



Ewing Paddock Painting Underground

Ewing Paddock's paintings of the London Underground transport you to a different time and space.

A world where the ubiquity of the smart phone didn't dominate every waking minute, where people would read newspapers, talk in hushed whispers or catch an admirer's eye. Not glued to a screen.

Ewing's paintings capture these stolen moments, intimate relationships and chance encounters through well observed detail.

The portraits of the sitters are lovingly drawn but it is the bags and shoes that are crafted to the point that they become

characters in their own right, telling us something of their owners by suggestion.

On Friday 4 February, our current Lower Sixth were fortunate to hear Ewing talk about his process and motivations behind the different works, which will be an invaluable primary source for their contextual research going forward.

We are indebted to Ewing and his wife, Susan, for being so generous with their time and providing our pupils and the Stowe community with such an entertaining and enriching exhibition.

Daniel Scott, Head of Art



SOUTHSIDE 2022 SAVE THE DATE!

We are thrilled to announce the two incredible artists who will headline this year's SOUTHSIDE 22 concert at Stowe on Friday 27 May, the eve of Speech Day. After two years without a SOUTHSIDE concert, we are back with a bang!

TOM WALKER is one of the biggest breakthrough UK global stars in recent years. His debut album 'What A Time To Be Alive' went straight in at No. 1 in the UK Charts and was the biggest selling debut from a UK signed artist that year. His previous two singles, 'Just You And I' and 'Leave A Light On' have sold 10 million units combined. Tom also won the Brit Award for the Best British Breakthrough Artist in 2019 and was nominated for Song Of The Year at the 2019 and 2020 Brit Awards.

LULU has been a legend in the music business for more than fifty years, yet her talent seems utterly undimmed by time. Regarded as Britain's first great female rock and soul voice, she has represented the UK at the Eurovision, acted in films, theatre and television, recorded with Bowie and Take That, and sold her own brand of make-up. In recent years she has performed sell-out tours across the UK and at Glastonbury.

Tickets will go on sale for Southside 22 at 10:00am on Friday 25 February at £40 each. Look out for the email with details of how to book.

We anticipate demand will be high and would encourage Parents and Old Stoics to secure their tickets early.

Please note: All current Stoics will be given a complimentary ticket and these do not need to be booked.

We will be delighted to honour all tickets bought in 2020 for the Tom Walker concert which was cancelled due to Covid restrictions, an email to those who already have tickets will be sent before tickets go on sale.



Senior Academic Scholars' Seminars

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For the Senior Academic Scholars' Seminars this Half Term, the Scholars were split into two groups. One for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM), and one for Arts and Humanities.

The STEM group reviewed, presented and discussed the latest discoveries, published in 2022 in Nature Journal, including:

Engineering: Magnetic Zigzag Graphene Nanoribbons and Electron Beam Modulation by Photons

Mathematics: Unrepresentative Big Surveys, The Effect of Rainfall on the Global Economy, and Applications of AI

Biomedical: Cancer Cell Lineages, Microbes Converting Crude Oil into Methane, Transporter Proteins and Alphaviruses

Physics: Matter-antimatter Symmetry, Strange Metals and Superconductors

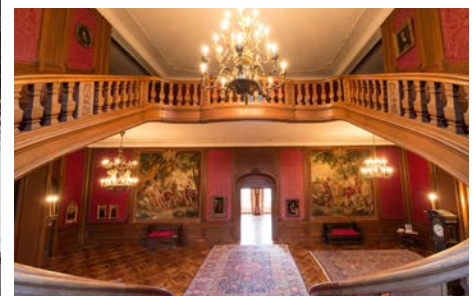
Meanwhile, the Arts and Humanities group took an introspective journey in Sociology, reviewed key articles and considered the renaissance:

- What is Renaissance humanism?
- What is the difference between scientific renaissance and scientific revolution?
- How did the Crusades prepare Europe for the Renaissance?
- How did the Renaissance impact European politics?

Thanks to the group for their enthusiastic participation and interesting conversations.

We look forward to the pupil-led seminars after the Half Term break.

Dr Charles Adkins, Senior Academic Scholars Coordinator



Restoration work on the interiors of Stowe House took another step forward with a planning meeting on Tuesday 8 February for the next phase of work on the Dining Room.

Following the spectacular work to the decorated ceiling, the Stowe House Preservation Trust (SHPT) is keen to progress the restoration of the walls. Historically, the room was decorated with five tapestries depicting the classical deities, Diana, Mars, Neptune, Ceres and Bacchus, all adorned with Viscount Cobham's arms.

Three of these tapestries (Diana, Neptune and Ceres) survive intact in a house in Switzerland where they have been since the 1920 sale, while Bacchus has been traced to a private museum in Lisbon. Mars remains at large and the search is on to find it or a suitable model for copying.

All five tapestries will be copied for display in their original places. Copies will also be made on wallpaper of the chimney pieces believed to be the work of Henry Flitcroft, which survive in a house in Berkshire.

With copies of these artefacts and integrated into the room, it will be possible to gain a sense of the original grandeur of this room, one of the glories of Stowe which, at its heyday, must have witnessed some amazing discussions (and it continues to do so to this day!). The restoration project will also see the woodwork all-round the room repaired, with missing pieces matched in and gilding once again sparkling in the sun from the south facing windows. Work will begin in August of this year and will continue into 2023. At the moment, the planning team can only guarantee having sufficient funds to complete the north and west walls but, hoping for further generous donations, we aim to complete at least one more wall before the School Centenary celebrations.

The Stowe House Preservation Trust is a charity dedicated to the restoration and presentation of Stowe House. Funding comes from donations and commercial activities. If you feel able to help in our task, please visit our [website](#) or contact the [School Development Office](#).

Nick Morris, Stowe House Preservation Trust

HOCKEY



Deborah James makes competitive debut for Buckingham Hockey Club 1st XI

On Sunday 6 February, Deborah James (Lower Sixth, Nugent) was selected to represent Buckingham Hockey Club in their 1st XI cup match v St Albans.

In front of a large crowd at the Bourbon, Deborah helped them to a 4-2 win with some nice touches up front, in a team littered with National League Premier and International experience.

A big well done to Deborah and her progress since joining Stowe last September.

Ben Scott, Head of Hockey



Basketball

Ongoing progress by all our Basketball teams was in clear evidence in recent matches. On Saturday 29 January, the 1st team beat Uppingham 50-36. Top scorers were Alex Gu (Lower Sixth, Chandos) 11 points and Teidi Lokpobiri (Upper Sixth, Chatham) 10 points.

The U15 team also had a great 58-29 victory with most of the team playing their first ever game for the School. Top scorers were Max LaGrande (Fourth Form, Temple) 13 points and Gilbert Xu (Fourth Form, Chandos) 12 points.

