

Stowe mail

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NEWS ROUND UP FROM STOWE

Beauty and the Beast

A hugely talented cast of 31 Stoics put on an astonishing production of Beauty and the Beast from the 9-11 February in the Roxburgh Theatre. Supported by a 22 piece orchestra, containing no fewer than 16 Stoics, the cast drew rapturous applause every night and effusive praise from both staff and pupils. The hugely ambitious production was a big hit and showed off the very best that Stowe has to offer in Music and Drama. Many thanks to Keith Baker, our Technical Director, our fantastic Assistant Musical Director Lewis Bell (Lower Sixth, Grenville), members of the Music Department, the backstage team and all who helped with the production.

Lucy Brassell, Director, and Alex Aitken, Producer and Musical Director





Lt Col Henry Worsley

It is with a heavy heart that we announce the death of OS Explorer Lt Col Henry Worsley (Grafton 78), who died during a solo attempt to cross Antarctica. Henry was the only person to have completed two classic routes of Shackleton, Scott and Amundsen, and he headed back to Antarctica in November 2015 to attempt the first solo, unsupported and unassisted crossing of the Antarctic landmass. Henry aimed to raise £100,000 for the Endeavour Fund, and to commemorate the centenary of Sir Ernest Shackleton's ill-fated Endurance expedition by tracing Shackleton's intended route from Berkner Island to the Ross Ice Shelf via the South Pole and the first ever solo descent of the Shackleton Glacier. Sadly, his wife, Joanna, announced the news that Henry had suffered complete organ failure as a result of exhaustion and dehydration and died on 24 January. Henry was just 55 years old and a former Army officer. He was 71 days into his effort to become the first person to cross the Antarctic unaided. He died despite all efforts of staff at the Clinica Magallanes in Punta Arenas, Chile.

Anna Semler, Old Stoic Society Director



SWIMMING

The Inter-House competition took place on Sunday 31 January. Bruce won the Junior and Senior competitions and Chatham won the Intermediate competition. In the girls' competitions Nugent won the Junior and Intermediate competition, and Queen's won the Senior.

Stewart Cowie, MiC Swimming

Oxfordshire and North Buckinghamshire County Championships

On the weekend of 7 February, Ollie Muhoho (Sixth Form, Bruce), swam the 50m freestyle in 26.71, a new personal best, and was placed 29th. Will Perry (Fourth Form, Cobham) swam a new personal best in the 50m freestyle in 37.79 and was placed 2nd. He also swam the 200m freestyle in 3.05.98 and again was placed 2nd; this was 15 seconds faster than his previous personal best. On the Sunday Lucas Davis (Third Form, Bruce) swam a personal best in the 50m breaststroke in a time of 38.18 and made the final coming in 8th place. He also swam the 200m breaststroke in 3.04.32 and came 10th. Zoë Pollock (Fourth Form, Nugent) and Kira Evans (Fifth Form, Nugent) both swam the 50m backstroke, but neither made the final coming 10th and 29th respectively.

It was a challenging event as you are racing against national level swimmers so the standard is very high. It was great to have Stowe represented at this level.

Hester Pollock, Swimming Coach



Outstanding Newcomer Award

Chris McGhee, a teacher at Stowe for three years, has been awarded the prestigious Design and Technology Association's annual prize of 'Outstanding Newcomer to Design and Technology Teaching'.

He was nominated by his mentor Costas Peratopoullos, who wrote a supporting application outlining in detail Chris's great qualities. Chris joined Stowe as a graduate and went on to complete his PGCE and newly qualified status here at Stowe before moving on in September 2015 to work at Guildford High School for Girls.

It was while working in the Design Department at Stowe that Chris was mentored and guided through the wide breadth of knowledge and skills that are required to be a good teacher of Design and Technology. He was an excellent student and took on board everything that was suggested and reflected on his teaching practice which helped him improve rapidly.

