

Stowe mail

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NEWS ROUND UP FROM STOWE



NUGENT

CHATHAM



QUEEN'S

House Singing

Saturday 5 October was the date for the School's annual House Singing Competition in Chapel. Always fiercely contested, the event did not disappoint with its characteristic energy, vigour and mostly tuneful performances from all the Houses. It was particularly pleasing to see the combined efforts of Cheshire and Winton, Stowe's newest Houses, performing Elton John's 'Don't Go Breaking My Heart'. A couple of the boys' Houses broke with the usual pop/rock tradition of song choices with Chandos choosing a hymn 'Here I am Lord' and Grafton turning in a memorable medley of children's television themes (all of which I remember well along with sleepless nights!) This won them second place in the boys' Houses. All girls' Houses had prepared with impressive commitment and attention to performance values but on the night it was Nugent who took best girls' House and also the overall winner's award leaving Chatham to enjoy the prize for best boys' House. As the School grows we will have to wait and see how the competition is managed next year but we still have the part-song contest to look forward to in the second half of this term. My thanks go to Mr Greene, Mrs Sherry and to Mr Kingston (for his excellent compering!) and to all my other colleagues in the Music Department for their support of this event.

Miles Nottage, Head of Rock, Pop & Jazz



GRAFTON



GRENVILLE



BRUCE



LYTTELTON



CHANDOS



STANHOPE



CHESHIRE & WINTON



TEMPLE



WALPOLE



WEST



COBHAM



HUX Support Robbie Williams

On Monday 7 October, Old Stoic band, HUX, opened the stage for Robbie Williams at an intimate gig at the Camden Roundhouse!

George Huxtable (Chatham 15) and Patrick Keating (Bruce 15) write: "Last night was a dream. This true gent Robbie Williams let us open the stage for him and we're over the moon. Huge thanks to the legends Karl Brazil and Sarah Modest Management for piecing it together. We're still buzzing!"

Anna Semler, Old Stoics Society Director

HOCKEY

Buckingham Hockey Club's Super Saturday!

On Saturday 28 September, a record number of Stowe pupils and several staff members, made appearances for Buckingham Hockey Club. Welsh Internationals Miss Jackson and Miss Lewis-Williams helped Buckingham Ladies' 1st XI defeat Birmingham University 3-1 after Evie England (Lower Sixth, Cheshire) and Holly Churchill (Lower Sixth, Cheshire) led Buckingham Ladies' 2nd XI to a 2-1 victory over West Hampstead.

The newly formed Men's 1st XI took to the field in the last match of the day and ran out 2-0 winners against Banbury in their first ever league match. Mr Arnold, Mr Thompson, Mr Gaunt and Mr Blackmore-Beales all represented the 1st XI along with Stoics, Charlie Maclure (Upper Sixth, Chandos), Josh McCallum (Upper Sixth, Chandos), James Trumper (Upper Sixth, Cobham) and Alex Goodhart (Fifth Form, Grafton).

Ben Scott, Head of Hockey



Cross-Curricular Day The Library & English

The annual Cross-Curricular day took place on Monday 7 October. The Library and the English Department joined together with Maths in a carousel of activities of enrichment for the Third Form pupils.

We started with the Punctuation Man who delivers a show on punctuation, which can only be described as lively. The proper uses of punctuation are put to music and movement to aid understanding in a fun way which the pupils really enjoyed.

This was followed by a talk from the acclaimed and prize-winning author Rhian

Ivory on what it is like being an author and how she thinks up her stories; her books are aimed at the Third Form age group and widely read in the Library here at Stowe.

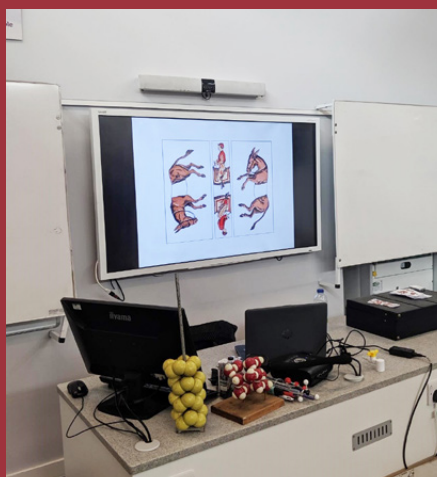
Mrs Puranik, assisted by Mr Webber, delivered a workshop using poems by Robert Frost, James Reeves and William Carlos Williams after which the pupils went outside to use Stowe's South Front as inspiration for writing their own poetry. Each pupil now has a note book to write down their creative ideas in poetry or English.