On Saturday 5 February the 1st team had a resounding 86-21 victory against Oundle. 11 of the 12 players in the team got on the scoresheet, underlying the great team contribution in this victory. Top scorers were Teidi Lokpobiri, 14 points, Oliver Letts (Upper Sixth, Cobham) 10 points, Gilbert Xu 10 points.

The U16 team ran out 62-25 winners against Oundle with Max LaGrande top scoring with 18 points.

Isaac Michael, Head of Basketball



Lacrosse

It has been a good few weeks for the Stowe Lacrosse programme, with the second block fixture of the year away at St Helen & St Katharine on Saturday 29 January. The Juniors saw close games and really expanded their experience, while the 1st X were able to come away with an upset for the hosts 9-6.

Midweek on Wednesday 2 February, the 15As and 14As went to try their hand at Indoor Lacrosse against St Albans High School, playing against their opposite number as well as up and down, with an even spread of results and an appetite for more indoor in the future.

Lastly, the 1sts, 2nds and 3rds travelled to Cheltenham Ladies' College on Saturday 5 February for what is fast becoming an annual quadrangular on the fourth weekend of the Lent Term. The 1sts recorded solid victories over Heathfield and Malvern St James, and losing by one to Cheltenham in the closing seconds of the game. The 2nd X secured victory 9-5 over Cheltenham in a 48-minute game, while the 3rd X came home with a win, a draw and a loss over the day.

The Lacrosse programme is now in preparation for National Schools at the end of March, where 1st, 2nd and 3rd, 15A and 14A will all represent the School in the National Open Competition.

Rob Ingham Clark, Head of Lacrosse

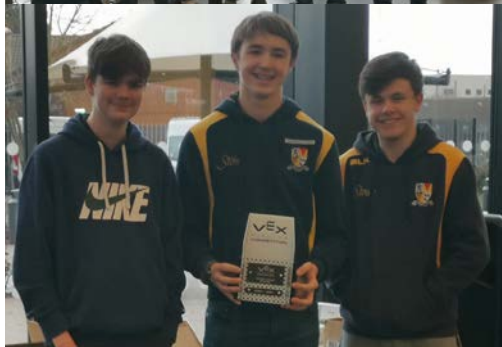


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ROBOTICS



Robotics Win and National Qualification

On Saturday 29 January, Stowe competed at a Nottingham Regional competition for the VEX Robotics Championship.

Our Fourth/Fifth Form team won the Championship with William Woodmansee (Fifth Form, Winton) and Barnaby Titmus Mather (Fourth Form, Cobham) representing the team at the event on the day. Hemish Rajguru (Fifth Form, Bruce) and Aaran Sobhan (Fifth Form, Bruce) are also part of the team. This qualifies them for the National Finals.

The Lower Sixth team won the Excellence Award (overall judged Best Robot) and so also qualified

them for the National Finals.

Jack Hughes (Chatham), Matthew Ryland (Bruce) and Ben Anderson (Temple) were in attendance, with Tina Lazar (West), Jacob Wells (Bruce), Angus Kennedy (Temple) and Max Stevens (Temple), also part of the team.

You can watch the Stowe team competing in the Quarter Final against each other [here](#).

Ben Li (Upper Sixth, Cobham) also qualified from our Regional competition.

Congratulations to all the pupils involved in the competition.

Paul Thompson, MiC Robots

A Level Spanish Movie Night

On the evening of the Thursday 13 January, all of the Lower Sixth Spanish pupils met in the Blue Room to watch Guillermo del Toro's movie 'Pan's Labyrinth', otherwise known as 'El Laberinto del Fauno'. This film is the one we study in close detail throughout the A Level course.

The event started off enjoyably with a feast of pizza, where we discussed excitedly what we thought the movie would be about.

Before the film started, Mr Fuentes Olea and Mr Morales-Shearer gave us very helpful insight as well as guidance on what we should be paying special attention to and what themes we should watch out for.

We all watched the movie with curiosity and were able to put into practice the skill of critical analysis in film.

Overall, watching it as a group helped us get more in-depth knowledge about the film, and at the same time have fun!

Sofia Tangsrud (Lower Sixth, Stanhope)



CROSS COUNTRY

On Wednesday 2 February, the North Front was the backdrop as Stowe hosted the Buckinghamshire Schools' Cross-Country Running Championships for 2022.

The stunning surroundings, not to mention the incredible weather (given it was February) supported the turnout as almost 800 runners from across the County descended on Stowe for a superb festival of human endeavour.

Runners were sent up and down the Buckinghamshire hills over race distances ranging from 1.6km up to 5.6km, with races held in five different age groups across the boys and girls.

Fantastic efforts were seen across the board from all pupils, inspired by the support from visiting Parents and Staff, as well as a strong showing from Stoics and Staff who gathered on the hills to urge the competitors to leave the last of their efforts on the course - they were not disappointed.

Not only was the event a roaring success for the profile of the School, there were a number of team and individual successes as both the Senior boys' and girls' teams came Second in their respective divisions, and Charlotte Hall (Third Form, Cheshire) and Harry Rose (Lower Sixth, Bruce) were invited to join their respective English Schools' Cross Country Squads.

We wish them all the very best in their onward pursuit of running success and remind all Stoics that running activity is every afternoon at 15:30 from Tuesday to Friday, meeting at the South Front steps, with sessions tailored to individual needs. So why not come along to enjoy regular runs around our most incredible grounds!

Andrew Arnold, Head of Cross Country



Dr Mark Bull's visit to Stowe

Stowe's PGA Golf Professional, Andrew Hancox, invited Dr Mark Bull to the Stowe Golf Academy for a full day of 3D golf biomechanical analysis on Tuesday 18 January.

Our Golf Scholars underwent a comprehensive 3D screening process with a particular focus on their in-swing biomechanical movement patterns and subsequent adaptations.

Dr Bull is a world-leading authority within the field

of 3D Motion Capture and regularly works with the very best golfers in the world and has consulted with Andrew for many years.

Understanding how and why a Golfer moves the way they do is vital for long-term development and injury prevention, a philosophy which lies at the core of our Golf Academy Programme.

The day proved to be a fascinating and hugely rewarding experience for all involved.




**Stoic
Spotlight**

KIMI CHEN

(UPPER SIXTH, LYTTTELTON)

In the next in our series of interviews with Stoics, we are delighted to introduce Sixth Former, Kimi Chen.

WHAT HER TEACHER SAYS...

I have had the great pleasure of working with Kimi Chen on her mathematical quest at Stowe, and what an adventure it has been!

Kimi first approached the Maths Department as a new Third Former, announcing that she was ready to take the GCSE. As is her nature, Kimi was resolute and determined about this and when we gave her a paper to try, she scored 100%, confirming her need for an individual programme of work. A year later, it was the same story with Maths and Further Maths at A Level and, largely self-taught, Kimi achieved A*A* in both subjects in Year 10.

