



## CSI: 2019

### Annual Third Form Competition

To celebrate British Science Week (Friday 8-Sunday 17 March), the Science Department staged the annual murder of Head of Science, Mr Tearle, and seven suspiciously motivated teachers became the suspects.

With a crime scene to inspect and a series of analytical investigations to conduct, the Third Form were challenged to work competitively and collaboratively in teams of four to uncover the identity of this year's villain.

Every science lesson engaged the students in a series of rigorous forensic investigations to eventually eliminate six of the seven suspects. The task was not an easy one - unfamiliar practical work and the need to analyse and assimilate information, without adult intervention, stretched their practical, thinking and collaborative skills, so the science teaching staff were delighted to see students engage with the event with whole-hearted enthusiasm.

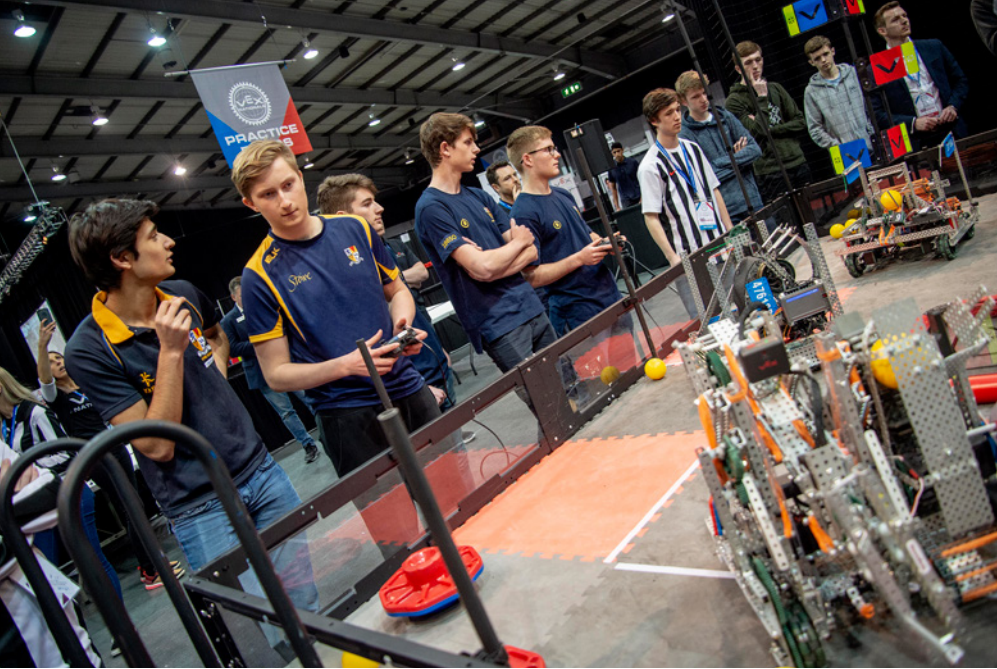
So, which dastardly teacher committed the crime? Was it Dr Lakin with her sticky-fingered rolling pin or Mr Johnson with his chalk-covered golf club? Could it conceivably be Mr Thompson with the greased motorbike lock, or maybe the sugar-coated Mr Hart? Whilst many teams successfully deduced that Dr Lakin was present at the crime scene, very few teams correctly determined that the masculine footprints were those of Mr Donoghue wielding his phone charger.

Producing a detailed case report with well-reasoned conclusions, the Science Department are pleased to award this year's CSI 2019 champion prizes to:

Ed Bush (Cobham), Ben Anderson (Temple), Drake Selby Boddy (Chatham) and Evie Brooks (Stanhope).

*Sheilagh Rawlins, Teacher of Biology & Chemistry*





# Robotics Nationals

Having all three of our teams qualify for the National Finals this year was an outstanding achievement. Sixty top teams from around the United Kingdom attended on Saturday 2 and Sunday 3 March to compete for the National Champion Prize and qualification to the World Finals. These sixty teams were randomly split into two divisions which the champions of each division facing off in the grand final. All of our teams performed well through the qualification matches and got themselves into high enough rankings to get into the playoffs. The Third Form team managed to win their first playoff match, but lost their quarter-final match. Our second team led by Crispin Marshall-Rowan (Fifth Form, Grafton) and supported by Ben Li (Fourth Form, Cobham) made it to their semi-final and narrowly lost out on a division final spot. However, our Senior team led by Valentin Rummel (Lower Sixth, Temple) managed to win their way to the division final, but lost in a very tough match, they

then picked up the division finalist trophy and were one step away from the world final spot.

