

Stowe mail

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NEWS ROUND UP FROM STOWE



Arcadia Revisited



As we approach the Centenary of the School's foundation on 11 May 1923 we want to commemorate this landmark event and have commissioned one of Britain's finest painters, Anthony Eyton RA, to record Stowe in all seasons and in all its various guises. Working with Mark Flawn-Thomas (Grenville 72) the two artists plan to capture and convey the vitality of the landscape and the people who live and work in this extraordinary environment. Their work at Stowe over the past four years has tried to capture not only the beauty and magnificence of the architecture and grounds but importantly to record the activities of the School itself. Anthony Eyton RA studied fine art at Reading University in 1941 before serving in the Army from 1942 to 1947. He went on to study at Camberwell School of Art from 1947 to 1950 and in 1951 received an Abbey Major Scholarship taking him to work in Italy. Anthony taught at the Royal Academy Schools from 1964 to 1999. Mark Flawn-Thomas is an amateur artist and friend of Anthony who introduced him to Stowe.

The exhibition – Arcadia Revisited, will be available to view on Speech Day at Stowe. Following this, Arts at Stowe are pleased to invite Old Stoics and Stowe Parents to a private view of Arcadia Revisited at the Cello Factory in Lambeth on Tuesday 26 June from 7pm to 9pm.

Complimentary tickets to the exhibition at the Cello Factory are available for Old Stoics, Stowe Parents, Friends of Stowe and Arts at Stowe Members.

Please [email](#) or call 01280 818349 to confirm your attendance.

Stoic Represents England

After six nervous weeks following the England trial it was finally time for the England Mounted Games team to meet up and make their preparations to compete at The Royal Windsor Horse Show.

The team, including Isla Holman-West (Third Form, Nugent) with her horse Caspar, arrived at training camp near Wokingham on Sunday 6 May. This was an opportunity for the girls to get to know each other and practice for a few days before travelling to Windsor.

On the Wednesday, team colours were presented by the Pony Club Committee and DAKS the sponsors and then from the Thursday to Saturday, the team rode in two sessions per day with the points being accumulated. They won four out of the six sessions and finished 2nd and 3rd in the other two sessions.

They looked strong but the competition was fierce with Scotland and the Republic of Ireland snapping at their heels the whole time.

The final was scheduled for 5pm on the Sunday in front of the Queen, who they had met earlier. The England team finished first on a massive score of 209 and in doing so broke the record for the highest ever scoring winning team!

Friendships were made, dreams have come true and it was a huge privilege for the girls to ride and win for their country in front of the Queen. Isla received many kind messages of support and help along the way, it has been an incredible journey and she can't wait for the next leg in Ireland later in the year.





Musical Theatre

Stowe has pupils singing a huge variety of vocal styles with a highly experienced team of five singing teachers. For the past eighteen months, pupils have had the opportunity to take accredited examinations in Musical Theatre in the Uglend Auditorium, with enormous success. This event on Wednesday 2 May, showcased some of our most talented musical theatre singers in a wonderful and wide-ranging programme of songs from classic and contemporary musicals. Mali Aitchison (Upper Sixth, Nugent), Mina Haas (Upper Sixth, Stanhope), Alexandra Bicu (Upper Sixth, Lyttelton), Emilia Pacia (Lower Sixth,

Lyttelton), Max Campbell-Preston (Upper Sixth, Grafton), Peter Entwisle (Lower Sixth, Temple), Sofia Atkinson-Hieber (Fourth Form, Nugent), Oscar Hill (Lower Sixth, Temple), Lucy Sutherland (Upper Sixth, Nugent) and Ekaterina Savina (Third Form, Nugent). The standard of singing and performance was very high, and the audience were captivated throughout. Special thanks go to accompanist Ben Andrew and singing teachers Paul Badley and Liz Miller for their teaching, ensuring the success of the evening, and to Arts at Stowe for all they do to promote cultural events at Stowe.

Rachel Sherry, Head of Vocal Studies



The Winton Cup

The Winton Cup was established in honour of the Old Stoic Nicholas Winton (Grenville, 1928), whose heroic actions saved 669 Jewish children from the horrors of the Holocaust. The competition challenges Prep School pupils to test their skills across five tasks, which are set by teachers in the Humanities Faculty. This May, we welcomed 200 pupils to Stowe to explore the theme of "fake news".

In their initial briefing for the day, we noted how difficult it is to see through the exaggerations and half-truths of fake news but emphasised the importance of doing so. Indeed, Winton's ability to see through the Nazi's fake news was crucial in taking the action he did.

Stowe teachers pulled out all the stops to deliver an exciting programme on this important theme. In the Politics session, pupils explored the work of the current US President in popularising this expression and the Geography Department challenged pupils to consider the debate around fake news and climate change. Though the phrasing has only recently risen to prominence in our discourse, in both the History and History of Art sessions, pupils identified the long

history of fake news through the propaganda of Goebbels and artists, such as Jacques-Louis David. The topic also allowed the Philosophy and Religion department to engage in a competitive 'Philosophon', which encouraged interesting thoughts on the nature of truth.

This fun and academically rigorous programme pushed pupils to think in new ways and discover subjects that most had never studied before. Most had never been to Stowe and were also able to make the most of the South Front on a gloriously sunny May afternoon. This, along with the engaging sessions and the excellence of Stowe catering made for a brilliant day out.

There were 10 points available for each of the five tasks and pupils worked hard to maximise their scores. All of the teams did incredibly well with Beachborough eventually winning with 45 points, narrowly edging out The Dragon on 44. All of the pupils enjoyed their day and I am sure that many will be back to make the most of Stowe in the future and many going on to enter the Third Form in a few years.

Paul Griffin, Head of History

ATHLETICS

On Saturday 19 May, 31 boys and 26 girls had an excellent day competing for the School at Bromsgrove.

The highlights were:

Junior Boys

100m Joey Gwena (Third Form, Grenville) 1st; Seb Campbell Preston (Third Form, Grafton) 2nd 200m Joey Gwena 1st ; Seb Campbell Preston 2nd 800m Ben Calabro (Third Form, Grenville) 1st; 1500m Ben Calabro 3rd; Hurdles Baz Calkin (Third Form, Chatham) 3rd; Javelin George Foster (Third Form, Chandos) 1st; 4 x 100m Relay 2nd.

Inter Boys

100m Ben Edeh (Fifth Form, Grenville) 1st; 200m Ben Edeh 1st; 800m Dan Roberts (Fourth Form, Grenville) 1st; 1500m Dan Roberts 1st Hurdles Egan Brosnan (Fifth Form, Grenville) 2nd; Long Jump Toby Moore (Fourth Form, Grenville) 2nd High Jump James Studholme Colver (Fourth Form, Temple) 1st; Discus Harry Reed (Fifth Form, Walpole) 1st; Shot Harry Reed 2nd; 4 x 100m Relay 2nd.