There is a whole world of Mathematics to explore beyond examinations and Kimi's appetite for learning has been voracious, and her extracurricular mathematical work is fascinating. Whether writing an article or giving presentations to her peers Kimi is an empathic communicator, taking care to pitch her thinking at just the right level for her audience.

A key aim for Kimi has been to gain a place to read Mathematics at Cambridge and Kimi took the STEP entrance exams in June and comfortably exceeded their standard offer. Following a highly Mathematical interview in November, we are delighted that Christ's College has offered her place on condition of achieving a further A* and A in two of the four A Levels (Computer Science, Biology, Chemistry and Physics) she will be taking in Year 11 this June.

Dr Charles Adkins, Senior Academic Scholars' Coordinator, Mathematics Teacher

WHAT KIMI SAYS...

Why did you come to Stowe?

My parents were keen for me to study in the UK, the Chinese school system didn't really suit me, it didn't allow children to specialise early or include time for sport. I wanted to come to Stowe because it seemed to be a school that developed the individual, allowing people to develop in all directions, and to take paths in art, sport, science etc. It means a diverse mix of people in one place which I enjoy.

What motivates you?

The beauty of maths. Most people love art because they can see, visually, how different shapes and colours fit together perfectly to create a pleasant or powerful effect. Likewise, I can see the beauty of maths in its very abstract form and would like to leave some footsteps in humankind's journey to discover this beautiful subject.

The eternal sense of trueness. Scientific theories/models are based on current observations, hence may be refined, or completely proven false in some cases in the future, when new observations are made (e.g. the heliocentric model of the solar system replacing the geocentric one, and quantum mechanics replacing Newtonian mechanics for particles of microscopic scales). However, mathematical theorems are proved from axioms through logical arguments, hence are more rigorous and timeless.

Maths plays a fundamental role in the development of sciences and human knowledge. Sciences like biology and chemistry help people's lives directly, through discoveries of cures to diseases, syntheses of new materials etc. But it is always the progress made in pure maths that leads to progress in applied maths, which in turn provides more useful analysis techniques in sciences.

Three words your friends would use to describe you? Smart, hardworking, humble.

You play in goal for the 1st X Lacrosse team at School, what do you enjoy about Lacrosse? The break from studying, and being with other people as part of a team. It is scary being in goal though, especially in training!

What would your advice be to your younger-self? To learn more languages at a younger age. As well as having more time then, languages are easier to learn when you are younger.

What would your advice be to pupils starting Stowe in September? Try to enjoy all subjects. Don't come in with a negative attitude about the subjects you may have not enjoyed previously, but view it as a fresh start, it may have been the way the subject was taught and not the subject itself.

Sum up your time at Stowe? Enjoyable, fast (it's flown by) and it's taught me to always stick to my own path and if you try hard enough, you can always overcome anything.

What are your future ambitions? To work as a Research Mathematician at Cambridge (as it's in the top three universities in the world for its Maths).

And finally...

- Kimi only started learning English six months before joining Stowe.
- Kimi represented her Province (Zhejiang) at U10 age group at Table Tennis, and wants to dedicate more time to playing when she goes to university.
- Kimi can hold a plank position for 20 minutes.
- Kimi enjoys running (especially around the Stowe grounds).
- Kimi likes to solve Rubics cubes blindfolded, to really test her memory and ability.

To read the full interview please click [here](#).

Climate Action Cook-up!

On Monday 8 February, 12 members of Stowe's Climate Action Group went to Buckingham Youth Centre to launch and run our first Climate Action Cook-up event.

The aim of the event was to work with the young people at the Youth Centre to raise awareness about food waste. The Stoics were divided into two teams, one team cooking a plant-based Shepherd's Pie and the other making a Bread-and-Butter Pudding. We sourced ingredients that were about to expire, to ensure they wouldn't go to waste, from local supermarkets.

We really enjoyed working with the younger members of the Youth Centre to assemble the pudding. It was a great experience. As we all got stuck in it allowed us to easily engage in conversation. We all enjoyed the pleasant and relaxed atmosphere amongst the Staff, Stoics and children.

We are hoping to continue building our partnership with the Youth Centre, hosting a Summer event as well as looking at the feasibility of establishing a Community Fridge at the Centre, where surplus food can be re-distributed to the local community on a weekly basis. This will enable us to help reduce food waste across Buckingham and make a positive change in tackling climate change.

Bea Tofan (Upper Sixth, West)



The Stowe Award

Lent Term Update

The Stowe Award was introduced in September 2020 to encourage and celebrate engagement and participation in eight key areas of School life - Citizenship, Academic Achievement, Sport and Physical Activity, The Arts, Thinking Differently (all those skill-development activities that don't fit neatly under a heading!), In the Community, Qualifications Achieved and Beyond Term-Time (achievements during the holidays).

How does the Stowe Award work?

We are using Stoics' Personal Reports, which are written at the end of each term, to track progress and award scores for each of the eight areas.

Each term all areas are scored out of twenty depending upon levels of engagement ('participation', 'improving and representing' and 'leadership'), enabling us to rank pupils according to their engagement and participation.

The Third Form are being scored over their first three terms, with the other year groups being scored over five terms, starting in the Fourth Form and the Lower Sixth. This means that next term, we will see the first full cycle for the current Fifth Form and Upper Sixth.

Who are we seeing out on top?

As scores are awarded for participation and engagement, rather than levels of expertise and focus in one area, the top scorers are really showcasing the breadth of experience and opportunity on offer at Stowe.

'In the Community' our top scorers were involved in initiatives from Dementia Friend training to acting as Climate Change Ambassadors. Involvement in the Arts featured strongly and ranged from performing on stage in the production of Oliver and supporting the backstage and production teams, to offering solo performances in the Music School as well as performing for Orchestras and other Ensembles both at Stowe and beyond.

Alongside representing the School and captaining teams in all manner of sports at a wide range of levels, the best Personal Reports also highlighted leadership roles within the CCF, participating in DoFE expeditions, writing and taking

photographs for the Stowe Journalism project and leading Robotics teams, as well as a host of other activities.

It is particularly interesting to see the range of experience Stoics are gaining when they are not at School. Alongside the more traditional LAMDA and Music Exams, qualifications gained ranged from Food Hygiene certificates to PADI Open Water Diving Courses, with Stoics also learning the trade of bar tending, helping to build houses, as well as taking advantage of all manner of work experience opportunities. In fact, the list of opportunities that Stoics are taking advantage of seems to be only limited by their imagination and ambition!

The current top scoring boy and girl in each year group are:

Upper Sixth - Jessica Foxwell (Lyttelton) and Sebastian Foxwell (Walpole)

Lower Sixth - Leia West (West) and Max James (Cobham)

Fifth Form - Grace Barnett (Cheshire) and Ned Goodrich (Chandos)

Fourth Form - Josephine Parker (Cheshire) and Gilbert Xu (Chandos)

Third Form - Grace Nasmyth (Queen's) and William Heaven (Chatham)

What are the rewards?

