

Stowe mail

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NEWS ROUND UP FROM STOWE

Lyttelton



House Singing

The annual House Singing Competition took place in Chapel on the evening of Saturday 10 October. This year's adjudicator was the former Director of Music at Barnard Castle School, Mark Mawhinney who had the most difficult of decisions of choosing the winning House in a competition so packed with talent and enthusiasm.

'Grease' was this year's theme and each House chose to sing a unison song or to arrange part-song from the musical. Highlights included Stanhope's win for the part-song arrangement with 'We Go Together' and Nugent's second place in the part-song category with a spectacular presentation of 'Beauty School Dropout'. Temple received praise for a refined performance of 'Blue Moon', an arrangement which is musically challenging for young singers.

Non-Grease highlights included 'Get Down On It' (Walpole), 'Elenore' (Grenville), 'She Moves In Her Own Way' (Bruce), 'Shake It Off' (Chandos), 'Shine' (Grafton), 'I Don't Want To Miss A Thing' (Cobham),

'Wake Me Up Before You Go Go' (Queen's), 'Knocking On Heaven's Door' (Chatham) and 'Too Late To Apologise' (West).

The overall winning House was Lyttelton with an energetic performance of 'Come on Eileen' as a unison offering that captured the hearts of the audience and the adjudicator. 'You're The One That I Want' was offered as a part-song and this most challenging arrangement was confidently performed with clarity, which again put Lyttelton at the top of the score board. The girls must be congratulated for their efforts towards musical commitment and refinement. Ms Green's impressive cycle up the Nave under a Guard of Honour must also be noted.

We are already looking forward to next year's event. A message of congratulations must be sent to every Stoic for taking part and for representing their House most splendidly in both a musical fashion and in good manner.

Keith Brown, Music Department



Cobham



Bruce



Stanhope



Temple



Nugent



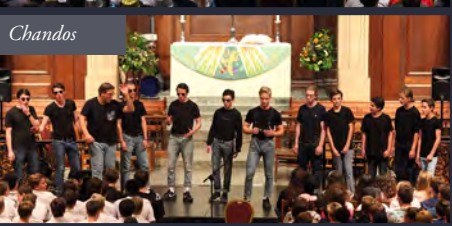
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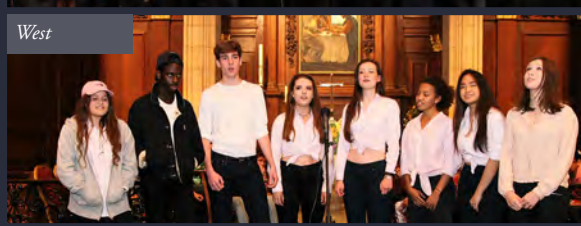
Chatham



Grenville



Chandos



West



Grafton



Queen's

Stowe website

What now seems like a very long time ago we started talking about a new website for Stowe. After various pitches were made by companies, we eventually selected Quba, a Sheffield based digital provider to work with on the project.

The Stowe project involved working with a number of key stakeholders across the Stowe community, from Stowe School, Stowe House Preservation Trust, The Old Stoics Society, to Arts at Stowe and Stowe Enterprises, to build a site that will accommodate the needs of each business.

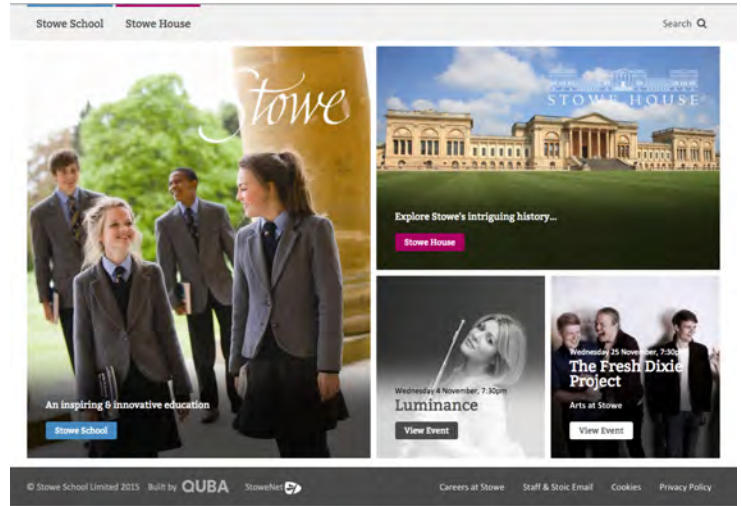
For Stowe School, we wanted a site that would give both current and future customers a great experience, getting our users to the information that they need quickly, whether they are trying to reach it from a mobile phone, a tablet or their desktop computer. We also wanted to bring online booking for events and registrations for prospective families.

Stowe House needed a site that would complement their new Visitor and Discovery Centre, allowing visitors to plan and book online for their visits to Stowe House, and that would convey their 'Enlightenment for All' project in an engaging way.

