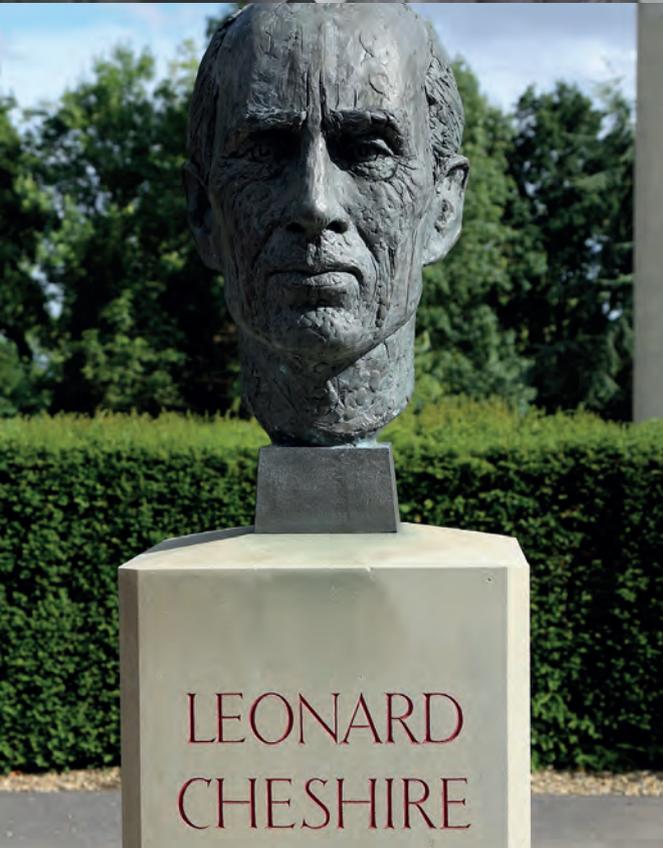


Stowe mail

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NEWS ROUND UP FROM STOWE



Welcome

On Thursday 7 September, the first full day of the Michaelmas Term, we celebrated the centenary of Leonard Cheshire's birth (Chatham 36). His life serves as an exemplar to illustrate this year's theme of character education: at the outbreak of the Second World War Cheshire volunteered for Bomber Command and was given command of an Armstrong Whitworth Whitley bomber. In 1940 he won the DSO for bringing his badly damaged and burning aircraft safely home after a raid on Cologne. A DFC medal followed and Cheshire reached the rank of Group Captain when he was only twenty-five years old. He was a remarkable leader: volunteering for every mission, even when it wasn't his turn, treating air crew and ground staff, officers and other ranks, with equal respect. In 1943 he was given command of Guy Gibson's legendary 617 squadron and refined the art of precision bombing by flying at a few hundred feet to mark the targets and minimise civilian casualties. When he received his citation for the VC, he had flown over 100 missions and was then chosen as the British observer of the bombing of Nagasaki on 15 August 1945. Having completed his courageous and distinguished military service, Cheshire dedicated his peacetime career to caring for others, starting at Le Court where he looked after Arthur Dykes, an ex-serviceman dying of cancer. Le Court soon filled with the disabled, the unwanted and the helpless and Cheshire's philanthropic mission then spread to 50 countries and 270 homes.

He never asked how disabled a person was, but what someone could achieve in spite of his or her disability. Cardinal Basil Hume gave the eulogy at Cheshire's memorial service in 1992 and reflected that Cheshire had allowed God into his life and this transformed him. He had said yes to God, not half-heartedly, not with reluctance, but characteristically in a manner that was total and even radical. Recalling his time at Stowe, Cheshire wrote the following words: "I know only too well how great a debt I owe to Stowe, for the start that it gave me in life. Not only were they very happy days indeed, but I look upon myself as having been exceptionally fortunate in all my schooling. What a difference a good school can make, and how fortunate some of us are by comparison with others."

Leonard Cheshire is an Old Stoic who exemplifies the School's moral, civic and personal values. One of the biggest challenges we face is to enable pupils to flourish as individuals and in society. We want Stoics to become the best versions of themselves, making the right choices in difficult situations, creating positive relationships, contributing to the common good and acquiring absolute values. Here are some of the virtues we want to embed into the culture and ethos of the School:

Courage • Justice • Honesty • Compassion • Gratitude • Humility • Integrity • Respect • Service

Aristotle said that the aim of our studies is not just to know what virtue is, but to become good. While schools should distil the wisdom of previous generations, equipping pupils with languages, scientific knowledge, numeracy and literacy, they should also teach character and virtue literacy so that pupils can act virtuously in a morally relativist world. Our pupils should have character, resilience, determination, adaptability, creativity and an unshakeable moral compass. We need more Stoics like Leonard Cheshire.

Dr Anthony Wallersteiner, Headmaster

Academic Report

As term began, the Headmaster congratulated the School on its successful GCSE and A Level results. This summer we saw a record 8% A*-B improvement in our A Level results and we were delighted that 66 Stoics achieved at least 1 A* or 2As. The School achieved its target of 2 out of 3 leavers securing places at Russell Group universities and we wish all our leavers who have just enjoyed Freshers' Week the best of luck as they embark on their undergraduate studies.

