

SENIOR CONGREVE

CORAM BOY

Preparations continue for this term's Senior Congreve, 'Coram Boy' (based on the novel by Jamila Gavin, adapted by Helen Edmundson), which will be performed from Wednesday 2 to Saturday 5 December.

Despite the challenges of Covid-19 and some inclement weather, the Drama Department has continued to rehearse and film in readiness for the upcoming show. One concession we have made is that the performances will now all be in the Roxburgh Hall Theatre rather than in the temples around the School grounds as originally planned. This allows us to welcome larger 'bubbles' for our audience, and whilst we aren't performing in the temples, we are bringing them indoors with us, thanks to the beautiful and dramatic film footage that has been shot over the last month. It has been a great experience taking our cast out onto the National Trust Grounds

(socially distanced, of course) and getting a real sense of the play's period setting in the way that only Stowe can do. There is still plenty of work ahead for this large, talented cast but we know that when we open in a few weeks' time, the effort will have been well worth it.

Unfortunately, due to the current Covid-19 restrictions, 'Coram Boy' will not be performed to an external audience. We will only be performing the show to pupils and Staff on site. However, we are filming a short documentary about the making of 'Coram Boy' which will be made available for parents to view. It is a great shame but in the current situation we can do nothing else; we are in the same challenging environment that all UK theatres find themselves.

Thank you for understanding.

The Drama Department





THE STOWE GROUP

From 1 January 2021, Swanbourne House School and Winchester House School will join The Stowe Group and this will mark the beginning of a new era for all three schools.

Our ambition is to build a strong group of schools that will thrive by enhancing our existing strengths and by continuing to provide a world-class education for all our pupils.

The formation of the Stowe Group will enable the member schools to benefit from a wealth of shared expertise. It will provide opportunities for sharing strategic leadership, resources for professional development and ideas, as well as delivering cost efficiencies across the Group. Most importantly, it will enable pupils to benefit from Group facilities, leadership opportunities and enhanced teaching and learning environments.

Stowe is proud of its reputation for breaking the educational mould, and we believe that we should continue to play our part in the national education debate. Together, the Group will prepare our pupils for the world they are entering, a world that is changing faster than ever before. We are passionate about educating our pupils to be ready to adapt as the world changes and to go out into the world and make positive change. We believe in delivering

transformative educational experiences that will shape pupils' attitudes and behaviours. By doing so, Stowe is creating a generation of Change Makers and we are delighted that Swanbourne House and Winchester House want to share in this vision.

Swanbourne House and Winchester House have a long tradition of sending pupils to Stowe. In recent years, the number of children joining us from these schools has increased. It is perhaps no surprise that our shared ethos and values make Stowe a destination school for their pupils and making this connection to these schools more formal has become the natural next step. Together, we are even better placed to provide outstanding educational opportunities for all our pupils.

For both Schools, joining the Stowe Group will offer support for long-term development, enhanced opportunities for pupils to pursue their passions inside and outside the classroom.

REMEMBRANCE DAY



The Remembrance Sunday service is one of the big occasions in the Stowe calendar, complete with full CCF parade, a visiting speaker who usually has a military background, and a big reception afterwards. We had been planning for an open-air service outside on the North Front that could be attended by the whole School and with singing too, but the second lockdown saw that idea kicked into the long grass.

Inevitably this year, things were considerably scaled back, however, it was nonetheless a meaningful and poignant service in Chapel that commemorated the 270 Old Stoics who fell in the 2nd World War. We remembered how J.F.Roxburgh, the founding Head, would read out at his weekly assembly, the names of old boys who had been killed in the previous week, with tears rolling down his cheeks. The community suffering of the wartime years certainly helps us to put our current woes and restrictions into perspective.

Even though we were unable to hold an open-air service, we did however have a short Act of Remembrance at the eleventh hour on the eleventh day of the eleventh month, with the whole School gathered and socially distanced on the grass of the North Front. Behind them and in the colonnades stood both teaching and support Staff, so well over a thousand people were able to keep the two minutes silence together, topped and tailed by the Last Post and Reveille played brilliantly for us by Seb Foxwell (Lower Sixth, Walpole). It was both wonderful and moving to see the whole School community brought together as one in this most fractured of terms.

Revd Tim Mullins, School Chaplain



MUSIC

Lunchtime Concerts

I am delighted to let you know that we have just launched a series of online lunchtime concerts. Music continues to thrive at Stowe and the pupils have worked exceptionally hard to create recordings of the highest level, which you are able to view [here](#). On Wednesday 18 November we filmed our **Soloists Concert**, which featured over 20 Stoics performing solo pieces in a wide range of musical styles and genres. Later in term we will circulate links to videos of our ensembles performing in three separate venues around the School with the aim of capturing different aspects of the musical life at Stowe. I hope very much that you enjoy these videos and do keep looking out for future events that showcase our talented cohort of Stoic musicians!

Craig Greene, Director of Music



SPORT IN BRIEF

Girls' Hockey

Lottie Moffat (Fourth Form, Nugent), Larissa Campbell (Fifth Form, Nugent), Emily Sutton (Fifth Form, Queen's), Elizabeth Knott (Fifth Form, Nugent), Cassidy Jorritsma (Lower Sixth, Cheshire) and Abigail Roberts (Lower Sixth, Cheshire) are currently trialling for U17 Performance Centre squads. It is a fantastic achievement to have so many pupils involved in these trials and we wish them all the best of luck.

Ben Scott, Head of Hockey

Lacrosse

Holly Phillips (Upper Sixth, Nugent) and Cosima Prestwich (Upper Sixth, Nugent) have both made the England U19 Regional Academy. Elizabeth Knott (Fifth Form, Nugent) has made the England U17 Regional Academy and Maddie Baker (Third Form, Queen's) and Emelia Brett (Third Form, Queen's) have been selected for the England U15 Regional Academy. Well played girls!

