

Stowe mail

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NEWS ROUND UP FROM STOWE

G20

After Stowe co-hosted the G20 group of schools in 2015 with Marlborough and Wellington, this year's annual conference took place in China and was organised by the Chinese International School in Hong Kong and the High School Affiliated to Renmin University in Beijing. Iconic schools taking part included Geelong Grammar School in Australia, King's Academy in Jordan, Sigtunaskolan Humanistika Laroverket in Sweden, Brookhouse School in Kenya and Daly College in India.

Five days was not enough to do justice to the depth and complexity of The Middle Kingdom, but we learned a great deal about China's determination to ensure that every child is given a good education. Mr Ping Hao, Vice Minister of Education, provided insights into the challenge of delivering the twelfth Five Year Plan which focuses on gender equality in schools, improving teaching quality and educating the 22 million 'left behind' children who remain in rural areas while their parents work in cities.

Mr Lianping Xian, Vice-Secretary of the Beijing Municipal Commission on Educational Affairs, gave a revealing talk on efforts to modernise schools by embracing internationalism, interactive and pupil-focused pedagogy and encouraging teachers to be "more like coaches than referees". The Confucian system is gradually being replaced by a blended ecology of learning which emphasises the latent potential of each and every pupil.

One of the most interesting speeches was given by the founder of the Alibaba Group, Jack Ma, reputed to be China's wealthiest individual. Ma told us about his background as a teacher in Hangzhou and how he registered his dotcom company before the word 'Internet' existed in China. Alipay is now seven times bigger than PayPal and Ma is predicting that Alibaba sales will reach \$1 trillion by 2019. Reflecting on the changing education system in China, Ma rejected exam grades and league tables as the KPI for schools and suggested that teamwork, philanthropy, culture and sport need to be both prized and praised. Ma's plan to train the Headmasters of rural schools in China, which educate some 40 million children, was enthusiastically embraced by G20 delegates.

We were very fortunate in having other lectures by such renowned figures as Professor Dongling Wang, China's foremost calligrapher, Yigong Shi, Dean of the School of Life Sciences at Tsinghua University and Christopher Law, Founding Director of The Oval Partnership Architects and Urbanists.

As ever with G20 conferences the highlight was the camaraderie of re-connecting with old friends and visiting schools in the host country. We were impressed with the success of the CIS campus in Hangzhou and how the Year 10 pupils from Hong Kong had improved their Mandarin, gained a deeper understanding of Chinese culture and society and developed independence and self-confidence while living away from home for a year. The pupils of the High School Affiliated to Renmin University staged an orchestral concert of dazzling virtuosity which also featured dancing, singing and Tai Chi of the highest standard imaginable. According to Chinese mythology, there are three key stages of evolution: first, humans are discovered and freed from the oversight of the Gods; then women are discovered and freed from male domination; finally, children are discovered and freed from dependence on adults and the world is filled with sunshine. Perhaps the third phase of evolution has begun?

Dr Anthony Wallersteiner, Headmaster



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As lead singer of Spandau Ballet, Tony Hadley has, over the years, earned the accolade of being one of pop music's greatest vocalists. His voice is recognised around the world, his band ushered in a period of New Romantics that would dominate music globally for a decade and is still iconic today. Spandau Ballet were the Eighties in-crowd band. They were independents, global superstars. They produced worldwide blue-eyed soul hits such as 'True', 'Gold', 'Communication' and 'Lifeline' and defined a generation. Tony Hadley has since had a successful solo recording career, starred as Billy Flynn in the West End production of Chicago and many will know him from ITV's 'I'm a Celebrity, Get me out of Here'.

Dr Anthony Wallersteiner, Headmaster



Picnics can be pre-ordered or you may bring your own. A bar will be available.

Stowe Parents have organised Pre-Concert Picnic and Drinks packages, more details can be found [here](#).

A limited number of VIP packages are also available.

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CRICKET

On Saturday 23 April in the 12 matches played against Uppingham we won seven and drew one. Brandon Lee (Lower Sixth, Cobham) scored his maiden 1st XI century. The 2nd XI won by 6 wickets and the 3rd XI by 2 wickets. Both Colts sides had dominant wins with the Colts As putting in the performance of the day to win by 10 wickets. It was certainly a day to bat first as the Junior Colts As, Yearlings Cs and Yearlings Ds all won by 7 wickets.

On Wednesday 27 April Charlie Leefe (Lower Sixth, Grenville) claimed his second hat-trick of the season against Bedford Modern. His second 5 wicket haul helped his team to an impressive 10 wicket victory. The team carried on their unbeaten run with an exciting 1 wicket victory against Bradfield on Saturday 30 April.

The 1st XI also had a good week beating Bedford Modern by 20 runs on Wednesday 27 April and on Saturday 30 April the team recovered well after a poor start against Bradfield and put in a superb team effort with the ball to win by 44 runs. The Colts As also had an excellent week beating Bedford by 27 runs and Bradfield by 5 runs.

The Junior Colts As had a good win against Northants U14s on Wednesday 27 April. The 3rd XI's 73 run win and the Colts Bs 1 wicket victory capped a weekend of great cricket results against Bradfield in which Stowe won 5 of the 8 matches played with the Junior Colts B match ending in a tie.

James Knott, Head of Cricket



SAILING

The Sailing Helmsman's Tankard Competition was held on Wednesday 27 April. This year's champion Jack Polturak (Fifth Form, Chatham) won both his races. Fergus Paske (Upper Sixth, Chatham) and William Trumper (Fifth Form, Grenville) were equal second.

On Wednesday 4 May Stowe beat Bloxham 2-0. Under ideal conditions of a good breeze and sunshine, the first race was keenly contested, with Stowe coming from a losing combination to win, with Jack Polturak in first place. Jack maintained his lead in the second race with Will Trumper coming second. This was an excellent start to the season.

Michael Bevington, MiC Sailing

Stowe Challenge Cup

The Stowe Challenge Cup took place on Sunday 1 May. In the boys' competition Bruce won the swimming relay and the sprint relay, Grafton won the obstacle course and the run and log carry, Chandos won the command task and Cobham won the .22 shooting. Overall Cobham came third with 49 points, Bruce came second with 68 points and Grafton came first with 69 points.

In the girls' competition Queen's and Stanhope were joint first in the command task, Queen's and Lyttelton were joint first in the .22 shooting, Stanhope won the swimming relay and Nugent won the obstacle course, the run and log carry and the sprint relay. Overall Stanhope came third with 55 points, Queen's came second with 68 points and Nugent came first with 71 points. Photos from the event can be seen on our website.

Isaac Michael, Director of Sport



Mozart Trio Prize

On Sunday 1 May, ten Stowe musicians competed in the prestigious annual Mozart Trio Prize competition in the Ugland Auditorium. They demonstrated an exceptionally high standard of musicianship across a wide range of instruments. The adjudicator for the evening was Sam Dunkley, a distinguished singer and member of the British and International Federation of Festivals. He delivered his adjudication with style and humour, and he was extremely complimentary about all the performances.