Overall this has been an excellent year in terms of development, with massive progress in skill from the team members. Next year, Valentin and Crispin will join forces on the same team and with their combined ability will be a very strong and competitive team. Our Third Form exceeded expectations with their performance just by making the National Final and to then make it to a division quarter-final in their first year was outstanding. There is some excellent talent coming through and we are looking forward to what they can accomplish next season and what the new challenges the next game will bring. Even though the next season begins after Easter, there will be a robot system waiting for our new Third Form intake in September and we look forward to seeing what we can achieve.

*Paul Thompson, MiC Robots*



## GOLF

### Gerald Micklem Trophy

Gerald Micklem was one of the most remarkable amateur golfers in the history of the game. Throughout his long and distinguished career, he served with great distinction as player, Captain, selector and administrator. Gerald reached his prime as a golfer in the post-war years of the late 1940s and 1950s during which he played four times in the Walker Cup and for ten years as a key member of the England team in the Home Internationals. He won the English Amateur Championship in 1947 and 1953 and altogether some sixty scratch medal and match play titles and competitions in both singles and foursomes.

The Gerald Micklem Trophy was inaugurated in 1954 and is a traditional and extremely prestigious invitational golf tournament played at Woking Golf Club every year between eight of the top Public Schools.

Each year we compete against Eton, Harrow, Wellington, Charterhouse, Rugby, Bradfield and Winchester with Stowe still holding the record of winning the Micklem more times than any other school.

This year our team of five was led by Captain, Lochie Shillington (Upper Sixth, Grafton) and consisted of Max Faulkner (Fourth Form, Temple and Golf Scholar), Tom Youds (Lower Sixth, Chandos), Max Smith (Lower Sixth, Cobham) and Tom Riley (Lower Sixth, Bruce). Following a good practice match against the Old Stio Golf Society in exceptionally wet conditions, we entered the first round of the championship in good spirits but did not manage to produce good enough golf against a very strong Winchester team that consisted of five Golf Scholars. The majority of matches were very close and special mention must go to Max Faulkner, who narrowly lost 1 down against Winchester's number 1 player and current England U18 International. Tom Youds also recorded an outstanding victory in his rookie year against a very good Winchester player.

We subsequently progressed to the semi-final of the Micklem Plate and recorded a superb 4-1 victory against a tough and experienced Harrow team. This then led us to the final of the Plate where we unfortunately lost 2-3 against Charterhouse, with disappointing defeats for Max Smith, Max Faulkner and Tom Youds.

Although we didn't quite manage victory, I was extremely proud of the Stoics throughout a very intense tournament at Woking – they were all a credit to both themselves and Stowe. Lochie Shillington, Max Faulkner, Tom Youds and Tom Riley all managed to win two out of their three matches and for both rookies this was very impressive play. I would also like to thank Peter Deakin, Chandos Housemaster, for attending the event and supporting the team.

*Andrew Hancox, Head of Golf*





# Keyboard Festival Day

On March 14, thirty students from six local schools took part in our annual Keyboard Festival Day. This was a record year in terms of attendees, and it was wonderful to work with such a talented and enthusiastic group of young musicians for the day. The fun-packed event featured a variety of musical opportunities for the pianists to be involved in. These included an improvisation workshop, a piano masterclass, a concert given by Mr Weston and myself (aka BEN<sup>2</sup>), a Chapel Organ demonstration given by Mr Speakman and of course, a tuck shop visit! Following several rigorous rehearsals throughout the day, the event culminated in an afternoon concert which featured ten pianos being played by all thirty pianists at the same time, with three pianists per piano. I was immensely impressed by the way in which the listening skills and musical awareness of each young musician improved dramatically throughout the day whilst we worked on the specially arranged repertoire I had composed. I would like to thank the teaching staff from Buckingham School, Sir Thomas Fremantle School, the Grove Independent School and Summer Fields School for all of their assistance in coaching the children throughout the day, and for helping to create such a memorable event. Special thanks must go to the musicians themselves for their outstanding performances.