Lyn Foden, School Librarian

Maths Magic

Third Form students were delighted by a mathe-magical performance by Matt Pritchard that exposed them to revision and advanced topics in shapes, number theory, networks, and probability. Here's what Jemima Pearson-Gee (Third Form, Nugent) had to say about it, "Very funny. Very interactive. Helped me understand the maths behind the tricks. There's always a method of how to do it." She failed to win £20 from the magician in a rigged game. Another highlight was when pupils were asked to pair these two horses with their riders without folding or ripping the sheets of paper. Can you do it?

David Frankle, Maths Department



On Saturday 5 October, the girls' 1st XI recorded their first ever victory against Oakham, running out 4-1 winners after goals from Holly Churchill (Lower Sixth, Cheshire), Alyssia Dockerty (Upper Sixth, Queen's) and a brace from Bella Lloyd (Fifth Form, Nugent).

The U16 Girls were involved in a very high quality tournament on Tuesday 8 October, losing out on being crowned County Champions by a single goal against, in their last match after victories against Wycombe and Ayelsbury High.

Ben Scott, Head of Hockey



Theo Hayes in Session

On Wednesday 25 September, Theo Hayes (Upper Sixth, Chatham) gave an outstanding concert of two halves in the Ugland auditorium. Having just returned from a summer school at Berklee College of Music in Boston, USA (where he was awarded a full scholarship), Theo had spent several hours each day preparing for his evening concert. The majority of the programme featured Theo's own material, some of which can be heard [here](#). A prolific composer, Theo has released some ten albums and is currently working on an album of piano music with jazz inflections.

In addition to Theo's solo performances at the piano, he was joined on stage by fellow Stoic musicians Tallulah Goldsmith (Upper Sixth, Stanhope), Olivia Elliott (Upper Sixth, Stanhope) on vocals, Sean Carslaw Tricot (Upper Sixth, Grenville) on drums and Oliver Seddon (Upper Sixth, Cobham) on bass guitar. They performed a varied mix of original material and covers, from artists such as Radiohead to Shocking Blue. It was a highly entertaining concert and one all involved can be very proud of.

Ben Andrew, Head of Keyboard



RUGBY

Stowe hosted a Prep School Festival with schools at U10 and U11 on Wednesday 2 October. The Festival was a huge success with over 160 boys from 16 teams playing on the North Front pitches. Notable performances came from The Dragon U16s and St Hugh's U10s. Other schools included Winchester House, Beachborough, Ashfold, Swanbourne House, Quinton House and Bromsgrove who were delighted to be able to join us.

Stowe Rugby Club enjoyed a very successful block against Oundle on Saturday 5 October, winning 9 of their 13 matches including a nail-biting 18-14 win for the 1st XV. All Senior and Colts sides were victorious with perhaps the performance of the week coming from the Junior Colts A side who overturned last year's defeat to record a 56-12 victory.



UCL APPLIED MATHEMATICS TALK

Professor Steven Bishop, applied mathematician from UCL and Fellow of the Alan Turing Institute, spoke to Fifth and Sixth Form Mathematicians about his career working in Applied Mathematics. It was a fascinating account of how mathematics is used to predict and forecast, including understanding the causes of tragedies such as the Townsend Thoresen ferry capsize and the spread of the King's Cross fire in 1987. Professor Bishop also talked about the spread of information and ideas across the internet, and the mathematics of predicting future crimes. All of these systems can be

described through mathematical equations and the talk concluded with a demonstration of the crazy motion of a double pendulum - a chaotic system describable through simple equations and A Level Mathematics. Our own Sixth Form Mathematicians Boris Baros (Upper Sixth, Bruce) and Poom Hall (Upper Sixth, Cobham) spoke next about their summer project at UCL, an overview of complex systems and emergent behaviour, before demonstrating these concepts through their mathematical computer models of bird flocking behaviour and murmuration.

Charles Adkins, Maths Department

EQUESTRIAN

Horse of the year show

Stowe staff members Lucinda Stockley and Fern Parker were proud to compete in this year's Horse of the Year Show which took place from 2 to 6 October.

Lucinda came 7th out of 27 in the final of the Nps Welsh section D class, competing on her horse Larnleigh Dictator aka Ernie. This is her 25th consecutive year competing at the show.

Fern came 4th in the Working Horse class on her horse Rosie.

Both did incredibly well to qualify so congratulations!



CCF

Stowe CCF deployed all three Sections - Army, Navy and RAF (nearly 200 Cadets) on the annual, whole Contingent (all year groups) field exercises which took place from Sunday 6 to Monday 7 October.

