

Stowe mail

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NEWS ROUND UP FROM STOWE

McElwee Award Selection Day

The McElwee Committee was overwhelmed by the quantity and quality of applications made for the McElwee Award Travel Scholarship this year, as 28 pupils in the Lower Sixth competed to receive one of four awards to travel to Europe. After an initial shortlisting, the committee (made up of Old Stoics) heard proposals for eight exciting trips that aimed to explore an aspect of culture, history or literature.

A long day of interviews was followed by the McElwee Lecture, taken by Professor Jane Ridley. She spoke to Stoics on the topic of 'Netflix's *The Crown* and Royal Biography'. This theme explained the way in which *The Crown* gives an insight into the private lives of the Royals, while avoiding a sensationalist tabloid approach. Professor Ridley then explained how the best biographical writing aims to achieve a similar approach; exposing truths in a rigorous and considered way. A large number of Stoics have seen the series so the talk was relevant and engaging and also advanced academic ideas.

The final aspect of the day was a dinner, to which all applicants to the Award were invited. This was hosted in the Blue Room and both the McElwee Committee and Professor Ridley joined the Stoics, learning a little more about their proposals. At the end of the meal, Christopher Tate (Chairman of the McElwee Committee) had the pleasure of announcing the winners of this incredibly competitive process. We now look forward to the presentations that our winners will make to the new Lower Sixth in September.

Award Winners

Mint Kanjana (Lower Sixth, Queen's) and Eleanor Trotman (Lower Sixth, Queen's) will be travelling to Spain to explore the influence of Islamic rule during the Nasrid Dynasty. The project originated from Eleanor's visit to the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford where an exhibition titled 'Power and Protection: Islamic Art and the Supernatural' captured her interest. Mint is similarly enthused and plans to make sketches of important architecture to form part of their presentation.

Charlie Seddon (Lower Sixth, Cobham) and Archie Figg (Lower Sixth, Cobham) plan to explore the Dutch Golden Age in the 17th Century, with a visit to Amsterdam and The Hague. They were particularly inspired by 'The Art of the Dutch Republic: 1585-1718' by Mariët Westermann and were struck by the worldwide role that The Netherlands was able to play in this period. The way in which this story is told through art should make a visually engaging presentation when they return.

Tom Mayhew (Lower Sixth, Grafton) and Alex Harris (Lower Sixth, Grafton) are also travelling to The Netherlands, though on a vastly contrasting topic. They plan to investigate 'Operation Market Garden' by going to Arnhem, Leopoldsburg and Eindhoven. Their personal family links, original source material and current interest in the military made their proposal stand out. They both spoke with passionate interest during their interviews and given Bill McElwee's service during this period of the war, made awarding the prize to this pair seemed especially appropriate.

Finally, Ellie Dudgeon (Lower Sixth, Lyttelton) and Alex Orton (Lower Sixth, Lyttelton) will travel to Switzerland on the trail of Jean Henri Dunant: Nobel Prize winner, instigator of the Geneva Convention and founder of the International Committee of the Red Cross. The committee were both educated and interested by their explanation of the life of this extraordinary man and look forward to hearing what Ellie and Alex discover.

Overall, the day was filled with inspiring ideas, rich conversation and hard-fought competition. There was general agreement that the level and complexity of the applications have steadily increased and that pupils need to pitch a unique idea or demonstrate particular enthusiasm to have a chance of winning. This underlines the achievement of the eight winners and we look forward to seeing how their projects unfold this summer.

Paul Griffin, Head of History



Friday 27 January, 8pm

Holocaust Memorial Day:
How Can Life Go On?



Wednesday 22 March, 8pm

Holmes & Watson:
The Farewell Tour



Friday 12 May, 8pm

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A Level Choices Fair

The New Year heralds the time when our Fifth Form Stoics formally start the process of choosing their Sixth Form programmes. It is fundamentally important that pupils are given the right support in selecting combinations of subjects that will keep their opportunities open for the future and allow them to successfully apply for the most appropriate Higher Education courses. Stoics traditionally choose from an extensive range of degree courses and career areas. Last year's leavers applied to over 80 different institutions in the UK and abroad with a few opting to move straight into employment.