Our Arts at Stowe programme has now entered its third year, and for this important addition to our cultural offering, we wanted the events to be easily booked online, but also to promote these interesting and diverse Music, Arts and Theatre productions to be attractive to audiences both inside and outside Stowe.

And as a commercial venue when School is not in session, Stowe is used as a venue for many beautiful weddings, conferences and summer schools, and we wanted to be able to show the facilities we have to offer and why Stowe is a special place to hold an event.

For our Old Stoic community, the development work continues and they will shortly have a revamped members' directory powered by LinkedIn, as well as a



number of other services that will enable networking in a way that will add value to their membership of this active group.

For our developers at Quba, our organisational structure provided a few challenges, not least as we trade as several different companies and charities, but these were challenges that thankfully we have been able to successfully navigate.

Whilst the new site is now "live" we haven't yet finished work on its development. The School Shop will go online shortly and we are working on ways that we can help our parents connect with one another online. The way that the site has been created means that the stakeholders at Stowe have far more control over the way the site looks as well as the content. We hope you like it – please do check back regularly to see how it develops!

If you have any feedback or suggestions, as ever, we are always interested to hear from members of the Stowe community, please do [email me](#).

Tori Roddy, Director of Marketing and Admissions



Lake District Adventure for Cadets

Twenty-five cadets took part in the last Adventure Training Camp run personally by Ray Dawson. Mint Kanjana (Fourth Form, Queen's) won the Smiley Face trophy; Stuart Milner (Lower Sixth, Cobham), Alice Pryse (Fourth Form, Lyttelton), Freddie Woods (Fourth Form, Chatham) and Lottie Hopkinson (Fourth Form, Stanhope) won the Good Egg prizes; Kurt Jolker (Fourth Form, Cobham) was Camp Sportsman; and Mr Malling won the trophy for The Most Appreciated Adult Volunteer. We have every intention that the Camp will figure again next year, though under new leadership.

Stowe Represented at Buckinghamshire Armed Forces Day

Theo Shepherd-Smith (Cobham 15) ably fulfilled the duties of Lord Lieutenant's Cadet at Aylesbury Rugby Club on Armed Forces Day 2015.

Cadets Go out on Field Day Exercise

The contingent fanned out in different directions for our October Field Day. Twelve RN cadets headed for Portsmouth where they toured HMS Warrior, M33, the Submarine Museum and the Explosion Museum. Mahlatse Mabitsela (Fourth Form, Queen's) surprised us all by ably operating the firing mechanism on a 1860s cannon and all the cadets got a harbour tour and a close-up view of front-line ships. 103 cadets headed off to Yardley Chase for military exercises, and are now, we hope, experts at quick battle orders before blank firing section attacks, the light support weapon in automatic mode and preparing and cooking an army ration pack meal. Stewart Johnston (Fourth Form, Chandos) managed to enjoy a mini birthday celebration with his Section. Eight RAF cadets headed off to RAF Halton where they discovered that tight-rope walking is a team activity and had a close-up look at some fiendish weaponry.

Military Training at Longmoor Camp

Sixteen cadets, led by Captains Corthine and Wilson, went to 11 Brigade Army Central Camp at Longmoor. Alex Harris (Fifth Form, Grafton), Tom Leach (Fourth Form, Walpole), and Mar Martinez-Tomas (Fifth Form, Lyttelton) deserve mentions, as does the outstanding clay pigeon score of Ed Huser (Fourth Form, Grenville).

Get Qualified, Stay Qualified

Five RN Fifth Form cadets completed a basic kayaking course in October, with a final session in the Drayson Pool, and are now eligible for the BCU 1-star award. Captains Wilson and Standley recently spent a week at Cadet Training Centre Frimley Park and are now fully qualified Exercise Conducting Officers. Congratulations!

David Critchley Lt Cdr RNR CCF



Arts Award Trip

On Monday 5 October, Miss Stirzaker and Miss Brassell took us on a great trip to learn about the art of stage make-up and directing at Milton Keynes Theatre.

Our first activity of the day was a stage make-up workshop led by the very talented Gemma Kimmings. She showed us how to mould a piece of stage wax into a realistic wound and used Emilia Pacia (Fourth Form, Lyttelton) as a live model. Next she smothered the crevice with fake blood, we were shocked by just how realistic the cut looked. Afterwards she showed us how to do equally realistic bullet wounds, bruises and a nosebleed. It looked like Emilia had just come back from the battleground! Next it was our turn to play with the blood and gore, experimenting with the newly learnt techniques on ourselves. By the end we had a huge array of returning soldiers with arms and even faces full of horrific injuries.

The second part of the day was a stage-directing workshop led by Georgia Tillery, a professional



director and actress. We began with unusual preparatory games, which involved a lot of running around and which none of us were prepared for. We then worked in small groups on an extract from 'A Doll's House' by the playwright Ibsen. It was a challenging piece, which we had to adapt, but we managed to make the scene more humorous or more serious, according to our director's wishes.