This is the only time in the year when all year group Cadets deploy. With numbers larger than ever, there were many moving parts and my thanks go to all of the CCF Staff who came out and made all three Section trips so successful.

Army Section Cadets will have returned tired, but sleep is easily recovered. What will have stayed with them is the sense of adventure, team building, bonding and challenge that they experienced together.

52 Army Fourth Form Cadets spent their first night under a basha (shelter sheet) in a damp woods, and were exposed to looking after themselves in an alien environment, cooking their evening meal and later listening to the owls and rain on their shelter sheets. Their spirits were high and they should be proud of their ability to adapt, be resourceful, stay dry, warm, optimistic and enthusiastic.

The Senior Cadets, meanwhile, built up their leadership and fieldcraft knowledge, suitably challenged by the blank firing serials and the other activities laid on for them.

The RAF Cadets were delighted and thrilled to go airborne. Huge thanks to Flying Officer Jon and Flight Lt Sarah Murnane for using their ex-RAF contacts and charm to ensure that the visit went ahead.

The Navy Cadets enjoyed their trip to Portsmouth and Lt Zammit did well to ensure the Cadets enjoyed themselves, when up against changes to the programme due to operational commitments and the vagaries of our British weather.

Major de Gale, Contingent Commander

Royal Navy Section Trip to Portsmouth

The Royal Navy CCF section travelled to Portsmouth for this year's October field trip.

We visited HMS Bristol, a veteran warship and one of the task force leaders during the Falklands conflict and where the Cadets were accommodated. Further visits took place to HMS Excellent, an operational base and Command HQ for all Royal Navy current operations and home of the Royal Tournament and the Field Gun competition

The planned visit to HMS Collingwood, one of the Royal Navy's primary training establishments, was unfortunately cancelled at the last minute due to operational commitments, as was a visit to a fast patrol vessel, which would have taken the Cadets to Sea for the morning - due to sea conditions deteriorating. We look forward to more success on our next trip in March.

Instead we visited Southsea Castle. This is one of the homes of Henry VIII and is well worth a visit. Its Historic Dockyard once again hit the spot with Action Stations and many other attractions such as HMS Victory Nelson flagship and HMS Warrior Britain's first iron clad warship, all truly memorable attractions for our Cadets to see.

Arrangements are already being made with the Captain of the Patrol vessel to arrange dates for our next field trip in the Spring.

Lt Nick Zammit, Officer in Charge, Royal Navy Section, Stowe CCF



RAF Field Day to Benson

Readers with long memories might remember that this time last year we had to cancel our plans for some helicopter flying with the RAF due to their short-notice operational commitments. However, one year on from this disappointing setback, the all-new and enlarged RAF CCF section have at last succeeded in undertaking their long-awaited field day at RAF Benson near Oxford.

The day started with a tour of the Chinook helicopters in the hangar of No 28 Squadron before completing the Stage One Drills that qualified the Cadets to fly as passengers, learning how to board and exit the helicopter safely while the rotors are turning. This was followed by a tour of the Support Helicopter Aircrew Training Facility, a state-of-the-art building that houses the six Dynamic Motion Simulators used to train the helicopter crews not only of the RAF and Royal Navy but also of several international air forces including those of the Netherlands,

Denmark, Australia and Algeria. Although all the simulators were being used for training which meant we could not have a close look inside them, we were allowed a behind-closed-doors look at the high-tech Tactical Control Centre that resembles a scaled down and highly impressive version of Houston Mission Control.

After a quick break for lunch, the Cadets were kitted out with their own passenger flying helmets ready for their familiarisation sortie in a Chinook. For once both the weather and aircraft serviceability were kind to us and all Cadets were given a 15-minute trip around the skies of Oxfordshire - I suspect the smiles will stay on many faces for days to come!

Sincere thanks go to all at RAF Benson for providing a hugely enjoyable and memorable day, one which we hope to be able to repeat in future years.

Mr Jon Murnane, RAF Section Commander, Stowe CCF





CCF

Anderson Company (Upper Sixth and Fifth Form) Field Exercise

Having arrived at Bramley Military Training Area around mid-afternoon on Sunday 6 October, we were swiftly split into our Sections and began to set up our Fifth Form harbour areas and shelters under which we would be sleeping that night. Despite rather overcast conditions, both spirits and competitiveness within the sections were high as we began our first activities of the exercise, consisting of an introduction to TIBUA (Training in Built Up Areas) and the rehearsal of our soon-to-follow planned night ambush, which would take place around 22:30 hrs that evening.