The Fifth Form all received a career aptitudes report and follow-up interview in the Michaelmas term by the team from Cambridge Occupational Analysts (COA) to help kick-start the slightly daunting task of planning their future programmes and embarking on their career journeys. On Monday 16 January the year group attended a presentation on 'Making Informed A Level Choices' which was immediately followed by an A Level Fair. The pupils were invited to discuss their options with the academic Heads of Departments and to speak with Sixth Form Stoics currently studying the subjects, to gain an insight into the skills and aptitudes required for A Level study in each subject.

Taster lessons are provided in the following weeks in those subjects that are new to the pupils in the Sixth Form including Business, Economics, History of Art, Media Studies, Music Technology and Politics. Pupils also have the opportunity to pick up a subject at A Level that they had previously dropped at GCSE level, although they are advised to speak with the relevant Head of Department before making their decisions.

This is a very exciting time for the Stoics and many of the academic staff commented on the pupils' enthusiasm and engagement in their discussions about their futures. Pupils are strongly encouraged to continue their discussions regarding their A Level programmes with their parents and Tutors and are also invited to make appointments with the Head of Careers (Mandy Dawson), our work experience co-ordinator (Gordon West), Heads of Department or myself for any further advice. Pupils will be asked to confirm their Sixth Form programmes on Monday 13 March following the Fifth Form Parents' Meeting.

Sally Akam, Senior Tutor

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BASKETBALL

On Tuesday 10 January the U16 girls came tantalisingly close to beating Aylesbury High in the County Cup but unfortunately lost 34-32.

On Saturday 14 January the boys' Senior team took part in the Wellington College Public Schools' Tournament. They had a comfortable 26-2 victory over Pangbourne but missed out on a place in the semi-finals due to a narrow 6-5 loss against Wellington.

In the Junior Inter-House competition held on Sunday 15 January, Grafton beat Temple 19-8 in the final and Nugent beat Queen's 12-2.

Isaac Michael, MiC Basketball



LACROSSE

The 1st XII had a very bright start to the term with a superb 13-8 win against Moreton Hall on Saturday 14 January. Philly Stacey (Upper Sixth, Nugent) was outstanding and scored seven goals and Clarissa Llanaj (Upper Sixth, Lyttelton) was equally impressive in goal. Although the other matches resulted in losses, it is early days for these teams and we are confident results will pick up very soon.

Kaitlan Griffin, Head of Lacrosse

POLO

The A and B teams played Shrewsbury at Dallas Burston's Polo Ground (in the biggest arena in Europe) on Sunday 15 January. Despite the rain, the A team did superbly well and won 14-3 with an impressive goal by Billy Hawkings-Byass (Fifth Form, Cobham) from the halfway line. The B team also had a brilliant 14-4 win.

Fiona Corrhine, MiC Polo

SQUASH

Our Senior squash players had a fine start to the season with a 4-1 win against Bromsgrove on Thursday 12 January.

Paul Floyd, MiC Squash



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Academic Salver

Academic Salvagers are awarded at the end of each term to the Houses with the best overall average Academic Progress Grades (APGs). Houses eagerly await the results which are announced in the end of term Assemblies. The Michaelmas term Academic Salvagers were presented to Queen's (best girls' House) and Walpole (best boys' House), with the Walpudlians particularly proud that their academic achievements were a fitting farewell gesture to their Housemaster, Pete Last, who left Stowe at Christmas to take up a new appointment in January.

Congratulations to all those in Queen's and Walpole for their consistent academic efforts last term, both in terms of their attitude to prep and their attitude to learning in the classroom. From 2017 the Academic Salvagers will be awarded every Half term, following the publication of APGs. Two further Salvagers have been provided to recognise the best Lower School and best Upper School APGs for both the girls' and the boys' Houses.