Robert Ingham Clark, Head of Lacrosse



Alternative Sport Programme

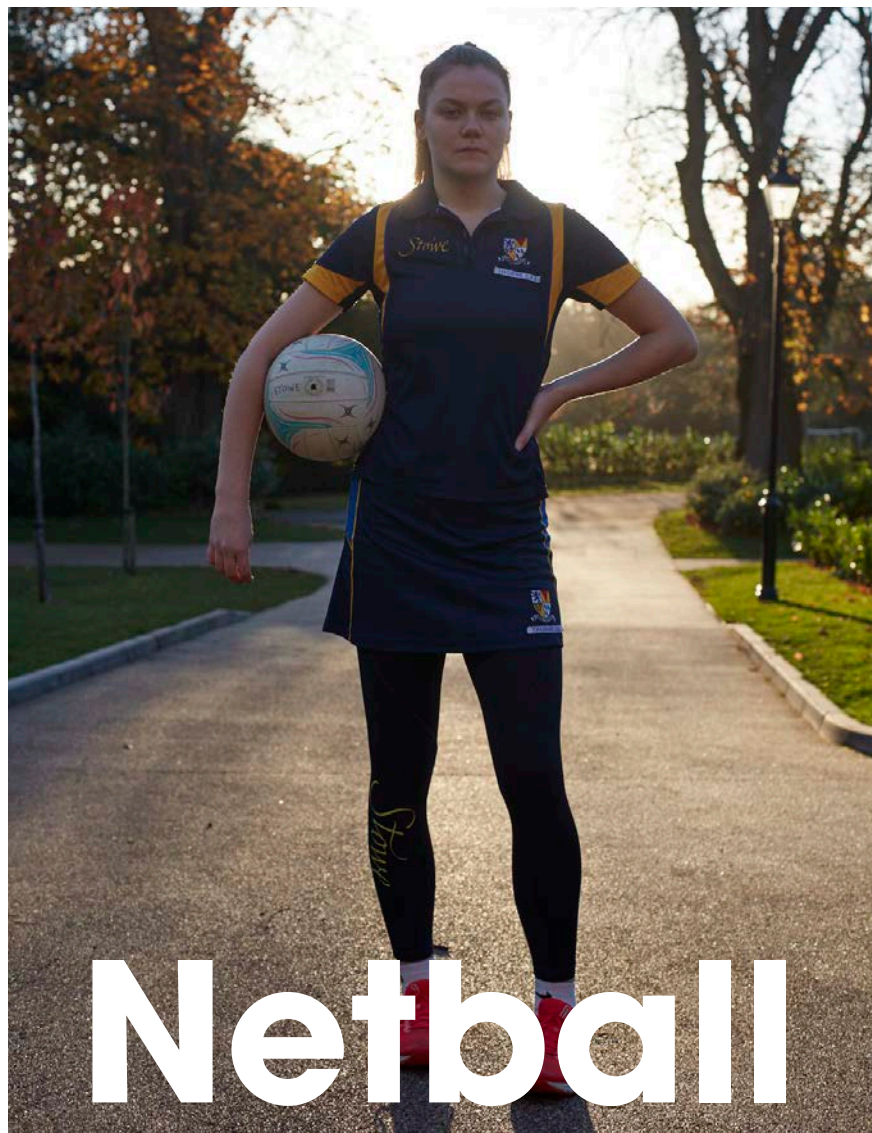
On Saturday 14 November, our Alternative Sport Programme saw the first ever playing of Gaelic Football at Stowe, with several rugby teams enjoying the opportunity to play one of Ireland's most popular games.

The group rounds of the Inter-House hockey for Junior girls were completed with the final stages to be played soon.

The Senior lacrosse tournament continued into its second weekend, with one more set of matches to go. The netball courts were again very busy as the Senior girls showed the Senior rugby players the finer arts of the game in a mixed friendly tournament.

The weather during these activities was atrocious. Heavy rain and a cold wind tested the resolve of everyone who stepped outside. However, all the Staff involved with taking sport that afternoon, were full of praise for the way the Stoics just got on with their activity with their usual enthusiasm. That showed two important and valuable attributes, namely grit and a positive attitude. Well done to you all for making what could have been a difficult afternoon another very positive one.

Craig Sutton, Director of Sport



Netball

On Saturday 10 October, 18 Stoics trialled for the U17 Wasps Netball Hub, which will be based at Stowe moving forwards. A huge congratulations to six of our girls who were selected at trials; Ola Kalu (Lower Sixth, Cheshire), Josephine Marr (Lower Sixth, West), Emelia Brett (Third Form, Queen's), Lottie Moffat (Fourth Form, Nugent), Lydia Mosely (Lower Sixth, Cheshire) and Ruby Colebrook (Fourth Form, Queen's). They will join Isabelle Kaye (Fourth Form, Cheshire) and Pheobe Haynes (Fourth Form, Cheshire) who have already been selected for the U17 Wasps team.

Those girls who were not initially selected for the hub, will now form the Wasps School Elite Programme, which is a performance programme run by Wasps and is exclusive for those schools that host a hub team. Continuing on the theme of Wasps Netball, Megan Thorne (Upper Sixth, Cheshire) has been signed by the Wasps Senior Netball team, who are part of the Vitality Super League, which is shown on Sky Sports. This is a huge and well-deserved achievement for Megan and we look forward to seeing her play alongside current senior England Roses players on TV soon!

Victoria Dias, Head of Netball



BUSINESS SOCIETY XVI

On Friday 16 October, we had three guest speakers: Celest Lamberti (Upper Sixth, Stanhope), Flynn Mulcahy (Upper Sixth, Grafton) and Otto Kampa (Upper Sixth, Bruce). Celest, Flynn and Otto are in the process of setting up their own record label, Peace Dragon Records. The main goals behind this venture were the desire to have more control: record labels can be both difficult to secure but also they can be very cut-throat when it comes to profit. Furthermore, setting up their own record label allows for more freedom of expression and creativity, essential in the competitive world of the music industry. Celest, Flynn and Otto asked for some help concerning the logistics of their newly-founded Private Limited Company.

Both Lily Allen and Jay Z set up their own record labels and they have been incredibly successful. Celest, Flynn and Otto have used a site called Ditto which has allowed them to establish the business as an LTD (Private Limited Company) therefore benefitting from limited liability. Ditto focuses on social media marketing, which is paramount, given the technological advances we have seen in the music industry, the rise of streaming sites and furthermore, the current climate and the difficulty of securing gigs due to Covid-19. Ditto also helps to put the song onto every streaming site - such as Spotify, Apple Music, Deezer etc. which is so beneficial to small bands and record labels like

Peace Dragon, as 62% of people say that streaming sites are their top music discovery sources. Focusing on social media marketing also allows them to target their prime audience - the music industry is saturated with artists so therefore, having a strong marketing campaign is essential, and will help Celest, Flynn and Otto to gain followers and streams. From a financial point of view, Society XVI suggested crowdfunding as an external source of finance. Crowdfunding is the process of raising capital typically via the internet - the benefit of crowdfunding is that it could serve as a marketing tool. Instead of paying the money back directly, Peace Dragon could offer early releases of songs etc. which would help them gain public loyalty, as well as giving them crucial funding. As a Society we also raised the point 'what would you rather focus on?' either playing the music or managing and this prompted them to further think about their business objectives.

