

# Stowe mail

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NEWS ROUND UP FROM STOWE



Themes of religious identity, fundamentalism v liberalism, show trials, accusations without tangible proof, mass hysteria and mob rule, self-interest, fake news, reason and the truth easily lost in flawed investigations, failure of legal process, male v. female, the individual v. the state, rule by demagogues, abuse, integrity v. convenience/self-interest, the promotion of fear for personal or institutional gains underpin this great play of the mid-Twentieth Century. Set not just in the world of witch trials in Salem, New England in the 1690s, but also written as an allegory for the McCarthyite era of anti-communist hysteria in 1950s USA - these themes still sadly resonate in our own world now. Arthur Miller's play challenges every contemporary audience to look at its own social, religious and political worlds and reflect.

The play, therefore, is a palimpsest for the audience to reflect on these issues and this year's Congreve has achieved it magnificently. Contemporary dress and limited sets and props emphasised the 'relevance' and allowed the characters to speak without distraction. The lead roles of Camille Gibson (Lower Sixth, Lyttelton) as Abigail Williams and Dom Selvey (Upper Sixth, Chandos) as John Proctor stood out for their fine performances. Clever lighting highlighted the figures at key moments and the use of the ensemble to emphasise the mass elements of seeming satanic possession and spectral 'evidence' was bewitching to watch as the massed girls writhed, tossed their hair and screamed with fear at their sightings of satanic forms.

The supporting cast also spoke and engaged strongly with both the text and their audience. Almost equal in female and male parts, amongst the girls, the goodness and forgiveness of Eleanor Butler (Lower Sixth, Lyttelton) as Rebecca Nurse and Emilia Havard

(Lower Sixth, Stanhope) as Elizabeth Proctor shone like a beacon in the darkness of fear, spite, difference and cruelty. Paris O'Broughton (Fifth Form, Queen's) was a splendid and utterly convincing Tituba whose difference in status, colour and religion saw her own madness-inducing downfall and the easily persuadable turncoat Mary Warren of Lula Goldsmith (Upper Sixth, Stanhope) allied herself to where the wind was blowing.

The supporting male roles of the wily, entrapping and unyielding Danforth magnificently played by Barnaby Peppiatt (Lower Sixth, Chatham), the flawed minister Parris in Matthew Ackroyd (Fifth Form, Bruce); the accented Giles Cory in Joseph Pullin (Fifth Form, Walpole) saw calculating indifference, changes in understanding, even downright cruelty or what we would call abuse, as their personal moralities were challenged and laid bare before their eyes. How quickly the numbers of those accused and imprisoned grew. Today, issues of religion, economics, climate change and politics may have replaced witchcraft in the western world, but personal responsibility in the search for truth and doing what is right will never go away. This year's Congreve was superbly directed by Rebecca Clark and the Technical Director, Rob Parker, and his team, helped by the splendid Creative Team.

*Crispin Robinson, Senior Deputy Head*

You can view more photos from Senior Congreve [here](#).  
Watch our short film about the production [here](#).

# The Crucible





## A Day Without

Cheshire House supported the Leonard Cheshire Charity in raising awareness of people with disabilities with their Chapel and Charity Day on Tuesday 3 December, the International Day of Persons with Disabilities. This day was established in 1992 by the United Nations and helps us to focus on the way we look at disability, promoting a wider understanding of disability issues.

Disabilities can come in many forms, whether hidden or visible, where impairments or long-term conditions make it harder for people to interact with the world around them. Everyday people across the world have to go without some things we perhaps take for granted - just because they are disabled. Cheshire House promoted this day by encouraging the School community to make a pledge of £1 to go 'A Day Without' in order to make a difference to those who go without every day. These are some of the things the girls in Cheshire House went without: Chocolate Spread, Toast, Coffee and Snapchat!

Through our donations we can support the Leonard Cheshire Charity with their 'Can Do' initiative which enables young disabled people aged 16-35 to access diverse and unique opportunities to develop in sports, IT, employment, training, education, social action, and health and well-being, enhancing their life skills, independence and ability to make choices about the way they want to live.

*Sarah Sutton, Cheshire Houseparent*



## Young Geographer of the Year Competition

On Tuesday 12 November, Benjamin Li (Fifth Form, Cobham) was invited to the Royal Geographical Society in London to be presented with an award for his highly commended entry for the annual 'Young Geographer of the Year' competition. This year's theme was to consider 'where geography can take you'. Geography plays a crucial role in understanding our world, and

is a subject that is constantly adapting to change. It is dynamic and relevant, and provides people with a multitude of opportunities.

This year's competition attracted over 15,000 entries globally, from over 260 schools, and Benjamin was one of only three pupils in his age group to be highly commended. Ben's poster looked at the ways in which geography can raise awareness of the changes in our global climate. His three key points were: changes in disease and agricultural patterns; increases in the frequency and magnitude of extreme weather events and natural disasters; and strategies for mitigation, adaptation and prevention. His poster provided a detailed and superbly presented overview of this very topical debate on climate change and the increasing threat to the future of our planet.

*Sally Akam, Senior Tutor*



### BADMINTON

In the Inter-House tournament on Sunday 24 November, Cobham beat Temple in the final of the boys' House competition and Arin Chatsuvan (Third Form, Grenville) beat Harry Patten (Third Form, Grenville) in the singles final.

Nugent beat Stanhope in the final of the girls' House competition with Cassandra On (Third Form, Lyttelton) beating Lilian Moon (Third Form, Nugent) in the singles final.

The 1st team finished the second half of term with some excellent performances, beating Bromsgrove 6-2 and Wellingborough 7-1 on Saturday 23 November St Edward's 8-1 on Thursday 28 November, Rugby 8-1 on Saturday 30 November and Radley 12-4 on Saturday 7 December. The 2nd team were also in fine form beating St Edward's 8-1 and Rugby 6-3. Badminton Colours have been awarded to Rosia Li (Lower Sixth, Stanhope), Eleanor Butler (Lower Sixth, Lyttelton), Chanatip Chinavicharana (Lower Sixth, Walpole), Ben Li (Fifth Form, Cobham) and Oliver Butler (Fourth Form, Grenville).

*Isaac Michael, Head of Badminton*



### CRICKET

Aadi Sharma (Third Form, Winton) has been invited to join the Northants Emerging Players' Pathway for the 2020 season. Aadi has joined us from Swanbourne House Prep School where he won many awards for his performances. James Cronie (Lower Sixth, Cobham) is in the Northants Academy again for his third year and Rohan Hesketh (Lower Sixth, Grafton) is training with the Worcestershire Academy. There has also been some good news for our 2019 Captain Rufus Easdale (Grafton 19) who joins the Durham MCCU squad in his first year at the University. Rufus will also trial with Sussex in the New Year. Rufus now completes a set of four recent Leavers who are on MCCU cricket programmes including Adam King (Bruce 18) (Loughborough), Oliver Clarke (Chandos 17) (Loughborough) and Jack Keeping (Cobham 15) (Cambridge).