*Ben Andrew, Head of Keyboard*



## McElwee Lecture: Professor Jeremy Black

In celebration of the McElwee Award, the History Society, alongside other interested pupils, were treated to a fascinating lecture by the well-known historian, Professor Jeremy Black.

Professor Black, who is the author of over 100 excellent books and lectures at the University of Exeter, asked pupils to consider the American War of Independence and whether it was inevitable that the American Revolution would happen or whether the outcome of the war was ever guaranteed.

This counter-factual approach, encouraged pupils to consider the key turning points where even small but realistic changes in decision-making might have radically altered the course of history. The impact of an America within the 19th Century British Empire was an interesting possibility, which then threw up as many questions as it answered.

Taking this approach also drew Stoics into a consideration of the philosophy of history and

why different but equally intelligent historians might perceive events and place the emphasis in their historical accounts so differently. While the lecture focused on content, Professor Black also included practical advice about essay writing, which students can use in their assignments.

One of the highlights of the evening was the wide spread of intelligent questions asked by members of the History Society, which were only curtailed due to time. Stoics engaged in a conceptual discussion, where an understanding of the term 'inevitable' and its impact on our understanding of the past emerged within the group.

With several pupils writing submissions for a variety of history essay competitions this term and with the Upper Sixth studying the American Revolution for their final exam, the lecture was very useful, thoroughly entertaining and timely.

*Paul Griffin, Head of History*

## StoweSPORT



### FENCING

#### Public Schools' Fencing Championships

On Monday 11 March, Luc Katyar (Fifth Form, Walpole), Hannah Laurence (Lower Sixth, Stanhope), Ed Don (Lower Sixth, Chandos) and Lauren Brigden (Upper Sixth, Stanhope) travelled to Crystal Palace to compete over the course of three days in the Public Schools' Fencing Championships.

On the first day, Luc competed in his preferred class, finishing 40th out of 84 in Junior épée with some great wins in the poules. Ed started on a high note ranking 25th of 80 in Senior boys foils, losing to the 1st place in the knockouts, an impressive result in his second choice class. The girls performed brilliantly in the Senior foils, with Hannah and Lauren going out to the same player in the quarter and semi-finals respectively. Hannah ranking 5th overall, earning herself a top eight finish and Lauren 3rd overall, taking home a bronze medal.

The second day heralded mixed results, Luc bowed out in the second round of poules in Junior foil and placed 63rd out of 88. Ed finished just outside the top eight in 9th overall out of 90 boys in Senior épée, a result he aims to improve on. Lauren finished 15th in girls senior epee, a fantastic result with foils as her strength. Hannah managed to finish 7th, earning a top eight finish but bowing out in the round of eight, having been the top seed after the second poule.

On the last day Ed and Lauren competed in the sabre section, an area neither were familiar with but managed to place 13th and 11th, respectively.

In the Seniors' section Stowe placed 2nd overall in points, just behind Millfield, an incredible achievement considering Stowe's seniors were three and Millfield brought over 36 fencers to the championships. Overall Hannah Laurence took home two top eight places and Lauren Bridgen took home a bronze, all showed a great spirit, enjoyment of their sport and a great sense of pride in what they had achieved.

*Dominic Blackmore-Beales,  
Sports Department & Graduate Assistant*





# CCF - Field Exercise

On Tuesday 12 March, 41 Fifth Form CCF Army Cadets embarked on a two hour coach journey, from Stowe to Swynnerton M.O.D Training Camp. Armed with excitement and rifles, the company of cadets arrived at the camp and we were whisked away to eat dinner. Not long afterwards, we spent the evening participating in a range of combat and movement exercises, such as TIBUA (training in built-up areas) theory, Laser Tag Team Deathmatches and navigating through pitch-black mazes, while trying to avoid being kidnapped by the Sixth Form NCOs - much to Mr Corthine's delight! The evening of activities went down better than the dinner we had beforehand, and we were all worn-out by the time it came to settling down in Bunker 6 for the night.

After a surprisingly good sleep, we woke up raring to see what the day had in store for us. After enjoying a hearty breakfast, we had started Wednesday's activities by 8:30am. These involved; fire and movement drills with laser guns and learning to surround enemy territory, practicing on the DCCT, (dismounted close combat trainer), which electronically simulated moving targets for us to shoot at. We also put into practice what we had learned in the TIBUA theory session the night

before, and cleared a building, blank firing weapons and making sure that none of the enemy were in any of the rooms - otherwise they would be shot with manic ferocity!