On the whole, we had a very memorable experience and we would recommend the Arts Award to everyone! Thank you to Miss Stirzaker and Miss Brassell for managing such a lively group of Stoics.

Samai Lamberti (Fourth Form, Queen's) and Emilia Pacia (Fourth Form, Lyttelton)



RUGBY

On Wednesday 30 September, the 1st XV eased their way into round two of the NatWest Cup with a 34-10 win against Cokethorpe but sadly were not able to capitalise on their dominance in the game at Oundle on Saturday 3 October, which resulted in a loss. The 3rd XV had an excellent 29-14 against Oundle and back at home the Junior Colts Cs held their nerve to win their match 17-14 and the Colts As entertained the many onlookers with a splendid 39-0 victory.

On Saturday 12 October the 1st XV produced one of their best performances of the season so far to comfortably beat Epsom College 35-11. The 3rd XV continued their unbeaten run with a fantastic 31-5 win and the U15C team were the only winners away from home with a gritty 14-10 win.

Alan Hughes, Head of Rugby

Organ Scholarship

Congratulations to Rex Roxburgh (Grafton 15) who has been offered an Organ Scholarship at St Peter's College, Oxford.

Alex Aitken, Head of Academic Music

Calling all Stoics!

The Old Stoic Society want your help to capture the spirit of daily life at Stowe in snappy one-liners. The best submissions will be featured on the OS Facebook and Twitter pages to conjure up nostalgia in Old Stoics for their Stowe school days. This feature is inspired by a Stoic heard saying, "I wish every day was fish and chip Friday" on the way into lunch. This will raise a smile with anyone who knows Stowe and we want more just like it!

Please email your quotations, stories and photos capturing your experiences for review to [Anna Semler](#). Get your thinking caps on and be creative!

Wind Band at King's Sutton

On Sunday 11 October a 50 strong wind band travelled to King's Sutton to give a concert in the Church of St Peter and St Paul. This was the first musical event for several of the new Third Form, and even though some were quite frightened by the thought of playing in public after a very short time at Stowe, they all performed brilliantly.

The concert started with a brass arrangement of 'The Arrival of the Queen of Sheba'. This was a second rendition of this fiendishly difficult piece, after playing it at the Old Stoic Chapel Service on 3 October. This was followed by 'Days of Glory', a rousing march with some excellent snare drumming from the percussion section.

The Clarinet Quartet gave a beautiful rendition

of an 'Adagio' by Mozart, and the Horn Ensemble was spectacular with their music from Der Freischutz. Sam Lodge (Upper Sixth, Walpole) performed 'The Bass in the Ballroom' as an impressive tuba solo, with the whole band accompanying him. The Brass Band performed Hyldegard's 'Surround Sound', with trumpets and drums playing from each corner of the church and the rest of the band in the middle. It was a conductor's nightmare! The concert ended with Harold Walters' 'American Folk Suite', displaying all of the different tone colours available from a large band, and a fun piece called 'Ole' by John Morrissey.

Nigel Gibbon, Head of Wind, Brass and Percussion



BASKETBALL

The Third Form Inter-House basketball competition took place on Sunday 4 October. Bruce beat Grafton in the final and Queen's won all of their matches to become this year's champions.

On Tuesday 6 October a predominantly U16 Stowe team were beaten 28-26 by Radley's 1st team.

Isaac Michael, MiC Basketball

OF CAMBRIDGE



ROWING

Our rowers were at Cambridge on Saturday 3 October and the performance of the day came from our Junior 16 doubles of Ilya Riskin (Fourth Form, Chandos) and Archie Morley (Fourth Form, Walpole) who won their race. Dani Fusco-House (Upper Sixth, Lyttelton) had a great day at the St Neots Head and finished second.

Michael Righton, MiC Rowing



Old Stoic Day

We were delighted to welcome Old Stoics from far and wide to Old Stoic Day this year, with over 180 Old Stoics and their guests making the trip to Stowe. We focused particularly on encouraging OSs from the years of 1960-1975 to attend and included celebrations for the 50th Anniversary, for those who left Stowe in 1964, 65 and 66. The result was a group who had not returned to Stowe for a good number of years and were delighted to come back to their old school.

The day started with a short Chapel service, giving everyone the chance to sing Jerusalem at the top of their voices, before taking a trip down memory lane as they visited their old Boarding Houses. Stoics from each House led groups of Old Stoics on tours. We have received some excellent feedback about the Stoics and would like to pass on our thanks to them for making our guests feel so welcome, as they returned to their old Houses.

Old Stoics, young and old, gathered on the South Front Portico for drinks before lunch. The Headmaster gave a short speech mentioning some of the historic occasions that happened at Stowe in the 'swinging sixties', all of which went down very well with the crowd – especially the mention of the Beatles concert!

Lunch was served in the State Dining Room and Temple Room, with the catering staff putting on a delicious feast. A great many thanks must go to all of the catering team for looking after us all so well throughout the day.

