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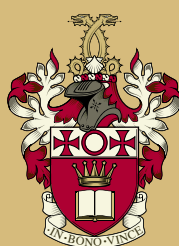
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PUPILS ACHIEVEMENTS - 2018/19

COMPETITION / EVENT		AWARD	PUPILS
Maths	UKMT Senior Maths Challenge (plus 1 gold, 5 silver & 16 bronze)	Gold & Best in U6th	Louis Xiao
		Gold & Best in School	Amip Rai
	UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge (plus 7 silver & 14 bronze)	Gold & Best in School	Thomas Choi
		Silver & Best in Year 10	Fifi Chan, Oliver Danes
		Silver & Best in Year 9	Karim Salama
	UKMT Junior Maths Challenge (plus 3 gold, 4 silver & 9 bronze)	Gold & Best in Year 7	Atida Kusotera
Gold & Best in School		Theo Rowe	
English & Drama	ESU Churchill Public Speaking Competition	County finalists	Olivia Binfield, Sam Le Baigue, Toby Woodgate
	LAMDA	Grade 3 Acting (Distinction)	Rebecca Dawson
		Grade 4 Acting (Distinction)	Daisy Mackman
		Grade 3 Speaking in Public (Distinction)	William Khan
		Grade 3 Verse and Prose (Distinction)	William Khan
		Grade 3 Verse and Prose (Distinction)	Annabelle Higgins
		Grade 3 Mime (Distinction)	Georgia Binfield
		Grade 6 Speaking of Verse and Prose (Distinction)	Pratigya Peshen
	Thanet Festival	Year 10 - 13 Public Speaking (1 st Place)	Pratigya Peshen
Year 7 - 8 Original Poem (1 st Place)		Annabelle Higgins	
Year 7 - 8 Acting (1 st Place)		Rebecca Dawson	
Music	Rock School	Grade 3 Vocals (Merit)	Phoebe Gardner
		Grade 4 Vocals (Distinction)	Tiffany Gillies
	Thanet Festival	Winner of Violin Recital	Thomas Choi
		Winner of String Duet Cup	Grace Choi & Thomas Choi
		Winner of Ensemble Cup	Grace Choi, James Choi & Thomas Choi
	Thanet Festival	Winner of Piano Duet	Franek Wolny & Zofia Wolny
		Winner of Violin Duet 12 and under class	Daniel Rae
		Winner of Violin Duet 14 and under class	Daniel Rae
		Winner of Violin 16 and under class	Beatrix Robinson
	ABRSM	Grade 3 Singing	Millie Sullivan
		Grade 3 Piano	Rory Scott
		Grade 3 Piano (Merit)	Jonathan Adams
		Grade 5 Guitar (Distinction)	Jack Foster
		Grade 6 Piano	Joyce Chan
	Trinity College London	Grade 6 Clarinet (Merit)	Carys Hamill
		Grade 5 Violin (Merit)	Franek Wolny
		Grade 6 Piano (Distinction)	Franek Wolny
		Grade 7 Flute (Merit)	Amelia Beninger
		Grade 7 Violin (Merit)	Zofia Wolny
	London College of Music	Grade 8 Violin (Merit)	Eugenie Dho
		Grade 3 Music Theatre	Albie Sibson-Harris
		Grade 6 Music Theatre	Tina Skrzpiec
SPORT			
Cricket	Kent Cricket	Senior Academy member	Isaac Dilkes
		Team members	Harry Carter, George Kidd, Joe McCaffrey Duncan Moore , Kalea Moore, Archie Ralph-Harding
	Surrey Stars Regional Performance Squad	Team member	Kalea Moore
Hockey	Under 18 England	Team members	Aimee Plumb, Robyn Thompson, Sian Emslie
	Under 16 England	Team members	William Mead, Tilly Tillings
	Under 16 National Club Finals (Canterbury)	Team members & Bronze Medal	Kai Browne, Joe Mitchell, Ben Young
	South England Hockey	Team members	Alexandra Ferguson, Hannah Harvey, Joshua Izzard, Thomas Izzard, Ben Young, Elen Nicholls
	Kent Hockey	Team members	Gabriella McAlister, Michael Sabine, Jonathan Adams, Felicity Ward, Georgia Binfield
	U18 Girls Indoor Hockey National Finals	Team members	Lauren Martin, Lakiesha Kirkland, Arabella Saliba-Williams, Aimee Plumb, Robyn Thompson, Tilly Tillings, Sian Emslie, Alexandra Ferguson, Tomi Akintemi, Chloe Plumb
	U19 Boys' Hockey National Finals	Bronze Medal	Teague Marcano, Navi Rana, Joshua Izzard, Jovita Bagambe, Lewis Wain, William Mead, Thomas Hill, Joe Mitchell, Archie Ralph-Harding, Emile Albrecht, Luca Henzler, Yusef Ahmed, Ben Young, Kai Browne
	U16 Boys' Hockey National Finals	Team members	Archie Ralph-Harding, Sonny Teall, Max Grutzmacher, Luca Henzler, Yusef Ahmed, Tom Marshall, Harry Carter, James Panayides, Julien Dumortier, Joe Mitchell, Ben Young, Kai Browne, George Kidd, Edgar Cardoso, Jonathan Adams
	Wales National Age Group	Squad Member	Elen Nicholls
Netball	Kent Netball	U15 Team member	Bella Rowe
Rugby	Kent Rugby	Full Team members	Jack Cohen, Thabiso Sithole, Sonny Teall
		DPP Team members	Oliver Crottie, Edgar Cardoso, James Peters, Max Rogers, Beau Teall, Josh Jury, Oliver Jordan-Smith, Toby Hunt, Theo Rowe, Zach Ralph, Tom O'Callaghan, Jack Brewer

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARDS

This past year, **3** students have gained the prestigious **Gold Award** and will in due course collect their badges and certificates from the Royal Palace. There have also been **10 Silver** and **24 Bronze** Awards achieved this year.



SPEECH DAY

Speech Day is the occasion when we celebrate the success of our pupils across the whole range of school life. At St Lawrence College, we believe passionately in the holistic approach to education, where academic endeavour and achievement is balanced by the development of the aesthetic, athletic, social and spiritual potential of each child. This year we have again seen significant success both individually and as a school, as you will see within the pages of this magazine. ■

GUEST SPEAKER:

DAVID WILLIAM TAYLOR, MA (OXON), PGCE, FRSA

After ten years as a classics teacher and head of department, David William Taylor, MA (Oxon), PGCE, FRSA was appointed as Her Majesty's Inspector of Schools (HMI). He joined the Office for Standards in Education (Ofsted) and became its Director of Inspection, a post he held until leaving in 2004 to work as an international consultant and trainer. Over the past decade he has become increasingly involved in school governance. He recently stood down from the position of Chair at St Lawrence College, but is Deputy Chair of the Board of the Association of Governing Bodies of Independent Schools (AGBIS). He has written six books on classical subjects and is editor of the series 'Classical Literature and Society' (Bloomsbury). ■

Principal, Antony Spencer





PRINCIPAL'S SPEECH

A couple of times this year my school assemblies have had as a theme the potentially damaging effects of gambling. My words have clearly fallen on deaf ears because in the last couple of weeks I have been made aware of a sweepstake organised by the teaching staff, betting on how long this speech will last. Even now, a teacher, who shall remain nameless, but whose name could rhyme with Bling, is probably staring at his stopwatch.

Under the rules of this gambling syndicate, neither I nor an immediate member of my family was allowed to take part, but that didn't prevent me participating through a proxy; after all, what's wrong with a bit of insider trading. Unfortunately, the only time left to choose from was an improbable 45 minutes, so I am now financially motivated to speak for a very long time.

Fear not, my record for shorter speeches than you normally get at a speech day will remain undiminished after today, partly because most of my speech is usually spent saying goodbye to staff who are leaving, and there are far fewer of them than normal this year.

You should all be aware that I shall be moving on at Christmas and this is my last Speech Day.

WHAT STRUCK ME WAS NOT JUST THE VAST RANGE OF CAREERS AND ACHIEVEMENTS THEY REPRESENTED, BUT ALSO HOW THE RELATIONSHIPS THEY DEVELOPED HERE AT SCHOOL HAVE LASTED THE TEST OF TIME

There is an old joke Headteachers use about a new Head who arrives on his first day in his school to find four numbered envelopes on his desk, each with a letter of advice from his predecessor, each one to open at a separate time of crisis. After a year or so, the new Head has some disagreements with his Governors, so he opens letter one and finds some pearls of wisdom that get him over the crisis.

A while later he has to handle a really tricky disciplinary issue with a pupil so he opens letter two and again gets some good advice that helps him through. Some time after there is a bust up with some of the teaching staff, and he opens letter three to receive some good guidance. A couple of years pass until he has to handle another big problem so he opens the fourth and final envelope; inside is written a simple message: time to write your four letters.

And so after nearly seven years that has been significantly more filled with joy and

success than problems, it's time for me to write those four letters. There's never a perfect time to do this; I could easily have stayed here twenty years, but a Head is often concerned to balance the desire to see though positive changes whilst not overstaying their welcome, and this is the right time for me and my family, and St Lawrence College is undeniably on an upward and self-sustaining trajectory.

When I arrived here in March 2013, our Upper Sixth pupils who technically leave school today were in the First Form, and it has been a privilege to see how they have flourished in their time here, not least as new members of their year group have arrived and the school has grown.

I could do what most schools do on Speech Day and tell you how wonderful the school is, how successful we have been and how the future has never been more sunny. I won't do that. Not that the pupils have had anything other than outstanding

success this past year, but you can see all that in the achievements listed in your programme. But our culture as a school is to be successful without a hint of arrogance or pretentiousness so I won't regale you with hyperbole. Instead I will point you to the ultimate measure of our success as a school which is our group of U6th Leavers. Of course they're not the finished product and will continue to grow and develop as they go through life; they're a varied group of individuals, but as we formally say goodbye to them today, I believe they have been very well prepared for what lies ahead for them in life.

We live in challenging times and whether the concerns are around the current political situation, the state of the economy, future developments in technology and particularly Artificial Intelligence or the prospects for the environment, there is a rather pervasive anxiety about the future of our society. Hope can be in short supply, but my hope is in part based upon the character of this group of Upper Sixth Leavers.

Working with people like them, you can't help but be hopeful, which is why it's a privilege to be in the teaching profession. Part of me would like to fast forward twenty years to see what they will be doing then and what they will be like, although in a way I did that exercise last Wednesday. I was at an OL event in the House of Lords for over 200 OLs from all around the world, some of whom left the school sixty years ago. What struck me was not just the vast range of careers and achievements they represented, but also how the relationships they developed here at school have lasted the test of time, and how the event brought together people from all kinds of backgrounds to enjoy each other's company.

And the theme in my speech at the House of Lords event was the Old Testament idea of a Tabernacle, effectively a tent of meeting, a temporary structure that was a place of meeting between God and man. So just as



we celebrate all the new buildings we have added to St Lawrence College, we should acknowledge that we are seeking to build something that is even more lasting, a relationship. One that is grounded in the knowledge of the love of God and that is shown in a genuine love for one another. Perhaps not something many schools talk about, but after all, St Lawrence College isn't like many other schools.

So going back to those envelopes, what closing words would I put inside for my successor? I'd save on paper and only leave two pieces of advice.

First of all, believe in the opportunity and power of redemption. The obvious nature of humanity is our capacity to get things wrong, but even more striking is the gift we are given to then make things right.

That core Christian belief has never been more relevant to running a school in a fair and compassionate way than it is today. God, after all, believes in second chances.

Secondly, measure and value what is most important in a school. It isn't ultimately

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about shiny buildings, sports trophies or league table positions. It isn't just about what is going into the head but what is going on in the heart. And what goes on inside

should overflow in the quality of our relationships.

It is a sad feature of modern society, including the education sector, that something is only deemed significant if it can be measured, and so in schools we get the combination of management speak and poor English begetting ugly terms like outcomes and deliverables, and calculations nobody really understands like Ebacc and Progress 8.

You can't measure the quality of relationships, but you know what they are. You see them in action.

And in this tabernacle of shared space we call St Lawrence College, we see friendships built that last a lifetime.

So my final plea to the Upper Sixth leavers, and indeed to all of us, is to cherish and invest in these relationships because, in the words of the school song, Quod sumus Laurentes. ■



LEAVERS



Bellerby	Laing	Lodge	Newlands	Tower
Vanessa Elumelu	Elizabeth Akester-Hill	Nicolas Arranz Padierna De Villapadierna	Dylan Al-Kadi	Yunis Abul-Fadl
Yi Fan	Ashley Henderson	Osamudiawen Asemota (Osa)	Edward Brewer Miles	Leon Booken
Kalina Karadimova	Charlotte Hickman	Meiqing Bo (Jack)	George Bryant	Muxuan Cai (Alvin)
Kristina Karasyk	Mia Jacobs	Thomas Gille-Collier	Lucas Collings	Gabriel Ducarme
Dan Liu	Lakiesha Kirkland	Ujwal Gurung	Isaac Dilkes	Brian Ekong
Emmi Chi Wing Lu	Lauren Martin	Todor Karadmiov	Benjamin Harvey	Ka Hei Lee (Steven)
Rimsha Malla		Cheuk Him Ling (Jeffrey)	Jacob Higgins	Kaixuan Li (Kai)
Yining Mi	Amara Relf	Fiyinfoluwa Solanke (Michael)	Aidan McGuirk	Teague Marcano
Magdalena Olcott	Arabella Saliba-Williams	Pavlo Tabachnik (Pasha)	Salvatore Mcleod-Vizzini	Obiechina Odukwe (Obi)
Adriana Padierna De Villapadierna Orbaneja	Elizabeth Sinden	Junde Wang (Ken)	Joseph Spencer	Navaraj Rana (Navi)
Hanna Popiela		Wenlong Zhang (William)	James Taker	Thabiso Sithole
Reeha Tamang			Billy Watson	Gregorio Torreggiani
Ribisha Thapa			Harvey Wichall	Kenneth Tsang
				Zi Jie Xiao (Louis)
				Hao Kun Yang (Gary)
				Haishi Zhao



PRIZE WINNERS

6TH FORM ACADEMIC PRIZE WINNERS

Bevan Art Prize	Elizabeth Sinden
Biology Prize	Ujwal Gurung
Business Studies Prize	Hao Kun Yang
Neil Chemistry Prize	Hao Kun Yang
Richards Computing Prize - for Photography	Dylan Al-Kadi
Ladbury Design Prize	Cheuk Him Ling
Theatre Studies Prize	Elizabeth Akester-Hill
Economics Prize	Joseph Spencer
Baxter English Prize	Mia Jacobs
Higginson French Prize	Thomas Gille-Collier
Geography Prize	Thomas Gille-Collier
German Prize	Hanna Popiela
Furmanek History Prize	Joseph Spencer
Chippindall Mathematics Prize	Junde Wang
Dixon Music Prize	Kalina Karadimova
Philosophy & Ethics Prize	Elizabeth Akester-Hill
PE Prize	Lauren Martin
Maslen Physics Prize	Todor Karadimov
Psychology Prize	Kristina Karasyk
Bateson Spanish Prize	Mia Jacobs

L6th

Attainment Prize	Zofia Wolny, Yunxiang Zheng, Ryker Moorcroft, Aimee Plumb, Si Rui Liu, Amelia Beninger, Hugo Robinson, Haneul Choi
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6TH FORM OPEN PRIZE WINNERS

Bradley Head of School Prize	Ujwal Gurung
Dunnachie Head Boy Prize	Todor Karadimov
Drayson Head Girl Prize	Lauren Martin
Iliff Prize	Meiqing Bo, Gabriel Ducarme, Leon Bokken, Yunis Abul-Fadi, Rimsha Malla, Ribisha Thapa, Magdalena Olcott
Watson CCF Leadership Prize	George Bryant
Athenaeum Prize	Amara Relf, Kalina Karadimova, Amelia Beninger, Yunxiang Zheng, Hugo Robinson
Harold Clifford Prize	Oluwatobiloba Akinsiku, Joshua Crottie
Bushell Art Prize	Yi Fan
Peel Drama Prize	Amara Relf
Watling Music Prize	Eugenie Dho
Dyer Music Prize	Taehyun Choi
Bowesman Music Prize	Zofia Wolny
Cornwell Music Prize	Georgina Scott, Beatrix Robinson
Rotary Club Citizenship Award	Ryker Moorcroft
Canon Perfect Memorial Prize	Dylan Al-Kadi
Britton Sports Prize	Lakiesha Kirkland
Bradley Sports Prize	Navaraj Rana
Gordon-Bennett Rugby Prize	Thabiso Sithole
Thronsdon Hockey Prize	Teague Marciano

3RD TO 5TH FORM ACADEMIC PRIZE WINNERS

3rd - 5th Form

Athenaeum Prize	Samuel Le Baigue, Niamh Connelly, Olivia Binfield, Tobias Woodgate, Tiffany Gillies
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5th Form

5th Form Achievement Prize MacFarlan Prize	Tobias Woodgate
5th Form Achievement Prize Laniyan English Prize	Olivia Binfield
Poetry Prize	Grace Harvey
5th Form Achievement Prize	Olivia Binfield, Samuel Le Baigue, Joyce Chan, Sankalpa Pun Magar, Taehyun Choi, Honor Llewellyn
5th Form Effort Prize	Sian Emslie, Nele Pfeuffer, Georgia Rae, Gemma Thompson, Kitty Wilson, Kalea Moore

4th Form

4th Form Achievement Prize Athenaeum Prize	
4th Form Achievement Prize	Carys Hamill, Franciszek Wolny, Beatrix Robinson, Pratigya Peshen, Georgina Scott, Oluwatoyosi Oshodi
4th Form Effort Prize	Isabella Savage, Emilie Ducarme, Emily Kulubya, Antoine Orsoni, Fei Fei Chan, Daniel Gibson
Athenaeum Prize	

3rd Form

3rd Form Achievement Prize	Karim Salama, Summer Leu-Wilson, Romiya Rai, Daisy Mackman, Caspar Durrant, Grace Gallagher
3rd Form Effort Prize	Zayne Nettey, Elen Nicholls, Amber Le Baigue, Polly Parker

1ST TO 2ND FORM PRIZE WINNERS

2nd Form

2nd Form Achievement Prize	Isabella Rowe, Anais Hamill, Somana Chhantel Magar, Annabelle Higgins, Rebecca Dawson
2nd Form Effort Prize	Prashansa Pun, Millissa Cardy, Eleanor Uden, Arcelia Rai, Myles Wise
Lewis Drury Prize	Oliver Adams, Phoebe Jackson, Aiden Browne, Jonah Schreiber
Richard Muncey Prize	Jack Brewer

1st Form

1st Form Achievement Prize	Atida Kusotera, Rory Scott, Jasmine Selman, Marko Kouthouri-Whittaker, Tadhg McGrath
1st Form Effort Prize	Prashant Gurung, Daniel Rae, Canaan Hemmings, Spandan Rai, Biplove Gurung
Youngest Pupil	Danila Korchinov
Youngest reserve	Balikudembe Bagambe



CHAPEL



CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

If you had told me that one day I would become a Vicar like my father I would have laughed. And last year if you had told me that I would become Chaplain of St Lawrence College, I wouldn't have believed you. Yet here I am doing the same job my father did in 1967.

During my time at school, my initial plan was to become a rock star. Christianity seemed to me boring and irrelevant. It was whilst I was at university that I came to my senses and discovered that a life without Christ was empty, unfulfilling and strangely dull. I began to reconsider the claims of Christ and recommitted myself to my childhood faith. Although I still play the guitar, I didn't follow the path of rock; instead I worked in Marine Insurance in London for five years, got married, and then went into the Church. After training in Essex, Lancashire, London and America I have now arrived in Thanet.

My main goal in the first two terms has been to get to know people. With so many different faces and new names to learn it has been quite overwhelming but I think I am getting there. I spend evenings visiting the boarding houses and trying to revive my table football skills. I have so far been unbeaten in Kirby and Tower, although my table tennis skills are not so good. What I have found fascinating about this school is the number of different nationalities present. St Lawrence has such a variety of cultures which makes it a unique and interesting place to work. I have learnt about Lagos,



Nepalese road safety, Kazakhstan, Ukrainian politics and fun things to do in Kent.

So far in chapel we have considered a variety of topics such as a Christian perspective on social media to the claims of Jesus Christ in the gospel of Mark. As part of the wider chapel activities we have had Kirby Christian Union—this is an opportunity for those in Kirby to learn more about the Christian faith. They have taken chapel this term, giving a brilliant dramatised reading of the Good Samaritan and even lead the singing.

I have been impressed by the willingness of the students to be involved in chapel, whether it is singing, reading, praying or acting out a Bible passage. Even when there is the possibility of getting covered in raw egg, people still volunteer. I am also impressed by the supportive nature of the students. When they see one of their own taking part they erupt into cheers and shouts of encouragement even if the participation is small.

My first two terms have been a fun and interesting experience and I would like to thank all those who have been involved. I look forward to next year with anticipation. ■

James Goodwin Hudson



WE ALSO HAD THE PLEASURE
OF DEDICATING A SET OF PEW
BIBLES FOR USE IN OUR CHAPEL
SERVICES



MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

Senior School pupils cooked food from their home countries and organised a sale to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support. The pupils chose this wonderful charity to support one of their recovering teachers.

Nicholas and Amip would like to thank all the pupils and staff that helped with cooking or donated for this cause. ■



HOUSES

KIRBY HOUSE

Kirby House has had a fantastic year. We started by welcoming fifty-seven new pupils into the house, who were joined by a further seven during the course of the year. We were also joined by four new tutors. Mr Rawbone joined us as Assistant Housemaster for Day Boys, Mr Barlow and Mr Bowyer took up positions as tutors to day boys and Mrs Sharp became a tutor to boarding girls.

We have continued to have the support of gap year assistants during the course of the year. Holly Jefford spent a year with us, leaving in December. She worked incredibly hard during her time with us and was a real pleasure to work with. She bonded well with the girls and enjoyed spending time with them doing puzzles during wet afternoons on Sundays. Her leaving gift to the house was one of the longest paper chains ever seen, hung along the balustrades in the atrium for Christmas! In January we welcomed Ruby Pledge from New Zealand and Timothy Toomey from Australia.

Music has enjoyed another year of growth in the house. At the forefront of this has been the house choir. They have performed amazingly well at a number of concerts throughout the year, culminating in their long awaited tour to Paris. We have also been fortunate enough to hear individuals perform at various midweek concerts in the coffee shop and music department. Sabija Gordon, Atida Kusotera, Hannah Todd and Daniel Rae have been diligent in attending rehearsals and performances with the college orchestra, whilst Poppy Monckton and Albie Sibson-Harris blew us away at the summer concert as part of the college rock band.

A true testament to the talent on offer in the house was demonstrated at the end of Lent with us providing three of the four finalists in the college talent contest. Robbie Evans stole our hearts with his singing whilst Grace Huckstep wowed us all with her heartfelt vocals. However Jonah Schreiber picked up the prize with two amazing card tricks.

In drama the pupils have been lucky enough to take part in the new Theatre Thursdays. However the highlight of the year was The Canterbury Tales. Over twenty pupils took part in this production committing activity time and more during the summer term. All of

the performances were strong and made all the more amazing as they were delivered without microphone, projected throughout the hall with superb clarity and volume. It is clear that there is some great stage talent showing much promise for the years ahead. Whilst written over six hundred years ago the themes and morals in the tales are as relevant today as they have always been. As a result of participation in the performing arts, house colours have been awarded to fourteen individuals this year.

Of course sport is a major feature of the college week. No doubt the sport reports will cover the detail but needless to say it has been another successful year. Regardless of the results the highlights are always the afternoons involving enough fixtures against another school requiring nearly all pupils to take part. It is great watching pupils who may have limited experience of a sport playing competitively, enjoying the pride in representing their college and most importantly having to work with their peers. There were twenty-eight colours certificates awarded this



year with Bella Rowe, Hannah Crottie and Sophie Wain making the treble, having been awarded colours in all three major sports.

The house has had a very good year academically. Once again the number of pupils making it on to our tutor card wall of fame has grown. Of particular note are those that repeatedly make it into the top category for an average effort of more than 4.5. This is not easy when studying up to sixteen subjects! This year Millissa Cardy, Somana Chhantel Magar, Rebecca Dawson, Anais Hamill, Prashangsa Pun, Bella Rowe, Atida Kusotera and Rory Scott have managed this feat on at least four occasions. Further academic achievement was recognised on Speech Day. Jack Brewer was awarded the Richard Muncey Prize, whilst the good all-rounder Lewis Drury prizes were awarded to Oliver Adams, Aiden Browne, Phoebe Jackson and Jonah Schreiber. The house had a bumper year in the national mathematics challenge held in April too. 18 certificates were awarded. Theo Rowe once again made it through to the second round with the results due imminently. It is believed that this is the first time in the college's recent history that a pupil has reached the second round of this competition in two successive years!



Within the boarding community it has been an enjoyable year. We have been out and about more at weekends, enjoying trips to Deal, Ripple, Westwood Cross, Granville Cinema and of course Chessington. Ripple may seem an odd destination, however following a walk through the fields all were awarded with ice-cream from a farm based in the village. During Lent we helped host a group from a school in Spain. The boarders spent most evenings with them playing dodgeball, bubble football and

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other team games. Their visit concluded with an afternoon of bowling. Mrs Sharp has spent some evenings with the boarders doing crafts such as cross stitch and origami. During the winter months some weekend afternoons were spent in the flat making milkshakes, pizzas and playing card games.

It is those that work in the background that often help ensure that a house runs smoothly. During the year there have been changes to the domestic team and so we sadly said goodbye to our cleaners Corrine, Dawn and Lisa. However they have been replaced with the delightful Gemma, Sue, Michelle and Alison. Heidi, our matron, has remained though and we are all incredibly indebted to the work she does. Keeping eighteen boys and eleven girls clean is no mean feat!