Senior Boys

100m Dom Saghri (Lower Sixth, Chatham) 1st; Adam Williamson (Upper Sixth, Chandos) 3rd 200m Jack Polturak (Upper Sixth, Chatham) 3rd; 400m Luke Aust (Upper Sixth, Temple) 1st 800m Cameron Chambers (Lower Sixth, Grenville) 2nd; 1500m Cameron Chambers 3rd; Hurdles Freddie Tufnell (Upper Sixth, Chandos) 2nd; Ed Anderson (Lower Sixth, Bruce) 3rd Triple Jump Ed Anderson (Lower Sixth, Bruce) 2nd; Oleg Solovyev (Upper Sixth, Temple) 3rd; Long Jump Ed Anderson 2nd; Babalola Bakare (Lower Sixth, Temple) 3rd; High Jump Babalola Bakare 1st; Javelin Mikhail Fedotov (Upper Sixth, Temple) 1st Discus Mikhail Fedotov 1st; Shot Adam Williamson 2nd; Mikhail Fedotov 3rd 4 x 100m Relay 1st.

Junior Girls

100m Annie Saghri (Third Form, Nugent) 1st; 800m Jodie Brogden (Third Form, Queen's) 1st; Iryna Muravska (Third Form, Lyttelton) 3rd; 1500m Jodie Brogden 2nd; 4 x 100m Relay 2nd.

Inter Girls

100m Rhea Vankova-Martin (Fifth Form, Lyttelton) 1st; 100m Sijeh Fongho (Fourth Form, Stanhope) 2nd; 200m Rhea Vankova-Martin 2nd; 300m Kitty Dutton (Fourth Form, Queen's) 3rd; High Jump Sijeh Fongho 2nd; 4 x 100m Relay 3rd.

Senior Girls

100m Zara Atta (Upper Sixth, Queen's) 3rd; 200m Cleo Leather (Lower Sixth, West) 1st; 400m Cleo Leather 1st; Hurdles Helena Vince (Lower Sixth, Queen's) 2nd; Triple Jump Tallula Douglas Miller (Upper Sixth, Queen's) 2nd; High Jump Zara Atta 1st; Connie Barnes (Lower Sixth, Nugent) 3rd Javelin Helena Vince 2nd; 4 x 100m Relay 2nd.

Nick Hill, Head of Athletics



A Night of Musical Stars

A Night of Musical Stars really did live up to its title. This concert in St Mary's Church, Bletchley was given in aid of The Streetlight Trust. The Trust supports street children and their families in Metro Manila. The Stowe Big Band felt very honoured to be asked to take part in this event, especially as they were to share the stage with some of today's greatest musicians. We played three pieces in each half of the evening which was brilliantly compered by Chris and Martha Shrimpton in their own unique style. It was amazing to play in the same concert as Peter Fisher (leader of the Chamber Ensemble of London), who wowed the audience with his virtuoso violin playing. Also playing were

Karen Street (one of the UK's most respected accordionists) and Andy Tweed the saxophonist. The most exciting part of the evening for us, after hearing them perform on their own, was to play with both Charlie Wood and Jacqui Dankworth, in Charlie's own arrangement of 'It don't mean a thing if it ain't got that swing'. The band, who already have put in some great performances this year, rose to the occasion and played at a completely new level. We must thank Sarah Watts and Chris Shrimpton for asking us to take part in this event. The band have been on a high ever since.

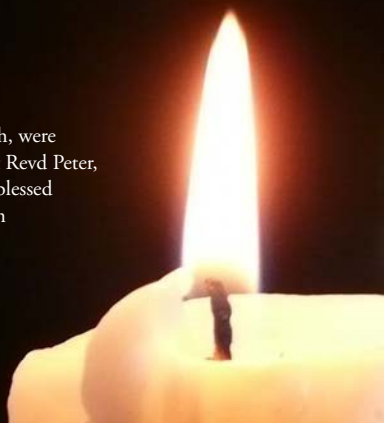
*Nigel Gibbon,
Head of Brass, Woodwind & Percussion*



Chapel

On Tuesday 8 May, 13 Stoics, from the Fourth Form to Upper Sixth, were confirmed by the Roman Catholic Bishop of Northampton, The Rt Revd Peter, at St Bernardine's Church in Buckingham. This biennial event was blessed with beautiful weather (unlike the blizzard that greeted the Anglican Confirmation last term), and the kind people of St Bernardine's welcomed us with tea in the church garden before the service and generous hospitality throughout the whole process. We are most grateful to them for including our Roman Catholic confirmands so warmly.

The Revd Tim Mullins, Chaplain



CRICKET

On Tuesday 8 May the Yearlings D team beat Bedford by 8 wickets. On Wednesday 9 May the 1st XI beat Northants U17s by 5 wickets. The 2nd XI had a convincing 8 wicket win against Akeley Wood. The Yearlings A held their nerve to beat The Oratory by 1 wicket.

Unfortunately all matches played on Saturday 14 May ended up being abandoned due to the rain.

In the final of the Senior Inter-House competition played on Tuesday 8 May, Bruce beat Chatham.

On Friday 18 May there were wins for the U14As and U15As in the County Cup.

In the block fixture against Oundle on Saturday 19 May the 1st XI drew. There were wins for the 3rd XI, Colts A's and Yearlings B, C and D teams.

Cricket 1st XI v Northants

On Wednesday 9 May, the 1st XI played Northants at home. Northants U17 won the toss and elected to bat on a pitch with a good covering of grass. Opening bowlers Tom Olsen (Lower Sixth, Chatham) (2 for 17) and Rufus Easdale (Lower Sixth, Grafton) (1 for 34) exploited the early movement well with Olly Taylor (Fifth Form, Chatham) and Will Garrett (Upper Sixth, Cobham) also taking wickets when they replaced the opening bowlers. Northants, at one stage, were 5 for 39. However, a partnership developed in the Northants' lower middle order and they managed to bat their 35 overs for the loss of nine wickets with Jim Jackman (Upper Sixth, Bruce) and Albert Johnson (Upper Sixth, Grenville) the other wicket takers.

In reply Jim Jackman and Adam King (Upper Sixth, Bruce) were solid upfront before King was bowled by Dawson. Jackman battled on however, having some luck along the way to his 39. Calum Renshaw (Upper Sixth, Bruce) provided the impetus for the innings with a run a ball 29 and when he fell, Fourth Former James Cronie (Fourth Form, Cobham) scored a very assured 19 before he got an unplayable delivery. By this time though the game was all but won and it was left to Tom Worrall (Lower Sixth, Grafton) and Ed Snushall (Fifth Form, Temple) to guide the team home. Stowe won by 5 wickets.

Following this match Stowe had a timed game against Haileybury, for the first time in Stowe's history. Only 31 overs were possible before rain stopped play (and never restarted), but Stowe had the best of these scoring 141 for 2 with Adam King and Jim Jackman both scoring fifties and in the process putting on exactly a hundred for the opening stand.

James Knott, Head of Cricket





History Masterclass: The Gestapo, myth and reality

When most people think of the Gestapo, they might imagine Herr Flick from 'Allo Allo!' or an officer listening carefully in the shadows to hushed conversations. On Friday 18 May, Arts at Stowe and the History Department hosted Professor Frank McDonough for a History Masterclass aimed at digging beneath these stereotypes to discover the truth about the Hitler's secret police.