Nearly half of the GCSE results were A*-A. Twelve pupils achieved 8 or more A*s and we welcomed the following Stoics as Honorary Academic Scholars based on their outstanding GCSE grades: Ellie Bewes (Lower Sixth, Queen's), Anya Cook (Lower Sixth, Lyttelton), Amelia Cranmer (Lower Sixth, Nugent), Poppy de Salis (Lower Sixth, Stanhope), Katherine Howatson-Tout (Lower Sixth, West), Ben Jorgensen (Lower Sixth, Grafton).

The Governors have set ambitious academic targets for results in August 2018 and we are confident that this year's cohort sitting the more difficult Govean GCSEs and A Levels will acquit themselves with as much distinction as the class of 2017.





FOOTBALL

Inter-House Football

There was a superb atmosphere at the Inter-House football on Sunday 10 September with all houses playing the game in the right spirit. Cobham were Third Form champions beating Grafton 4-3 on penalties in the final. Bruce were crowned Fourth Form Champions after beating Grafton 3-0 in the final. In the Fifth Form competition Bruce beat Chandos 1-0 in the final. In the senior competition, a superb 30 yard strike from Ivan Titov (Lower Sixth, Chandos) secured a 1-0 victory for Chandos against Grafton in the final.

In the girls' competition, Nugent won the Third Form competition and Stanhope came second. In the Intermediate competition Nugent came first with Queen's placed second. In the Senior competition Queen's came first and Nugent second.



Old Stoic Day

On Saturday 16 September we welcomed 230 Old Stoics and guests back to Stowe for Old Stoic Day.

Once again this year, we invited Old Stoics celebrating the 50th, 40th, 30th and 25th anniversary of their departure from Stowe to gather for the occasion. We were particularly delighted to gather nearly 50 Old Stoics from the year of 1987 for their 30th Anniversary.

The day began with a warm welcome in the Marble Hall, followed by a short but rousing Chapel Service. After Chapel, our guests returned to their Boarding Houses for tours led by Stoics.

Drinks were served before lunch in the State Rooms, during which the Headmaster gave a speech about the 100th anniversary of the birth of the great Old Stoic, Leonard Cheshire. Stowe is supporting Leonard Cheshire Disability as the School charity this year.

After lunch, a host of activities were laid on for our guests, including watching the rugby, playing golf, rides on the routemaster bus and tours of the landscape gardens. With the weather having taken a decidedly autumnal turn, everyone gathered for a warming farewell afternoon tea to round off the day.

As ever, it would be impossible to run Old Stoic Day without the expert help of many departments at Stowe, including the General Office, Security, Parking, House Staff and SHPT teams all giving their time to assist with welcoming our guests. The stars of the show were the Catering team, led on the day by David Watts, who laid on an array of delicious feasts throughout the day for our guests, alongside the hundreds of meals they serve for Stoics, Staff and Parents over a normal weekend. A great many thanks to all who helped us and to all those who joined us for the day.

[Click here](#) to see the photographs.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Rugby

The 4th XV had an impressive 41-0 win against Cheltenham on Saturday 16 September. In the Junior matches there were also fine wins for the Junior Colts Bs 24-15 and the Junior Colts Cs, 7-5.

Badminton

On Saturday 16 September, in the badminton triangular against Wellingborough and Bloxham, the 1st badminton team had a resounding victory - gaining 22 points out of a possible 24.

Boys' Hockey

The Yearlings As had an excellent start to the term with a superb 11-0 win against Northampton School for Boys. They followed this up with a 0-0 draw against Oundle on Saturday 16 September. The D team had an impressive 4-0 win against Oundle.

Congratulations go to Rhys Noble (Fourth Form, Chandos) who has been selected for the England Hockey Performance Centre Programme for the 2017/18 season at U15s regional level.

Old Stoic Racing Club

All Old Stoics, Stowe Parents and Staff are invited to join the Old Stoic Racing Club. Topper Thornton, the Club's horse, is in training with Alex Hales (Chandos 92) at his yard on the stunning Edgcote Estate near Banbury, just sixteen miles from Stowe and will be ridden in races over the coming National Hunt season by Harry Bannister (Chatham 12). For more information and to join, please [click here](#).

Anna Semler (Nugent 05)





New Music Award Holders' Concert

On 13 September, Stowe's new Music Award holders delivered a fantastic evening concert in the Ugland Auditorium. The event showcased twelve very talented individuals who are new to Stowe in the Third Form and the Lower Sixth Form. The standard of performance was extremely high and each Stoic really engaged with the audience.