*James Knott, Head of Cricket*



## Hampton Court

Early Modern Historians visited Hampton Court Palace and Gardens on Friday 29 November. Upon arrival, pupils attended a workshop in which they discussed and debated the potential causes of a Mid-Tudor Crisis, and also considered whether such an event even truly existed. The pupils demonstrated some fantastic subject knowledge, and were keen to ask questions in order to delve into the subject deeper. A tour of part of the Palace encouraged pupils to reflect upon how the layout of the building demonstrated where power lay within Tudor monarchy. Pupils were particularly enthralled to discover how the murder of Prince

Edward's dog may well have led to huge shifts in influence within the monarchy! After a warming lunch, pupils then visited other areas of the Palace, getting opportunities to see how the architecture and use of the building has changed since the Tudor period. Great examples of artwork were also on exhibit, allowing pupils to consider how portraits in particular have been used to provide interpretations of monarchs and powerful individuals through the ages. The pupils worked incredibly well throughout the day, and were fantastic ambassadors for the School.

*Fran Shah, History Department*

## Languages Society Dinner

On Wednesday 4 December, the Languages Society had its annual black-tie dinner in the magnificent Blue Room. It was a superb evening and everyone enjoyed themselves tremendously. We were fortuitous enough to have an amazing guest speaker, Gareth Browne (Bruce 12) an Old Stoic who studied Arabic at the University of Exeter. He told us about his extraordinary adventures as a journalist in the Middle East, recounting in particular how the city of Mosul was freed from ISIS. He also gave us a chilling account of what life is like in some of the prisoners' camps and reporting on the atrocities of the war against ISIS.

After this most fascinating talk, we proceeded to a fantastic dinner, topped off with a delicious lemon tart for dessert. To end the evening, we had a challenging international quiz on countries, food, history and geography designed by the President of the Languages Society, Tom Scott (Upper Sixth, Chandos), where the winners were awarded Amazon vouchers and some chocolate for their efforts.

Many thanks to Mrs Tearle for organising such a superb evening.

*Lorenzo Perrotta (Lower Sixth, Cobham)*



### HOCKEY

The 1st team continue to work hard to improve and have been rewarded with 14 goals in their two matches against St Edward's on Thursday 21 November and Stamford on Saturday 23 November. The U14As also managed the same double win as well.

The cold weather affected our block against Repton on Saturday 30 November, but one match survived the frost and this saw our excellent 1st XI put on another impressive display of organised, cohesive and skilful hockey to win 5 - 0.

In the Junior Inter-House hockey competition, Nugent overcame Queen's in extra time in the Cup Final and Stanhope got the better of Lyttelton in the Plate final.

The Senior boys' team had a pre-season friendly against Northampton School for Boys on Thursday 5 December and looked sharp as they scored 6 unanswered goals.



### LACROSSE

#### Visit from England Lacrosse Player

England Senior men's indoor lacrosse player, Elliot Pugh visited the Stowe 1st X lacrosse team before their final fixture of 2019 against Uppingham on Saturday 23 November, to talk to them about the sport and taking the game further. Elliot was fresh from an outstanding performance at the World Indoor Lacrosse Championships in September, where England ranked 4th globally against stiff competition from the USA (3rd) and Israel (5th). Elliot also works at Wollaston School in Northamptonshire and we hope to help develop lacrosse there with a small donation of lacrosse sticks and providing teams to play against in the spring and beyond.

*Rob Ingham Clark, Head of Lacrosse*



## Award-Winning Underwater Photographer and Marine Biologist Returns to Stowe

It was wonderful to welcome Old Stoic, Dr Alex Mustard MBE OS (Grafton 93) back to Stowe's Science Department. He gave outstanding lecture on 'Underwater Photography and Marine Biology'. During his presentation, Dr Mustard shared his passion for underwater photography which was vividly illustrated by some of his spectacular photographs of many forms of marine life, some of which have yet to be named and classified. His enthusiasm was infectious and the breadth of his knowledge was astounding. The many Stoics who attended left feeling they had been given a glimpse of a different world and were inspired to experiment with underwater photography themselves.

Many of Dr Mustard's photographs adorn the corridors of Worsley Science Building thanks to his generosity in sending us high resolution copies when we were planning the decoration of the building. A copy of his photograph of a diver exploring a freshwater cenote in Mexico now adorns the Science Lecture Theatre. Dr Mustard was highly commended in this year's Natural History Museum Wildlife Photography Competition and is a previous finalist and writer of articles about underwater photography for the museum. In 2013 he was named GDT European Wildlife Photographer of the Year. In 2018 he was awarded an MBE as part of the Queen's Birthday Honours List for services to underwater photography.

*James Tearle, Head of Science*

## GeogSoc Inter-House Geography Quiz

The GeogSoc Quiz took place on Thursday 14 November. It has now become a firm fixture in the Michaelmas calendar and I believe that there is even competition within Houses to be part of a team... so other people do like rocks as much as I do! Starting with the obligatory picture round to warm up, participants identified where films and TV series were set and I was surprised that more seemed to know Moana than Baywatch! After the expected rounds involving capital cities, we moved on to general geographical knowledge, map coordinates and both sorts of 'rock', finishing with Pot Luck,

which was completed with varying degrees of success. It was great to see 75 Stoics sharing their geographical (and general) knowledge and even better to have all 15 Houses represented, with Cheshire and Winton fielding teams of just Third and Sixth Form pupils for the moment. The final scores were close, with just four points separating the winners and second place and just half a point in it at the bottom of the table! In the end, Chatham were victorious and Mr Copley is happy to keep the shiny GeogSoc Quiz Cup for this year!

*Sarah Murnane, Head of Geography*



# StoweSPORT

## IN BRIEF

### Netball

Over Exeat the U16s and U14s played in the North Bucks tournament. The U16s won two games and lost two, the U14s had a superb first competitive outing as a team showing huge promise winning the tournament with ease and they now progress to the Regional rounds next term.

### Football

The Senior football leagues have taken place throughout this term on Thursday afternoons, with all boys' Houses playing against each other. This year's winners are Chandos.

### Tennis

Well done to Alyssia Dockerty (Upper Sixth, Queen's) Maria Sharipova (Upper Sixth, Stanhope), Hattie Grace (Upper Sixth, Nugent) and Lucy Bourn (Upper Sixth, Nugent) for their 8-4 win over Downe House on Tuesday 19 November.