The following day, post-a slightly damp sleep, breakfast ration packs were cooked up

and enthusiasm returned. Our activities that morning kicked-off with putting our newly acquired room-clearing skills to the test, using the cadet A2 rifle loaded with blank rounds, as well as intelligence gathering challenges and command tasks involving administering first aid to casualties. By the lunchtime presentation everyone was fairly exhausted, but spirits were lifted with the award of chocolate prizes to the delighted winning sections and efforts were further recognised by the awarding of promotions before heading back to Stowe into the early afternoon.

L/Cpl B Hartigan (Fifth Form, Grafton)



Cheshire Company (Fourth Form and Lower Sixth NCO's) Army Field Exercise

So far from CCF, I have extremely enjoyed all of our activities, even collecting our equipment and everything leading up to our field exercise. I really enjoyed the mission to find the information/intelligence during the Escape and Evasion night activity, as it felt really independent not having any Sixth Form cadets with us and my group worked really well together to find the base and get as much accurate and detailed information as we could, whilst avoiding the Sixth Form NCO Hunter Force. We had an 'interest' lesson in interrogation with lots of real-life stories and it was fun to learn how to escape from cable ties on wrists, using string and a bicycle leg motion, to rip the ties. All of our activities that we have had so far have been really exciting and adrenaline rushing, it feels really nice to be independent and be trusted with these sort of things and for me, it has been an amazing experience. Getting as close as we could to the enemy during the Stalk was a brambly, tricky, but fun activity, as was learning to build a signal smoke fire. I also really enjoyed the rifle training we had. I am very excited to have our next expedition and the opportunities it will open up for me in the future. Thank you for everything so far. I am really enjoying it!

Skyla Wakeman (Fourth Form, Lyttelton)



CRICKET

Northamptonshire County Cricket Club Award Winners

Northamptonshire County Cricket Club held their annual End of Season Awards Dinner on Thursday 26 September and we are very pleased to congratulate three Stoics on their achievements.

Holly Phillips (Lower Sixth, Nugent) took home the Girls' U17 Batter of the Year. Rhys Noble (Lower Sixth, Chandos) won an award for his century against Bucks, and James Cronie (Lower Sixth, Cobham) had an impressive list of awards:

- Six wickets versus Wales
- Highest run scorer award for the U17s
- Highest wicket taker for the U17s
- An award in recognition of regional Super 4s selection (a year young)
- An award for being part of the team that won the U17 ECB National 50 over competition

A massive well done from Stowe!

James Knott, Head of Cricket

IN BRIEF

Karate

Karate is coming back to Stowe. Lessons will start on Friday 1 November 5.20pm to 6.50pm in StoweBucks. For further information take a look at the [website](#).

Lacrosse

Well done to the 1st X who got a first ever away win against HABS 1st X with a nail-biting 10-9 victory

Fencing

Congratulations to Ed Don (Upper Sixth, Chandos) who is now ranked 9th in Great Britain for the Junior men's Épée and has therefore have been selected to represent Great Britain in an upcoming competition in Riga on Saturday 9 to Sunday 10 November.

Equestrian

Libby Hayes (Fifth Form, Lyttelton) was part of a team of four riders who came first at Blenheim Horse Trials British riding club eventers challenge. Good luck to the many Stowe riders competing at the Beachborough Trials on Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 October. Another rider doing well is Cecilia Mayne (Upper Sixth, Nugent) who competed in her first international competition in Normandy in a CCI 2* event coming 2nd out of all of the British competitors.

For weekly reports on all Stowe Sports visit our website

www.stowesport.co.uk



Keyboard Concert

On Wednesday 9 October, Stoics took part in a keyboard concert which featured a wide ranging repertoire performed on both piano and organ. All of the performers had been practising hard in advance of the concert and it was wonderful to hear the huge variety of playing styles and specialisms showcased throughout the evening. Each Stoic performed with confidence and expression and they clearly enjoyed sharing the fruits of their labour with the large and appreciative audience.

From the moving performance of Christina Perri's 'A Thousand Years' given by Jemima Pearson-Gee (Third Form, Nugent), to the elegant and stylish rendition of Haydn's Sonata no.23 in F Major given by Ben Li (Fifth Form,

Cobham) - it was lovely to listen to such a high standard of music-making. Congratulations to the following for their performances: Poom Hall (Upper Sixth, Cobham), Sebastian Foxwell (Fifth Form, Walpole), Madeleine (Lower Sixth, Nugent) and Jemima Pearson-Gee, Ben Li, Jeffrey Au (Upper Sixth, Walpole), Charly Tyson (Lower Sixth, West), Sebastian Calkin (Fifth Form, Chatham), Ronan O'Reilly (Fourth Form, Grenville), Boris Baros (Upper Sixth, Bruce), Constance Brooks (Fifth Form, Stanhope), Theo Hayes (Upper Sixth, Chatham), Jessica Foxwell (Fifth Form, Lyttelton) and Clara Tearle (Fifth Form, Queen's).

