

Remembrance Sunday

Sunday 13 November heralded blue skies and sunshine as 132 cadets formed up smartly on parade in advance of the Remembrance Sunday Service, to be inspected by visiting preacher Major General (retired) Peter Williams OBE, ex Coldstream Guards, and the Headmaster.

The Contingent made a very good account of themselves and after a brief speech from the General, the Contingent filed smartly into Chapel.

Cadet Sgts Stuart Milner (Upper Sixth, Cobham) and Thomas Mayhew (Lower Sixth, Grafton) carried out their role of Flag Bearers with dignity, leading the procession of General Williams and Reverend Sue, followed by the Headmaster, Lady Stringer (Governor), Jonathon Hall (Chairman of the Old Stoic Society), Head Boy, Jarrod Van der Westhuizen (Upper Sixth, Grafton) and Head Girl, Thalia Felton (Upper Sixth, Queen's) and CCF wreath layers.

Each wreath layer was accompanied by a cadet escort; Sgt Alex Harris (Lower Sixth, Grafton), Leading Hand Oscar Hill (Fifth Form, Temple), Sgt Lucy Shamash (Upper Sixth, Stanhope), Cpl Matthew Barnes-Murphy (Lower Sixth, Bruce), Sgt Thomas Leach (Lower Sixth, Walpole), Sgt Mar Martinez-Tomas (Lower Sixth, Lyttelton) and Sgt Dily Adilkhanova (Lower Sixth, Stanhope).

Prayers were led by L/Cpl Eleanor Trotman (Lower Sixth, Queen's), L/Cpl Georgina Vallings

(Lower Sixth, Lyttelton) and Cpl Alice Pryse (Lower Sixth, Lyttelton). All three cadets read beautifully with clarity and expression.

The choir sang 'For the Fallen' with great emotion, conducted by Geoffrey Silver and accompanied by Alexander Aitkin, and the brass and drums section played splendidly from their dizzy Chapel heights. Special mention must go to Finlay Sutherland (Lower Sixth, Grafton) who played the Last Post on a World War I bugle with most impressive skill and precision.

The whole Service was meaningful and beautifully done. General Williams gave a personal, thought-provoking and heartfelt address, hymns were sung with gusto and all cadets, staff and pupils involved felt proud to play their part in what a large number of staff and pupils later commented was a very moving Service, guided and led by our School Minister, Reverend Sue Sampson.

Forty two visitors stayed for a splendid lunch in the State Music Room and a presentation was made to the Major General for coming to Stowe and being part of the Remembrance Service. He wrote "I was very impressed by the turn out and evident enthusiasm of the CCF members. The two girls who hosted me at lunch were absolutely delightful." Our thanks go to all who took part in the Service.

Major Jan de Gale, Adjt/SSI Stowe School CCF





Open Mic Night

On Sunday 13 November the Uglund Auditorium played host to this term's Open Mic Night. The event was packed with both audience and performers. An amazing 23 performances were on the bill and it is credit to these performers that the evening was so varied and stayed on schedule.

We were treated to a poem by Ishiqa Singh (Fourth Form, Queen's) and this indicated a trend for original work to feature with memorable performances of self-penned songs by both Max Campbell-Preston (Lower Sixth, Grafton) and Natasha Woods (Lower Sixth, Queen's). A range of instruments were used by performers to accompany themselves, Sofia Atkinson-Hieber (Third Form, Nugent) and Mimi Pearson-Gee (Third Form, Nugent) both giving stunning vocal performances from the piano. Lucy Sutherland (Lower Sixth, Nugent) presented her take on Katy Perry's 'Roar' with a ukulele providing the harmonic role. Mali Aitchison (Lower Sixth, Nugent) provided fantastic performances including a duet with Olivia Thomas (Lower Sixth, Nugent) and also acted as an accompanist for Emily Banks' (Fourth Form, Lyttelton) soulful vocal performance.

Rounding the evening off was a band fronted by Henry Gauvain (Lower Sixth, Temple) featuring Arthur Marriott (Lower Sixth, Chandos), Dan Jolker (Lower Sixth, Cobham) and Natasha Woods. There are too many performances for me to mention them all but my thanks go out to all who attended and took part, in particular to Henry and Mali for presenting the evening so professionally.

Miles Nottage, Head of Rock, Pop and Jazz





Old Stoic Careers' Fair

The OS Careers' Fair took place on Saturday 19 November for the Lower Sixth Form. The State Rooms hosted Old Stoic representatives from 35 different industries, including Property, Banking, Landscape Design, Medicine and Marketing. This year we had Old Stoics who worked for Google and Nokia present and needless to say they had constant queues of Stoics lined up to speak to them all morning.

Stoics were encouraged to speak to as many different people as possible in order to find out about industries that might interest them. The Old Stoics and guests who took part in the Fair were extremely impressed with their engagement and insightful questions. I would like to thank the Stoics who took part for giving such a good impression to our guests and dressing so smartly for the occasion. I hope those who attended found it useful.

I end with a reminder: the OS Office can help with contacts, work experience and mentoring: all you need do is ask.

Anna Semler, Old Stoic Society Director

OS Dinner & AGM

On Thursday 10 November, 85 Old Stoics gathered at the Hippodrome in Leicester Square for a drinks reception and their AGM followed by a three course dinner in the Matcham Theatre. After dinner, a lively cabaret act performed a Queen tribute act, after which, guests were unleashed into the casino. It's rumoured that the OS Chairman and his crowd of OS friends stayed out until 5.00am!

Anna Semler, Old Stoic Society Director

RUGBY

On Wednesday 9 November the 1st XV played Warwick in the fourth round of the NatWest Cup. It was a high scoring game but unfortunately the team never recovered from conceding an early try and the match ended in a 38-21 loss.

In the block fixture against Cheltenham on Saturday 12 November, the 2nd XV won 15-3 and the 4th XV 19-5. The Juniors won four of the six matches played. The Colts Bs won 44-10, the Colts Cs won 50-0, the Junior Colts Bs won 17-0 and the Junior Colts Cs won 43-0. The Colts C and the Junior Colts C teams both recorded their first wins of the season in emphatic style scoring 93 points between them without conceding.

The teams won six of the ten matches played in the block fixture against Uppingham on Saturday 19 November. The 1st XV had a narrow 18-15 loss, however, as in the previous week there were fine wins for the 2nd and 4th XV, 20-10 and 17-7 respectively. In the Junior matches the Colts As dominated their opponents for long periods but were not able to capitalise on this and eventually lost 15-5. Once again it was the B and C teams in the ascendancy. The Colts Bs won 41-10 and the Colts Cs won 39-12. The Junior Colts Bs played excellent rugby and put in an almost faultless performance as they went on to win 47-0. The Junior Colts C team put in another strong performance winning 27-7.

Alan Hughes, Head of Rugby



CRICKET

Rhys Noble (Third Form, Chandos) picked up three cricket awards at the recent Northants County Cricket presentation evening. He won Top Batsman for the U13s with a total of 463 runs in 16 games, Top Score of the Season with 74 against Worcestershire and U13s Players' Player 2016. Congratulations also go to George Hooper (Third Form, Chandos) who has been selected for the Northants U15 County Squad.

Peter Deakin, Chandos Housemaster





Mass for Troubled Times

On Sunday 20 November, the massed ranks of the Choir, Choral Society and Orchestra came together with our season's collaborative partners, Apollo5 and The Adderbury Ensemble to perform works by Beethoven, Tavener and Haydn. Beethoven's 'Egmont Overture' opened the concert and filled the whole building with an exciting and vibrant orchestral texture - the scoring of which reflects two decades of Napoleon's seemingly unstoppable armies.