This was a really insightful discussion for Society XVI members as it allowed us to use our knowledge outside the classroom, as well as teaching us more about the music industry market which has changed significantly in the last 10 years. Thank you Celest, Flynn and Otto for sharing your business venture.

Ollie de Winton (Upper Sixth, West)



Entrepreneurialism and Leadership

On Friday 13 November, Dr Louisa Huxtable-Thomas from Swansea University gave an inspirational and informative talk about entrepreneurialism and leadership in business and government. Louisa was extraordinarily well-researched and passionate about business leadership.

Grace Hurrell (Lower Sixth, Cheshire) asked Louisa a question about leadership: "What are the most important attributes of a successful leader, and is there a difference for owners of multinational companies and SMEs?" Louisa explained that firstly, it is important to acknowledge you are a leader and understand what type of leader you are. As far as the difference between leaders of multinationals and SMEs; in an SME, the ultimate responsibility lies with one person rather than a group of board members. Therefore, it is vital they have good communication with their employees and that they build a strong, reliable team around them.

Jemima Howden (Lower Sixth, Stanhope) asked Louisa "Do you agree that by embracing sustainability, entrepreneurs will build a more valuable business - so force for good is not at the cost of long-term value." She agreed and explained that entrepreneurs needed to motivate their employees in this area, leading to new ideas and the company improving its sustainable working practices. Grace commented that "I am very passionate about the study of business and I'm currently studying the subject as an A Level; however, Louisa's talk gave me an insight into business, outside the curriculum. I would highly recommend anyone interested in understanding business management to listen to Louisa's research over the years." To watch Louisa's presentation, click [here](#).

Jemima Howden (Lower Sixth, Stanhope) and Grace Hurrell (Lower Sixth, Cheshire)



AN INTERVIEW WITH...

BLUE PSYCHE

Blue Psyche are Celest Lamberti (Upper Sixth, Stanhope), Flynn Mulcahy (Upper Sixth, Grafton) and Otto Kampa (Upper Sixth, Bruce) who are in the process of setting up their own record label, Peace Dragon Records.

How did you get together?

At Stowe, Celest and Flynn met and soon discovered their shared passion for music from across the ages and started playing together and invited Otto to join their vision.

If you could open a show for any artist who would it be?

Massive Attack, Puma Blue or Portishead.

What inspires you?

What doesn't! Culture, art, of course, music but simply how we feel, our emotions, thoughts and feelings at the time.

What is your creative process?

Usually one of us comes to band practice with an idea, lyrics, a small melody or chords and we play around with them and jam with the motif and see if anything grows out of it.

What are your plans for the future now you've formed your record company and how do you feel the Internet has impacted the music business?

Technology has had a huge impact on the music industry and digital music consumption has changed the world massively. This 'megatrend' has resulted in increased competition, shorter interest spans and significantly lower cost, however, reach has exploded globally, and availability is immediate, anywhere. Leading global digital distribution companies have emerged, providing global multi-platform access on all popular sites e.g. Spotify Apple, Deezer, Soundcloud etc., all instantly.

These trends have lowered barriers to entry which led us to the idea of our own label. We chose Ditto's RLIB (Record Label in a Box), package which stood out as did its reach and digital promotion.

Technology has also allowed so much potential and a huge platform for all types of musicians to upload their art everywhere, though the market can get saturated, it's also very exciting to find all types of music that would never been accessible to you otherwise.

What are your plans for the future now you've formed your record company?

Peace Dragon gives us a vehicle to release new material at speed. We can be as prolific as we like and we can pursue varied lines of business such as;

- The Blue Psyche project.
- Our own Solo releases & careers.
- New and other emerging artists.
- We can invite collaboration as we want.
- A compilation range with our own flavour and twist on loved music via back to back licensing deals.
- New sectors such as acoustic, jazz or electronic dance music versions of our content.

We can control our destiny and drive our business at speed in various directions as we want, with increased choice and options rather than the traditional way of doing things in the music industry which is so difficult to break into. We can take our vision to them.

Which famous musicians do you admire?

Jim Morrison and The Doors, Lana del Rey, Black Midi, My Bloody Valentine and Nirvana.

What is the best advice you've been given so far?

Keep it real.

Virtual Engineering Internship

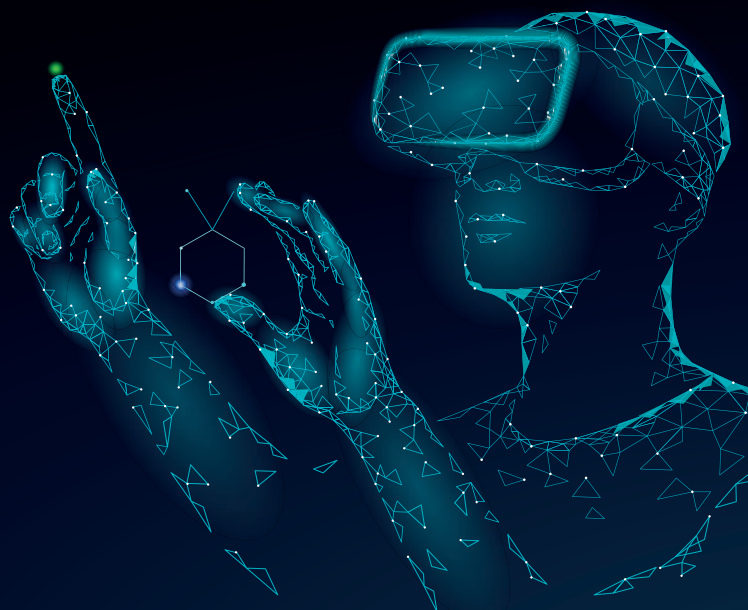
With Covid-19 changing the way we are able to engage with industry, speak to business professionals and take part in work experience. Many universities, employers and professional bodies are developing virtual work experience programmes. I am interested in becoming an engineer and needed to speak to experienced engineers to obtain a better understanding of the options available? I could research this on the internet but it would not be the same as meeting engineers in a real work environment.

Acting on an email I received from Stowe's Careers Department, I applied to attend the **InvestIN virtual internship programme**. There are many different types of internships available, which help you understand the subject and whether it is right for you. It even counts as a work experience, which looks good on your CV, and you get the opportunity to meet the CEOs from various FTSE 100 companies. We also had the 'break-out rooms' (groups of 6-7, which changed every day) and these were used when we were set any exercises or challenges. In the break-out rooms, we had to work as a team and then present our work to the other groups and the hosts. This was an incredible opportunity, as I met new people my age, who have the same interests, aims and objectives as me, in the engineering world.