Frank has published widely on Germany under Hitler and released a book specifically focused on the Gestapo in 2015. He has appeared on several TV documentaries concerning the Third Reich and is currently working on a book giving a full overview of the Nazi state from 1933-45. There is probably no-one in the world who could give more insight on this topic.

The 40 participants of the Masterclass explored transcripts of Gestapo files and testimony from the Nuremberg Trials to uncover the real people involved in controlling Hitler's state. There were

many fascinating and uncomfortable truths about the co-operation of ordinary people and the mixed motives of those who informed on their neighbours or even their spouses. The result was a more human understanding of the Gestapo, which we discovered was made up largely of ex-police officers who were never even members of the Nazi party. A more human understanding of the victims of the Nazi regime also shed light on the awful crimes of the Third Reich and the dreadful impact on individuals.

It was excellent to see so many Stoics buying tickets to this event, with an especially strong contingent from the Fourth Form. With such a wide-ranging GCSE course, it is sometimes difficult to delve deeply into topics in such depth so taking an evening session to do this was incredibly powerful extension for the most enthusiastic Historians.

Paul Griffin, Head of History



British Horse Society

Lady Stringer was invited to join the Headmaster and Colin Dudgeon for the unveiling of the British Horse Society Approval plaque on Wednesday 16 May. The British Horse Society is the UK's largest and most influential equestrian charity which provides the 'pathway to excellence' career opportunities which are recognised worldwide. The Equestrian Centre was approved as a Riding School and Livery Yard achieving the grades of commended for Facilities and Legislative sections and highly commended in Horse Welfare, Customer Care, Teaching, Tack and Tack Room and Grassland management sections.

Lady Stringer has been a great support to the

Equestrian Centre since it opened in 2012 and has watched it grow from strength to strength. With coaches such as Ernest Dillon, and other high level trainers booked for the next academic year, pupils have regular access to quality training and support. This year we have our first pupil training for BHS qualifications whilst studying at the School proving that the Equestrian Centre is an educational asset as well as providing for the competitive rider.

The 'Sir Howard and Lady Stringer Equestrian Trophy' will be awarded to the winners of the Equestrian Inter-House Competition.

Angela Churcher, Equestrian Centre Manager



HOUSE GOLF

On Sunday 20 May, the annual Inter-House Golf competition returned to the schedule and it was excellent to see both Queen's and Stanhope entering a team of four golfers. The boys' Inter-House event was won by Chatham (42 Stableford points) with Bruce finishing runners-up (41 Stableford points). The Chatham team consisted of Edward Wentworth-Stanley (Lower Sixth), Jack Nesbitt (Fifth Form), Ollie Taylor (Fifth Form) and Henry Saunders Watson (Fifth Form). The girls' Inter-House event was won by Stanhope thanks to an outstanding individual performance from Emily Wilson (Fifth Form). The Laddie Lucas Trophy - a prize awarded to the person who records the lowest gross score over 18 holes - was won by Max Faulkner (Third Form, Temple) and the net competition was claimed by Elliot Mullarkey (Lower Sixth, Grenville).

My thanks to Mr Nick Hill and Mr Alan Longworth for supporting the event.

Alan Hancox, PGA Golf Professional & Head of Golf



PREP SCHOOL ATHLETICS

On Monday 21 May 2018 we hosted our annual Prep Schools Athletics Meeting in glorious sunshine at the wonderful Stowe track.

Eight Prep Schools competed in a boys' and a girls' competition at U11, U12, U13 and U14 age groups. The following schools competed in the boys' competition: Beachborough, Caldicott, Cheam, Cothill House, St John's, Summerfields and Thorngrove. The following schools competed in the girls' competition: Beachborough, Cheam, St John's, Thorngrove and Thornton College

66 events were contested in the 100m, 200m, 800m, Hurdles, Shot Putt, Long Jump, High Jump, Javelin, Ball Throw (U11), and 4 x 100m Relay.

Overall boys winners: Summerfields; Overall girls winners: Cheam; U11 boys: St. John's; U11 girls: Beachborough; U12 boys: Summerfields; U12 girls: St John's; U13 boys: Cheam; U13 girls: Cheam; U14 boys: Caldicott; U14 girls: Cheam.

Nick Hill, Head of Athletics

Sports Awards Dinner



On Wednesday 23 May we held our annual black tie Sports Awards Dinner. Over 120 sports coaches and pupils attended the dinner which had representation from a staggering 20 different Stowe Sports. We were honoured to have Commonwealth and Olympic medal winner Kristian Thomas as guest speaker who delivered a motivating speech about the hard work and dedication to perform at the highest level as well as the resilience and mental strength needed to come back from failure and injury.

Awards were presented to all of our deserving winners notably Dan Biss (Upper Sixth, Grafton) who was awarded Rugby Player of the Year, Olivia Flood (Upper Sixth, Queen's) winning Netball Player of the Year and Leilia Paske (Lower Sixth, Queen's) winning Rider of the Year.

Triple Crown awards were presented to Calum Renshaw (Upper Sixth, Bruce), Adam King (Upper Sixth, Walpole), Kira Evans (Upper Sixth, Nugent), Lottie Hopkinson (Upper Sixth, Stanhope) and Vicky Beglin (Upper Sixth, Nugent) for representing three different sports at 1st team level this year which is phenomenal achievement.

We also reflected on Mr Michael's incredible time as Director of Sport and thanked him for all that he has done in the huge development of sport at Stowe.

It was a fantastic evening looking back over the past year and celebrating the success of so many individual and team performances.

The winners were:

Rugby - Dan Biss (Upper Sixth, Grafton) - Player of the Year; Cricket - Adam King (Upper Sixth, Walpole) - Outstanding Contribution to Cricket; Netball - Olivia Flood (Upper Sixth, Queen's) - Player of the

Year; Squash - Josh Landau (Upper Sixth, Grafton) - Player of the Year; Equestrian - Leilia Paske (Lower Sixth, Queen's) - Rider of the Year; Football - Peter Wood (Lower Sixth, Chatham) - Player of the Year; Sailing - Alexander Holmes (Upper Sixth, Grenville) - Oarsman of the Year; Water Polo - Kit Rigby (Upper Sixth, Grenville) - Player of the Year; Swimming - Guy Woodhouse (Upper Sixth, Chatham) - Outstanding Contribution to Swimming; Badminton - Peter Wang (Upper Sixth, Chatham) - Outstanding Contribution to Badminton; Rowing - Archie Morley (Lower Sixth, Walpole) - Oarsman of the Year; Fives - Ludo Mannion Miles (Lower Sixth, Chatham) - Player of the Year; Tennis (Girls) - Kira Evans (Upper Sixth, Nugent) - Player of the Year; Tennis (Boys) - Freddie Woods (Upper Sixth, Chatham) - Player of the Year; Athletics (Girls) Zara Atta (Upper Sixth, Queen's) - Athlete of the Year; Athletics (Boys) - Luke Aust (Upper Sixth, Temple) - Athlete of the Year; Lacrosse - Hannah Venner (Upper Sixth, Lyttelton) - Most Valuable Player; Golf - Max Faulkner (Third Form, Temple) - Player of the Year; Basketball (Boys) - William Garrett (Upper Sixth, Cobham) - Outstanding Contribution to Basketball; Basketball (Girls) - Thea Chisnall (Upper Sixth, Queen's) - Outstanding Contribution to Basketball; Fencing (Boys) - Ed Don (Fifth Form, Chandos) - Outstanding Contribution to Fencing; Fencing (Girls) - Lauren Brigden (Lower Sixth, Stanhope) - Outstanding Contribution to Fencing; Polo - Player of the Year - Billy Hawkings-Byass (Lower Sixth, Cobham); Triple Crown (3 x 1st teams represented this year) Calum Renshaw, Adam King, Kira Evans, Lottie Hopkinson and Vicky Beglin.