There followed an oasis of calm, 'Mother of God, Here I Stand' by the late John Tavener - performed by Apollo5 and VOICES8 Scholars. Haydn's 'Missa in Angustiis', (Mass for Troubled Times) was a high bar to set but the combined voices rose to the occasion. The military brass and drums that invade the choral textures were an ever present reminder of Napoleon's expansionist tendencies. Vocal fireworks and exquisite reflection was provided by the stunning Leipzig-based soprano, Julia Sophie Wagner, with Clare Stewart, (alto) Alex Haigh, (tenor) and Greg Link, (bass) joining us again from Apollo5.

As my orchestral debut at Stowe, I was grateful for the support from many quarters and the enthusiastic hard work of our Choir and Orchestra. My thanks in particular to members of staff Mr Windass and Mr Gibbon for coaching and playing during weekly rehearsals, and for contracting The Adderbury Ensemble and additional players respectively; to Mr Aitken for répétiteur and conquering the fiendish organ part; and to Dr Waive for bolstering the violin section.

Special mention must be given to the two Stoics who joined The Adderbury Ensemble for the Haydn: Mali Aitchison (Lower Sixth, Nugent), orchestral leader, and Finlay Sutherland (Lower Sixth, Grafton), first trumpet - fresh from his beautiful bugle work on Remembrance Sunday. It was a fun afternoon of rehearsals and a memorable concert of bombast, aspiration, collaboration and success.

Geoffrey Silver, Director of Music

CROSS COUNTRY

Inter-House cross country took place on Wednesday 19 October. In the boys' Junior competition Sam Birch (Third Form, Grenville) came first, Henry Hobby (Third Form, Chatham) came second and Xavier Treacher (Third Form, Bruce) came third. In the girls' Junior competition Emilia Havard (Third Form, Stanhope) came first, Tiffani Sole-Scarpellini (Third Form, Stanhope) came second and Luciana Butler (Third Form, Queen's) came third.

In the boys' Inter competition Joshua McCallum (Fourth Form, Chandos) came first ahead of Thomas Fountain (Fourth Form Cobham) in second place and Edward Don (Fourth Form, Chandos) in third. In the girls' Inter competition Zoë Pollock (Fifth Form, Nugent) was first, Georgia Glenser (Fourth Form, Lyttelton) second and Alyssia Dockerty (Fourth Form, Queen's) third.

Dan Jolker (Lower Sixth, Cobham) won the boys' Senior competition ahead of Freddie Woods (Lower Sixth, Chatham) and Diggory Slee (Upper Sixth, Grafton). In the girls' Senior competition Georgia Flawn-Thomas (Lower Sixth, Nugent) came first in record time with Rosie Smith (Lower Sixth, Queen's) in second and Eliza Dubois (Upper Sixth, Nugent) in third.

In the team competitions Grafton were dominant at Junior, Intermediate and Senior level. Nugent were dominant at Intermediate and Senior level which helped them to secure the overall trophy. In the Junior competition six points separated first and fourth with Stanhope edging Lyttelton out of the top spot.

Kyle Bennett, Head of Cross Country



Warriors

Over October Half term, 18 Stoics embarked on a trip of a lifetime, pushing us fully out of our comfort zones.

We arrived in Johannesburg after the 11 hour flight and were greeted warmly by the Warriors team. We then headed to the Warriors base camp in Tzaneen, which was a five hour drive from the airport. We spent the evening getting to know everyone and enjoyed a delicious supper. After supper we headed to bed, all feeling rather tired; we slept in cabins that night.

On our first day we ventured on a 25km hike and stopped on the way to slide down a waterfall into a pool of water. Our morale was kept high by singing and laughing and at the end of the day we all felt very satisfied with what we had achieved.

The next day we headed to Lenyenyee to visit a crèche. From the moment we entered to the moment we left the children just wanted to be picked up and hugged. It was the most heartwarming experience and I think it showed us all how different life can be for others and how lucky we are. After this we went to Kinyongo Reptile Centre where every Warrior held a python around their necks! We ended the day by driving to Swadeeni campsite where we set up our tents surrounded by beautiful scenery and had a Braai.

The following morning we went to Moholoholo Animal Sanctuary where we got to stroke a cheetah and see the famous honey badger. We then headed to Nyani cultural village where we watched an outstanding performance of African dancing and learnt about the history and the lifestyle of the tribe. We also shared a meal with them which was delicious and all the people were lovely. After an enjoyable day we

went back to the campsite and got introduced to a 'Warriors Belly' that we then had to cook in teams.

The next day we started off our morning with a walk to see some amazing waterfalls and we had the pleasure of swimming in the pools. After this we travelled to Panorma where we set up basecamp. We then psyched ourselves up and went to do 'The Big Swing'. This was a tandem jump off a cliff into a valley with a 68m free fall at 180km/h. Everyone completed 'The Big Swing' with fear but great excitement as well. That evening we cooked a traditional South African pokey.

The next day we set off to 'Elephant Whispers' where we learnt about African elephants and got to feed and pet them. We then had a five hour journey to Rustenburg. When we arrived we set up our tents and had a relaxed evening. The next morning we woke up all feeling very excited to do our skydive - falling out of an airplane at 11,000m. That evening we enjoyed another pokey cooked by South Africans at the skydiving base in Rustenburg and had an entertaining evening with them.

On the last day a few more people still had to complete their skydive. We then packed up all our belongings and went to Ishigeki fighting academy where we learnt self-defense. After this we returned to Johannesburg airport where we had our last supper as Warriors. We said our final goodbyes and left for home.

We all had the most amazing week and it lived up to all my expectations. I think everyone would agree that we would all love to go back to repeat this experience and we would recommend this to anyone considering it.

Rosie Smith (Lower Sixth, Queen's)



Christopher Norton Masterclass

On Friday 18 November, internationally acclaimed composer and educationalist, Christopher Norton visited Stowe and gave a masterclass on piano improvisation. Christopher rose to fame in the 80s following the release of his popular 'Microjazz' series of books, and he regularly tours the world giving workshops and seminars. This is Christopher's third visit to Stowe and he never fails to inspire the young musicians who take part in his workshops. There were nine Stoics who participated and benefited from Christopher's tutelage and it was great to see their confidence increase as Christopher helped them develop their improvisation skills with his creative, step-by-step approach.

I would like to thank Mina Haas (Lower Sixth, Stanhope), Rosia Li (Third Form, Stanhope), Jeffrey Au (Fourth Form, Walpole), Daniil Samiev (Upper Sixth, West), Eliza Percy (Third Form, Queen's), Dilyara Adilkhanova (Lower Sixth, Stanhope), Madeline Pearson-Gee (Third Form, Nugent), Lewis Bell (Upper Sixth, Grenville) and Ellen Arnall (Lower Sixth, West) for taking part, as well as local musicians Cameron Eilbeck from Beachborough School and Molly Gribben from The Royal Latin School. I look forward to welcoming Christopher back to Stowe in March next year for a one day conference with the European Piano Teachers' Association.