I would like to congratulate Maria Di Carlofelice (Lower Sixth, West), flute, Caspar Wallersteiner (Lower Sixth, Chatham), voice, William Motion (Upper Sixth, Chatham), trumpet, Emily Woodhead (Upper Sixth, Nugent), trumpet, Alex McQuitty (Upper Sixth, Walpole), double bass, Sam Lodge (Upper Sixth, Walpole), tuba, and Arabella Coldstream (Lower Sixth, Lyttelton), voice, for their performances and for making this evening such a memorable one.

I would especially like to congratulate Lewis Bell (Lower Sixth, Grenville), piano, who won first prize for his performance of Debussy's La cathédrale engloutie and a Sonata by Haydn, Laura Brogden (Upper Sixth, Queen's), flute, for winning second prize with her performance of Doppler's Hungarian Fantasy, and Alex Grinyer (Lower Sixth, Walpole), piano and French horn, winning third prize after his performance of a Rachmaninov Prelude and Mozart's Horn Concerto no.3.

Ben Andrew, Head of Keyboard





CRICKET

Old Stoic Ben Duckett (Grafton 13) scored his highest first class score of 282 not out for Northants against Sussex in their opening match of the season. When bad light intervened just before tea on the evening of Tuesday 12 April, Ben was 18 runs short of being the youngest ever Englishman to have scored a triple century. Unfortunately, overnight rain prevented any further play in the match, so he was not given a chance to score the required runs to make history.

As it was, he surpassed the highest score for many Northants players, including England legend Allan Lamb. It is the highest individual score for a Northants player against Sussex and the highest score ever for an Old Stoic. Ben, still only 21, now has seven centuries for Northants to his name.

James Knott, Head of Cricket

Chandos 12 Hour Football

I am incredibly proud to report that the boys completed their 12 hour marathon of 5 a-side football on Sunday 20 March at 7.30pm! The boys played with fantastic spirit and were always on hand to help sub on or help with the smooth running of the day.

The day started at 7.30am with a 12-10 thrilling Third Form match. A number of staff joined in with the event and other pupils entered into the spirit of our sports challenge. The final score ended 181-180 with Ivan Titov (Fourth Form) top goal scorer on the day with 30 goals.

Special mention must go to Jamie Maclure (Upper Sixth), Ali Martin (Upper Sixth) and Adam Ezomo (Upper Sixth) who helped with the early shifts and played for close to four hours overall in addition to playing for the 1st XI against the Old Stoics.

We raised £180 on the day from kind donations and activities and the online total stood at a fantastic £1,850 so we were close to doubling our original target for the Cancer Teenage Trust. With all donations now counted I can announce that we raised an incredible £2,142.

We chose this charity because it is very relevant to the heart of Chandos as Charlie Moore (Chandos 15) was diagnosed with testicular cancer in his final year at Stowe. Charlie was successfully treated and was aided in winning his battle with cancer with the support of the whole House.

A huge thank you to all the parents who generously donated and who kindly attended the event, including the start and end!

Pete Deakin, Chandos Housemaster

ROUNDERS

In the rounders matches on Tuesday 26 April against Kimbolton the U15B won 13-3.5, the U14As won 15-8 and the U14Bs won 13-6.5. In the matches on Thursday 28 April the U15As beat Thornton College 12.5-6.5 and the U14As recorded their second win of the week beating Thornton College 15-4.

Carrin Evans, Head of Rounders



Celebration of Confirmation

On Sunday 1 May, the Rt Revd Dr Alan Wilson, Bishop of Buckingham, came to Stowe Chapel to bring to Anglican Confirmation thirty-seven Stoics from the Third Form to the Lower Sixth. Joined and supported by families, godparents and friends, this special Thanksgiving (Eucharist) Service culminated in the newly-confirmed making their Communion, many of them for the first time.

Inspirational and exceptional music was offered from the Organ, Choir and Brass throughout, and the Bishop addressed the whole congregation in response to the Gospel Reading of the Day, on the Peace of Christ, with humour, creativity and challenge. Through the love of God in the Holy Spirit, will the newly-confirmed and all Christian people be people of

peace with justice?

Our thanks to all who contributed to support these Stoics - the Revd Sue Sampson and myself - and, of course, our thanks to our Bishop. Thank you also to the congregation who generously gave £1,078 in the Retiring Collection, towards the work of the Bishop of Oxford's Outreach Fund.

We look forward to joining with and celebrating with our eight Stoics who make their Roman Catholic Confirmation on Wednesday 8 June at 7.30pm, in the Parish Church of St Bernardine in Buckingham, where we are welcome guests of Canon Dan Kiely and the Rt Revd Peter Doyle, Bishop of Northampton.

Christopher Huxtable, Chaplain

SWIMMING

Will Perry (Fourth Form, Cobham) has been awarded a SportsAid award following his nomination in recognition of his commitment and potential for the future in this sport.

In the Downe House Relays on Wednesday 4 May the Senior girls' won bronze in the 4x50m medley relay and the 4x50m freestyle relay. The team comprised Alex Curtis (Upper Sixth, West), Poppy Moore (Lower Sixth, Lyttelton), Kira Evans (Fifth Form, Nugent) and Zoë Pollock (Fourth Form, Nugent).

Stewart Cowie, Head of Swimming

For weekly reports on all Stowe Sports visit our website

www.stowesport.co.uk



GCSE Drama

Once again the Drama Department were thrilled and excited with the high quality of performances produced by our 39 GCSE Drama candidates for 2016. On Thursday 5 May we were treated to a heady mix of world theatre classics, ranging from the stylised elegance of Oscar Wilde's 'An Ideal Husband', staged beautifully in the luxurious surroundings of the State Music Room by Emma Grayson (Fifth Form, Nugent) and Rosie Smith (Fifth Form, Queen's), to the gritty and hard hitting modern classic 'Girls Like That' performed with zest and energy by Martha Combe (Fifth Form, Nugent), Lauren Taylor (Fifth Form, Queen's) and Karimat Adebayo-Karim (Fifth Form, Nugent).

The mix of comedy, tragedy and the downright absurd made for a wonderfully entertaining and engaging day of performances and I know that our visiting examiner was mightily impressed by the professionalism and quality of work on show. We shall look forward to some excellent results in this unit come August.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all 39 Stoics for their efforts and commitment and also gratefully acknowledge the superb work put in by Miss Lucy Brassell, my esteemed and hardworking colleague in the Department.

Nick Bayley, Director of Drama



Duke of Edinburgh's Award

Over the past few weeks over 130 Stoics have successfully completed the Practice Expedition for their Duke of Edinburgh's Awards. The Gold and Silver groups travelled to Yorkshire in the last week of the Easter holidays to walk and camp in the Three Peaks area of the Yorkshire Dales. Over the course of their Expedition, the Golds climbed all three of the Peaks (Ingleborough, Pen-y-Ghent and Wharfedale) and the majority of the Silvers bagged two of the summits. All groups must be congratulated on coping with everything that April could throw at them: night time temperatures plummeting to -5 degrees really put sleeping bags to the test, whilst on day three, with a dusting of snow on the ground and a northerly wind, the groups really got a taste of sub-zero wind-chill on the summits.