Lauren Ellis, Head of Netball



Rory Bremner

On Wednesday 9 May, Arts at Stowe held 'An evening with Rory Bremner' in aid of the Stowe charity, Leonard Cheshire Disability, and an African Conservation charity, Tusk Trust, of which Rory Bremner is a Patron. Rory is a political satirist, comedian and impressionist and during his cabaret on the night, we had impressions ranging from Donald Trump, Tony Blair, David Cameron and Alan Carr to Prince Charles who sang 'Gangnam Style'.

After Rory's performance, there was a Q&A session and then a 'Heads or Tails' game with the winners awarded a book of photographs by David Yarrow. We then had an auction with the prizes ranging from a VIP Experience in Woburn Safari Park, with the rare opportunity to walk with the elephants, to a holiday on the coast of Kenya for a week. With the Roxy full of parents, students, teachers and the general public, and with generous bidders in the auction, collectively we managed to raise close to £20,000 on the night. I am very grateful to the Arts at Stowe team for helping to make the evening a success.

Thomas Mayhew, (Upper Sixth, Grafton)

Geography Field Trip to Delightful Dorset

If you are going to spend three nights sleeping in a barn, you might as well make it one in a beautiful part of Dorset and at a time with amazing sunny weather – if Carlsberg did field trips!

On Saturday 12 May, 44 intrepid Lower Sixth geographers set off to undertake fieldwork on the Jurassic Coast, staying in an outdoor activity centre near Swanage. The new OCR A Level specification requires all pupils to complete four days of fieldwork over the course of their A Level and this trip was designed to expose them to different fieldwork methods and locations, to prepare them to create their own Non-Examined Assessment (NEA) independent project, worth 20% of their A Level.

Sunday saw us undertaking coasts fieldwork in two stunning locations – Worbarrow Bay and Swanage. The pupils were able to compare the 'place meaning' of rural and urban beaches, considering their very different 'audiences' and facilities. Some great hands-on fieldwork was also done, with us measuring everything in sight – from beach angles and pebble sizes, to rates of infiltration and wave characteristics. Swanage exposed them to coastal management strategies, a sandy beach and a far more developed tourist area... which also allowed for an ice cream before returning to the Centre to write up the work from the day.

Monday had a human geography focus, with a day in Weymouth considering levels of deprivation there, contrasts between different

areas of the town and the impacts of the Olympic legacy on the area. Pupils worked independently to collect data, visit the different areas of the town and think of what questions they might be able to use in their own projects. The day was, of course, finished off with ice cream... before spending the evening writing up data and project ideas.

Tuesday morning was a return to physical fieldwork and the weather was so good that you could have confused Studland Bay sand dunes for somewhere far more tropical – until you dipped your toes into the sea! Data was gathered through the sand dunes and pupils were introduced to a range of different methods, from assessing vegetation cover, to collecting windspeed information and soil samples for later lab analysis. Although we were only there for the morning before needing to set off back to school, the morning was of course finished off with... ice cream!

Despite the long days, plenty of walking and lots of data gathering, everyone seemed to actually enjoy the trip, something which was greatly aided by the fantastic weather we had. The experience gained should now help the Lower Sixth geographers to plan their own independent projects, before collecting their own data, at a location of their choosing over the holidays, probably also involving, you've guessed it... ice cream!

Sarah Murnane, Head of Geography



On Thursday 17 May, the Languages Society held its final event of the year; a talk by Mr Alberto Sanchez Garcia, an IT consultant for various firms and banks. Our guest speaker spoke about the importance of learning languages as a whole and he spoke inspiringly about the role languages had played in his own personal life and work. We became aware of how languages can better help us understand the culture of a country and how that leads to better understanding and more effective working relationships, allowing you to have a greater degree of mobility. It became obvious to us all, that languages are a key to success in any career pursuit and a valuable and much sought after skill in the ever growing competitive world we live in. The talk was followed by our farewell dinner where all the members were able to say goodbye to our President, Tom Purdon (Upper Sixth, Grenville) and Vice President, Alice Maclure (Upper Sixth, Nugent) and thank them for all their help and support this year in organising the memorable events to celebrate the world of languages.

Desiree Podesta, Languages Department

Languages Society





Prep School Choral Day

On Tuesday 8 May 2018 we were joined by pupils from The Grove Independent School, St John's Priory School and Milton Keynes Prep School for an uplifting and varied day of singing. We began with some energizing physical warm-ups to make sure everyone was ready to sing before jumping straight into a rehearsal of sacred pieces. To lighten things up, Rachel Sherry then took the choir through their paces with a rehearsal of 'Rhythm of Life' from the musical Sweet Charity. After a break for lunch, the visitors were treated to a short concert featuring vocal performances by Lucy Sutherland (Upper Sixth, Nugent), Peter Entwisle (Lower Sixth, Temple) and Clara Tearle (Third Form, Queen's). Continuing with the contemporary theme, Miles

Nottage led a great session of funky rhythms and improvisation before handing back to Hilary Davan Wetton to run through 'America' from West Side Story. The visitors then moved across to the Chapel to rehearse where they were supported by Stowe's own Choir ahead of the afternoon's service. At 4pm we were joined by parents from the visiting schools in the Ugland Auditorium for a short workshop performance of 'America' and 'Rhythm of Life'. Everyone then returned to the Chapel for a short service of Compline led by Henry Swayne which featured three choral pieces; 'Hail Gladdening Light', 'O Thou The Central Orb' and an evening hymn.

Sarah Searle, Music Department



Mes Chers Voisins

A street in a town in France. Five doors, five teenagers.

Sam is sort of going out with Marion, but Marion is more into Sam than Sam is into Marion.

Hugo is the perfect teenager. He is sporty and intelligent but he cannot find a girlfriend.

Candice has always liked Hugo, but thinks he is out of her league. Candice is a girl who tries too hard sometimes and normally fails.

And then there is Magali, the biggest Justin Bieber fan in the world – or so she thinks she is, and she is convinced that Justin will marry her one day.

This is a fun play looking at the lives of these five teenagers who live in the same street.

On Thursday 3 May, The Onatti Theatre Company sent two native French actors, Marie and Jérémie, to perform this year's French play in the Ugland Auditorium for Third and Fourth Form French sets. The play is scripted very carefully to fit in with the level of language of the students and vocabulary sheets were provided before the event so that students could get the

maximum from the show. We have invited the Onatti Theatre Company to Stowe every year since I have been here, and once again, the play did not disappoint. Our actors wasted no time in dragging some of our audience members up onto the stage to join in the action and to show off their French!