Ben Andrew, Head of Keyboard





American Friends of Stowe

The American Friends of Stowe hosted an extremely well attended Cocktail Party at Steinway Hall in New York on Monday 24 October. Old Stoics, parents, prospective parents and other Friends of Stowe were treated to an evening of lively conversation and reminiscing. The highlight of the evening was a presentation by Harry Gregson-Williams (Chatham 80) Hollywood composer, conductor and music producer. He has regularly written for television and films including 'The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe', 'X-Men Origins: Wolverine', 'The Martian', and the 'Shrek' franchise. We were very lucky to have Harry as Composer-in-Residence at Stowe in 2012-13. In the Steinway Theatre, Harry treated his audience to a visual and auditory journey through some of the highlights of his career. It was fascinating to hear how he takes a scene in a film and adds music to tell a story. He had complete control of his audience, rather like he did at Stowe.

We also thanked our outgoing Chairman of the American Friends of Stowe, Brian Hecht, who steps down after 15 great years. Brian is to be replaced by a leadership team of Noah Walley as Chairman and Rod Morrison as Vice-Chairman. They will be joined on the Executive Committee by Andrew Tucker who will be running fundraising for which our Friends have shown generous support. We are very grateful to our entire Board for their incredible effort each year in driving this Society forward.

Ben Mercer, Development Director



History of Art Society

The second History of Art Society talk took place on Wednesday 19 October, when we enjoyed an extremely entertaining talk on 'the Country House after Downton Abbey.' The presentation explored the changing position of the Country House in our landscape, alongside the struggle to make these unsustainable buildings sustainable. In contrast to the last presentation the Society held on Conceptual Art, this talk helped to highlight the breadth of content that can be considered under the subject of History of Art.

Elizabeth Chubb, Head of History of Art

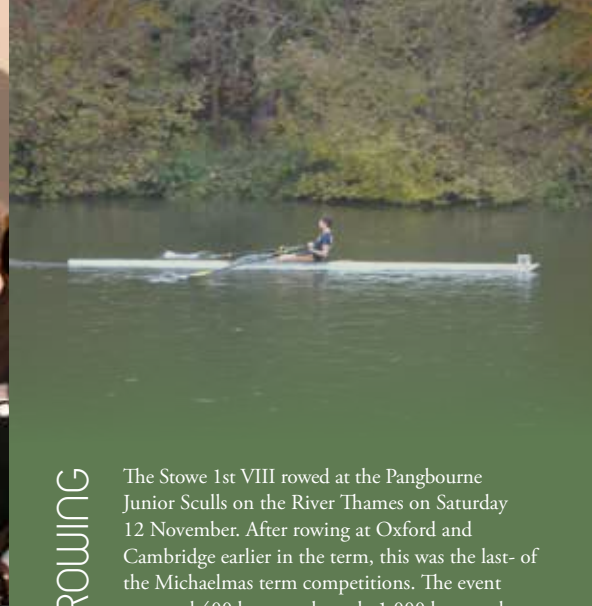
Ol Pejeta Conservancy

Ethan Collins (Fourth Form, Temple) has been an active sponsor of the Ol Pejeta Conservancy over the last three years. It is the largest Black Rhino Sanctuary in East Africa and they are home to the final three Northern White Rhinos in the world. It was established to rehabilitate animals rescued from the black market.

Ethan has raised over £1,000 through sales and events and is now going to take on a 334 mile cycle ride from Dover to Plymouth in ten days. He starts his ride on the first Monday of the summer holidays in 2017 and is planning on doing between 33 and 48 miles a day. He will be cycling behind a support vehicle but will be travelling

individually along coastal paths and trails. He is hoping to raise £5,000 to help the Ol Pejeta Conservancy continue their conservation efforts.

You can support Ethan and this worthwhile cause through his [JustGiving page](#).



ROWING

The Stowe 1st VIII rowed at the Pangbourne Junior Sculls on the River Thames on Saturday 12 November. After rowing at Oxford and Cambridge earlier in the term, this was the last of the Michaelmas term competitions. The event attracted 400 boats and nearly 1,000 boys and girls from some of the country's strongest rowing schools.

The 1st VIII raced A and B Quads in the morning division in pouring rain. The A crew of Ilya Riskin (Fifth Form, Chandos), James Pocklington (Lower Sixth, Grenville), Oscar Hill (Fifth Form, Temple) and Archie Morley (Fifth Form, Walpole) are a well-established combination and are becoming very competitive. The B crew of Elliot Patel (Fourth Form, Cobham), Tom Fox (Fifth Form, Temple), Ayrton Patel (Lower Sixth, Cobham) and Gleb Shcherbakov (Upper Sixth, Grenville) improved significantly on their showing at Cambridge.

By the afternoon the rain had cleared and Gleb Shcherbakov, Ilya Riskin, Oscar Hill, James Pocklington, Ayrton Patel and Archie Morley raced in singles. Archie Morley got the best result finishing 14th out of 23.

The new event tent proved its worth, providing shelter for Stoics and supporters from the start. The grill was brilliantly managed by Mrs Morley and she provided sustenance to hungry rowers throughout the day.

At Stowe a group of 15 Third and Fourth Form boys are learning to row in an Eight on the lake and a group of six Third Form girls are enthusiastically learning to row in a Quadruple Scull, coached by Mr Jones, Ms Jepson, Mr Wilson and Mr Parnaby.

Competitions next term are planned for Peterborough and Bath, culminating in the Schools' Head in London. It is hoped that some of the Juniors can join the 1st VIII at these competitions.

Andrew Rudkin, Rowing Coach

NETBALL

On Wednesday 9 November, in the U18 County Tournament the 1st team secured three wins against Akeley Wood, Thornton College and Waddesdon and a draw against Sir Henry Floyd. The girls lost narrowly to Aylesbury High and The Grange to finish the County Rounds in third place.

In the U16 County Tournament, the U16 team battled hard and finished in fourth place on Saturday 12 November and in the U14 County Tournament the team scored a total of 45 goals across four matches. After an extremely close-fought game against Aylesbury High, the eventual winners, the girls lost 10-9 to go through to the Regional Rounds as runners up in January.

Lauren Ellis, Head of Netball

CCF

CADET CENTRE FOR ADVENTUROUS TRAINING

Maria Khalfun (Fifth Form, Queen's) has become the second Stowe cadet to seize the opportunity of attending one of the low-cost high-value CCAT adventure training courses. Over October Half term she completed the Basic Climbing Course. The training included how to set up all the equipment, ensuring that the participant is confident at setting up belays, the gear placement and protection and rope management. The course also covered weather, mountain hazards and all the other interesting opportunities available at CCAT.

David Critchley, Lt Cdr RNR CCF

11 BRIGADE CADET LEADERSHIP COURSE

Three CCF cadets were fortunate to secure places on 11 Infantry Brigade's Cadet Leadership Course from Saturday 22 to Saturday 29 October: Sgt Alex Harris (Lower Sixth, Grafton), Sgt Thomas Leach (Lower Sixth, Walpole) and Sgt Mar Martinez-Tomas (Lower Sixth, Lyttelton). The intense course was designed to put the strongest cadets selected from school CCFs in the Southern counties through their paces. Very early starts and late evenings were a theme throughout the week and the pace was

challenging and relentless. The emphasis of the week was very much on developing leadership ability and a large proportion of the lessons were specifically aimed at understanding leadership and leadership styles. The course is aimed at cadets in the Lower Sixth Form, who then come back to their CCFs well-equipped to offer strong leadership in their final year at school.