Benjamin Li (Third Form, Cobham) started the concert with a playful and assured performance of Debussy's 'Minstrels' and this was followed by a warm and lyrical performance from Sophie Southwick of Delibe's Flower Duet arranged for Oboe. Billy Baker (Lower Sixth, Chatham) then treated the audience to some laid back jazz with 'September in the Rain'. As a contrast, Samuel Ellis (Third Form, Chandos) gave an effortless performance of a Besozzi Bassoon sonata which was followed by a selection of Bartók violin duets performed by Antonia Bartoszewski (Third Form, Nugent) and Audrey Au (Fourth Form, Lyttelton). These really captured the folk-like character which is present throughout Bartók's music. Annabel Hing (Third Form, Stanhope) gave a highly sensitive and spacious performance of Brahms' Intermezzo in A

major which was followed by a virtuosic and accomplished performance of Chaminade's Concertino for flute and piano performed by Jessica Foxwell (Third Form, Lyttelton). David Choo (Lower Sixth, Chatham) performed a semi-improvised arrangement of a traditional Korean folk song on the piano, which explored some very interesting jazz harmonies. Anya Cook (Lower Sixth, Lyttelton) gave a delightful and lyrical performance of the slow movement from Mozart's violin concerto in G major and Sebastian Calkin (Third Form, Chatham) gave a highly enjoyable performance of the Rondo from Beethoven's op.14 E major piano sonata. To conclude the evening's performances, Henry Hink (Third Form, Walpole) gave a jaunty and dance-like performance of the Courante from Bach's 3rd Cello suite and Sebastian Foxwell (Third Form, Walpole) delivered a rousing and impressive performance of the Slavonic Fantasy for trumpet and piano composed by Carl Höhne. I would like to congratulate all of the performers and we really look forward to hearing them perform again at various music events and concerts throughout the term.

Ben Andrew, Head of Keyboard



EQUESTRIAN

Our first outing of the year was the NSEA eventers challenge at Keysoe which was a Hicksted Qualifier. Cecily Hopkins (Third Form, Queen's) was just out of ribbons in the dressage in seventh place. The jumping team, Sophia Galione (Fifth Form, Queen's), Cecily Hopkins and Tilly Hawkings-Byass (Third Form, Queen's) had excellent rounds with one refusal between them. Coco Brooks (Lower Sixth, Lyttelton) rode a quick round in the individual class with one pole down.

We are currently organising teams for the Beachborough Eventers Challenge on Sunday 15 October.

Angela Churcher, Equestrian Centre Manager



LACROSSE

Lacrosse World Cup

The Lacrosse World Cup was played at Surrey Sports Park, Guildford from 12-22 July and we had a number of Stoics involved in The Festival which ran alongside the senior World Cup matches. The festival consisted of over 60 teams with 7 separate divisions.

Milla Harvey-Scholes (Stanhope 15), India Chadwick (Nugent 15), Philly Stacey (Nugent 16) and Olivia Thomas (Upper Sixth, Nugent) all played for teams in the Festival. Philly and Olivia (pictured) were both representing England U19A team and they won all of their matches bar one which they drew. This eventually put them in the final where they unfortunately lost to an American side 2-4. Olivia has another couple of years at this age group but Philly will be going to England Senior Trials in September.

Jayne Duckett, Lacrosse Coach

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www.stowesport.co.uk



Camp Ecuador

On Monday 10 July, 14 Stoics left the UK to embark on a four week Camps International expedition to Ecuador. Following 24 hours in Quito, the group headed north to Camp Kayambi, set in stunning scenery of the Andean highlands at 3400m. During the acclimatisation period, the group completed project work to help the local community which included renovating the grounds of a school and building mud walls around crop fields. The following week was the "adventure" element of the trip which saw the team complete a five-day trek in the Lake Mojanda region of the Andes, peaking at just under 4,300 metres on the final day; the views from the summits visited will live long

in the memory! Next, it was into the Amazon Rainforest for a week, where the team visited two camps in the 'prime jungle'. This was a dramatic change in environment and sleeping in hammocks is an experience few people can say they have done. The final week was spent in the coastal jungle of the Esmeraldas region of Ecuador where the team made a huge contribution to the construction of a medical centre for the local village. The contributions the group made to local communities, alongside the personal memories made, meant that the whole trip was a truly incredible experience for all involved.

Matt Teasdale, Chemistry Department



CYCLING

National Youth 10 mile Time Trial Championships

After successfully qualifying in the Summer term, Harry Kirby (Fifth Form, Temple) competed in the National Youth 10 mile Time Trial Championships in Cambridgeshire on Saturday 9 September. Harry came 13th in his category out of 61 other qualified riders from all over the UK, in a time of 12 minutes and 23 seconds. An incredible achievement following lots of hard work last year and during the summer holiday. He has already kicked off the new year in style winning the Novice category at the Bison Hill climb on Sunday 17 September, a 1.2 km climb averaging 6.7% and including a maximum of 24%.

Chris Grimble, MiC Cycling



A Careers Evening

Ollie Forsyth with Old Stoic Sir Richard Branson: one of Ollie's inspirations to become an entrepreneur.

Over 150 Lower Sixth Stoics attended the talk where the 19 year old Ollie Forsyth, the "Dyslexic Entrepreneur" (so dubbed by the Daily Mail), wowed Stoics with his brief but successful career to date. Ollie described how his entrepreneurial flair started from the age of six selling his own parents cups of tea and quickly turned his resourcefulness into a low capital start-up at the age of 13, turning over £13,000 in its first year selling items through an e-commerce site. Reflecting on starting his recently formed business, Ollie guided Stoics from business concept, to raising finance, to how he is now growing one of his businesses; a young entrepreneur networking firm with aspirations of 100,000 members by 2020. The key messages from Ollie to Stoics thinking of starting their own businesses were based around working hard, surrounding yourself with the best people in the industry and being prepared to bounce back when business plans don't go to plan.