April was no kinder to the Bronze groups who were out in much gentler terrain in the Cotswolds for their first taste of Expeditioning. However, despite the cold winds and regular showers, the groups successfully put their training into practice and impressed staff with their campcraft and navigation skills. All of the groups now have the opportunity to sit back and review their skills and kit in preparation for their Assessed Expeditions in June when the Golds will travel to the Cairngorms, the Silvers to the Brecon Beacons and the Bronzes to the Shropshire Hills.

Gwilym Jones, MiC Doffe



Bill's Birthday Bash

On Friday 22 April, the Literary Society held its annual celebration of the life and works of William Shakespeare. This year, 'Bill's Birthday Bash' aligned with the 400th anniversary of his death, calling for an ardent celebration of his literary genius. Those who gathered in the Uglund Auditorium were certainly satisfied, enjoying readings from staff and Stoics alike.

Initially, the English Department provided the audience with an alternative comedic portrayal of a scene from 'Henry V'. The depictions of Katherine and her lady Alice (played by Mr Palmer and Mr Purves), were particularly entertaining - their words changed from Shakespearean to slang as they were courted by the King of France (Mr Parnaby). This was followed by a reading by me and Alex Curtis (Upper Sixth, West), of 'The Flea' by John Donne, a contemporary of Shakespeare who would have witnessed and been influenced by his writing.

Miss Goodman also contributed to the evening's festivities, giving a reading of 'Sonnet 29', in which by "desiring this man's art" she professed her love for Gustave Courbet, the 19th Century

realist painter. Then, Charles Johnson (Upper Sixth, Bruce) gave an extremely visceral performance of Edgar's soliloquy from 'King Lear'. The audience were moved both by his dramatic portrayal and the tragedy of Shakespeare's words.

Mr Goldsmith finished with an extract from 'As You Like It'. The audience was fittingly reminded of how "all the world's a stage" and that, despite Shakespeare's referral to the oblivion of death, he has lived on through his writing. We were all certainly able to cherish Shakespeare's ingenuity throughout the evening, and allow his legacy to live on.

Isabelle Smith (Upper Sixth, Nugent)

The Gaussian Group

The Gaussian Group has not been around for long, but its first year of existence is coming to an end and is becoming more popular. This may be due to the diversity of the talks, or the mild air of levity that is associated with some of them, thus rendering what may have the potential to be a staid topic into its polar opposite.

We began with a talk no one would have seen coming: a joint event with the English Department. Academic antagonism was left behind and the great forces of both subjects were united, resulting in a relationship between the two disciplines that would not normally be presented. The talk titled "The Language of Mathematics" spoke volumes to both subjects, highlighting how English is not just needed, but demanded for ones understanding of Mathematics. It was a definite highlight.

Recently a select few members of the Gaussian Group were lucky enough to listen to a talk by Dr Marcus Appleby from Sydney University. His talk explored Galois Theory, a theorem

not studied until at least undergraduate, if not graduate level. The talk brought much insight into an area of mathematics that the group would not have been able to see or understand before. The talk started with what appeared to be the innocent quadratic formula, but its links to Galois Theory that Dr Appleby expanded upon seemed otherwise. Drawing in complex variables added a further layer of complexity, and by the end we were discovering the meaning behind previously mysterious mathematical lexicon such as automorphisms and field extensions. Overall, the talk pushed the boundaries many of us so comfortably sat within.

The future looks exciting for the progress of the Gaussian Group. This year, highlights included a talk on Schrödinger's Cat, the ideal rocket equation and many others. It has been a successful period for the group, and this looks set to continue.

*Frazer Ellis-Jenkinson
1st President of the Gaussian Group*



LACROSSE

Over the Easter holidays four Stoics took part in the English Lacrosse Home Internationals. Milla Harvey-Scholes (Upper Sixth, Stanhope) played for the Wales U19A team, Philly Stacey (Lower Sixth, Stanhope) played for the England U19A team and India Chadwick (Upper Sixth, Nugent) and Olivia Thomas (Fifth Form, Nugent) played for the England U19B team. All four played extremely well throughout the tournament and should be proud of the way they represented their countries.

Jayne Duckett, Lacrosse Coach

ATHLETICS

At the Bromsgrove Meet on Saturday 23 April, the boys team finished third overall. The Inter boys finished third and Taju Atta (Fifth Form, Temple) won the discus. The Senior boys finished fifth with Charlton Kerr (Upper Sixth, Cobham) performing outstandingly on the day winning the 400m, 800m and the discus.

The girls finished fifth overall. The Junior girls finished seventh. Rhea Vankova-Martin (Third Form, Lyttelton) won the 100m and along with Sonya Sander (Third Form, Lyttelton), Lucy Tilleard (Third Form, Stanhope) and Rosie Smith (Fifth Form, Queen's) came fourth in the 4x100m relay. The Inter girls finished third. Olivia Thomas (Fifth Form, Nugent) threw a new school record in the javelin and there were also wins for Zoë Pollock (Fourth Form, Nugent) in the 100m, 200m and long jump; Georgia Flawn-Thomas (Fifth Form, Nugent) in the 800m and 1500m and Zoë, Coco Brooks (Fourth Form, Lyttelton), Connie Barnes (Fourth Form, Nugent) and Ugochi Ekpecham (Fourth Form, Lyttelton) came second in the 4x100m relay. The Senior girls finished sixth. Thalia Felton (Lower Sixth, Queen's), Zara Atta (Fifth Form, Queen's), Tallula Douglas Miller (Fifth Form, Queen's) and Olivia Thomas came second in the 4x100m relay.

Kyle Bennett, Head of Athletics

CYCLING

Having gained official club affiliation with British Cycling, Stowe Cycle Club took on the Icknield Sportive on Sunday 1 May. Freddie Paling (Upper Sixth, Temple) and Harry Kirby (Third Form, Temple) took on their first 100 mile event. Starting in Ampthill, Bedfordshire, they navigated a large loop of country roads and villages out west beyond Bicester to Croughton and back completing this epic feat in a travelling time of 5 hours 22 minutes at 30km/h and climbing a total of 1,300m.

Chris Grimble, MiC Cycling

AFFILIATED CLUB





Language Society

The Language Society celebrated its first Open Mic Night on Friday 29 April. It turned out to be a wonderful and memorable evening as we listened to many very talented Stoics and members of staff singing and reciting in different languages, showing the wonderful linguistic and cultural diversity we have at Stowe.