### Polo

On Sunday 24 November, two Stowe Polo teams travelled to Rugby Polo Club to play Rugby. The A team saw Ivan Quirot de Poligny (Upper Sixth, Walpole), Lucas Stern (Third Form, Grenville) and Henry Hobby (Lower Sixth, Chatham) play a skillful and fast match to win 8-5! In the B team, Rafi Mahmood (Fifth Form, Walpole), Oli Halsey-Wright (Fourth Form, Bruce), India Baillie (Fourth Form, Queen's), Octavia Comerford (Upper Sixth, Stanhope), Freddie Farrell (Fourth Form, Grenville) and Harry Heathcote (Upper Sixth, Grenville) all played brilliantly but sadly lost 5-3.



## LACROSSE

Both Stowe Senior teams were successful on Wednesday 3 November at Tudor Hall, with the 1st X winning 12-6, led by top goal and points scorer Lyla Mulcahy (Fourth Form, Nugent) and the 2nds winning 9-2.

On Saturday 23 November, we defeated Oxford Brookes University 7-3 with a standout performance from Cosima Prestwich (Lower Sixth, Nugent).

Stowe Lacrosse maintain their momentum with the 1st X comfortable winners against Uppingham on Saturday 23 November. This was followed by a win for the U15s against Tudor Hall 2nd X on Friday 29 November and two wins for the 2nd X against Akeley Wood and Oakham on Saturday 30 November.

On Friday 6 December, a blustery evening, the U14A lacrosse team travelled to Tudor Hall for their first ever game of lacrosse. The team gave excellent account of themselves, defeating the hosts 7-2 with a hat-trick from Jemima Hammond (Third Form, Nugent). We look forward to seeing what this amazing group of girls can achieve in the spring season and at the National Schools Competition.

*Rob Ingham Clark, Head of Lacrosse*



# ROBOTICS

Robotics continues to grow as an activity at Stowe, with more pupils than ever involved in the VEX robotics competition. We have a new group of Third Form pupils who have formed a team and are rapidly picking up the skills and knowledge needed to compete in the competition. Our Fourth Form team is also still going strong with a good number of participants. This year's game sees the robots picking up and stacking five inch cubes, aiming to stack around 10 cubes to be internationally competitive. Although it sounds simple there are a number of challenges with the size and mass of the cubes and being able to reach the heights needed. Pupils need to design, build and code their robots working on activity afternoons to complete their work.

This term has seen Stowe compete in two regional events. The first was held in Coventry, where the Third Form team made an impressive debut and made it to the Semi-Final before being beaten by the Senior team. The second regional we hosted at Stowe. This event has become a very popular regional for teams and the competition level was high. The Stowe teams performed well, but at the end of the day were knocked out in the quarter and Semi-Finals. At this stage we haven't yet qualified for the National Finals and will continue working on the robots after Christmas, with a couple more regional competitions to attend, in the hope of qualifying for the National Finals.

*Paul Thompson, Robotics*



# EQUESTRIAN

## Michaelmas Term 2019

On Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 October, we entered three teams for the NSEA Beachborough Eventers Challenge, a Hickstead qualifier, at Aston-Le-Walls. Lucy Willmott (Third Form, Nugent) started with a clear round. This was her first outing representing Stowe and we look forward to seeing her out more over the coming academic year.

Another first appearance for Stowe was made by Thomas Mayo (Third Form, Winton). He was the first to run as part of the Stowe 80cm team and also produced a speedy clear round. Thomas was then followed by Lucy Rigler (Third Form, Stanhope) who had an unfortunate couple of stops despite some great riding.

The final two members of the team were sisters, Constance and Helen Sharp (both Third Form, Lyttelton), on their first ever events on English soil. Constance rode a stylish round on her horse, Hazel Rock Sun, and came home clear. Unfortunately, it wasn't Helen's day with an unlucky (but all be it impressive) unplanned dismount from GAF Intuition in the show jumping phase.

Lila Hill (Fourth Form, Lyttelton) competed at the Show Jumping Championships at Addington Manor on Saturday 19 October, coming fourth overall.

This term we have also had Dengie visit the Equestrian Centre weighing horses and offering owners nutritional advice. This was a very informative and successful afternoon which we plan to organise again in the Summer Term.

Libby Hayes (Fifth Form, Lyttelton) and Jasper Hayes (Third Form, Bruce) competed at the NSEA eventers challenge at Keysoe. Jasper went clear in the 80cm show jumping. He unfortunately had a couple of steering issues in the cross-country, as well as finishing his round without his stirrups and slightly hanging off the side! Libby went clear in the 90cm class but was not fast enough for a placing.

Louise Gallavan, Senior Groom at the Equestrian Centre, made the Horse and Hound magazine when achieving 73.12% in the Novice Class at Widmer Area Festival Semi-Finals, with the highest score of the show. Since then, she has qualified for both Summer and Winter British Dressage Regionals at Elementary and is aiming to do the Young Horse International Classes in 2020.

*Angela Haycock, Equestrian Centre Manager*



## CLIMBING

Over the last two years, the climbing groups on a Wednesday and Saturday have developed both in size and experience, allowing for climbing to become a serious sport for some. On Wednesday afternoons, the group has been working towards National Indoor Climbing Award Scheme qualifications (NICAS). Sean Carlsaw Tricot (Upper Sixth, Grenville) the most senior member of the group has completed NICAS level 4, Max Stevens (Fourth Form, Temple) is working on level 5 which will take about a year and lots of commitment to achieve. Two new members, Guy Warman (Fourth Form, Grenville) and Edward Dickinson (Fourth Form, Grenville), are working on level 3. There is a real sense of community, especially on a Saturday when the group enjoys the company of the recreational climbers. Everybody helps each other attempt increasingly difficult climbs. We all learn a lot by watching each other climb and discussing solutions to the problems we face on the wall. It is always great to see the way we progress and there is a real sense of achievement for all of us when somebody completes a climb they have been working on for some time. The group has faced many challenges on climbs, grades and techniques. Max and Sean have been working on lead climbing (clipping in as you climb), which is much more challenging than top rope climbing. Guy and Ed have been working hard on their level 3, the main challenge for them has been to work around the large number of climbs and bouldering problems required for the grade and will begin leading in level 4. Sean is the most experienced member of the group and has been challenging himself to climb increasingly harder climbs and bouldering problems. He has shown real improvement climbing 6c climbs, and we all benefit from his guidance and advice as our own climbing develops. The group is looking to start competing in some climbing competitions and we are all excited about seeing how we fare against others on the climbing wall. We all enjoy the small but real community at the climbing sessions and with new members joining the group we are looking forward to seeing the group grow and develop over the coming months and beyond.

*Max Stevens (Fourth Form, Temple)*





## CCF Military Equitation Competition

Cadet Sgt Sophia Galione (Upper Sixth, Queen's) took part in the Light Cavalry Honourable Artillery Company - Cadet Forces Military Equitation Competition, held at Windsor Great Park on Sunday 24 November.