Many Stoics seemed to resonate with Ollie's key messages, especially as they are linked to this some of the School's themes this year, including independence and resilience.

The second speaker of the evening was Sophie Adelman, co-founder of WhiteHat, a London-based placement and education provider which delivers apprenticeships to BASF, Google and other companies in the UK. Sophie delivered an engaging talk helping Stoics to understand the changing image of apprenticeships and degree apprenticeships.

With companies such as Dyson delivering engineering degree apprenticeships, accredited by Warwick University, in the news this week (not one of Sophie's clients), apprenticeships are a potential route for some students.

Sophie explained how the recent changes in legislation with the 'apprenticeship levy' have incentivised employers to invest in apprenticeships and therefore create more opportunities for non-traditional routes to higher education.

Although this work-based degree route may not be suitable for all students, it was an outstanding insight into how changes in legislation have helped to create improvements in the UK's apprenticeship offer, especially at the undergraduate level.

Dr Gordon West, Head of Careers



HOCKEY

The girls' 1st XI hockey team beat Saints Ladies 3-0 on Saturday 9 September building on their excellent unbeaten pre-season tour to Eastbourne. In the matches against Beaconsfield High the U14As had an excellent 3-1 win, the U16As had an impressive 4-0 victory and the U15As drew 2-2. On Saturday 16 September the 1st XI had a convincing 8-0 win against Oakham 2nd XI with Olivia Flood (Upper Sixth, Queen's) scoring a hat-trick and the 3rd XI beat Oakham 4th XI 1-0. The 2nd XI drew with Oakham 3rd XI 1-1.

Congratulations to Vicky Beglin (Upper Sixth, Nugent) who was selected to represent England Blue at the School Games at the end of August. The Games was set up to mirror an Olympic tournament and give a taste of what it would be like to represent your Country during a major international tournament. Vicky's team won Gold!

Ben Scott, Head of Hockey



History in Oxford

On Tuesday 26 September, eight keen early modern Historians, Mr Swayne and Mr Sayers made their way over to Oxford to understand and explore how the Protestant Reformation affected the city. It was apparent after our visit how much truth there was in the saying that Reformers were converted in Cambridge and burnt in Oxford!

We began by visiting the actual spot on Broad Street where Latimer, Ridley and Cranmer were burned at the stake for their beliefs. We were soon to understand after visiting the University church, St Mary the Virgin, that Oxford had also experienced persecution of the Catholics - Edmund Campion, the Jesuit priest, was

martyred during the reign of Elizabeth I. This made us understand how significant Oxford was regarding Mary's reign and the change in England's religion.

We were then privileged to meet Professor Steven Gunn who teaches Tudor History at Oxford University, who answered all the questions we had with enthusiasm and great knowledge, which will prove to be useful when tackling our coursework for this term. Thank you to Mr Swayne and Mr Sayers for such an interesting day and for giving up your time for us.

Alice Hastie-Smith (Upper Sixth, Lyttelton)



Lacrosse

The 1st team had a great day at the Moreton Hall Top Test tournament on Sunday winning three matches and tying three matches. They beat Shrewsbury School 4-3, Birkenhead 5-4 and Queen Margarets 4-3. Olivia Thomas (Upper Sixth, Nugent) led the scoring with 14 goals.

Congratulations to Holly Phillips (Fourth Form, Nugent) and Tilly Jones (Fourth Form, Stanhope) who have been invited to join the England Talent Pathway.

Fencing

Congratulations to Chandos Fifth Former Ed Don who won the gold medal at the Nationals Fencing U17 Epee Elite Junior Series event in Leicester on Saturday 16 September.

Pre-Season Hockey Tour

During the summer, the Senior girls travelled down to Eastbourne for their pre-season tour hoping to pick up where they left off last season. The tour was a great success but not just because of the impressive results.

On the first day, we met in Eastbourne and had a two hour training session. By the end of the session our training game was a lot more free flowing which was good to see. We concentrated on a core of three things that we would work on during the week. In the evening we went out for dinner together which proved a great way to break the ice between age groups.

On the Wednesday we headed to Buzz Active for a morning of Paddle Boarding and Raft Building in the rain. The girls had been split into three teams for the week and were awarded (or docked!) points for different things... performance/effort, punctuality, dress and so on... The girls built their rafts in their teams ably led by Miss Whyte, Miss Jordan and JP. After a session of Paddle Boarding in which every person either fell in, or got pushed in, the girls raced their rafts! It was very tight between Charlie's Angels (JP's team) and the Dragons (Miss Jordan's team) but Charlie's Angels pipped them to the post. In the afternoon we headed to our first fixture at Hurstpierpoint and played Mid Sussex. We were under pressure for the first 10 minutes but broke and scored from our first attack through Alice Maclure. We added a second through a Yas Mama short corner strike before conceding a goal from a short corner ourselves. In the last few seconds of the half, Fifth Formers Charlotte Would (Queen's) and Imy Joyce (Stanhope) combined and Imy scored to put us 3-1 up going into the break. Within five minutes of the second half Charlotte Would scored to make it 4-1.