With French, Spanish, German, Italian and even Bulgarian, our minds were stimulated and our

emotions stirred as the languages, the music and the singing all blended together to create a magical moment in time. Our warmest thanks go to Ms Collette Stirzaker who spent so much time and effort organising and orchestrating the event. We are already looking forward to the next Open Mic Night!

Desiree Podesta, Modern Languages Department



Stowe Creative Academy

For a week during the Easter holidays ten children aged 10 to 14 took up residence at the Chung Music School to create and produce recordings in the studio and to perform in the Ugland Auditorium.

Starting from scratch, the teenagers joined forces to compose and record original songs and master covers of music by the Smashing Pumpkins and Passenger.

The songs are available to listen to on Soundcloud [here](#) and have already been played over 200 times.

Esther Jackson, Arts at Stowe



Arts at Stowe Please visit our [website](#) for tickets

Nicholas Mynheer: The Inaugural Wynne Society Evening Location: State Music Room

Join us for special evening celebrating creative expression of faith and the inauguration the Wynne Society. A small collection of works by renowned artist Nicholas Mynheer will be on display in the magnificent State Rooms of Stowe. The artist will be talking about the inspiration of faith in his works which depict biblical scenes through sculpture, paintings and glass work.

A rigorous simplicity typifies Mynheer's work, be it in stone, paint or glass. Anything superfluous to the design is omitted and anything deemed important emphasised. Largely figurative his work is almost always biblically based and has a rich linear quality that is richly expressive. Examples of Mynheer's work can be found in churches and cathedrals across the country.

Enjoy an informal atmosphere with refreshments and canapés, a chance to meet with the artist, and view some of his artworks followed by a talk and discussion.

"I am delighted to have been asked to talk at this inaugural meeting of The David Wynne Society. It is that joy of life which his work so wonderfully expresses that I hope to capture in my own". – Nicholas Mynheer

Running time: 2 hours | Tickets: £6 | Booking Number: 01280 825 710



Tuesday 10 May, 7:30pm
Art of Faith

CCF

David Critchley, Lt Cdr CCF, Contingent Commander

Cadets Take Up the Welbeck Science Technology Engineering and Maths Challenge

Ten Fourth Formers took part in the Welbeck Defence Sixth Form College Cadet STEM Challenge from Friday 22 - Sunday 24 April. This included Jacob's ladder, command tasks, first aid, orienteering, and STEM tasks sponsored by Airbus UK and the Bloodhound Supersonic Car Project. In one task, the team had to produce an affordable and protective lunar landing module, in which the payload (an egg) could survive a bumpy landing (another cadet shaking it vigorously!). With Stewart Johnston (Fourth Form, Chandos) masterminding the calculations, they scored 30/30 on this task. In another task, they had to use a K'Nex kit and an air pump to make a car which could travel the furthest distance possible in a straight line. The Stoics approached every activity with enthusiasm, and were unfortunate not to repeat the success of last year's team.



Cadets Seize Training Opportunities

The CCF offered a wide range of training courses over the Easter holidays, and the weather conditions were a lot more adventurous than during the summer. Congratulations to Alex Harris (Fifth Form, Grafton) who completed his mountaineering training for the Army Cadet Expedition to South Africa, which will take place this summer, and to Rowan Brudenell (Fourth Form, Grenville) who qualified as a Level 2 Power Boat driver.

Cadets' Military Skills Tested

A team of two Fifth Formers and six Fourth Formers competed against eight other teams in the 11 Brigade Military Skills Competition at Longmoor Camp between Friday 22 and Sunday 24 April, coming sixth overall. Highlights included coming first on the Practical Leadership Task, in which we beat RGS High Wycombe CCF, Sevenoaks CCF, and Tunbridge Wells Girls' Grammar CCF. Bella White (Fourth Form, Nugent) and Jess Potts (Fourth Form, Nugent) camouflaged themselves so successfully in the camouflage exercise that no one could spot them against the background of greenery.

RAF Cadets Immerse Themselves in RAF History

Three RAF cadets visited the historic Shuttleworth Collection of air material on Monday 25 April. Seeing the historic machines close up really set the imagination going.

Cadets Get to Grips with Logistics

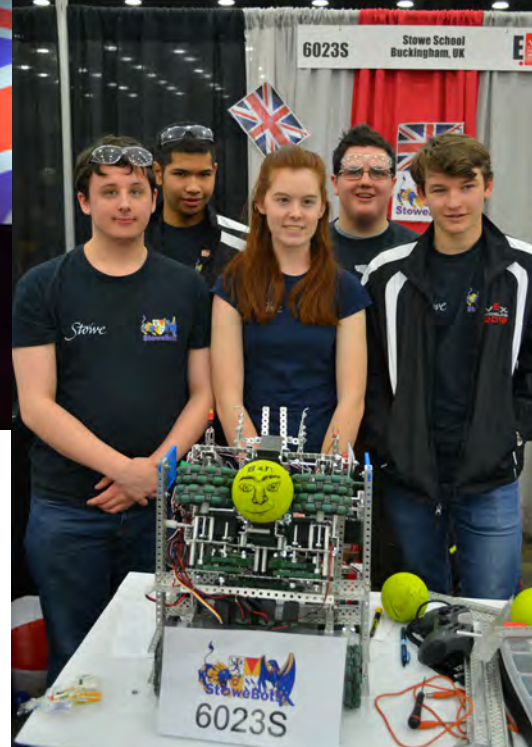
53 Army cadets visited 4 Regiment Royal Logistic Corps, Abingdon on Monday 25 April and took part in a range of activities including firing the SA80 rifle or LSW on the outdoor 25m range and firing the SA80 and GPMG on the Dismounted Close Combat Trainer. They also visited the REME Section where they were tested on their hand/eye coordination with a crane, and went to one of the Regiment's Squadrons to look at armoured vehicles, equipment and weapon systems. They finished with an inter-section competition involving races loading up magazines, posting a grenade accurately into a trench, rowing machine timed races and timed fitting and taking off the rifle sling. 4 Regiment's Commanding Officer awarded best shot on the 25m range to Sam Chism (Fourth Form, Cobham), best shot on the DCCT to Herbie Wyatt (Fourth Form, Cobham) and best shot on the GPMG to Bella White (Fourth Form, Nugent).



Navigation Practice on the Solent

Six RN cadets travelled to Portsmouth on Monday 25 April and were given basic navigation training on 50' motor cruiser Blue Swan, tying up in Cowes, Isle of Wight, for lunch. On the way back the team, with Oscar Hill (Fourth Form, Temple) chosen as Captain, planned and carried out the journey. All thoroughly enjoyed the day and got practical experience in steering and in calculating speed, time and distance.