Alex Harris writes "It was brilliant. Mar, Tom and I all had a fantastic time and have learned a lot. We were straight into training on arrival, getting into uniform and performing weapon handling tests as well as 'remind and revise' sessions on range cards, night vision equipment and the PRR radio. Afterwards we were given a briefing and sorted into platoons. The rest of the week consisted of many different activities, the first day being command tasks all aimed at bringing together each section. However, before we knew it we were on to the fun stuff: Field Craft. We were trained on how to conduct the standard section attack but with some new elements thrown in: Vehicle Check Points, Training In Woods And Forests as a Platoon and the platoon attack. Our final exercise included setting up a Platoon Harbour, conducting Vehicle Check Points, writing up orders for an ambush and deliberate attack, presenting the orders and then carrying out the operation."

Major J S de Gale, Adjt/SSI Stowe School CCF

Dr Mike Rossiter

On Friday 11 November the Sports Science Society welcomed Old Stoic, Dr Mike Rossiter (Cobham 85) to address the Stoics and have dinner with selected Society members.

Mike's talk was the first to take place in the new Science Lecture Theatre and concentrated on his experiences as a Doctor. He talked about his time at Stowe, his journey through qualifying and what led him to specialise in Sports Medicine.

Mike has worked in many different sports throughout the years, but it is his success working with England and GB hockey which put him in the limelight this summer. Mike was the team doctor for both the Men's and Women's GB hockey teams at the Olympic Games in Rio 2016. He spoke about the experience of being at an Olympics, how Rio compared to previous games he had been to and the challenge faced by working with two teams who had completely different levels of success, culminating in the Women winning the Gold Medal. Following several questions, Mike was welcomed to the Well Room where he had a delicious meal with those Stoics for whom his area of expertise held most interest. The conversation and questions flowed and Mike was extremely hospitable with his time and responses. This was a wonderful experience for all involved.

Philip Arnold, Head of Sports Science



EQUESTRIAN

Congratulations to Amy Struthers (Upper Sixth, Lyttelton) who produced a double clear round to win the trophy for best U18 in her first (CIC) Two Star at British Eventing's Aldon International Horse Trials over Half term.

Angela Churcher, Equestrian Centre Manager

GOLF

Golf is continuing to thrive at Stowe with many more competitive opportunities for both Senior and Junior Stoics. On Tuesday 18 October, our Senior team recorded a resounding victory against a very strong Cheltenham College at Studley Wood Golf Club. Particularly impressive performances came from Lochie Shillington (Fifth Form, Grafton), Jack Nesbitt (Fourth Form, Chatham) and Tom Youds (Fourth Form, Chandos) in extremely challenging conditions.

With Junior participation also on the increase, we have had a number of home fixtures and results have been very encouraging. On Tuesday 4 October our Junior golfers entertained Radley College and managed a very competitive half with a particularly strong performance from Jack Nesbitt. We have also witnessed a home fixture against Warwick School and on Wednesday 16 November they lost narrowly against a very strong Hall Grove Prep.

Andrew Hancox, Golf Professional



CYCLING

Harry Kirby (Fourth Form, Temple) completed the 86 mile course as part of the Super Series Circuit Breaker Sportive on Sunday 23 October. Starting at Turweston Aerodrome Harry completed the course in 4 hours and 43 minutes. Harry also competed in the seventh and eighth rounds of the Wessex Cyclo Cross league coming 29th out of 66 and 27th out of 49 respectively.

Chris Grimble, MiC Cycling

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The Institute of Economic Affairs

In the week before Half term, the Economics and Business Studies Department hosted a conference run by the Institute of Economic Affairs. This is an organisation that was described by the journalist Andrew Marr as being “undoubtedly the most influential think tank in modern British history.” We were joined by pupils from schools as far away as Slough and were treated to three excellent lectures from members of the Institute.

Dr Steve Davies opened with a talk on ‘Globalisation and the impact on China’, starting his address by pointing out that, apart from the relatively recent rise of countries in the North Atlantic, China has long been the centre of world economic power and the driver of globalisation. He asked pupils to consider various points, including whether China or India represented the future. This was followed by Professor Philip Booth discussing ‘Taxation, Productivity and Economic Growth in the UK’. He produced thought-provoking comparative statistics on tax and growth rate differentials between Western Europe and Australia, and questioned whether the growing tax burden in the UK has resulted in increased economic growth.

Finally Dr Kristian Niemietz tackled the thorny issues surrounding ‘Market and State Failures in Healthcare’. At the end of his talk (summarised by the quote that “empirical evidence does not tell us the best way to provide healthcare, but it does tell us that state provision is not it”), he posed several questions. The one that probably provoked the most debate looked at why rising healthcare costs were seen as inevitable (and acceptable) given technological advances, whereas similar rapid breakthroughs in the mobile phone market did not see parallel price rises. It was interesting to note that Dr Niemietz has been prominently featured in the press, fronting stories about unnecessary deaths in the NHS caused by an inappropriate approach to healthcare provision.

Overall the conference was well-focused on issues central to the A Level syllabus, and Stoics will have benefited greatly. We extend our thanks to the Institute and look forward to working with them again in the future.

Richard Corthine, Head of Business Studies and Economics



GeogSoc Inter-House Quiz

I think it's fair to say that everyone appreciates a good rock, and the Geographers who took part in the inaugural GeogSoc Inter-House Geography Quiz on Thursday 17 November were no exception. Able to identify their obsidian from their sandstone, participants worked their way through seven rounds of questions, ranging from the obligatory capital cities (identified from photos) to more challenging questions such as identifying what is measured on the Fujita scale (tornadoes, to save you having to Google the answer). The final scores were extremely close (just one point

between each team in the top three) but in third place was Cobham, second was Nugent and the proud winners were Grenville, with a team comprising Ben Skinner (Upper Sixth), Will Trumper (Lower Sixth), Hugo Robinson (Fifth Form), Rupert Mathers (Fourth Form) and Robbie Haigh (Third Form). They were duly rewarded with chocolate prizes and whilst we await the arrival of the actual trophy, there was a substitute trophy made from a Terry's Chocolate Orange wrapped up like a globe!

Sarah Murnane, Head of Geography

Heartstart Trainers

A number of Lower Sixth Formers have recently qualified as Heartstart Trainers. They have been trained by the British Heart Foundation on how to ‘Save a Life’ and are now qualified to deliver the following sessions: CPR, recovery position, heart attacks, choking and serious bleeding.

At present the pupils are delivering the sessions to Fourth Form Duke of Edinburgh participants and will be inviting all Third Formers to attend these valuable teaching sessions next term.

Debbie Jenkins, Senior Nurse Manager



HOCKEY

On Wednesday 6 November, in the matches against Kimbolton, the 2nd XI drew 1-1 and the 3rd XI drew 0-0, however, the U16As won 4-0 and the U16Bs won 3-1. In the block fixture against Uppingham on Saturday 12 November the 2nd XI played out their second draw of the week and the 3rd XI won 2-0.

The 1st XI did superbly well on Tuesday 8 November in the South qualifiers. They beat The Godolphin and Latymer and drew with KES Southampton and Surbiton High to go through to the South quarter-finals where they beat St George's Weybridge 2-1 on Wednesday 16 November, putting them in the top four teams in the South of England. They progressed to the finals on Wednesday 23 November and had some very tight games.

The girls lost 3-1 to Cranleigh in the first match. 1-1 at half time with Bubby Upton scoring a screamer into the roof of the net. They lost 1-0 to Ardingly and were very unlucky not to score before the end. Stowe won three short corners after the final whistle that they just couldn't convert.