Ben Andrew, Head of Keyboard

HOCKEY

Hockey Girls County Champions

The U14A team won the County Cup to be crowned Buckinghamshire County Champions defeating Akeley Wood 5-0, drawing 0-0 with Great Marlow and winning against Sir William Borlase 3-0. It was an extremely exciting tournament which came down to the last game. We played Akeley Wood first and were able to create many attacking opportunities scoring 5 great goals. In the next match against Great Marlow, we dominated the first half but were unable to score and then had to defend hard during the 2nd half to hold them to 0-0. SWB had won 1-0 against Great Marlow so we had to win or at least draw against them to go through the Regionals. The Stowe girls worked so hard and through their determined approach were able to create 3 fantastic chances to be 3-0 up at half time. We could not fault their strength of character in the 2nd half and their efforts were rewarded with an impressive win! They now go through as winners to the Regional Heats in November - well done U14A!

Sarah Sutton & Tracy Jones, Hockey Coaches



BADMINTON

The 1st team badminton capped a fantastic first half of term with an excellent 12-4 victory over Radley. They remain unbeaten with other strong wins over Uppingham 8-1, Bromsgrove 7-1, Wellingborough 8-0 and Rugby 7-2.

Isaac Michael, Head of Badminton



Medical Detection Dog

A new puppy, Bea, has arrived at Medical Detection Dogs and has begun her first stage training - her puppy socialising programme.

We would like to thank all the parents who gave so generously to the Just Giving page in honour of Mrs B, the former Grafton Matron who died last year and in whose honour the puppy dog is named.

*Mrs Sheilagh Rawlins,
Chemistry & Biology Departments*





McElwee Award Presentations 2019

When pupils join the Sixth Form, they have a wide range of new opportunities to enhance their learning and wider development. One of the most exciting of these is the chance to apply to the McElwee Award.

The award, given in memory of the Stowe History teacher whose distinguished service spanned either side of the Second World War, gives pupils the chance to apply for a fully-funded trip across Europe to explore an academic theme. Bill McElwee was well known for taking pupils on such trips and I am sure that he would have been impressed with the work completed by Stoics in the Upper Sixth this year, who reported back on their McElwee trips in September.

George Gauvain (Temple) and Micky Shillington (Bruce) gave a typically confident and entertaining account of their exploration of the impact of the Spanish Civil War on the culture and politics of modern-day Spain. By linking various striking historical sites, such as the Valley of the Fallen and Guernica, with current political debate in Spain, they made their subject relatable and enlightening. They even managed to secure an interview with a spokesperson for the far-right Vox party, Iván Espinosa de Los Monteros. Both were keen to distance themselves from the beliefs of Vox but the rise of nationalism in Spain was put into clear context, with Micky and George presenting with well-informed and confident enthusiasm.

Valentin Rummel (Temple) and Harry Mehta (Walpole) also opened up their topic with clear passion, examining the impact of both the Nazis and communism on Poland. Through the stories of three famous Poles, they gave the clear narrative of the emergence of Poland as a thriving democracy despite the extreme adversity the country faced in the 20th Century. Trips to Warsaw and Krakow had clearly impacted them deeply but the day at Auschwitz was clearly the most difficult and they spoke about this tough subject with poise and maturity.

Henry Saunders-Watson (Chatham) and Toby Thorpe (Chatham) also focused on the events of the Second World War, with their study of

the D-Day Landings. On a trip using ferries and bicycles, they visited each of the beaches involved in the landings and elaborated on the various heroic and often sad stories that they encountered. The cemeteries had a particularly poignant effect on their understanding of the scale of the campaign. Their memorably dramatic opening to the presentation, which ran through the events of D-Day using archival footage as a backdrop, was particularly impressive.

Following the death last year of Paul Whiffeld, a long serving McElwee Award committee member, the best presentation is awarded the Paul Whitfield Prize. After one of the toughest deliberations in recent years, it was agreed that Rohan Sekhri (Walpole) and Alfie Cliff (Chandos) were the deserving winners of this prize after an outstanding presentation on their trip to Rome. This examined Marcus Aurelius and the philosophy of Stoicism, which Alfie and Rohan linked brilliantly with the styling of pupils at Stowe as Stoics. After charting the fall of Stoicism, they asked the question "Are we the last Stoics?" a question that resonated well with the audience.

