You can donate [here](#).

*Edward Snushall (Upper Sixth, Temple)*



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