The last match against St John's we lost 1-0 as well. This was our best performance and again, very unlucky not to get something out of the match. The girls played extremely well and showed everyone there just why they've experienced so much success this season. They have been a real inspiration to the girls' hockey section and the school, coaches and parents are extremely proud.

On Tuesday 15 November the U14As played in the South qualifier. They lost to Surbiton but held Eastbourne to a 0-0 draw. Although they did not progress further they thoroughly enjoyed their journey in this competition and will be better players for the experience.

On Wednesday 15 November the U16As won a thrilling game against Akeley Wood by 3 goals to 2. In the block fixture against Oundle on Saturday 19 November both the U14Cs and U15Cs produced strong displays to draw with their opposition. The performance of the day came from the U14B team who had a superb 2-0 victory.

Ben Scott, Head of Hockey

SWIMMING

Congratulations to Will Perry (Fifth Form, Cobham) who attended the GB Talent Assessment Day in Coventry on Sunday 13 November.

In the matches against Oundle and Akeley Wood on Thursday 10 November the Junior, Intermediate and Senior boys performed extremely well with all teams defeating both Oundle and Akeley Wood. The Junior girls beat Akeley Wood and the Intermediate and Senior girls lost narrowly against Oundle.

Cheryl Davies, Swimming Coach



Children In Need

Last week the School took part in raising money for Children in Need. There were Inter-House quizzes, a 'guess the number of Smarties on the cake' competition, a fun run, a sponsored Digital Detox day in the Operations Department and a variety of other challenges throughout the week. However, the big event happened in Chapel on Thursday 17 November with a number of staff completing sponsored challenges. The Revd Sue Sampson dressed as a Punk Rock Chick Vicar, complete with wig, tattoos and lots of bling; Mr A Last and Mr Arnold ate some very dry sugary doughnuts in a timed competition; Mr Donoghue had his legs waxed and the finale was the Headmaster riding into Chapel on a motorbike dressed in some questionable 80s gear and dancing to 'Saturday Night Fever'. He was quoted as saying "this is the most embarrassing thing I have ever done!"

Great fun was had by all and an estimated £2,000 was raised for this important charity. Well done to all the volunteers!



Isle of Wight Coastal Run

Between Wednesday 28 December and Saturday 31 December Eliza Dubois (Upper Sixth, Nugent) and Rob Turness (Upper Sixth, Chandos) will be running the entire perimeter of the Isle of Wight, following the coastal path which is 108km long (67 miles). They are running in support of **Winston's Wish** which is a charity that deals with child bereavement by helping the families through counselling and support.

This is a topic which is incredibly personal to the both of them. After Rob lost his father in Easter 2015 and Eliza having lost hers in Easter 2016, they are both very familiar with the trauma brought about by the loss of a parent and therefore realise the incredible necessity of the support needed during times of grief. Both Rob and Eliza were fortunate enough to receive amazing support through friends and family, however they realise that not all people have that network and want to help support others by raising money for the amazing works of the charity Winston's Wish.

You can support this cause by donating on their [JustGiving page](#) and help them face the challenge they are facing in their father's names.



BADMINTON

In the Senior Inter-House competition held on Sunday 13 November, Henry Eleyin-Bingham (Lower Sixth, Grenville) beat Freddie Woods (Lower Sixth, Chatham) in the singles final and Clarissa Llanaj (Upper Sixth, Lyttelton) beat Lottie Hopkinson (Lower Sixth, Stanhope). In the doubles competition Chatham beat Grenville in the final to win the overall trophy and Lyttelton beat Nugent.

The team achieved a great 11-5 victory against Wellingborough on Tuesday 15 November. This included the first outing by our two Third Form stars, Ellie Butler (Third Form, Lyttelton) and Rosia Li (Third Form, Stanhope) playing 1st pair. They won all their matches, as did 2nd pair Henry Eleyin-Bingham and Freddie Woods.

Hazel Broune, MiC Badminton

CLAY PIGEON SHOOTING

On Sunday 20 November, 37 Stoics from all 13 Houses competed for the coveted Swan Cup 50 Bird Challenge for the High Gun of the School.

In a well contested competition on a cold and dreary Sunday afternoon Stoics fought valiantly, but as is the way in competitive sports there are always winners and those who will look to take the top spot next year. Ben Skinner (Upper Sixth, Grenville) achieved an amazing score of 38 and took the title. Ben Skinner has had an amazing year so far in Clay Pigeon Shooting. He took on the role of shooting Captain and has been a driving force in Stowe promoting this well-established sport. Under Ben's captaincy, with the support of Tom Leach (Lower Sixth, Walpole), we have seen an increased participation in the shooting activity across all year groups.

It was an extremely close competition and we must mention Rory Smith (Upper Sixth, Cobham) who narrowly missed out on taking the cup with a last minute score of 37 and Will Trumper (Lower Sixth, Grenville) with 35. Fourth and Fifth place went to the increasing competition from our female competitors with outstanding achievements from Olivia Thomas (Lower Sixth, Nugent) with 34 and Tallula Douglas Miller (Lower Sixth, Queen's) with 33. With talent this strong we hope to see improved results at this year's Nationals.

Gordon West, MiC Clay Pigeon Shooting



The Worsley Science Centre

The new Science building is almost ready for its Grand Opening and Philip Surey and his partner have finished carving the name of this fantastic addition to Stowe. The lettering font is of his own design and he is thinking of calling it 'science block'!

Pam Rowett, Estate Management Department

Professor John Watts

The History Department welcomed eminent Oxford historian Professor John Watts to the School on Monday 7 November. Professor Watts is well known for his work on England in the 15th Century. His talk to Sixth Form historians on the Wars of the Roses managed to cover not only the events of the conflict between Lancastrians and Yorkists, but also used interesting parallels with more recent events in Egypt to illustrate the circumstances which can lead to such devastating civil conflict and the difficulties involved in reaching a resolution. This made it thought-provoking and relevant for those studying the modern, as well as the early modern period.

Professor Watts also gave an extra hour of his time to talk separately to those thinking of applying to read History at university, sharing insights from his own career and also drawing on his experience of being involved with admissions for History at Oxford. As the creator of the Oxford 'HAT' (History Aptitude Tests), he was able to provide an

excellent overview of what skills the top university departments are looking for in applicants. A select number of Stoic historians were able to follow up with individual questions over dinner and coffee in the Blue Room. It was an excellent evening and those pupils studying the Wars of the Roses this year benefited enormously from having the chance to interact with one of the top scholars in this field.

Julie Potter, Deputy Head (Academic)



Stoics at Parliament

On Monday 10 October, Lower Sixth Politics pupils embarked on an exciting journey to London where we would be visiting Parliament. Whilst waiting for our tour guides to arrive, we were able to spend some time in Westminster Hall – the oldest building on the Parliamentary Estate. This in itself was a fascinating experience not just because of the sheer beauty of it but because of the central role that Westminster Hall has played in British History and therefore British Politics.

Our guides started our tour through the House of Commons, followed by the House of Lords. One of the most beautiful rooms that we entered was the Robing Room. The Robing Room is primarily used by the Queen for the State Opening of Parliament. Today, it is in this room where the Queen puts on her Imperial State Crown and her Ceremonial Robes before making her way to the House of Lords. The paintings in this room were particularly striking. They were painted by William Dyce and depict the chivalric virtues of hospitality, generosity, mercy, religion and courtesy, as represented through scenes from 'King Arthur and his Court'.