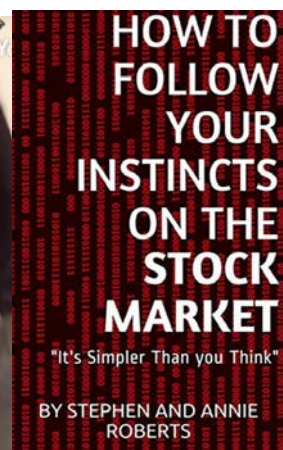
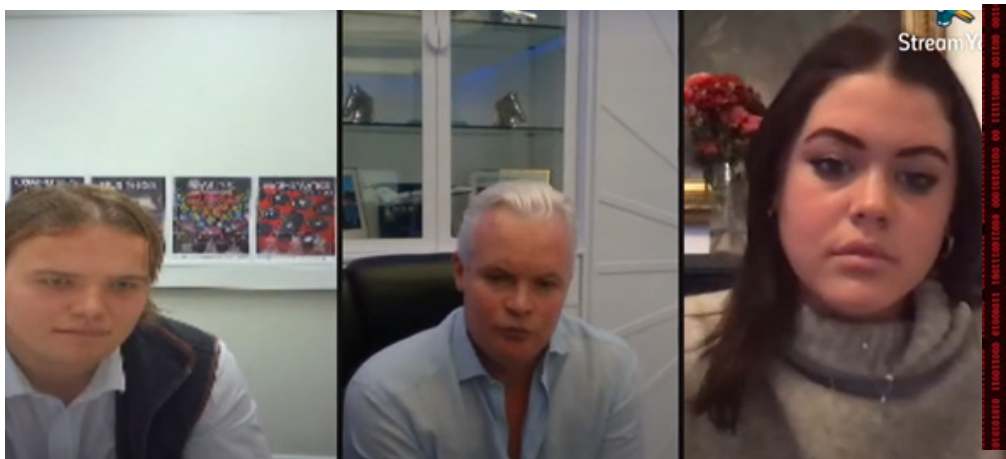
This was an extremely productive way to spend the October Half Term and I would strongly recommend InvestIN to anyone who would like a further insight into their chosen career.

If you would like some support identifying work experience, mentoring or even virtual work experience opportunities, please email **Dr West**.

Fernando Fournon-Berodia (Lower Sixth, Walpole)



CAREERS



The Stock Market

"What do Greta Thunberg, Elon Musk and Warren Buffett have in common? As far apart as they may seem, these global icons represent key themes in Stephen Roberts' time-tested approach to picking stocks with such common sense that teenagers are now using it to build their future after Covid-19." Our guest speakers Annie Roberts (Lyttelton 19) and her father Stephen have written a book (How to Follow Your Instincts on the Stock Market: "It's Simpler than You Think") that is a detailed and knowledgeable guide on how to choose shares.

The careers talk was led by Will Wright (Upper Sixth, Winton) Chair of Society XVI, who had prepared for the talk by reading the book. Annie and Stephen guided the audience, virtually, through a whirlwind tour of recent economic trends and linked this to their own perspective of how to successfully invest in various sectors. Stephen helped us understand his route into the investment and stock brokerage sector and explored some of the essential characteristics of being successful, debunking many stereotypically held perceptions.

After an in-depth talk from Annie and Stephen, Will led the Q&A session. Questions included: What first inspired you to write a book? How did you plan and eventually start writing your book? What sort of research did you complete to ensure that all chapters in the book were relevant and up to date? With increased regulation in the sector, is it now harder for young people to get into the sector? What are the top skills to have as a stock market trader? Annie then discussed how her A levels at Stowe helped her prepare for university, especially how useful her A level Business course was as a good foundation to study the subject at undergraduate level.

To hear answers to these questions, please see the recording of the careers talk [here](#).

Luciane Guntner-Jones, Careers Advisor

CAREERS

Dom Dumaresq STUNTMAN

On Thursday 5 November, Dom Dumaresq (Walpole 98) shared his experience as a Stuntman. Dom is a martial arts fighter who studied with the Shaolin Monks in China, won the British National Sanshou championships five times and competed for Great Britain at the World Games.

He talked about his experiences on film sets, the challenging requirements to become a stuntman and the highs and lows of his job. A love for physical activity and sport, dedication, discipline and an all or nothing approach, as well as determination, are necessary to succeed in this profession. Falling safely out of a window, jumping off high buildings, being beaten up, crushed by a car or burned alive are some of the regular stunts Dom has to perform. The knowledge of acting, taking direction, being a good team player and maintaining a constant physical fitness to be able to do the job without injury are only some of the criteria needed to be considered for a stunt. Stuntmen and women don't have a regular income as they are self-employed and sometimes have to wait a long time which can be frustrating.

Dom said of all the films he has appeared in, his two favourites were Batman Begins and Thor, but amongst others, he was also in the Game of Thrones Saga, Star Wars and the Marvel Film, Dr Strange; where he jumped off a driving car in New York City.

Luciane Guntner-Jones, Careers Advisor

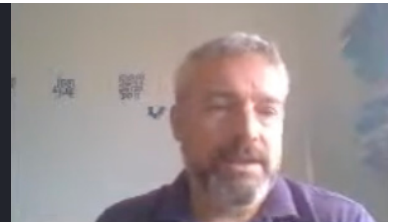


DHL Logistics

Mike Bristow is Managing Director, Manufacturing Logistics for the UK & Ireland region of DHL Supply Chain and a member of the regional board. Working closely with the Business Department, he presented to the Lower Sixth BTEC Business pupils who are currently preparing for their unit one assignment. One of the case studies is on DHL.

Mike is responsible for a wide customer base including Jaguar Land Rover (JLR), Aston Martin, JCB, Network Rail, Sunseeker and British Gas, spanning more than 50 locations and 12,000 colleagues. Mike has a wealth of logistics industry experience, having held senior-level positions across multiple sectors, both in-house and in third-party environments. Joining DHL as Head of Operations in the Retail Sector, Mike rose through the ranks to become Vice-President of Operations in Retail, VP Operations Excellence, developing best practice and supply chain procurement and subsequently in the Automotive Sector leading the JLR Business. During this time, he has demonstrated a consistent track record in delivering and translating operational and logistics best practice into reality through all sectors and a variety of customers. Most recently he has led the successful transformation of the JLR supply chain, focusing on boosting productivity and performance levels. Prior to joining DHL in 2007, Mike led the Transport Operations at John Lewis and spent eight years at Asda having joined their graduate programme in Logistics. Mike is passionate about Logistics and delivering solutions to British manufacturing to increase throughput and efficiency in the global market place. The success of Mike's management style is based on his teams enjoying their work. He ensures they are fully engaged with the customer and the company objectives and provides the opportunity for staff to develop according to their individual skills. Mike is married with two children and when time permits is both a keen amateur rugby and cricket player and supporter of Northampton Saints. To watch Mike's presentation, [click here](#).