StoweBots take on the World

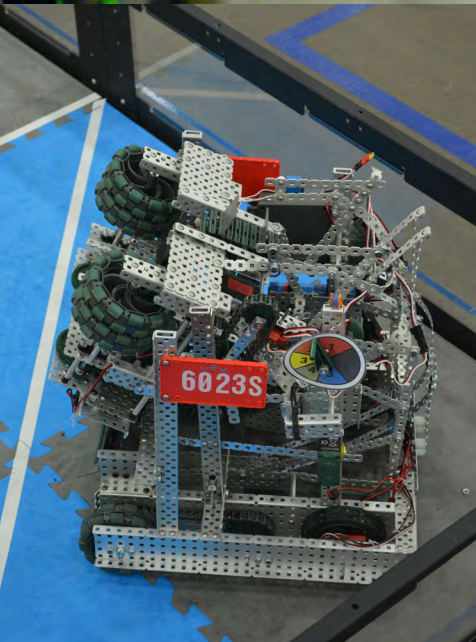
Those of you following the success of the StoweBots will know that after their short 2014-2015 season in which they made the National semi-final, they have gone on to much greater things in 2015-2016. Both the Junior and Senior teams qualified for the National Finals (there were 250+ teams competing across the UK, 40 made it to Nationals). At the National Finals both reached the semi-final, but ended up facing each other. The Senior team prevailed and went on to become National Finalists and claim their place among 500 of the world's top teams at the VEX World Robotics Finals. The 2016 World Finals was officially the biggest robotics competition ever, setting a Guinness World Record with over 1,075 teams from 32 countries, and 20,000 people in the venue. The scale of the competition and venue was truly astonishing and beyond all expectations.

Over the three days of competition the team played ten qualifying matches in the hopes of making the playoff games. The team performed incredibly well, holding its own in each match. Sadly the robot suffered some technical difficulties beyond our control. A change of CPU fixed the problem, but the losses put us further down the qualification ranking than we could have been. The StoweBots finished winning 4 out of the 10 games and were placed 56 out of the 100 teams in their group. However, every single game they played was close despite the difficulties. The other aspect that shows the strength of our performance was the SP score of the team. This is the total score that your opponents achieved in your games; the higher the score the closer and more difficult the games were. The StoweBots SP score was 1658 and tenth highest of the group. Also of the six UK teams that gained places at the World Finals the StoweBots results placed them as the third best UK team behind two teams that have been competing for five years.

Our pupils, Artura Subowo (Upper Sixth, Chandos), Stuart Milner (Lower Sixth, Cobham), Jonathan Reading (Lower Sixth, Grenville), Toby Lawrance (Lower Sixth, Cobham) and Anna Wilson (Lower Sixth, Queen's), worked tirelessly to compete to the best of their ability. They threw themselves into all aspects of the competition, collaborating with other teams from various countries and assisting each other. Our competition was not without its trials and tribulations; however they never lost heart and kept going right to the very end. They were wonderful ambassadors for the School. This has been a valuable experience for our pupils including those who didn't go with the team to the World Finals, Ben Barrett (Upper Sixth, Chatham), Laura Fras (Upper Sixth, Nugent) and Sam Lodge (Upper Sixth, Walpole), in terms of their personal growth and academic application. The competition takes in so many core elements of the Maths, Physics, Design, Engineering and Computer Programming curricula and applies it to something very real.

Moving on to 2016-2017, the pupils now face a new game and new challenges. We will once again compete with two teams, one team of Third to Fifth Formers and one of Sixth Formers. We have taken on a few new team members replacing Ben Barrett, Artura Subowo, Sam Lodge and Laura Fras who will be leaving Stowe this year after a fantastic year with the team. As we move forward we have learnt a lot from our first trip to the World Finals and will also be looking for sponsorship to help us with future success. Our aim is to once again make the National Finals and go on to the World Finals and represent the UK in 2017 at what will undoubtedly be an even bigger World Final.

Paul Thompson, MiC Robots





Trumpet Masterclass

On Friday 29 April the Music School had a visit from Mark Bennett, one of the worlds greatest trumpet players who is unsurpassed in the field of baroque trumpet playing.

He spent time helping with the brass ensemble in a recording of 'The Earl of Salisbury's Pavanne', and a trumpet trio recording of Bugler's Holiday. He then gave an open masterclass with some of the soloists for the Concerto Concert that took place on Thursday 5 May.

He helped Sam Lodge (Upper Sixth, Walpole) with rhythmic phrasing and utilising the sonority of the tuba in Malcolm Arnold's Fantasy. Then he worked on Hummel's trumpet concert with William Motion (Upper Sixth, Chatham). Mark recorded this piece on the original 1790 keyed trumpet which was invented

and played by Haydn's court trumpet player Anton Weidinger. Alex Grinyer (Lower Sixth, Walpole) played some of Mozart's 3rd Horn Concerto, and Mark helped with phrasing and the technical difficulties of lip trills. Emily Woodhead (Upper Sixth, Nugent) worked on the extremely demanding Concerto by Arutunian, and was helped with breathing techniques and tone production.

Finally Mark gave a short recital to some of Stowe's wind and brass players: Henry Busser's Andante and Scherzo on the modern trumpet, and Purcell's Sonata on the valveless baroque trumpet. Many thanks to Ben Andrew for his hard work coping with all of the piano accompaniments.

Nigel Gibbon, Head of Brass, Wind and Percussion



TENNIS

Sixteen Stoics and three members of staff headed to Vale Do Lobo in the Algarve on the last day of the Lent term for a pre-season tennis training camp. The age range spread from the Third Form to the Lower Sixth Form. There were two gruelling sessions a day from a highly motivated and very enthusiastic team of British coaches who put the players through some tough challenging drills and routines. At the end of the last session of the camp there was a vote for Players' Player of the Tour, and this went to Jamie Metson (Lower Sixth, Chatham).

Next year's trip is in the early days of planning and will run from 31 March - 5 April. Anyone interested should email na. Pictures from this year's tour can be seen on our [website](http://www.stowe.org.uk).

In the boys' block fixture against Oakham on Saturday 23 April the U16s completely outclassed their opponents to win 6-3. There were further wins for the 1st VI and 2nd VI who both won 6-3. The U15As drew 9-9.

In the girls' block fixture against Oakham the Senior 1st and 2nd VIs were dominant with the 1st VI winning 6-3 and the 2nd VI winning 7-2. There were some classy performances from the U15s as the As and Cs won 8-1 and the Ds 7-2. The performance of the day came from the U14D team who battled their way to a 6-3 victory in their first competitive match for the School.

The best performance in the boys' block fixture against Uppingham on Saturday 30 April came from the U14B team who won their encounter 5-4. The Senior girls' 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th VIs dominated their matches against Tudor Hall on Saturday 30 April to win either 9-0 or 8-1. There were also fine wins for the U14As, 5-4, and the U14Ds 7-2.

John Skinner, Head of Tennis

Prep School Evensong

On Wednesday 27 April, 35 Stoics from the Chapel Choir joined forces with 14 pupils from Cundall Manor Prep School to sing Evensong in Stowe Parish Church. The repertoire included Walmisley's 'Magnificat', and 'Nunc Dimittis in D minor' and Balfour-Gardiner's famous 'Evening Hymn'.