Congratulations to Chris and the Design Department. The award ceremony will be held on Friday 11 March and will be presented by Mark Miodownik (Professor of Materials Science at UCL and BBC presenter) at the Institution of Engineering Technology.



ROWING

James Pocklington (Fifth Form, Grenville) was part of a J18 quad that raced at Northampton Head. They were very impressive and won by 10 seconds over their nearest rivals, posting a very quick time overall. This quad is looking very likely to be the squad selected to attempt to qualify for Henley.



StoweBots

Last term the Senior team secured a place at the National Finals, but the Junior team narrowly lost the final in the next Regional and hadn't yet gained a place. Our final chance to get the Junior team into the National Finals was a Regional event to be hosted at Stowe on Thursday 4 February.

Just before the Regional we hosted a group of 25 pupils and teachers from a robotics club in Beijing. The group have been using Lego robots, but are keen to move into VEX robots and wanted to see a school working with them. The hope is to host competitions in the future between China and the UK in the build-up to the VEX National and International Finals. The group thoroughly enjoyed their visit with a tour of the House and grounds followed by a demonstration of our competition robots and a drive of some standard Clawbots borrowed from VEX UK.

With the Stowe Regional rapidly approaching the Junior team didn't manage to finish the build of an extra lift system (to score some bonus points for lifting your partner) for their robot and had to revert back to their core design as a reliable ball shooter.

Both teams went into the Regional with confidence and started the day well. The Junior team showed their consistency once again winning early qualifying games and were at one point ranked first. The Senior team had some accuracy issues, often over-shooting the goal. By the end of qualifying the Junior team ranked third behind two of the country's top teams. They picked the Senior team to partner them

going into the semi-finals. In a series of close matches the Stowe teams lost the semi-final to a partnership from Highgate and East Barnet School, both strong teams. What followed was one of the closest and highest scoring final matches seen so far in the UK. The eventual winners after a four game final was a partnership of Virus (an independent team and four time National Champions) and a second East Barnet team.

During the day the Junior team also managed to place second in the driving skills challenge in which a single robot scored as many points as it could in one minute. The end result was fantastic for Stowe with the Junior team still managing to secure a place at the National Finals as all the teams that beat them had already gained a place.

Now, with both teams having gained entry to the National Finals in March, the focus is on improvements. The Junior team will continue their efforts to finish a lift system as this can add up to 50 points to their scores. The Senior team is planning a major rebuild to re-gear their flywheel launcher with a focus on more consistent shooting and a lighter faster robot. Hopes are still alive for a place at the World Finals, but the competition is very strong this year with some excellent teams. The Regional we hosted proved we are not far off the country's top teams in performance and with a little work we will be competitive at Nationals to be held at the Big Bang Fair in Birmingham.

Paul Thompson, MiC Robots



EQUESTRIAN

The Equestrian Team had a very successful day at Milton Keynes Event Centre on a very wet and windy Sunday 7 February where several members of the team attended the Trailblazers show jumping qualifiers.

Lydia Taylor (Fourth Form, Stanhope) rode two excellent rounds on her young horse just having a few unlucky poles down. Bella White (Fourth Form, Nugent) unfortunately parted company with her horse as she took a disliking to a rather scary picket fence jump; both were unharmed and well humoured about the incident. Jaimie McIntosh (Fifth Form, Stanhope) rode a superb round in the 85cm class in a quick time leaving her in first place in a class of over 30 riders gaining her a qualification for the Trailblazers second round and a number of lovely comments from spectators who thoroughly enjoyed watching the pair. This started the flourish of rosettes with Anna Wilson (Lower Sixth, Queen's) being placed second and Chloe Livesey (Third Form, Stanhope) fifth in the 95cm class with lovely clear rounds also gaining them Trailblazers qualifications. Cecilia Mayne (Third Form, Nugent) also competed in the 95cm class having just one pole down. The final 1m class saw more success: despite an unlucky refusal, Anna Wilson won the class which saw no clear rounds and Cecilia Mayne was placed third. It was a very long and cold day but spirits were high and all riders and non-riding helpers demonstrated excellent team work and great support for each other's successes.