During the afternoon, Old Stoics were able to explore old haunts and see the recent changes around Stowe. Tours of the Landscape Gardens, Music School, Equestrian Centre and State Rooms took place and guests were encouraged to cheer on Stoics at sports matches. The OS Fives team played the School, which raised quite a crowd and perhaps helped the OS team win the match!

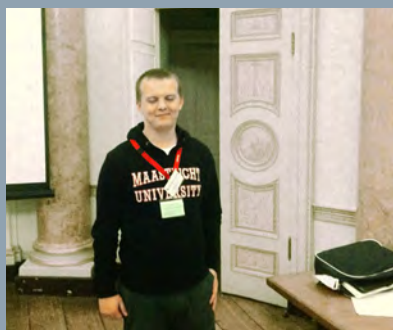
A stream of thank you letters are now trickling into the Old Stoic Office which is a sure sign that our guests had a wonderful time and were delighted to bring their families to their old school. I would like to thank Caroline Whitlock for all of the effort she put in to arranging such an excellent event for everyone to enjoy. It is no easy task and, once again, she pulled it off with great triumph. Thank you to everyone who lent a hand and made the day so special for our guests.

Anna Semler, Old Stoic Society Director

Maastricht University Comes to Stowe

On Friday 2 October, Anthony Hill of Maastricht University addressed 12 Stoics and described Maastricht's offer. The teaching is in English, the fees are 1,984 euros p.a. and student loans are available from the Dutch Government. Applicants apply online and the deadline is 1 May in the Upper Sixth year, meaning there is time to make a UCAS application and then switch to Maastricht. His talk was followed with interest and there were more questions than there were Stoics in the audience.

David Critchley, UCAS Applications Tutor



LACROSSE

The 1st XII had an encouraging 10-6 win against Cheltenham Ladies' College on Tuesday 29 September. On Wednesday 7 October the 1st and 2nd Senior teams had a successful trip to St George's School in Harpenden. The 1st team won a nail-biter 7-6 and the 2nd team eased to an 11-5 win.

Congratulations go to the following girls who were selected for the Bucks U18 A team after trials: Georgia Flawn-Thomas (Fifth Form, Nugent), Imogen White (Lower Sixth, Nugent), Anna Fox (Upper Sixth, Stanhope), Aleksia Zivanovic (Upper Sixth, Queen's), India Chadwick (Upper Sixth, Nugent), Olivia Thomas (Fifth Form, Nugent), Philippa Stacey (Upper Sixth, Stanhope), Camilla Harvey-Scholes (Upper Sixth, Stanhope), Emily Ulmann (Lower Sixth, West) and Izzy Oliver (Upper Sixth, Queen's).

Kaitlan Biondi, Head of Lacrosse

BADMINTON

Our Senior badminton team had an epic encounter away to Uppingham on Saturday 3 October. With all the matches evenly balanced, Uppingham clinched the final match to win 12-11.

Hazel Brown, MiC Badminton

SWIMMING

On Tuesday 29 September, our U16 and Senior boys' teams had great wins against Marlborough. Lucas Davis (Third Form, Bruce) excelled in the breaststroke breaking the U14 School Record. The Senior girls drew against Marlborough and the U16 continued their good form with an impressive win.