When the day of fun-filled activities came to an end, we packed our belongings, cleared out Bunker 6 (under strict orders from Major de Gale), and after a quick and relatively painless rifle cleaning session, we clambered onto the coach and were on our way back to Stowe. I know for a fact that all of the 41 cadets thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and learned a lot from the many wonderful exercises that were put on for us.

Finally, I'd like to thank Major de Gale, for organising the trip so efficiently and making sure that everything ran smoothly and Sgt Sprules, for shuttling us between the different stations, Messrs Smith, Last, Ashfield, Johnson and Corthine, for helping out with all of the stations and keeping everything in check, and Miss Shah, for ensuring that everyone was having fun and enjoying the activities.

*Marlow Turner (Fifth Form, Cobham)*



## Royal Navy

Six Fifth Formers of the Royal Navy section cadets visited the Royal Naval Historic Dockyard in Portsmouth on Wednesday 13 March.

We visited key attractions, such as HMS Warrior, Britain's first iron clad warship. HMS Victory, Admiral Nelson's flagship and M33 shallow light cruiser, which played a key part during the First World War helping to free the armed forces during fighting Gallipoli.

This was a flying visit for the Royal Navy Fifth Form Cadets, providing them with some light relief from their mock exams and prior to commencing their GCSE exams, they certainly enjoyed their day out, apart from the blustering weather!

*LT Nick Zammit, CCF Officer in Charge, Naval Section*



## St Paul's Church, Bedford

On 26 March, nine Stoic musicians visited St Paul's Church, in the heart of Bedford, to give a lunchtime concert as part of their highly successful and popular concert series. Performing to an audience of over 100, the Stoics each gave accomplished performances on their respective instruments. Performing a selection of repertoire from his forthcoming piano diploma exam, Billy Baker (Upper Sixth, Chatham) impressed the audience with his rendition of a Bach Prelude and Fugue, in addition to the first movement from Beethoven's Sonata in C minor op.13 'Pathétique'. Jessica Foxwell (Fourth Form, Lyttelton) then gave a serene performance on the flute of Sonata in C by the Georgian composer Taktakishvili. Samuel Ellis (Fourth Form, Chandos) performed 'Contra-Punctus', an innovative work for solo recorder, which makes use of a delay pedal, a device which is usually the preserve of guitarists. Every time Samuel played a note, the same note would be played again through a speaker a second later, creating an ethereal effect in the beautiful church acoustic. Returning to solo piano, Sebastian Foxwell performed Copland's 'The Cat & the Mouse', a humorous and ingenious piece of programme music and Sebastian made full use of both the pitch and

dynamic range of the piano. Sebastian then gave a lively performance of 'Divertimento' by Fiala on the trumpet.

In a stark genre shift, Theodore Hayes (Lower Sixth, Chatham), Sean Carslaw Tricot (Lower Sixth, Grenville) and Oliver Seddon (Lower Sixth, Cobham) gave an engaging performance of an original composition by Theodore. Despite the minimalist instrumentation of guitar, bass and cajón, they created a bold sound with undertones of progressive rock. Jumping back to the baroque period, Toby Thorpe (Lower Sixth, Chatham) gave a beautiful performance of the prelude from Bach's suite in C Major for unaccompanied cello. Toby made excellent use of the church's generous acoustic and this was an expansive and sensitive performance. To end the concert, Olivia Elliott gave a rousing performance of 'I put a spell on you', as sung by Annie Lennox.

I would like to thank Heather Turnham, the organiser of this wonderful concert series, for being such a good host. Thank you also to Studio Manager, Ben Weston, for his assistance with the technical set-up. Finally, a huge thanks to the Stoics themselves for their hard work in preparation for this concert.

*Ben Andrew, Head of Keyboard*



### CRICKET

#### Old Stoic Cricket Debut

Adam King (Bruce '18) made his first class debut for Loughborough MCCU against Leicestershire at Grace Road on Tuesday 26 March. Adam was Captain of the 1st XI and Head Boy is his final year. Adam is now studying International Business at Loughborough, whilst also still part of the Northants Academy as he also pursues a career in cricket alongside his degree.