Sally Akam, Senior Tutor



HOCKEY

Our boys' hockey players had an amazing start to the season against Bloxham on Saturday 14 January, winning seven of the eight matches played. In the Senior matches the 1st XI won 4-1, the 2nd XI 3-0 and the 3rd XI 2-1. The U16As had a fine 5-1 victory. The U15As were involved in a seven goal thriller, winning 4-3, the B team won 2-0 and the C team produced the best result of the day to win 6-0.

Ben Scott, Head of Hockey



Dover to Plymouth

From Monday 3 July to Sunday 9 July I will be cycling 334 miles from Dover to Plymouth, averaging between 44-55 miles a day. I am doing this to raise funds for Ol Pejeta Conservancy. A non-profit organisation in Kenya, it is home to the last surviving three northern White Rhino and to over 100 Black Rhino; they also safeguard many other vulnerable and endangered species. To learn more about my challenge and Ol Pejeta Conservancy please visit my [JustGiving](#) page.

Ethan Collins (Fourth Form, Temple)

RUGBY

The Yearlings A, B and C teams travelled to The Leys on Saturday 14 January for their first block fixture of the year. The A team had a superb 50-7 victory, the B team drew 5-5 and the C team eased a 48-0 win.

Alan Hughes, Head of Rugby



FOOTBALL

Although the 1st XI lost 4-2 against Wellingborough on Saturday 14 January, the 2nd XI enjoyed a 4-0 win and the 3rd XI showed plenty of attacking flare to win 6-2.

Andrew Jackson, MiC Football

FRIGHT NIGHT ON FRIDAY 13TH

'Fright Night on Friday 13th' was the first Junior Literary Society event of the year, as twenty enthused Third, Fourth and Fifth Form Stoics swished around their palates a variety of chilling extracts from demanding literary texts. Gruesome murder scenes, apocalyptic visions and moments of horror were all sampled as groups of pupils worked their way around the room, with each extract they encountered more spine-tingling than the last. A competitive 'Kahoot!' quiz battle on the session's texts, which included the likes of Cormac McCarthy's 'The Road' and Bram Stoker's 'Dracula', capped off an evening of frightful literary fun.

Jack Palmer, English Department

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Changing Places & Making Spaces

The new A Level topic that Lower Sixth Geographers are studying is called 'Changing Spaces and Making Places'. This is an exciting opportunity for the Sixth Form to think abstractly about their school and hometown and how it makes a place for them, rather than just a space. The topic involves studying the creation of place including the development of areas, the social and political background of settlement development and how this leads to inequalities.

The topic was introduced to the pupils by a member of the Geographical Association, who spoke to the Lower Sixth on Monday 16 January about the concepts and ideas of space and place and introduced them to Oxford as a case study.

Fieldwork in Oxford on Tuesday 17 January put this theory into practice and allowed the Stoics to visit three different places in and around the Oxford area. The Stoics were able to engage with different locations and look at contrasts in terms of cultural mix; the built environment; service provision; housing and land use. The contrasts were most easily seen when comparing the Cowley Road and Blackbird Leys areas of Oxford with the quiet rural town of Woodstock. This fieldwork has also started to prepare the geographers for their residential field course in March, where they will collect data for their independent projects.

Tom Thorne, Geography Department

Housekeeping Uniform Change

The Housekeeping Department has revamped their uniform. They can now be seen wearing navy embroidered polo shirts with a matching apron.

Helen Bagby, Head of Support Services




STOWE HOUSE
 Wedding Open Day
 Saturday 18 February 2017
 11am - 4pm
 For further information please contact Jenny at jbulloch@stowe.co.uk or call 01280 818280
 Stowe, Buckingham, MK18 5EH



EQUESTRIAN

We started this term with the Grafton Hunt meet at Stowe on Tuesday 10 January with 14 Stoics in attendance. Mary Connor, whose father ran the private stables for Stowe from 1925, was invited to the meet. Everyone was extremely well turned out and kept up with the hunt field. The majority of the pupils managed five hours in the saddle, some stayed out longer, with all returning safe and sound.