The pupils sang superbly and the Prep School pupils left thoroughly inspired. The service was a great showcase for how much the Stowe Chapel Choir has improved over the course of the academic year.

My thanks to all the Stoics involved, many of whom rushed in from other commitments. Thanks also to our Stoic organists Lewis Bell (Lower Sixth, Grenville) and Alex Grinyer (Lower Sixth, Walpole), who both played outstandingly, and to Nigel Gibbon and the Brass players for their rousing additions to the hymn.

Alex Aitken, Head of Academic Music



OS Stamp Presentation

The Royal Mail has issued six stamps to honour the UK's greatest humanitarians and their achievements. On Friday 22 April Royal Mail representatives including Head of Delivery Performance, Doug McLeish, Delivery Sector Manager of Milton Keynes and Bedford, Eugene Mahon and Postman, Martin Hedger came to Stowe to present the Headmaster, Anthony Wallersteiner with the Sir Nicholas Winton commemorative stamp, which recognises the Old Stoic's life and contribution.



ROWING

The Birmingham Regatta on Saturday 23 April turned out to be Stowe's most successful regatta to date. Archie Morley (Fourth Form, Walpole) won both his events as Junior Boys U15 single sculler, beating both Monmouth and Stourport. Ayrton Patel (Fifth Form, Cobham) and James Pocklington (Fifth Form, Grenville) won the Junior U16 doubles final. Archie Morley, Max Bishop (Fifth Form, Grafton), James Pocklington and Oscar Hill (Fourth Form, Temple) finished fantastically well to win the Junior U16 quad final. Dani Fusco-House (Upper Sixth, Lyttelton) won all three of her womens' Senior single races beating RGS Worcester, St Edward's School Oxford and Hollowell with seemingly effortless grace.

At the Evesham Regatta on Saturday 30 April, Dani won her semi-final against City of Oxford and beat Exeter in the final by 2 lengths.

Michael Righton, Head of Rowing

Berlin Trip

During the Easter break, 31 Third and Fourth Form Stoics travelled to Berlin to further their studies of both Hitler's Germany and the Cold War.

On the first day, pupils were treated to panoramic views from the top dome of Berlin Cathedral and considered Germans' reflective view of their own past at Neue Wache; Germany's equivalent of the Centotaph. Later in the week we considered Hitler's rise to power through democratic means at the German parliament building, despite the break with the past, remnants of Nazi architecture remain and pupils viewed old government buildings and visited the Olympic Stadium; site of the 1936 Olympic Games and Jesse Owens' defiant success against Hitler's racist views. These dark themes were further elaborated on at Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp, where tens of thousands of people were murdered during political persecution and the Holocaust. A lecture at the Wannsee Villa (site of the meeting at which the 'final solution' was agreed upon in January 1942) raised difficult questions

about the motivations of both perpetrators and bystanders. Similarly, the Holocaust Memorial and the fascinating Jewish Museum in the city centre allowed pupils to consider ways in which these events might be commemorated today.

The final days of Hitler's dictatorship in 1945 were also examined, with a short visit to the site of Hitler's Führerbunker (now a car park). The occupation of the city by the Allied powers was another key theme examined through a trip to the Soviet War Memorial. The Berlin Wall was further crucial point of interest, a memorial of those killed by border guards also brought home how recently these events occurred. Finally, a visit to the Brandenburg Gate was a good reminder of the exciting events in 1989 as the city finally reunified.

There is something special about standing in a place where important events in history happened. In Berlin, there is such a wealth of these experiences and pupils have gained a great deal from these.

Paul Griffin, Head of History



Iceland Expedition

On the final day of term before the Easter holidays, 22 Stoics, Mrs Akam and Mr Elwell set off on an intrepid expedition to Iceland. As with many tours, our first stop was the famous blue lagoon, where we bathed in naturally heated water and spread natural volcanic mud on our faces. This was a great way to unwind after a busy term. From there it was on to Reykjavik, the small Capital of Iceland to engage in a little culture and test out the steep Scandinavian exchange rates.

On the second day of the trip we were to undertake the famous 'golden circle'. Unfortunately, we were met by the more famous Icelandic weather! We visited Thingvetler National Park, where we witnessed the Eurasian and the North American tectonic plates pulling apart. We also visited Geysir, seeing boiling hot water ejected 20 feet into the air. Here, the conditions really closed in and the horizontal sleet really tested the quality of our waterproof clothing. We moved on to the Gulfoss or Golden falls, which is the largest waterfall in Iceland and we were all impressed by the power on show. We returned to our hostel for a warm shower and hot food.

Day three was spent looking at the other large waterfalls in Iceland. We started with Seljandjafoss which is 40m high where we had

the chance to walk behind it. We then went to Skogafoss and climbed all the way to the top of the 60m high waterfall to look down and witness how the landscape has been carved by hydraulic action. From here we travelled to Solheimajokkul and walked up to the edge of a glacier, being able to touch the ice. Having seen old photographs of previous locations of the glacier it was clear to see how quickly the ice is melting. After a quick visit to Vik, with a black sandy beach we headed home, stopping at Kerid crater on the way to climb an extinct volcano, with excellent views down into the crater.

On the final day of the trip we went to the base of Hekla, which is a large volcano overdue an eruption. We had a talk from a local business owner who wasn't at all concerned about the potential for a large explosive eruption at the bottom of his road. After a short walk to gain better views of Hekla and the Icelandic landscape we went to climb another extinct Volcano called Stordimon. After a steep short climb we revelled in the panoramic views of dramatic landscapes almost untouched by humans. We then travelled to our local public swimming pool, which was of course naturally heated and outside. It was great to end the fieldtrip with a relaxing dip, Icelandic style.

Thomas Elwell, Geography Department





Clockwork

The refurbishment of Temple House over the summer of 2016 will give an opportunity to remove a partition that reduces the space of one Sixth Form study bedroom on the North Front. However, the partition was built to conceal the now disused mechanism that used to drive the clock and bells above the house. Frank Byrne, the School's resourceful Clerk of Works, came up with a neat arrangement to make a feature of this significant piece of Stowe history within the enlarged room. The mechanism has been re-assembled by local clock and bell enthusiast Mr Ray Goodger of Thornborough, near Buckingham and will now be encased in Perspex. Mr Goodger tells us that the mechanism was made by John Sykes, who had lived in Thornborough Manor and made a very similar clock mechanism for the local church in 1868. By 1880 Mr Sykes had moved to Water Stratford, just down the road from Stowe and it was at around this time that he made the mechanism for Stowe.

The mechanism was originally wound by hand with large weights hanging in the voids behind the Marble Saloon. One weight operated the clock, one the hour bell and one for the chimes. The original handle is still in place even though the mechanism was electrified in the 1950s. The mechanism remained in use until 1999 when it was disconnected as part of the project to restore the roof. The bells then fell silent until 2008 when they were refurbished and the chiming reinstated but now controlled electronically. A great deal of time was spent ensuring that the electronic chimes replicated the original mechanical chimes.