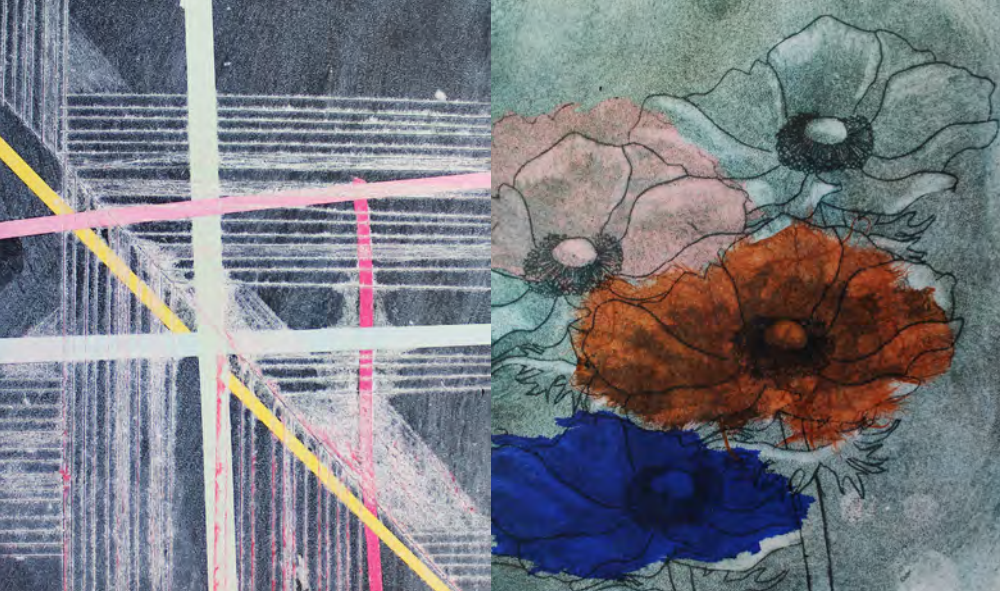
Stewart Cowie, Head of Swimming

EQUESTRIAN

The Stowe Equestrian team attended the Beachborough Eventer Challenge held at Foxhill Farm on Sunday 4 October. Stowe took three teams made up 12 riders. The competition was a test of skill and endurance with roads and tracks, steeplechase, show jumps and cross country jumps all to be ridden in sequence. The Stowe riders all performed really well with one of the teams taking fifth place in the novice class and another taking fifth place in the intermediate. Trinity Ford (Fourth Form, Queen's) placed sixth as an individual and was one of only two of our riders to achieve a clear round.

The Equestrian team also attended an Inter-Schools' Dressage competition at Quainton Stud on Sunday 11 October. The team placed a respectable sixth and with only one experienced pair in the team we were all very pleased with the result. There is definitely more to come.

Krista Price, Equestrian Manager



Liam Biswell Printmaking Workshop

We were pleased to welcome artist Liam Biswell to the Art Department on Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 October. Liam ran two workshops with pupils, as part of the Arts at Stowe programme, teaching screen printing skills on the Saturday and dry point etching on Sunday. Eighteen Stoics took part over the two days and they all emerged with excellent new work for their portfolios. We were also pleased to welcome Will Ferreira Dyke from Sponne School who joined us for the dry point

workshop. The whole day sessions gave everyone a chance to push their creative ideas forward for longer than their usual double lesson and it was wonderful to see all the pupils becoming bolder and more adventurous with printmaking techniques. Many thanks to Liam for running such inspiring workshops and to Deborah Clarke and Deborah Howe for organising such a successful weekend.

Amanda Jorgensen, Head of Art

Tartuffe

We were delighted to welcome colleagues, pupils and parents from the Royal Latin School to enjoy the original and hilarious adaptation of Molière's play Tartuffe. It had everyone laughing at the slapstick humour, so typical of the Commedia Dell'Arte and well represented in Molière's plays. The acting was superb, with the actors speaking both in English and French. The décor was in tune with the nature of the play and did highlight the ridiculous nature of some of the characters. Definitely very worthwhile watching!

Desiree Podesta, Modern Languages Department



HOCKEY

The Boys' Yearlings B had an emphatic 4-0 win against Stamford on Saturday 3 October and there were some inspired performances in the girls' block fixture against St Edward's. The 1st XI drew 2-2 and the U16Bs were runaway 5-1 winners. A dominant performance from the U15As resulted in a 1-0 win and all three U14 sides rattled in three goals with St Edward's only managing a solitary goal in the U14A and U14C matches. The outstanding performance of the day came from the U14B team who dominated their match to win 3-0.

On Wednesday 7 October the Yearlings C team snatched a 3-2 victory away to Berkhamsted and the Yearlings D team matched their opponents all the way to earn a 2-2 draw. On Saturday 10 October, the Yearlings B team were the only team to win against Uppingham; their 2-0 victory was their third in a row.

The U14 girls beat both Thornton College and Akeley Wood 3-0 on Tuesday 6 October to earn a place in the County finals and the 1st XI also qualified for the County finals with a fine 2-0 win against Akeley Wood and a hard-fought 1-0 win against The Royal Latin. Not to be outdone, the U16s also reached the County Cup finals with a well-earned 1-0 win against The Royal Latin and an impressive 3-0 win against Thornton. They rounded the week off with an emphatic 5-1 win against Rugby on Saturday 10 October and the B team enjoyed a goal-fest with a 7-0 win against Rugby.

Charlotte Oswald (Lower Sixth, Queen's) and Thalia Felton (Lower Sixth, Queen's) have made the Mercia Lynx U17 Girls' squad and will represent the Midlands at the HiPAC (High Performance Academy Centre) camp in late October and Vicky Beglin (Fifth Form, Nugent) has made the Mercia Lynx U16 Girls squad, as a non travelling reserve.

Alyssia Dockerty (Third Form, Queen's) has made the Pennine Pumas U15 Girls squad and will represent the North of England at the HiPAC (High Performance Academy Centre) camp in late October.

Luke Stone, Head of Hockey



The Importance of Theatre Trips



On Wednesday 30 September, the Lower Sixth English pupils made their way to London to see an adaptation of Oscar Wilde's 'The Importance of Being Earnest'. The production, starring David Suchet as Lady Bracknell, has been well received from its first showing in June, making it a highly anticipated trip for the Senior Literary Society.

After eating lunch on the steps of St Martin-in-the-Fields, overlooking the hustle of Trafalgar Square, we made our way towards the Vaudeville Theatre, along The Strand. Once seated, pupils and teachers experienced the mastery of Wilde's writing, witnessing a light-hearted production with a satirical take on Victorian society. Split into three parts, the play explored topics such

as the consequence of deception as well as what determines our own identity.