It is clear that the true reward is finishing time at Stowe with a personal profile that demonstrates a true breadth of experience, however there are more tangible rewards for such admirable participation and engagement in School life. Last term we saw the first of our Stowe Award Celebration Dinners, where we invited the top 15 achievers from the Fourth, Fifth and Upper Sixth Forms to a meal in the Music Room. This was a great opportunity to come together and celebrate the wide range of achievements across multiple year groups.

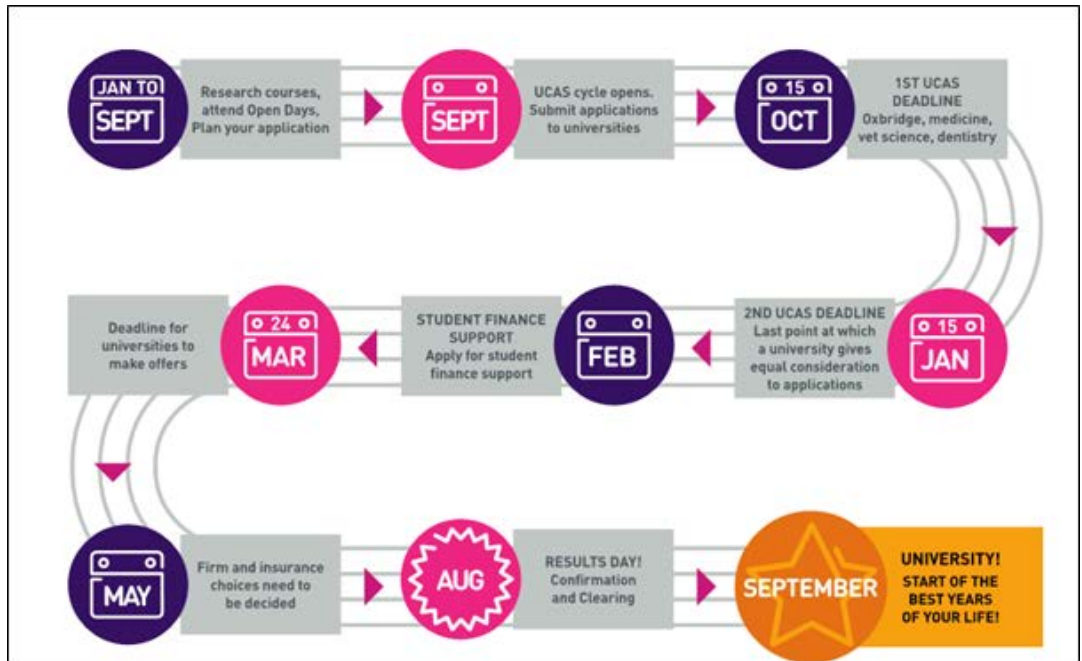
In the Summer Term we will be hosting a BBQ event to which we will be inviting Stoics who stand out in specific areas of School life.

As we are coming to the end of the first full cycle for the current Fifth and Upper Sixth Formers, we are looking forward to formally awarding ties and pins later in the Summer Term.

Gwilym Jones, Co-Curricular Coordinator

CAREERS

Michaelmas and beyond



Michaelmas was a busy term for Careers at Stowe and the Lent Term offers yet more opportunities for Stoics to engage with industry professionals, universities and Old Stoics from a variety of sectors around the world. The aim of the Careers Talks is to introduce degrees and career pathways helping Stoics better understand what they could do to help them differentiate their academic and professional profiles. During the Michaelmas Term, the Careers Department conducted over 300 individual one-to-one meetings to discuss A Level options, work experience placements and higher education pathways.

University Talks

Our guest speaker programme has been as busy as ever, introducing Stoics to various aspects of the diverse world of higher education. The impressive guest speakers included: Nuova Accademia delle Belle Arti, Oxford Brooks University, IE University Madrid, Edinburgh University and Loughborough University who presented to pupils regarding application processes, university life, and answered curriculum-specific questions.

Industry Talks

Simon Cuerden from Deloitte, provided an overview of his own experience and the opportunities available from a career in professional services and shared exciting stories about the world of forensic accountancy. Zoe Souter, Condé Nast, introduced the breadth of roles in fashion design, fashion retail or fashion media as well as the Business Communications Degree that Condé Nast is offering in London.



US Colleges

Mark Blaweiss, A-List Education, and David Hawkins, University Guys, shared their expertise about US university applications and scholarship programmes.

Stowe's in-house SAT/ACT training with our Harvard Fellow, Mr Chitre, and Mrs Matthews from the Maths Department, is extremely popular with Stoics considering applying to the US. Mr Chitre also offers insight into life at Harvard and advice on competitive US application the essay writing.

Using Unifrog

The Careers Team guided the Third and Fifth Form pupils through the universities and careers options found in the Unifrog platform. With this one-stop shop, pupils can easily explore their interests and then find and successfully apply for their next best step after School. Unifrog will help pupils explore their key interests and what career paths they can take to reach their goals.

The Fifth Form pupils also met with a member of the Careers Department to discuss A Level subject choices in context with how this may impact higher education and career choices.

To access recordings of most of the Michaelmas Term careers talks, please visit [STOWE SCHOOL CAREERS](#).



Apprenticeships



Further Education



University



+ Lots more!



Stowe CCF Cadets delighted with purchase of our new Laser Tag Assault Rifles.

Back in June 2021, CCF Cadets were excited to be given the opportunity carry out a CCF field trial of Russian Laser Tag equipment in Stowe's perfect, almost built for the (laser) purpose woods around the Bourbon.

Whilst Cadets ran around wildly engaging in Laser Team Death Matches and Capture the Flag missions, with a slightly more critical eye, Staff assessed the laser potential field craft training value, the sturdiness (Cadet breakability) of the equipment, the user friendliness and scope of the associated technology, with a view to a possible purchase from Cadet subscriptions.

Following Covid and lack of F2F training, we were looking to make a large capital purchase expense that would benefit all of our CCF Cadets, from Army, Royal Navy and Royal Air Force Sections, in terms of adding fieldcraft training value, but also as a fun, energetic, outdoors tactical team activity. Having considered paint-ball guns initially, Cadets were clear that the lasers were what they wanted, and happy with the equipment meeting our criteria, the decision was made.

Stowe CCF Monday afternoon weekly activity periods are 1.5 hours, making Army Section effective blank firing with the Cadet general purpose SA80 rifle (and rifle cleaning), challenging in that limited time frame, and therefore confined to field weekends. Lasers, conversely, are flexible, quick, effective and easy for all to use.

We have now integrated our new laser equipment - 18 x AR15 assault rifles, 2 x AK15 Warrior 'enemy' rifles and 1 x AWP Special Forces Elite sniper rifle into our Army Section Junior and Senior company training programmes. It is used to teach and develop fieldcraft skills, from pairs fire and manoeuvre, up to section attacks, TIBUA, Ambushes, Stalks, CASEVAC, (Casualty Evacuation) all to great effect, in terms of personal drills (bounds, protection, ammo conservation) which can be carefully monitored and adjusted, using customisable game statistics and adjusting parameters.