The rest of the half it was very even and we rode our luck a little towards the end as twice the ball fizzed past our back post. The match ended 4-1 and all coaching staff were very pleased.

On the Thursday morning we did a fitness session on the cliff top opposite the hotel which involved speed and agility work, ladders, resistance running and running with parachutes. We got some impressed and bemused looks from the locals! The girls then did a team time trial through the speed and agility course with no overtaking allowed and having to cross the finish line as close as possible - the



Dragons won this. We then had a big game of rounders which got very competitive and again the Dragons prevailed.

In the afternoon we headed to South Saxons and played 3 x 20 minute thirds. We dominated the first period but could not score and took a long time to get used to the pitch. The second third was slightly more even but we couldn't find the net and were fortunate not to go behind. Lottie Hopkinson saved a penalty flick to keep things at 0-0. The final third saw us finally break the deadlock. Yas Mama (Upper Sixth, Nugent) thundered in a short corner before Tallula Douglas Miller (Upper Sixth, Queen's) doubled the lead. We then scored the goal of the tour, Mama, Martha Combe (Upper Sixth, Nugent) and Alyssia Dockerty (Fifth Form, Queen's) combining in midfield for Charlotte Would (Fifth Form, Queen's) to finish from close range. It finished 3-0.

We headed back to Eastbourne where we went out for dinner together and the girls were on a real high. Yas Mama and Alice Maclure (Upper Sixth, Nugent) were presented with Player of the Tour awards and Charlotte Would was presented with 'Tour Legend' award for her hockey performance and great attitude throughout the week. This was greeted with huge cheers from the older girls.

A thoroughly enjoyable few days with some impressive performances on the pitch.

Ben Scott, Head of Hockey

Elizabeth Chubb



It was with very heavy hearts that we announced to the School at the beginning of term the death of Elizabeth Chubb, our much loved Head of the History of Art Department, who died suddenly in August.

She arrived at Stowe at Easter 2016 and immediately invigorated the History of Art team. With her energy, enthusiasm and sense of fun, let alone the endless supply of cakes, pies and buns, she thrilled her students and encouraged her colleagues. She attended everything in School life - talks, concerts, plays, lectures, opera, cricket matches - all in support of the life of the School. Liz was much loved by her tutees and pupils about whom she cared deeply and she was notably present early on Results Day to help with advice and contacts at universities. The HPQ Course in the Junior

School could not have run without her but for Liz, more importantly, were the times she could follow her other passions: Test Cricket and listening to classical music.

Under her leadership, numbers in the History of Art started to return to their former status and Stoics enjoyed the trips to Galleries and talks from important speakers from across the artistic and art historical spectrum. The Stowe community will miss her positive view of life, her deep faith and her warm empathy with all.

A wonderful memorial service was held in the first week of term, with hundreds of Liz's friends, colleagues, pupils (past and present) in attendance.

Crispin Robinson, Second Master

Leonard Cheshire Disability

On Sunday 17 September we were delighted to welcome to Stowe a team from Leonard Cheshire Disability, the School's charity for the year, just a few days after the centenary of the birth of Old Stoic Leonard Cheshire. Two "ambassadors" for the charity spoke in Chapel: Alastair Hignell and Dan Eley. Alastair is a former England Rugby full back, Gloucestershire cricketer, and rugby commentator for Radio 5 Live. He spoke of his experiences of coming to terms with Multiple Sclerosis and how the turning point came when his wife said to him: "This is not your MS, this is our MS."

Dan, who had been paralysed from the neck down in a diving accident as a young man in his 20s, talked honestly of the emotional and physical challenges of being so badly injured, and how setting up a charity working with children living in poverty in Columbia has brought joy and purpose to his life.

It was a wonderfully uplifting and moving occasion, and a great challenge to us to count our blessings and use our gifts for the benefit of others. Further events associated with Leonard Cheshire Disability are scheduled throughout the school year. Do come along to the evening of music and words to celebrate the life of Leonard Cheshire on Sunday 19 November.

The Revd Tim Mullins, Chaplain

Danny's Return

While vacationing on Majorca during Easter, Daniel Jolker (Upper Sixth, Cobham) fractured his C5 vertebrae and injured his spinal cord diving into a wave. After having emergency surgery in Spain, he went to Shriners Hospitals for Children in Philadelphia for intensive spinal cord injury rehabilitation. Daniel recently wrote an article for the Hospital's magazine about his experience and said:

"Even though breaking your neck sounds painful and disturbing, the whole experience of lying in hospital beds and lacking previous strengths has some advantages, especially for your perspective of life. What I have learned from this challenge is to take nothing for granted in life, to be thankful for everything you have and to always believe - especially in yourself.

I have gone through some hard times, such as initially being told I would never play rugby again, saying goodbye to my girlfriend, not knowing when I would see her next, and not being able to see my younger brother for one month. I have also sometimes felt like I lost the old Danny. Looking back at pictures from the days before my injury was been very difficult but I then realised how lucky I was to still be able to walk and talk, to still be able to breathe, and see those who are special to me once again. I realised that I did not lose myself, I still had everything that really mattered to me - friends and family. You have got to believe that you will get better. And one day I will get every single thing back."