Upon entering the House of Commons Chamber it became instantly evident how small it actually was when compared with how big it looks on PMQs or Ministerial debates on the television. It contrasted greatly with the very grand, lavish House of Lords. We were told that this was because the Victorian Chamber had been destroyed in 1941 and had to be rebuilt; however, due to the economic climate in Britain as a result of the war, the Government didn't

feel they could justify spending so much money on an incredibly lavish chamber when so many people were going through times of such hardship. As a result, when the House of Commons Chamber was opened in 1950 a chamber far more austere than that of the Lords Chamber.

After lunch we reconvened in Westminster Hall before visiting the Speaker's Private Gallery. We were fortunate enough to have been given tickets for the Ministers' Questions on the topic of education, being led by Justine Greening – Secretary of State for Education. It was a lot of fun to watch, as the criticisms that the opposition benches and the government benches throw at each other can be very brutal, but this creates an atmosphere that is very engaging. It was a fantastic trip that enabled us to apply the knowledge that we had been learning in class to a real place with real people and Ministers' Questions was definitely a highlight!

Charlotte Brenman (Lower Sixth, West)



The Value of Medical Work Experience

We asked several Stoics looking to study medicine why they chose to embark on the demanding route and to give some advice to those considering it as a trajectory to higher education.

When Georgina Skinner (Upper Sixth, Nugent) joined Stowe in 2012 there was one thing of which she was fairly certain: she wanted to study medicine at university. A love for science, an interest in medical books and the challenge of pursuing a difficult and rewarding career were all factors that attracted Georgina towards this academically demanding and highly competitive career. However, it has been Georgina's various work experience placements that have confirmed her decision and provided useful insights into a career in medicine.

Since the age of fifteen, Georgina has spent three weeks volunteering in a Nursing Home for people with severe dementia, as well as visiting the elderly as part of Service at Stowe. Georgina mentioned how both have been eye opening and rewarding experiences, which have helped her to appreciate the ageing process, improve her communication and compassion and have also provided a steady reminder of the need for empathy without emotional attachment.

Last summer, Georgina shadowed a GP in a local surgery and during Half term she was fortunate enough to spend a week shadowing a Professor at the London Hospital of Tropical Diseases. "It was this valuable insight into the fast-paced energetic environment of a hospital that really motivated me to pursue a medical career." For any medical applicant, the prospect of having to source and acquire work experience can be very daunting because it is difficult to secure a placement. However, Georgina's advice is "Where there is a will, there is a way – do not give up! Write to hospitals, talk to family friends who work in the medical field and put yourself out there and eventually you will find something."

Work experience is one very important factor in a medical application, however further challenges include having to achieve high grades, performing well in the BioMedical Admissions Test (BMAT) and UK Clinical Aptitude Test (UKCAT), admissions tests and writing an impressive personal statement. Therefore, it doesn't come as a surprise that the workload increases when one endeavours to apply to Medical School. "It is important to stay motivated. It is almost guaranteed that at some point you will feel like giving up. It is then that compartmentalisation becomes your best friend; being able to divide up all of your responsibilities such as prep and duties, work experience and admission test revision, alongside a busy social life is something that one learns very quickly. As a result some sacrifices have to be made and for me that was giving up a few social events to reinvest my time studying."

For advice on work experience please contact the [Careers Department](#).

Gordon West, Careers Advisor



Tuscany Evening

On Thursday 10 November, the Languages Society organised an evening dedicated to discovering and tasting the finest wines and cheeses that Tuscany has to offer. Everyone involved had a fantastic time with over twenty Stoics and several members of staff participating in the event. The savouring of the wines and cheeses started with some rosé, followed by white wine and finished with the region's speciality red wine accompanied at all times with a plate of a variety of delicious cheeses and honey. Whilst we tickled our taste buds, we learnt a great deal about how the wines and cheeses are made in this famous region of Italy, renowned for its beauty and gastronomy. A huge thank you goes to Lisa Battilomo (Upper Sixth, Nugent) and Kurt Leimer (Upper Sixth, Chandos) for organising the event and for allowing everyone to have such an enjoyable evening.

Tom Purdon (Lower Sixth, Grenville)

Roxburgh Society

Old Stoics and members of the Stowe community who pledge to include Stowe in their Will become members of The Roxburgh Society – a group formed in 2005, which was established as a way of thanking all those who have decided to leave Stowe a legacy. Wednesday 16 November was a very special day for this valued fellowship as we celebrated our annual Roxburgh Society Open Day Lunch, which proved to be an enormous success as we opened the doors to our largest number of prospective members to date. Stowe is a school built largely on bequests and philanthropy of its alumni and friends and the purpose of this important Open Day is to recruit new members. With over eighty guests in attendance we had a full house and the Music Room bustled with people, activity and energy. Natasha Woods (Lower Sixth, Queen's) and Jeffrey Au (Third Form, Walpole) blew us all away with their musical performances, and both Nigel Rice (President) and Ben Mercer (Development Director) brought news from the Campaign for Stowe.

The ranks are gradually swelling as more Old Stoics and supporters sign up to The Roxburgh Society. A legacy helps us extend the scope of Bursary and Scholarship awards, provide the very best facilities, and meet the demands of the ongoing restoration of the Mansion House. If you would like to show your support and affection for Stowe by means of a legacy please [contact me](#), I would love to hear from you. No matter how small or large, a legacy to Stowe is a gift that will endure and is a positive commitment to the future.

Hannah Al-Anazi, Development Manger



Come Climb With Us

Every Saturday afternoon, Mr Jones and Mr Donoghue run a climbing activity for three hours at The Pinnacle Climbing Centre in Northampton. At the centre we develop our abilities through bouldering, top rope climbing and lead climbing. Climbing is open to pupils of all ages, regardless of their level of experience- newcomers are always welcome! You can focus on your technique through careful work in the bouldering room and top rope climbs, progressing through routes of varying difficulty or even trying lead climbing (clipping the rope to the wall as you climb). You will soon find your confidence and improve your 'thinking under pressure' skills as you become more strategic in your climbing style, as does you trust in your partner- they are, after all, responsible for not dropping you!

On Friday 18 November a team of Six Stoics entered the Big Rock Youth Climbing Competition in Milton Keynes. This was a real test of our skills and an opportunity to see some very experienced climbers in action. Congratulations to all participants and in particular to Theo Coley (Third Form, Cobham) who came ninth out of 27 competitors in his age group.

Whether you want to conquer a fear of heights, build up your strength or just enjoy a challenge, climbing is a brilliant activity that tests you in ways no other sport can, and most importantly, it is a lot of fun. We hope to have you join us next term!!

Lauren Taylor (Lower Sixth, Queen's) and Alex Orton (Lower Sixth, Lyttelton), Climbing Captains

Corkscrew Society

The Corkscrew Society was treated to a fabulous dinner in the Blue Room on Friday 18 November. This year, because so many members had been interested in how to pair wine with food, we decided to have two dinners in our annual calendar. For this dinner we were very lucky to have Mr Ted Sandbach, Managing Director of the Oxford Wine Company, as our guest speaker. On the menu was Smoked Salmon and Prawn Parcels with a Chive and Sour Cream Sauce, which we paired with either a Grillo from Sicily or a heavier oaked Chardonnay from Australia. We then moved on to Medallions of Beef with Morels and Marsala and Crème Fraiche Sauce, which was superb. With this we were shown Beaujolais and a Cabernet Sauvignon from Australia. Finally we finished with a selection of cheeses paired with a South African dessert wine and a Tawny Port.