Finally we would like to wish all the best to the second form as they move up into the senior houses. We are also saying a very fond farewell to Mr Barlow and Dr Senaratne. Mr Barlow leaves us after one year having bonded incredibly well with the boys in his tutor group. During his last term in the house he organised a series of house competitions for pool, table tennis and foosball. Dr Senaratne has spent eight years as a tutor in the house and now feels it is time for a fresh tutoring challenge in a senior girls' house. We wish them both well and thank them deeply. ■

MICHAELMAS MERIT CUP	LENT MERIT CUP	SUMMER MERIT CUP	
Courtenay	Courtenay	Cameron	
GIRLS' CROSS COUNTRY	BOYS' CROSS COUNTRY	GIRLS' HOCKEY	BOYS' RUGBY
Courtenay	Cameron	Cameron	Cameron
GIRLS' ATHLETICS	BOYS' ATHLETICS	GIRLS' NETBALL	BOYS' HOCKEY
Tied	Cameron	Courtenay	Cameron
GIRLS' CRICKET	GIRLS' ROUNDERS	BOYS' CRICKET	
Courtenay	Courtenay	Cameron	



BELLERBY



The beginning of the year in September was an exciting time. We welcomed nine girls into Year 9, along with Victoria and Fei Fei joining year 10, Nele into year 11 and as well as ten girls into Lower 6th. The house was buzzing with excitement and chat as all the new girls were welcomed into the Bellerby fold. The first of our Interhouse events for the year was the cross-country, a whole school event which is a good way for the girls to show resilience, determination and of course teamwork. For those not running, their invaluable encouragement and applause from the side helped the girls to push that little bit harder knowing that the finish line was in sight. A special mention must go to Amelie Koehler who came second in the senior girls' race in a fabulous time of 12 minutes 35 seconds. We sadly say goodbye to Amelie this summer. Joining us from Germany, she represented the school in the 1st XI hockey team and was a strong member of team. Nele Pfeiffer also joined us for the Michaelmas term but ended up staying for the whole year. During the Lent term Jana Leutwyler and Sarah Davidson also became part of the house with Jane Maja Finke arriving in the Summer term along with Emma Butnaru, Berenice Ehr and Charlotte Uglow. The latter following in her Grandfather's footsteps, wanting to experience all he had done many years before.

The girls really enjoyed running their own events in house and this year was no exception. We had fun evenings playing a variety of games. Movie nights always proved popular too. Before Christmas we had our annual Body Shop party where the girls had an opportunity to try products and get an opportunity to buy their 'Secret Santa gifts'. Bellerby also treated us to some outstanding performances at the Interhouse drama competition. The girls produced, directed and performed their own version of

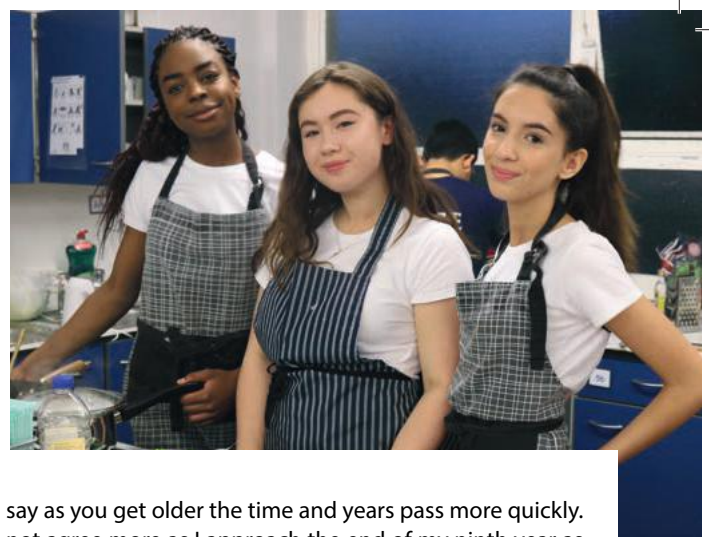
the Addams family. Fabulous performances by Magdalena as Fester Addams, Kalina as Morticia Addams, Kristina as Grandmama Addams, Phoebe as Pugsley Addams and Vanessa who played a very powerful lawyer, Tully Alford. Well done girls. A stunning and creative performance achieving overall Best Production.

The girls came back after Christmas with two goals; to find an outfit for the sixth form dinner and to perfect the song for house music! The theme this year, to the delight of many of the staff, was the 80's. The whole house performed Super Trooper by Abba and Kalina, Yasmin and Unnati sang Man in the Mirror by Michael Jackson. The performances on stage from all the house was so high we knew this year would be tough. It's not easy getting up on stage in front of so many people and to sing, in your second language, for many. Well done girls, you made me feel very proud.

Our annual House meal, this year, was held in Margate. We all jumped on the train on a sunny Saturday afternoon and went to a favourite restaurant of the girls, Café de China. They managed to fit us all in and we tucked into Chinese all served on lazy Susan's. After dinner we took a stroll along the beach where we awarded the annual "Most likely to..." certificates. Unfortunately the weather wasn't being too kind and we had to finish handing out the certificates under a shelter. Much to the surprise of the staff, the Upper 6th cohort had arranged their own awards for the tutors. The laughter from everyone was a pleasure to hear if not disconcerting for the passers-by. Some wonderful memories were made during the afternoon.

Tug of war this year was held on Chapel Green with the whole school plus parents and staff in support. Through lots of grit and determination, Bellerby won the junior competition beating Laing

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and Clifford. The senior team beat Laing but were unable to do the double and beat a newly formed senior school staff team; unlucky girls! Not this time! Sports day was not quite as successful but I am always impressed by girls that take part in any event, pushing themselves out of their comfort zone so that Bellerby are rewarded with some well-deserved house points. We had a representative in every event for which we should be very proud. Tomi Akintemi beat the long standing school record in the javelin by a fair way only to be pipped by another junior girl in Clifford. Great work though Tomi. Well done to Kristina Karasyk who brought the team together enthusing them and organising who would take part in which event. A special mention must go to Kristina who worked tirelessly throughout the year to ensure we had teams across all sporting events, not always competitive but great to have girls taking part in all sporting events throughout the calendar.

As ever, I owe an enormous amount of gratitude to the Bellerby tutors. They have been a tremendous help and support to both myself and the girls in the house. So a great big thank you to Mrs Browne, Mr Izzard, Mrs Nicolas (who joined the team in January), Ms Taylor, Mrs Dickinson, Mrs Langman, Miss Dequeker, Miss Fourrier and Ms Yanchunis. Also to Miss Tortora who joined us as a resident tutor all the way from sunny Argentina. They are always available to the girls for advice and chats and bring so much to the house.

People say as you get older the time and years pass more quickly. I could not agree more as I approach the end of my ninth year as Bellerby Housemistress. The years pass and you find yourself sat aboard this emotional rollercoaster. There are some lows but the highs completely outweigh them! You get an opportunity to see girls grow and blossom into young ladies. We always hope we have done enough to guide them but also to help and support the next chapters of their lives. Every year it is hard to say farewell to the Upper 6th leavers but this year was probably one of the toughest. I have known most of these young ladies since Year 7 when they were in Kirby house which is what makes it all the more difficult. They are a tight knit year group and will take with them friendships that will last them a lifetime. I have thoroughly enjoyed watching them mature and blossom into the young ladies they have become today. They are a wonderful group of girls that have contributed to the life of the college in say many ways. Kalina Kardimova, who was Bellerby Head of House, Dan Liu (Deputy Head of House), Ribisha Thapa (House Captain), Adriana Padierna De Villapadierna, Yi Fan, Vanessa Elumelu. Kristina Karasyk (Head of Sports), Yinnng Mi, Magdalena Olcott (Head of Performing Arts), Hania Popiela, Rimsha Malla (Head of juniors), Reeha Tamang (House Prefect) and Emmi Lu. I have never quite experienced such cohesion in a prefect team. They work well as a group and all have mutual respect for each other. I would like to wish them all the success they deserve and good luck in the next chapter of their lives. ■

Mrs A Izzard, Bellerby Housemistress





SPECIAL MENTION TO HEAD OF PERFORMING ARTS MAGDA OLCOTT FOR PUTTING HERSELF OUT OF HER COMFORT ZONE AND WEARING A BALD CAP ACTING FOR THE ROLE OF FESTER ADDAMS.

HEAD OF HOUSE REPORT

Saying goodbye will not be easy. This year has been full of surprises, adventures and laughter for Bellerby. I cannot possibly express how proud I am of the house and how grateful I am to everyone for giving me the best time of my life. Starting the school year, the new arrivals were fast to adjust to their surroundings, forming new friendships in an instant. Thanks to the amazing prefect team and the old-Bellerbies they felt welcomed and at home. Countless activities such as Movie Nights, Pictionary Games or Uno kept us entertained during the cold rainy evenings and helped strengthen the bonds between the girls.

For our annual house meal Bellerby enjoyed a sunny afternoon in Margate, finishing with the traditional "Most Likely To Awards..." which always brings smiles and laughter to all the girls and the staff. One difference compared to the previous years was that the tutors were included as nominees and each won an award, which was a very pleasant surprise for all of them.



Numerous challenges were faced throughout the year but there were two people who were always there to help us overcome them. The anchors of this house: Mrs Izzard and Mrs Browne. They were right beside us, encouraging us and uniting us as a whole. Always putting the house first and available any time for a hug or a motherly advice, I could not have asked for a better experience these past three years and can proudly say with my head held high and a loud voice that I was part of Bellerby house. ■

Kalina Karadimova, Bellerby Head of House

HOUSE CAPTAIN

I am very proud of the girls performances and achievements this year. Although facing many challenges due to strong competition, the girls were very pleased with themselves and showed great sportsmanship. For this year's house drama, Bellerby performed 'The Addams Family' winning the Best Production Award. Special mention to Head of Performing Arts Magda Olcott for putting herself out of her comfort zone and wearing a bald cap acting for the role of Fester Addams. This was followed by our 80s themed house singing where the girls performed 'Super-trouper' and 'Man in the mirror' for the ensemble piece. The girls really enjoyed

dancing and singing as a house and were very enthusiastic with their costumes and the energy they brought on and off stage. I can also proudly say that the whole house participated in this year's sports day, winning seniors 200m relay, and both senior and junior girls tug of war against the other girls houses. Watching the girls' efforts for their house in each field, track and tug of war event made my last sports day truly memorable. I wish the girls an excellent year ahead and urge them to keep the same cheerful and competitive energy that I have witnessed throughout my years in Bellerby House. ■

Ribisha Thapa, House Captain



CLIFFORD



As we come to the close of another busy summer term, I can't help but smile as I reflect on the many successes of the Clifford girls this year. I had the privilege of establishing a new girls' Day House back in September, continuing to work alongside some familiar faces from last year and joined by a sea of new ones in Third Form. At this point, it would be hard to imagine a day without the girls and I am so very proud of the sense of identity and community that they have cultivated in such a short space of time under the support and guidance of my fantastic tutor team.

The Michaelmas term began with the annual cross country race, where I was heartened by the girls' tenacity and willingness to represent the House. Donning purple 'war' paint, Clifford put themselves well and truly on the map, with Arabella Piper and Stephanie Panteli achieving 1st and 3rd place for the Junior girls. In a fashion that is so typical of their characters, they didn't even appear to break a sweat, unlike Mrs Jackson and myself for whom it was certainly more of a struggle! The House hockey, too, created a real buzz of excitement in December. Clifford proved once again that they are small but mighty, where despite only having a team of Junior students playing against their older and more experienced peers, they went on to beat Bellerby and narrowly lose to Laing in the closing minutes of the match. In spite of some truly sterling performances, it was just lovely to see the Day girls supporting one another irrespective of Houses and very much reflects the competitive but sportsmanly mentality that myself and Mrs Jackson encourage the girls to emulate.

From sport to the Arts and the much anticipated House Drama competition, where the theme this year was 'family.' Clifford decided to put together an interpretation of the well-loved Pixar animation 'Up', showing that family certainly doesn't always have to be conventional. Pratigya Peshen and Tina Skryzpiec valiantly directed the group and the live musical accompaniment and double act from Carys Hamill and Emily Kulubya (who went on to win 'best actress') earned them some real brownie points with

Mr Spencer who personally commented on their efforts after the show. I may be slightly biased, but the comradery and creativity that the girls showed was just lovely to watch and a special thanks, too, to Polly Parker for her design efforts. Next up on the list was House Singing and the girls' collaboration of the eighties classic 'Take On Me' demonstrated their spirit and sense of fun that I have come to know so well. Whilst they may have been slightly quieter than the other Houses due to numbers, they certainly didn't look out of place and Tina's impressive rendition of Whitney Houston's 'I Wanna Dance with Somebody' meant that Clifford came a commendable second in the solo performances.

In amongst the chaos of the year, the girls have 'heroically' managed to find time each week for 'Cake Friday', taking it in turns to bake or buy cakes in their tutor groups and coming together for a morning chat at the end of the week. Myself and the tutors have certainly benefitted from this too (although I can't say the same for my waistline!) and I should take this opportunity to thank all those parents who have spent an evening supporting Clifford's efforts!

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The home bakes are always our personal favourites and we've even managed to link it to High Performance Learning for Mr Scott's approval. I've told the girls that it's a tradition we need to uphold to help them 'beef up' for the tug of war next year...

Sports Captain and obliterated the record for the girls' javelin by an impressive 5 metres.

Writing this article is invaluable for me in taking a moment to sit and reflect on just how much the girls have achieved this year, whether academic or extra-curricular and I hope that it allows them to do the same. Sadly, I am restricted by word count and the wrath of the editor if I attempt to rebel, but I hope the girls are all aware that I am both proud and privileged to be their Housemistress. They absolutely are the reason I love what I do and I very much look forward to welcoming some new additions in September. A resounding thank you to the tutors, students and parents for your support and humour throughout the year. ■

As the academic year draws to a close, the Sports Day results are hot off the press and I'm just delighted to find that Clifford won overall for the Junior Girls. That really is quite an achievement, especially when our numbers were somewhat depleted due to our Duke of Edinburgh participants valiantly trekking through Thanet's undergrowth at the same time! A huge congratulations to all the girls who took part and perhaps even more so to those for whom sport doesn't come so naturally. A special mention should go to Chloe Plumb, who stepped up to the plate as

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Michaelmas 2019 saw the re-opening of Deacon House. Deacon was a boys' day house here at St Lawrence College in the late 1970s and 1980s. Mr Rodney Wilkening, a current teacher here of Computer Studies, was himself a pupil and member of Deacon House during those original years and is now the Deputy Housemaster. Deacon sports the predominant colour of green in the ties and our house t-shirts are a rich bottle green causing much envy amongst the other houses. The summer of 2018 saw the maintenance team get to work making changes to what was the 3rd form block in readiness for Deacon opening in September. Walls were knocked through to create light open spaces in the upstairs rooms. Computers were added for academic use. Downstairs saw the creation of changing room and a social area for the boys to make use of throughout the day. Furnishing the spaces has been a gradual process throughout the year. This has been completed and downstairs now sees a sporting feel to it with rugby pads protecting the metal support poles, a table football, air hockey table and a speed ball for the boys to test their skills on. House coloured modular chairs are upstairs and downstairs for the boys to relax on during breaks. It has been very pleasing to hear visitors to Deacon making very positive comments on the spaces that have been created. The boys have thoroughly enjoyed their new house and made use of all the additions throughout the year.

Having smaller numbers and being without senior aged pupils has been a challenge for the boys in house competitions but credit must go to them for the way they have approached and thrown themselves into the various activities. Our first challenge of the year was the school cross-country. Patrick Greene gave Deacon a wonderful start by claiming victory in the Junior boys section. Good contributions and efforts to run the course were made by the rest of the house members. Next up was the more challenging House Drama competition. Performing a play in front

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of their peers is a daunting task and placed the boys well out of their comfort zone. The decision was made to go for a Friday Night Dinners style play that the boys admirably wrote their own script for. After much last minute practising it came together on the night. Notable performances on the night worthy of mention are to Tom Peters for his walking in a pair of red high heeled shoes whilst sporting a low fronted leopard print mini-dress. Josh Jury thoroughly amused the audience with his swishing of the long haired wig he wore and Karim Salama and Jimmy Ngo stole the

show with their mid performance antics of set changing. A large amount of credit must go to the boys who took part and put on an entertaining show.

The 'Summer of 69' became the house anthem for a number of weeks as efforts were made to learn the lyrics in preparation for house singing. Gradually the word sheets were put away as the boys grew in confidence. Choreography was kept to a minimum to reduce confusion and to avoid highlighting the lack of rhythm possessed by many of the boys. What is quickly becoming a theme of the Deacon House performances red shoes Tom once again made an appearance (and fall) to much amusement. Standing up as a group and singing is not, for teenage boys, a comfortable activity however they performed admirably and found great pride in beating Newlands and therefore not being in last place. They should take confidence from the whole process and improve upon for the future years and who knows...next year we may introduce Take That inspired choreography!

SLC Masterchef was next on the agenda. An unlikely trio of Harry Carter, Declan Mulgrew and Archie Bunce formed Deacon's representation. The two course menu consisted of a marinated lamb steak with new potatoes and vegetables, followed by desert of a berry and lemon tartlet. Much to the surprise of many in the kitchen, the boys combined well to serve an edible meal to the



Summer term is always that time of year where we reflect upon our successes and look forward to the new academic year and goals and improvements we can set. I look forward to continuing the hard work and team efforts put in by my tutors Mr Wilkening, Mr Hill and Miss Jones. Without their valuable help and work throughout the year, Deacon would not be the house it is. I would also like to mention Mr Lee-Browne who is leaving us, and thank him specifically for some very valuable educational tools which I will be utilizing in the future.

This first year as Housemaster of Deacon has been a thoroughly enjoyable one. As with every year it has had its ups and downs but the overriding feeling is pride for the way the boys have worked this year to come together and achieve fantastically as a new group.

Mr Geraint Jones, Deacon Housemaster

judges. The meal was minus the potato element as between them they failed to realise that if new potatoes are peeled, boiled and forgotten about the mushy remains don't make for good eating. An executive decision to leave them off the plate was a good one. I think Archie may have been chief timer but was somewhat distracted playing with the balloons and trying to sample anything vaguely edible. Judges reported back that the lamb was marinated very well providing an exquisite taste and that the desert was also extremely tasty but alas not quite good enough to win on the night.

Last activity for the year was sports day. I was quietly confident that the house could perform well as there is a number of strong contenders in each year that could combine to be a formidable force. To be crowned Junior Boys House Champions was an outstanding achievement. With the boys combining to lead the house to victory in the 200m, 400m, 800m, high jump, triple jump, shot putt and javelin, these victories gained valuable points toward the grand total. Pressure is already on to defend the title next year!



LAING HOUSE



The year started very well in the House with 20 new pupils joining the Laing family. It was lovely welcoming the upcoming pupils from Kirby who, with admirable adaptability, soon seemed part of the furniture. The Laing 4th Form girls, who quickly acclimatised to their year group being spread across two day female Houses, also deserve credit for their willingness to throw themselves into the established routines. In addition, we had Dilim joining us in the 5th Form with her inimitable dance moves, we will miss her as she moves on to pastures new.

The girls started the Michaelmas term with a focused attitude towards their studies, with the added pressure for the Upper 6th of writing their personal statements for UCAS. University applications aside, the girls had the opportunity to demonstrate their loyalty to Laing in the House Cross Country competition and once again there were wonderful examples of determination and 'have a go' attitudes on display. Indeed, our Senior girls team were victorious, ably led by Aimee, who was the first Senior girl home, with Kalea just behind in third. The Juniors fought valiantly with Felicity coming second. This was swiftly followed by House Drama and an extremely entertaining adaptation of *'Matilda'*, directed by Amara and Libby, with Lizzie as Stage Manager. Daisy deserves a special mention for her excellent performance as *'Matilda'* and I still have chills running down my spine after seeing Charlotte as an utterly convincing Miss Trunchbull!

Early into November we were delighted to welcome Dr Barwell's baby into the world. Jacob is the first honorary male member of Laing (and unbelievably cute) and we wish him much happiness in his life. Cabaret night provided a lovely interlude in the business of term and I was delighted to hear Aimee's beautiful voice for the first time, as well as being treated to impressive performances from Hiruni, Niamh, Tiffany, Hannah, Amber and Daisy. Of particular note was Eugenie's rendition of *'Moon River'*. Towards the end of term we played in the Interhouse hockey, where plenty of grit and vocal support was evident (and that was just the Housemistresses!) After a fiercely contested and nail biting competition, Laing came out on top with a well-deserved win. With an exhausting term

of work behind us, the festive celebrations were most welcome, culminating in the Christmas meal for Sixth Form, where the Lower and Upper Sixth once again looked stunning, and our lunch for the younger years on the last day of term. It was fun chatting to the girls informally over a delicious meal and I really enjoyed finding out about the girls' plans for the holiday – most of them consisted of eating and sleeping, so were very similar to mine!

Soon after we returned in the New Year, rehearsals began with gusto for House Singing and there was much excitement about the 80s' theme. Aimee, Amara, Fleur Lauren and Zofia did us proud with their small group performance of U2's *'With or without you'* and I will always remember the whole House working together to

stun the audience with their energetic and rousing rendition of Queen's *'I want to break free'*. Once again, Laing were triumphant, winning the overall 'Best House' prize. This term also saw the School Musical *'School of Rock'* and the girls' impressive commitment to rehearsals clearly paid off, with Amara

dazzling in the lead role and especially notable performances from Daisy, Emily and Niamh. Continuing with the musical theme, Miss Clark put on a very successful 'Brit Award' themed Sixth Form dinner. Much fun was had and the teachers were most relieved that the pupils behaved themselves better than many Brit Award winners from the past. On the evening, our Laing award winners were Libby ('Most likely to get married first') – she got away lightly there – and Charlotte ('Most likely to be on the BBC'). Whether this will be as herself or as Miss Trunchbull remains to be seen!

On the sporting front we participated in House Badminton with great humour and effort. Well done to all those who volunteered to put themselves out of their comfort zone in order to ensure Laing was represented. To round off months of hard graft, we joined forces with Clifford for our Easter egg hunt on the last day of the Lent term. We were blessed with blue skies and it was just as well the Easter bunnies had been particularly generous this year, as some of the crafty U6th arrived armed with bags for easy egg collection – clearly they learnt valuable lessons from the previous two years of egg hunts. Hooray for an SLC education!

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To kick off a packed but short Summer term Amara, Kiesha and Lizzie represented Laing in Masterchef 2019, producing two impressive courses, including a chocolate, popcorn and salted caramel dessert to die for. Needless to say, there was very little left to taste when it came back from the judges. As well as all the fun they had on the evening, the girls won the overall prize for Best House, continuing our winning streak. Numerous girls represented Laing in the Summer concert with performances of a very high standard and later on in term we were treated to a wonderful variety of music during Folk Night, with Daisy, Amber and Tiffany jointly winning the 'Broadstairs Folk Week Young Tradition' award, with the opportunity to perform at Folk Week in the summer. As the exams headed ever closer, the atmosphere in the House intensified, however I was very proud with how the girls managed the stress and supported one another through anxious times. A brief interlude was the 5th Form leaving party, once again dominated by cake, shirt signing and tears and it was a good way to send this large year group off onto Study leave. We managed to squeeze in House tennis, with Arabella, Kiesha, Aimee, Jasmine, Grace H and Penny taking Laing to a 2-1 win. Meanwhile, the Senior girls won at Sports Day with the Juniors doing a good job of covering for absences due to Duke of Edinburgh. A special mention



goes to Emily for willingly signing up for the maximum number of events possible. I am so proud of the girls for all of their many achievements this year, in and out of the classroom, with the Speech Day prizes rewarding many of these. Olivia B deserves to be singled out as a triple prize winner, and all credit to Libby, Mia, Lauren, Amara, Georgie and Zofia for earning two prizes each. It was a wonderful occasion and an opportunity for us to celebrate one another's considerable successes over the past academic year. There have been lots of laughs, but also some tough times and

as ever, I have been brilliantly supported by my extremely capable tutor team, to whom I am immensely grateful. They have worked hard to keep their tutees on track and have done this with a calm and positive demeanour as well as a keen sense of humour (at least, most of the time!) and they are hugely respected by the pupils. Regrettably we have to say farewell to Ms Ross, who departs to be just as wonderful in Clifford, our loss is very much their gain. My Prefect team have been of great help too, with the best Head of House I could wish for at the helm. Amara and her team deserve my thanks for their efforts to motivate Laing and to ensure the House ran as smoothly and successfully as possible. Our massive hoard of wins this year, points to their success. I would like to end with a goodbye and good luck to all of the 5th Form who are leaving us to move on to other schools and of course to my U6th who are embarking on the next exciting step in their lives, whether it be in the world of work or at university. I will be keeping my fingers firmly crossed for results' day and I wish them all the very best for their undoubtedly bright futures. ■

Laing Housemistress



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HEAD OF HOUSE REPORT

It has been an honour and a privilege to be this year's Head of House, and to watch the girls grow with maturity and talent which has been evident throughout this year. Prominently, the girls' hard work and determination have led them to be winners of events such as Masterchef, Sports Day and House Singing with the performance of 'I Want to Break Free' by Queen. However, this is a credit to the success of the Prefect team and as always the patient, kind-hearted and brilliant Mrs Jackson who has played a major role in the girls' achievements. A massive thank you must go to the Upper Sixth team, who have helped motivate and guide the girls. And good luck to the Lower Sixth who have all this to come! I wish the girls every success in the future and hope to keep in contact. ■

Amara Relf, Laing Head of House

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LODGE HOUSE



September saw the arrival of a new contingent of Lodge boys from all corners of the globe. Several high-level Hockey players would join us from Germany and France which would only strengthen our team. After initial inductions, football matches and BBQs, we began the longest term of the year and worked hard despite the cooling weather and shorter days of the winter months. We were also pleased to welcome Ed Pegden, who took over the role of Tower Housemaster. His wife Lorrain and children Ben and Arthur settled in wonderfully and it has been a pleasure to work closely with them as a family.

We were delighted to have a Lodge baby born on the first EXEAT weekend as Rio Benjamin Palacios entered the world and was introduced to the house with gentle applause (as he was sleeping!) The Lodge boys showed a great deal of care and consideration towards the new arrival and my wife and I were overwhelmed with gifts and wonderful messages from the entire Lodge family. Luca finally became a big brother and has risen to the challenge well.