We also visited Addington Equestrian Centre on Sunday 15 January to watch the Prix St George Freestyle Dressage to Music. This event was open to all Stowe pupils and staff. It was most enjoyable being able to watch high profile riders warming their horses up and then going into the main arena to compete.

We have more competitions and clinics organised throughout the year with confirmed instructors Jodie Amos, CCI event rider with international success, and Liz Eaton, a BHS examiner and European instructor.

Angela Churcher, Equestrian Centre Manager

NETBALL

The 1st team took to the Drayson floor on Saturday 14 January for a thrilling friendly game against Wellingborough. Some excellent and physical defending from Wellingborough in the first quarter ensured the attacking strength of Stowe was stepped up and shooting stats improved in the second quarter. The game was a one goal thriller in the final quarter with Wellingborough just taking the win. Alice Maclure (Lower Sixth, Nugent) was awarded Player of the Match for many seamless and strong interceptions in the centre third, turning the ball over several times. It was a strong start to what is going to be an exciting season.

It was a friendly first match for the 2nd team too on Saturday 14 January which provided them with a good opportunity to play competitively and begin to develop as a team. It was level after the first quarter with Wellingborough gradually building up a lead as their shots kept going in. However, we improved our movement of the ball through the court and defensive strategy to make more interceptions as the game went on. There are areas to focus on but overall this was a positive start to the season.

On Saturday 28 January the U14A team is travelling to Wavell School in Farnborough to compete in the South Regional Finals of the National Schools' Competition. They will compete against 13 other schools in the south region to go through to the National Finals. We are already proud to say they are in the top 14 school teams in the South!

Lauren Ellis, Head of Netball

History of Art



History of Art pupils were delighted to receive an invitation to a Q&A session at The University of Buckingham with Alex Farquharson (Chatham 87) who was appointed as Director of Tate Britain in Autumn 2015. After leaving Stowe, Alex studied at the University of Exeter where he read English and Fine Art followed by a Masters in Art Criticism at City University, London.

Alex is an established curator of British art and before joining Nottingham Contemporary he co-curated the *British Art Show 6* (2005-6). Alex co-curated *Glenn Ligon: Encounters and Collisions* shown



recently at Nottingham Contemporary and currently at Tate Liverpool. British and UK-based artists he has worked with on solo exhibitions over the last twenty years include Pablo Bronstein, Marc Camille Chaimowicz, Marvin Gaye Chetwynd, Jeremy Deller, Gary Hume, Mark Leckey, Richard Long, Gustav Metzger, Bridget Riley and Gillian Wearing.

It was a great evening and Stoics were engaged and enthused by Alex's journey through the curating world. We might have a future Director of the Tate in our midst.

Elizabeth Chubb, Head of History of Art



Languages Today

Following on from the Fifth Formers trip to Nice last term, Mr Dobson was asked to recount their experience and the advantages of Language Study Tours for an article in Languages Today. Find out what he said here.



Body Language & Deportment

In this week's etiquette lesson we focused on body language and deportment. As you can see, all Stoics learnt excellent posture and had great fun practising walking without dropping the book from their head.

Clare Hill-Hall, Chandos Matron



CROSS COUNTRY

Georgia Flawn-Thomas (Lower Sixth, Nugent) competed in the Buckinghamshire Cross Country Championships held at Stowe on Saturday 7 January and won gold in the U17 women's race, which qualifies her for the British Cross Country Final in March. Georgia showed great pace judgement starting off around 20 seconds back from the leaders after the first 1km and then slowly caught them up with around 2km to go and pulled out an impressive 49 seconds on second place at the finish line. I would like to thank all the Stowe staff that helped run the event as we could not have done it without them.

On Saturday 14 January, Georgia competed for Milton Keynes AC in the Chiltern League fixture in Bedford. She did very well even though she was obviously tired from the race the week before and finished 10th, but won a bronze medal in the Milton Keynes AC Club Championship.

The next cross country race for Stowe will be on Wednesday 8 February, and we will be entering strong teams in the County Schools' Championships in High Wycombe where athletes will be competing to qualify for the National Championships in March. Last year Stowe had two athletes qualify for the race, Georgia and Jemima Grant (Stanhope 16).