Gordon West, Head of Careers



Amazing Apprenticeships

On Wednesday 18 November, Donna Dean from ASK shared all the important facts about apprenticeships and "busted some myths" at the same time. The presentation focussed especially on higher and degree apprenticeships, which have the benefit of studying for a university degree which is paid by the employer while simultaneously earning a salary and applying your learning to real-world projects in the workplace. After you have completed your apprenticeship many employers will offer the chance to stay and progress in your job. Currently you can apply to over 100 degree apprenticeships in many different areas like Engineering, Medicine, Architecture, Construction and Law just to name a few. To watch the presentation please click [here](#). If you have further questions you can also book an appointment to discuss your options with [Mrs Guntner-Jones](#).

CAREERS

Marketing

Oakley Walters is a specialist in marketing, having worked for global companies like L'Oreal, Diageo (Guinness and Baileys) and a large number of smaller UK based businesses. In this interview, he talks about how to start a career in marketing, how the field has changed and the differences between working in a large multi-national company and a smaller company. He also gives some insight into the use of technology in marketing.

He is currently the Managing Director of **Different Dog**. You can watch the presentation [here](#).

Will Freeman, Business Department



Studying Psychology at University

On Friday 6 November, Thalia Felton (Queen's 2017) presented to the Fifth and Sixth Form pupils on studying Psychology at university. The talk was aimed at helping those thinking of studying the subject at undergraduate level and the current Fifth Form who will choose their A Level options soon.

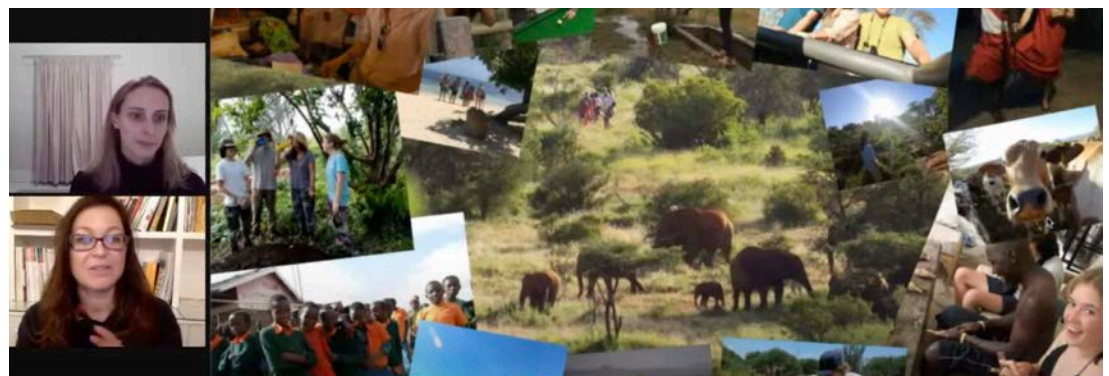
Thalia studied Sports Science, Biology and Drama at A Level and went on to study Psychology at the University of Bath. Having initially been motivated to study Sports Psychology, due to her passion for sport, Thalia moved towards studying Psychology as she progressively became more concerned with the issues surrounding mental health. Whilst at Bath, Thalia undertook a wide cross-section of modules that covered a number of different areas within Psychology, from Forensic Psychology to Cognitive Neuroscience.

Her passion lies within Social Psychology and her dissertation explored the cultural exclusivity of the Clinical Psychology profession. Her favourite modules included Race and Racism and Social Action and Change.

At the end of her talk, Beatrice Tofan (Lower Sixth, West) and Polina Von (Lower Sixth, Queen's) asked a range of questions on behalf of Stowe's Psychology pupils and Fifth Form pupils considering studying the subject next year. To watch the recording of Thalia's presentation, click [here](#).



Gap Year



On Wednesday 4 November, Florence (**Culsans Gap Travel**) and Charlotte (**Ski le Gap**) delivered a highly informative, interactive presentation about gap years and worthwhile travel.

The presentation covered everything from how to go about planning a gap year to staying safe and making sure any time off is used constructively to build skills, while not forgetting to have fun! A gap year has many benefits and is often the best personal investment a student can make for their own development.

Florence and Charlotte run their separate programmes but are committed to helping students make informed decisions about life after Stowe. Contact either of them for an informal chat about whether or not a gap year is the right decision for you, or for general travel ideas and advice. **Click here to watch the presentation.**

Dr Gordon West, Head of Careers



Golf

Edward Davis (Fifth Form, Bruce) has rounded off an outstanding golfing season in fine fashion. In June, Ed became the U15 Berkshire, Buckinghamshire & Oxfordshire County Champion at The Buckinghamshire Golf Club. During the October Half Term, Ed proceeded to lift the trophy for the BB&O U16 Order of Merit, after winning the final Futures Tour event of the season at the prestigious Frilford Heath Golf Club by recording a level par round of 72 against a competitive field of 60 golfers from across the region.

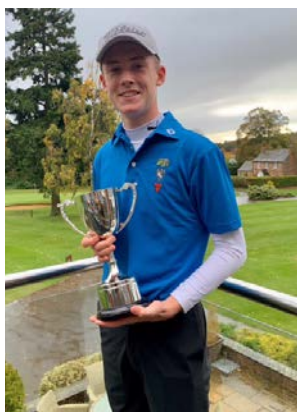
Ed also competed in the Junior European Tour, which was hosted by Sky Sports. Ed successfully won two events at The Cotswold Golf Club and Stonebridge Golf Club respectively. As a result of this success, Ed has now qualified for the Grand Final of The Junior European Tour, which is scheduled to be held at the Alcaidesa Links Golf Club in Spain during 2021. With Ed now playing off scratch, the future is extremely bright and exciting!

Max Faulkner (Lower Sixth, Temple) Stowe's inaugural Golf Scholar, has had an outstanding golfing season. During a four-month period, Max has reduced his handicap from 4 to +2 - this is an exceptional achievement and Max now becomes the lowest handicap golfer at Stowe. Max had some notable results during the season with perhaps the highlight being a fifth position in The Midland Open Amateur Championship, a Men's World Amateur Golf Ranking Event, which was held at the challenging Sandwell Park Golf Club. Max finished as the highest-placed Northamptonshire golfer and despite starting the tournament with an opening round of 76, Max went on to card scores of 70 and 73, before finishing in style with an excellent round of 68 - the joint-best round of the tournament.

Chanel Fontaine-Geary (Fifth Form, Queen's), Stowe's inaugural Girl Golf Scholar, has also had a superb golfing season with a range of notable achievements.