Mr Goodger has now put the original mechanism back together and it could operate again if the intricate system of rods and pulleys, connecting it to the bells and clock were reinstated. Provided, of course, that we could find a volunteer to wind it.

Nick Morris, Operations Director

Friends of Stowe

During the Easter holiday the Headmaster, Anthony Wallersteiner, and I went to Asia to visit current parents, prospective parents, Old Stoics and our very generous donors.

Under the banner of Friends of Stowe we hosted two drinks parties, one at the Polo Club in Singapore and the other at the China Club in Hong Kong (formerly owned by past parent David Tang, and where numerous pieces of his art collection are on display). Both events were extremely well attended, fun and interactive. It was fantastic to bring the Stowe community together and to update them on our tremendous achievements in academics, sport, extracurricular and of course to catch up on the news of Old Stoics who are making headlines. Our

presentation is getting longer by the day and it is a great privilege to be able to reflect on some of the brilliant things that are being achieved at Stowe.

It was a successful trip on all counts, with support coming for our next important development projects of Design and Technology and Sport. Our thanks go to Friends of Stowe committee members in Asia Nick Loup (Lyttelton 78), Chris Drake (Walpole 75), Marcel Ivison (Grenville 82), Aaron Chiu (Chandos 90), Rupert Skrine (Chandos 79) and Cecily Chambers (Lyttelton 00), for all their hard work.

Ben Mercer, Development Director

Classics Society

On Tuesday 26 April, Stoics taking Latin and Greek welcomed Miss Charlotte Matthews (Lyttelton, 09) to a supper in the Blue Room. In a well-illustrated talk, including some video rap, Charlotte described the wide range of classical themes she had studied at Cambridge after leaving Stowe, covering topics including poetry, philosophy, oratory, mythology and aspects of material culture, inscriptions, graffiti, religious beliefs and daily life. Stoics were able to ask questions about the benefits



of taking Classics at university and what type of jobs classicists often go on to do. It was a fascinating insight into the lively and diverse world of classics beyond Stowe.

Michael Bevington, Head of Classics

RUGBY

On Thursday 28 April Charlton Kerr (Upper Sixth, Cobham) attended a two day trial of 20 talented U18 players who had been spotted at the National 7s tournament and recommended by their Academy. This was under the close scrutiny of Simon Amor, the England 7s manager.

Charlton had suffered the disappointment of being released by the Saints at the end of his Lower Sixth year but was then picked up by Wasps following his performances for the 1st XV. The highs and lows of sport took him on another rollercoaster when Wasps decided to release him, however they did put him in touch with the England 7s Academy and his performance at Rosslyn Park for Stowe in their Plate success earned him the invitation to the trial.

On Monday 2 May Charlton received the call from Simon Amor to say he had impressed sufficiently to warrant a one year contract with the England 7s Development Squad, which will play tournaments in the UK and across Europe. He will be based at Teddington with a view to trying to break into the full National side that tours the World playing in the World Series, including the famous Hong Kong 7s. He commences his commitment straightaway by representing the Development side at Bury St Edmunds.

Sevens demands a different form of fitness to the XV's game and Charlton has a terrific engine inside him that equips him well for the high-octane, high-intensity game that captivates audiences worldwide. He is an excellent advert for local talent, recommended by Towcestersians when he was 13. He has fully justified his Sports Scholarship awarded by the School when he joined five years ago. Not just a terrific sportsman, Charlton is also hoping to achieve straight As in his A Level exams later this summer.

Alan Hughes, Director of Rugby



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Stowe Putter

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the Stowe Putter, the oldest Prep School golf competition.

And in this special year, we are delighted that the legendary 'voice of golf', Peter Alliss has kindly agreed to present the prizes. We would welcome entries from Prep School golfers. The competition takes place on Thursday 25 August 2016 (practice is available on Wednesday 24 August) on the iconic Stowe golf course. You can download the application form from our [website](#).

David Fletcher, Competition Coordinator





Science Progress

The Science Centre is nearing completion and we're all itching to step through the doors for the first time. I was lucky enough to be taken on a tour of the new building recently with the site manager, and I am pleased to report on the improvements that have been made.

The extension and renovation began less than a year ago: remarkable progress has been made since. The new contemporary two storey building already looks awe-inspiring. Chemistry, Biology and Physics each have two generously sized teaching labs, as well as an informal study area each. There's also a modern Sixth Form study area, and a new lecture theatre which can fit 60 Stoics.

Working within the existing footprint, features blend the old with the new. The second stage of our programme will begin in early summer, with the refurbishment of the existing building. Externally, the extended new building showcases extensive

glazed façades and beautiful Bath stone cladding. An attractive and open atrium welcomes you inside. This spacious new entrance has been fully glazed and is protected with a sun shading system. Science truly has had a makeover.

The transformation of Science will complete a great cycle of development in the last week of the Summer term; Chemistry and Physics will move over to the new section with Biology remaining in the temporary laboratories. I am extremely excited to report that all work should be finished by October half term, so that pupils and staff can settle in to the new Science centre straight after the break.

Thanks to the fantastic work of the Building and Works Estate Management Team, we are on time and on budget. The transformation of Science at Stowe is very close and we look forward to passing on further news.

Hannah Al-Anazi, Development Manager



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Refurbished Sailing Hut Open for Use

The Sailing Hut on the 11 Acre Lake, originally given to the School in 1931 in memory of Patrick Rappoport (Temple 31) and newly refurbished in honour of Mr Ray Dawson, has now been handed back to the School Sailing Club for use. The boarded up windows have been opened up so that the interior is clearly lit, the floor has been re-laid and is no longer sinking slowly into the ground, the roof has been completely retiled and is now watertight, an inner lining has been added to the walls to give the frame greater rigidity and a carefully measured system of racking has been installed to carry our five Topper dinghies and seven kayaks, as well as buoyancy aids and all other necessities. The hut should now be good for another 85 years. Special thanks to Mr Byrne for overseeing, Mr Eason Bassett for his racking designs and to Stowe's carpenters, Mr Cory and Mr Campbell.

David Critchley, Executive Administrator

Old Stoics

Wine Tasting with Michael Sager

Tuesday evening saw the long awaited return of the OS Corkscrew Club under the new leadership of James Sleater (Chatham 99) and Talulla Barrow (Lyttelton 07). The evening was a sell out, with Old Stoics and guests eager to hear tips and advice from GQ's Sommelier of the Year, Michael Sager.

The evening started with a glass of Cava followed by tasting two reds and two whites selected by Michael. He spoke at length about the merits of each wine and answered a great many questions raised by the guests.

The tasting took place at **Cad and the Dandy**, on Savile Row, a tailor's shop owned by James Sleater (Chatham 99). I would like to thank all of his staff as well as his business partner, Ben Scholfield (Temple 99), for their help throughout the evening and for making us all feel so welcome.