The quality of the presentations was incredibly impressive, with the level seeming to rise every year. Although the challenge of presenting to an audience of committee members, teachers, Stoics and parents is certainly daunting, all the prize winners benefitted enormously from the advice and guidance of the TV presenter Louise Goodman. This, alongside multiple practice and run-through sessions, certainly showed the winners at their very best. This was especially pleasing as every winner had a family member with them for the presentation evening, which was preceded by a friendly and celebratory dinner in the Blue Room.

The McElwee Award will now be open for new applications after half term and we look forward to seeing the suggestions that the new Lower Sixth will bring forward in the coming weeks.

Paul Griffin, Faculty Chair - Humanities

NETBALL

Huge congratulations our Third Form girls, Phoebe Haynes (Cheshire) and Isabelle Kaye (Cheshire) for being selected for the U15 Wasps Netball Academy and Charlotte Moffat (Nugent) who has been selected for the U15 Lightning Netball Academy. All three girls are outstanding and talented netballers, who clock up hours of training each week and demand the highest of standards for themselves. We look forward to seeing them represent their Netball Academies this year, as well as competing for Stowe School.

Victoria Dias, Netball

GOLF

I was part of a select group of elite golf coaches that were invited to attend the recent David Leadbetter Global Golf Coaching Summit held at the iconic Stoke Park. David Leadbetter is widely regarded as one of the world's leading golf instructors having achieved notable success with the likes of Sir Nick Faldo and Nick Price on a range of worldwide professional tours. The two days were fascinating and explored thought-provoking concepts relating to ball flight analysis, 3D golf biomechanical screening processes and optimum golf swing mechanics.

I continue to add to my coaching knowledge as I progress towards PGA Master Status and I am excited to be deploying these expert coaching skills as we prepare to launch the Stowe School Golf Academy.

During the September Exeat, The ISGA Alexander Quin Invitational Championship was held at The Forest of Arden Golf Club in Warwickshire.

We had seven Stoics competing - Golf Scholars Tom Youds (Upper Sixth, Chandos), Max Faulkner (Fifth Form, Temple), Chanel Fontaine-Gerry (Fourth Form, Queen's) and Elliot Strickland (Third Form, Grenville) were joined by Tom Riley (Upper Sixth, Bruce), Edward Davis (Fourth Form, Bruce) and Miles Dickinson (Third Form, Grenville), who all play off single figure handicaps. The event was a fantastic experience for all who competed.

On Saturday 5 October The British Schools' Southern Open Golf Championship was held at Collingtree Park Golf Club in Northamptonshire.

We were again delighted to have seven Stoics representing the school and competing in this prestigious event. Golf Scholars Tom Youds, Max Faulkner, Chanel Fontaine-Geary and Elliot Strickland were joined by Tom Riley, Edward Davis and Miles Dickinson. In tough playing conditions, Tom Youds recorded a very impressive 73 (+1 gross) and finished as top performer from Stowe and 4th position in the overall tournament, which included university players up to the age of 21.

Andrew Hancox, Head of Golf





GOLF

On Tuesday 8 October, the HMC National Singles Golf Championship was held on the Red Course at The Berkshire Golf Club. Undoubtedly one of England's finest inland heathland courses, we had Tom Youds, Tom Riley, Edward Davis and Max Faulkner competing and flying the flag for Stowe Golf. In mixed playing conditions Tom Youds recorded a very solid score of 75 (+3 gross) which on another day could have been so much lower. Tom Riley produced a battling 79 with Max Faulkner shooting 81 and Edward Davis 83. Good lessons were learnt by all with particular emphasis on course management and strategy. Many thanks to Barry Wild at HMC for organising such a superb event.

Andrew Hancox, Head of Golf

Stowe House Preservation Trust

The Stowe House Preservation Trust (SHPT) is hoping that work will start on the next phase of the restoration of Stowe House next year. Listed building consent has been requested for the replacement of the floors throughout the Temple Room, State Dining Room and the small dining room ('snug') and for the restoration of walls, ceilings and woodwork in all three rooms. The ceilings are considered to be among the finest in the country with the State Dining Room and its gilded scenes from mythology and the animal kingdom and the intricate designs of the Temple Room decorated panels. Plans have also been drawn up, subject to funding, for the re-

instatement of replicas of the original chimney pieces in all three rooms and representations of the tapestries that used to hang in the State Dining Room. Fundraising is progressing well and we are about a third of the way to reaching our target of some £3m for the whole programme. If you would like to donate to the restoration, please contact **Nick Morris**, Chief Executive Officer of SHPT or **Colin Dudgeon**, Stowe School's Development Officer.