Cadets were selected from CCF, ACF, Air and Sea Cadet organisations from across the UK with the aim to provide an introduction to Military Equitation, and to assess how a rider adapts to riding an unfamiliar horse as well as, how competently they ride and their ability to deal with any horse issues as they arise.

Sophia represented Stowe CCF and can be very proud of placing 2nd out of a competitive field of 20 riders, earning an impressive overall score of 46 out of 50.

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



## NETBALL

### Staff v Pupils Netball

On Friday 6 December, the Staff took on a mixed Sixth Form netball team in preparation for the netball season next term. This was a very close game and both teams were going goal for goal in the first half. In the second half the Staff started to pull away and the final score was 20-10 to the Staff! There was some great netball on display and the boys adapted well to the netball rules. We are already looking forward to the Staff and Stoic netball tournament in March next year!

*Victoria Dias, Head of Netball*



## SWIMMING

We have had an impressive run from our County competitive swimmers, with Larissa Campbell (Fourth Form, Nugent) qualifying for 9 races in the Oxfordshire and North Buckinghamshire County Championships and Angus Kennedy (Fourth Form, Temple) qualifying for 10 races in the Scottish EDAGS Championships. We wish them luck for February.

### Old Stoic Will Perry

Will Perry (Cobham 19) had his 2nd Swimming Record confirmed this week, making him the 50m and 200m Breaststroke British Para Record holder. Will is part of the GB Para Swimming Academy and will be going forward for Olympic qualification in April. Fingers crossed for our first Olympic Swimmer in Tokyo!

*Cheryl Davis, Head of Swimming*

## Psychology Society

This term it has been encouraging to see a continued increase in the numbers of pupils attending Psychology Society. There is no doubt that this is due to some fascinating talks that we have had the pleasure to listen to and be involved with. Our regular pupils have certainly stepped up to the mark. This has included Lula Goldsmith (Upper Sixth, Stanhope), who once again set the standard with a fascinating talk on feral children. She reviewed shocking case studies in which mental and physical development have been studied following neglect, highlighting the importance of the early years in psychological development.

Amber Capurro (Upper Sixth, Nugent) led a superb presentation and discussion on Post Traumatic Stress Disorders. Her excellent, knowledgeable and intriguing talk gave us a clearer insight into the causes and effects whilst

shedding light on the development of effective treatments. Oliver Seddon (Upper Sixth, Cobham) led a fascinating discussion on High Functioning Autism, deliberating methods of diagnosis, the disadvantages and the many advantages.

Finally, we thoroughly enjoyed a visit from Margaret Tilley from the Department of Psychology at Buckingham University. She discussed her career in mental health and then gave us an insight into the rigid experimental procedure required when testing in Psychology. She also led an experiment with members of the Society to try to demonstrate potential leadership traits that people can show. We are very much looking forward to continuing with further exciting speakers next term.

*Natasha Blake, Psychology Society*



For weekly reports on all Stowe Sports visit our website

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



# Debating

The Senior Inter-House Debating Competition took place on Tuesday 19 November, with a range of motions debated from 'this house believes that cyber security issues are the new world war' to 'self-driving cars should not be allowed on public roads'. Particularly important this term was the team of Sixth Form debaters who volunteered their time to chair the debates and who showed real leadership qualities.

The standard of debate was high throughout the whole term and culminated in the Final between Grafton and Bruce where they debated the motion 'this house believes that Britain should have a written constitution'. Both teams were eloquent and persuasive but our panel of judges awarded the win to Grafton. We are looking forward to the Junior Inter-House debating next term.

*Rhea Stafford-Smith, Debating*



# Community Christmas Party

The Stowe School Community Christmas Party was in full swing on Sunday 1 December. Pupils became elves, Staff wore outstanding Christmas jumpers and the State Dining Room was filled to bursting with 160 guests, many of whom had come along for the first time. We were delighted, for instance, to welcome children and a group from Liveability in Brackley, which provides residential care for people with learning difficulties. Guests were serenaded in the Marble Hall by Music Scholars, before moving into the State Dining Room for carol singing, afternoon tea, bingo and a raffle (with prizes kindly provided by the Common Room). Santa Claus even found time in his busy schedule to make an appearance and ensure that each guest received a box of chocolates as a parting gift. The Stoics

were a credit to themselves and the School in the way in which they assisted guests - either by directing parking, helping on buses, giving a supportive arm for those unsteady on their feet, offering hospitality and stopping to have friendly chats. In a new development, eight Stoics were also engaged in community outreach even before the party started. They interviewed four elderly people about their memories of Stowe, as part of a joint oral histories project between the Stowe House Preservation Trust (SHPT) and the National Trust. Elements of these conversations may even end up in the British Library. Our thanks to everyone who worked hard to make the event as a whole run smoothly: a wonderful time was had by all.

*Dr Imogen Adkins, Head of Volunteering*



RUGBY

## Rugby v Samuel Whitbread

On Wednesday 4 December, the Junior Colts booked their place in the last 16 of the National Cup with a convincing 50-10 victory over Samuel Whitbread. Stowe got off to an excellent start with fly-half Ewan Baker (Fourth Form, Chatham) running in an excellent try from the halfway line after collecting a kick. A super offload saw Will Jenden (Fourth Form, Chatham) crash over the line soon after. The try of the match came next with Samuel Whitbread attempting a penalty which missed to the right of the posts and full-back Ollie Hartigan (Fourth Form, Grafton) caught the ball on his own dead ball line and decided to counter attack. The back line reacted to expose the defence who could not cope with the pace of the Stowe backs and four passes later, Stowe were again over the try line. Continued pressure saw Stowe run in eight tries in total and they will play Felsted for a place in the quarter final in January.

*Grant Seely, Director of Rugby*



RUGBY

## Old Stoic scores for Saracens

Old Stoic Rotimi Segun (Chandos 15) scored two tries for Saracens, as the defending champions secured their first European win of the season against Ospreys in the Heineken Champions Cup.

The Saracens led 23-3 at the interval after 3 tries including one by winger Segun. After the break, Segun then turned provider for his opposite winger Lewington to extend the advantage, before securing the bonus point in the corner after Daly's neat footwork and pass.

Rotimi Segun moved to Saracens from Northampton Saints and graduated from Loughborough University with a degree in Chemistry.