Krista Price, Equestrian Centre Manager

TENNIS

On Wednesday 27 January, the 1st team beat Bedford Girls' School 5-1 to reach the last 16 of the National Schools' Competition.

John Skinner, Head of Tennis

NETBALL

In the triangular tournament against Bloxham and Kimbolton on Wednesday 20 January, both the Senior 1st and Senior 2nd teams beat Bloxham. The 1st team won 20-12 and the 2nd team won 23-10.

In the Senior block fixtures against Bradfield on Tuesday 26 February, the Senior 3rd team won their match 15-13. On Saturday 30 January, the U16s lost narrowly to Portsmouth Grammar School and St Helen and St Katharine but beat Cowes 14-2 in the Regional Finals. This leaves our U16 netball team as the 12th best U16 team in the south region of England.

Lauren Ellis, Head of Netball

For weekly reports on all Stowe Sports visit our website www.stowesport.co.uk

Charity Jazz Concert

Stowe's Big Band has visited the Ullswater Valley and Glenridding twice in the last two years and has always enjoyed a very hospitable welcome. On the morning after last term's Dinner and Jazz, we learnt about the devastation caused by Storm Desmond, and decided to do something to help. Since that day they have been hit by more floods from subsequent storms, including one on Christmas Day. This is also an area of the country much loved and visited by the DoFE Department, who regularly take expeditions there. So, we put on a concert with a champagne reception to raise money for the Ullswater Environment Relief Fund.

The Big Band played a wide variety of styles ranging from the 20s to the 70s. There were great solos from Finlay Sutherland (Fifth Form, Grafton), William Motion (Upper Sixth, Chatham) and Lewis Bell (Lower Sixth, Grenville). Lewis also led the rhythm section with Alex McQuitty (Upper Sixth, Walpole) and Henry McQuitty (Fifth Form, Walpole) on bass and drums. He even gave us a vocal solo. There were also fantastic vocal solos from Anastasia Graffey-Smith (Lower Sixth, Queen's), Caspar Wallersteiner (Lower Sixth, Chatham), Mina Haas (Fifth Form, Stanhope), Emily Woodhead (Upper Sixth, Nugent), Arabella Coldsteam (Lower Sixth, Lyttelton), Lucy Sutherland (Fifth Form, Nugent) and Mali Aitchison (Fifth Form, Nugent). They were a real credit to all of our singing teachers, especially Rachel Sherry who even stepped in to sing Gershwin's 'The Man I Love'. Many thanks go to Sarah Searle who worked so hard to help everything go so smoothly and to everyone who contributed to the £1,600 raised.

Nigel Gibbon, Head of Brass, Wind and Percussion



The Volunteer

On Monday 1 February the Lower Sixth were treated to an extremely interesting talk by Old Harrovian Hugo Chittenden about his experiences volunteering to help refugees and impoverished people around the globe.

Hugo related how he had been struck by illness in his late twenties and had decided to do something more meaningful with his life. Since his epiphany he has helped build everything from medical centres and schools, to water dispensing centres in the areas of the world which desperately needed these facilities and were threatened by the consequences of their absence. He has turned many of his extraordinary experiences into documentaries, really bringing home both the awfulness of these people's crippling poverty and the enormous difference that these simple yet essential facilities have made.

One of the most shocking of the documentaries

was Hugo's experience in Haiti, a full five years after the disastrous earthquake which took so many lives, showing the country was still in chaos with illness sweeping the land and civil war on the horizon. The charitable work done by Hugo amongst others helped provide invaluable support to families that had been cheating death ever since the earthquake, giving them the aid they needed to rebuild their lives.