All of the Stoics were captivated from the start and those among them who were plucked out of the audience to join in, did so in such good spirit that it absolutely made the whole experience. I am not sure, however, whether our Stoics shared Magali's passion for all things Justin Bieber, so I suspect that the Bieber mannequin that was given out will probably find its way into the bin at some stage! Needless to say, next year's performance has already been booked and, as ever, I am sure that it will be just as great a success. The only problem is that we now have to wait until next May to see them again!

Simon Dobson, French Department

CRICKET

Cricket 1st IX v Oundle

On Saturday 19 May, Stowe had the better of this draw against Oundle after being put in on a damp pitch. It was a struggle up to lunch with plenty of sideways movement, but the team battled to 86 for 2. With a 57 over limit on first innings there was a need to accelerate after the break and Tom Olsen (Lower Sixth, Chatham) provided this injection with a quicker than run a ball 80. He was well supported by Adam King (Upper Sixth, Walpole) (36), James Cronie (Fourth Form, Cobham) (38) and Tom Worrall (Lower Sixth, Grafton) (28).

In reply Oundle started well until Olly Taylor (Fifth Form, Chatham) made the breakthrough thanks to a brilliant diving one handed catch from Adam King. Callum Renshaw (Upper Sixth, Bruce) took an equally good one the following ball at slip. Olly then took two further wickets in his next over. With Oundle then shutting up shop it became harder, although Albert Johnson (Upper Sixth, Grenville) and Tom Olsen both took a wicket to leave Oundle 6 down by the close.

James Knott, Head of Cricket



KARATE

It was with great regret and a happy heart that I say goodbye to three of my Karate students. On Tuesday 22 May, unbeknown to them, during the hour and half lesson they were undergoing their last grading with me and at the end were presented with their new belts.

Victor Topa (Upper Sixth, Chatham) achieved his Green belt 6th Kyu, Alex Orton (Upper Sixth, Lyttelton) achieved her Brown Red belt which is 1st Kyu and Mar Martinez-Tomas (Upper Sixth, Lyttelton) achieved her Shodan Intermediate Brown Black belt (intermediate Black). I am so proud of them all and will miss them dearly we not only became a very close-knit club but also a family.

I wish them all the luck in the coming years and know that they will carry on being the respectful and wonderful students that I have seen grow into wonderful adults.

David Smith, Sensei, Shotokan Karate Instructor

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Mozart Trio Prize

The Mozart Trio Prize is for solo performance in any genre of music by Sixth Formers and we were treated to a wonderful afternoon of music making with strong performances all round. Isabel Ward (Lower Sixth, Stanhope) started the afternoon with two beautiful performances of Baroque recorder music by Handel and Cima, played on the treble and descant recorder. Peter Entwisle (Lower Sixth, Temple) followed up with a vocal programme ranging from Handel and Quilter to Menken's 'Beauty and the Beast'. Next, Ally Jordan (Lower Sixth, Lyttelton) gave a delightful rendition of Ganne's Andante and Scherzo for flute, written in 1901. Oscar Hill (Lower Sixth, Temple) gave us a whistle-stop tour of opera, musical and oratorio repertoire which he sang with verve. Anastasiia Nazarova (Upper Sixth, Lyttelton) chose to play two characterful and entertaining pieces from Czech composer Martinu's piano cycle 'Puppets' and followed up by singing a haunting song by Rubbra. Helena Vince (Lower Sixth, Queen's) sang three pieces by two of the greatest composers of the Baroque era, including the powerful 'Dido's Lament' by Purcell, charmingly framed on either side by a pair of Handel's best-known oratorio arias for soprano. David Choo (Lower Sixth, Chatham) closed the first half of the afternoon with a moving performance of Chopin's Ballade No. 3 for piano.

After a short interval, the second half began with a movement from a Brahms sonata for violin and piano performed with authority by Poppy de Salis (Lower Sixth, Stanhope). In complete contrast, Mali Aitchison (Upper Sixth, Nugent)

performed the beautiful 'I'm here' with intensity, followed by one of her own songs, 'Get it Right', in which she accompanied herself on the guitar, capturing the audience's attention. Billy Baker's (Lower Sixth, Chatham) fingers flew around the keyboard in one of Chopin's Fantastic Impromptus, displaying some virtuosic work. Mina Haas (Upper Sixth, Stanhope) sang with great command of style in songs by Debussy, Handel and Bach. Anya Cook (Lower Sixth, Lyttelton) played the 2nd movement of Mozart's G major Flute Concerto in a lovely performance full of attention to detail. The penultimate performer, Charles Rivington (Upper Sixth, Bruce) performed one of his own compositions for guitar, 'Oh What a Tragedy' which showed the influence of Jimmy Page, guitarist with the iconic band Led Zeppelin. The final performer of the afternoon, Lucy Sutherland (Upper Sixth, Nugent) sang an emotional trio of pieces from musical theatre repertoire which were portrayed with persuasive assurance.

Dr Ben Skipp had the unenviable task of choosing winners. As the acting Departmental Chair and last year's MTP judge, Hilary Davan Wetton pointed out, there was so much to enjoy in each performance. Ben gave each contestant pertinent and constructive feedback before announcing his choices, with Mali Aitchison in third place, David Choo in second place and Helena Vince taking the first prize, with Lucy Sutherland the overall winner of the audience prize.

Rachel Sherry, Head of Vocal Studies



EQUESTRIAN

A record number of Stoics took part at this year's Stowe Beagles Hunter Trials. 5th place in class 1 was Lydia Taylor (Lower Sixth, West) and Coco Brooks (Lower Sixth, Lyttelton) came 6th place in class 3. In Class 4 Rosie Grayson (Third Form, Nugent) came 7th and Jemima Howden (Third Form, Stanhope) came 3rd also winning the highest placed stoic cup and Shield. Henry Hobby (Fourth Form, Chatham) was just out of the rosettes in 10th place out of 23 starters and Josh White (Lower Sixth, Cobham) came 4th. House points were awarded for all competitors and helpers for the day towards the Equestrian Inter-House competition.

Angela Churcher, Equestrian Manager



GIRLS' TENNIS

Our tennis players completely outclassed Tudor Hall in the midweek block fixtures on Wednesday 9 May, winning all their matches comfortably. There were 9-0 wins for the U15Bs, U14Bs and U14 Cs. The Senior 1st, 2nd and 3rd teams all won 8-1 along with the U15As, U15Cs and U14As. The Senior 4th team won 7-2.

The girls did extremely well against Uppingham on Saturday 12 May winning 8 of the 10 matches in the block fixture. The Senior 1st team won 6-3 and the Senior 3rd team won 5-4. All the U15 sides won; 7-2, 5-4 and 6-3 respectively. The U14As won 6-3 and the U14Bs followed their 9-0 win against Tudor Hall with an 8-1 win against Uppingham.

The Senior 1st team had an excellent 5-4 win against Oundle on Saturday 19 May. The U15A, B, C and D teams all won against Oundle and the U14B also had a fine win.