SHPT is an independent charity, set up to fundraise for and manage the restoration of Stowe House. Full details are on our [website](#).

Nick Morris, Stowe House Chief Executive Officer



NETBALL

Netball European Championships

Megan Thorne (Lower Sixth, Cheshire) represented England in the U21 Netball Europe Championships that took place in Worcester over the weekend of 4-6 October. She played against Northern Ireland as GA where she shot 92% winning 73-20. The England team then defeated Wales 26-28 and she then played against Scotland winning 75-29 to secure the gold medal. Megan says, "It was an amazing honour to play for my country and it was better than I could have imagined." An incredible achievement for Megan - well done!

Sarah Sutton, Houseparent of Cheshire



Stowe Park Run

On Wednesday 25 September, the Landscape Gardens hosted Stowe's first 5km "Park Run" event. Inspired by the UK Parkrun movement, this is a weekly event open to the whole Stowe community at 5pm on Wednesdays (as long as the light allows). Nine runners took part in the first run, including pupils from several different year groups and staff. The run is intended to be a non-competitive challenge to give runners a chance to push themselves and see their progress each week. The course takes in two laps skirting the 11-Acre Lake and crossing the Palladian Bridge, before finishing with a run through the Elysian Fields to a finish line in front of the South Front steps. It is hard to imagine a more picturesque 5km route, and members of the whole Stowe community are more than welcome to join us in future weeks.

Mark Austen, Teacher of Economics





Rifles National Cadet Cup Competition

On Friday 20 September, 10 Fifth Form CCF cadets headed to Longmoor Training Camp to compete in the Rifles National Cadet Competition against other ACF and CCFs. After a long bus drive with Sergeant Abbey and Second Lieutenant Shah, (with Ms McGregor kindly acting as the vehicle escort for the carriage of rifles), we arrived at the camp around 9pm. We carried all our kit to the uninhabited building we would be staying in and got ready for a quick sleep before the stands the next day.

Our first stand was a Section Attack where we had to assault an enemy position at a downed Lynx helicopter. Next, we had a 'reassurance' patrol through a village, before we later got shot at. The local people turned against us and it was our job to keep the patrol moving whilst the locals tried to get in our way in any way that they could. It was our first experience of managing an escalating crowd scene, where the mood was turning nasty. Another stand we did was First Aid. Three men had crashed a helicopter short of their target, in a minefield and it was our job to secure the area, apply first aid, following triage procedures, assessing and identifying the worst casualties and get them back to safety. Later that day we had an urban house clearance stand where we had to assault two houses and another stand where we had to evacuate men who had stood on a mine whilst we, ourselves were being 'blown up and shot.' Our Section Commander Phil Benedic (Fifth Form, Bruce) was 'shot' and the Section Second in Command, Jemima Howden (Fifth Form, Stanhope) then took over. Savannah King (Fifth Form, Stanhope) deserves special mention and was praised by the Regular Rifles soldiers for her courage, strength and determination, dragging, on her stomach, an injured (regular) soldier safely from the minefield, assisted by Jemima.

In the evening we had some lessons on harbour areas and camouflage and concealment before having a short break back at the house. Once the sun had set, we did a recce patrol on some

enemy with night vision devices, gathering intelligence, before heading to a Forward Operating Base (FOB). From the FOB we sent out patrols and had our own sentries on duty. After nearly two hours of waiting, the attack we had been waiting for started. Loud bangs and gunshots started to be heard all around the FOB. Cadets started to climb the walls of the FOB and from vantage points return fire at the enemy positions. What followed was a 15-minute attack with constant gunfire. Smoke grenades and battle simulator explosions caused a war-like scene, with all the chaos and noise. Once the battle was over, we headed back to our house for some well-needed sleep.

The next day we packed up all of our kit and after a lot of waiting around, started our one mile stretcher carry around the village we had been staying in. Between the team we had to run the mile but at the halfway point we had to carry a weighted stretcher and two ammo boxes around the same route again, in the rain. It took a lot of determination, but we completed the task. Next, we headed to the prize ceremony where we were told that we had come fourth out of nine which was a huge achievement even though we were the youngest and least experienced team there. Captain Aaron Dishman of the Rifles, wrote after the event to say: "They (the Stowe team) performed exceptionally well and, noting it was their first time, they are absolutely set for future success. More importantly, I was delighted to see the enthusiasm and vigour in their approach."