# London Dungeon

The optional Exeat in December comes as a welcome break for our pupils, with the opportunity to see friends and family before the final hurdle into Christmas. However, many of our international pupils can find it difficult being away from loved ones so close to the festive period. As such, a trip to London was arranged for the International Pupil Council. Pupils undertook a tour of the London Dungeons, hearing all about the wicked and dangerous past of the city. The Stowe pupils got involved in the fun, with Alicia Wilson (Third Form, Lyttelton) acting as a runner for Guy Fawkes, and Michael Chen (Lower Sixth, Chandos) being found guilty and hung, simply for being from Hong Kong! Dr Dennis didn't escape easily either, having to undergo various torture methods, including having his manhood removed! After the fun and games, Stoics then spent some time Christmas shopping in the capital, with many enjoying lunch in Chinatown before returning to the school. A fantastic first outing of the International Pupil Council, with many more on the horizon.

*Fran Shah, Head of International Pupils*

*the London Dungeon*



# Thanksgiving

On Thursday 28 November, Stowe celebrated Thanksgiving in style! As we are home to over 20 American and Canadian pupils and Staff, we wanted to ensure they were able to celebrate as they usually would at home. Thanksgiving is a federal holiday in the United States, celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November. It was originated as a harvest festival. Thanksgiving has been celebrated nationally on and off since 1789, and now Thanksgiving is one of the United States' most important holidays. As such, Constance and Helen Sharp (Third Form, Lyttelton) offered to teach Stoics how to play American football. They explained the rules of the game well, and although tackling was not allowed, pupils thoroughly enjoyed getting involved in learning a new sport!

The Music Department hosted a concert in the Ugland. A short talk was provided by Alice Scheffey (Fourth Form, Queen's) about

the importance of Thanksgiving, followed by performances from Theo Hayes (Upper Sixth, Chatham), Poppy Baker (Lower Sixth, Cheshire) and Purva Shegunshi (Lower Sixth, Cheshire). All pupils involved delivered outstanding pieces, and it was an excellent celebration of just some of what the USA has provided to the musical world. The Catering Staff supported this celebration by providing a delicious Thanksgiving meal in the evening, made up of not only the traditional roast dinner, but also pumpkin pie for dessert! Decorations were put up around the State Dining Room, and American pupils competed to name as many US states and American Presidents as possible. With full stomachs, Stoics were then encouraged to reflect in House about what they are thankful for, showing a great air of gratitude and thankfulness throughout the entire School body.

*Fran Shah, Head of International Pupils*



# StoweSPORT

## RUGBY

The 1st XV had an exciting 38-31 win over Bishops Stortford High School on Wednesday 20 November, in the Regional Final of the National Plate Competition. They reached the Quarter-Finals but sadly lost to Leeds Grammar School on Wednesday 4 December. The Junior Colts were also in cup action on Wednesday 20 November, and put in another hugely impressive performance beating Oundle 52-0. They backed this up with a win over Bromsgrove to make their current statistics played 10 won 10. On Saturday 23 November, the Colts had a 10-10 draw and the Yearlings A showed good character in a close game against the consistently strong Bromsgrove.

Well done to the Third Formers who played Uppingham on Saturday 30 November as they managed to score plenty of tries without conceding any at all. The Fourth Form also had two solid victories. The Senior matches were closer, with our Colts drawing their second match in a row, the 1sts and 2nds just losing, but the 3rds and 4ths getting the better of their opponents.

Congratulations to our Fourth Form A team who had an excellent win on Wednesday 4 December on the North Front and they now progress to the last 16 schools in the National Cup.

In the block fixture against Oakham on Saturday 7 December, the Third Form teams returned the best results with three wins and a draw which shows excellent progress through the season. The Colts also had strong wins and the 4th XV managed the only victory in the Senior sides. Our previously unbeaten U15A team came up against a similarly talented side and unfortunately lost for the first time in the last match of the season. I am sure they will come back even stronger next term.

*Grant Seely, Director of Rugby*



# Etiquette

Once again a group of pupils have been learning the finer things of life such as deportment, diction, public speaking and how to tie a bow-tie, to name but a few. We are looking forward to covering more topics next term. The pupils attending this term were:

Adam Twining (Lower Sixth, Temple), Maisie Roberts (Lower Sixth, Lyttelton) and Camille Gibson (Lower Sixth, Lyttelton).

*Clare Hill-Hall, Matron, Chandos*



## TUG OF WAR

The annual CCF Inter-Section Tug of War Competition took place in the fading light of a cold afternoon on Monday 9 December, the last dregs of sunlight keeping the worst of the chill off.

This event is a popular one in the CCF calendar, and Sections were flexing muscles and talking their untested ability up, as they psyched themselves for the physical challenge ahead. Army, Navy and RAF sections pitched themselves against each other in a series of heats with sinews straining, boot heels desperately clawing the greasy mud and slippery leaves for traction, and some teams displaying a cunning strategy for a split second early 'heave'.

Sections gradually eliminated each other, against a loud and chanting atmosphere, as supporters' vocal chords got hoarser and cold hands strained and rubbed on the rope.

An excellent effort was put in by all teams with Cheshire Section 8, (Fourth Form, Junior Cadets) led by Cdt Sgt Hugo Paynter Bryant (Lower Sixth, Grenville) coming third overall.

Runners up were Anderson combined 1 and 2 Section, headed up by Cdt Sgts Harry Mehta (Upper Sixth, Walpole) and Bertie Bryant (Upper Sixth, Cobham).

The victors were Anderson 4 Section led by Cdt Sgt Harry Reed (Upper Sixth, Walpole) and made up of Cdt Sgt Henry Saunders Watson (Upper Sixth, Chatham), Cdt NCOs Jemima Howden (Fifth Form, Stanhope), Benedict Hartigan (Fifth Form, Grafton), Bertie Bryant (Upper Sixth, Cobham), Sebastian Campbell-Preston (Fifth Form, Grafton), William King-Eccles (Fifth Form, Walpole), George Penrose (Fifth Form, Grafton), Xander Brett (Fifth Form, Grenville), Harry Bryant (Fifth Form, Cobham) and Wilf Wyatt (Fifth Form, Bruce), who were delighted to receive the largest Swiss chocolate Toblerone Bar that could physically be purchased, weighing in at a suitably waist stretching 4.5kg. Mince pies and drinks followed on South Front steps for all - a happy and energetic way to end a successful and enjoyable term.

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



HOCKEY

### Hockey Stoics v Staff

On Wednesday 11 December, the Staff and the girls' 1st XI played in their annual end of season match at the Bourbon. The game was played in great spirits and to a very high standard with some silky skills on show from both teams. Mr Jackson, Miss Dunkley and Mrs Dias all made their debuts and set the standard from the whistle. Mr Jackson defended like he was one of the 'Brave 300', tormenting the girls' attacking line by tackling ferociously and distributing the ball with panache. Miss Dunkley's performance was similar to that of Lionel Messi, tearing through the girls' midfield line with pace and skill. I cannot decide between David Beckham, Ryan Giggs and Zinedine Zidane to describe Mrs Dias - I think all three rolled into one...