Using the associated technical equipment, it is possible to develop complex scenarios and challenges, to suit Army, RAF and RN Cadets, examining casualty states with accuracy, limiting/enabling ammo as required and identifying the best individual Cadet drills.

The Cadets thoroughly enjoy using our new laser equipment. The CCF staff, led by Captain Andrew Arnold are learning how to use the laser technology to best and creative advantage, allowing Stowe CCF to offer challenging fieldcraft training, at various levels; and the additional element of using it as a teamwork, tactical tool ensures the RN and RAF Section Cadets benefit from and enjoy using the lasers too.

Lt Colonel Jan de Gale, Contingent Commander

Cadet Cpl Rafe Gordon (Lower Sixth, Winton) has written an account of one of the recent Army Section activities, making use of Lasers during a Casualty Evacuation training session:

Last on the weekly rotation, 4 Platoon of Fourth Form Army had the opportunity to practice casualty evacuation drills using Stowe's new laser rifles. This is the second chance that they have had to use these laser rifles, which provide a perfect opportunity to rehearse patrol formations in preparation for blank firing exercises in the future.

We started the session with a brief overview of basic first aid involving DRABC and applying a tourniquet. This was a bit of revision for the Cadets to see how much they could remember from our last First Aid session. Luckily, it seems that we are in relatively safe hands as they were able to remember all the basics after just a quick recap. They then got the opportunity to practice how to carry a casualty with a stretcher, testing their strength with a number of them lifting.

Next it was time for the main event, our casualty evacuation scenario. After a briefing from Capt Arnold, Lt Smith and Cdt Sgt Maj Harry Bryant (Upper Sixth, Cobham) we set off under the command of Cdt Sgt Madeleine Long (Upper Sixth, West). From our base location we had to reach a reported civilian casualty in wooded area nearby where our team of Medics would give him primary first aid.

After stabilising our casualty, he was to be taken to a helicopter RV point where a MEDEVAC team would take him for

further treatment. We knew our route to the RV point took us through hostile territory so on the orders of Cdt Sgt Long we set up a section of close protection under the command of Cdt Cpl Clara Capella (Lower Sixth, Stanhope) and a section to control an outer cordon, commanded by myself. This allowed us to ensure that our casualty could be kept safe. On our way through the valley, we were ambushed by a small group of enemy with the AK15 rifles, which our outer cordon engaged with.

Upon sighting further enemy towards the RV point Cdt Sgt Long made the tactical decision to return to our base location and secondary RV point via known safe passage. Escorted by the close protection team, the casualty was taken to the secondary RV whilst the outer cordon continued to engage with the enemy in order to prevent our secondary RV from being compromised.

By using the laser weapons, it allowed the Cadets to learn and make mistakes in a safe environment which prepares them for future blank firing drills. On the whole, 4 Platoon were mostly successful in the casualty evacuation, however they were able to understand the need to listen to those in command as well as the need to spread much further apart to make it harder for the enemy to gun them all down in a single burst. So, although if it were a real evacuation there may have been a number of extra casualties, everyone learnt vital lessons that they can take forward to future exercises.

Cdt Cpl Rafe Gordon



CAREERS PRESENTATIONS

Law and Legal Professions with Tiffany Georgallides



The Law and Legal Professions presentation with Tiffany Georgallides (Stanhope 10) was a very interesting insight into what being a lawyer and working in the legal profession is really like.

It explained in detail about what the different routes into law were and that there are more routes to becoming a lawyer than going to university and studying Law, for example, Solicitor Apprenticeships. The Solicitor Degree Apprenticeship offers the opportunity to be employed at a firm working on real cases while simultaneously studying for degree and earning a wage. You can also choose to study a university degree other than law and opt to take a law conversion course, to become a barrister or solicitor, afterwards.

The difference between a barrister and a solicitor was also explained, a solicitor deals with more of the legal work in reviewing and drafting legal clauses and contracts, whereas barristers tend to represent and advocate for clients in court.

The talk also took us through two separate case studies: one focusing on civil law and the other focusing on criminal. It required us to consider all angles of a case and clause that needs to be taken into consideration when presenting a case as well as considering what a cross-examination might pick up and ensuring that there were no loopholes within the case and clause we were proposing.

The presentation finished on a Q&A session led by myself and Adaora Okoye (Lower Sixth, West) where we found out the day-to-day life as a lawyer and discussed the reality of whether there is ever a clash for a lawyer between moral and professional judgement.

Tiffany answered that this is rarely an issue especially more in civil law in comparison to criminal or family law. Tiffany's top tip is not to rush into a degree instead choose what you really enjoy to study.

Tabitha Ash (Lower Sixth, West)

Immersive Work Experience Programme: Investment Banker



About two months ago I decided to participate in the Investment Banker programme which was a two-day course in central London held at UCL University.

I highly recommend pupils at Stowe to take part and follow their dream career through work experience. I have always wanted to learn how to become an Investment Banker but I never knew where to start, and thanks to the course, I have now learned how to work as a team, build confidence, improve my public speaking skills, communicate, make future life connections and take on challenges.

I also found the course very useful as it clearly taught me different roles in the Banking industry. Throughout my two-day course, I took part in several activities. On the first day, I learned about the Trading Floor, Trading Analysis, building my Portfolio, Understanding Hedge Funds, and key definitions which helped me later on.

One of my favourite activities was a real-life simulation which 150 people took part in. I decided to step up and become the leader of a section, managing 50+ people. Whilst I was slightly nervous, I successfully carried out the task, managing the team and ending up winning the simulation with a total of 168% return rate. As a leader, I divided my section into three groups and used communication and team building, which helped me win the real-life simulation. From then on, I built my confidence and took on any sort of challenge with a great mindset.

Later in the afternoon, there was a very important activity that involved public speaking skills. The activity

was to "sell me this pen". Bearing in mind there were 150 students in an auditorium, I took the risk and decided to be the first person in the room to raise a hand and act. As I stood up in front of all the people, I was very nervous but then ended up being very successful. After two minutes of speaking, I sat down, and everyone started cheering me. Although I was extremely nervous, I stood up and gave it everything. I encourage pupils at Stowe to act and follow their dreams whether it is scary or not, there is nothing to lose at the end of the day, so why not?

In addition, we were lucky enough to meet professional highly ranked bankers to answer our questions and give us valuable advice/guidance. There were several experts including Michael Truckle (Trader and Junior Director, Talomon Capital). Moreover, I was able to meet other students and employers thanks to the Investment Banking Program. I believe this is very useful for future life connections. From there, I then followed them on LinkedIn and created a connection.

After completing the two days, I had to take a short exam and happily received a certificate of completion. This certificate is very important as moving through our school life, we need to think of what to add to our CV or personal statement.