*James Knott, Head of Cricket*

### Basketball

The basketball squads have been very busy in recent weeks. The girls' team beat Thornton College on Thursday 14 March, with Maria Bukachi (Lower Sixth, West) and Lily Marriott (Upper Sixth, Nugent) top scoring. The boys' 1st team continued their excellent form on Tuesday 19 March, beating Abingdon School 58-32, Radley College 91-28 and Bradfield College 20-15. The U16s also had a win against Princess Risborough School on Wednesday 20 March.

### Squash

Squash 1st team player, Hector Smiley (Upper Sixth, Bruce) recently had a comeback victory. The way he humbly took advice on board and implemented it perfectly, combined with an exceptional grit and desire never to give up was most impressive. He was 10-7 down in the deciding game, so saved three match points in a row then also won the next two to win 12-10!

### Equestrian

Congratulations to Lila Hill (Third Form, Lyttelton) for winning both the 1m and 90m, riding Lissroe Melody at the Show Jumping Finals, held in Wales on Saturday 16-Sunday 17 March.



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# GCSE Drama Review



Audiences were delighted by an eclectic mix of plays performed by GCSE Drama students on Wednesday 27 and Thursday 28 March.

Assured and heartfelt performances came from many and both evenings took audiences on an emotional rollercoaster with moments of high comedy interspersed with Tragedy, storytelling and even a touch of psychological thriller. Something for everyone! Particular mention must go to Emilia Havard, Eleanor Butler, Barnaby Peppiatt, Fixy Hill, Griffin Mills, Camille Gibson, and Henry Pearson for their emotionally intelligent, sophisticated performances. And to Uma Batey for her Set Design for South Downs.

*Things I Know To Be True*, by Andrew Bovell is a moving piece that puts a quiet suburban family under the microscope as the parents are realising their children are all grown up. The cast of Eleanor Butler, Katie Beaton, Martha Shillington, Edward Ives, Eloise Taylor, Marlow Turner, Keira West and Katie Lee gave touching and compelling performances, breathing life into the characters and relationships, captivating the audience and leaving them shocked and saddened by the tragic outcome.

*South Downs* by David Hare is set in a public school in 1962. The GCSE students certainly had fun acting as Housemasters and Prefects from another time, and exploring hierarchy and friendships and what happens when one boy will simply not conform or adapt to the ways of the school. *South Downs* was performed by Frankie Atkinson, William Warde-Norbury, Oscar Esquerre Gow, Joshua Clarke, Oscar Wiseman, Barnaby Peppiatt, with Set Design by Sophia Batey.

*Top Girls* by Caryl Churchill is a canonical piece set in the 1980s, bringing together

different women from history with their unique stories and tales of sacrifice, alongside Marlene, a work-driven woman inspired by Thatcher and her sister Joyce who never quite 'got away' from home. Performed by Niamh Dudgeon, Cosima Prestwich, Emilia Havard, Imogen Laurence, Vivian Zhu, Camille Gibson, Celest Lambert; the girls embodied the particulars of the sisters Joyce and Marlene as well as the inspirational women from across history who have each overcome personal difficulty to succeed in their own way. The second piece was captivating in its use of non-conventional staging and ensemble sequences.

*The Pillowman* is a dark tale by Martin McDonagh. A lonely writer is accused of committing a series of horrifying murders that appear to be linked to his stories- but did he do it? A detective and a policeman are determined to get his confession. The piece is a challenging one with Tarantino-like violence and some difficult subject material, which was handled well by the performers who drew us into their volatile world, creating a sense of unease that McDonagh is aiming for. The cast and company were made up of Felicity Hill, Xavier Treacher, Udo Ekpecham, India Case, Griffin Mills, Hugo Manners, Archie Strong, George Hooper, Henry Pearson, Tessa Clarke, Henry Pearson, Alexander Maidment, Koty King (Costume Design) and Adam Twining (Lighting Design).

Such was the popularity of the work that the Dobinson Studio was bursting at the seams and some audience members had to be turned away. It is brilliant that Drama is becoming so popular and don't worry, we will be looking at ways to increase the capacity in future.