Our first chance to don the house T-shirts and compete was in the school cross-country competition. For the second year in a row, our Spanish boys seemed to dominate much of the podium with Nicolas Arranz, Alejandro Gurpegui-Abud and Nicolas Aynes-Butina all finishing in top spots. The vast majority of boys ran and represented the house well.

Towards the end of the Michaelmas term came the annual House Drama competition which became one of our proudest moments in recent Lodge history. When planning the performance, House captain Todor Karadimov decided that Lodge would attempt something serious and meaningful rather than the typical entertaining comedies the house has been known for in the past. When I heard that *'The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air'* was the piece

of choice, I assumed the new plan had been scrapped and after deliberately avoiding rehearsals, I was gobsmacked when I saw the final performance on stage. The adapted play centred around a famous episode from the TV series in which the lead character addresses his heartbreak over his poor relationship with his Father. Ahmad Abdulaziz played 'Will' with Michael Solanke as 'Uncle Phil' and Anthony Sokefun as 'Lou – Will's Father'. The chemistry between these three actors on stage was palpable and there were several moments where I forgot that I was watching a group of students and became rather lost in the illusion. As Ahmad sobbed onstage for his absent Father, the hairs on my neck stood on end and I noticed several students and staff shedding a tear. What an

incredibly creative, confident and mature young man he had become. It will be sad to part ways with stars like Michael and Ahmad this year but we wish them all of the best. Anthony Sokefun will no doubt continue to shine in next year's play and is one to watch! Lodge were awarded best

play for their efforts with Ahmad picking up best actor along with Anthony. Todor's leadership of this project was impeccable – often rehearsals can become very stressful and shouting matches have occurred in previous year but the boys respected his decisive nature and vision. I thoroughly thank and congratulate him for his hard work.

Before too long, Christmas celebrations and festivities were upon us. The tree was decorated and plenty of turkey and stuffing consumed! The New Year began with immediate preparations for the house singing event. Our small ensemble featured Yukio Gurung and Toyosi Oshodi on vocals with Osa Asemota rapping, dancing and bodypopping – how he didn't break joints and limbs I do not know! The full house sang 'Tainted Love' with passion and projection. They were judged as the strongest boys' house of the night although top prizes went to the girls' houses.

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House Masterchef was a treat this year and probably the highest standard of cooking we have seen in the competition's history. I was present in the kitchen on the night and some of the dishes produced by all houses would have comfortably been served in top restaurants. Keen chef Jordi Kruger cooked an innovative pasta dish which he named 'Jordi sulla neve'. The dish was well received and we had no problem finishing off the leftovers once it had returned from the judges table! Amip Rai prepared a daring soufflé. I was relieved that when served, the soufflé was fluffy and light and not in a slightly raw scrambled egg consistency as previously practised in my flat! Niraj Phagami also supported the team as sous-chef but the boys came away empty handed in terms of cooking accolades this time.

As Spring began to warm the South-East, the sunny days allowed for more outdoor sports activities. The house Tennis team were pleased to invite strong players Luca Henzler and Jannis Wallenborn to the squad and after competitive clashes with Newlands and Tower, Lodge won the tournament. The first pair of Jannis and Nicolas proved too strong for anyone with hard serves and passionate volleys securing almost every single game in each match.

In early May, we were once again bound for Canterbury for our annual House dinner. Regrettably we were unable to find our traditional double decker bus so we took the train as a house and walked through the city, doing some shopping and sight-seeing before our all-you-can-eat dinner at Chom Chom restaurant. We dominated the dining area and took up an entire floor. As in previous years, we followed this by walking along the Roman city walls and basking in the evening sun for a summery house photo. Sports day took place with perfect weather this year although a few of us were a little pink from the sun. Unfortunately we came

away empty handed in terms of prizes but there were some fiercely fought battles in many of the sprints and field events.

In the final stages of the year, we were thrilled to collate 65 old Lodge photos dating back to 1919. The boys looked through the history of the house with great excitement and we now have plans to create a memorial wall which should hopefully be ready in time for the OL dinner in November this year. We will hope to identify interesting Old Lodge boys and gain an insight of what the house was like over the past 100 years.

Lodge remains as blessed and as fortunate with its strong tutor team this year, without whom we would struggle greatly as a house. I am delighted to discover that the team will not change next year and this will only add more consistency to the running of the house and the care of the boys. Our matron Sharon Keenagh remains as supportive as ever and she has been instrumental in developing improvements in the laundry service. Our domestic team of Jackie, Elaine, Theresa and Sarah have also continued in their roles. I am always touched by the exchanges of birthday cards between them and the boys in their care. It is small deeds such as this which make this house very special. We said goodbye to Daphne (one of our cleaners) in early 2019 and we wish her well in her new job.

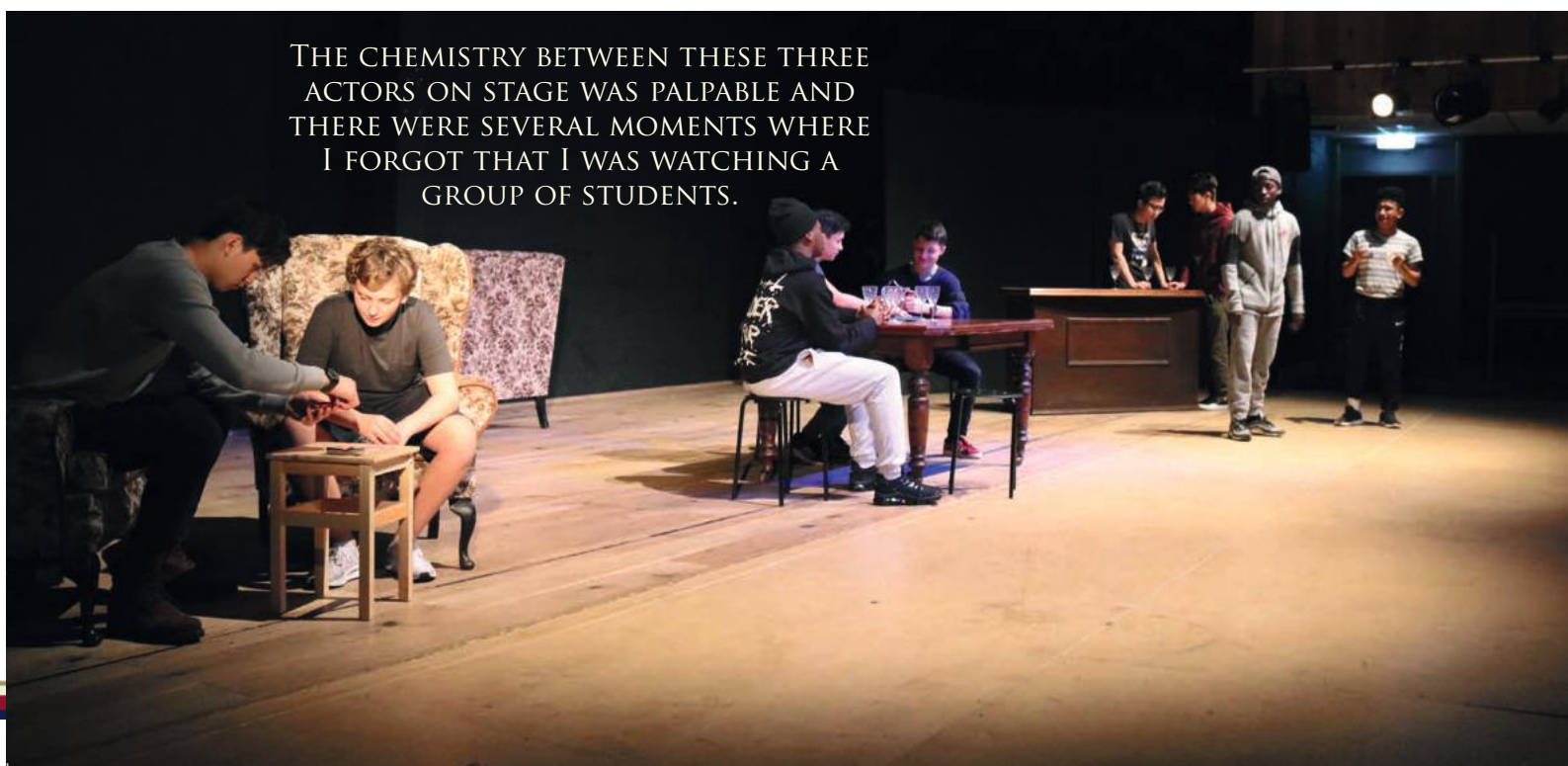
My wife has been busy this year baking cakes and managing some of our in-house events in the flat. Sleep has been minimal with two young children but I thank her for her strength and perseverance and for her deep love towards the house.

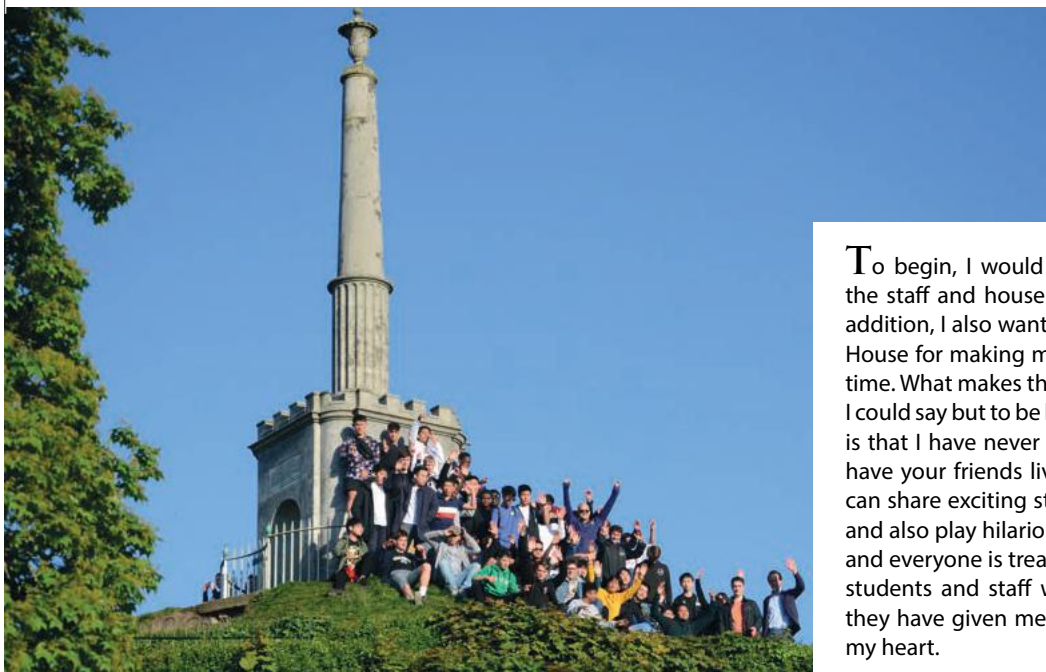
Finally, I cannot neglect highlighting my outstanding prefect team this year. Jack, Ujwal, Todor, Michael, Ken and Thomas have been a highly dependable and dynamic group of young men whose ideas and actions have always been entirely centred on benefiting the house and its occupants. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with them and will be keen to hear of their future success. They leave big shoes to fill!

I would like to finish by wishing all of our Lodge leavers the best of luck for the future. Some are going to University, others going to Colleges and we have one joining the army. Whatever you do, wherever you end up, you are Lodge family and we keenly invite you to visit us at any time. My email inbox is already crowded with old Lodge boys keeping in touch and nothing makes me happier! ■

Mr S Palacios, Lodge Housemaster

THE CHEMISTRY BETWEEN THESE THREE ACTORS ON STAGE WAS PALPABLE AND THERE WERE SEVERAL MOMENTS WHERE I FORGOT THAT I WAS WATCHING A GROUP OF STUDENTS.





HEAD OF HOUSE REPORT

To begin, I would like to show great appreciation to all the staff and house prefects for their support this year. In addition, I also want to say thank you to everyone in Lodge House for making my last four years such an unforgettable time. What makes this a great house? There are many things I could say but to be honest, I think the most important thing is that I have never felt like I am alone here. In Lodge, you have your friends living next to you or as roommates. You can share exciting stories with them, assist them with prep and also play hilarious pranks on them. We never felt lonely and everyone is treated fairly. There are so many interesting students and staff which make this house so unique and they have given me so many memories that I hold dear to my heart.

I will never forget when Mr Palacios took over as Housemaster and arranged "Milkshake Night". We made our own concoctions with all of the chocolate we could blend and sat around Mr Palacios's flat, talking about everyone's past story and betting on which team would win the football match tonight. Simple moments like this warm my heart. Indeed, I have realised that we are a family in this house.

This year has been such a successful year and we could not have achieved anything without the contribution of everyone. Thank you to Mr and Mrs Palacios and the tutors who are always able to help. Also, thank you to the cleaning team and our matron Sharon. To the Lodge boys, thank you for all you have given to the house this year and best wishes! I hope to see you around in the future. ■

Jack Bo, Lodge Head of House

HOUSE CAPTAIN REPORT

When I was appointed as House Captain I wanted, more than anything else, to help the boys see their potential. We have always had a strength for sports but I am also pleased that the widely accepted idea that we cannot do well on stage has changed drastically this year.

We started strong with an astounding performance in the House Drama event. In fact, it is the first time Lodge has won this competition in a decade! Witnessing the boys pull off the remarkable act is a highlight of my time in school and a memory that I will always hold dear.

The house spirit was then put to the test when it was time for House Singing. Most people's comfort zones do not include singing in front of hundreds of people and I could not be any happier with the effort and outcome. It is tough competing with girls at singing but we still managed to take third place.

The boys have represented Lodge on the sports pitches equally as well, with our teams winning House Basketball, Football, and Tennis. We have missed out on a couple of wins but we never lost determination or focus!

As the year concludes, I cannot express in words how proud I am of all the boys in this house. I hope they come back next term with a positive attitude and fuelled ambition. Lodge can achieve so much and as we have proven, it is never a long shot to strive to be the best! ■

Todor Karadimov, Lodge House Captain



TOWER HOUSE



I have always had a soft spot for Tower since becoming a tutor in 2013 and it has been a pleasure to take on the role of Housemaster. Tower is a fantastic place to work and live and Lorraine and I would like to start by thanking Steve King, Karen Burilin (matron), the House tutors and cleaning team for their support. This year also welcomed Simon Wilde to the tutor team too.

Tower has seen a number of developments within the House. The junior dorms have been refurbished, the common rooms have been modernised, whilst the addition of a full size table tennis and football table has seen some serious and nail-biting games around it!

Living amongst nearly 60 boys, it has been fascinating to see the range of talents that each of them in our care has, whilst watching them develop and grow. It has been a pleasure to experience and share these achievements with them. The Michaelmas term saw Tower overcome Lodge during paintballing and the boys on both sides took this opportunity to seek out staff members as a priority! We won 'best entertainment' during House Drama, performing 'Despicable Me' with lead roles from Gregorio Torreggiani, Gabriel Ducarme and Leon Bokken, supported by a number of Juniors as minions (Miraj Rana, Jonah Bagambe, Elia Hamawi & Tishe Laniyan). The now traditional boy in a dress role was taken very seriously and effectively by Victor Osiyemi!

As the term progressed it was lovely to see a number of pupils step out of their comfort zone and perform a House chapel with Fahed Ghazzawi, Joe McCaffrey, Fredrick Lin, Alan Jakupov and Binamra Gurung creating a Chapel on the importance of prayer

and promoting the Christian ethos of the College with guidance from the prefects. With Christmas around the corner after that and as per House tradition, the prefects decorated the House and helped set up the 12 days of Tower Christmas competition!

During the Lent term, a well-deserved appointment to the school prefect team was made (Gary Yang), whilst we were visited by Tower OLs Adam Hong and Alex Chan. We also welcomed several new starters including Edmond Hung, Clemens Stolberg and Nico Raoul-Duval.

It was my first experience of watching a hockey match; seeing Teague Marciano and other talented boys perform in a number of national fixtures was very impressive. Of other considerable note was our very own Mr King's and

HOUSE SINGING ALSO TOOK PLACE WITH AN 80'S THEME AND TOWER PERFORMED 'OUR HOUSE' WITH THEIR OWN CHEEKY CHANGES TO PART OF LYRICS!

Kai Li's dramatic performance celebrating the Chinese New Year; one that the whole school thoroughly enjoyed. House singing also took place with an 80's theme and Tower performed 'Our House' with their own cheeky changes to part of lyrics! Gary Yang's performance wowed the crowd with Careless Whisper supported by able pianist Yunis Abul-Fadl (House Captain) and in many views was the clear winner, although it wasn't meant to be.

Sporting achievements have always been a strong part of the House ethos and this year was no different. Senior boys House Rugby put in a strong performance; Thabiso's Sithole's inspiring run, which led a number of Lodge boys in their blue shirts strewn across the field shall always be remembered. Tower also won House Badminton, with colours being awarded to Steven Lee, Kenneth Tsang and Louis Xiao for their performances in the first team. Nicolas Marceau-Veron, Jovita Bagambe, Gabriel Ducarme,



Teague Marcano, Gregorio Torreggiani and Yunis Abul-Fadl narrowly missed out on retaining the Inter House Tennis trophy.

The short summer term saw, the House BBQ and the annual MasterChef competition, with Temi Laniyan, Chiran Lungeli Magar and Nicholas Okosun cooking up puttanesca and prawn linguine, whilst making handmade Puff Puffs for dessert. The boys produced some tasty grub that the judges, staff and pupils enjoyed, whilst safely navigating the dangers of deep frying! The weather held out for the College's annual sports day and all the boys should be congratulated on their achievements, whether it be participating, supporting or winning as highlighted during speech day. Special recognition goes to Binamra Gurung, Alvin Cai, Antoine Orsoni and Charlie Garcia who took on the 1500m race!

At the end of the year it is not just students that are moving on. Thank you to Mr Jack Greenslade for his assistance as a 3rd form tutor and I very much look forward to welcoming Mr Stephens back to Tower from September after a long period of absence. We wish all those that are moving onto pastures new the very best of luck; you are all welcome back at any time! ■

Tower Housemaster



THE BOYS PRODUCED SOME TASTY GRUB THAT THE JUDGES, STAFF AND PUPILS ENJOYED, WHILST SAFELY NAVIGATING THE DANGERS OF DEEP FRYING!





HOUSE CAPTAIN REPORT

The school year is almost over and it was a very successful year for Tower. The house was well represented in all competitions between the Houses and played a big part in the wider school community. We started with House Chapel about the importance of prayer. This was organised and presented by many students from different year groups and was delivered effectively. In House Drama, we performed "Despicable Me" which was directed by Gabriel and myself. Here, the boys worked hard, rehearsed every night to show the school what we were capable of. On the day, the boys delivered a fantastic and very funny performance which the audience enjoyed immensely. Special thanks go to Gregorio who played a unique Gru and Leon who did not have any shame playing Vector in front of the whole school crowd. This excellent cooperation amongst everyone enabled us to take the Best Entertainment title. Tower performed the song "Our House" for House Drama. All the boys performed the song with joy and tried their best on stage, in what was a very nerve racking performance. The highlight, however was the solo. With a powerful yet warming voice, Gary sang Careless Whisper accompanied by Chiran playing the guitar. This outstanding performance led us reaching the top three for the ensembles. The boys also proved that they are not just artistic but also have a dominant flare, winning House Badminton and coming close in Tennis and Rugby!

Overall it has been a very successful year for the boys filled with many achievements, special moments and has involved many people in the House. This has helped the boys' develop their teamwork skills and has united the House as one extended family!

I would like to thank all of the prefect team and staff members for their hard work throughout the year. I would especially like to thank Mr and Mrs Pegden for taking exceptional care of everyone within Tower. This has been their first year and they have mastered it very well! Tower House has been like a family to me and it has been a great pleasure serving as House Captain. ■

Yunis Abul-Fadl, Tower House Captain

HEAD OF HOUSE REPORT

Throughout the year I have been pleased by the maturity, behaviour and manners of the pupils in Tower. The boys have been a credit to themselves and the College and whether a new or old face to the House, everyone has settled in well and made many long lasting friends; just as I did when I first arrived.

Like many, I wish to thank those in care of the pupils in Tower. Mr and Mrs Pegden, Mr King, tutors, matron and all the cleaners that have helped everyone in the House to feel welcomed, comfortable and settle in quickly.

It's an old cliché, but true, everyone is friendly in Tower; it is a fabulous community to be part of where everyone treats each other equally and you get to learn a lot from each other, due to the diverse backgrounds of each and every one of us. I have been particularly proud of how the junior boys have been involved and able to seek out the senior pupils for help and advice whilst looking up to them as role models.

As a House we have been lucky enough to have some news additions to the JCR offering a number of activities to do such as the brand new table tennis table. This helped spice things up, but at the end of the day, as a House and a family we all get along. It's not all play! With a number of year groups sitting external exams, everyone has been preparing well, finishing their preps and doing extra work so that they can achieve the best results possible. The pupils in Tower are very talented and they are able to balance work and fun together; I am sure it will stay this way.

Overall, I have enjoyed my time within House. I am very delighted by everyone's achievements whether it be sport or in academia. My personal favourite was during Inter House competitions such as Rugby, where the juniors won and the seniors came runners up; beating Lodge through pure hard work and passion. I, like others, have made many memories and friends that will last forever and for this, the boys and I are very grateful. I wish everyone in Tower the best of luck for whatever success lies ahead of them. ■

Navi Rana, Tower Head of House



NEWLANDS HOUSE



Newlands House have had another action-packed year of success in the Inter-House carousel of tournaments. As is customary, this all got under way with the Cross-Country in October. Once again there was a very impressive turnout from the Newlands boys, and thanks must go to Isaac Dilkes for rallying the troops here. The weather gods made sure that it was set fair and Lewis Wain, aiming for a hat-trick of wins, was in very good company with some promising younger boys following his lead this year. Everybody who participated seemed to really enjoy the event - whether that meant passing a rugby ball around or taking it more seriously. Lewis' victory by 22 seconds was inspiring, and the outstanding results from Joe Davis and Josh Perry helped us to take an aggregate win in both the Senior and Junior events. A great start to the 2018-19 calendar!

Whilst we are lucky to have an illustrious history of success on stage, alas this was not a vintage theatrical year for us. Before Christmas, the boys took on *Peaky Blinders*, by Stephen Knight, directed and starring George Bryant. A perfectly apt theme given the 100 year anniversary of the end of World War One. The scenes were grippingly portrayed, especially the PTSD element with Taylor Bell's character, Oliver Lawn. Hugo Robinson also provided some polish to an ambitious production. Unfortunately, we were not able to pull off another victory this year but the boys did themselves proud and have continued a tradition of quality in this competition. Many were inspired by this and became involved in the next big stage production that was put on at College level, in the School of Rock musical, with further notable performances coming from Dylan Al Kadi, Sam Le Baigue and Joe Davis.

With momentum having been slightly dented by this earlier result, we looked to build on earlier success with victories in both hockey Inter-House events versus the boarders. This season, once again, saw a clean sweep of victories by Newlands in the slightly altered format of 6 a side football on Martins' Field, too. Beyond these well-attended sports, the Lent Term saw the Miles brothers improve on their national standings in squash, whilst also helping to improve the skills of many others here too. There were also outstanding individual accolades won, including Toby Woodgate's winning entry into the Portfolio Competition at the Turner Contemporary, with a blurry print of Theresa May, entitled 'Strong and Stable'!

The next major competition was the House Singing/Music night which was more closely fought over this term. Here we saw a return to winning ways in the Ensemble, with George, Josh, Alex and the band playing a rendition of 'Should I Stay or Should I Go' by The Clash. Unfortunately, we have still yet to find a solution in the whole House format. However we are making some progress in this culture change. The involvement of many of the Sixth Form to help with the organisation and the enthusiasm of many of the more junior members of the team culminated in a performance of 'Uptown Girl', by Billy Joel. This was pleasing for everyone involved and most importantly in the audience. Well done to all the leaders who stood up and were counted here. Going forward, further efforts are needed if we are to have a chance of winning this competition!

The Summer Term started with a cook-off in the now customary MasterChef competition. Last minute pull-outs meant that we went into the day needing a strong replacement so in stepped Ryker. He produced a perfect crumble to win the Dessert Prize although he did not manage to pull off an unexpected shock to win overall. Perhaps this is another area the boys could target next year as the trophy cabinet could do with a bit of a shake-up. House Tennis was well contested again, although the might of Josh Crottie, Oliver Lawn, Hugo Robinson, Alex Kirchsclager, Dom Clarke and Josh Kuti were not able to put up much of a fight against seasoned 1st and 2nd team players from the boarding houses.

Naturally this term, most of Newlands has been concerned with preparing for internal and public exams, but in the final event of the year the team that was put out on Sports Day was a real credit to the spirit in the House. A host of talent was on display, scoring some fantastic wins in the track events in particular. The relay teams, including Max Rogers and company in the Junior end, and Tom Hill and team members from the Seniors, destroyed the field of boarders on what was a rather windy Newlands field afternoon. Unfortunately, our field events were not so strong in the younger age groups and we narrowly lost out to Deacon here. However, we stormed the Senior competition by 40 points with impressive performances in the field by Taylor, Billy, and Josh. The only slightly frustrating part of the day being the eventual loss to the Klaudiusz Show...sorry, the Staff team in the Tug-of-War.

Thankfully, the Juniors were able to take something from this event with a well-fought victory in this discipline the night before! There are so many hard working boys who have achieved accolades throughout the year that I cannot acknowledge them all here; suffice to say, congratulations from all the staff involved in the House. Keep pushing your individual personal bests and who knows what you will achieve! A special thanks must also go to all involved in the day to day running here; the Prefect and Tutor teams remain such a vitally important cog in the Newlands machine. Furthermore, each and every one of you has played your part, whether high profile or not, you are all equally significant. You all contribute to each others success so pat yourselves on the back for another excellent year.