Overall, I found this work experience incredibly useful, and I would highly recommend pupils to do what I did. Stowe offers us many things, and thanks to them, I was able to take part in the program.

Link to [InvestIN](#).

Daniel Flames (Fifth Form, Cobham)

ROWING



After such a long wait, finally, we are back!

On Saturday 5 February at Hampton, on the River Thames, the School and Junior Rowing community were back together again, racing at a first-class event. With its backdrop of Hampton Court Palace, fleet of quirky houseboats, and home to Molesey Boat Club and Olympians, this reach of the Thames is steeped in rowing legend. The Hampton Heads have always been huge, drawing large numbers of crews with the highest standard of rowing.

The event attracted over 500 boats and about 3,000 Junior rowers. It was a wonderful event for us to be part of. The Stowe boys' 1st VIII, who raced at Henley Royal Regatta in 2018, was back in action again. Just as welcome was the return of the Stowe girls' 1st IV, which last won at Birmingham Regatta in 2015.

In the event for School 1st VIII's, Stowe was represented by Hugo Comerford (Lower Sixth, Chatham), Max James (Lower Sixth, Cobham), Thanassi Ghertsos (Upper Sixth, Chandos), Ed Whitbread (Lower Sixth, Cobham), Charlie Cole (Lower Sixth, Walpole), Will Crabb (Fifth Form, Winton), Rafe Gordon (Lower Sixth, Winton), Josh Green (Upper Sixth, Chandos), with Harrison Newman (Third Form, Winton) coxing. The crew made a determined start and kept this going throughout the 3,000m course, but in the sprint for the finish, were being caught by a fast-closing Cheltenham College crew. As the two crews were funnelled into the narrow channel beside Platt's Eyot Island, the 1st VIII caught a blade, and had to stop and restart, costing themselves about 15 seconds. Their overall time was 1 second behind Oratory School, whom they would otherwise have beaten.

The girls' quadruple sculls Harriet Hines (Upper Sixth, Cheshire) and Amelia Hine (Lower Sixth, Cheshire) were joined by Anya Rimmer and Jasmijn Durkin from Tideway Scullers. This was a big step-up for all of them. Amelia had the responsibility for rowing stroke and setting the pace for the crew. Harriet, who

had never steered a coxless quad, let alone in a major race, had the even bigger responsibility of steering a challenging course, with boats queuing up for the start on one bank, over-hanging trees and moored boats on the other, and the minor complication of two fast-charging eights closing hard on them from the stern. Anya and Jasmijn are only Third Formers, in a Sixth Form event, so it was daunting for them too. They all rose to the occasion and rowed a faultless race.

Earlier in the day, Stowe was represented in double sculls by Josh Green & Finn Tyson (Upper Sixth, Winton), Will Crabb & Amelia Hine, Harriet Hines & Sienna Bettany (Lower Sixth, Stanhope), David Gollifer (Lower Sixth, Grenville) & Will Pigott (Lower Sixth, Cobham).

For David and Will, it was a first race in double sculls, which they managed well. Harriet & Sienna were building on their race together at Henley Sculls last term. Will Crabb made sure that Amelia's first ever race was a positive experience. Rowing in the Open Junior-16 event, they beat a boy's crew from Staines Boat Club. Josh and Finn beat crews from American School in London, Whitgift School, Team Keane and Kew House School.

Special congratulations to Amelia, who only started rowing in January, when the lake was frozen, and to Harrison who also started this term and is doing such a critical job, coxing the 1st VIII. They both played big parts in making the day a success.

All the schools at the event are aiming for the Schools' Head at Putney on Monday 14 March, where we again hope to be racing.

Many thanks to the several Stowe families and friends who supported the team at Hampton. We do hope you enjoyed your day.

Andrew Rudkin, Rowing Coach



Netball

Having both won the North Bucks Tournament, the U16s and 1st team qualified for the South of England Regional Championships on Saturday 29 January.

The standard was extremely high and well done to all the players who left Stowe at 6.30am in the morning and played six matches throughout the day.

The U16s came third in their group out of seven schools, just missing out on reaching the knockout stages, well done to Captain Phoebe Haynes (Fifth

Form, Cheshire) and her team.

The Seniors fought hard and showed good resilience against some well-known netball specialist schools, they were well led by Ele Blane (Upper Sixth, Queen's).

Huge Congratulations to Izzy Kay (Fifth Form, Cheshire). Having attended the U17 Roses Camp, at Exeat, she has now been selected to represent England U17 team in the European Netball Competition, 23-27 February in Newcastle.

Simeone Compton, Head of Netball

Hockey

It has been an extremely busy start to the season for the boys' Hockey teams.

A winning block against St Edwards on Thursday 27 January showed all teams are making good progress, although Uppingham did manage to get the better of the results on Saturday 29 January in many tight matches.

Special mention goes to the U16 boys' teams who won all their matches at As and Bs levels in these fixtures.

Ben Scott, Head of Hockey

Squash

Comfortable wins for Eitan O'Grady (Fourth Form, Temple) and Atticus Cobb (Lower Sixth, Chandos) and a very good 3-1 win for Michael Spencer (Lower Sixth, Temple) meant the 1st V just overcame Oundle 3-2 on Saturday 29 January.

Well done to the 2nd V on their match, also against Oundle.

Football

Two Senior teams took on Radley before Exeat on Thursday 20 January and notched seven goals between them, with Captain Alex Goulet's (Upper Sixth, Grafton) first team winning 4-0 and the second team winning 3-2.

GOLF

Miki Khursheed, Golf Scholar

Golf Scholar Miki Khursheed (Fourth Form, Bruce) has continued to make good steady progress with his overall golf development.

Following several impressive tournament results, including winning The Ealing U16 Open Championship, Pinner Hill Open Championship, and finishing runner-up in the Sudbury U19 Open Championship, Miki has reduced his handicap from 8.9 (June 2021) to 4.2 (current) and has now been selected as part of the Middlesex County U18 Golf squad, making him one of the youngest members of the squad.

Miki has continued to work hard on a range of technical improvements under the watchful eye of Stowe's PGA Professional and Golf Swing Expert, Andrew Hancox.

Miki certainly has an exciting 2022 Golf season ahead of him as he strives to continue with his performance levels and compete in a range of nationally recognised tournaments.

ISGA Regional Finals

On Thursday 3 February, Stowe A Golf team competed against a strong St Albans team in the Regional Final of the ISGA National Schools' Golf Championship.

The format for the qualifying stages of this event is scratch singles match play with the top three golfers being selected to represent each school. Stowe A was represented on this occasion by Edward Davis (Lower Sixth, Bruce), Chanel Fontaine-Geary (Lower Sixth, Queen's) and Miles Dickinson (Fifth Form, Grenville).

Stowe recorded a fine victory against St Albans with Edward Davis winning his match 3&1, Chanel Fontaine-Geary winning her match 3&2 and Miles Dickinson winning 1Up.