Chanel has now reduced her handicap to 1.6 - this places her inside the top 1% of lady golfers in England: a fine achievement. In addition, she recorded a Top 20 finish in the U18 English Girls Amateur Championship, third position in the Woburn Golf Club Ladies' Club Championship, along with reaching the final of the Woburn Golf Club Ladies' Scratch Championship. Chanel rounded off a superb golfing year by completing her Junior Captaincy at South Beds Golf Club.

Andrew Hancox, Head of Golf



EQUESTRIAN

The Half Term break proved very successful for a number of pupils.

Georgia Page (Fifth Form, Stanhope) had a great result with her new horse Tommy Tuckery, show jumping at Bury Farm on Thursday 29 October. The pair finished with a well-earned fourth place in the 1.05m class and eighth in the 95cm.

Rupert King (Third Form, Chandos) also had a successful trip to Waverton, finishing in fifth place. Cecily Holland (Fourth Form, Nugent) took a trip out with her horse Malty.

Henry Hobby (Upper Sixth, Chatham) continues to excel on his two competition horses. Over Half Term he won an U18 Central region event in Nottingham. He had a 23-point dressage and a double clear in the show jumping.

At the Equestrian Centre we have taken the lockdown as an opportunity to compete in some online dressage classes. First to turn their hoof to something new was Sophie Taylor (Fifth Form, Lyttelton) riding Major. The pair rode a lovely Prelim test and gained sixth place overall. A great result for Sophie's first ever competition. Also taking part in the Prelim section was Bo Jenkins (Lower Sixth, Stanhope) and her horse Alfie who together produced two great tests to finish in third and first place. Araminta Spencer-Churchill (Third Form, Stanhope) and her pony Millie also competed in the Prelim class and gained a respectable fourth place.

The online dressage will run again in December, before the end of term, and is open to all pupils. Tests can be videoed at home and sent to the Equestrian Team to be submitted. Please contact the **Equestrian Centre** for more information and to register interest.

Angela Haycock, Equestrian Centre Manager



Stowe **SPORT**



STOWE-DALY

VIRTUAL EXCHANGE

In February 2020, Staff from Stowe School met with Staff from Daly College, India, to begin preparing for an exchange programme to take place during the academic year of 2020-2021. Initial plans were very exciting - with trips to local cultural sights, taking part in School activities and celebrations and also gaining a deeper insight into the political and cultural life of each country. Unfortunately, the pandemic saw these plans being shelved, as travel became impossible.

Staff didn't let this prevent the exchange from taking place though, and resolved to hold a Virtual Exchange programme between the two schools. Stoics from the Sixth Form were invited to join this programme, and this was an opportunity which was taken up by Thanassi Ghertsos (Lower Sixth, Chandos), Poppy Goaman (Lower Sixth, Lyttelton), Amalie Mager (Lower Sixth, Lyttelton), Grace Hurrell (Lower Sixth, Cheshire) and Mimi Pearson-Gee (Upper Sixth, Nugent). The meeting saw Stoics and Dalians get to know each other during a game of Charades, in which Thanassi gave an interesting performance to represent the film, Pirates of the Caribbean! It didn't take long for pupils from both schools to relax and enjoy one another's company.

After this icebreaker, Dalians then presented to Stoics about Diwali, a national celebration which is taking place this week. The Stoics involved had very little

prior knowledge about this festival, and were taken aback by how much the celebration impacts people's lives in India. They also were very jealous of the fact that the celebration lasts a whole week, and many stated that they wish we had a similar festival in the UK!

The initial exchange meeting was a rousing success, with Stoics and Dalians promising to keep in touch in the coming weeks. The next meeting between the two schools is scheduled to take place at the end of November, and will see pupils present to each other about the life, culture and traditions of their home nation. This will provide a great opportunity for Stoics to not only practice their public speaking skills, but also begin to question their own preconceptions about life in India. Alongside this, comparisons will be able to be made between the lifestyle of the two nations, and the reasons for the similarities and differences.

The virtual exchange between the two schools will continue to take place until the end of 2020, and we do hope it can be furthered into 2021. Fingers crossed, once the world returns to some sort of normality, we will be able to couple this with an in-person exchange programme!

Fran Shah, Head of International Pupils



Third Form Librarians

As a result of Covid-19, we are having to restrict our hours of service in the Library and are unable to run reading lessons for the Lower School. Some of the Third Form have stepped up to the challenge of becoming House Student Librarians and have taken a box of books for their peers to enjoy for relaxation and to help create a reading culture within their Houses.

All Student Librarians have been awarded a badge to recognise the responsibility they are taking for their House Library Box and for encouraging others to read by promoting the books and magazines they have selected. Their selection of books will be changed at the end of term, over a pizza perhaps! The House Librarians are Xavier Nylaende (Bruce), Thomas Smith (Temple), Kiko Godzhov (Grenville), Gilbert Xu (Chandos), Bear Hewlett (Cobham), Sam Cousins (Chatham), Rafe Stone (Grafton), Peter You (Walpole), Arthur Daymond (Winton), Huw Wilson (Winton), Amber Dooley (Queen's), Rosie Blythe (Nugent), Grace Callaghan (Stanhope) and Sophie Train (Lyttelton).

Lyn Foden, School Librarian



SHPT TEMPLE ROOM PROGRESS

Conservation work in the Temple Room is nearing completion, ready for the room to be handed back to the School for the start of the Lent Term. With the ceiling decoration restored to its original 18th Century appearance, the internal scaffolding has been dismantled and the walls prepared for covering in simulated damask. Consultation with an expert textile historian has enabled a suitable pattern to be chosen and a sample woven in damask, which is now being copied by specialists ready for printing and hanging. Meanwhile, a team in Saffron Walden is making an exact copy of the original fireplace, that was sold in 1920, for installation in place of the plain grey substitute fitted in the 1920s. The wall coverings will be hung over the Easter holiday when the fireplace is also installed and the whole project will be completed by mid-April. The level of detail in the research into the finishing of the room is important because the Stowe House Preservation Trust has a duty to donors and grant-giving bodies to restore the room in a historically accurate scheme and to complete the work to the highest quality possible for the benefit of Stowe School. So far, the project is meeting all quality expectations and remains within budget and planned timescales. The 1920s substitute fireplace will be re-located, along with its historically important overmantel, listing the first ten Heads of Temple House, into a suitable location within Temple House.

In January, SHPT will move on to the State Dining Room where years of wear and tear have taken their toll on the magnificent painted ceiling. As with the Temple Room, an internal scaffolding deck will be built from which conservators will work on repairing cracks and other damage before cleaning and restoring the painted details. This work is expected to take six months, but the Dining Room will remain in use under a sealed liner and suitable protection. Managing restoration projects is not easy at the best of times and SHPT appreciate the support of the School in enabling work

to proceed in parallel with the restrictions imposed to mitigate the effects of Covid-19. We remain committed to a high quality restoration and will continue to ensure that work is conducted safely and in compliance with government guidelines.