Hugo's main message for the assembled Stoics was that we too can be proactive and volunteer to help those in need, whether it is at home or abroad. He showed us a plethora of charities that we could contact to start planning for our gap years and showered us with ideas for the fundraising of said projects. Most of all he showed us how rewarding volunteering can be on both sides of the equation and thoroughly encouraged us to get going and start helping.

John Peatfield (Lower Sixth, Temple)

Pancake Race

Many thanks to all the Stoics and Staff who came out to support the Inter-House Pancake Race in freezing conditions not really conducive to sprinting or flipping. Congratulations go to the 2016 Champions, Queen's and Cobham.

Gavin Moffat, Race Coordinator



RUGBY

Seb Cecil (Chatham, 15) has made the Six Nations training squad (30 players) for Scotland U20s. Now studying at Nottingham University, he finds himself on the threshold of International honours a year young for the U20s.

The Yearlings rugby teams won three and drew one of the four matches played against QES Barnet on Wednesday 20 January. The A team won 39-0, the B team 41-5 and the C team 17-15. The D team match was drawn 5-5. On Wednesday 27 January, the Yearlings As won 32-17 against Chesham Grammar School.

There were some excellent results against Uppingham on Saturday 6 February for the Yearlings teams, winning three and drawing the other of the four matches played. The As drew, the Bs won 39-10, the Cs won 40-0 and the performance of the day came from the D team who won 51-0.

Alan Hughes, Head of Rugby



FOOTBALL

On Saturday 30 January our footballers hosted Kings Ely and recorded three wins and a draw from the four matches played. The 1st XI had a comfortable 5-0 win, the 2nd XI drew 2-2 and the pick of the performances came from the 3rd XI who put on a dazzling display to win 11-0. The U16As had a good 5-2 win against a strong King's Ely 3rd XI.

Andrew Jackson, MiC Football

BADMINTON

In the Junior Inter-House competition held on Sunday 7 February, the boys' doubles was won by Bruce. The winner of the boys' singles was Hector Smiley (Fourth Form, Bruce) and the runner up was Herbie Wyatt (Fourth Form, Cobham). The overall trophy was won by Bruce.

The girls' doubles was won by Stanhope. The winner of the girls' singles was Zizo Chuma (Fourth Form, Lyttelton) and the runner up was Kianti Subowo (Fourth Form, Queen's). The overall trophy was won by Lyttelton.

Hazel Browne, MiC Badminton



SKIING

Over the January Exeat, two teams of ski racers left Stowe to compete in the British Schoolgirls' and Schoolboys' Skiing Championships. The girls' team of Poppy Moore (Lower Sixth, Lyttelton), Cecilia Mayne (Third Form, Nugent) and Chloe Livesey (Third Form, Stanhope) travelled to Flaine in France to be the first girls' team to represent Stowe at these Championships. Following two days of intense gate and pole training, they competed in their first competition, the parallel slalom. This is where two teams of three race side by side against each other, down an identical slalom course. Stowe beat Millfield in a very competitive first race, but unfortunately got knocked out due to a missed gate in the second round.

In the giant slalom competition on the next day, Cecilia came 17th in the U14 race and Poppy 25th in the U18 race. In the slalom, Chloe sadly slid out on her second run after recording a top 30 time in her first run, Cecilia ended up 19th and Poppy 32nd. Overall in the combined results, the Stowe team finished 20th out of over 50 schools and Cecilia Mayne was the most successful Stowe skier, finishing 14th in her age group.

Catrin Evans, Trip Coordinator

The boys' team consisted of Captain Cami Hay (Lower Sixth, Grafton), Georges Tasker (Lower Sixth, Cobham), Ollie Walduck (Fifth Form, Bruce), Louis Hay (Third Form, Grafton), Charlie Horton (Fourth Form, Grafton), Harry Reed (Third Form, Walpole), Theo Crane-Robinson (Third Form, Walpole) and Tom Scott (Third Form, Chandos). They were competing in Wengen, Switzerland and were lucky enough to race and train on the world famous Lauberhorn Downhill World Cup course. A week earlier the world's best skiers had raced on the same slope and the boys were able to retrace the 4.5 kilometre course that the professionals complete in less than two and a half minutes, travelling at speeds of up to 100 miles per hour!