The idea of the evening was to test two quite different wines with the same meal to decide which we preferred. It was also an excellent opportunity to ask questions and find out more about the wine business. We were interested to learn that in a bottle of wine that is worth £5.99, if you take out Tax, VAT and the profit, only just £1 of your outlay is actually for the wine itself. Mr Sandbach suggested we are better to spend £10 and buy a significantly better quality wine. We are extremely grateful to Mr Sandbach and the catering staff for a fantastic evening.

*Ben Mercer,
MiC Corkscrew Society*



DofE

As other School trips headed off for sunnier climes in the first week of the October Half term, a hardier group of Stoics struck north for the Lake District to complete a variety of Duke of Edinburgh Award Expeditions.

A group of Upper Sixth Formers led the charge from Keswick on their Gold Assessed Expedition, heading south over Catbells and Maiden Moor into Borrowdale where they crossed paths with a group of Lower Sixth Formers who were completing their Silver Assessed Expedition. Meanwhile further south a larger group of Stoics were starting a series of training exercises in the stunning surrounds of Eskdale in preparation for their Gold Expeditions later this year.

Once again the Northern Weather Gods smiled upon us and provided glorious weather for the groups to enjoy some of the most iconic Lakeland fells - unfortunately clear skies by day meant temperatures plummeted at night and both staff and Stoics had the quality of their sleeping bags tested by sub-zero temperatures. Over the course of the week the groups were treated to some testing terrain to try out their navigation skills through the Langdales and the peaks surrounding Eskdale.

On the final day all groups had the opportunity to summit Scafell and experience



what proved to be a very testing mountain day. I hope that all of the Stoics who joined us on these Expeditions learnt something about themselves, working as a team and decision making over the course of the week - after all that is what the Award is all about! Congratulations to both the Silver and Gold teams, who completed their Assessed Expeditions on some of the toughest routes that we offer at Stowe.

Gwilym Jones, MiC DofE



Mystery Lady uncovered after two Centuries

Over the summer, SHPT completed the restoration of Sleter's painting Fame and Victory on the ceiling over the Grenville (east) staircase. In the course of the work, conservators detected traces of an earlier decorative scheme on the walls of the landing and staircase. Paint removal has confirmed that there is an architectural scheme on the walls, with masonry lines, shelf like designs and possibly niches all outlined in "trompe l'oeuil" (an optical illusion effect) on the upper landing, extending down the stairs and possibly into the eastern corridor. There is also a trace of gilding and a female face has been uncovered on the landing. The artist is yet to be confirmed but is most probably either William Kent, who completed the ceiling in North Hall or Francesco Sleter, whose recorded work at Stowe includes work of this type, which is similar to his work elsewhere. An application has been made for funding to reveal more of the female figure to see if she can be identified. In all probability, she is an allegorical figure and a clue may come from any items she is carrying, or there may be a name at the base of the structure on which she is painted as standing. This is believed to be a very significant discovery and shows yet again. How Stowe House continues to give up its secrets and reward the painstaking efforts of those involved in the restoration programme.

Nick Morris, Director of Operations



Bishop Ric Thorpe

Bishop Ric Thorpe (Walpole 83) came to speak at Morning Prayer on Sunday 16 October. Bishop Ric attended Stowe from 1978 to 1983. It was a great pleasure to have him at the School – not just because he is an Old Stoic but because he was made Bishop of Islington in 2015 with a focus to support London's Church growth strategy as part of Capital Vision 2020, which sets a target of creating 100 new worshipping communities within the Diocese by 2020.

He declared: "My news is that I was consecrated as the Bishop of Islington on 29 September at St Paul's Cathedral by the Archbishop of Canterbury. The role has a special focus on "church planting" - starting new churches in London and in cities around the country. This is the first bishopric of its kind and is a response to the growing desire, particularly amongst young people, to explore the Christian faith for themselves."

The Bishop gave an amazing talk in Chapel about his time at Stowe and his time in Chapel – including the times when he was in trouble! In those days Stoics sat in year groups so the

longer you were at School, the further back you sat. Bishop Ric had always imagined that God was always near the altar so in spiritual terms, as well as practical ones, he seemed to be moving further away from God. However, he explained that a few years later he was given a picture by God of the School Chapel, where Jesus came down from the altar to embrace him sitting at the back. This was the moment the Bishop became a Christian. The Stoics were moved and spell-bound by the talk and it provoked many questions after the service.

The Bishop then presided at the new Communion Service that we hold in Chapel three times a term (straight after the main Service). Over 30 pupils and staff attended Communion, which is so encouraging as they are seeking and engaging in their own faith journey.

We are very grateful to have had Bishop Ric here and we hope he will return very soon to the School.

Reverend Sue Sampson, Stowe Minister

It's All About the Brand Miss Moneypenny

On Thursday 10 November the Business Society welcomed Simon Sproule, Vice President and Chief Marketing Officer for Aston Martin, who talked about the exciting topic of branding and marketing strategy from the perspective of globalisation and emerging markets. Mr Sproule expertly guided Stoics through the history of Aston Martin, explaining how this English luxury iconic brand has evolved from humble beginnings in 1913 to the aspirational brand it is today, and how the firm has focused over the years to be one of the most recognisable global British brands in the world.

The Business Society and pupils from The Royal Latin School were captivated with the tales of hand made cars, luxury materials and formidable levels of customer service, all of which are the foundations of the pure luxury experience at this end of the car market. We were then guided through how the Aston Martin experience is being enhanced and diversified into enthralling adrenaline experiences including learning how to drive your new \$3m car on a race track, driving experiences on glaciers in New Zealand,

through to exclusive ranges of clothing, all communicating the core brand values of Aston Martin of "Power, Beauty and Soul".

Mr Sproule was asked to complement our current Upper Sixth curriculum content, which is currently focused on globalisation and emerging markets. Here we heard where Aston Martin was positioned in the car market with comparisons to Romanian built Dacia through to Bentley, and how the growing demand for cars in emerging markets will eventually impact on sales of high end cars such as Aston Martin. Simon discussed how the firm is expanding its car manufacturing and told us why the new manufacturing plant was being built in Wales - it was decided that as they are an iconic British brand they should stay in Britain.

Overall this was an inspiring, curriculum linked talk that gave Stoics valuable case study knowledge that I am sure will be cited in many A* Business essays in the coming weeks.

Gordon West, Business and Economics Department



FIVES

One Senior pair from each girls' House took part in a knock-out competition on Sunday 13 November. For the first time West took part and despite their lack of experience they won their first match. In the semi-finals Lyttelton beat Queen's and Nugent beat West. In the final it went down to the wire. It was the first team to win 12 points and at 11 all both Houses had the opportunity to win the match, but eventually Nugent managed to close out the final.

With all nine boys' Houses in the knock-out draw a busy afternoon of fives was planned. In the bottom half of the draw there were some very close matches. West was taking part for the first time in this competition and narrowly lost their first match to Chandos 12-11. Bruce dominated the bottom half of the draw making it through to the final. In the top half Temple was outstanding, making it to the final without dropping a single point. In a hard-fought final Temple kept up their high standard of play to close the match out at 12-3.