Bella Lloyd (Fifth Form, Nugent) opened the scoring for the girls after a pass from Alyssia Dockerty (Upper Sixth, Queen's) and they led 1-0 at half time. After a stern chat from Mr BB at half time, the Staff came out with a renewed focus in the second half and swiftly equalised. Mrs Campbell and Miss Dunkley's constant appeals to the umpire finally paid off as the Staff were awarded a penalty stroke which Mr Gaunt coolly converted. The introduction of Mr Arnold in attack and Mrs Jones at the back meant more possession for the Staff and it was Mr Arnold who set up the winner. After receiving the ball in midfield, Mr Arnold played through Mr Scott (the Art version) who hammered the ball past Alex Trumper for a 2-1 lead.

The girls pressed for an equaliser but the Staff held firm and took the victory. A lot of red faces at the end of the match but everyone was smiling.

The girls gave an award to Mr Blackmore-Beales for all his fantastic work on the video analysis and Mr Blackmore-Beales and Mrs Campbell were both awarded 'Coach of the Season' - (voted for by their colleagues).

*Ben Scott, Head of Hockey*

## Election Night!

Thursday 12 December was an eventful one at Stowe. Not only was it the final night before the start of the Christmas break, but both pupils and Staff eagerly anticipated the results of the General Election. The first winter election since the 1930s prompted great discussion and debate throughout the School, and across the Country! The Politics Department organised a School Election to take place, with pupils able to vote for a Labour, Conservative or Liberal Democrat representative. The results were astounding...

In the evening, Sixth Form Politics pupils spent some time in The Roxy evaluating the campaign films of a variety of parties, as well as the multitude of spoof and parody videos which now seem to dominate every sphere of social media. As 10pm approached, the atmosphere became more hushed as the countdown to the exit poll took place. The clock striking, there was a great reaction from pupils witnessing the prediction of a large Conservative majority. Audible cheers, but also whispers of discontent were heard throughout the room, and debate continued into the evening about which seats were likely to have changed hands and why. A tense, though informative evening was had by all who attended, with many eagerly anticipating the new year to see the longer term results of the election.

The Stowe School Election saw the Conservatives returned with an even more impressive majority. With huge thanks to our candidates and particularly to our Prime Minister in waiting Oliver Hall, who organised much of the electoral process.

*Simon Cole, Head of Politics*



WALPOLE



STANHOPE

# House Singing 'Part Song'



BRUCE

On Friday 6 December, the 'Part Song' Competition took place in The Roxy with all 15 Houses competing in this new format. It is the first time that House Singing has been decoupled into two separate events and it proved to be a very successful idea. The pace of the evening was snappy and efficient and yet the Houses were able to take their time to perform to the best of their abilities. There were some fantastic performances on the night and Grafton gave a memorable rendition of 'Hej Gamle Man' in Swedish! The theme of ABBA songs presented the Houses with fertile ground mash-ups and medleys and, despite superb entries from Lyttelton and Nugent amongst others, in the end it was Stanhope's beautifully arranged and performed collection of extracts that won the night. My thanks to Mr Rickner and Mr Copley for all their help and also to Mr Greene, Mr Parker and Mr Bayley (for kindly handling the sound and lighting).

*Miles Nottage, Head of Rock, Pop & Jazz*



GRENVILLE



CHATHAM



GRAFTON



QUEEN'S



TEMPLE



LYTTELTON



NUGENT



WEST



WINTON



CHANDOS



CHESHIRE



COBHAM

# Poetry Competition

The Third Form were set the challenge to write a new piece of poetry on any subject and any length for a competition following the Cross-Curricular Day just before Half Term. This was hotly contested with over 80 entries.

Well done to all - every entry received a Merit and the first three received prizes for their efforts.

**Lyn Foden, School Librarian**

## 1st Place

**The Slime**  
Shouting  
Laughing  
Running  
Smiling  
Scowling  
Glaring  
Crying  
Everyday actions, so commonplace that  
no one notices them anymore.  
They don't see the acid  
behind the words said every day.  
It rises up throats and spits out of mouths.  
coating the halls in slime.  
Some people slip in the goo,  
tripping and falling,  
their bodies immersed in the liquid for a split second  
before they scramble to their feet,  
hoping no one noticed the blunder.  
But most learn to walk in it:  
wading through the sludge,  
cursing it for making their lives more difficult,  
not realizing that with every shout,  
every expletive,  
every scowl,  
they make more slime  
and sink themselves deeper into the abyss.

Helen Sharp (Lyttelton)

## 2nd Place

### Give Me My Space

Give me a minute  
To read the stars  
Lamenting in their stories  
Their labored twinkling sparse

Give me this moment  
To stumble and swoon  
My branches reaching for  
The faraway moon

Give me a while  
To be with the universe  
Hear the colliding planets  
As they spill their mournful verse

Give me some time  
To plot my rightful place  
My uncharted galaxy  
And collapsing space...

Toby Bursnall (Winton)

### THE LOVELY MOUNTAINS OF THE ALPS

I walked forth at dawn to see new things,  
Fields, a river, and beyond, more fields.  
Rivers flow fast and easily  
Through the misty wind  
I felt like I was in paradise  
Where my lungs were skinned  
Mountains remind me of heaven  
Where love is peace  
And your daylight will increase  
I am homesick for the mountains  
My mother stills  
And the longing that is on me  
No death ever stills.  
Glad as childish laughter  
From a childish throng,  
Sweet as bird voice after  
Daybreak is your song.

Daniel Flames (Gobham)

## 3rd Place



## ROWING

We started this season of rowing with a new boys' VIII and the women's double with new Staff member, Miss Trelawney-Vernon. Early on, Stoics were only able to get on the water on Wednesday afternoons on the lake at Hollowell, as we were banned from the 11 Acre Lake at Stowe, due to blue green algae.

Thankfully, after Half Term the ban was lifted, but we had now lost the balmy weather and the daylight. Undeterred, the large Third Form contingent learned to row on the short Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, often in foul weather, finishing their sessions in the dark. They have shown real enthusiasm and are making progress in a sculling eight (or Octuple Scull). Newcomer Aston Rigoll (Third Form, Bruce), who learned to row in Zurich, has been rowing full-time, showing determination and potential.

On Wednesdays, the older Stoics are able to start earlier and row in daylight, enjoying some fabulous days on the lake at Great Moor Sailing Club, quite close to the School. The girls, inspired by Sienna Bertany (Fourth Form, Stanhope), backed-up by Genevieve Clarke (Fourth Form, Stanhope) and Honor Macdonald (Fourth Form, Stanhope) have formed a quad and have nearly enough for an eight. They have had some great training pieces, often beating some of the boys' crews. The Senior boys, led by Captain Theo Finlan (Lower Sixth, Temple) and strokeman Josh Green (Fifth Form, Chandos), have a strong group with new Sixth Form joiners Nathan Hines (Lower Sixth, Winton) and Daniel Barratt (Lower Sixth, Bruce). The Intermediate boys saw the welcome return of strokeman Maksim Uspenskiy (Fourth Form, Walpole), who drives his crew at a relentless rate, giving the older boys some hard races.