The parallel slalom competition took place under floodlights in the town and the Junior team progressed the furthest in their races, getting knocked out in the quarter finals to the eventual winners. In the giant slalom races, highlights included Louis' 7th place in the U14s second run and Cami's 14th for the combined times in the U18s.

In the slalom competition, Louis finished 5th in his age group and Georges recorded one of the 10 fastest times for the U18s. In the overall team competition, the Seniors just missed out on a podium place, whilst the Juniors gained some vital race experience. The highlight however, was Cami's bronze medal in the U18 unregistered combined competition, which put him in the top 15 Under 18 skiers in the whole competition.

Phil Arnold and Andrew Goodall, Trip Coordinators



Ollie Phillips

On Tuesday 26 January, Stowe had the pleasure of welcoming Mr Ollie Phillips, ex-England 7s Captain and Former World 7s Player of the Year in 2009. Mr Phillips gave both staff and Stoics an exciting talk on how even though rugby changed his world, languages had changed his life.

He spoke of the importance of learning new languages and immersing yourself in the culture as key to opening new thrilling and life changing opportunities in his fascinating life. Although he was asked to play rugby for Stade Français, it was his decision to learn to speak the language fluently and familiarise himself with the

culture that allowed him to pursue his goals and dreams, becoming circumnavigator of the globe and a Guinness World Record Holder, playing the most Northerly game of rugby in history.

Ollie is currently working for PricewaterhouseCoopers as Director of Digital Transformation but still finds time to set himself another challenge: learning Spanish whilst surfing the waves in Cadiz, Spain. His inspiring words definitely touched many young peoples' lives that evening, as Stoics became fully aware of how learning languages can be the key to a successful and fulfilling life.

Desiree Podesta, French Department



Careers Seminar

We welcomed Chester King (ex-Head of House for Chandos) and joint owner of IHG, IGM and Stoke Park, back to Stowe on Tuesday 9 February to give careers advice to current Stoics. He gave an inspiring talk in the Music Room to his audience, imploring them to get as much experience as they can to build up their CVs over the next few years. He told them to get

their hands dirty and to consider even the most menial jobs as valuable. Chester explained that he is a qualified bouncer having taken a course in doorman skills in his early years! He also values greatly the contacts he made himself as a Stoic and he urged the current pupils to make the most of their opportunities whilst at Stowe.

Mandy Dawson, Head of Careers

Musicians at Sunningdale School

On Friday 5 February, a group of Stoic musicians visited Sunningdale School where they performed for all the pupils and staff. I was immensely impressed by the high standard of playing demonstrated by the Stoics and the Sunningdalian were clearly inspired by the performances.

To start the concert, Poppy de Salis (Fourth Form, Stanhope) gave a lovely performance of the first movement of Vivaldi's 'Spring'. This was followed by a virtuosic performance of Rachmaninov's Etude Tableaux in E flat major and Chopin's Variations, given by Jeffrey Au (Third Form, Walpole). Stowe's trumpet trio treated the audience to a lively performance of Leroy Anderson's 'Bugler's Holiday', followed by

Alex Grinyer (Lower Sixth, Walpole), who gave assured performances of Chopin's Berceuse and Mozart's Horn Concerto no.3. To conclude the concert, the Stowe Brass quartet performed 'Sir Duke' by Stevie Wonder. I would like to thank Emily Woodhead (Upper Sixth, Nugent), Sam Lodge (Upper Sixth, Walpole), Alex Grinyer, Jeffrey Au, Poppy de Salis, William Motion (Upper Sixth, Chatham) and my colleague Nigel Gibbon (Head of Woodwind and Brass) for their fantastic performances. I would also like to thank Adrian Logue (Deputy Headmaster, Sunningdale) and Sarah Mackay (Director of Music, Sunningdale) for their warmth and hospitality.