The Stowe House Preservation Trust is an independent charity formed to raise funds for and manage the restoration of Stowe House. It relies on donations to fund its work in restoring the fabric of the Grade I listed Stowe House. For more details and to see how to support us, please visit our website www.stowehouse.org

Nick Morris, CEO Stowe House Preservation Trust



LANGUAGES SOCIETY

On Wednesday 14 October, the Languages Society met for the first time this academic year. We were very fortunate to have a presentation by Mr Johnson, who is both a Chemistry Teacher and a Houseparent of West. What many may not know, is that he also has a very keen interest in languages. Over the course of his life, he has learnt to speak and communicate in five different languages. Our presentation was entitled 'Language, Thought and Culture' and explained the importance of language in our lives. It is astonishing how intrinsically linked language and culture are in every country and how a language brings people together. Mr Johnson started by covering the building blocks of a language, with words such as 'hello' and 'goodbye' and how words like 'bonjour' in French ('good day') and 'ni hao' in Mandarin ('you good?') characterise what is important in a culture, which was intriguing as these words are so normal to us but in reality, they have a deeper meaning. Furthermore, Mr Johnson covered gender in languages, as gender is such an important thing in most languages. Indeed, most European languages have gendered words but it in Japan, men and women are taught Japanese differently and speak in completely different ways. This again was a completely new way of looking at languages, which I found totally fascinating. The last part of the presentation was looking at culture and how a language is used to

create "exclusive" cultures. For example, science using complex terminology for establishing a diagnosis and 'youth culture' changing the word for 'good' on average every 1.5 - 2.5 years. This creates smaller sub-cultures, which eventually lead to a more linguistically diverse society. It was a very thought provoking and engaging talk which allowed us to look at languages from a different perspective and simultaneously taught us phrases in other languages like Bengali or Polish. Thank you very much Mr Johnson!

Ollie de Winton (Upper Sixth, West)





Mathematics

Applied Mathematics can plan cities, unlock the secrets of the universe, and send you to jail.

Sixth Form Mathematicians were treated to excellent talks on Applied Mathematics by the current Upper Sixth. After considering the applications of tessellations and transformations, Crispin Marshall-Rowan (Upper Sixth, Walpole) showed how phyllotaxis and wave-function collapse can be applied to planning urban expansion. It was particularly interesting to consider whether real-life cities could be procedurally planned in a similar way to how computer game environments are generated. Filippo Beni (Upper Sixth, Winton) took over to tell us the story of how the illegal cartel activities of General Electric and Westinghouse in the 1960s, were uncovered through Mathematics. Corrupt bidding activities were concealed by using the phases of the moon to determine who would be the low bidder, but the use of Econometric analysis revealed that a cartel existed in the market; Applied Mathematics led to fines, jail time, regulation and the halving of prices. Barney Denison-Pender (Upper Sixth, Cobham) finished proceedings by telling us about his analysis of data from the European Space Agency Gaia Mission, which spent seven years surveying our galaxy and recording data from 1.8 billion objects. Working with Bath University in the Summer, Barney learned to code in Python and produced his own Hertzsprung-Russell and Colour-Magnitude diagrams from the enormous Gaia data release. It was fascinating to hear how the diagrams revealed the different types of stars, those following the usual main-phase, and exceptions such as white dwarfs and supergiants. Thanks to our speakers Crispin, Filippo and Barney.

Charles Adkins, Mathematics Department

Change 100 - The Bulletin



This month has been an important week for Change 100 - our mission to raise the funding needed to create life-changing educational opportunities for talented and deserving children from less-advantaged backgrounds, As well as briefing Stoics, in their own Houses, we will have sent out over 10,000 information packs to the Stowe community around the world and launched the initiative to our Friends of Stowe in the US, Canada and the wider Americas in a virtual gathering. We wait for their responses!

I am delighted to share with you now the first Change 100 Bulletin. Do take a moment to look at it - and more information about Change 100 can be found on our [website](#).

If you have any trouble accessing the bulletin by clicking above, please [click here](#).

Colin Dudgeon, Director of Strategic Development & Fundraising



Tuesday 3 November was an eventful one, with a global event taking place which would shape the future of the entire world for years to come. The US Presidential election 2020 has been an interesting one. Never would it have seemed feasible for a reality TV host, Trump, and a rap star, Kanye West, appear on the same ballot paper!

With this election being of such significance, the Politics Department organised for Sixth Form Politics pupils to have an early breakfast on Wednesday 4 November, to watch the results unfurl live. Discussions were held around the utility of the Electoral College, as well as the reasons why the public may have voted the way in which they did. Although the results of the election were announced that morning, it is obvious that this is only the beginning of the journey to appointing the next President of the United States. It is really pleasing to see so many Stoics engage with the political events taking place around the world, and consider the ramifications of these in great depth. This will not only allow them to progress academically, but also enter the world after Stowe, with a much more informed perspective.

Fran Shah, Politics Department

Stowe's Staycation

During October Half Term, unable to travel home, some Stoics remained at School for an October Staycation. The two-week period saw a rowing and cycling challenge take place, with Stoics competing to travel the furthest distance. Many of the boys enthusiastically got stuck in, eager to win the free take away offered to the winner. Yin Lin (Fourth Form, Bruce) impressed all with his daily cycles and rows, clocking in over 10k each day! Alongside this, Stoics were able to utilise the sports facilities. Basketball matches became a daily occurrence, as did some heated badminton matches between Ruo Han Zhang (Upper Sixth, West) and Ashlyn Jiang (Upper Sixth, West).

Stoics were entertained in House as well, with evenings being filled with a variety of activities, ranging from cookie decorating to quiz nights. The mocktail making competition showed the creative side of Stoics, with them being judged not only on taste, but also appearance and theme. Some concoctions certainly tested the stomach of Dr West, with the winning one being devised by Aaryan Aswani (Lower Sixth, Temple), Arseny Savrasov (Lower Sixth, Chatham) and Daniel Garcia Bornholt (Lower Sixth, Cobham). A Dragons' Den style competition saw some strong ideas being presented, including Stowe branded ICT equipment such as chargers and phone cases.

Evenings were filled with movie marathons, quiz nights and ice cream sundae bars, ensuring there was a range of ways for Stoics to keep themselves busy throughout their stay.