Reflecting on six very fruitful years as Housemaster of Newlands, it is a real pleasure to be able to wrap up my time with another very satisfying campaign. The community feel that has been fostered by successive year groups of boys is a testament to all that have shown a sense of ambition and togetherness. I commend all those who have passed through the House over this period and I wish the current 'band of brothers' a fond farewell. Success breeds success and we have a proud history to act as a springboard for further improvements in the future under Mr Gunn's stewardship; I wish you all a huge amount of luck! ■

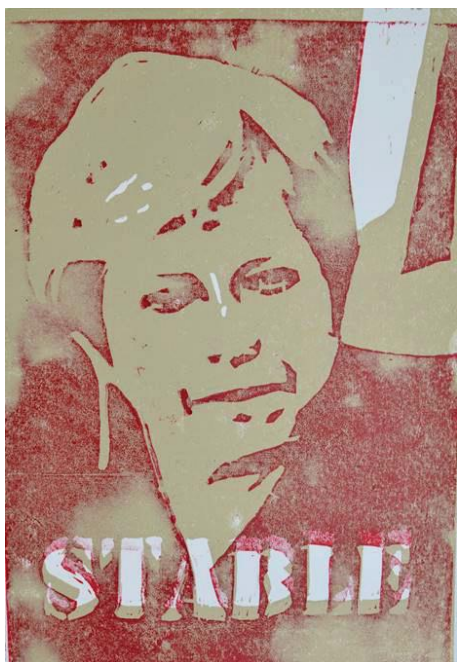
Mr N Watts, Newlands Housemaster



HEAD OF HOUSE REPORT

The House events opened well in the Michaelmas Term with a great performance of *Peaky Blinders*. The Newlands House spirit grew for House Singing and the team did their very best rendition of *Uptown Girl*. Thanks to Ed Miles for his excellent choreography, although it was a shame that the final placing did not truly reflect the effort and unity achieved amongst the boys this time round. With a good performance from George Bryant and fellow band members who achieved first place within the small group category. Newlands have also played a vital role in the school's sporting achievements in all the major sports this year with amazing performances, sometimes at a National level, throughout the year. It has been an honour to lead such a hardworking group of lads and I hope they will keep up the hard work in the years forthcoming. Lastly we say goodbye to our Housemaster, Mr Watts, who is a credit to both the House and School, we wish him every success in the future. ■

James Taker, Newlands Head of House



ATHENAEUM





EAST KENT SCHOOLS TOGETHER

The East Kent Schools Together partnership has gone from strength to strength. It continues to provide opportunities for students in all of the partner schools but the range of activities and events this year has been truly phenomenal. The twin aims of the group, to raise aspirations and to widen horizons for all of those involved, have clearly steered the direction of the group and experiences for pupils involved have been diverse to say the least.

The 'pupil arm' of the management team have met regularly through the year and shared their ideas for improving learning across the group. Their contribution to moving the project forward has been considerable and I know that all of the adults involved have been impressed by and grateful for their commitment and creative input.

Back in October, pupils were invited to attend a Volunteering Fayre, where they could find out about the benefits of voluntary work as well as opportunities to work with charities. Also in October, pupils from the third form up were invited to attend a debating workshop and then a debating tournament at Kings School.

This so inspired them that they insisted we revive debating here at St Lawrence and so, as well as introducing it in lessons, we have since held a whole school debate and now have a pupil-run debating club running each week.

In the spring pupils attended The Big Splash, a team building event held at Kingsmead swimming pool and this was well attended and well received by the St Lawrence pupils. In the same month, EKST also held a global poetry competition, a photography competition and an online journalism competition, so certainly something for everyone.

The summer term saw an enterprise event run by another partner, Canterbury Christ Church University, where pupils were asked to develop plans to regenerate the high street. Demonstrating a different type of creativity, entrants to the Bake-off in June were asked to work in teams to make decorated biscuits using any number of ingredients. Made up of pupils from different schools, the teams needed

to work cohesively, showing organisation, originality and technical know-how to come up with their entries and I am happy to report that they did so in spades, with a St Lawrence students on the winning team.

The East Kent Schools Together initiative has provided opportunities for staff too; subject meetings and shared professional development events have taken place all year round. Teachers have been able to share good practice and useful resources, discuss subject specific issues such as the new specifications, amongst other things. The partnership has provided experiences and opportunities that we would not otherwise have been able to access as individual schools and St Lawrence students have benefited from this considerably and in many ways. We have indeed been better together and we are looking forward to planning and participating in an ever broader range of projects in the coming year. ■

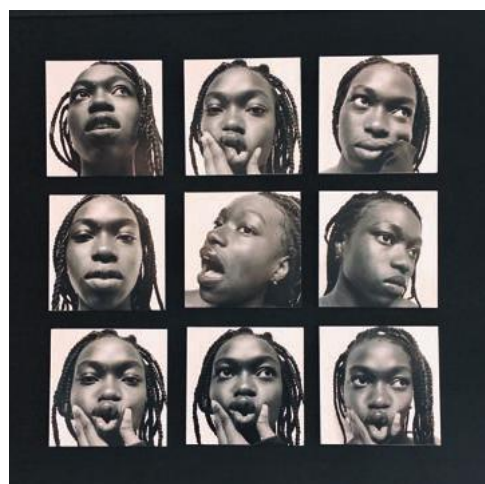
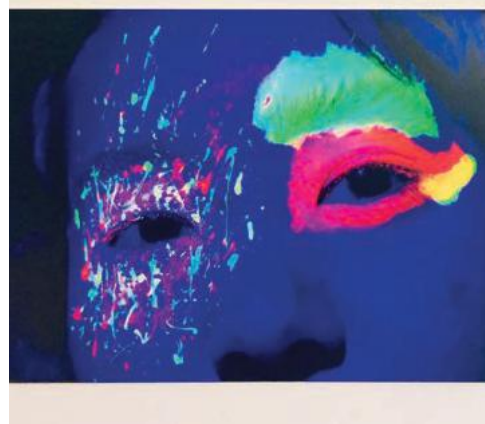
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EAST KENT SCHOOLS TOGETHER COLLABORATIVE ART PROJECT

Rearranging Deckchairs was a collaborative art project across the East Kent Schools Together partnership. It is based on the idea of a creative rearrangement of the cloth, decoration and meaning of a typical seaside object – the deck chair. Following a course of workshops with each participating school, the project culminated in an exhibition of dozens of deck chairs displaying the student's creative textile work on the terrace at the Turner Contemporary, which ran alongside their summer exhibition Seaside: Photographed.

The project intended to unite young people from across the EKST partnership; bringing together students from different social and economic backgrounds. During a series of workshops students and teachers had the opportunity to come together to learn new skills, in new environments with the aim of enriching their educational experience. Sharing a visual art project demonstrated a strong alliance between the schools. St Lawrence College was partnered with Herne Bay High and Dover Christ Church Academy and there was fantastic collaboration between students working together on their deckchair designs. ■



ART & PHOTOGRAPHY

EXHIBITIONS

Pupils had the opportunity to display their work in a portrait exhibition in the new Canon Perfect Centre to mark the beginning of Arts Fortnight in March. The exhibition showcased a collection of creative portrait photographs by GCSE art, A Level art and photography students.

During the summer term the new Canon Perfect Centre once again provided an excellent space to showcase our first ever Art and Design Technology summer show. It was a wonderful evening and the pupils were thrilled to show off their work to friends, family, teachers, governors and guests. Following on from the success of last year's exhibition, we plan to make the Art and Design Technology show an annual event. It is a real highlight in the school's calendar for the art and design technology departments. ■





PORTFOLIO COMPETITION, TURNER CONTEMPORARY

Portfolio is Turner Contemporary and Canterbury Christ Church University's annual art competition for pupils, students and teachers in Kent and Medway. The competition celebrates creative talent across the county, with the winning works seen by thousands of visitors to the gallery over the summer. This year the theme was 'Art Rebel'. The competition received 1,332 original entries and 106 of these had been shortlisted to be presented to the judging panel. We were delighted to have four pieces of work shortlisted. Congratulations to: Emilie Ducarme and Victoria Crespo, Toby Woodgate and Kristina Mishkina in the ages 14 - 16 Category. Vitoria Cardoso de Oliveira was shortlisted in the 17-18 category.

The Prize Giving Evening was held on Wednesday 1st May and we are thrilled to announce that Toby Woodgate won his category with his portrait of Theresa May. ■



DBA EDITIONS PRINT STUDIO, RAMSGATE- RELIEF PRINTING AND MONO PRINTING

On two separate occasions this year, the art department have taken a group of pupils to DBA Editions, a professional print studio in Ramsgate, to take part in specialised courses in print-making where they have benefitted from the expertise of specialist print tutors. This year our pupils have developed their skills in both relief printing and mono-printing. The quality of pupil work has really developed with some stunning artwork created as a result. ■





PHOTOGRAPHY MASTERCLASS WITH KENT BAKER FOR THE 140TH ANNIVERSARY PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION AND COLOUR SUPPLEMENT.

Our A Level photography pupils were fortunate enough to be able to experience a professional photoshoot with the renowned photographer Kent Baker. The project objective was to record, in high quality, photographic images of a selection of current and former pupils who encapsulate the essence of being a Lawrentian. It was an excellent learning opportunity for the pupils which was extended further when Kent came into school to run through post-production editing with them. It was a hands-on and very rewarding experience. ■



DESIGN TECHNOLOGY



The year began with a new start for the Design Technology department, in our wonderful new purpose-built home. The summer months were spent liaising with suppliers, fitters and builders to ensure that the space was finished to the highest specification and that we were ready to hit the ground running when pupils returned to school in September. We couldn't be happier with the new space and the pupils were really thrilled to get started with their projects in such well-designed surroundings.

Year 8 began the year learning about structures and forces and were able to spread themselves around the workshop, making full use of the space, to build and test the bridges that they had collaborated to design. To celebrate joining Art and Science in the Canon Perfect Building, we asked students to link their thinking and learning about the three separate subjects to create one new project, designing and making pinhole cameras. They considered artists who have used science in their work and explored how cameras function, developing prototype camera-obscura before making the real deal. They developed their images in the dark room and the results were not only very

successful, pupils were genuinely amazed at what they had been able to achieve. The work formed part of our collaboration with the Turner Contemporary Gallery's exhibition of the work of Katie Patterson called "A Place that Only Exists in Moonlight".

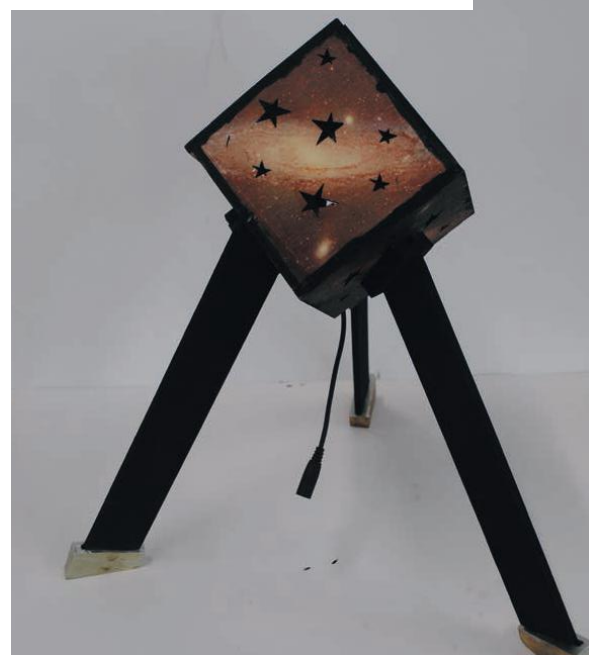
In the autumn, Year 9 took part in the Design Museum's annual competition, Design Ventura. Pupils worked in teams to develop a product to improve the quality of the lives of others, suitable for sale in the museum shop. The outcomes were very impressive with creative responses to the brief from all teams and an excellent experience exploring the design process in a commercial setting. They then went on to work in wood and pewter to design and make some beautifully finished Keep-sake boxes, most intended as gifts for others.

Pupils in Year 10 worked hard to complete three challenging and varied projects, in preparation for their GCSE next year. The first project allowed them to build upon their woodworking skills, developing designs for furniture through making prototypes, sketching and researching. The second project allowed pupils to research the work of contemporary jewellery designers. They were asked to base their designs on nature, and their responses to the brief were individual and exciting. Some took inspiration from images taken with a microscope and others considered patterns found in animals and plants.

The final project of the year was more of a technical challenge and required students to explore their understanding of mechanisms to develop ideas for

an educational mechanical toy. Again, we were impressed with the creativity, evidence and range of responses given. Genuine innovation was evident in the results and we were very pleased to be able to display the outcomes in the permanent exhibition space that has been created in the entrance to our department.

Year 11 were also kept very busy, designing and making products for the new Non-Examined Assessment projects. They were asked to design a product to encourage a healthy lifestyle and their interpretations were very varied and exciting. The new specification demands that ideas are very thoroughly developed through considerable modelling and sketching, research and testing, so that



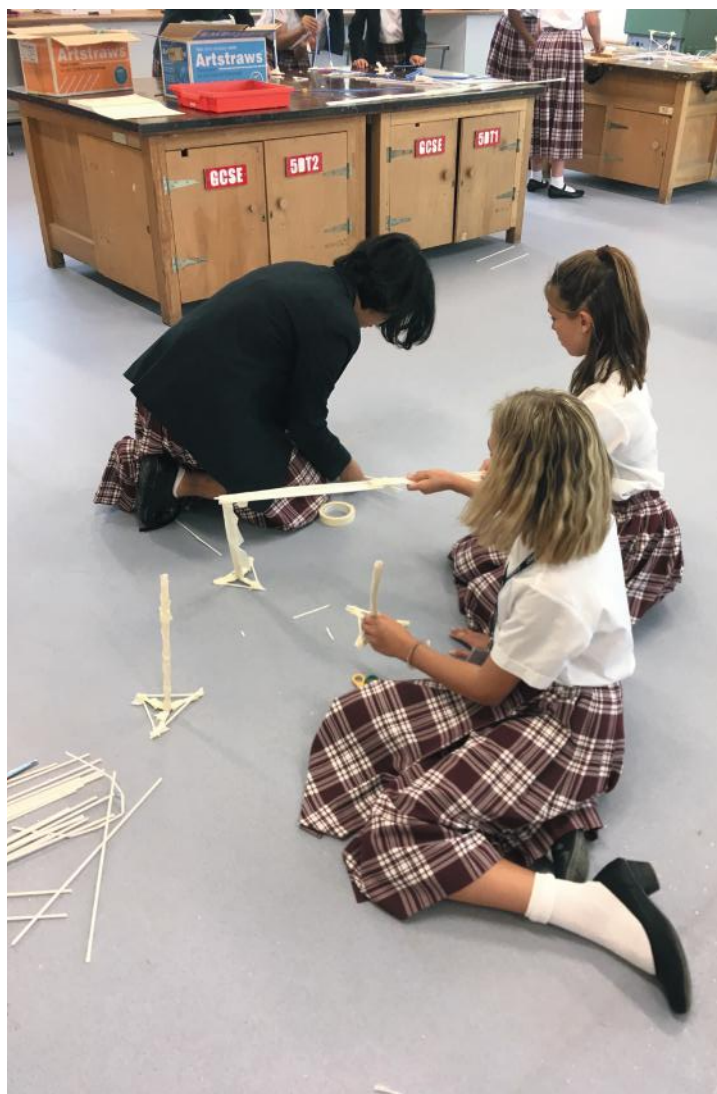
the finished ideas are not only original, but genuinely meet the needs of the user. Ideas ranged from reward charts for adults, mood lighting to encourage sleep, games of chance to promote physical activity...the list goes on! It has been an absolute pleasure to see just how capable these young designers are and we are only sorry that they are not all choosing to stay on to take DT with us here for A level.

Determination was needed by all of our hard-working Sixth Form A level pupils again this year. They were expected to identify their own contexts and to find a gap in the market and they all did this brilliantly. Ideas included tableware, educational toys and games relating to climate change, science, geography and music. Jeffrey Ling took home the Design Technology prize this year for his outstanding project investigating pet care in small city spaces. His design for a flat packed, wall mountable cat bed was innovative and met his brief perfectly.

During the summer term we held our second Art and Design Technology exhibition, celebrating the successes of all of our pupils. Those involved in Food Club on Wednesday afternoons contributed the elderflower cordial that they had made to staff and parents who enjoyed it in their glasses of fizz.

We are looking forward to next year, to getting started on the new projects we have planned for pupils in all year groups and to seeing their exciting ideas realised. The school has invested in the department considerably again this year, including a new, high specification laser cutter and so the processes and techniques that we can offer are ever expanding and improving. ■

Mrs K Parker



DRAMA



This year has been the busiest yet for the Drama Department. Alongside the traditional and well-loved events such as the annual school production and House Drama, we have also squeezed in some exciting new events including Arts Fortnight, Theatre Thursday, St Lawrence College's Got Talent and the Kirby Play.

Theatre trips

We kicked off the academic year with a trip to the Marlowe Theatre, Canterbury, to watch 'A Comedy about a Bank Robbery'. The hilarious slapstick style play was thoroughly enjoyed by the staff and students. The Michaelmas term concluded with a trip to Dane Court School with GCSE and A Level Drama students to watch 'Oresteia' and to participate in a workshop. The students really enjoyed the performance and also enjoyed working with students from a different school who share their passion for Drama. In Lent term, Year 10 Drama students went to watch 'War Horse' at the Marlowe Theatre, Canterbury. The students really enjoyed it and couldn't believe how life-like the puppets were. As the term drew to a close, GCSE and A Level students travelled to the Piccadilly Theatre in London to watch 'The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time', which highlights the struggles of a young boy with Autism. Students were very impressed with the design features and physical theatre that were both highly creative.

House Drama Competition

On Friday 16th November the annual House Drama Competition commenced. Seven houses performed over two nights and on Monday morning, in Principal's Assembly, Lodge were announced as the overall winners for their moving performance of 'The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air'. The prize for 'Best Entertainment' went to Tower for their hilarious performance of 'Despicable Me' and a new prize was introduced named 'Best Production' which went to Bellerby House, for their creative use of the design elements in their performance of 'The Addams Family'. Individual prizes for acting went to Ahmad Abdulaziz, Anthony Sokefun, Emily Kulubya, Taylor Bell and Ashley Henderson.

GCSE and A Level Drama

This academic year the students have performed an eclectic range of Drama; naturalistic pieces, one of which was inspired by woman's suffrage, a terrifying immersive performance, Physical Theatre, Musical Theatre, Berkovian Theatre and a number of compelling Theatre in Education performances. It is so rewarding to see creative ideas blossom from their original concept to the final design or performance and the students should be very proud of their accomplishments.

Senior School Musical

The biggest event in the Drama Department's calendar crept up on us quickly and before we knew it, myself and





the students were celebrating at the after-show party of 'School of Rock'. As always, the cast were simply fantastic and a pleasure to work with throughout the months of rehearsals.

A special mention must go to Amara Relf whose stamina in the lead role was phenomenal. I was also particularly impressed with Niamh Connelly's performance as Rosalie, especially her pitch-perfect rendition of 'Queen of the Night'. But, as always, it is the team effort that makes the musical so enjoyable and what a team we had!

I'd also like to say a fond farewell to some of our U6 students who have been contributed to Drama during their time at St Lawrence College. Each one of them has set a faultless example to students in the lower years and I would like to thank them for the commitment. Amara Relf, Kalina Karadimova, Ashley Henderson, Charlotte Hickman, Dylan Al Kadi, Kai Li, Magda Olcott, George Bryant; you will all be sorely missed!

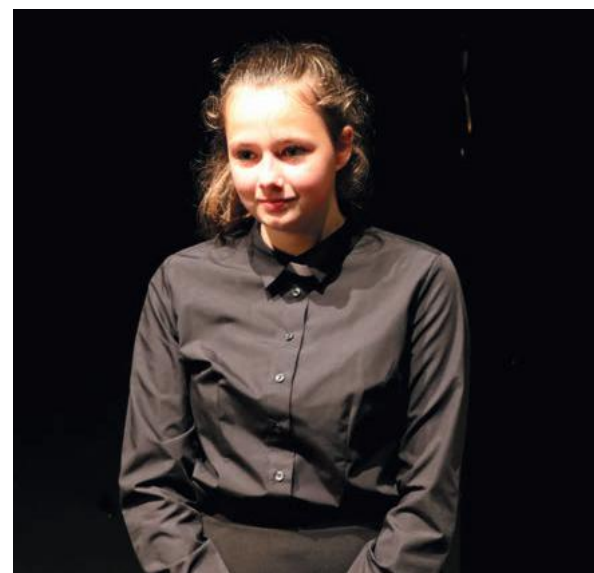
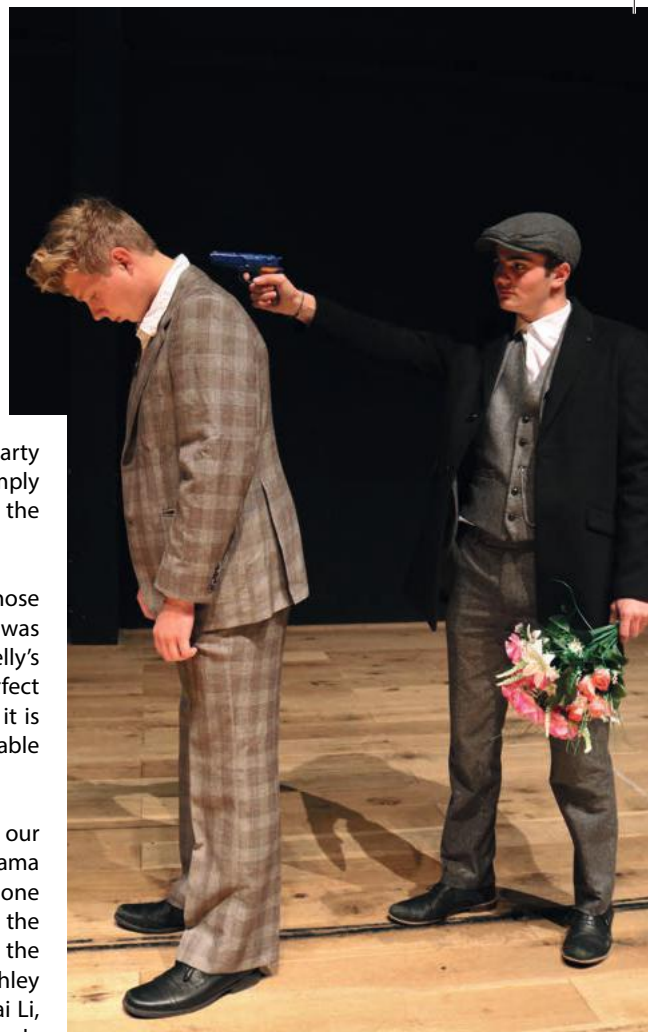
A huge thank you must go to the wonderful members of staff that made it possible; Mr Bowyer, Mr Franklin, Miss Ross, Mr Palacios, Mr Greenslade and Miss Pledge. Thank you to all those colleagues that supported from 'behind the scenes' too, especially the DT department for creating the set and Mr Bendall for assisting back stage.

Theatre Thursday

Thursday 6th December marked the first ever Theatre Thursday. This informal and student-led event has been created to showcase theatrical talent on a more regular basis. It was a fun evening with many engaging performances. The second Theatre Thursday saw dancing, monologues and musical numbers. I was truly impressed with the range of talent the KS3 students presented at both of these events.

Arts Fortnight

On Saturday 9th March, Arts Fortnight commenced; a two week programme of performances, competitions and workshops that celebrated the Creative Arts at SLC. Students showcased their wide-ranging talents in auditions for St Lawrence College's Got Talent in order to be in with a chance of winning a £50 Coffee Shop voucher. Grace Huckstep, Victor Osiyemi, Robbie Evans and Jonah Schreiber made it to the finals but it was Jonah, who wowed the judges with his impressive card tricks, who was crowned the winner. There were many, many more fantastic events that went on in other departments too, such as music performances in the coffee shop, a photography exhibition, an interior design competition and a school-wide Arts quiz. Many thanks to all those who supported and contributed to this event.

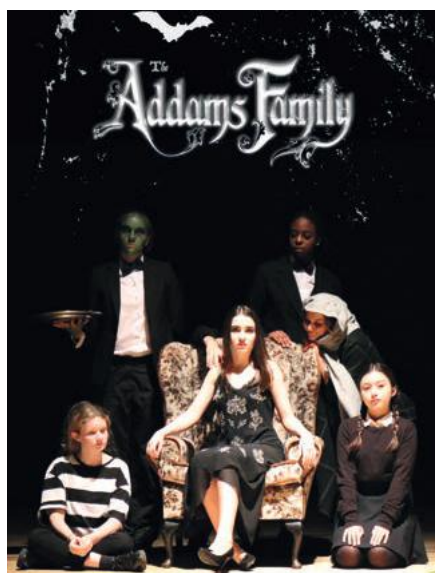


Kirby Play

Kirby's production of 'The Canterbury Tales' by Geoffrey Chaucer was our final event of the academic year. There were high jinxes, naughty jokes and comical characterisation, as four medieval alchemists tried to resurrect Chaucer by inviting some of his pilgrims to retell their Canterbury Tales. The students did themselves proud and I am really excited to see their talents flourish as they progress through the Senior School.

The Drama Department wishes you a relaxing and enjoyable summer and looks forward to sharing more exciting events with you next academic year. ■

Miss E Young



MUSIC



Music has once again been a regular and important aspect of life at St Lawrence College this year. The standard and breadth of music-making has been impressive and more pupils than ever are taking advantage of the opportunities on offer.

Visiting Music Teachers' Demonstration

We are lucky to have a strong team of visiting musicians who have a wealth of experience as teachers and performers. The Michaelmas term began with an inspirational concert given to the whole school by some of the staff. They talked a little about their instruments before demonstrating their own admirable ability in a selection of entertaining pieces.

Cabaret Night

This annual event was in aid of the National Autistic Society and featured some memorable vocal and instrumental performances, with a few dance acts thrown in for good measure. The house band, led by Jack Greenslade, was on top form and it was a relaxed and fun evening of great tunes.