Several competitions have sadly been cancelled due to flooding recently, but we are looking forward to next year, especially Henley Royal Regatta in the Summer and the Head of Charles in Boston in the Autumn.

Away from Stowe, Old Stoic and World Championship medallist James Rudkin (Walpole 12) continues, as a top performer at GB Olympic Trials, in his aim for Tokyo 2020.

*Andrew Rudkin, Rowing*



## Keith Jansz Exhibition

Our second major exhibition of the year in the Watson Gallery featured Keith Jansz, member of the Mouth and Foot Painting Artists (MFPA). To experience Keith's work is to be uplifted, escaped to another time and place, where reflected light and complementary shadows calm and soothe.

If one then contemplates the extraordinary physical achievement of every brush mark, we are truly astounded.

Keith spoke to 30 pupils and members of the public about his journey, from accident to artist, from amateur to professional. Pertinent questions from our Lower Sixth Art pupils, currently studying Landscape painting, were insightfully responded to in detail, shedding light on the problems of painting in general, not necessarily from the perspective of a wheelchair.

We are indebted to Keith and his team for setting up a truly inspiring exhibition.

*Daniel Scott, Head of Art*



## Zak Jones - Hockey Coaching Award

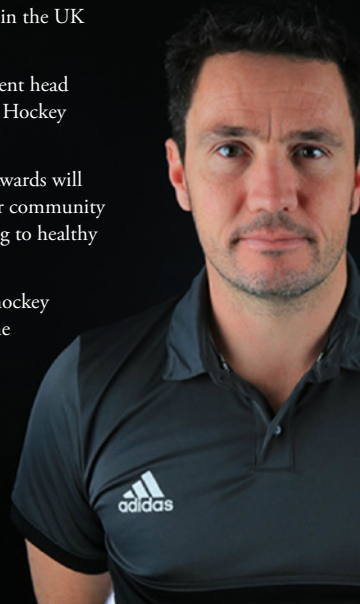
Senior men's head coach for Wales and Nugent Houseparent, Zak Jones, has been named as a finalist for the High Performance Coach of the Year for in the UK Coaching Awards 2019.

Previously a national player for Wales himself, Zak Jones is the current head coach of the senior men's team for Wales and has been a part of the Hockey Wales coaching team for over ten years.

With over three million people coaching regularly in the UK, the Awards will celebrate the outstanding work a diverse array of coaches do in their community every day, enriching the lives of those around them and contributing to healthy and happy lifestyles.

Jones has guided the national team to the top tier of international hockey as they now compete in the EuroHockey Championships against the world's best. In 2015 the team were competing in the EuroHockey Championships III, but after a promotion to the EHC II for 2017, his team reached new heights as they were promoted again to the EHC for the 2019 competition, a place they hadn't seen for 20 years.

Following their double promotion, Wales men retained their spot in the championships, which generated their highest ever FIH World Hockey ranking.





# CCCF

## RAF Dinghy Drills

One of the highlights of this term's regular CCF Monday activities was being given the opportunity to get to grips with, experiment with, and follow emergency drills in a one-man and a ten-man life raft, of the sort that are used by the RAF with fast jets, helicopters and multi-engine aircraft.

We were excited as we went along to the pool to discover what this drill would entail. Usually we parade and have inspection on Mondays so this was quite different. First of all we were given the task of completing the standard RAF swimming test, where we had to swim 50m (two lengths) and then tread water for two minutes. Thankfully this was not exactly the same as the real RAF test, where you have to wear a flying helmet, boots and jumpsuit! Having all passed with flying colours, visiting RAF Instructor Sgt Richard Seed, a former safety equipment specialist, described his role in designing life rafts for RAF use. He explained that RAF aircrew have to undertake training in emergency evacuation procedures to prepare them in case of their aircraft coming down over sea. He then gave us several drills to undertake to test our ability to think on the spot, follow procedures and work as a team.

Our initial challenge was for all twenty cadets

to fit into the ten-man raft. We did this by diving into the lifeboat headfirst from the water. Having successfully all squeezed in, Sgt Seed then instructed us to follow the roll call and conduct a list of essential actions once inside the raft. These included checking the raft for punctures and making sure the drogue chute was deployed, which keeps the raft facing into the waves, thus preventing capsizing. This taught us how to respond calmly and quickly in an emergency situation in order to survive.

Last of all we were split into four groups and given the challenge of a race. We all had to don life jackets, clamber into the raft, complete the checklist, clamber out of the other side of the life raft, and finally race to the end of the pool and back again. With a matter of seconds in the races, the group with the best teamwork won, working together to complete the checklist and help each other to cross the line first.

Altogether this was a thoroughly enjoyable session. Thanks go to Mr and Mrs Murnane, Dr West and Mrs Davis for organising the session and to visiting RAF instructors Sgts Matt Pickard and Richard Seed for delivering it.

*Cadet Sgt Sascha Clark-Jones, RAF Section, Stowe CCF*



HOCKEY

### Stowe Hockey Girls End the Season on a High!

The girls' hockey teams enjoyed a fantastic end to the season with an undefeated block win against local rivals, Bloxham.

At Stowe, the U15A were clinical on their way to a 5-0 win. Emily Sutton (Fourth Form, Queen's), Hannah Bewes (Fourth Form, Queen's), Megan Churchill (Fourth Form, Queen's), Willa Percy (Fourth Form, Queen's) and Jemima Roberts (Fourth Form, Lyttelton) all scored and Hattie Goodrich (Fourth Form, Nugent) and Emily Sutton were awarded the player of the match. The U15B played out a 0-0 draw with chances for both sides which kept Stowe ahead on the day. The U14 girls were next up and both teams won well. The U14B put together their best performance of the season for a 3-1 win and the U14A won 4-2. Goals from Ruby Colebrook (Third Form, Queen's), Ceara Cusiter (Third Form, Cheshire), Phoebe Haynes (Third Form, Cheshire) and Izzy Kaye (Third Form, Cheshire) sealed the win. It is now five years since the U14A last lost this fixture.

The Senior teams made the trip to Bloxham and the Juniors played at Stowe. The U16A recorded their biggest win of the season with a 7-0 victory. Isla Holman-West (Fifth Form, Nugent) and Fleur Fenwicke-Clelland (Fifth Form, Queen's) both scored twice along with goals from Violet Arkwright (Fifth Form, Queen's), Bibi Mash (Fifth Form, Queen's) and Poppy Mowat (Fifth Form, Nugent). Isla Holman-West was awarded player of the match. On the other pitch, the 3rd XI ended the season with two wins on the bounce but defeated Bloxham 2-0, dominating the match throughout.