Many of the pupils made a great impression upon Staff, which resulted in the Head's Special Prize being awarded to Yi Lin, Gilbert Xu (Third Form, Chandos), Wednesday Zhu (Lower Sixth, West) and Arseny Savraso.

I would like to take this opportunity to publicly acknowledge and thank the hard work done by all staycation Staff; Giles Cuddy, Andrea Westmoreland, Gordon West, Louise Davitt-King, Steven Matthews, Rhea Stafford-Smith, Thalia Felton, Ben Coddington, Rob Ingham Clark, Sarah Bagshaw, Alice Kenny, Ben George and Matt Turner. Alongside this, the cleaning, security and catering teams all did a fantastic job and a big thanks must go to Jo Cross and Nikki Fhalora, who co-ordinated and organised all of the pupils and Staff brilliantly. The Staycation could not have been a success without them going above and beyond to ensure all Stoics are safe and happy at all times.

Fran Shah, Head of International Pupils



Basketball

On Sunday 8 November the Third Form had their first taste of competitive basketball since their arrival in September, in the form of an Inter-House competition.

In the girls' competition, Cheshire, Lyttelton, Nugent, Queen's and Stanhope all played each other. Everything hinged on the last match of the competition between Nugent and Queen's, as both teams came into the last match unbeaten with three wins apiece. In a very open end-to-end game, Queen's took the title by just two points.

In the boys' competition, the Houses were split into three groups with the winner of each group and the best runner-up going through to the Semi-Finals.

Grenville, Cobham and Temple topped their groups, with Winton squeezing through on goal difference as best runner-up after a three-way tie with Chatham and Grafton. Both Semi-Finals were close affairs with Grenville beating Winton and Cobham beating Temple to set up a Grenville v Cobham Final. Once again there were only two points separating the teams, with Grenville just edging it to win the competition.

Isaac Michael, Head of Basketball



Stowe SPORT



George Hooper

During the latter part of the Summer, George Hooper (Upper Sixth, Chandos) played his one 100th match for Northants County Cricket Club. George has played for the County since he was nine years old - a century of matches is a fine achievement - well played George!



For weekly reports on all Stowe Sports visit our website

www.stowesport.co.uk

Invitation

How do you ask the question “How are you?” with special guest Dylan Hartley

Sainty, Hird & Partners in association with the **City Mental Health Alliance** is pleased to invite you to a webinar with former England rugby captain Dylan Hartley.



Given the challenging environment of 2020, there has never been a more important time to talk openly about how we can support positive mental health in the workplace. We hope that you can join us for what promises to be a powerful, informative discussion.

Wednesday 9 December

10am – 11am

Via Zoom

[Register Here](#)

Dylan Hartley, winner of 97 international caps shares his story in conversation with Ralph Grayson. Dylan will talk about his experience as an elite sportsman, the increasing demand on players and the toll it is taking on their mental health. He will also talk about the importance of having open conversations about mental health.



Ralph Grayson

Partner
Sainty Hird & Partners



Poppy Jaman OBE

CEO, CMHA
Trustee, Centre of
Mental Health



Brian Heyworth

Co-Managing Partner
Lansdowne Partners



Anastasia Vinnikova

Wellbeing Lead
Bank of England

Dylan will then join in a panel discussion moderated by Poppy Jaman OBE with Brian Heyworth and Anastasia Vinnikova. They will discuss their experiences of protecting and supporting wellbeing in highly pressured and demanding environments, be that the sports field or the corporate workplace.

Donate

There is an opportunity to donate to the Centre of Mental Health and their 'Equally Well Programme'.
[Read more and donate here](#)



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Three Peaks Challenge

On Tuesday 20 October, Luke Holland-Bosworth (Lower Sixth, Chatham), Ben Hartigan (Lower Sixth, Grafton), Savannah King (Lower Sixth, Stanhope), Archie Burnet (Lower Sixth, Grafton), Xander Brett (Lower Sixth, Grenville), Trennon Bettany (Lower Sixth, Grafton) and Jemima Howden (Lower Sixth, Stanhope) completed the Three Peaks Challenge to raise money for Parkinsons UK. They completed it in 21 hrs 52 mins after a fair amount of running and determination! It was great fun but seriously tough mentally and physically! The group are currently 20% over their target of £20,000 but would still welcome donations!

Their thanksgiving page is on [Virgin Money Giving](#).

Jemima Howden (Lower Sixth, Stanhope)



Going, Going, Gone!

From the Monday 16 to the Wednesday 18 November, an online auction was held for the Stoics. They were provided the opportunity to place bids on a range of different items and experiences, such as a katsu curry-making class, a hamper of sweets and chocolates and even 'Being the Head for a Day'!

The aim of the auction was to raise funds which could be used to purchase items to make Christmas hampers for local vulnerable families. With a growing number of families finding themselves in financial difficulty due to the pandemic, The Stowe Community Project Team wanted to do their part to help.

The auction was incredibly successful, seeing a total of over £480 being raised for this good cause. A list of the winners can be found [here](#). They will be enjoying their winnings over the course of the next few weeks!

Stowe's Stupendous Shoeboxes

Prior to Half Term, The Community Project team launched an initiative to support the Operation Christmas Shoebox Appeal. The pupils at Stowe are privileged to be surrounded by a strong community, whether that is in School or at home. This is sadly not the case for many children around the globe. Operation Christmas Child is a volunteer-led appeal to ensure that children from the poorest families, orphanages and hospices receive a gift of love and hope during the festive period, which could be the spark to change their future.

Stoics were asked to put together a shoebox filled with items and gifts, which will then be collected nationally and distributed to those in need. The School community certainly rose to the occasion, with a whopping 411 number of boxes being packed and wrapped! Each House made a fantastic contribution to this cause, with the highest number of boxes being packed by Bruce, who collated a total of 89 boxes! The boys were offered pizza for the whole House as a thank you for their efforts. However, their generosity went even further, with the House requesting that the money instead be used to cover the transport costs involved in ensuring each box can be received by a child in need.

With such a vast number of shoeboxes, it became clear The Community Project would need help in sorting and labelling the boxes. Luckily, the School Prefects were more than willing to donate their time to the cause, spending a Sunday afternoon checking the boxes contained appropriate items, were labelled correctly, and were ready to be shipped off to the children who so dearly need them.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all who made a contribution to this wonderful cause. A huge thanks must also go out to matrons and Houseparents, who helped to co-ordinate these efforts. The pupils involved in The Community Project must also be recognised for their efforts in wrapping individual boxes, and ensuring all had the relevant labels on. This unseen administrative work ensures that all parcels and donations will be sent to a child in need, and help provide a wonderful for Christmas for someone who otherwise would not have this opportunity.

Fran Shah, Deputy Co-curricular Co-ordinator



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