Kyle Bennett, Head of Cross Country

GOLF

With a very busy Lent term ahead, Stowe golfers are working hard on their games in order to secure selection for the numerous Junior and Senior team fixtures that are fast approaching, along with the prestigious Gerald Micklem Trophy at Woking Golf Club.

With the delights of Worplesdon Golf Club, Sunningdale Golf Club and Stoke Park Golf Club confirmed as match venues, Stoics really will be sampling some of the finest inland golf courses in the UK. In addition, preparation for the PGA Coaching and Development Trip to Portugal at Easter is well underway with several Stoics completing successful CONGU handicap cards. I am now offering private golf lessons to Stoics and welcome any enquiries.

Andrew Hancox, Head of Golf

ACWY Vaccination

The Medical Centre is offering all of the Upper Sixth the ACWY vaccination which they are able to self consent for.

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The Supertramp 'Dreamer' returns to Stowe by popular demand

Following a sell-out tour in America, I am delighted to announce that the charismatic Roger Hodgson (Grenville 68), co-founder and former lead singer of Supertramp, is returning to Stowe to sweep you away with his beautiful melodies and evocative lyrics; weaving those incredible harmonies that made him the diviner of Progressive Rock.

He is widely recognised as one of the most gifted composers, songwriters and lyricists of our time – The Logical Song, Breakfast in America, Give a Little Bit, Take the Long Way Home, Dreamer, It's Raining Again, School, Fool's Overture and so many others...

At this very special event, welcoming Roger back to an inspirational place he knows so well from his schooldays, Stowe is delighted to invite you to picnic in style in our

glorious grounds overlooking the lake or dine as a VIP in our resplendent State Rooms.

We warmly invite you to join us for what promises to be a magical and unforgettable evening. Tickets for the concert are now on sale and can be obtained by clicking on the 'buy tickets' link. Picnics can be pre-ordered or you may bring your own. We have created a variety of hospitality opportunities and you can find out more [here](#).

Current parents please note, there is no need to order tickets for Stoics as these have already been reserved for our pupils.

I hope we will see you on this very special occasion.

Anthony Wallersteiner, Headmaster

Secret History Tour of the Royal Albert Hall

Thursday 2 February

11.00am | £32.50 per person

Guided tours offer the inside story of the Royal Albert Hall, taking you on a fascinating journey through its unique history, incredible architecture and legendary performances.

From ghost hunters to gangsters, Suffragettes, swindlers and stars, discover the unexpected story of London's most iconic concert venue. Hear backstage stories and gossip and find out which singer was so overawed by his first view of the venue that he decided to go horse-riding instead of turning up for his concert.

The tour will be followed by a two course lunch.



Stowe Parents



Tour of the Cotswold Distillery and Aynhoe Park

Tuesday 23 February

9.30am | £50 per person

The Cotswold Distillery is set in beautifully landscaped gardens. Expert guides will take you on a gin and whisky making journey where you will learn the craft of creating fine spirits, whilst having the opportunity to see bespoke distillation equipment in action before enjoying a tasting in the comfortable tasting room.

A two course lunch will follow before moving on to Aynhoe Park; an unusual Country House with historic opulence and modern whimsy. You will be given a guided tour where you will experience a polar bear in flying goggles, a pair of plaster caryatids, a giraffe balloon-lifted to the ceiling, a wall of vintage globes, an alligator waiter... Behind every door there is something remarkable waiting to be revealed.

Transport is included to and from Banbury Train Station.

The Restoration of Stowe

Wednesday 22 March

11.00am | £20.00 per person

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

With the help of Heritage Lottery Funding and many other generous donations, some £22 million has been spent of the restoration of the Mansion. The tour will also take in the new Stowe House Visitor and Discovery Centre and, if weather permits, you will be able to view the grounds of Stowe from the roof of the Mansion.

The tour will be followed by a two course lunch in the beautifully restored Blue Room.



If you would like to book
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