John Skinner, MiC Fives



LACROSSE

The Senior lacrosse sides completely outclassed Marlborough on Saturday 12 November. The 1st XII put in an impressive display to win 18-1 and in the process had the opportunity to work on their set plays in preparation for the Nationals. The 2nd team's 13-2 victory was testament to the strength in depth of the Senior squads. The 1st team had a tough game against Radley on Tuesday 15 November which finished 3-3.

Kaitlan Griffin, Head of Lacrosse



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Prodigy

The UK Schools' Premiere of a new
musical commissioned by the NYMT

8.00pm
Thursday 1 December
Friday 2 December
Saturday 3 December

With a matinee performance at
2.00pm on Friday 2 December

Roxburgh Theatre
Stowe

Book & Lyrics By: Jake Brunger
Music & Lyrics By: Pippa Cleary
Director By: Rebecca Clark
Music Director & Orchestrator: Alex Aitken

Prodigy

It is the final of one of the most prestigious events in the classical music and television calendar - The Young Musician of the Year Competition. Backstage, the tension is mounting for all of the five finalists, each of whom face their own individual challenges. Amid parental pressure and bitter rivalry, an unexpected teenage romance blooms, causing complications that question the integrity of the whole competition. Who will be crowned the next classical music star?

Following on from the huge success of last year's 'Beauty and the Beast', the Drama and Music Departments are very excited to invite you to support their latest full-scale musical production. 'Prodigy' will be playing in the Roxburgh Theatre from 1-3 December at 8.00pm. Originally performed by the National Youth Music Theatre last year, this will be the school premiere of this hugely entertaining show. Over forty Stoics from across all year groups will be involved in the cast, crew and orchestra. Book your tickets now through [Arts at Stowe](#). We look forward to welcoming you.

Lucy Miller, Drama Department

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Ingrid Jacoby

On Wednesday 9 November, international concert pianist and Steinway Artist Ingrid Jacoby gave a mesmerising piano recital in the Uglund Auditorium. Ingrid has a unique ability to communicate with the audience through her playing and everyone was transfixed by her fingers dancing on the keyboard. The programme included towering greats in the piano repertoire, such as Mussorgsky's 'Pictures at an Exhibition', which was delivered with a real artistry and poise. Also included in the programme were lesser known gems such as 'Prelude and Fugue' on a theme by Handel by the Mexican composer Manuel Ponce. This was an interesting fusion of the Baroque style and the sounds of Mexico. Ingrid's performance was a wonderful example of the highest level of piano playing and her recital was immensely enjoyable.

The following day, Ingrid returned to Stowe to give a masterclass to three Stoics, Jeffrey Au (Fourth Form, Walpole), Alex Grinyer (Upper Sixth, Walpole) and Rosia Li (Third Form, Stanhope). Each participant gained a huge amount from the experience and I would like to congratulate them on their performances. We very much look forward to welcoming Ingrid back Stowe in the not too distant future.

Ben Andrew, Head of Keyboard



Printing Workshops

On 12 and 13 November Stowe School's Art department hosted printing workshops led by Liam Biswell a professional practising printmaker. Open to the public and Stoics, students learnt how to make silk screen and dry point etching prints. Liam expertly guided each student through the processes demonstrating an array of approaches from straight prints to more experimental and abstract effects according to each student's ideas and intentions. By the end of the each day's workshop there was an impressive and incredibly diverse range of effects and creative prints for each student to take away. For many this was an invaluable addition and inspiration for subsequent coursework at both GCSE and A Level.

Chris Grimble, Teacher of Art



Exeat Pastoral Presentations to Parents

All parents are invited to attend a series of talks hosted by the Headmaster, Dr Wallersteiner, in the Music Room from 11am-12.30pm on the dates below.

20 January: Henry Maybury

Henry Maybury is a young British singer songwriter whose debut song 'Lost Days' was released in September 2014. The song was written after the death of his 29 year old brother Tom in 2013. The video is so powerful that it was nominated for 'Best Music Video' at the 2014 London Independent Film Festival. Henry and his mother will talk about family loss through addiction and its lasting legacy on family members.



10 March: Mandy Saligari

Mandy Saligari will present on 'Parenting for Prevention'; the addictive profile, the family influence, six steps towards acceptance and how to love without suffocating – it is an essential guide for any 21st century parent. Mandy has recently appeared on Channel 5's 'Violent Child, Desperate Parents' and 'In Therapy', currently being shown at 10pm on Tuesday nights. An expert therapist, Mandy Saligari is the founder and clinical director of CHARTER, one of London's leading outpatient clinics specialising in private addiction and eating disorder treatment.



12 May: Dick Moore

Since November 2012, Dick Moore has been visiting schools, universities and organisations to help raise awareness of mental health issues. Born and brought up in London, and educated at Durham and Newcastle universities, Dick became an English teacher, rugby coach, boarding school housemaster and, for over twenty years, the headmaster of a co-educational day and boarding school. Circumstances led Dick to develop a passionate interest in adolescent development, mental health and emotional wellbeing.



Please contact Kirsten McIntock, Head of Pupil Welfare, for further information on kmclintock@stowe.co.uk or 01280 818136.

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Hugo Wilson

I was delighted to attend the opening of Hugo Wilson's latest exhibition at the Parafin Gallery, London on Wednesday 23 November. Hugo Wilson (Grenville 00) is fast establishing himself as one of the country's leading contemporary painters. After leaving Stowe in 2000, Hugo studied at the Charles Cecil Studio in Florence before completing a Masters at City and Guilds. Hugo's new work takes motifs and forms from art history and from a variety of cultural sources recombining them in new and striking configurations. He is interested in the ways that throughout history certain animals have been attributed with mythic or symbolic qualities, or have been characterised as embodiments of qualities such as innocence, purity or stupidity. His exhibition runs until the end of January.



David Fletcher, Registrar

If you would like to book please email Stowe Parents.

Stowe Parents

TUESDAY
06
DECEMBER

Tavern Tour

There has been a slight change to the advertised Tavern Tour. This year we are going to explore Covent Garden. This area is full of fascinating history, from its origins as monastery gardens, to its development as the first public square in London, the opening of the Theatre Royal Drury Lane, and the Theatre Royal Covent Garden (now the Royal Opera House), and so becoming London's theatre land, as well as the famous fruit, veg and flower markets which were held here from the 1670s to 1974. So join us to follow in the footsteps of Inigo Jones, Charles II and Nell Gwynne.

The tour includes a drink in four pubs, as well as the walking tour, which takes about two hours. These tours have been rated as a top London activity by TripAdvisor, and Stowe Parents are extremely lucky to be offered an exclusive tour at a great price.

The evening starts at 6.00pm at Embankment Tube Station, so a great way to wind down after a hard day at work, a fun end to a day out shopping, or just a fascinating evening in London!

Tickets for this event are £22 per person and there is the option to stay for dinner afterwards although this is not included in the ticket price. To book tickets please email Stowe Parents with the number of tickets and the name of your child/children.

New Faces

Helen Bagby has joined the Operations Team as the Head of Support Services. Helen has spent much of her working life in facilities management in education and healthcare. She will be responsible for the security and house staff, health and safety, housekeeping and laundry, general office and reception plus transportation. Managing a Routemaster bus will be a novelty for her but her wide and varied experience will equip her well for this important role. We are delighted to welcome her to Stowe and wish her every success and happiness here.



Nick Morris, Director of Operations

Portakabin

High flying classrooms to match expectations?

No, just the removal of portakabins marking the beginning of the end of the Science refurbishment project.



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