For the Lower Sixth, the trip was a particularly beneficial viewing as it was an enlightening and humorous introduction to the play we will be studying through the Lent term, as well as other works of Oscar Wilde in general.

We all came away uplifted by the humour of the play, David Suchet acting Lady Bracknell with sublime comedic timing and causing tides of laughter throughout the theatre.

Isobelle Smith (Upper Sixth, Nugent) and Sam Goodwin-Hudson (Lower Sixth, Bruce)



The McElwee Presentations

Each summer, pairs of Stoics take up the opportunity to travel Europe and explore a cultural or historical theme. This is funded by the McElwee Award, a grant made in memory of Bill McElwee (Stowe's Head of History from 1932-62). The Award aims to foster the same love of history, travelling and culture that made Bill such a popular teacher.

This term, the travelling pairs gave presentations on their experiences to inspire Lower Sixth pupils, who are eligible to apply for the Award this academic year. They received expert training from the TV presenter Louise Goodman and had numerous practice sessions in the History Department to make sure that the presentations hit the right tone and quality.

Louisa Feast (Upper Sixth, Stanhope) and Philippa Stacey (Upper Sixth, Stanhope) gave a hard-hitting talk on The Holocaust: Auschwitz, Dachau and Anne Frank's House. This was an extremely difficult subject but was presented with poise and confidence. Next, Mia Kinahan (Upper Sixth, Lyttelton) and Jeanie Gibbs

(Upper Sixth, Queen's) spoke passionately about art history in their talk on Florence, Venice and the work of Giorgio Vasari, which gave a good flavour of their deep interest in the topic and the fun that they had on their trip together. Finally, Dorothy Holt (Upper Sixth, Queen's) and Aleksia Zivanovic (Upper Sixth, Queen's) spoke with mature confidence on Istanbul and Gallipoli: the Rise and Fall of the Ottoman Empire, introducing a fascinating topic to a gripped audience.

The evening was very well received, with an additional prize going to Mia and Jeanie for the best presentation. However, Christopher Tate, Chairman of the McElwee Committee commended all of the speakers on one of the best presentation evenings that he could remember. There was certainly a buzz in the audience, with many Lower Sixth pupils already planning their own applications. Details on how to apply for the Award will be released after half term.

Paul Griffin, Head of History

Philip Fowke Masterclass

On October 13, world renowned concert pianist and teacher, Philip Fowke made a return visit to Stowe to give a piano masterclass. As a former pupil of Philip's, I found it really insightful watching him work with a selection of pianists as part of their preparations for the **Piano Concerto/Mozart Requiem** concert on Sunday 8 November. Philip's style of teaching is highly focussed, engaging and extremely creative and he worked in great detail with the pianists on their concertos. Theodore Hayes (Third Form, Chatham), Lewis Bell (Lower Sixth, Grenville), Jeffrey Au (Third Form, Walpole) and Alex Grinyer (Lower Sixth, Walpole) will all be taking part in the concert in November that features some of the most demanding and well known concertos in the Repertoire.

Ben Andrew, Head of Keyboard Department



DUATHLON

Beachborough Duathlon

On Sunday 27 September Joshua McCallum (Third Form, Chandos) and Harry Kirby (Third Form, Temple) competed in the Beachborough Duathlon. Harry came 2nd and Joshua 3rd in Tristar 3. They ran 1,600m cycled 4,000m and followed it up with a 800m run. Both boys did brilliantly as the course was challenging and very technical on the bike so they both did very well to be on the podium.

Hester Pollock, Event Coordinator

For weekly reports on all Stowe Sports visit our website

www.stowesport.co.uk

Piano Masterclass and Recital by Yulia Chaplina

On 30 September several Stoics took part in a masterclass with Russian concert pianist Yulia Chaplina. Yulia instantly put the participants at ease and consequently they all performed extremely well. I was particularly impressed by the speed at which the performers responded to Yulia's suggestions following their performances and she gave them plenty of useful ideas to take away and practise. Lewis Bell (Lower Sixth, Grenville), gave a weighty and impassioned performance of Rhapsody in G minor by Brahms. Jeffrey Au (Third Form, Walpole) gave a highly lyrical performance of Chopin's Nocturne in B flat minor. This was followed by Alexander Bernard-Bell (Fourth Form, Grenville), who gave a lovely performance of a set of variations by Schumann and Alex Grinyer's (Lower Sixth, Walpole) performance of Beethoven's 2nd piano concerto was both stylish and full of energy. This was a really memorable event for all of those who took part really benefitted from Yulia's input on their repertoire.

Following the masterclass, Yulia gave a highly engaging and dazzling piano recital which included some extremely demanding repertoire. I really enjoyed Yulia's expressive and virtuosic performance and the way in which she conjured a huge array of musical colours from the Steinway in the auditorium. With her wonderful programme of music by Schubert, Chopin and Liszt, Yulia expertly communicated to her audience and made this a highly enjoyable concert.