Ben Andrew, Head of Keyboard

Chapel

Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday in Chapel

On Shrove Tuesday, the School gathered in Chapel, encouraged to think about the period of Lent and the tradition of using up some of the more 'luxurious' things that can be set aside. Pancake-tossing, races and other rural traditions were mentioned, alongside the 40-day (excluding Sundays) tradition of echoing the period of Jesus' spiritual self-awareness and temptations to take impressive short-cuts in his ministry. Shrivings and being shriven (going to Confession and receiving Absolution) lie at the centre of Shrove Tuesday.

On Ash Wednesday there were invitations to the start and end of the day in Chapel - a simple Communion before classes and a meditative Night Prayer with 40 candles after Prep. At both

Services, ash (from last year's Palm Sunday) was marked on the forehead of those who chose this - as a reminder of our groundedness and our willingness to be renewed in faith. Lent (the lengthening of days leading up to the light of Easter) is a season to engage with at very many levels, wherever we are in faith and in life.

Palm Sunday 20 March 10.30am

As the Lent term is (unusually) including the start of Holy Week, beginning with Palm Sunday, Parents are invited to join the School for Chapel. This will be a celebration which includes the offering of Palm Crosses, as in very many Churches throughout the country and the world.

Christopher Huxtable, Chaplain



BASKETBALL

On Tuesday 19 January the Senior team had an emphatic 102-37 win against Radley and on Saturday 30 January, the team gave another excellent performance winning 69-24 against Pangbourne. There was a rare outing for the U18B team who beat Pangbourne 30-24.

Isaac Michael, MiC Basketball

FIVES

On Tuesday 19 January our girls attended the Festival of Fives hosted by Berkhamsted. Savannah Courtenay (Lower Sixth, Lyttelton) and Frankie Knight (Upper Sixth, Lyttelton) had the best results of the day winning two out of three matches.

John Skinner, Head of Fives

CROSS COUNTRY

At the Buckinghamshire County Cross Country Championships held on Wednesday 3 February, Harry Kirby (Third Form, Temple) finished 46th and Josh McCallum (Third Form, Chandos) 53rd in the Junior boys. In the Intermediates, Billy Vestey (Fifth Form, Grafton) came 17th, Oliver Vince (Fifth Form, Cobham) 21st, Dan Jolker (Fifth Form, Cobham) 23rd and Luke Aust (Fifth Form, Temple) 25th and in the Senior boys Max Bashaarat (Upper Sixth, Temple) came 19th and Sean Martin (Lower Sixth, Temple) 20th.

The Junior girls finished 9th overall and the Intermediate girls finished 3rd overall with Georgia Flawn-Thomas (Fifth Form, Nugent) finishing in 3rd place.

The Senior team were crowned County Champions finishing in 1st place. Jemima Grant (Upper Sixth, Stanhope) finished 3rd, Annabel Simpson (Lower Sixth, Queen's) 10th, Jess Burke (Upper Sixth, Lyttelton) 12th, Bubby Upton (Lower Sixth, Queen's) 14th and Amy Jorgensen (Lower Sixth, Nugent) 16th.

Georgia and Jemima have automatically been selected for the National English Schools' Championships on Saturday 5 March in Nottingham, Jess and Annabel are currently reserves.

Kyle Bennett, Head of Cross Country

John Lewis

On Wednesday 3 February, the Upper Sixth Business studies pupils visited the John Lewis distribution centre in Milton Keynes. This was an amazing insight into the technological leap in distribution centre use of technology and advances in stock control systems that have supported the growing e-commerce division of John Lewis.