Daniel's recovery at the Hospital included participation in four or more hours of physical and occupational therapy daily, working on basic strength and balance training - the hospital deployed all kinds of techniques from upper extremity cycling, typing and writing essays to playing drums to help with his rehabilitation. After months of treatment and effort, Daniel has made amazing progress and we are very glad to have him back at Stowe, playing rugby and his drums once again.

World Road Cycling Championships

Art Teacher and MiC Cycling, Chris Grimble, competed in the UCI Gran Fondo World Championships formerly called the UWCT Final and UCI Masters Road World Championships this summer. A series of qualifying events were held across the World and the top 25% of each qualifying event in each age group have the honour to represent their country at the World Championships in Albi, France. With 2,000m+ of climbing en route, 2,086 riders (representing 56 countries) and added 37 degree of heat on the day, Chris did amazingly well.





Visit from The Royal Northern College of Music

On 13 September, Andy Stott, Head of Popular Music at the Royal Northern College of Music, came to tell Stoics about the degree courses the College offers. A band called Young Monarch, which is comprised of current RNCM students, accompanied Andy on the visit and gave an outstanding concert of their own material to an audience of Stoics. This was a fantastic opportunity for those considering a career in the music industry to ask questions and to receive advice from the leader of the only course of its kind in the UK as well as aspiring professional musicians. It is refreshing to see that popular music is treated just as seriously as classical and jazz music is at the RNCM, and places on the course are hotly contested and granted only after a rigorous and competitive audition process.

As part of the afternoon, there was a workshop for Stoics involved in bands or who have an interest in popular music. They received very useful tips on how to work as part of an ensemble, ideas for musical textures and how to

create an effective and engaging performance. The atmosphere was electric following the workshop and all those who attended got a great deal from the event. I would like to thank Andy Stott and Young Monarch for coming to give such an inspirational workshop to the Stoics and we look forward to having them back next year. I would also like to thank the Stoics involved for their performances: Natasha Woods (Upper Sixth, Queen's), Charles Rivington (Upper Sixth, Bruce), Max Campbell-Preston (Upper Sixth, Grafton), Sean Carslaw Tricot (Fifth Form, Grenville), Theodore Hayes (Fifth Form, Chatham), Henry Gauvian (Upper Sixth, Temple), Harry Middleton (Upper Sixth, Walpole), Amalia Aitchison (Upper Sixth, Nugent) and Arthur Marriott (Upper Sixth, Chandos).

Ben Andrew, Head of Keyboard

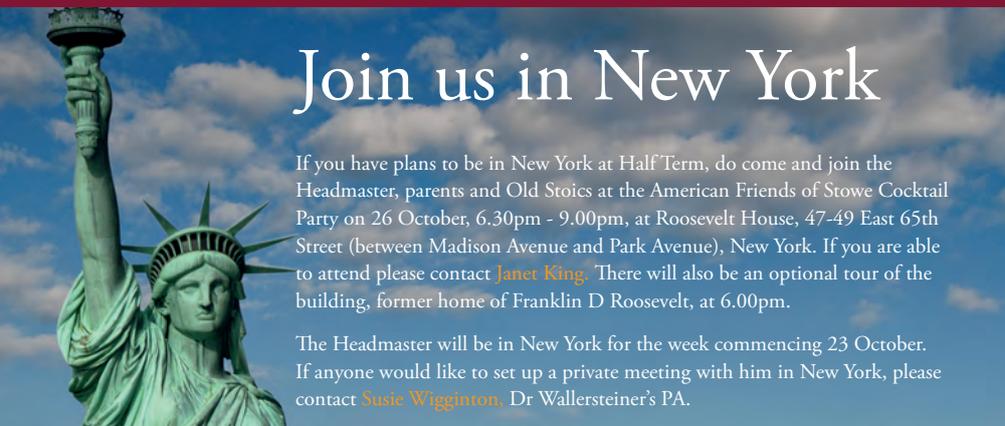
We are excited to announce that Ben Saunders, a world-renowned polar explorer, is holding his last public engagement at Stowe - just days before he takes on the last remaining challenge in Antarctic exploration: an unassisted and unsupported solo crossing of the Antarctic land-mass. Join us for a dinner and presentation on Friday 20 October from 6.30pm.

Ben Saunders holds several polar endurance records and it is both poignant and fitting that Stowe will host his final public engagement before he attempts to complete Henry Worsley's Antarctic expedition. Ben came to Stowe in January 2017 for the opening of the Worsley Science Centre and paid tribute to his friend, Henry Worsley (Grafton 78), in whose honour the Science Centre is named. Henry died in January 2016, just 30 miles from completing this historic expedition.

The evening promises to be an enthralling occasion and all proceeds raised will go to the Endeavour Fund which was Henry's chosen cause. If you would like to attend this event please contact the [Development Office](#).



Polar challenge launched this week



Join us in New York

If you have plans to be in New York at Half Term, do come and join the Headmaster, parents and Old Stoics at the American Friends of Stowe Cocktail Party on 26 October, 6.30pm - 9.00pm, at Roosevelt House, 47-49 East 65th Street (between Madison Avenue and Park Avenue), New York. If you are able to attend please contact [Janet King](#). There will also be an optional tour of the building, former home of Franklin D Roosevelt, at 6.00pm.