Informal Concerts

There have been five 'informal' concerts this year and each one has been a great opportunity for pupils to perform in front of a small audience of friends and family. These concerts have also enabled GCSE and A level students to hone their

performing skills prior to recording their pieces for coursework submission. It has been a particular pleasure to hear Year 7 and 8 pupils in these concerts, often making their debut performances at SLC.

Keyboard Extravaganza

In the Lent term, keyboard players were able to display their manual dexterity in a wonderful concert of music for both piano and organ. We were first treated to some atmospheric organ music played by Lauren Martin and Zofia Wolny. After a short stroll from the chapel to the music room, we heard a wide range of piano music from the Baroque period to the present day. The concert featured not only soloists but also some duets and in one case a trio – a rare opportunity to witness six hands at one keyboard! Special mention must go to Zofia Wolny for contributing no less than four marvelous performances to this concert.

House Singing Competition

The 'theme' for this year's competition was that golden decade of popular music, the 1980s. With the help of house captains and house staff, rehearsals were under way as soon as the Lent term started. The sounds of 80s pop music could be heard echoing around the school in every available break time and the atmosphere on the night was one of excitement and friendly competitiveness. The judges (Miss Young, Revd. Goodwin-Hudson and Mr Barlow) had a difficult task as the general standard was high. In the end, Newlands emerged as the winner of the Small Ensemble for their performance of 'Should I stay or should I go?' and the Whole House title went to Laing who gave an exhilarating performance of 'I want to break free'.

Senior Choir

The Senior Choir has had a busy year, singing regularly in Chapel services but





also showing its versatility in a range of secular music performed in the main school concerts. In October the choir sang at two OL weddings, receiving much heartfelt praise from the guests. Towards the end of the Michaelmas term, the choir sang for a Carol service at St Bartholomew's Hospital Chapel in Sandwich. This was a lovely occasion and an event we hope to repeat annually. It was also a useful rehearsal for the school Carol services the following week for which the Senior Choir was joined by the Kirby Choir. Both groups excelled themselves in these services with some very fine singing indeed.

Christmas/ Summer Concerts

There have been two formal concerts featuring many of the instrumental and choral groups which rehearse regularly throughout the year. The Christmas concert contained the usual mix of festive and more mainstream repertoire. Highlights included Georgie Scott's singing of 'Che Faro senza Euridice' by Gluck, accompanied sympathetically by the orchestra and Sam Le Baigue's smooth rendition of 'It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas'. There were some truly accomplished solos from Annabelle Higgins (Piano), Eugenie Dho (Violin), Kalina Karadimova (Voice) and Carys Hamill (Clarinet) and a sparkling violin duet from Grace and Thomas Choi. Kirby Choir enchanted us with 'Walking in the air' and the Senior Choir had us rocking out with 'Bohemian Rhapsody' followed by a fun arrangement of 'Jingle Bells' complete

with actual bells! This concert also marked the debut performance of the newly formed SLC Rock Band who performed 'Roar' by Katy Perry, with Phoebe Gardner doing a splendid job on lead vocals.

The Summer Concert was a truly wonderful occasion, once again showcasing many of the school's ensembles and some talented soloists. The orchestra gave polished performances of music from the Baroque era to the present day, including a moving rendition of 'Cinema Paradiso' by Morricone. Amelia Beninger, Eugenie Dho, Annabelle Higgins and Kalina Karadimova all impressed us with their solos on flute, violin, piano and voice respectively. The Senior Choir sang a medley of songs from 'Les Misérables' with touching solos from Emily Burne, Tiffany Gillies and Georgie Scott. George Bryant and his band gave us a song by the Arctic Monkeys as well as one of his own compositions. The Jazz Band had us all tapping our toes with 'Blue Bossa' and 'Take the A train', featuring some skillful improvisations from Zofia Wolny (saxophone) and Thomas Choi (violin) and some adept drumming from Joshua Crottie. Amara Relf and Lauren Martin gave a heartfelt performance of 'Say Something' before the SLC Rock Band turned up the heat with 'Shotgun' by George Ezra. Finally, the Kirby Choir, delighted us with a selection of songs which they had performed at Disneyland Paris the week before. It was a fitting end to a fantastic concert.



Folk Night

This competition, organized by Susan Flory, attracted a small number of talented singers who entertained the audience with songs from the British Isles. In the end, first prize and an opportunity to take part in the Broadstairs Folk Week in August, was shared between Daisy Mackman and Amber Le Baigue (Duet) and Tiffany Gillies.

African Drumming Workshops

As the summer term drew to a close, the sounds of African drums could be heard wafting around the school. Richard Latham of 'Rich Rhythms' had come to give drumming workshops to all Kirby pupils and the sound of thirty instruments playing some authentic African rhythms was quite intoxicating; a few pupils complained that their hands were hurting after an hour on the drums, but they all seemed to enjoy the experience!

All in all, it has been a busy, productive and enjoyable year of music at SLC. I would like to thank Mr Palacios for all his help in the department and also our 'Musician in Residence', Jack Greenslade who is sadly leaving us for pastures new. Jack, an OL himself, has played the organ, run the Jazz Band and acted as accompanist for both the Junior and Senior schools this year. He has been a great help to me in my first year at the school and I will miss his friendship and sense of humour. We all wish him the very best in his future pursuits. ■

Jeremy Bowyer, Director of Music





SCIENCE

It has been a very successful year in Physics with a good number of pupils taking on the Physics Challenges. In Upper 6th, Todor Karadimov gained a Merit and Louis Xiao a commendation for taking part in what is one of the toughest challenges in the British Physics Olympiad. In the Lower 6th, Zofia Wolny achieved the Silver award and Ryker Moorcroft the Bronze whilst in Year 11 Sankalpa Pung Mgar achieved Silver and Tom Choi the Bronze award. Congratulations to all for their perseverance, resilience and dedication that this type of challenge requires.

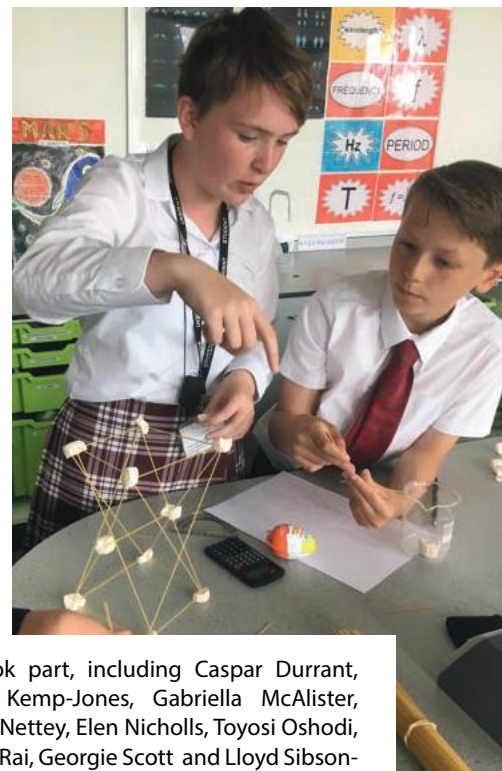
Ryker Moorcroft, in Lower 6th, also won the School Physicist of the Year 2019. This award, on behalf of the University of Kent and the Ogden Trust, celebrates the talent of exceptional students studying physics in local schools. Congratulations to Ryker for making us proud!

In February, three of our Lower 6th Physics pupils took part in a Particle Physics masterclass held at UCL. Ryker Moorcroft, Zofia Wolny and Catherine Zheng joined

with teams from other schools to find out more about different aspects of Particle Physics. The pupils also discovered how to interpret particle tracks generated from proton-proton collisions at CERN and culminated with joining schools from around Europe to compare results in a CERN-led video-conference. It was a great opportunity to delve deeper into the subatomic world and gain an overview of the research.

Our 1st form put their heads together for this year's Engineering Challenge where they were given the task to build towers using spaghetti and marshmallows. A great session of creativity, problem solving and fun.

The Biology Challenge was open to students in Year 9 and 10 in England and Wales and equivalent year groups worldwide and a mixture of our Year 9 and



10 took part, including Caspar Durrant, Molly Kemp-Jones, Gabriella McAlister, Zayne Netley, Elen Nicholls, Toyosi Oshodi, Sneha Rai, Georgie Scott and Lloyd Sibson-Harris. The pupils did very well - Toyosi and Georgie both attained Gold Awards, Lloyd a Silver Award, Molly and Caspar Bronze Awards and Zane a Commendation.

Four 2nd form pupils (Jonah Schreiber, Alvin Thapa, Somana Chhantel, Arcelia Rai) took part in the Salter's festival of Chemistry at the University of Greenwich during the summer term. They were competing against nine other schools with various problem-solving challenges using practical chemistry. St Lawrence got a very commendable 3rd place in the University challenge where they had to make a solution change colour in time with the chimes of Big Ben. The pupils also had the opportunity to eat ice cream made from liquid nitrogen.

SCIENCE WEEK

This year science week was celebrated with a whirlwind of activities and exciting events.

Year 9 pupils launched themselves into the rocket challenge, rising to the formidable task of constructing paper rockets capable to take off from the school field with the aid of compressed air.

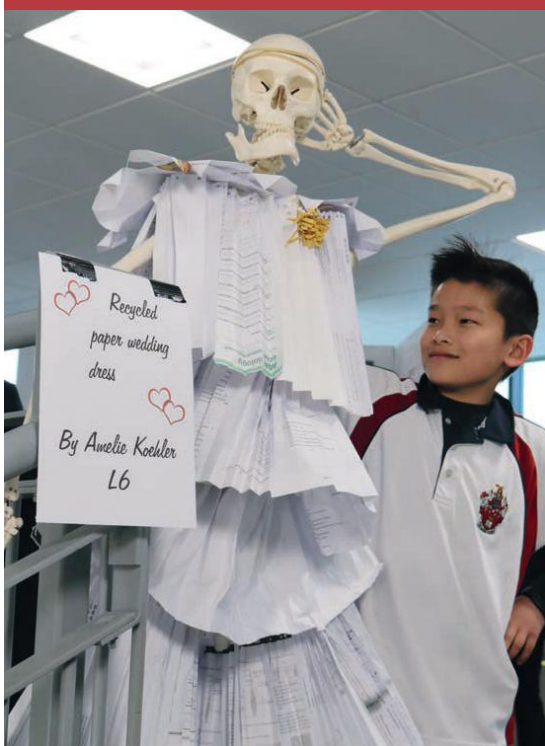
Year 5s meanwhile, from each of the twenty five local primary schools, similarly competed in the rocket challenge and faced the daunting test of gravity in the egg drop challenge. Year 5 also had the opportunity of taking part in various biology experiments including diluting hydrogen peroxide with segments of potato in a conical flask held in a warm water bath. This was followed by the explosive chemical magic show conducted by the amazing Mr Pegden and Mr Wilde.

All pupils in the St Lawrence community were lucky enough to experience the rare opportunity of attending a lecture on Artificial Intelligence by senior lecturer Dr Sirlantzis. Our guest speaker enthralled us with the origin of robotics and its effect on our lives.

Year 7 pupils proudly presented their hard work and findings on climate change to parents, proposing their creative ideas to help protect our environment.

Year 6 and Year 8 students demonstrated their artistic talent by producing a myriad of posters centred around the theme, 'Scientific Journeys'.

To end the week, we invited BBC scientific presenter and personality Greg Foot to give a live presentation and inspiring talk on the 'Deep Ocean Lab'. A thoroughly enjoyable end to a fantastic Science week 2019. ■



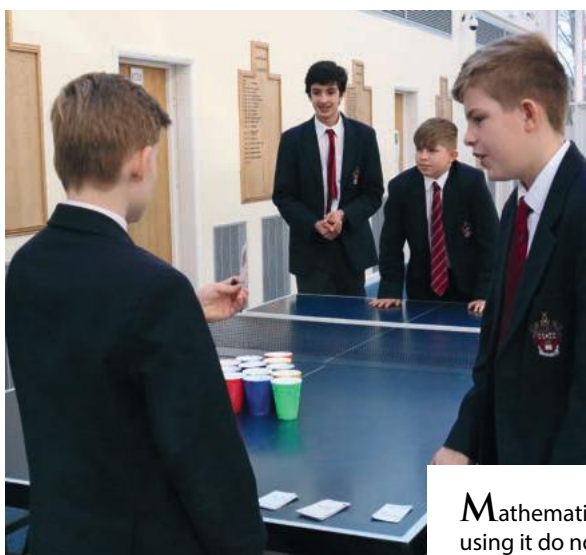
In June, eight Year 10 pupils attended the EKST Enterprise Challenge event at Canterbury Christ Church University. This was only the second year of the challenge, which this year saw pupils work in groups on a business scenario. They benefited from working alongside university business ambassadors before presenting their idea to business professionals. Working in a very unfamiliar environment, their confidence and levels of engagement

with pupils from other schools in the cluster and staff at the university, epitomised the ethos of our College. Of particular note were Franek Wolny and Ollie Danes who played key roles within the runner-up team.

The pupils who took part in this challenge were: Sarah Ling, Daniel Wren, Kai Browne, Lucy Jordan-Smith, Ollie Danes, Franek Wolny, Fi Fi Chan, Emilie Ducarme. ■

Mr Lane

BUSINESS STUDIES



MATHS



Mathematics is everywhere, even if those using it do not realise it, and it can be used in many different ways. In Year 8, pupils were given the brief to make a game that had mathematical questions. In groups, they designed and made the games, producing the boards, pieces and a good selection of questions. Pupils grabbed the opportunity to show their creativity, producing a huge variety of games - some even involved a table tennis table! The final lesson was spent playing each other's games and a prize was awarded to the one deemed best by the class. All groups produced fantastic games, showing a great deal of enthusiasm, commitment and creativity.

We continued to have great success in the UKMT Maths Challenges this year. Students from SLC won a total of 7 gold, 21 silver and 39 bronze awards from 138 participating in the College. In the Junior Challenge we saw the highest number of our pupils attaining a gold award over the history of the competition. A total of 5 pupils qualified for the follow-up Kangaroo papers, which was very pleasing; well done to Louis Xiao, Ken Wang, Thomas Choi, Karim Salama and Theo Rowe for their achievement. ■

Mr D Brooks





KATIE PATERSON & TURNER CONTEMPORARY EXHIBITION

In February 2019, St Lawrence College held an exclusive evening event for parents, pupils, staff and friends at Turner Contemporary showcasing Senior and Junior pupils' work. The work was themed around the exhibition 'A place that exists only in moonlight': Katie Paterson & JMW Turner. The school has worked closely with the gallery since 2014 and this exhibition was the fourth collaboration between the organisations.

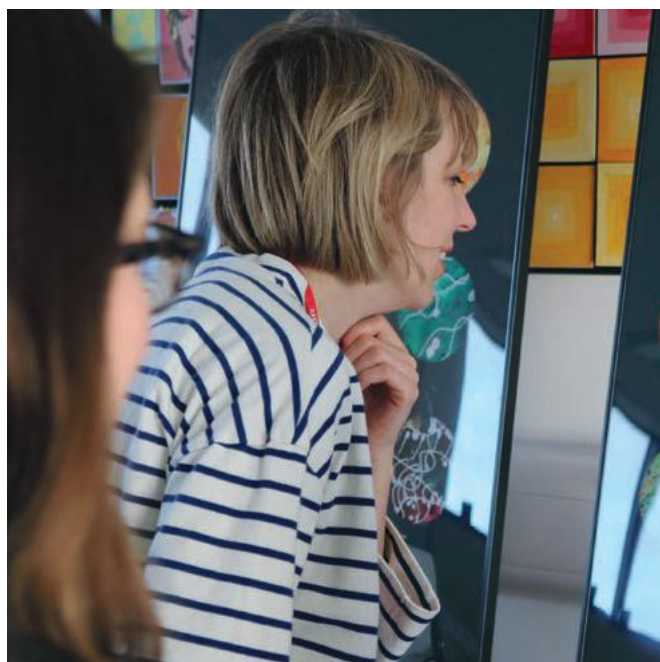
Over the last 10 years, Katie Paterson has developed an extraordinary and unique practice. She has worked with NASA to recreate the smell of Saturn's moon, Titan (Candle (from Earth into a Black Hole), 2015), and the European Space Agency to send a meteorite back into space. Collaborating with scientists and researchers across the world, Paterson's projects consider our place on Earth in the context of geological time and change.

In January 2019, Katie Paterson visited the school, toured the art department and met with pupils. Her talk to the students in Taylor Hall was fascinating; she opened their imaginations to what might be possible and what art can be. It all begins with an idea. Inspired by Katie Paterson, the pupils work explored themes of time, the relationship between art and science and our place within the cosmos. The pupils enjoyed the experimental and conceptual nature of the project, producing some interesting and exciting outcomes with a wide range of different materials, techniques and processes. Pupil learning was further enriched by a trip to the exhibition in February, whereby the gallery navigators encouraged the pupils' to engage, analyse and discuss the artwork in greater depth.

The evening began with a drinks reception in the gallery's Foyle Rooms where visitors enjoyed an impressive display of art by pupils who had been working on the projects since September. The Principal gave a brief welcome speech emphasising the School's commitment to the arts and the importance of creativity. This was followed by a short performance of spoken word by Junior school pupils. Guests were then able to enjoy a private viewing of the exhibition in the main gallery.

The School looks forward to more exciting events as part of its continued Learning Partnership with Turner Contemporary. ■

Mrs N A Hodge





'KATIE PATERSON CONNECTS ART WITH SCIENCE IN A WAY NO OTHER ARTIST DOES. WHEN YOU SEE HER WORK YOU SEE ART IN ANOTHER WAY AND YOU UNDERSTAND THAT ART DOESN'T JUST HAVE TO BE A DRAWING OR A PICTURE. ART CAN BE EVERYTHING AND ANYTHING YOU WANT OR IMAGINE. SHE IS THINKING ON ANOTHER LEVEL OF ART. SHE IS COMPARING ART WITH SCIENCE AND YOU CAN SEE THAT, WHILST BOTH ARE VERY DIFFERENT, THEY ARE ALSO EQUAL TO EACH OTHER. WHEN YOU COME INTO HER EXHIBITION, IT FEELS LIKE YOU ARE GOING INTO ANOTHER WORLD - SO MINIMALISTIC BUT SPECIAL AT THE SAME TIME. WHEN I CAME INTO THE 'TOTALITY' ROOM, I FELT IMMEDIATELY RELAXED. IT WAS AMAZING HOW THIS LIGHT FROM THOUSANDS OF SOLAR ECLIPSES SHONE OVER THE WHOLE ROOM.'

JANNE, YEAR 9



SPORT





GIRLS' HOCKEY

The 2018 Michaelmas Term was another bumper term of hockey for the girls at St Lawrence College. With 80 matches played in total across all ages it was one of busiest seasons in the school's history. These matches were spread out amongst our 12 teams ranging from U12B team to Senior 1st XI. No matter the age group or team, the girls thoroughly enjoyed their hockey and showed a high level of progression throughout the season.

Kirby had a very busy start to the term with fixtures from the off. The Kirby 1st VII not only had regular matches but also two tournaments. For the second time the girls competed in the Sevenoaks Tournament where arguably the highlight of their season came, losing narrowly in the semi-final. After this the girls went on to the County Tournament where they represented the school superbly. I am sure the girls will learn and improve upon these experiences as they progress through the school.

The U14s have also had a very positive season, playing 12 games, winning 7, drawing 3 and losing just the 2. With a convincing win against Duke of York's the girls went into the County Tournament with confidence. The girls, again, played with strength and determination reaching the quarter finals.

Under the expert guidance of Mr Jackson, the U15s had another prosperous season. They have worked tirelessly subsequently achieving some good results. The highlight of their season came in the shape of a 7-0 win versus fierce rivals Cranbrook which was a real testament to the spirit and team work that this group demonstrated on a weekly basis.

The B sides in both the Under 14 and 15s have also had a positive term where they have contested some very close games showing a great work ethic and strong improvement throughout.

The 2nd XI team have shown great progress since the start of the year even when the results have not always gone their way. The highlight of their season was unquestionably a 3-0 victory over a tough Kent College Pembrey side. The 2nd XI should be proud of their efforts that they bring to training and matches every time.

Last but by no means least are the girls 1st XI who have once again made history for the school having had one of the best seasons in memory. They lost just one of their 13 competitive matches which in itself

is a superb achievement. A 14-2 aggregate win over rivals Sevenoaks demonstrates the capabilities of this group of girls. One of the wins came in the National Cup 3rd round where the girls won 8-1 progressing to the fourth round where they came up against a tough Felsted side. With the game being played at away in front of a hostile home crowd, the girls battled hard with the game finishing 2-2 at full time. A nerve-wracking penalty shoot-out commenced which the girls agonisingly lost 4-3. Despite this loss, the team have very much put St Lawrence on the map for girls hockey, finishing within the top eight in the country. An impressive achievement. None of this would of course be possible without the coaches or players whom need thanking for their commitment and drive to make a success of all teams. I am sure St Lawrence Girls hockey will only go from strength to strength in the coming years. ■

Huw Stephens



BOYS' HOCKEY

Outstandingly, the the U12A team only lost one game this season which highlights the hard work and efforts they have put in to every training session they have participated in this year. The strength of this year group was highlighted by both the U12A and B winning their respective tournaments at the Sir Joseph Williams Tournament which we entered for the first time. The Kirby 1st VII also had a strong season competing well throughout and only losing six of their sixteen matches. The boys represented the College superbly at both the John Maylam and County Tournaments where they narrowly missed out on the title. Having an increased number of boys in Kirby has meant we have been able to raise more teams and means we look forward with excitement to the future of hockey at St Lawrence College.

The U14A cohort have scored an impressive 74 goals in the fifteen games they played. The highlight of their season was winning the county tournament beating Eltham College and Sir Joseph Williams on finals day allowing the boys to represent the College at the Regional Heats where they narrowly missed out on progressing to the next stage. The U14B team also had a strong season only losing two of their matches. The most memorable result coming in the form of a 2-1 win over a strong Cranbrook side.

The U15A team went unbeaten this season winning all twelve of their matches. Agonisingly the boys lost on penalty strokes in the Peter Firminger however this does not diminish from an outstanding season. Next year these young men will compete for a place in one of the Senior teams which will be a great challenge for them and one which will only go to improve the depth of our squads further. The U15B squad also had plenty of success; the highlight of their season being a comprehensive 5-1 victory over Cranbrook school. Well done to all involved.

The 2nd XI have had a good season although results have not always reflected their efforts. Competing against 1st teams as well as second teams the boys should be proud of their efforts throughout the campaign. With many of the boys still here next year, they should be looking to push for 1st XI places.

It is not often that you get to say that the 1st XI hockey team had one of the best seasons in the College's history. But they did. Not only did they win the prestigious Frank Mason tournament for only the second time in the College's history, but



they also secured a bronze medal in the National Independent Schools Cup. In the semi-final the boys came up against an extremely strong Repton side. After seventy minutes of high-class hockey the game finished level at 3-3 and unfortunately this led to a penalty shoot-out which Repton came out on top. The boys then went onto play KE Camp Hill in the third/fourth play-off. In a tremendous display the boys came out convincing 6-2 winners. Having cemented a place amongst the strongest schools in the country the future looks bright for the coming years. Everyone at the College is extremely proud of what the 1st XI have achieved.

History was also made by another talented group of young hockey players at St Lawrence College. Only a week after the 1st XI finished third in the National Independent School Cup, the U16s qualified for the National Cup semi-final. The boys had already exceeded expectations by reaching the quarter-final where they came up against an extremely tough Stamford side. With the game being played on the final afternoon of

school before the Easter break there was a bumper crowd to watch this historic match. After a tight opening quarter, St Lawrence created a well-deserved 3-0 lead. Stamford did cause a nervy finish by scoring a goal but could not capitalise on some late pressure. Eventually SLC came out 3-1 winners securing a semi-final place. In the semi-final we were once again pitted against Repton. The game ebbed and flowed but Repton proved too strong in the end coming out 4-0 winners. A fourth place finish was secured after a tight loss to Portsmouth Grammar in the third/fourth play-off. And to be placed fourth in the country is an impressive achievement. Once again, St Lawrence is immensely proud of our young team of hockey players.

I would like to thank all coaches and players for their commitment and success during the term and wish those who remain here at SLC next year the best of luck. Keep on training hard and I am confident that you will succeed. ■

Mr H Stevens, Head of Hockey



Hockey at SLC this year could not be reviewed without a nod to the indoor season. After qualifying as champions from their respective county tournament, both our under 16 girls and under 16 boys went on to represent the school at Regional Finals day. The girls travelled to the University of East Anglia where they faced six other teams in a round robin. The day started with a comprehensive 6-1 victory over Queenswood School, this was followed by four wins in the next five games including an 8-0 versus The Perse meaning the girls advanced on to the National Finals as East England Champions.

The boys travelled to Whitgift School for their Regionals. One defeat from three group games saw the boys qualify for a semi-final versus the home side where the winner would advance to the National Finals. In a tenacious and extremely tight contest the boys took their opponents all the way finishing 2-2 at the final whistle. The subsequent penalty shoot-out saw the boys come agonisingly close but lose 5-4. I am sure this disappointment will push this group of young men for success in their future campaigns next season.

The girls headed to Bromsgrove School for their two day National Finals. They experienced a tricky start to the tournament losing their first two games including to eventual finalists Wellington College. This was tough for the girls but they displayed strong resilience to come back to draw their next game versus King's Bruton.

A closing 2-0 win against Ripon Grammar School meant the girls could not win the title but left with their heads held high. Becoming a top six side in the country for such a young group of girls is a terrific achievement and something every girl should be proud of. ■

Mr H Stevens, Head of Hockey





RUGBY

The 2018 rugby season proved to be very successful in many respects, with a couple of the teams in particular showing how strong rugby is becoming at this school. In the end, a win ratio of 59%, matching our achievements the previous year, again suggests that our fixtures are about right with the magical 60% being the benchmark for most schools.