Stowe A will now progress to the National Grand Final of this prestigious event later in the year.

Andrew Hancox, Head of Golf



Badminton

The Badminton 1st team continue their great form and progress with a fine 6-3 win against Uppingham on Saturday 29 January and a resounding 8-1 win against Radley on Saturday 5 February. Ben Li (Upper Sixth, Cobham) and Josha Mital (Lower Sixth, Winton) won all their matches on both occasions. Arin Chatsuwana (Fifth Form, Grenville) and George Owen-Thursfield (Lower Sixth, Temple) won all their matches against Radley.

The Badminton 2nd team lost a very tight match 3-6 against Uppingham but were able to reverse that score-line with a fine 6-3 win against Radley. Excellent badminton from Thomas Bicknell (Fourth Form, Winton), Harry Langford (Fourth Form, Chandos) and Harvey Tian (Lower Sixth, Walpole) saw them go unbeaten as they shared the 2nd pairing against Radley.

Isaac Michael, Head of Badminton

Service@Stowe



Intra-School FIFA Competition

This Half Term has been busy with fundraising events, raising money for the National Trust to support the Stowe Conservation Project.

The money raised will go towards the design and construction of a treehouse in the National Trust grounds of Stowe, which aims to encourage younger generations to come and visit the grounds and to get involved in and learn about the conservation of the environment. Furthermore, this funding will go towards additional nature-themed adventure play items and an educational Augmented Reality nature trail around the Stowe grounds.

On Sunday 30 January, Upper Sixth Stoics Sam Ellis (Chandos), Cam Baker (Grafton), Seb Foxwell (Walpole) and Joe Pullin (Walpole) hosted the first ever Intra-School FIFA knockout tournament, where 80 Stoics competed against each other to be crowned the champion.

Milan Choudree (Lower Sixth, Cobham) beat Barney Cunningham (Upper Sixth, Grafton) in a close, tense final game to take the title.

We also organised a Krispy Kreme doughnut sale for the Stoics.

We are delighted to raise £940 across the two events.

**Sam Ellis (Upper Sixth, Chandos)
& Shelley Rowley, Geography Teacher**



Allotments



Service@Stowe has diversified, bringing new and exciting opportunities to our pupils.

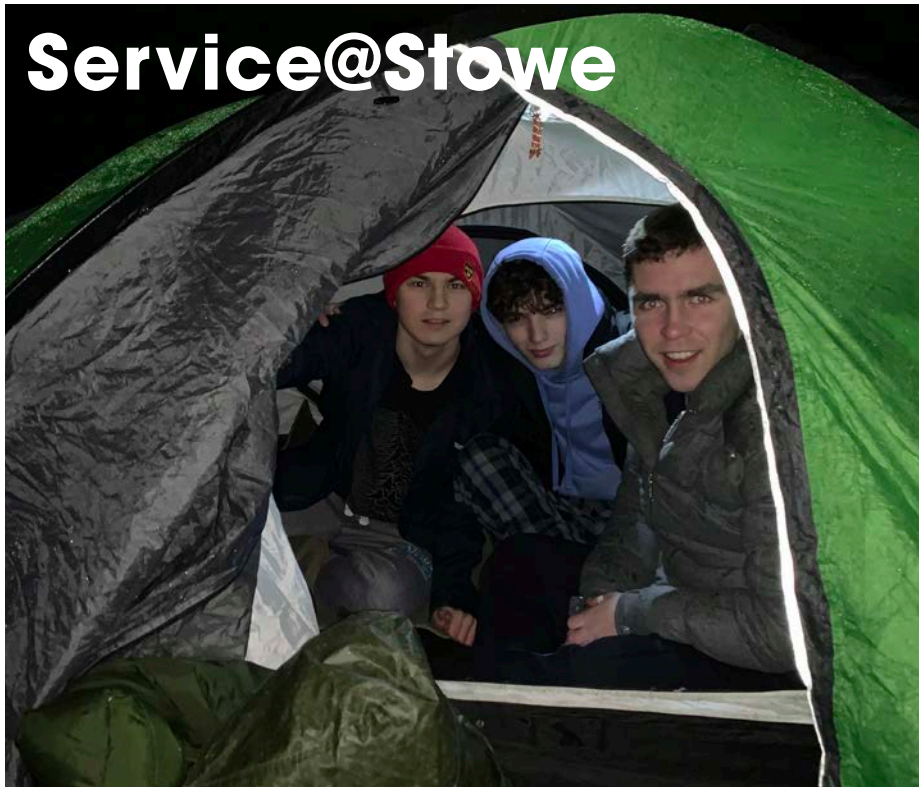
We have broken ground on our first bed in the allotments, which are situated at Home Farm, and we hope this will give the pupils an opportunity to nurture and care for the allotments as well as the ability to develop skills in horticulture and horticultural design.

This is a new project which the pupils have started with gusto and great ambitions.

We would like to ask if you have any seed, plants or gardening equipment that is looking for a new home please do get in touch with **Mrs Reinhold** - any donations will be very gratefully received to get us up and running.

Jess Reinhold, Service@Stowe





What is the Winter Night Shelter MK?

The Night Shelter was first formed as a response to the severe 2010 Winter when the emergency accommodation, long-term housing and youth hostels around Milton Keynes all became full. It is now a year-round charity helping many different people at their point of crisis; this includes the homeless, vulnerable and those with mental health struggles in the Milton Keynes area.

They do this by providing a broad range of facilities, such as temporary emergency accommodation, a dedicated welfare team providing year-round support and pathways to employment.

The night shelter has partnered with various local facilities including the Unity Park Station, providing a year-round base for the welfare team. Essential support services have since been provided to the homeless and vulnerable, assisting in breaking the cycle of poverty such as obtaining IDs, bank accounts and addiction support.

The Milton Keynes winter night shelter is a core component of the local community, helping their guests settle into a routine and begin rebuilding their lives.

Winter Night Shelter

On Saturday 5 February some of our Sixth Form pupils participated in a camp-out to raise money for the Winter Night Shelter.

Stoics faced the inclement weather sleeping overnight in basic tents with only sleeping bags and tent-rolls to keep them from the elements. As well as raising money, this was designed to give them an insight into the realities of sleeping rough in the UK.

Donations are still rolling in to our JustGiving page and if you would still like to contribute to this very worthy cause then the [link](#) is still open over Half Term.

We would like to thank everyone who took part and everyone who worked so hard to organise and supervise the event. A special thank you goes to Mr Giles Cuddy for helping to supervise overnight in the wind and rain!

The Stoics who took part were: **Upper Sixth** Eliza Wilson (Stanhope), Grace Hurrell (Cheshire), Jet West (Stanhope), Benjamin Li (Cobham). **Lower Sixth** Max James (Cobham), Sofia Tangsrud (Stanhope), Nikita Nedoshovenko (Walpole), Ronan O'Reilly (Grenville), Rafe Gordon (Winton), Elizabeth Knott (Cheshire), David Gollifer (Grenville), Lily Jackson (Cheshire), Will Eastwood (Winton).