We were well led by Philipp Benedic (Fifth Form, Bruce) and Jemima Howden (Fifth Form, Stanhope). Everyone enjoyed the competition and are thankful to Sergeant Abbey and Second Lieutenant Shah for taking us, and the Rifles training team for their amazing stands, which we thoroughly enjoyed.

Alex Dens (Fifth Form, Grenville)



Inter-House Cross Country Fundraising

The Inter-House Cross-Country Competition taking place on Friday 11 October, has given some of our pupils a great opportunity to fundraise for their chosen charities:

Breast Cancer Hope

You may be aware that this month is breast cancer awareness month. In light of this, Hannah Laurence (Upper Sixth, Stanhope) and I will be attempting to run the Inter-House Cross-Country 3-legged in an effort to raise money for a charity called 'Breast Cancer Hope', which donates money to research into treatments for breast cancer. I'm sure that many of you might know of people who are affected by this, so any donations will be greatly appreciated. Please find our just giving page [here](#).

Sonya Sander (Upper Sixth, Lyttelton)



Cycling to end Sexual Assault

As part of the awareness and fundraising initiatives for Cycling to End Sexual Assault, I shall be raising funds for Safeline at the Inter-House Cross-Country.

Safeline is a charity that works to prevent sexual abuse and to support both male and female survivors of sexual assault. I have set up a [virgin money giving page](#) that sends all contributions straight to Safeline.

The Inter-House Cross-Country on Friday is just one of many events that I am planning to do to raise both awareness and funds to support victims and survivors of sexual assault. In addition to this, I am also planning an exhibition (dates yet to be confirmed) and I am also going to be cycling from Lands End to John O'Groats next summer. You can donate [here](#).

Any support is greatly appreciated.

Ethan Collins (Upper Sixth, Temple)



FOOD BANK

The pupil body were asked by the "Service at Stowe Primary School team" to collect donations for the Buckingham Food Bank. Special thanks to Cheshire and Winton, Stanhope, Queen's and Lyttelton for collecting the most food.

In the run up to Christmas the food bank have asked for more donations, especially tinned meats and fish, tinned peas, sweetcorn, carrots and potatoes, breakfast cereal, pasta and pasta sauce, tinned rice pudding, tea, coffee and sugar and Christmas pudding and mince pies.

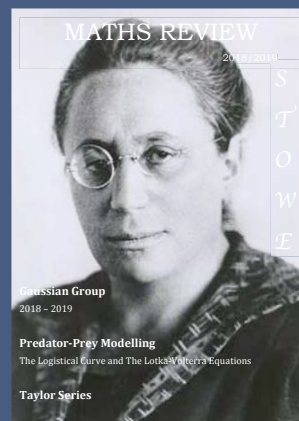
Thank you again for everyone's contribution, please bring donations back from your Half Term holidays.

*Emma Ackroyd, Head of Film Studies,
Teacher of English*

Pastoral Forum

On Thursday 26 September, we were delighted to welcome Mandy Saligari to speak at Stowe as part of our Pastoral Programme for Parents. Mandy is an expert therapist, author and the co-founder and clinical director of Charter Harley Street. She is a well-known spokesperson on family, relationships and addiction and gave an engaging and highly informative talk to parents. The next event is the Pastoral Forum on Saturday 12 October, to be held in the Music Room where parents will have the opportunity to meet key staff within the Pastoral team.

Liz Huxley Capurro, Head of PHSE



The Maths Review is a magazine that gives an insight into mathematics at Stowe.

The articles in the magazine include, but are not limited to, mathematical physics, power series and of course, maths jokes!

Pythagoreans believed that numbers are the essence of all things. In addition to that we believe, as well as describing 'the things', the numbers have an intrinsic value. That is, even if we could not associate numbers to anything physical, it will still be valuable.

As Spengler put it, "numbers spring from a source that also has other outlets."

We embrace this idea at Stowe and dig further into mathematics and our understanding of it, to see the other outlets.

Hakan Yadsan, Teacher of Mathematics

Careers Fair

Please note the Careers Fair is no longer taking place on Saturday 23 November and will now take place in the Lent Term. More information will follow in due course.



Macmillan Coffee Morning

On Thursday 26 September, Stowe hosted an all-School coffee morning to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support. Through the support of parents, pupils and staff we raised just over £1,000 on the day and the School would like to thank those who offered support either through baking, purchasing cakes or donating.

Liz Huxley Capurro



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