Messiah

On Sunday 13 May the School took part in a Come and Sing of Handel's 'Messiah'. In previous weeks, Stoics had been learning and rehearsing their three choruses in Chapel, under the martial eyes and ears of Hilary Davan Wetton (Interim Chairman of Music) and transposing skills of Jonathan Kingston (Chapel Organist). We started with The Hallelujah Chorus (No.44), and then engaged with 'Behold the Lamb of God' (No. 22) and 'He Trusted in God' (No.28). Even if Stoics could not read Music, they followed the notes (more or less successfully) up and down the staves and, growing in confidence and volume, were masterfully prepared for their public performance.

With an Orchestra of Stoics supported by a few professionals and staff, a Choir of Stoics, staff and friends, the evening's performance or, more appropriately, a Sung Service was led by three superb soloists: Rachel Nicolls (Soprano); James Cleverton (Baritone) and Robert Tilson (Tenor). For many Stoics, it was probably their first exposure to professional classical singers whose voices filled the Chapel vault and who sang the narrative arias, with Stoics providing the different tones and moods in their sung Choruses. It ended, of course, with 'The Hallelujah Chorus' which raised the Chapel roof, even if there was at least one extra Hallelujah (thank you Grenville Fifth Former) but we did all at least finish together.

As an all School event it was a marvellous atmosphere and unforgettable evening of communal singing. In the future, Stoics will recall their own participation in performing just part of the finest piece of English Choral music. Our thanks and sincere appreciation must go to Hilary Davan Wetton for the initial proposal and nobly seeing the School and Musicians through rehearsals to a joyous Handelian conclusion.

Crispin Robinson, Second Master



Charity Cycle Ride in Mozambique

In March this year, Trennon Bettany (Third Form, Grafton) successfully completed his 109km cycle ride in Mozambique to raise funds for 450 new uniforms for a local school. Trennon managed to complete the ride in four hours and three minutes and has raised £5,300 to date.

The school was built by the Azura Rainbow Fund, his family charity, which supports this school amongst others and he has been involved with these children since he was very small. Over the Easter break, Trennon was proud

to present the uniforms at a special event at the school, attended by Senior Government officials and other local dignitaries. This fabulous occasion which included thank you speeches, singing and dancing, was even shown on TV Mozambique.

Clothes are extremely important in encouraging children to attend school and they were clearly delighted with their new uniforms. Trennon is now keen to take on the next challenge of helping to support a half-built clinic on the island.



GRAFTON PARENTS AND SONS GOLF

A glorious sunny day welcomed many Grafton parents and their sons for the second Grafton Parents and Sons Golf Day played over 9 holes on Stowe's charming golf course. Grannies, granddads, relatives and friends paired up with their respective Graftonian and with a handicap system in place the final leaderboard was tightly congested at the end of the day. The emphasis was very much on socialising and fun although congratulations to Lochie Shillington (Lower Sixth), Rufus Easdale (Lower Sixth), Hugo Manners (Fourth Form) and Ollie Horton (Fourth Form) for sharing the trophy with a four-way tie on 21 points.

Gavin Moffat, Grafton Housemaster



EQUESTRIAN

Leilia Paske and Yam

Leilia Paske and her horse Yam had a successful day at Haraas de Jardy in France competing at a British Eventing CCI, which is the highest level of eventing. They scored 31.4 in the dressage section, clear and inside the time cross-country and one pole down in the show jumping. They were placed 15th out of 96 competitors from 16 different nations and were 5th out of those competing from Great Britain.

Angela Churcher, Equestrian Manager

CRICKET

Prep School Cricket Festival

On Sunday 20 May Stowe hosted a 12 school Prep School Cricket Festival with a series of T10 Matches (Stowe's own format) being played across the Bourbon, North and South Fronts. The weather was glorious and spectators were treated to a fine day's cricket. Summerfields, Caldicott and Moulseford were the three teams unbeaten after the group stages with Caldicott and Summerfields just edging Moulseford on run rate to reach the final. In the final Summerfields batted first and scored 65 for 5. It didn't seem enough and, despite the loss of 5 wickets of their own, Caldicott got over the line, with a couple of overs to spare, to retain the trophy they won in 2015.

James Knott, Head of Cricket



Corkscrew Society Annual Dinner

It was a perfect summer's evening for the Corkscrew Society's annual dinner. Beautifully attired Stoics, warm summer sunshine, drinks and laughter on the South Front before dinner. The Corkscrew Society is Stowe's oldest extant Society (founded 1972) and we continued the tradition of fine dining with fine wines and oenophilic comments provided by Mr and Mrs Hopkinson-Wooley. Thank you to them and the Stoics for their company, interesting talk and choice selection of wines, but I should also like, again, to thank the marvellous Catering team who did us proud in the food, laying of tables and service. My personal thanks is due to Mrs Hill-Hall who has kept the Corkscrew Society going this year as my "right-hand woman" with humour, emails and legwork!

Crispin Robinson, Second Master



GOLF

Golf at Stowe continues to go from strength to strength with our Senior 1st team recording some fine victories at a number of high profile venues. In recent weeks, we have had the fortune of visiting Sunningdale, Woburn, Luffenham Heath and the delightful New Zealand Club. As we approach the final few matches of the season, this promises to be one of the most successful and rewarding golfing years for Stowe.

On Thursday 26 April, we were narrowly beaten against a very strong and experienced Harrow. The match took place at the magnificent Sunningdale Golf Club with excellent performances from our Captain, Piers Odell (Upper Sixth, Grenville), Lochie Shillington (Lower Sixth, Grafton) and Edward Wentworth-Stanley (Lower Sixth, Chatham).

On Tuesday 8 May, we travelled to Woburn and competed against Uppingham and Bedford in a triangular match on the iconic Duke's course. It is always a real treat to be able to play on such a superb course. Our golfers recorded a convincing victory against Uppingham and managed a well-earned half against a Bedford team full of Golf Scholars.

On Saturday 12 May, our Senior team competed in another triangular match against Oakham and Uppingham at the delightful Luffenham Heath Golf Club – a Regional Open Championship Qualifying venue for the past five years. With a number of experienced players unavailable due to cricketing commitments, our team consisted of Piers Odell (Upper Sixth, Grenville), Lochie Shillington (Lower Sixth, Grafton), Max Faulkner (Third Form, Temple), Tom Riley (Fifth Form, Bruce), Gabriel Armstrong (Lower Sixth, Chandos) and Jack Nesbitt (Fifth Form, Chatham). We again recorded a convincing victory against Uppingham whilst halving our match against a strong and experienced Oakham.

The highlight of this half term has undoubtedly been our superb victory against Wellington College at the exquisite New Zealand Golf Club. Arguably one of the most exclusive golf clubs in the country, the New Zealand Club was founded in 1895 and designed by Samuel "Mure" Ferguson. As the great Bernard Darwin pointed out, "New Zealand is sui generis. It does not compete with other courses, but it sets its own standard and lives up to it."

Andrew Hancox, PGA Golf Professional & Head of Golf

Onatti German-language play: "Hausarrest!"