The 1stXV were led by one of the best captains I have witnessed in my 21 year teaching career, Thabiso Sithole. The boys in the end performed exceptionally well winning six of their nine fixtures, although the biggest disappointment being the withdrawal of local rivals Chatham and Clarendon a couple of days before our fixture. The season is now traditionally opened against Sutton Valence School, who are now attracting players from Saracens RUFC, which demonstrates the challenge that they now present. Therefore imagine my delight when with fifteen minutes of the game remaining we were leading, only to concede two soft tries and throw away the most amazing opportunity, losing in the end 26-14. Just three days later the boys dusted themselves down however and took on Kent College in the NatWest Cup, easily dispatching them 80-0. The Saturday after we made harder work than we should have done to beat King's Rochester 31-5 which brought us to the huge challenge of tackling Simon Langton GS, a team we have not beaten at 1stXV level for many years. What unfolded was one of the best performances a 1stXV has produced on Newlands Fields for many a year, beating them 34-14. Either side of beating a strong Cranbrook 1stXV away 26-15, we somehow contrived to lose to Duke of York's twice at the death, once in the NatWest Cup 24-20 and once in our annual friendly 27-17. We did however leave some of our best rugby for last when we beat two strong Grammar schools, Oakwood Park 52-5 and Dover Boys 34-5. This season was one of the most satisfying that I have ever had, not so much for the results, but more so for the manner in which everyone committed to the cause. These sorts of things do not happen by accident and it was great for the younger boys

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to experience this and hopefully realise this is how rugby teams should be year in year out.

The 2ndXV performed as well as I have known in my time at the school too. Having enough fixtures is always an issue but this year the boys won four out of their 6 games. They started off in explosive fashion beating King's Rochester by a huge score line of 71-5, and then beating an impressive King's Canterbury side 43-10. Next up was a new fixture against the mighty Tonbridge and although we can't play them like for like it is still great to travel over there to play against one of the rugby greats. In the end the boys did not play anywhere near their potential and lost 26-17. If this was to be a disappointment, the victory the boys gained over Sir Roger Manwood's 1stXV with the last play of the game will stand

long in memory. Losing heavily at half time, a few honest words were given, and what ensued was without a doubt the best half of rugby seen by a 2ndXV at this school for many years with SLC winning 47-45! An outstanding game of rugby against Cranbrook saw us lose in the closing minutes but having not beaten Duke of York's for many years before last year we made it two in two with a comprehensive 26-7 victory.

The Under 15 rugby boys had a tough season coming up against other schools best age groups time and time again. Winning only four of their thirteen fixtures was difficult for the boys to take but they never once lacked the desire and appetite to improve. Two huge NatWest Cup victories, one against Kent College winning 74-0, showed that on their day these boys could play some scintillating rugby. However, at times poor defensive cohesion let them down despite losing half their matches by ten points or less. There are some outstanding individuals in this year group but often the issue with a small school like ours is having the depth that the big schools we play against. This group will now move to senior rugby and the hope is that they continue to commit like they have done and success will come their way.

The U14s have once again shown themselves to be one of the best age groups this school has ever produced, with their only defeat to the mighty Judd School in the Kent Cup semi-final, losing 15-12 at the death in front of a very partisan SLC crowd. Bearing in mind The Judd went on to win the final 36-12 shows how close our U14's were to being the first ever College team to win the Kent Cup. Winning ten of their eleven fixtures was incredible enough but only three schools managed to put points past them. Notable victories came against Sutton Valence (54-0), Simon Langton (71-0), Chatham House (67-0) and Cranbrook (50-0) to name just a few. Hopefully this group can kick on next year when it comes to the NatWest Cup. I do not normally highlight individuals but it is clear for anyone to see that scrum half Max Rogers could become one of the all-time SLC greats to grace the Newlands Fields if he continues to progress at his current rate.

Kirby House once again excelled with both A teams being very successful. The U13As won eight of their twelve matches with two ending up as draws. With a mixture of club and just school players this team have some serious potential if they can work hard in every single session. The test will remain, similar to those before them, on how committed they can remain as they progress through the school but the early signs are very good. At their best they play as good a brand of rugby as I have seen in Kirby coming close to the magical unbeaten teams of 2014 and 2017. It is when they are up against a real battle that they must improve but this is a minor point against a back drop of some stunning wins. The ones that really stand out were the sixty points against Simon Langton as well as victories over Dulwich Prep, Duke of York's and Junior King's Canterbury. The U12A boys also had an excellent season winning eight of their eleven fixtures. There was a real rawness about this group with a smattering of club players to add the necessary experience. Their commitment to everything rugby was a sight to behold and they were a joy to coach. Whilst lacking the stand out individuals that age groups before them have had, the best quality about this squad is their desire to work as one. A rarity in a group so young. Outstanding victories came against Sutton Valence, Wellesley House, Dulwich Prep and Simon Langton amongst a few. I am really excited to see how they perform as the senior team in Kirby.

Our B team boys always have it hardest in our small school with many of our like for like competitors not offering the same teams which means they have to play against much bigger schools. These boys make me so proud as they go into fixtures

knowing they are the underdogs but they never let it show and this year our U14B flew the flag highest when they managed an outstanding victory against Cranbrook School (69-5) and managing a 7-7 draw against Duke of York's, conceding with the last play of the game.

Rugby at St Lawrence College is in a very healthy place and it is with great pride that I can lead it into the next few seasons with real optimism about what our boys could be capable of achieving. ■

Mr A Izzard, Director of Sport



RUGBY: WHAT IT IS LIKE PLAYING FOR THE SCHOOL'S FIRST TEAM

My rugby coach Mr Izzard once told me "If you are going to be a champion, you must be willing to pay a greater price". From the moment he told me this, my love for this sport has never fallen. My position is prop. There is a lot of grind and very little glory in playing prop; they perform a lot of the unseen work around the field and at breakdowns ensuring their team maintain their momentum in attack.

Let's face it, playing rugby is awesome. There's no other way to put it. From the mates to the match 'chat' with your opposite number, there's plenty to love about the sport. My journey in rugby started in St Lawrence College from not knowing anything in year 10 to my current position of first team captain. Being in the school's rugby team has helped build my character as a person and it has given me the opportunity to act as a leader.

I will not say it is an easy sport to play. Playing in front of the whole school and training to be the best we can be as a team involves a certain amount of confidence and skill. Training weekly improves both my physical and social skills. Whether it be your team mate, the referee or an opponent, in rugby it's incredibly rare for everyone to fail to respect one another. You may not agree with every decision but you always call the referee 'Sir' and you shake the oppositions hand after every game, no matter what's gone on before-hand. This kind of respect is so rare in this day and age that it's fantastic to be part of a community that holds it as such a core value.

Playing in the first XV has taught me to play fearlessly and to take losses; "How we win the game shows something about our character; how we lose it shows all of it". These wise words were said to me by our coach Mr Izzard. Before every game, motivational speeches by our coach help us in our mental preparation and has a major effect on our overall work rate in the game. Singing the school song with great confidence and pride in front of the school after an away win makes us realise how important it is representing this school. Playing rugby for the college serves as a learning experience every single day. We are constantly encouraging each other which motivates us as a team.

Nicholas Okosun, L6th Tower



NETBALL

1ST VII

The 1st VII this year have finally played to their full potential. During the Michaelmas term they played in the Under 19 Kent Schools Tournament and qualified for Kent Finals Day for the first time in the school's history. We were up against much larger schools than us such as Tonbridge, Bromley High and Benenden. We beat all but one school scoring 62 goals across eight matches. The girls continued to train hard throughout the season and won matches against two ladies club teams and all but one of our regular fixtures. A special mention must go to our shooters, Aimee Plumb, Joanna Roberts and Lakiesha Kirkland who between them scored a phenomenal 342 goals throughout the season. I am confident that the 1st team next year will continue to be as strong. The girls worked well as a team, and I feel very proud to have worked with such a hard working bunch of girls. We were fortunate enough to be able to field a 2nd and 3rd team this year too. The second team were a talented group of netballers too making selection for coaches a challenge which is, of course, a good position to be in.

Andrea Izzard

2ND TEAM

The 2nd team this season was strong with a real team spirit, playing with grit and determination. Grace was an extremely good captain and was always encouraging the girls to keep improving. Tobi and Brooke were a force to be reckoned with in the defensive circle and were always backed up and helped out by Tilly, Ella, Lauren and Hannah. This then helped settle our awesome shooting team, Olivia and Fleur who could confidently shoot from anywhere in the circle, rarely missing. The girls were so competent, they could play out of position and would still beat the other teams by considerable amounts.

The girls come 2nd in the King's Rochester tournament which was a brilliant achievement. Keep up the good work and great team spirit.

Karen Mannering

3RD VII

The 3rd team netball girls played 6 matches this year with mixed results. They began their 2018 campaign away at Dukes of York's Royal Military School and came away with a spectacular victory 33-1 with strong performances by Niamh Connelly, Kalea Moore and Ribisha Thappa. The team then went away again to face King's Rochester School and won 33-0. The first home match of the season was against St Edmund's School, Canterbury. This was a more closely contested match with the girls having to really dig deep and with true SLC spirit they came away with a 11-6 victory. Next up the girls had a tough match facing King's School Canterbury. They gave it everything but sadly lost 34-22. Sir Roger Mamwood's and Sutton Valence were the final two matches of the season and with some vital team members suffering from injuries and unable to play the team lost to Mamwood's 8-14 and Sutton Valence 9-25. This season has certainly been one that the girls have enjoyed, win or lose. They have always had a positive attitude in training and matches and are already looking forward to next year's season.

Curlyne Browne

U15A

The U15A team had an unbeaten season of netball this year. They played consistently well in all areas of the court and produced some brilliant score lines. The girls were most proud of their 26-19 defeat of King's Canterbury which they had trained so hard for during games sessions. The team adapted quickly and very well to their new shooter Rúa O'Hare who paired up naturally with GA Carys Hamill, working well together reading each other wonderfully around the D. The second new player was Sarah Smith as GK who strengthened the defence with Tomi Akintemi and Arabella Piper. Congratulations is also needed for the teams attacking players of Izzy Savage, Pratigya Peshen and Alexandra Ferguson, whom all worked continuously to provide the two shooters with great balls. An amazing team effort and wonderful attitudes.

Faye O'Hare



U15B

These girls have been outstanding on the netball court and, as a coach, I couldn't ask for more. They are so supportive towards each other and whether it is training or matches, the girls will encourage each other. Lucy Jordan-Smith was the team captain and this was well deserved. I have watched the girls for a few years now and seen them going from strength to strength. They were a pleasure to coach and I look forward to seeing their progress next season.

Rose Pretty

U14A

A lovely group of girls to coach, the girls were always hungry to train hard and win matches. The team produced some fine performances against Duke of York's, Dane Court and Kent College resulting in strong wins. They played some great netball with pinpoint passing and shots flying through the net, mainly by Stephanie Panteli. Even when they played King's School, Canterbury we didn't get the result we deserved but the team played to the final whistle and were gaining ground.

The team was captained by Izzi Pardo who was always motivating the team and coordinating the drills practised in training on court. Chloe Plumb played a strong defensive role with Elen Nichols dictating the speed of the game from the middle to Stephanie Panteli scoring wonder goals from just inside the goal circle. It was a pleasure coaching these girls.

Rebecca Stannard

U14B

The U14B continued to improve this netball season. They produced a mixture of results, but always worked hard and never gave up even when they were being defeated which is very commendable. They did produce a very convincing win of 27-4 against The Duke of York School and proved to all the players that they could work well as a team. With more practise and belief in their own abilities, they could have a much more successful season next year. Well done to all the players. You were all a pleasure to coach.

Faye O'Hare

U14C

The girls pulled together and had a good netball season despite the limited number of matches. They are a willing team and give 100% effort whether it is training or playing against another team. Most improved player, although she had never played netball before, was Janne Rachael. She was very quick to learn the game. Yasmin Wilson also gained more confidence the more she played. I look forward to seeing their progress next season. Well done girls.

Rose Pretty

U13A

In Kirby this year, we managed to field 5 teams with 80% of the girls representing the school. In terms of results the U13A's led by example as the senior team in Kirby. They so nearly matched the 1st team by reaching Kent finals day, but one agonising loss cost them their dream. They have been superbly led by the impressive Bella Rowe but it is fair to say this has been a real squad effort. Rosie made many interceptions at WD and Hannah gave 100% effort ruling the court play at Centre. Our shooters Tabby and Sophie improved game upon game scoring a whopping 195 over 14 matches throughout the season. Definitely a team to watch out for as they move up through the school.

Andrea Izzard

U13B

The 13B netball squad have had a season to be proud of. With a large pool of players, it was great to have so many girls vying for positions. The strong shooting combination of Somana Chhantel Magar (GA) and Siya Gurung (GS), well supported by Millissa Cardy (C) and Tallulah Bakerclose (WA) meant some great wins and two high scoring draws against St Edmunds. The girls improved on their passing and marking as the Lent term progressed, played with passion and an excellent attitude. They should be proud of their conduct and performances.

Emily Dickinson

U13C

I am incredibly proud to have coached the under 13C team this year. Most of the girls started with very little experience and knowledge of the game and ended the season winning four out of their five matches and understanding the structure of the game. It was a complete joy to work with such hardworking, passionate and happy girls who were so eager to learn. Each and every player on the team encouraged each other and worked so well together.

Laura Newbury-O'Dell

U12A

The season started slowly with some player combination issues but with a little change around within teams we started to get our flow and the netball really started to improve. We picked up some great wins beating Junior King's twice and a fine win against St Edmunds. The U12A also represented the school at the Kent Invitational Tournament where the girls took away some great experiences and had a good mix of results.

The team was captained by Scarlet Ralph who not only scored most of the goals in the season but brought the team together when results were not always going our way. As the season progressed stars were beginning to shine within the team; Atida Kusotera with her strong interceptions, Amber Bamford with her desire to improve and Rosie Mackman with her constructive on court advice.

It was a pleasure coaching these girls. Keep up the hard work next year.

Rebecca Stannard

U12B

This was a very new experience for a number of the girls as they found netball quite challenging at first. After a few coaching sessions, they soon understood the rules and the concept of the game. The girls were very keen to play and tried various positions to see which they would take up. I found that the girls were eager to please and I hope they continue to enjoy the game next season. The team were invited to participate in a tournament in Rainham, they found it very beneficial meaning it was a great experience for all.

Rose Pretty

CRICKET



FIRST XI

This season has been for the large part very successful indeed. The team won 10 out of 16 matches and there were a number of excellent individual performances. The batting was again very strong, and centred on the prolific scoring of Isaac Dilkes but again runs were shared around, particularly in the latter stages of the season. It is right to reflect first on the incredible batting of Isaac Dilkes. He broke or equalled virtually all the school batting records. In doing so, he was aggressive and adventurous in his strokeplay, scored his runs extremely fast and was always entertaining. In amassing 911 runs over 14 innings he not only recorded the highest season aggregate (beating Ted Fillary's 869 set in 1962), but he also became the leading scorer of career runs for the 1st XI (2,424), he became the only player to make 700 runs in a season three times, and became the leading century maker, with 9 three-figure scores for the 1st XI to his name. He managed all this whilst captaining Canterbury CC in the Kent Premier League and playing numerous games for the Kent Academy and Kent 2nd XI. The table below shows the context of his batting for the school over the last three seasons:

SEASON	NAME	RUNS	HS	CENTURIES	AVG.
2019	IV A Dilkes	911	163*	4	82.82
1962	EW J Fillary	869	159*	4	96.55
1961	EW J Fillary	794	111	3	56.71
1928	H J Linnell	779	147*	2	51.93
1938	H B C Gardner	776	115	1	59.70
2018	IV A Dilkes	775	163	2	70.45
1927	H J Linnell	763	142	4	50.81
1995	BC Swindells	723	113*	2	65.72
1987	A O Uzor	722	154*	1	65.63
1927	R Perfect	715	218*	2	55.00
1993	KN Vandrau	711	113	1	65.28
2017	IV A Dilkes	700	163	3	77.78

As alluded to above, it was very gratifying to see the development of other batsmen. Joe Mitchell made 500 runs in the season, which in itself is a considerable feat, achieved by only 18 others in the school's history. He looked compact, well organised and possessed a very sound technique. His straight and cover driving provided the purist with much to admire. Tom Marshall opened the batting in a number of games and looked calm and assured. He will score plenty of runs in the two more seasons he has to come. Henry Collins batted with increasing maturity this season and in the last few games was rewarded with three fifties. Two of these (75 v Simon Langton and 60 v Langley Park) were crucial in setting up victories. He too will be a reliable source of runs next season. Archie Ralph-Harding had endured a frustrating season with the bat but he too came good in the final week with impressive fifties against MCC and St Edmund's. Joe McCaffrey dug us out of a deep hole against



Langley Park, making 54 and, vitally, occupying the crease for more than 40 overs. This level of application in a young player bodes very well indeed. Kalea Moore made useful runs on several occasions and was impressive in rebuilding the innings when she top-scored against St John's, Leatherhead in the National T20 competition.

The bowling was also very successful. Lewis Wain became the first bowler since 2002 to take 20 wickets in the season, his 23 coming at a shade under 15 apiece. He moved the ball late and was particularly effective with his inswinger against right-handers. He removed good players with the new ball and was a consistently potent weapon. Our battery of leg-spinners was also very effective. George Kidd was reliably economical in 20 over games and took wickets regularly. Callum French was also dependable and bagged a five-wicket haul against Sutton Valence. Joe McCaffrey spun the ball hard and always looked dangerous. His 9 wickets during Cricket Week propelled him to 15 for the season. Isaac Dilkes was perhaps slightly underused but nonetheless bowled well and took wickets on a number of occasions. Because the team was deprived of the seam bowling of Archie Ralph-Harding and Harry Carter for much of the season due to injuries, Max Heming took the new ball on a number of occasions and was very effective. Bowling with decent pace, he gave us good starts and his spell of 4 for 19 at Eltham College was instrumental in dismissing the opposition for 44. Kalea Moore became more consistent with the ball, took wickets and played for Kent Ladies, helping them to win the Women's County Championship.



OTHER CRICKET

The Second XI were only able to play three matches but enjoyed greater success than last season, winning two of them convincingly. Tom Hill scored 59 in a good victory over King's Canterbury and was in the runs in the other win over Sutton Valence, when he made 45* and Joshua Izzard scored 75. It is unlikely that a second XI has had a better pace attack than that of Tom Hill, Will Mead and Max Heming for many years.

The Under 15 A team was very strong and had an excellent season. The team reached the semi-final of the county cup where, in a tight game against a strong Skinners team, they lost by 1 run. The runs came mainly from George Kidd, who made several fifties, Joe McCaffrey and the hard-hitting Ben Young, who clubbed 83* against Sutton Valence. The Under 15 Bs did not manage to win a game but had some enjoyable cricket nonetheless, and sometimes had useful support from younger players.

The Under 14 A team had a more mixed season. There were some good performances from Duncan Moore and Tom Izzard who both scored runs and took wickets regularly, but their season was disproportionately hit by cancellations during the poor weather in mid-June. The Under 14 Bs were very successful. Runs flowed from the bats of Max Rogers and Beau Teall and the team won four out of its five fixtures.

Cricket in Kirby looks very healthy. A number of teams were fielded, which meant that a large number of boys were able to gain match experience. Some girls also had an opportunity to test themselves in this environment. Charlie Bell and Jack Foster, who both made a number of big scores including centuries against Wellesley House, were the stand-out players but there were also significant contributions from Oliver Skelton, Ollie Jordan-Smith, Alvin Thapa, Tadhg McGrath and

SUMMARY OF RESULTS

TEAM	PLAYED	WON	LOST	DRAWN	TIED	CANCELLED
1st XI	16	10	4	2	0	3
2nd XI	3	2	1	0	0	5
U15 A XI	9	6	2	0	0	4
U15 B XI	4	0	0	0	0	2
U14 A XI	6	3	3	0	0	2
U14 B XI	5	4	1	0	0	0
U13 A/ Kirby 1st XI	6	4	2	0	0	0
U13 B/Kirby 2nd XI	5	2	2	0	1	0
U13 C/ Kirby 3rd XI	3	1	2	0	0	0
U12 A XI	3	1	2	0	0	0
TOTAL	60	33	19	2	1	0

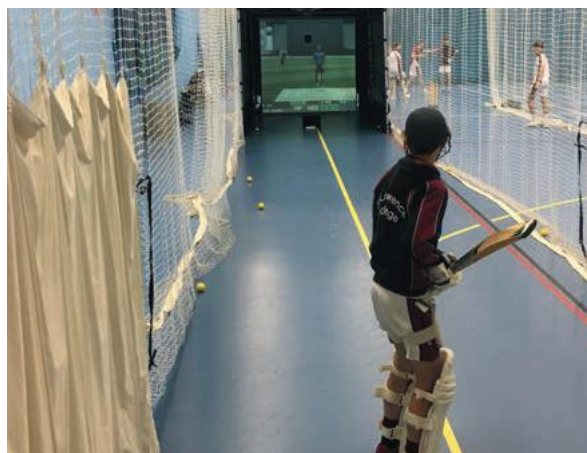
Sophie Wain. The development of all players at this level, regardless of statistics, is the most important aspect however and the progress made this season augurs well for the future of cricket at the College. ■

Mr T Moulton

FIRST XI AVERAGES

BATTING Qualification: 8 innings	INN	NO	RUNS	HS	100s	50	AVG.
I.V.A. DILKES	14	3	911	163*	4	4	82.82
J.A. MITCHELL	15	2	500	98	0	3	38.46
H.R.M. COLLINS	11	2	251	75	0	3	27.89
T. MARSHALL	9	1	221	79	0	1	27.63
L.P. WAIN	8	4	91	31*	0	0	22.75
A.E. RALPH-HARDING	14	2	231	59	0	2	19.25
K. MOORE	8	2	104	34	0	0	17.33
J.R.P. MCCAFFREY	8	2	101	54	0	1	16.83

BOWLING Qualification: 20 overs	O	M	R	W	AVG.	ECON.
C.I.T. FRENCH	30.4	0	147	14	10.50	4.79
M. HEMING	24	4	109	8	13.63	4.54
L.P. WAIN	82	10	340	23	14.78	4.15
J.R.P. MCCAFFREY	45.5	5	225	15	15.00	4.91
H.D.T. CARTER	23	5	107	7	15.29	4.65
G.C.T. KIDD	51.4	5	200	12	16.67	3.87
H.R.M. COLLINS	24	3	129	7	18.43	5.38
I.V.A. DILKES	53	3	242	12	20.17	4.57
K. MOORE	24	0	147	7	21.00	6.13



GIRLS' CRICKET

In what was one of the wettest summer terms during my tenure, we were forced to cancel many matches. However, the ones that did get played demonstrated the strength of girls' cricket emerging at the College. The Under 13 Lady Taverners indoor competition saw the U12A & U13A play a combined 14 games with many successes. For some it was their first experience of cricket and for others it was their opportunity to push for a place to participate in one of the boys' cricket teams. Our U13 girls won the Lady Taverners Kent cluster group held at the Kent County Cricket Club ground on Tuesday 12th February, beating Kent College in the final and progressed to the Kent Finals Day. Although we did not win the Finals Day and qualify for Regionals, the girls played some exciting and encouraging cricket, which showed lots of promise ahead of the outdoor cricket season.

The Kirby teams had a good outdoor season with the Under 13 girls having good wins against Sutton Valence School, Junior King's Canterbury and Sir Roger Mamwood's Grammar School. Several Year 8 girls played regularly for the Kirby boys cricket teams which is acknowledgement of their hard work in training and improvements made throughout the season. The U12A cohort picked up the fielding aspect well

GIRL'S CRICKET AT ST LAWRENCE COLLEGE CONTINUES TO THRIVE AND IT IS MY INTENTION TO CREATE A GIRL'S SENIOR CRICKET WEEK

and showed lots of development with bowling and batting. This will certainly help them when competing in next year's U13 Lady Taverners competition.

Our talented U14A team had several good wins, King's Canterbury and Sutton Valence School just to mention a couple. Chloe Plumb and Elen Nicholls were the standout performers and along with the team, played up for the U15A team in the National T20 competition.

For many of the squad it was their first experience of hardball cricket and they excelled in many areas demonstrated by their record of only losing one match throughout the season. Last year's U15A team set the benchmark and although this year we did not go as far in the National T20 competition, the girls should be pleased with their efforts and development. Highlights of the season was a nine wicket victory against Sutton Valence School and reaching the final of the Under 15 Lady Taverners competition, narrowly losing to Kent College.

History continues to be made with the creation of a Senior XI girl's cricket team. Frustratingly, as mentioned above, the weather unfortunately meant that games were cancelled. However, the first Senior XI girl's match was held on Wednesday 22nd May against Canterbury CC Ladies team at Polo Farm, Canterbury. A fantastic display of young talent and I am very excited to see how far these ladies can go with their cricket. A special mention must go to Year 11 pupil Kalea Moore who represented Kent CCC Ladies throughout the season and was part of the winning Royal One Day Championship side that made history themselves by not losing a single game.

As you can tell from reading the report, there were many promising performances throughout the season and a lot of talent coming up through the school. Girl's cricket at St Lawrence College continues to thrive and it is my intention to create a girl's senior Cricket Week during the last week of the summer term which shows our intention to push the standard of cricket at St Lawrence College. I would like to thank all of the coaches for their continued effort whether it was in the glorious sun or blustery Newlands Fields winds! ■

Mr S Simmons, Head of Cricket





— GIRLS' TENNIS —

With public exams and therefore study leave starting even earlier this year, the tennis season, in terms of matches at least, was particularly short. Nevertheless, for the second year running seventeen girls represented the school, some for the first time in tennis. Our first fixture was against Duke of York's Royal Military School for the 1st and 2nd VIs. With only one training session under our belts, the girls were still pretty rusty. Despite having a good deal of fun, the consistency of the opposition pairs meant that both teams were comfortably beaten, albeit a number of sets were very close. Keen for a re-match, our 1st VI took on Duke of York's again the following weekend, this time at home and with Aimee Plumb now available. This proved to be a much tighter and tenser affair, though in the end the final score was 6-3 to the opposition. Sadly, Kent College, Dover College and King's Rochester all cancelled our scheduled fixtures, meaning that the final match of the term was against St Edmund's. Under the watchful eye of Miss Clark, the 1st VI recorded a comprehensive

victory 7-2, with strong performances from all three pairs, most notably Aimee Plumb and Jasmine Collings who won all three of their sets. The 2nd VI battled hard, but in the end went down 5-1. Once again, the inter-house fixture was played in great spirit, with Laing getting revenge for their close defeat last year, winning by two matches to one. Well done to all involved and in particular to our U6th leavers Arabella, Kiesha, Adriana and Kristina.