Ben Andrew, Head of Keyboard Department

StoweBots

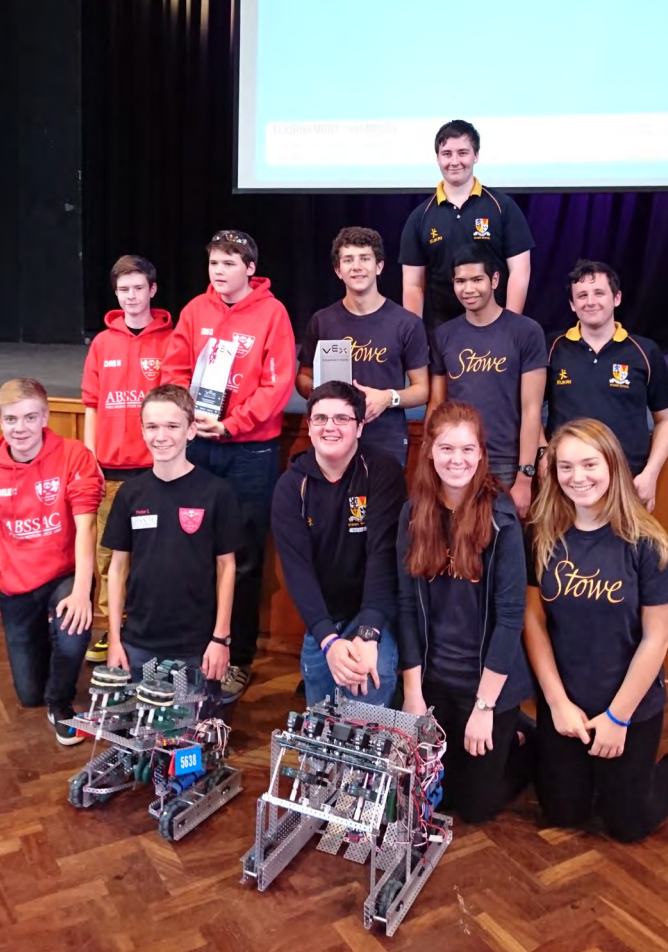
This year's game involves throwing a 4 inch ball at a goal with a small opening that stands one metre off the ground (without being able to expand the robot beyond 18 inches high). Carrying on from last year's strong start StoweBots has expanded and we now run a Senior team and a Junior team. The Senior team built a tennis ball launcher style robot with spinning wheels to fire the balls, while the Junior team has gone for an elasticised hammer idea that launches a ball by hitting it.

Both teams attended their first Regional competition for the new 2015-2016 VEX Robotics Game 'Nothing but Net' on Friday 2 October. Twelve teams attended the Regional and the standard of robot was higher than last year with the majority of robots being very competitive. Throughout the day both teams had a few issues and made some emergency repairs, however, they both pulled off enough wins in the qualifying games to make it to the quarter-finals, with both teams progressing to the semi-final round.

The Junior team lost their semi-final, however the Senior team won theirs and carried on to the final. The final was tense and in a best of three match scenario the Senior team lost the first game 90-96. From there they went on to win 149-103 (setting the highest score in the UK at the time) and in the final deciding match won 116-33 despite the opposition's best efforts to block our shots. This was a fantastic effort by the team and they have now qualified for the UK Nationals in March.

The Junior team did exceptionally well to make the semi-final, but will have to try again in one of our two remaining Regional events (one of which will be held at Stowe in February) to gain a place at the National final. As with last year, winning an award or the final match at Nationals will gain the team a place in the World Finals in America in April. For now both teams are rebuilding their robots for a second Regional event at the beginning of December.

Paul Thompson, MiC Robots



Stowe arts

Arts at Stowe is delighted that Music and Theatre events coming up in November will also see Stoics take to the stage as part of our Autumn Season.

We hope you will come and join us at one of our events. Please visit [Arts at Stowe](#) on our website or call our Box Office on 0845 680 1926

Music at Stowe

The Wednesday night music series continues on **4 November** with Luminance, a trio of two flutes and piano performing romantic works from its highly acclaimed CD.

We are delighted to present musicians from Stowe School in our Autumn Season on Remembrance Sunday, **8 November**, for a double bill concert in which pianists take on the mighty concertos of Grieg, Beethoven and others followed by Mozart's Requiem in the splendour of Stowe School Chapel.

The Fresh Dixie Project blends energy, grooves and melody in a timeless but edgy jazz-soul-pop fusion on **25 November**. Fresh from the London Jazz Festival, don't miss them while they still perform in small venues like the Uglend Auditorium at Stowe.



Theatre at Stowe

Shows in the Roxburgh Theatre include Little Soldier Productions bringing their take on one of the titans of 17th Century literature with *The Ingenious Gentleman Don Quixote of La Mancha* on **11 November** - universally acknowledged as being both "silly" and "brilliant".