The German Department was thrilled to welcome the Onatti Theatre Company on Thursday 17 May for a one-off performance of "Hausarrest" in the Dobinson theatre. Interweaving language that is accessible to Lower School German students with an entertaining scenario, "Hausarrest" was a great success amongst stoics, who ended up revising German vocabulary and grammar without even realising it. The two German actors, were fantastic and had the audience glued to their every word as they were taking us through this epic tale of a boy grounded by his mother, and yet desperate to finish with his girlfriend, go out with another girl and get rid of a third one all at the same time whilst being grounded! As always with Onatti plays, audience participation is key, which is something Stoics love and dread in equal measure. We were also delighted to be joined by several students from the Royal Latin School who came with two of their teachers.

Alice Tearle, Head of German





GCSE Drama

Tales from Lancaster West Estate

Using Verbatim Theatre to process and try to understand the circumstances that led to the tragic events of 14 June 2017 when the Grenfell Tower was engulfed by flames; pupils developed and performed a series of theatrical work through practical exploration of the history behind the development of the Lancaster West Estate; the social and cultural demographic of the residents and the London borough of Kensington and Chelsea; the timeline of events on 14 June including the rescue operation by London Fire Services; and the deadly combination of decision-making over decades that may have contributed to this disaster. In a moving presentation of their response pupils invited audiences to share their work, consider the questions they posed and join them in paying tribute to those who lost their lives.

Verbatim Theatre based on current affairs is a fascinating medium to explore. The landscape is constantly changing as news stories emerge and details come to light. When the cast embarked on the creation of this piece of work there were 71 victims. Now there are 72. It has been a process of continual updating and ongoing research, keeping abreast of developments in the inquiry and following the media to create these documentary style pieces.

Housed within a fluorescent footprint of the tower, designed by Sophia Batey (Fourth Form, Queen's) (Set Designer), each of our Fourth Form pupils contributed with empathy, delicacy and poise to the creation of a unique and important body of work; commenting sensitively on this tragic incident and its broader significance.

Rebecca Clark, Director of Drama





Literary Society: 'The Great Gatsby' Dinner and Dance

On Saturday 28 April, the Sixth Form Literary Society were fortunate enough to enjoy a sophisticated evening of music, food and great works of literature. With a Roaring Twenties theme infusing the night, courteous boys, smartly dressed in black attire, escorted elegant girls, classic with flapper dresses, into the Marble Hall. It was certainly an evening to remember.

Our special gratitude goes to the Catering Department. They left no stone unturned; with themed food such as 'speak easy tuna tar-tar' making its way to our menus, the glitzy atmosphere of the Roaring Twenties found its way onto our plates. Stowe's own Big Band enhanced the vintage atmosphere, bringing us back to the Twenties with traditional symphonies of the saxophone and tunes of the trumpets. Everyone was moving, dancing and swaying to the funky beats that provided a teleport back to the times of the Prohibition and Speakeasies. Jazz, the Waltz and The Charleston made for an energetic atmosphere that even high heels couldn't hinder!

The highlight of the evening was the after dinner

speech by the acclaimed linguist and historian of the English language, David Crystal. David was a fantastically engaging speaker who included us all in a marvelous oral demonstration to prove that the verse form, iambic pentameter, is biologically hardwired into us. Appropriately, we also discovered that there is a novel named "Gadsby" – a very odd adaptation of "The Great Gatsby" - written entirely without the vowel E. You had to hear it to believe it.

We must lastly give special thanks to everyone who contributed to the evening, the team of Upper Sixth English Literature pupils who inspired the event, Mr Gibbon and the Stowe Big Band for giving up their evening, Ms Pollakova for booking David Crystal, and Ms Puranik for organising the event. Of course, we mustn't forget the inspiration for this night, F. Scott Fitzgerald who once said, "And I like large parties. They're so intimate. At small parties there isn't any privacy."

Samaï Lamberti (Lower Sixth, Queen's) and Veronika Phillips (Lower Sixth, West)



Prep School Swimming Gala

Thursday 10 May saw Stowe host its annual Prep School Swimming Championships. We hosted seven local schools for U13/U11 Boys' and Girls' competitions. The Boys' competition for the 2nd year running was dominated by The Davanies School winning both age groups, closely followed by Summerfield's. Godstowe joined us this year and it proved to be a success as their U13 Girls took the Gold medal and the U11 Girls was won by Beachborough. The prep school champions and overall winner of the Challenge cup went to Beachborough School. The event showcased some great future athletes and we were impressed with the number of swimmers already swimming at County and Regional Level. Thank you to everyone for participating and making the day a great success and an exciting competition.

Cheryl Davis, Head of Swimming and Water Polo

SPORT IN BRIEF

Boys' Volleyball

Grenville beat Temple in the Cup Final and Chandos beat Chatham in the Plate final.

Boys' Triathlon

Dan Roberts (Fourth Form, Grenville) came 12th overall and 1st in his own age group (U15) in the Llanelli Youth Triathlon which was the first leg of the British Triathlon Federation Youth Super Series this year on Saturday 19 May.

Boys' Tennis

Both the U14 As and Colts As had excellent 6-3 victories against Uppingham on Saturday 14 May. The U16As had a fine 5-4 win against Oundle on Saturday 19 May.

Fives

On Sunday 20 May Grenville beat Bruce in the final of the Junior House Fives.

Girls' Cricket

On Thursday 17 May, the Third and Fourth Form girls beat Bedford Modern by 3 wickets.

Fives & Water Polo

On Sunday 20 May Nugent won the Inter-House Fives and Water Polo.

Rugby

Last Term Grenville won the Yearlings Rugby House competition and Chatham won the plate.

Rounders

In the Inter-House rounders played on Saturday 12 May Queen's beat Stanhope in the final by half a rounder.

Sailing

Sailing colours have been awarded to Will Trumper (Upper Sixth, Grenville) and Alex Holmes (Upper Sixth, Grenville). On Friday 4 May the Inter-House sailing was held at Greatmoor Sailing Club and was won by Chatham.

High Altitude Balloon Launch

Thursday 10 May was a gloriously sunny day; ideal conditions for the second launch of BoSSII (Balloon of Stowe School). The payload this time was professionally set up by the team, having gained much experience from the first launch. Two go pro cameras, one on the free fall experiment and one viewing the outside, were secured into position. Telemetry was thoroughly checked and a new tracking device was put in place. This time the team launched from the Bourbon to utilise the shelter of the trees. Final checks were made and the balloon was slowly released. The initial ascent rate appeared to be slower than normal - we were in for a long flight! With a planned ceiling of 30,000m the balloon eventually reached 31,684m (just under 20 miles!) into the stratosphere. The payload and parachute were tracked and located in a tree near RAF Lakenheath.

Arriving back at Stowe at around 7.45pm, the initial examination of the go pro SD cards had indicated a problem. The go pro cameras had appeared to switch themselves off or stop recording shortly after release. This meant that we had no visual record of the flight. Disaster! The data from the flight is currently being analysed and the cameras themselves are being checked over, however an explanation still eludes the team. Taking all the other aspects of the flight into consideration, it was a successful launch and our thanks go to Mr Haas for



providing a new tracking system for us which worked very well. The next launch will be with a much larger balloon where the target height will be around the UK record of 45,000m. This, we hope to do just after half term. Watch this space!
Steve Mallig, Physics Department

Rowing

At the Ball Cup Regatta on Sunday 20 May, the medallists were: Archie Morley (Lower Sixth, Walpole), Ayrton Patel (Upper Sixth, Cobham), Oscar Hill (Lower Sixth, Temple), Ilya Riskin (Lower Sixth, Chandos) Gold in in the J18 quad; Archie Morley Gold in the J17 single; Charlie Chick (Fourth Form, Grafton) Silver in the J15 single and Oscar Hill Bronze in the J18 single.