1st Team: Arabella Saliba-Williams, Lakiesha Kirkland, Adriana Padierna de Villa Padierna, Kristina Karasyk, Aimee Plumb, Jasmine Collings, Fleur Moat, Sian Emslie

2nd Team: Fleur Moat, Zofia Wolny, Macey Daley, Brooke O'Hare, Jo Roberts, Ella Proctor, Nele Pfeuffer, Joyce Chan, Amelie Koehler, Grace Choi

Mr D Jackson

BOYS' TENNIS

The pleasure of another unbeaten season must be tempered by the disappointment of a number of fixtures cancelled by the opposition. It seems that SLC can easily field two teams of six players (a 1st and 2nd VI) whereas other schools seemingly find this impossible.

Our first fixture against the Duke of York's RMS saw a solid performance on a windy day after the team got to grips with the conditions. Jannis Wallenborn and Nicolas Arranz immediately looked a promising pairing. The return match was almost a repeat of the first with another strong showing but with a slightly different team due to the injury of our best player, Jannis. Despite windy weather and the odd shower the team matched their last result equally comfortably. Dover College came next and were

SUMMARY OF RESULTS

OPPOSITION	VENUE	SCORE	RESULT
Duke of York's RMS	Away	9 - 0	Won
Kent College	Away	-	Cancelled
Duke of York's RMS	Home	9 - 0	Won
Dover College	Home	7 - 2	Won
King's Rochester	Home	-	Cancelled
St Edmund's	Home	-	Cancelled

1st VI team squad:

*Yunis Abul-Fadl (capt.), *Nicolas Arranz, Jovita Bagambe, Max Grutzmacher, Christian Jacob-King, Teague Marcano, Anthony Sokefun, Gregorio Torreggiani, *Jannis Wallenborn.

*Denotes colours awarded.



a stronger opposition. This was a much closer match than the previous two. Dover had a good club player and two talented French players. After the 2nd round of sets the scores were 4 - 2 to us; but if Dover could win the following 3 they would take the match. At the beginning of the last round this seemed the likely outcome with us down in all three games and struggling - in one pairing this was as bad as 1 - 4 games down. However, the boys showed character and started to think tactically and concentrate on match play tennis. Amazingly from a losing position we went on to win all 3 sets and take the match overall 7 - 2, with a notable impressive debut from a young Christian Jacob-King. Despite all players keen to see more action, the cursed cancellations cut short the season. Congratulations must go to Yunis Abul-Fadl for his excellent captaincy this season and his strong match play.

House matches went ahead as usual and once again went down to the wire and the final rubber with Lodge taking the honours and Newlands the wooden spoon! Here are the results:

R B Wilkening

PAIRS	1ST	2ND	3RD
Lodge	Nicolas Arranz & Jannis Wallenborn	Luca Henzler & Anthony Sokefun	Joe Spencer & Ujwal Gurung
Newlands	Joshua Crottie & Oliver Lawn	Dominic Clarke & Alex Kirchschrager	Joshua Kuti & Hugo Robinson
Tower	Yunis Abul-Fadl & Gregorio Torreggiani	Teague Marcano & Jovita Bagambe	Nicolas Marceau-V. & Gabriel Ducarme

PAIRS	SCORE	PTS	PAIRS	SCORE	PTS	PAIRS	SCORE	PTS
Newlands 1st vs. Tower 1st	0	0	Newlands 2nd vs. Tower 2nd	0	0	Newlands 3rd vs. Tower 3rd	0	0
Newlands 1st vs. Lodge 1st	6	3	Newlands 2nd vs. Lodge 2nd	6	3	Newlands 3rd vs. Lodge 3rd	6	3
Newlands 1st vs. Lodge 1st	0	0	Newlands 2nd vs. Lodge 2nd	0	0	Newlands 3rd vs. Lodge 3rd	0	0
Tower 1st vs. Lodge 1st	1	0	Tower 2nd vs. Lodge 2nd	6	3	Tower 3rd vs. Lodge 3rd	2	0
Tower 1st vs. Lodge 1st	6	3	Tower 2nd vs. Lodge 2nd	4	0	Tower 3rd vs. Lodge 3rd	6	3





CROSS COUNTRY & ATHLETICS

The House Cross Country had a familiar feel, with Lewis Wain and Patrick Greene repeating last year's Senior and Junior boys' wins and Newlands taking both team categories. Arabella Piper, another previous course winner, took Junior honours and Aimee Plumb was a comfortable winner in the Senior race, with their respective houses Clifford and Laing winning the team competitions. Millissa Cardy won her second Kirby Girls' title and Archie Hawkins took the equivalent boys' race, with Courtenay girls and Cameron boys the successful teams.

The Junior Knole Run at Sevenoaks in November saw Bella Rowe, Millissa Cardy, Courtney Brown and Scarlet Ralph in action on a wet and slippery afternoon. With Felicity Ward running creditably in the Junior Girls' race at Kent Schools' Championship in January, we potentially have a group of girls capable of figuring prominently at the Senior Knole run over the next few years. Millissa Cardy and Bella Rowe went on to finish first and second in the Wainman Cup in March, with Hannah Crotte sixth, as the team were narrow runners-up to hosts Northbourne.

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Rily Rattigan finished tenth in the Stevens Cup on the same afternoon as late withdrawals rendered the College somewhat light on numbers and it was again a depleted boys' team at the annual Thanet Schools' Y7 Super-8, the opening track fixture of the season.

Bella Rowe won the U14 Girls' Triple Jump at the Kent Independent Schools' Championship, extending her Kirby Girls' record to 9.05m in the process. Atida Kusotera finished 2nd in the U13 girls' 100m final in 14.1s that day and also now holds the Kirby Long Jump record, having jumped 4.38m at Tonbridge.

Sports Day was marked by beautiful weather, victories for our two newly-created houses, Clifford and Deacon, and a remarkable aggregate points tie between the two Kirby girls' houses. (A full list of winners appears in the accompanying table.) Deacon's

Patrick Greene now has the unique distinction of winning a track race (the 800m) for three different houses - Cameron, Newlands and Deacon - in consecutive years. The performance of the day, though, was Clifford's Chloe Plumb throwing the javelin 27.84m, thereby breaking the Junior Girls' record that had stood since 1999 by more than five metres.

The following week, a team from Kirby narrowly won the Duke of York's Cup; a welcome return to the calendar for an event not held in the past couple of years. Toby Hunt won both the boys' shot and discus, whilst Courtney Brown's high jump and Tabby Durrant's discus, were winning performances for the girls.

The final fixtures took place once the Summer holiday had begun. Patrick Greene won the 800m at the Thanet District Schools' Championships and Atida Kusotera rounded off a fine season with a fourth place finish in the U13 girls' 100m at the National Preparatory Schools' Championship in Birmingham. Joshua Perry won the hotly-contested 100m race for Y9-10 boys at the district schools event and Charlie Bell finished third at the same distance in the younger age group. Both are young sprinters of some potential and it will be fascinating to see how they - along with many others named here - develop over the next couple of years. ■

Mr S King



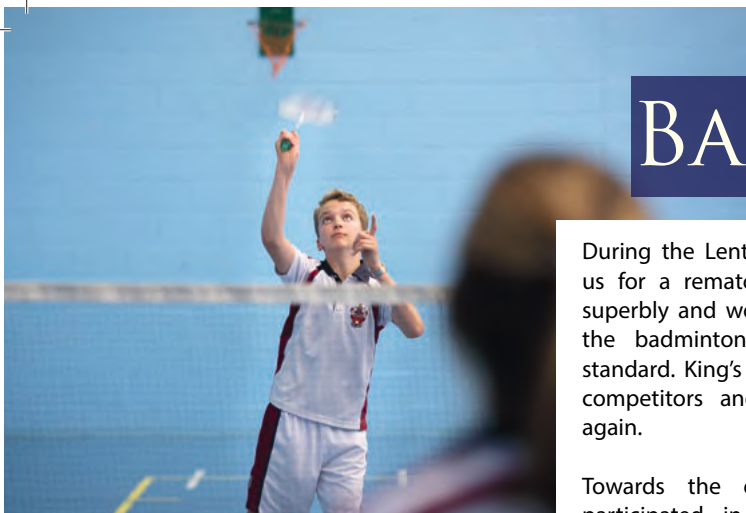




SPORTS DAY WINNERS

	KIRBY GIRLS	KIRBY BOYS	JUNIOR GIRLS	JUNIOR BOYS	SENIOR GIRLS	SENIOR BOYS
100M	Tallulah Baker Close Cameron 14.75s	Charlie Bell Cameron 13.34s	Carys Hamill Clifford 14.69s	Josh Perry Newlands 12.07s	Tilly Tillings Laing 13.12s	Tom Hill Newlands 11.71s
200M	Sophie Wain Cameron 30.76s	Jonathan McCarthy Cameron 28.63s	Eloise Gille-Collier Bellerby 34.97s	Joe Mitchell Deacon 25.25s	Tobi Akinsiku Bellerby 28.60s	Tom Hill Newlands 24.01s
300M (GIRLS) 400M (BOYS)	Hannah Crottie Courtenay 54.72m	Charlie Bell Cameron 1:13.94s	Sarah Douek Bellerby 52.44s	Ben Young Deacon 63.50s	Hannah Harvey Laing 51.75s	Lewis Wain Newlands 59.97s
800M	Hannah Crottie Courtenay 3:12.14	Rily Rattigan Cameron 2:43.55	Berenice Ehr Bellerby 3:28.09	Patrick Greene Deacon 2:19.78	Lauren Martin Laing 3:09.93	Lewis Wain Newlands 2:18.77
1500M	Bella Rowe Courtenay 6:25.43	Tadhg McGrath Cameron 6:00.44	Arabella Piper Clifford 6:41.49	Joe Davis Newlands 5:40.24	Penelope Ward Laing 6:44.91	Billy Miles Newlands 5:02.90
4 X 100 RELAY	Cameron 64.34s	Cameron 60.18s	Laing 60.56s	Deacon 51.59s	Laing 65.64s	Newlands 50.57s
4 X 200 RELAY	Cameron 2:16.17		Clifford 2:19.61		Bellerby 2:09.93	
4 X 400 RELAY		Cameron 5:13.93		Newlands 4:33.08		Newlands 4:13.69
HIGH JUMP	Scarlet Ralph Cameron 1.15m	Rily Rattigan Cameron 1.30m	Unnati Gurung Bellerby 1.20m	Jack Herbert Deacon 1.50m	Ribisha Thapa Bellerby 1.15m	Billy Miles Newlands 1.55m
LONG JUMP	Atida Kusotera Cameron 3.81m	Tadhg McGrath Cameron 3.39m	Carys Hamill Clifford 3.63m	Tishe Laniyan Tower 4.69m	Tilly Tillings Laing 4.16m	Josh Crottie Newlands 4.97m
TRIPLE JUMP	Bella Rowe Courtenay 8.53m	Zach Ralph Cameron 7.40m	Sarah Smith Clifford 8.28m	Patrick Greene Deacon 9.78m	Hannah Harvey Laing 8.08m	Jovita Bagambe Tower 11.25m
DISCUS	Tabby Durrant Courtenay 17.30m	Gabe Mitchell Cameron 18.40m	Chloe Plumb Clifford 19.90m	Alex Frost Deacon 23.20m	Fiona Anane Bellerby 15.50m	Abad Hussain Lodge 22.50m
SHOT	Diaz Clarke Courtenay 5.51m	Toby Hunt Cameron 6.99m	Gabriella McAlister Laing 6.62m	Ben Young Deacon 8.83m	Tobi Akinsiku Bellerby 7.26m	Taylor Bell Newlands 9.29m
JAVELIN	Amber Bamford Courtenay 12.00m	Luca Canham Courtenay 17.06m	Chloe Plumb Clifford 27.84 *	Ben Young Deacon 39.11m	Fleur Moat Laing 13.53m	Gabriel Ducarme Tower 23.80m
TUG O' WAR			Bellerby	Newlands	The Staff	The Staff
HOUSE WINNERS	Cameron / Courtenay	Cameron	Clifford	Deacon	Laing	Newlands

* denotes New School Record



BADMINTON

During the Lent term, Sevenoaks visited us for a rematch but our boys played superbly and won 5-4 in a match where the badminton was of a very high standard. King's Rochester were our next competitors and we won comfortably again.

admirably. Kenneth, Steven, William and Louis in particular practised and played to a very high standard and consequently improved a lot during the year, setting a fine example to the rest. ■

Mr W G Higgins

This year we started with an experienced first team (Kenneth, William, Steven, Louis and Ken) as well as a good number of improving players who made up our second team. We also had a strong squad of girls (Yi, Nini, Fleur, Zofia, Ellen, Rasmi, Winnie and Catherine). Unfortunately it is becoming more difficult to find schools to play and some of those that we do compete against field teams so weak that we are obliged to use our second and third team players against their firsts.

The season started with a draw against Tonbridge followed by a match against Sevenoaks that we lost 3-6 but in which most of the sets were very close. There were then comfortable victories against King's Rochester and Sutton Valence. The B team started with a draw against Tonbridge but then easily beat Sevenoaks and King's Rochester.

The A team, with a new player arriving in Hank, then beat Sutton Valence again and followed this up with a memorable win against Sevenoaks at home in a superb match which was a pleasure to watch. An away fixture at Tonbridge followed which we lost 5-4.

Towards the end of the term we participated in a new boys' doubles tournament at King's Rochester. We beat both St. Edmund's and our hosts to win the tournament. There was also a new doubles tournament at Sevenoaks where we finished second.

Although we will lose several very good players this summer from the first team, boys with lots of potential like Terence, Hank, Edmond, Paolo and Roger will have their chance.

It has been a pleasure to run badminton once again and my thanks go to the many pupils who represented the school so

Badminton Results this year:

v Tonbridge	(h) drew	
v Sevenoaks	(a) lost	3-6
v Kings Rochester	(h) won	8-1
v Sutton Valence	(h) won	9-0
v Sutton Valence	(a) won	8-1
v Sevenoaks	(h) won	5-4
v Tonbridge	(a) lost	4-5
v Sevenoaks	(h) won	5-4
v Sevenoaks	(a) lost	
v Eastbourne College	(n) won	
v Kings Rochester	(a) won	
v St. Edmunds	(n) won	



SQUASH

With available fixtures still few and far between, our regular two matches against the local Wellesley House School saw impressive wins by the College 1st VI.

The first fixture saw a good match with two particularly competitive games. Two Heming brothers played hard but very fairly with the eldest just piping his younger sibling. A great final struggle followed between Isaac Dilkes and Fred Miles. Watched by a small crowd Isaac won the 5th and deciding game and completed a 5 - 0 win by the College.

In the repeat fixture the following term, with a slightly modified team, we found it initially slightly tougher going. However, playing consistently good tight squash

and putting their opponents in difficulty led to opposition mistakes and an eventual comfortable score line for the College 4 - 1.

The squad included: Isaac Dilkes, Florian Fichtner, Callum French, Max Heming Aidan McGuirk, and Tom Peters

Activity squash on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays (Kirby) continues to be as popular as usual and continues throughout the year.

Final thanks must also go to our squash superstars - Ed and Billy Miles, for their coaching input and general support of squash at SLC. ■

Mr R Wilkening



SAILING

Over the past year, Saturday morning sailing at the fabulous Dover Sea Centre has presented the opportunity for 12 Kirby and Year 6 pupils to learn the very basics of sailing and improve their skills as the year has passed. All of our sailors have achieved one or more levels of the Royal Yachting Association youth scheme which builds confidence and skills on and off the water, from rigging and assessing weather to the points of sail and effective boat handling. It has been very rewarding to watch tentative beginners becoming accomplished helms, tacking upwind and gybing around course marks in bracing weather conditions. The beautiful weather we enjoyed on the vast majority of sailing days, with gentle breezes and sunshine, made it fun and rewarding to practice capsizing drills and boat-balancing challenges; in fact the temptation to jump in and swim became too much to bear on a number of occasions!

Surrounded as we are by fabulous beaches, harbours and marinas, St Lawrence College is planning to take fuller advantage of our geographical position and extend sailing into weekly sessions for older year groups over the coming year. This will enable us to engage local sailing clubs and coaches to develop a competitive sailing squad and enter local and regional fleet-racing and team-racing regattas such as those run by the Kent Schools Sailing Association and the British Schools Dinghy Racing Association – watch this space! ■

Mr W Scott



BARCELONA

TRIPS

On Monday 17th June a group of Year 9 pupils set out early for Barcelona. We arrived in the bustling city at noon and after dropping off our luggage at the Hotel Cortes and eating a delicious lunch, we strolled down the Ramblas to the beach. En route we stopped off at the Christopher Columbus monument and were lifted to the top in the tiny lift inside the column. The view was incredible, but the tilted floor gave us a fright! After a long walk

to the beach, we were rewarded with the cool refreshing sea, where some of us, including Mr Russell, took a dip. Drinks and tapas by the beach, followed by dinner in a small family-run pizzeria in Barceloneta completed our first day.

On day two, we were up early, excited to explore the city, and this was to be our busiest day! Our first destination, at the top of a very steep hill affording us

spectacular views of the city, was Güell Park, where Gaudi's columns, houses and famous colourful lizard gave us an idea about his art. After a delicious traditional three course lunch, we returned to the hotel to freshen up, change and rest before heading off to the Glories Shopping Centre. After a busy couple of hours shopping, we ended the day with dinner and a spectacular view of the fountains as the sun was setting.

On the third day, after breakfast, we headed off to the market where we tasted fresh fruit smoothies and chocolate covered strawberries. Our main attraction of the day was the astonishing Sagrada Familia, Gaudi's unfinished cathedral, a magnificent creation, whose exterior was decorated with gorgeous carved figures. Inside, the stained glass windows shone with rainbow light that added to the magic of this stunning creation. A lovely Mexican meal and an ice cream finished off this amazing day.

Our last morning included some last minute shopping for presents followed by delicious, traditional chocolate and churros.

Everybody enjoyed themselves and I would thoroughly recommend this amazing trip. ■

Stephanie Panteli and Summer Leu-Wilson



KIRBY EXCHANGE VISIT TO REIMS

Throughout the year, two classes from Kirby have taken part in a letter exchange with a French school called Sacré-Cœur in Reims.

At the end of the summer term (and during one of the hottest days on record in France!) a group of twelve Kirby pupils had the chance to go to the French school and meet their pen pals. They stayed with their families for 3 nights; some of them even had the luxury of a swimming pool and a trampoline that they enjoyed in the evenings.

IT WAS A LOVELY EXPERIENCE FOR THE ALL THE PUPILS WHO DISCOVERED A LOT ABOUT THE FRENCH CULTURE

Our trip included lunch in a typical Parisian Brasserie where the pupils enjoyed a lovely meal as well as a visit to the school, Sacré-Cœur. The pupils were very shy when first meeting their pen pals but they were soon at ease. We were also given a tour of the school and participated in a tricycle race which the pupils had made during DT lessons. It was nice to see our pupils join groups of French pupils racing and competing together.

We were also lucky enough to visit Disneyland on what was the hottest day with temperatures around 38 degrees. Keeping everyone hydrated and finding queues that would be in the shade was of paramount importance.

It was a lovely experience for the all the pupils, who discovered a lot about the French culture and even learnt a few new additions to their French vocabulary!

We hope to see them all keep in touch with their pen pals and maybe plan their own visits back to Reims in the future. The French families were all very happy to have welcomed our pupils in their homes. Hopefully, this new visit to France will become a yearly tradition in St Lawrence College. ■



ENGLISH TRIP

The entire cohort of the 2nd form adventured to London during the summer term. First stop was the Tate Modern where pupils admired some spectacular pieces of art – from “The Weeping Woman” by Picasso, to the modern installation “Ten Minute Transmission”. Hearing the noises from the International Space Station particularly caught their imaginations.

The Rose Playhouse where Shakespeare’s Titus Andronicus was first performed, was the next stop on their whistle stop tour. They were lucky enough to have Mr Forest, a parent and one of the people responsible for saving the site, explain its importance. They were particularly impressed by the

heroic feats he went to including laying in front of bulldozers to protect this sacred site for three months!

Final stop for the group was The Globe Theatre to watch A Comedy of Errors. Not deterred by the weather they stood for the two hour performance and enjoyed the stagecraft as well as the humour. Some even said the rain, sometimes torrential, added to the atmosphere! ■



LATIN TRIP

On the 11th June, the Kirby Latin classes went to Richborough Roman fort and Canterbury Roman Museum. When Claudius was emperor, the Romans invaded and built a fort at Richborough with ditches to keep out the Celts.

We were also treated to a delicious lunch in Canterbury at a modern-day Roman restaurant (pizza!).

The Canterbury Roman Museum contained an actual Roman house which was on the site. During WW2, a bomb uncovered the ruins of the Roman house. It belonged to a rich family, as it had underfloor heating and large, mosaic floors. After that, we went into two Roman technology workshops. The first involved firing tinfoil balls at wooden bricks, using teaspoon and rubber-band catapults (My team definitely won; the others all cheated). The second workshop was ‘minting’ Roman coins. We put the blank coin on a mould and another mould was placed on top. The coin was sandwiched between the two moulds. We had a large mallet and hit the top mould which embossed both sides of the coin. After that, we had time to go around the museum for ourselves. There were information panels, interactive activities and we got to dress up as Roman slave-girls and Roman soldiers.

Rebecca Dawson 2Lat





A Roman Diary

Tuesday 11th June 50AD

I woke to the sound of my centurion barking orders at us viciously. This was an hour earlier than usual and my company, including me, were starting to worry about what was happening. As we quietly got changed and had some breakfast, we heard noises coming from outside the camp. We shouldn't have been worried though, as any sudden chance of attack was diminished as we were in the almighty fort in Rutupiae on the coast of Cantium. As we closely watched the battlefield for any enemy activity, I started to drift to sleep.

As one of my comrades woke me, my nerves kicked in. In the distance, a large force of Britons was assembling. Battle would be joined this day. Surely though, the 16 foot high wall that stood between us and the bloodthirsty Britons would prove enough protection.

The Britons attacked and, in spite of a rain of arrows from our archers, they kept coming at us. Luckily, they got no further than the deep ditch that surrounds this fort. This defence is incredibly successful and this is why we use it here in Rutupiae. Our aim is to trap the enemy in the ditches and then finish them off with burning arrows, rocks and tar. ■

Iacchus Foster 1Lat





— RAF WITTERING —

Our recent trip to RAF Wittering was very special. On 26th September, eight of us with two teachers set off to Wittering. We left the school after lunch. It took us about three hours to get there. We arrived at the RAF base in time for dinner, where we were served a delicious meal. Then we were treated to a fun night at the local bowling centre. Later, we came back to the Air Base and went to bed early to be ready for an early morning flying session.

We woke up at half past six and went to breakfast in our full uniform. It was very nice to sit among the real RAF officers. After breakfast, we went to the flying base. The day was spectacular and the conditions for flying were perfect. The rumble of the Grob tutor planes already roaming in the air, added to my excitement. My heart was filled with joy.

After going through the safety brief, getting into flying kit, I waited for my turn. When my turn arrived I was greeted by an experienced harrier pilot to a Grob tutor. At the start the pilot asked me what I want to experience in the sky. I told him that I would like to do aerobatics; a barrel and G-force. Soon we disappeared into the sky.

It was a beautiful day and I could see miles of breath-taking forests, landscapes and fields. I enjoyed the scenery very much. The pilot then showed me the controls and we began to do aerobatics. He also showed me how to manoeuvre and it was my turn to control the plane. We did some aerobatics; a few loops, slow roll and some Negative-G force. I was buzzing with excitement. Words cannot describe how I felt. Even though I felt sad at the end of my turn, I was still smiling ear to ear. It was fantastic. I had the most amazing forty minutes anyone could have.