Gordon West, Business and Economics Department



Big Band at OBH

The Big Band took a trip to Old Buckenham Hall School on Thursday 28 January. They put on a workshop with the OBH brass players playing alongside the Stoic musicians. All performers really enjoyed performing some quite advanced music to some of the younger OBH pupils. Part of the afternoon was spent working on improvisation. We were very lucky

to have Sarah Watts (one of our visiting music teachers) with us to launch her new book for starter jazz bands. Rupert Mathers (Third Form, Grenville) was keen to help some of his old colleagues in the trombone section, and to show the Stoics his old school. It was great to see musicians of different ages and abilities all joining together to put on quite a show.

Nigel Gibbon, Head of Brass, Wind and Percussion

Cake Sale

On behalf of Nugent House we would like to thank you for your generosity as we raised £520 from the cake sale that we organised after the January Exeat. All of this money will be going to the cancer research project at the Royal Brompton and Harefield Hospital and helps us in our pledge to raise a total of £5,000 on behalf of Old Stoic, Abby Webb.

Abby joined Nugent in the Sixth Form in 2007, as a Sports Scholar, and she went on to win the Shillington Cup on Speech Day for outstanding sporting achievement. She represented England U18 at hockey, was in the Senior Congreve performance of 'The Boyfriend', featured in the Nugent team that won House Singing as well as the Coldstream Cup. She was a Senior Prefect and a truly amazing girl. She was diagnosed with a rare form of lung cancer last June and died in December 2015 aged 24. We are carrying on with her fundraising for the man (Eric Lim) who attempted to find a cure for her.

Jayne Duckett, Nugent Housemistress

Onatti Theatre Company

The German Department was delighted to welcome the Onatti Theatre Company on Thursday 11 February for a one off performance of 'Zwillinge', a story of confusion between one girl and two twin boys. Julian and Lydia, the two German actors who performed this 50 minute play, put a lot of energy and enthusiasm into their performance and kept the audience's attention throughout. The language was pitched just at the right level for students who have been studying German for a couple of years and whilst it may not have been Goethe, it is a

wonderful opportunity to see and hear German spoken in a different context. As always in Onatti plays, audience participation is key, which is something Stoics love and dread in equal measure. This year three stoics came on stage Joshua White (Fourth Form, Cobham), Freddie Woods (Fifth Form, Chatham) and Isaac David (Fourth Form, Cobham) who even had a speaking part! My thanks go to Mr Jones and all those who attended for their exemplary behaviour and for being so fully engaged.

Alice Tearle, Head of German

Chinese New Year

The Catering Department celebrated the Chinese New Year in style with a delicious menu full of Chinese delicacies including Gun Powder Chicken with Dried Red Chillies, Red Braised Ginger Pork Belly, Egg Fried Rice, Sesame Prawn Toast and Crispy Seaweed to name just a few.



Oasis Trust

Thank you to everyone who has generously given to this appeal. We have already taken two loads of winter clothing, sleeping bags and coats from Stowe to London through the Buckingham & Brackley Churches' response and a third consignment is building up.

If anyone else would like to bring some items back after Half Term, we are very happy to pass more on!

*Christopher Huxtable, Chaplain
Sue Sampson, Assistant Chaplain*



HOCKEY

On Wednesday 27 January the 1st XI won 6-2 against Chigwell School in the first round of the National Plate competition and the Colts As played out a 1-1 draw with John Hampden Grammar School. The U14As recorded their first hockey win and did it in fine style with a 3-0 win against John Hampden Grammar School.

On Thursday 4 February, the Colts As beat Dr Challoner's 3-2 in a thrilling County Cup match but the 1st XI unfortunately went out in the second round of the National Plate competition losing 2-1 to Hitchin Boys' School.

In the Inter-House competitions, completed on Saturday 6 February, Cobham won the Seniors and Grafton won the Juniors.