The Headmaster will be in New York for the week commencing 23 October. If anyone would like to set up a private meeting with him in New York, please contact [Susie Wigginton](#), Dr Wallersteiner's PA.



GOLF

Golf at Stowe continues to thrive and we are delighted to welcome Max Faulkner (Third Form, Temple) as Stowe's inaugural Golf Scholar. Max's performances thus far have been very impressive indeed with a particularly good +2 gross score in somewhat challenging playing conditions at The Berkshire GC. Since returning from the summer break, Stowe golfers have had an extremely busy few weeks with a string of high profile Inter-School fixtures - our Senior team recorded fine victories against the mighty Wellington College, Cranleigh and the Old Stoic Golf Society whilst enjoying some of the finest golf courses in the country - The Berkshire GC and Stoke Park. In the first round of the ISGA National Match Play Championship, our Senior team recorded a superb 3-0 victory against a competitive Rugby School and we eagerly await our next round opponents.

Led by Captain, Pierson Odell (Upper Sixth, Grenville), our Senior Golfers were awarded 'Senior team of the week' with particular praise going to Lochie Shillington (Lower Sixth, Grafton), James Watkins (Lower Sixth, Grafton), Tom Riley (Fifth Form, Bruce), Tom Youds (Fifth Form, Chandos) and Edward Wentworth-Stanley (Lower Sixth, Chatham). Junior Golf also looks very promising with a record number of younger Stoics either playing or learning the game. Our U16 team, led by Tom Riley (Fifth Form, Bruce) recorded a fantastic 5-1 victory over Radley College here on home soil with excellent victories coming from Tom Youds (Fifth Form, Chandos), Archie Barnes (Fourth Form, Chandos) and Ed Snushall (Fifth Form, Temple) - we now look forward to our return fixture after the Exeat weekend.

Over the summer, we welcomed over 65 Prep School golfers to the 51st Stowe Putter - the oldest and most prestigious Prep School Golf Competition in the UK. We were thrilled to have Bernard Gallacher OBE in attendance as our Guest of Honour - Bernard has had a remarkable career as both a tournament professional and PGA Club Professional but many of us will remember his three consecutive campaigns as European Ryder Cup Captain in 1991, 1993 and, of course, the infamous victory in 1995 on American soil at Oak Hill. Bernard spoke very highly of the Stowe Putter and was hugely impressed with the quality of golf on display, along with the overall golf programme that is on offer here at Stowe. A full breakdown of results from this year's Putter can be viewed on our [website](#).

Andrew Hancox, Head of Golf



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SENIOR CONGREVE 2017 '1984' by George Orwell

in a new adaptation by Matthew Dunster

Wednesday 29 November - Saturday 2 December, Roxburgh Theatre, 8pm

Following some superb auditions and a range of extensive re-calls during the first full week of term; the assembled cast, crew and production team of '1984' are busy exploring and getting to grips with the exciting challenges that this production will present to them.

Re-imagined for a 21st Century audience as a gripping and thought-provoking theatre piece by Matthew Dunster (Manchester Royal Exchange Theatre), Orwell's classic arguably occupies a unique place in our collective subconscious, even if you've never read it all the way through.

In January 2017, the novel topped the Amazon best-seller list as the notion of 'alternative facts' and 'fake news' gained momentum across various social media platforms and news outlets. Commentators described ours as the age of 'post-truth'. After all, various versions of 'Big Brother' watch us, organisations ranging from marketing companies to national security firms can so easily track how we live through our use of technology; compiling a detailed profile of each of us called our 'digital double'.

Do we play into the hands of these data gatherers readily? Or are we jeopardising what it means to live a private life and genuinely value being able to have a private thought?

John Patang (Upper Sixth, Chatham) as Smith and Maya Tearle (Upper Sixth, Queen's) as Julia, lead a very strong cast drawn from the cream of Stowe's acting talent, under the expert and creative eye of Director of Stowe Drama, Rebecca Clark.

Tickets are free to Stowe Parents/family and can be booked [here](#), clearly stating which night you wish to attend.

There will be more production updates in the next issue of Stowemail.

Nick Bayley, Drama Department



Everything you wanted to know about (life,) university and everything

On Tuesday 19 September, James Seymour, Director of Admissions and Recruitment at Buckingham University, visited Stowe and gave the Lower Sixth a whistle-stop tour of all things related to university and applying to it. Prior to steering Buckingham's recruitment and marketing programme, James performed similar roles at Aston, Leeds, Northumbria and Sheffield and so what he doesn't know about applying to university is probably not worth knowing. In his wide ranging talk, James covered the types of courses and institutions available, the sort of things and grades that universities are

looking for and much more besides, as well as offering some tips on navigating the application process. While we have a great deal of in-house experience and expertise, it always helps to hear a voice from the other side of the process and the Lower Sixth could not have asked for a better start to their journey towards university. There is a long way to go yet, of course, and any parent with any questions about further education should contact Mr Floyd, the Lead Tutor (Sixth Form) and Director of University Applications at Stowe.



SAILING

Schools' Week at Itchenor Sailing Club

For the first time in a number of years Stowe took a team of sailors to compete in Schools' Week at Itchenor Sailing Club at the end of June.