The 2nd XI showed real character coming from behind twice to draw 3-3 against a strong Bloxham side. Bloxham's results have been impressive this season but the Stowe girls performed very well in the second half to draw the match 3-3. The last match to finish was the 1st XI match which the Stowe girls dominated from start to finish. Holly Churchill (Lower Sixth, Cheshire) fired a quick double in the first half before Bella Lloyd added a third just before half time. Further goals from Holly Phillips (Lower Sixth, Nugent) and Evie England (Lower Sixth, Cheshire) secured a 5-0 win and was the icing on the cake at the end of a remarkable season.

The block ended with six wins for Stowe, two draws and no losses.

*Ben Scott, Head of Hockey*



# Library Halloween Flash Fiction Competition

The Library challenged the Stoics to take inspiration from Halloween season and create a piece of flash fiction which would terrify its readers. Over 80 entries were submitted and it was extremely hard to choose the top three stories but the winners were:

**First** - Constance Sharp (Third Form, Lyttelton)  
'The Screams' - to read please click [here](#)

**Second** - Lily Taylor (Third Form, Cheshire)  
'Recipe for Fear'

**Third** - Finley Simpson (Third Form, Winton)  
'The Secret Passageways of Stowe School'

Congratulations to everyone who took part!

*Lucinda Stockley, Assistant Librarian*

Old Stoics

## Old Stoic Christmas Carols

On Monday 2 December, 370 Old Stoics, current and former Parents and Friends of Stowe crammed into Chelsea Old Church to welcome in the festive season. We are always overwhelmed by the popularity of the occasion and, once again, the Church was full to the brim. This year, it was an honour to hold the Concert in aid of Down's Heart Group, a trustee led charity that offers help and support to individuals and their families by providing counselling support, information and non-medical advice to people affected by Down's Syndrome. We were particularly pleased to welcome Sally Phillips to do a reading at the Concert. Sally is an ambassador for a number of charities connected to Down's Syndrome.

Tallulah Goldsmith (Upper Sixth, Stanhope), opened the concert with a beautiful solo verse of 'Once in Royal David's City', before the Choir and Congregation joined in. The Concert was led by the charismatic Reverend Canon David Reindorp TD DL and included a number of popular congregational carols, readings and performances, including 'A Visit from St Nicholas' read by Talulla Barrow (Lyttelton 07). Stoic singers gave an incredible performance of 'Narration and Lullaby' from Vaughan Williams' Hodie - a Christmas Cantata performed by Emily Wilson (Upper Sixth, Stanhope), Tallulah Goldsmith, Mimi Pearson-Gee (Lower Sixth, Nugent) and Boris Baros (Upper Sixth, Bruce). Nick Bayley (Stowe Drama) gave a hilarious rendition of 'A Politically Correct Christmas' by Harvey Ehrlich. The Old Stoic Choir pulled out all the stops with their performance of 'Joy to the World', giving their best performance yet since the formation of the OS Choir three years ago.

We saved the best until last with Sally Phillips' reading of 'We Worship at St Tesco's', a poem by Pam Ayres. The poem is both humorous and meaningful and Sally injected a light tone whilst delivering the important meaning of the piece. After Sally's wonderful performance, mezzo-soprano singer Lara-Clare Tarr (née Bourdeaux, Lyttelton 07) impressed us all with a beautiful rendition of 'Come Sing and Dance'. The Concert drew to a close with the congregation belting out 'Hark! The Herald Angels Sing', before piling into the Petyt Hall for mulled wine and mince pies.

Each year, we choose a different charity to support. This year's charity, Down's Heart Group, was proposed by Talulla Barrow (Lyttelton 07). Her family had barely any support available when her brother, Barnaby, was born in 1986 and she therefore feels that Down's Heart Group is an incredibly important charity, providing an essential service to those who need it.

Barnaby and friends from his school kindly helped with the illustrations for this year's concert programme. Barnaby kindly illustrated the front cover. We are delighted to announce that the collection raised £1,000 for Down's Heart Group. If you would like to support this worthy cause, please donate via their [website](#).

It would be impossible to hold this Concert without the dedicated support of Stowe Music School, Chelsea Old Church, our readers and performers and helping hand of our Music Director, Jonathan Kingston (Former Staff member). A huge thank you to all those who made this year's Concert such a wonderful occasion for everyone to enjoy.

We are pleased to confirm that next year's Concert will take place on Wednesday 2 December 2020. Tickets will be available early in the New Year.

[Click here to see the photographs.](#)



On Friday 1 November, our resident Staff band, Collingwood (Ben Andrew and Ben Weston), released their second single, 'Not In My Name'. Featuring Bernie Marsden (Whitesnake), the politically inspired song is reminiscent of 70s rock bands such as Pink Floyd, and was quickly picked up by national radio station LBC. Following a live interview with Iain Dale, the song has grown in popularity, and lead to another interview with BBC 3 Counties Radio. It is available to listen to on all major digital platforms such as Spotify, iTunes, Apple Music. Please click [here](#).

*Ben Weston, Music Department*

## Annual Careers and Higher Education Fair

*Friday 13 March 9am to 11am State Rooms*

Fifth and Sixth Form pupils are invited to come along and talk to employers and universities about possible future careers and degree options.

If you have any queries please [email](#) Luciane Guntner-Jones, Careers Advisor



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# SOUTHSIDE20

# 22nd May

Arts at Stowe is delighted to announce  
Tom Walker as the Headline Act for 2020

# TOM WALKER

Tom Walker, winner of the BRITs 'British Breakthrough Act' 2019, has taken the charts by storm this year. Tom has established himself as a major voice in music with his honesty and passion. His plaintive, acoustic driven new single 'Better Half Of Me', is as stunning and addictive as previous certified Platinum hits 'Leave A Light On' And 'Just You And I' and looks set to follow in the same footsteps.

After a highly successful sold-out UK headline tour in April, and a summer of storming festival sets, he has embarked on yet another sold-out UK headline tour, which kicked off at London's O2 Academy Brixton. Now, Tom is coming to Stowe.

Following the brilliant success of Rain Machine last year and the SOUTHSIDE18 acts featuring Tash Woods (Dylan) who was named best brand new act this October in Music week, we will showcase some of the finest from Stowe as the warm-up acts.

So bring your friends, picnics and best festival vibe for a night of fine music and fun at SOUTHSIDE20.

As this year, the Headline Act was the Stoics' Choice, their tickets are free. Parents' tickets are £20, whilst family, friends and Old Stoics are £35.

[BOOK ONLINE NOW](#). Tickets are non-transferable