Luke Stone, Head of Hockey

LACROSSE

India Chadwick (Upper Sixth, Nugent), Olivia Thomas (Fifth Form, Nugent), Philly Stacey (Lower Sixth, Stanhope) and Vicky Beglin (Fifth Form, Nugent) have all been chosen for the England U19 US tour this summer. These girls have been selected for a 20 person squad from a pool of over 100 girls.

The Senior 2nd team completely controlled their game against Oakham on Saturday 30 January to win 19-0 and the 3rd team had a comfortable 14-2 win. On Tuesday 2 February the U15Bs had a fantastic 3-2 win against St Alban's Girls' School. On Saturday 6 February the Senior 2nd team had an emphatic 15-4 win against Buckingham Club and the 1st team had an exciting game against a strong Wycombe Abbey team. Although it was an 8-10 loss it was great preparation for the Nationals. The 1st team played in some impressive matches in the Top Test Tournament on Sunday 7 February drawing with hosts St Helen and St Katharine and beating Berkhamsted 1-0.

Kaitlan Biondi, Head of Lacrosse

FENCING

Congratulations to Hugo Robinson (Fourth Form, Grenville) who won bronze in the Junior Men's Foil, Sam Lodge (Upper Sixth, Walpole) who won silver in the Intermediate Men's Foil and Lauren Bridgen (Fourth Form, Stanhope) who won gold in both Junior and Intermediate Women's Foil at the East Midlands Regional Competition on Saturday 30 January. Sam and Lauren have been asked to join the East Midlands Development Cadet Squad for Elite Fencers.

Stewart Cowie, MiC Fencing



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The Restoration of Stowe

Stowe Parents

Wednesday 2 March 2016

11.00am | £15 per person

Stowe Parents are invited to explore the intricate history and restoration of Stowe House with Anna McEvoy, the House Custodian. Known as an 18th Century Ducal Palace, discover the politics and the family behind 'the largest and most completely realised private neo-classical building in the world' and how it was saved by the creation of Stowe School in 1923.

With the help of Heritage Lottery funding and other generous donations, some £22m has been invested in the restoration of the Mansion. The tour will take in the fantastic new Visitor and Discovery Centre in the Mansion, followed by a two course lunch in the beautifully restored Blue Room.

Email Stowe Parents to book your tickets.

British Museum ~ Around the World in 90 minutes

Tuesday 22 March 2016

10.30am | £45 per person

The British Museum houses a permanent collection numbering some 8 million works and is among the largest and most comprehensive collections in existence, originating from all continents, illustrating and documenting the story of human culture from its beginnings to the present.

Join Stowe Parents for an exclusive guided tour of some of the most famous treasures of the Museum including the Rosetta Stone, Lewis Chessmen and the Parthenon frieze, as well as some lesser known but equally fascinating objects.

This whirlwind tour will be followed by a delicious two course lunch in the Great Court Restaurant, where we will dine under Sir Norman Foster's magnificent tessellated glass roof.

Email Stowe Parents by 19 February to book your tickets.



Prep Schools' Instrumental Day

The annual Prep Schools' Instrumental Day was held on Thursday 4 February. This year we hosted young musicians from Winterfold House, Edge Grove School, Swanbourne House and Bourton Meadow School.

The day started with all the players forming an instant orchestra to play through a couple of new arrangements of pieces by Susato and Arnold. Before lunch we divided for a strings workshop and an improvisation workshop for wind and brass. After the fantastic Chinese New Year lunch, a reduced Big Band gave a short performance, and there was a short presentation on the history of the trumpet featuring cow horns, a conch

shell, post horns, bugles and even a hosepipe. After the very important visit to the tuck shop, we continued rehearsing for the final concert. Many parents came to see the tea-time concert and were very impressed with the sounds that had developed during the day.

Many thanks go to Sally Adams (woodwind), Chris Windass (strings), and Matt Turner (percussion) for their contributions throughout the day. Also to Sarah Searle for the smooth running and hosting of the visiting music teachers.

Nigel Gibbon, Head of Brass, Wind and Percussion



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