RUGBY

Rugby Tournament

On Sunday 20 May, we took a group of Fourth, Fifth and Lower Sixth Form pupils to Northampton Saints' ground, Franklin's Gardens, to take part in a touch rugby tournament. This was part of Christian Day's Testimonial year and we played a round robin format against Bedford School, Malcolm Arnold Academy and Northampton School for Boys. In this quick paced, free flowing version of the game – Stowe unfortunately, played Bedford School first and we were soundly beaten. However, and testament to the team, they learnt from their mistakes very quickly and produced two excellent displays in the other two games to finish a respectable second. It was a great day out in the sun at the 'Gardens', with all the players able to meet many of the Saint's first team players and have a chance to strut their stuff on the 1st XV pitch.

Michael Rickner, Rugby Coach

Designer Car



Anastasiia Nazarova (Upper Sixth, Lyttelton) has been designing artwork for a car that will be raced at the forthcoming Dakar Rally which takes place in January 2019. Her client is someone who has connections with her father. She has designed all of the artwork herself and the car is currently being painted in Germany with her design.



Alexander Technique Workshop

On Wednesday 2 May, Alexander teacher Lynn Boreham made a return visit to Stowe for a workshop which allowed participants to experience directly the benefits of Alexander work in promoting freedom and ease of movement. The first hour was aimed at instrumentalists, but as Lynn pointed out, we tend to carry our physical habits over in daily life, so any change is likely to bring positive improvement in other areas of our life. The instrumentalists demonstrated noticeable differences in tonal quality after the subtle, but telling adjustments Lynn encouraged the pupils to make. The second hour was for voice users, both spoken and sung. There were some stunning transformations in vocal power and authority which surprised both participants and observers. Alexander work is widely used in music and drama fields but has applications and benefits which go far beyond specific disciplines. It is hoped to introduce regular sessions in the near future.

Rachel Sherry, Head of Vocal Studies.

CCF Cadets In Leonard Cheshire Parachute Jump

On Sunday 9 June, Cadet Sgts Tavish Struthers (Lower Sixth, Bruce), Kianti Subowo (Lower Sixth, Queen's), Nathan Dana (Lower Sixth, Temple) and Miss Shah are taking part in a static line parachute jump at Netheravon, Wiltshire, with the CCF.

Miss Shah, who had kindly agreed to accompany them only, has now been roped in at the last minute, due to a cadet pulling out, and faces a genuine obstacle in the form of a real fear of heights. She will be well and truly leading by example and we will be rooting for them all.

They will be raising funds for Leonard Cheshire Disability. If you would like to sponsor their jump, please visit their Just Giving Page to do so.

The Just Giving Page can be found [here](#).

Stowe CCF Cadet at The Festival of Remembrance, Royal Albert Hall

Stowe CCF has been selected to provide a cadet to act as Escort to the CCF Banner Bearer at The Festival of Remembrance taking place at the Royal Albert Hall on Saturday 10 November 2018.

Cadet Petty Officer Oscar Hill (Lower Sixth, Temple) has the honour of carrying out this prestigious role.

Major Jan de Gale, CCF Contingent Commander

Stowe Parents would like to extend a warm welcome to you all and we hope you will attend our remaining Summer Event.

If you would like to make a booking, please click on your chosen event below and you will be taken through to our online booking page on the [website](#).

If you have any queries, please contact Helen Jefferies at stoweparents@stowe.co.uk

Stowe Parents

Join us at Stoke Park, Buckinghamshire to watch worldclass tennis within a unique, English garden party atmosphere. Stoke Park is an intimate and relaxed Country Club, Hotel and Spa set in 300 acres of fine parkland. As a forerunner to Wimbledon, the Boodles always attracts big names and provides entertaining play. Start at the Boodles Gallery and view some of the finest jewellery on display, before making your way to the Garden Bar for lunch. You will then have an afternoon of tennis with some of the best names on the circuit.

Boodles Tennis at Stoke Park

Tuesday 26 June, 11:30am



Walpole walk to Edinburgh

On Sunday 13 May Walpole House pupils and staff collectively ran 543km (there was very little walking!), effectively the distance required to get to Edinburgh! Walpudlians covered the distance over the course of the day by running 4km relays around the Stowe grounds and Mr Knott covered 7km around the North Front boundary! This not inconsiderable feat was undertaken to raise funds and awareness for 'Oli's Fight', a local campaign to raise funds for treatment for a Buckingham man, Oli Hilsdon, who is suffering from a brain tumour. The monies raised will go towards providing a treatment recommended by his oncologist, which is not available on the NHS. This event raised just short of £1,300, with money still being donated. If you would like to donate to this cause, please [click here](#).

Gwilym Jones, Walpole Housemaster



Wedding Fever

The Catering Team joined in the Royal Wedding celebration on Saturday 19 May by dressing the servery (and themselves) in red, white and blue!

Chocolate enriches the Business curriculum

"Behind every great company there is a great supply chain"

On Tuesday 8 May, four representatives from the Research & Development and Marketing departments at Barry Callebaut, the world's largest business-to-business manufacturer of chocolate, visited Stowe to present to 26 upper sixth A Level Business students.

Paul Hoff, Callebaut's R&D manager for Western Europe and Nestle, led the presentation that was designed to help students gain a greater understanding of this year's research theme in Business; "the market for chocolate confectionary and the private businesses operating in this market in the UK and/or internationally".

We were expertly guided through an interactive presentation from grower cooperatives and distribution channels to the value of localised processing and supporting this multi-billion dollar industry. Students were able to explore core business concepts including economies of scale, outsourcing and specialisation. All students had previously completed research in the Lent term, which helped with lively Q&A and debate throughout the talk.

The presentation ended with a discussion around how Callebaut's "Forever Chocolate" scheme (similar to Fairtrade) will help to eradicate child labour, help farmers prosper, be carbon and forest positive and have 100% sustainable ingredients in all of their products by 2025. This was presented as a value added strategy based around supporting a prosperous supply chain where 50% of all Barry Callebaut's profits are used to support farmers.

Dr Gordon West, Head of Careers

New Golf Course

We are delighted to report that construction has now commenced on our new golf course.

With significantly longer and more challenging holes, along with much larger greens that will be constructed in accordance with USGA guidelines, we believe that our new golf course will be one of the finest school golf facilities in the country. These are really exciting times for golf at Stowe as we prepare to launch the Stowe Golf Academy - a unique opportunity that will allow Stoics to combine golf coaching and development of the highest quality with a first class academic education. For any aspiring sporting talent, there is always the challenge of balancing the need to gain an exceptional all round academic education with a dedication to sporting achievement - the Stowe Golf Academy will provide an opportunity to do exactly that.



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