Stowe School Drama Department presents *Lysistrata* (directed by Nick Bayley) in a vibrant, exciting and at times risqué production of Aristophanes' inspirational work from **26-28 November**.





Careers Seminars

We welcomed visitors from Savills on Thursday 8 October,

including Benji Nesbitt (OS Bruce), and they gave a very interesting talk in the Library about the varied career paths that can be followed in a successful property company. Savills are taking on over 100 graduates this year and the Stoics were advised to go to university and study a subject they really enjoyed, as it is not necessary to study property or land management to degree level if you want to work for a company like Savills.

After half term our next visitor will be Alex Arkell (another OS), who is the man currently in charge of Arkell's Brewery, a family business established in 1873 and based in Swindon. They have recently been celebrating the Rugby World Cup with specially brewed ale called Rugbybeer.

Our careers seminars are informal affairs and take place in the early evening. If anyone is willing to come and join us at Stowe to discuss their career at our seminar on Thursday 26 November then please contact [me](#).

Mandy Dawson, Head of Careers

Old Stoic Careers' Fair

Saturday 28 November 2015
Stowe State Rooms, 9.30am - 2.00pm

Old Stoic volunteers needed to give advice to Lower Sixth Stoics. Free flowing fair, no preparation required, just come along and inspire Stoics about your career. Email [Anna Semler](#) to register.



A Practical Response to the Refugee And Migrant Crisis



Acknowledging that many of us will have already considered how to help, we would like to offer the following, which seeks to work with those who we can trust to help with knowledge, expertise, faith and dignity – in an ongoing way. The Oasis Trust in London is such an organisation. What makes this right for Stowe is that the local Churches of Buckingham and Brackley are working together and we would like to support this practical local Christian community endeavour. There may be further opportunities to engage through the Diocese of Oxford as time goes on, as more

people are needing to find a welcome.

The Oasis Appeal is asking for these particular things which Day and Boarding Stoics could contribute to, if they would like to, and we can then see that they are delivered.

Clothing; including waterproof coats, hats, gloves, scarves, hoodies, shirts, t-shirts, trousers, belts, strong shoes and wellington boots (especially sizes 7-12).

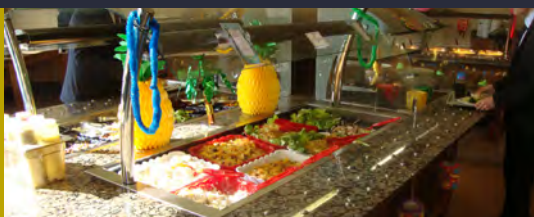
Shelter; including sleeping bags, sleeping mats and blankets.

If Stoics and parents would like to contribute, any of these items can be brought over to the Chapel on Monday 2 November, during the normal Assembly time.

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Tropical Day

Wednesday 14 October was Tropical Day at Stowe. The servery was decorated and a variety of tropical delights including banana smoothies, pineapple and cashew fried rice, Luau Chicken, tropical pork chops and Peruvian baked quinoa and cheese were on offer. Judging by all the empty plates we can call the day a success!



SUNDAY
8
NOVEMBER

Remembrance Day Service, Concerts and Afternoon Tea

Come and join us for our service of Remembrance in the Chapel at 10.30am, this will be followed by Stowe's finest pianists at 3.00pm. They will each play a movement from some of the most impressive and diverse piano concertos. Then Stowe Parents will be served a traditional Champagne Afternoon Tea before the second half of the concert at 4.30pm.

THURSDAY
19
NOVEMBER

Headmaster's Lunch at the Lansdowne Club, London

Stowe Parents' annual and popular luncheon with the Headmaster will be held at the Lansdowne Club. It is a fantastic opportunity for new parents to meet one other. Tickets include a drinks reception followed by a two course lunch with wine and coffee.

FRIDAY - SUNDAY
22-24
APRIL

Weekend at the 5 star Villa d'Este Hotel, Lake Como

Italy's Lake Como is considered the most romantic lake in the world. It is hemmed between mountains close to the Swiss border and has a wonderful variety of olive, chestnut, walnut, fig trees and oleanders bordering its shores. The five star deluxe Villa d'Este embodies the ultimate in lakeside luxury and occupies a magnificent site on the peaceful shores of Cernobbio.

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

Confirmation

All Stoics who have a Christian Faith, from any age group, and who have not been Confirmed, have been invited to think about this step in their lives. Further introductions to Confirmation will be given after half term. Meanwhile, please do talk this through at home, and contact us if you would like to. Parents of those Stoics who express an interest will receive a letter thereafter.

The Anglican (Church of England) Confirmation Service will be held in Chapel at 11.00am on Sunday 1 May 2016. The Celebrant and Preacher will be the Rt Revd Dr Alan Wilson, the Bishop of Buckingham.

The Roman Catholic Confirmation Service will be held in St Bernardine's Church, Buckingham at a date to be confirmed in early June 2016, where the Bishop of Northampton, the Rt Revd Peter Doyle and Canon Kiely kindly welcome us to join their Parish Confirmation.

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