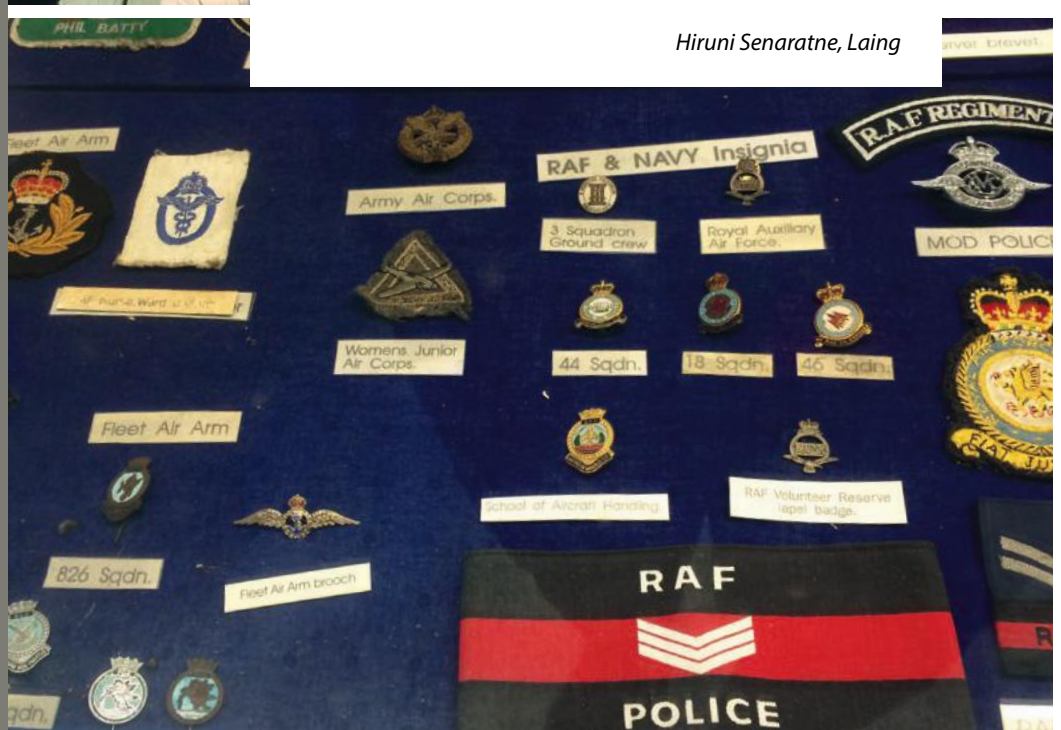
On the way back, my thoughts were still filled with wonder, thinking what I could do on my next trip... In the future I may consider being a pilot. ■

Hiruni Senaratne, Laing

RAF MUSEUM, LONDON

On the 10th of October Mr Binks took a group of six students from the CCF RAF Section to the RAF museum in London. The museum consisted of four main hangers, each showing a different aspect and era of the RAF over the last one hundred years. As well as lots of aircraft including the iconic Spitfire and Lancaster, we also saw modern jets such as the Typhoon and Lightning. There were lots of interactive exhibits including flight simulators. The visit gave us a greater understanding of the RAF, past and present and having flown with the RAF at RAF Wittering two weeks before, helped me to appreciate the world of flying and the role of ther RAF in much more detail. ■

Ethan Deakin, Yr10 Deacon



COMBINED CADET FORCE & DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD SCHEME



St. Lawrence College Combined Cadet Force (CCF) and Duke Of Edinburgh's Award (DofE) scheme remain committed to providing enjoyable, challenging and rewarding training for all its young people. The purpose of this training is to encourage and nurture the wide reaching set of group and personal development skills needed for these young people to be future leaders in their chosen professions. It is an opportunity for everyone to extend their comfort zone through a variety of means; be it drill, expeditions, volunteering, skill-at-arms, field and camp craft or physical achievements. This past year has again been a strong one, with many notable individual and group achievements. Capt Nick Hill joins as Contingent 2ic and Chris Brown as RAF Section Civilian Adult Instructor.

CCF Central Summer Camp 2018 saw our cadets performing well and managing to bring home medals for their efforts.

Michaelmas term saw CCF opportunities such as Flying at Wittering and Science Technology Engineering and Maths (STEM) where our cadets were treated to an open day at Sandhurst.

In Lent term CCF Biennial Field Day took place on Wednesday 13th March conducted by the Inspecting Officer Colonel (retd) Tim Collins OBE.

DofE culminates every year during the Easter break with our Gold level Expeditions in Scotland. On Friday 29th March our Gold DofE Participants and Staff travelled to the ACF Drill Hall, Dunkeld in Perthshire, where our groups were briefed and planned their expeditions. All groups were eventually taken off to their drop off points and commenced their challenging walks.

Both the CCF and DofE continue to flourish with additional Field Days and Training Sundays throughout the year. My thanks to all staff, parents and pupils for making this past year such a success and I look forward to next year with great anticipation. ■

*Lt Col Nigel "Cav" Cavaglieri
St Lawrence College CCF
DofE Manager*



SPANISH TRIP TO MÁLAGA

The plane touched down on the runway of Málaga airport and, despite it being late November, the sun shone in the blue and cloudless sky and the air was warm. After a short train ride we arrived at our hotel, just a short distance from the beautiful “Casco Antiguo” or historic centre, close to the imposing cathedral.

Lunch, consisting of a wide variety of tapas - paella, chorizo, sardines, tortilla, calamares, fried aubergine, fiery peppers, juicy olives, octopus and patatas bravas - was taken on the terrace of a traditional tapas restaurant, then, refuelled, we walked up the steep hill to the Gibralfaro Castle with its spectacular views over this stunning city.

Another gastronomic treat was in store for us in the evening, although not quite as Spanish as our lunch! Malapizza, a traditional Neapolitan pizzeria, tucked away in a tiny cobbled street close to the main square serves the most delicious pizzas with crispy bases and loaded with succulent toppings!

The following day was spent in central Málaga, visiting the Museum of Contemporary Art, the market with its colourful array of fruit and vegetables as well as chillis, honey, fried fish, herbs, chorizo, fresh smoothies, pastries and olives. A snack lunch in a traditional restaurant was followed by a visit to Picasso’s house and museum containing a number of familiar paintings as well as some lesser-known examples of his work. Then some time to shop in the pedestrianised Calle Larios before our evening meal, one of the highlights of

the trip, in a Tablao Flamenco restaurant, where we ate beautifully presented, tasty dishes whilst listening to the haunting sound of the flamenco guitar as well as being entertained by Flamenco dancers - who even managed to persuade the Chaplain onto the dancefloor!

On the third day we visited the stunning Cathedral during morning mass, followed by the beautifully preserved Alcazaba, with its examples of Moorish architecture and its terraced gardens and patios with fountains and channels of water coursing through them, all against a stunning backdrop of the Mediterranean sparkling in the late November sunshine. Then we headed

towards the beach where we were able to relax, paddle in the sea and sample freshly caught fish and other delicacies cooked in one of the ‘chiringuitos’ or small restaurants on the beach. Close to the beach we were also able to visit the new ‘Centre Pompidou’, a modern art museum whose exterior resembles a giant glass Rubik’s cube!

Homeward bound the following day, after a typical breakfast of ‘chocolate con churros’ in one of Málaga’s finest cafés, we all agreed that Málaga must be one of Spain’s best-kept secret treasures; a jewel on the Andalusian coast, largely untouched by mass tourism thus retaining its traditional culture and heritage. ■

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FOURTH FORM VISIT TO VIMY RIDGE AND THE SOMME, JUNE 2019

24 members of Year 10 and 3 members of staff got up very early on the morning of 20th June to begin a two day tour of the First World War battlefields in France. Leaving the College at 6.30 am, we were soon through the Channel Tunnel and en route for our first port of call – Vimy Ridge. In touring the underground tunnel system there, pupils were able to begin to get a sense of what it may have been like for the young men of the Canadian Corps, as they waited in the narrow darkness in April 1917 before launching their assault on the Ridge. Having inspected the remarkable monument on the highest point of the Ridge, we moved on to the Somme area, where our first stop was the impressive Thiepval Memorial to the missing. One of the casualties on 1st July 1916 was Private George Collier of the Notts and Derby Regiment (the Sherwood Foresters), whose body was never recovered. He was an ancestor of one of the pupils, Eloise Gille-Collier, who was able to lay crosses in his memory below the panel where his name appears. Visits were also made that day to the Ulster Tower, Connaught Cemetery, Auchonvillers and the Newfoundland Memorial Park at Beaumont Hamel. After a good night's sleep in our hostel in the quiet village of Authie, we were off again in the morning to inspect the area where tanks were first used in warfare, followed by a visit to the South African memorial at Delville Wood. Next we went to the Devonshire Cemetery at Mametz, where pupils stood around the grave of the poet William Noel Hodgson and heard his poignant poem 'Before Action', written two days before he was killed in the first hours of the battle. The morning was completed with a stop at the German cemetery at Fricourt. After lunch we saw the giant mine crater at La Boisselle and the museum at Albert. On our way out of the Somme area we paused at Grevillers British Cemetery near Bapaume, where Joe Mitchell was able to lay a cross on the grave of his ancestor, Private Harry Armitage of the Duke of Wellington's Regiment, who died of wounds tragically close to the end of the war on 2nd November 1918. The pupils engaged with great interest and respect with what they saw throughout the trip and returned home more thoughtful for the experience. ■

Tom Moulton

KIRBY CHOIR TOUR



Throughout Day 1 – Mamma Mia!

On a cloudy spring morning in early May, fifty-four students and seven teachers set off for Paris on the first ever Kirby Choir Tour. The trip had been booked nearly 18 months beforehand and the students were buzzing with anticipation. After a busy ferry crossing, a motorway stop and some intense singing along to Mamma Mia, we arrived at our accommodation on the outskirts of Paris in the mid-afternoon. We stayed at the Campus Ste Therese which is a converted school with modern boarding facilities. After an evening meal and a good night's sleep, we were eager to get into the city!

Day 2 – Nowhere to park

We left for Paris early the next morning and made our way through the very busy traffic. Our first stop was the Montparnasse Tower – a huge skyscraper in southern Paris. We ascended to the top floor and enjoyed the fantastic views of the Eiffel Tower, Notre-Dame and Sacré Cœur. It was a misty morning but we could still see well into the distance. Once back on terra firma, we made our way to the Bateaux Parisiens at the foot of the Eiffel Tower for an insightful cruise around the river

Seine. The pupils were in good spirits as they took to the roof terrace to soak in the views. They were particularly struck by the tragic damage from the recent fire in Notre-Dame Cathedral. Once we had docked back on dry land, we made our way towards the East of the city near our concert venue. We made the decision to avoid the Champs-Élysées as there were Gillets Jaunes protests going on and various road closures. This made life very hard for our coach driver who could not find anywhere to unload us for a while. We were thankfully able to find a loading bay for a brief moment and with some fast action and quick thinking from staff, we made it off the coach and walked through the side streets to our concert at Notre-Dame-des-Blancs-Manteaux. The students sang beautifully to a small but appreciative audience. A duet between Daisy Mackman and Emily Burne of 'Ave Maria' deserves a particular mention as Emily sang bravely despite suffering from a nasty sore throat.

Day 3 – Disneyland

This day needed no motivational speech to get the student fired up in the morning. We arrived at Disneyland Park and Studios in the morning to cheers from the coach. The

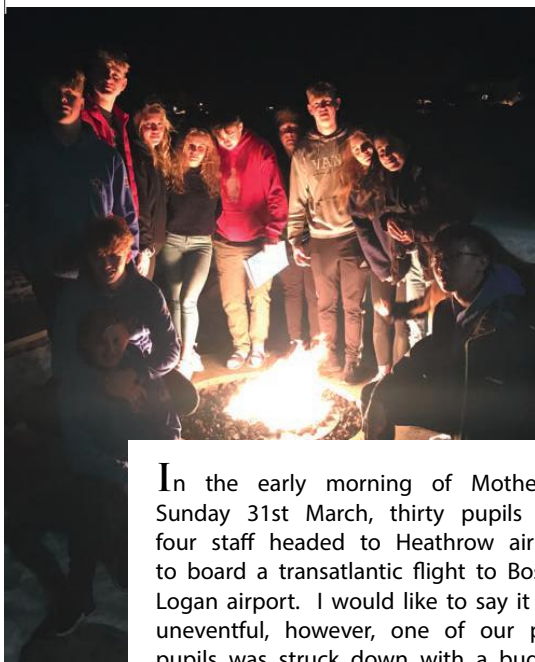
students were awe-inspired when we first stepped foot on the Videopolis stage and took position for our sound check. After a few warm ups backstage, we performed to an audience of 150+ as guests enjoyed lunch in the auditorium restaurant. The choir was on top form and were greeted with great applause between each piece. Soloists Rebecca Dawson, Olivia Rhodes and Sarah-Jane Revell showed great professionalism as they stepped up the microphone to deliver a fine rendition of 'Small part of the World'. The choir looked fantastic in their teal polo shirts and under the lights on stage. Once we had finished our performance, it was time to enjoy the rides! The brief mid-afternoon rain showers did little to dampen our spirits and the students had a good chunk of time to explore both main parks. After a long day of rollercoasters and spooky towers, we somehow made it back to the coach on time, albeit covered in Disney merchandise and singing all of the famous themes.

Day 4 – Chocolate

After breaking the back of the journey from Paris to Calais, we stopped at the famous chocolate shop to buy gifts. We boarded the ferry with our stomachs full and reminisced on the great weekend we had just experienced.

I was thrilled by the overall behaviour and conduct of such a large group of young singers. The six staff who accompanied us also deserve a great deal of thanks, particularly French-speakers Mrs Jackson and Miss Dequéker who were able to negotiate us through various tricky situations in Paris. Touring another country was a huge challenge for any junior choir particularly as they had to learn two separate concert repertoires. I am immensely proud of their achievements and look forward to future events and tours with them. ■





In the early morning of Mothering Sunday 31st March, thirty pupils and four staff headed to Heathrow airport to board a transatlantic flight to Boston Logan airport. I would like to say it was uneventful, however, one of our poor pupils was struck down with a bug on the plane, so for them the last leg of the journey (by coach) to the resort of Jay Peak, was a long one! It took us four hours to reach the Stateside Hotel where our tour ambassador Jeff warmly greeted us. Our weary pupils went straight to ski fit, then for a meal before heading to bed.

We woke up to a fabulous view of the mountain from our bedrooms, a real feast for the eyes. The snow was plentiful, so after our traditional US breakfast of crispy bacon, pancakes and syrup we donned our ski gear and met up with the ski instructors on the bottom of the slopes; the enthusiasm in the air was infectious. Everyone had a great morning from the beginners up to the top groups and, after lunch, all were keen to get back out for the afternoon's skiing. In the evening after dinner, we headed over to Jay Peak's very own indoor water park, The Pump House, where some relaxed in the lazy river whilst others enjoyed the thrills of the many water slides. Some of the staff were persuaded to have a go on 'La Chute' which stands sixty-five feet in the air with a trap door that opens and drops you at forty-five miles per hour around a full 360-degree rotation before you arrive at the bottom a whole six seconds later. Once was enough for me!

As the week went on, the skiing from the pupils improved day after day. The instructors were very professional and pushed the pupils to give them the best experience they could. They had great fun with them and were always happy to



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stop on the mountain for the odd photo shoot here and there. Their knowledge of the mountain was incredible and the top group set themselves the challenge of skiing all 78 trails across the whole 385 acres of the mountain! They even added in some extra off-piste runs at the top of the mountain - not for the faint hearted.

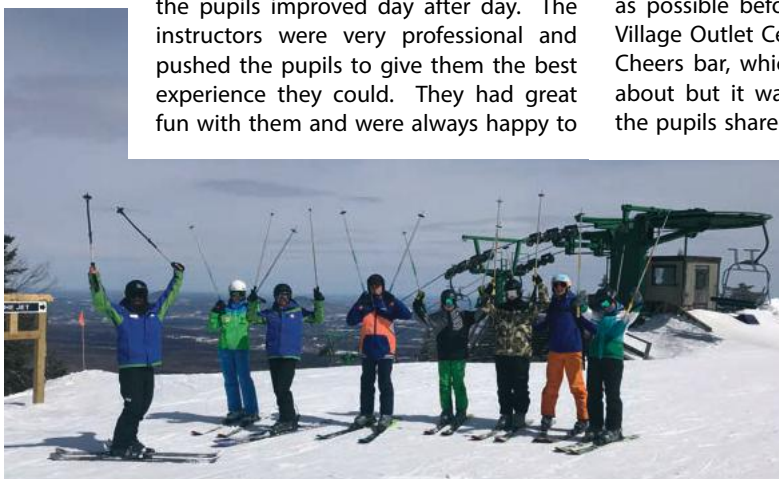
Day by day we caught up with each of the ski groups and, whatever their initial ability, you could see the vast improvement, particularly in the beginners group. At the end of each day at dinner, pupils would tell us stories from their day and any fun mishaps that had happened to their friends. We then voted and the staff chose a few lucky pupils to wear Super Hero capes the following day! Unfortunately for Lakiesha, our only Upper 6th pupil, she managed to wear a cape on every single day of the tour - quite something!

It was a very sad farewell when we left the mountain and the hospitality of all the people involved in making this trip the best yet. We boarded our coach and settled down for some films during our four hour transfer back down to Boston. We arrived at our accommodation to a mountain take away of pizzas and cookies. The journey and the skiing all week had taken its toll on pupils and staff alike so we settled down for the night ready for our last day in the USA. The next morning the driver took us for a whistle stop tour around Boston to show us as many of the sights as possible before heading to Wrentham Village Outlet Centre. We drove past the Cheers bar, which the staff were excited about but it was disappointing none of the pupils shared our enthusiasm as they

had no idea what Cheers was! Pupils then had the opportunity to spend their well-earned dollars at bargain basement prices and pick up some gifts for home. Packing suitcases at the end of their shopping day was a challenge but everyone was determined to fill any last little gap that they could. We then all headed off to the airport and the journey home.

Throughout the tour we were constantly approached by staff and guests in the hotel who complimented us on how polite and well behaved our pupils were. This made us all feel very proud and is one of the main reasons we love running these tours with our pupils. Thank you to the staff and pupils for another very successful and enjoyable ski tour. ■

Andrea Izzard



COMMON ROOM

SALVETE



JEREMY BOWYER will be the new Director of Music. His love of the subject developed during his own schooling at St Paul's, London, after which he studied at the University of Manchester and the Royal Northern College of Music. He is currently a Bass Lay Clerk at Canterbury Cathedral, and he is also a FRCO. His extensive musical experience includes spells at Clifton College, Queen Margaret's in York (as Director of Music) and Director of Music at St Giles-in-the-Fields, London.



OLIVER CACKETT will be teaching Science and assisting with Games. His degree is in Sport and Exercise Science, from CCU, and his teaching career locally has included posts at St George's and Chatham and Clarendon. He also had a spell playing rugby semi-professionally in Australia for Queensland, but now concentrates on coaching the sport.



MARION FOURRIER was educated in France, then took a Masters degree at the universities of Strasbourg and Cumbria, qualifying her to teach in both France and the UK. Her first taste of teaching came from a year as an assistant at Abingdon School; more recently she has been teaching at a state school in Kent. She will be teaching French and Spanish.



JAMES GOODWIN HUDSON joined St Lawrence College in January 2019 as Chaplain and soon became established as an integral member of staff at the School. Although James hadn't visited the School before, he already had connections with St Lawrence College as his father was Chaplain here in the 1960s. After university, James worked at Lloyds of London before becoming ordained in the Church of England, with his most recent responsibility being to establish a church on a housing estate near Wigan.



ADAM GUNN arrived in January 2019 as a Teacher of RS and Philosophy. He is current Head of RS and sits on the leadership team at Maidstone Grammar School for Girls, prior to which he was Head of RS at Dover Grammar School for Girls. He was educated locally at Dane Court, taking his degree at Loughborough University, before starting his teaching career locally at St George's.



NICK HILL will be the new Teacher of Geography, as well as assisting in games coaching and CCF. He joins us from Lorenden School, where he is Head of PE; prior to this, he taught Geography at Chatham and Clarendon. Nick's degree was in Sports Science and Geography from St Mary's University, London, after which he went to Sandhurst before serving as an officer in the Army for eight years.



JENNIFER JENNINGS has experience as a SENCO and primary class teacher, and previously worked in our Junior School to support Maths and as a class teacher. She will be working part-time in the AEN department, particularly supporting the Kirby years.



JENNY JONES started her working career as a youth worker, including a period as an Education Officer with the Youth Offending team at KCC. She then moved into teaching, and has spent the last few years at the Royal Harbour Academy, teaching English. Her degree in Performing Arts was from CCU.



OLLIE JONES arrived in January to teach EAL and as well as English, which he was teaching at East Kent College. He is a graduate of King's College, London, with a lot of experience of teaching EAL internationally and in the UK. He is currently juggling his lessons whilst studying for his MA.



NICOLA MACAULAY is a very experienced teacher who will be working part-time in the AEN department. She is a qualified Geography teacher, teaching in a number of local schools including Sir Roger Manwood's and Charles Dickens, before specialising in supporting AEN pupils at Chatham and Clarendon.



FRANCINE MCGRATH will be teaching Maths part-time. Her degree is in Civil Engineering from Loughborough University, after which she had a career in Civil Engineering working for housing companies. More recently, she has moved into the classroom in a number of roles including TA, Science Technician and Invigilator.



ANGELINE NICHOLAS qualified as a Biology teacher in her native South Africa, and taught there for a number of years before moving to the UK. She is currently the Head of Biology at Chatham and Clarendon, and in 2017 was a recipient of an Inspirational Teacher Award from the University of Oxford. She will be our Head of Biology from January 2019.



JACK ROLFE will be a games coach, specialising in hockey. He has a Sports Coaching Science degree from CCUK, is a Player Pathway Assistant with England Hockey and Junior Lead at Canterbury Hockey. He played hockey to a high level in the UK and internationally.



AMY ROSS will be joining us as a part time teacher of Drama (maternity-cover). She is a very experienced teacher with a degree in Drama from Queen Mary College, London.



DR DAVID SMITH will be the new Registrar. He is a highly experienced educationalist, having worked in teaching, pastoral and management roles at Sevenoaks School, Stowe School and finally at Sherborne School, where he was Deputy Head Academic. More recently he has completed a Masters in International Education, and has been working at Bruton School for Girls.



SIMON WILDE will join us as a Teacher of Science in January 2019. He took a degree in Chemistry from the University of Bristol, and has largely taught in the independent sector, including the role of Head of Science. He joins us from CATS in Canterbury.



AMY WRIGHT was educated locally at Dane Court and Simon Langton, after which she took a degree in Physics at the University of Sussex. Whilst there she took part in outreach work to local schools, tutoring Maths and running workshops. She then enrolled on Teach First, completing its Leadership Development Programme and teaching in two comprehensive schools. Amy will be teaching Maths.

PETER BARLOW has been with us for two years as a teacher of Photography and Art, and I have failed during that time to get him to stop calling me Sir, until yesterday when he finally called me by my name. He is a complete gentleman with a big heart and a most fascinating background. It was only recently that he disclosed that his father was a child on the Kinder Transport, having just escaped Nazi Germany in 1939. We wish him well as he moves to Canterbury Academy for a full time role.

PATRICK LEE BROWNE has been Head of English for this past year during a period of staff absence. As you would expect of a former Headmaster, he is the consummate professional and we wish him well as he moves to Sutton Valence School.

EMMA FORGE has brought her quirky style into the role of librarian for the last two years, qualities she will take into her new job as a teacher of English at the Royal Harbour Academy where I'm sure the pupils will enjoy her sense of fun and energy. Staff parties will never be the same again.

JACK GREENSLADE OL has been Musician in Residence for the past two years. For somebody whose role included playing the organ, I had my concerns when he turned up for interview rather incapacitated on crutches. Fortunately these proved to be temporary, and he is a very talented musician with a particular interest in jazz. We wish him well as he moves to the music scene of London.



YIAXING JIA has completed two years here as a Teacher of Maths, and having moved from Hull to Ramsgate she is swapping sea for hills with her move to teach at Giggleswick School. She made an immediate impression when she came for interview armed with a carefully measured piece of wood that she used to teach her lesson. She is a very caring and committed teacher and we wish her well.



BRIAN RIORDAN leaves us after just over 13 years as a DT Technician, as well as the responsible role of climbing wall instructor and numerous contributions to D of E. We wish him well in his retirement.

THE REVEREND
PETER RUSSELL



THE REVEREND PETER RUSSELL Peter Russell arrived to be Chaplain here in January 2009. He took over at a time when there had been some quick turnover in the role and he quickly brought an air of stability to the Chapel and to the Christian life of the school. He engaged with and enthused pupils. He drummed up enormous support for charitable initiatives. He understood how to get the Christian message across in a school with pupils from diverse cultural backgrounds, some of them of different faiths. Schools like ours like to say that the chapel is at the heart of the community, and this is truer for some schools than for others. It was certainly true in this school while Peter was our chaplain. He was a chaplain for the whole community. He introduced a Christingle service which drew a large congregation of people from all constituencies of the college family. He supported a lot of people here through tough times in their personal lives, as well as being a jovial friend in the good times. The school became accustomed to his little habits such as his finger clicking, singing along with the organ playover before the hymn started (often in a falsetto voice), bouncing on his feet, generally singing as he went around the school, coming into the dining hall in the morning jangling his bunch of keys as he greets the Junior School boarders. His jackets will be missed – the blue check, the green tweed, the maroon stripes and of course the velvet purple collar. Officially he is retiring but he will undoubtedly soon be very busy again. His wider Christian ministry is of course not over. After a statutory period of rest he will naturally be much in demand for more parish work, and there are a host of other related interests he will pursue – bell ringing, organ playing, singing to name but a few. His passion for food and drink, especially Gadd's, will remain undimmed. We wish him and Rachel well.



CINDY VAN-EBO first came here on a placement for her Masters in 2008, and her letter to the Head afterwards said "If I had

one bad thing to say about the time I have spent here it is that it has been far too short". Well she had the chance to put that right one week later when the advert went into the press for a Head of RS, and she has been here for 11 years since. One reference said "She has a facility for going straight to the heart of any topic" and she is certainly refreshingly forthright. She is also rightly proud of the excellent exam results of her department, and her "all shall pass" maxim, but she will also be remembered for her beautiful singing voice, and her rather more shrill notes on a whistle, in her inimitable lunch queue duties.



NICK WATTS Twelve years ago Nick was appointed as Head of Geography, and since then he has also performed the

roles of Resident Assistant in Kirby, rugby and football coach, academic tutor team leader and, most significantly, Housemaster of Newlands. In his time Newlands has become a rather civilised place, with male adolescent energies more likely to be put into house table tennis competitions than less salubrious activities. Unsurprisingly so, because behind that towering presence is somebody who cares greatly about the boys, put into practical action through initiatives like a peer mentoring programme. We wish him and Selena the very best as they move to the natural next step of masochism, living 24/7 with a boarding house of teenage boys.

SELENA WATTS leaves us after a year in which she has greatly enjoyed teaching French in a different environment from her previous teaching career. Whilst she is sad to go, this is tempered by the excitement of a family move to Cranbrook, where husband Nick will be taking up a boarding Housemaster role. ■

Mr A Spencer, Principal



A nighttime photograph of a modern building with large glass windows, illuminated from within. The building is reflected in a calm body of water in the foreground. The sky is a deep blue with some light clouds. The overall mood is serene and architectural.

— PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION —

The photography competition was incredibly popular with all our senior school pupils and will be an annual event. This year pupils were asked to photograph the new Canon Perfect Centre in a creative and imaginative way. The number of entries combined with the overall standard and quality of photography made this an incredibly difficult competition to judge. However, there were three stand out winners for each age category: Jimmy Ngo won the 11-13 category, Ethan Deakin the 14-16 category and Amip Rai won the 17-18 category. Congratulations to everyone involved. ■