Thank you and well done to you all!

Fran Shah, Service@Stowe

Our experience

On Saturday 5 February, some members of the Stowe community took part in a winter camp-out to raise money for the Winter Night Shelter in Milton Keynes. We came together as a group and collected our sleeping bags and tents, walking up to the Bourbon in the pitch black and rain. Once we arrived, we pitched our tents in advance of the cold of the night.

Overall, the experience was something that we would never wish upon anyone and so it has been eye-opening, giving an insight into the situation of what the homeless actually have to experience. Yet even so, what we did was not comparable to what a lot of people have to go through.

We hope that we can continue to support this charity and perhaps in the future we can do another event like this.

Jet West and Eliza Wilson (both Upper Sixth, Stanhope)

"It was an insightful experience but one night cannot compare to the endless nights that homeless people have to suffer."



FLIX NEWS



'AMY'

The **Amy** Exhibition at London's Design Museum in Holland Park was a tribute to the singer Amy Winehouse, who died tragically at the age of 27.

The exhibition curators had gathered together an impressive array of song lyrics, costumes and photographs of the star and this was handsomely mounted alongside footage of the singer in action – reminding us of not only that amazing voice but also her charisma as a performer.

From her early days in The Brit School and Sylvia Young through to her iconic recordings (Frank and Back to Black) the exhibition told her tale in a fascinating way - making clear links between Amy and her inspirations - Jazz, The Supremes, 60s girl bands and Billie Holliday, for example. It avoided too much focus on her downfall and visitors left the exhibition (after a beautifully staged and animated

final performance which was screened just before the Exit) with a sense of her skill as a singer rather than her woes as an addict and early victim of so-called celebrity culture.

Nearly 50 of our Film Studies Sixth Form pupils visited the exhibition on Wednesday 2 February with their teachers because it tied in with the study of Amy, Asif Kapadia's 2015 documentary, a powerful and moving digital investigation of the life and times of the singer, which is an A Level Film Studies set text.

Like the exhibition, the documentary is also in its own way, a critique of the negative impact of digital technology upon our lives in the modern world.

All our pupils left the Design Museum with a much better understanding of the artist and how popular music has changed in the 21st Century. Arguably, for the worse...

FLIX and Stowe's Pride Society team up for an Evening of Celine Sciamma and Pizza

After a few technical issues, it was great to see the School's Pride Society get together early this month to watch and enjoy French film-maker Celine Sciamma's brilliant debut film 'Water Lilies' (2007).

The evening, organised by Sixth Former Lauren Hawkins (Lyttelton), was a chance for the pupils to look at how same sex relationships have been presented on screen (also the subject of Sciamma's brilliant 'Portrait of a Lady on Fire', which we included last term as part of the FLIX Diversity film season).

The film focuses on the lives of two teenage girls (it was a debut for Adele Haenel who went on to star in Sciamma's 'Portrait') who begin a friendship at their local synchronised swimming club but unsurprisingly find this thwarted by boys, awkwardness about their bodies and hetero-normative behavior.

It is a funny, tender and beautifully made movie whose central metaphor of girls looking "pretty" on the surface whilst frantically paddling away beneath it in order to stay afloat, is a great way to portray the joys and woes of the female coming of age experience.

The film tied in with the FLIX current season entitled 'The Coming of Age' which has so far included the powerful Australian true story 'Rabbit Proof Fence' and Timothee Chalamet's drug-addiction drama 'Beautiful Boy'.

100

TS Eliot's 'The Waste Land' at 100

Regular readers will be interested to hear that the recording of TS Eliot's 'The Waste Land', featuring Teachers and pupils from Stowe, to celebrate its 100th birthday, have been taking place throughout the last few weeks and it will be ready for its debut after Easter on Thursday 27 April at 4pm and 7pm. Tickets will be available soon.

The recording, which features, amongst others, the voices of Dr Wallersteiner, Mr Paul Floyd, Ms Rebecca Clark and Mrs Sophie Rickner, aims to help pupils understand one of the 20th Centuries most challenging poems and bring it to life for new readers.

It has been devised by Ms Eisenhut and myself, produced by Ben Weston in the School's recording studios, and promises to be a stunning new interpretation of Eliot's verse.

We are delighted that Rev'd Tim Mullins has been added to the cast and look forward to sharing the finished product with audiences in April (the "cruellest month").

Andrew Webber,
Film Studies Department

and...ACTION!

In the last edition of Stowemail, we invited Parents, friends of the School, Old Stoics and Staff to loan film and media related items to our **and... ACTION!** exhibition, which will be taking place in March 2023 as part of the School's 100-year celebration festivities. The aim is to display anything from autographs and posters, to press cuttings and costumes and props.

The exhibition will be in the Watson Gallery and will tie-in with a planned short series of film screenings and a film conference for Sixth Formers.

So far we have had several offers from readers – many thanks, but we are keen to hear from more of you.

If you have anything you would like to put on display, please contact **Anna Semler** of the Old Stoics' Society who is compiling a list of possible contributors.

and...ACTION already looks set to be a highlight of my year, help make it one of yours by getting involved.

Coming Soon:

Wes Anderson's
'Moonrise Kingdom'
and John Hughes'
'Ferris Bueller's Day Off'.

FLIX meet on Mondays at
3.15pm in V002.

New members are always
welcome.

Burns Night



On Friday 28 January, Stowe's Caledonian Society celebrated Burns Night in style, with the 'Ode to the Haggis', a Piper and a traditional Burns supper of Haggis, Neeps and Tatties.

Pupils had been attending reels practices to learn the dances and polish their skills for the dancefloor. We were lucky to have a live band for the evening which saw some excellent dancing and swishing of kilts and skirts alike.

The Caledonian Committee did a fantastic job in organising the event which was a great success with the support from many members of the Common Room.

The Caledonian Society



Harry Potter Book Night



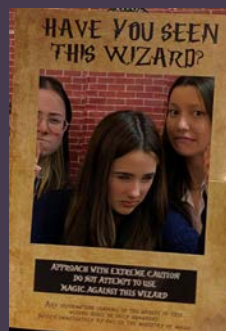
Harry Potter Book Night was held on Thursday 3 February in the Library. Pupils from all years were invited to join in celebrating the 25th Anniversary of publication of 'Harry Potter and The Philosopher's Stone.'

During the evening, Stoics had their wizard photographs taken and were then sorted into Hogwarts Houses. A quiz was undertaken, with five rounds, to see which House had the most Potter knowledge.

It was tightly contested but the Winning House was Ravenclaw. Joint Second was Gryffindor and Hufflepuff, and Fourth was Slytherin.

Thank you to all the Stoics who took part, and we are already looking forward to celebrating again next year!

Lucinda Stockley, Assistant Librarian



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