The team took part in three days of sailing in the sheltered, but tidal waters of Chichester Harbour. As it turned out, the shelter wasn't required as the winds were very light.

The team sailed against 48 other Firefly dinghies from other schools across the country, so it was quite a different experience for them and a great deal was learnt about sailing in light airs in tidal waters.

Given the nature of the weather and the lottery that made of some of the race results both boats scored in the thirties, which was respectable.

The team that went on the trip was Captain Will Trumper (Upper Sixth, Grenville), Alex Holmes (Upper Sixth, Grenville) and Will Warde-Norbury (Fourth Form, Grafton) and I am indebted to Mr Giles Cuddy who came with us on the trip and looked after the team in the evenings.

We are already planning returning to the event so any sailors who want to join us can sign up for sailing in the second half of the Lent Term and we'll put together a team to further challenge the results table.

Duncan Syme, Head of Sailing



ROWING

In the ISIS Sculls on Saturday 16 September the Stowe 1st IV were delighted to record the fourth fastest time of the day, out of over 226 boats. After racing the mile-long course, the crew of Oscar Hill, Ayrtan Patel (Upper Sixth, Cobham), James Pocklington (Upper Sixth, Grenville) and Archie Morley (Lower Sixth, Walpole) finished one second behind the winning crew. In the competitive Junior-17 singles, Archie Morley finished an impressive 6th out of 17. James Pocklington and Ayrtan Patel finished second in Junior-18 doubles, to a very fast Westminster boat. Elliot Patel (Fifth Form, Cobham) and Tom Fox sculled well, finishing 5th in Junior-17 doubles. In the J15 doubles Charlie Chick (Fourth Form, Chatham) and Theo Finlan (Fourth Form, Temple) were sandwiched between Winchester crews, finishing a promising fifth out of 8.



David Shepherd (Chatham 49)

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of the wildlife artist and conservationist David Shepherd (Chatham 49), FRSA, CBE, founder and president of the David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation (DSWF). He died peacefully on 19 September 2017, aged 86, after a 10 week fight in hospital with Parkinson's Disease.

David will be remembered for his great contribution to wildlife art over his lifetime. Throughout his life, he remained a loyal and devoted Old Stoic, returning to Stowe often and taking part in numerous art exhibitions over the decades. David's daughter, Wendy Case (née Shepherd, Stanhope 82) attended Stowe and David painted portraits of a number of Stowe Headmasters upon their retirements, including: Donald Crichton-Miller; Robert Drayson; Christopher Turner and Jeremy Nichols. David was President of the Old Stoic Society between 1993-1994.

DSWF was Stowe's charity of the year in 2015-16. A black tie dinner was held to honour David's 80th birthday and an exhibition which reflected his passionate interest in wildlife and animal conservation was displayed in the Marble Hall.

David will be sadly missed by all at Stowe. Our thoughts are with his family at this difficult time. A full tribute will be published in the next edition of The Corinthian.

Anna Semler, Old Stoic Society Director

Design & Technology

We were delighted with the results at both GCSE and A Level in Design and Technology over the summer, and it is a clear testament to the teaching and learning within the department, as well as the effort and hard work of the Stoics in both Resistant Materials and Graphic Products. Results this year once again demonstrated that students achieved beyond expectations, and with 100% A*-B at A Level, and an unprecedented amount of pupils achieving 100% and in their exam or coursework at GCSE, we had many reasons to celebrate in the department.

As well as the academic success in the classroom, we were equally thrilled to read that Ben Shaw (Lower Sixth, Temple) was allocated a sponsor in Ward and Burke Civil Engineers, which now elevates Ben to a full Arkwright Scholar. We wish him well, and have no doubt that success is bound to follow his hard work and commitment.

Within the department, we are also pleased to announce the internal Materials Scholarship has been awarded to Kitty Dutton (Fourth Form, Queen's) who has built up a fantastic portfolio that demonstrates her approach to design as well as her work ethic. We look forward to seeing her skills flourish as she enters Fourth Form, and we hope that her motivation in the workshop continues to be displayed as a shining example to her peers.

We look forward to welcoming visitors over the coming term to share a 'Workshop with Stoics' in one of our upcoming calendared Design events, and celebrate the critical thinking and problem-solving skills that have continued to lead Stoics to success in their exams and beyond.

Martin Quinn, Head of Design

Diploma Success

Congratulations to Theodore Hayes (Fifth Form, Chatham) for successfully obtaining his DipABRSM in piano performance. This is a professional qualification and it is an immense achievement for someone of his age. As part of the exam, Theodore gave a 35 minute recital of challenging piano music which he has been preparing over the past year. Much in the same way as a degree, Theodore is entitled to use the letters after his name.



The BBC Young Musician of the Year Competition

On 27 September, Third Form Music Scholar Sebastian Foxwell (Third Form, Walpole) auditioned for the BBC Young Musician of the Year competition at St Martin in the Fields, London. He gave an excellent performance of trumpet works by Fiala and Arutiunian. The BBC Young Musician of the Year Competition is one of the most prestigious competitions in the world and the standard expected of all applicants is very high.

Ben Andrew, Head of Keyboard



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