James and Talulla are busy planning the next OS Corkscrew evening, which will take place in June. Details will be announced, as soon as they are confirmed.

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

Anna Semler, Old Stoic Society Director





The Winton Cup

On Friday 22 April, the School welcomed fourteen Prep Schools to compete in the annual humanities competition, The Winton Cup. The competition is really starting to take off and this year twice the number of schools were involved in the competition compared to last year. The idea of the day is to inspire and stimulate the exploration of humanities' subjects and challenge participants to consider how to think creatively and critically, to reason and to ask questions. The competition was named in honor of Old Stoic, Sir Nicholas Winton, MBE. Sir Nicholas was a humanitarian who organised the rescue of 669 mostly Jewish children from German-occupied Czechoslovakia on the eve of the Second World War in an operation later known as the Czech Kindertransport.

The day included sessions on Philosophy and Religion, Politics, History, History of Art and Geography. Each session involved an array of engaging activities that linked to the central theme of Western Democracy. With current debate

being heavily affected by issues such as extremism, EU membership and the US presidential election, it seemed fitting to teach about the values that so much of our lives depend upon. Pupils were challenged to participate in debates about Bentham's utilitarianism, representative democracy, the greatest historical threats to Western Democracy, the case for staying in or leaving the EU as well as an activity based on the British Worthies.

We were delighted to welcome Speaker John Bercow MP to deliver a keynote speech to our participants, he spoke with clarity, wit and passion, as always. The competition was incredibly tight with several schools contesting for first place. In the end, Sir Thomas Fremantle just pipped Beachborough, Chesham and Summer Fields to take the Cup, and Ashfold took the Year 8 competition. It was a thoroughly enjoyable day and we look forward to next year's event.

Charlie Barker, Head of Politics



2016 Gift Collection

We now have a growing range of Stowe and Old Stoic merchandise available in the Shop at Stowe. A blend of traditional apparel and some new clothing and gift items that we have introduced in the last few months. You can now order through our [online shop](#).



Cushion

A bright and colourful map of Stowe and the grounds printed on the highest quality linen/cotton. Each one comes with a luxury feather inner or just the cover, in our presentation gift box. Available in 2 sizes. Backing colours: White or Navy Blue



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Luxurious long towelling dressing gowns. Navy Blue with Stowe crest, White with 'Stowe' in Blue.



Stowe Monopoly

Play this classic game with a Stowe twist.



Stowe Lion

Best selling Stowe Lion, 19cm sitting, wearing an embroidered navy blue Guernsey sweater.



Please click on any of the events for more information. If you would like to book please email Stowe Parents.

Stowe Parents

Stowe Parents at Lake Como

Stowe parents arrived at the Villa d'Este hotel on Friday 22 April. During pre-dinner cocktails on the veranda, new parents were welcomed and introduced and there was soon a great buzz in the air. A sumptuous dinner followed with lively conversation around the elegant long table.

Following a fabulous breakfast, we set off with our two local guides to the famous silk town of Como. Walking through the old part of town we saw architecture dating back to the Roman period and we were shown the last Gothic cathedral built in Lombardy. From here we took the highest funicular in Europe to Brunate, which offered splendid views of Lake Como and the surrounding area.

We then went to Milan to La Scala, the Piazza del Duomo with its imposing Cathedral and the bustling Galleria Vittorio Emanuele. For many the highlight of the day was awaiting us at the Santa Maria delle Grazie Church to see the 'Last

Supper', possibly the world's most famous fresco by Leonardo da Vinci.

The action-packed day was rounded off as we boarded a private boat from the hotel jetty to the Isola Comacina, the only island on Lake Como. We were welcomed at the Locanda dell'Isola by Benvenuto Puricelli and served the rustic menu of seven different courses, all of which have remained unchanged since opening. The evening finished with the 'exorcism of fire' during which Benvenuto spoke about this ritual, which just happened to coincide with the most incredible lightning on the lake. Quite spooky!

We concluded the evening with a Stowe Parents nightcap in the bar at the hotel which ended our delightful weekend at the Villa d'Este and Lake Como.

Linda Ellis
Stowe Parents Committee & Grenville Parent



Nell English Hits the Road!

Nell English (Lyttelton 08) started her 724km run across Zimbabwe to raise money and awareness for Zimbabwe National Association for Mental Health (ZIMNAMH) on Tuesday 5 April and reached her destination of Victoria Falls on Saturday 30 April. The route took in Harare, Norton, Kwekwe, Lupane and Victoria Falls and has never been attempted before; it is a remote and dangerous part of the country with the dirt road flanked by game parks on either side. Nell set an initial target of 1,000 dollars. The fund has now passed 6,000 dollars and



donations are still coming in. This is a fantastic achievement and ZIMNAMH are deeply appreciative.

More information about Nell's run can be found on her [Instagram](#).

FRIDAY
27
MAY

Tony Hadley Pre-Concert Reception for Stowe Parents

To join other Stowe Parents before the concert you can book one of our pre-concert packages from the options below by emailing Stowe Parents with your package choice. We will then let you know how to pay.

Option One (£15 per person): For pre-concert drinks, reserved picnic area seating and reserved priority seating in the concert (bring your own picnic).

Option Two (£35 per person): For pre-concert drinks, reserved picnic area seating with a delicious picnic provided by Boycott Farm and reserved priority seating in the concert.

Remember you need to buy your concert ticket separately from JSL.

THURSDAY
16
JUNE

Highgate Cemetery Tour

Something different for a June day - join Stowe Parents to learn about this special Victorian cemetery with its sinuous paths winding up a steep wooded hill and its ivy-clad monuments - Highgate is a funerary landscape at its most evocative. The West Cemetery is home to the most impressive architectural features of the Cemetery - the Chapel, Colonnade, Erian Avenue, Circle of Lebanon, Terrace Catacombs and the mausoleum of Julius Beer. The tour will be followed by a pub lunch nearby. Tickets, including lunch, are £35 each. Closing date for booking is Wednesday 1 June.

SUNDAY
26
JUNE

Summer Jazz

Come along and join us for a glass of champagne and listen to the wonderful Stowe Big Band play some classic Jazz from the 20s to the 60s. This intimate event held on the North Side of the Chung Music School is a perfect way to spend a summer evening. Stowe Parents will provide the fizz if you bring your own picnic. Don't forget your picnic rug! Tickets are free but please email us to let us know you are coming.

WEDNESDAY
29
JUNE

Henley Royal Regatta

We are happy to announce an exclusive offer for Stowe Parents to enjoy the Henley Royal Regatta on Wednesday 29 June 2016. The table for the day package is priced at £165 per person and includes:

- Entry tickets to the historic Leander Club.
- A traditional luncheon in the members' marquee.
- Afternoon cream tea.
- Exclusive enclosure tickets to watch the races and soak up the unique atmosphere of this quintessentially English summer event.

Drinks are not included in the package but there will be a cash bar within the marquee. Children over 10 are most welcome but please note that a strict dress code applies to all.



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