Rebecca Clark, Director of Drama





## Israeli Ambassador visits Stowe

Following the involvement of Mr Andrew and Helena Vince (Upper Sixth, Queen's) in the Holocaust Memorial Celebrations, held in conjunction with the Israeli Embassy, Stowe was delighted to welcome Mark Regev, the Israeli Ambassador to the UK for a question and answer seminar with Stoics.

Ambassador Regev has served in this position since 2016, having previously worked as Benjamin Netanyahu's spokesperson. In both roles, he has become one of the most prominent Israeli officials in English-speaking media, with regular high-profile appearances on all of the major news programmes.

Although the talk was optional and the primary audience were the 80 History students in the Fifth Form who study the Middle East as part of their GCSE course, the Music Room was full to bursting, with 160 in attendance.

After a brief introduction by Mr Griffin, Ambassador Regev answered questions from pupils on issues that ranged from the position of Arab-Israelis to Israeli involvement in the war in Syria in a conversation chaired by the Headmaster. Questions were searching and did not shy away from difficult issues but Stoics distinguished themselves with their warm welcome and thoughtful comments.

In return, they observed a masterclass in disarming civility and clarity of thought from the Ambassador, who stated Israel's policy positions clearly but also challenged the generalisations often seen in the press. In doing so, he used examples from his own experience, analysed the complexities of the Middle East and explained his hopes for the future based on regional co-operation.

Though there were a variety of views held by Stoics, the importance of understanding and dialogue, regardless of conviction of viewpoint, was demonstrated in expert fashion. Even after the main session ended, dozens of pupils sacrificed their free time to ask follow up questions and engage the Ambassador in further conversation.

I am certain that a visit from such a prominent diplomat will be one of the many experiences that pupils will reflect on in the future as one of the many inspiring experiences that helped to define a Stowe education. In teaching difficult topics such as this and by welcoming notable guest speakers, we hope that Stoics will continue to develop a nuanced view of the world in all its complexity.

*Paul Griffin, Faculty Chair - Humanities*



### HOCKEY

#### Hockey - Staff v Stoics

On Wednesday 27 March, a Staff versus Stoics hockey game was held. The Staff went in cautiously unoptimistic, knowing they were up against a side with great players and team ability, which had led them to the quarter-finals of the National Plate. The match began nervously but out of nothing Mr Scott threw an aerial to Mr Burch on the right side of the D, which he then chipped over a defender to pass across to Mr Gaunt at top D whom then audaciously lobbed over the oncoming keeper Ben Shamash (Upper Sixth, Chatham). This was a YouTube worthy goal and it gave all the staff the feeling they might be able to pull off something impressive. The 1st XI quickly fought back equalising through a Louis Redfern (Upper Sixth, Temple) flick past the otherwise superb goalkeeper Miss Jackson. Mr B Scott then smashed a shot into the bottom left corner from the rebound of Mr Gaunt's drag. The 1st XI then managed a chance which the Captain Ashwin Batey (Upper Sixth, Cobham) rifled in the bottom right corner, leaving the score 2-2 at half-time. The second half saw plenty of chances play out, including a near miss from Mr Seely on back post, but no goals.

The match went to penalties, which ended 4-3 to the Staff XI, a match played in great, competitive spirit, with the staff showing how invaluable experience can be!

*Dominic Blackmore-Beales,  
Graduate Hockey & Cricket Coach*



## German Exchange

On Sunday 17 March, we welcomed four students from Landheim, our partner school in Germany. Landheim is a prestigious boarding school near Munich, on the banks of the lake Ammersee. Our Four Landheimers quickly settled into the Stowe routine, shadowing their buddies Annabel Hing (Fourth Form, Stanhope), Henry Hink (Fourth Form, Walpole), Joshua Farchie (Fourth Form, Temple) and Clara Tearle (Fourth Form, Queen's) who would leave for Landheim a week later for a two and a half week stay. Wowed by the sheer beauty of Stowe, it was the first time they experienced wearing a uniform to school, attending Chapel and going to PSHE classes, something that doesn't exist in Germany. They have all thrown themselves into academic life with gusto, embracing everything Stowe has to offer during lesson time and after. Our four Stoics, Annabel, Clara, Henry and Joshua have arrived safely in Landheim last Sunday and are experiencing what life is like in a German boarding school. So far I have heard that although different, Landheim is a beautiful place with lots to do. The language barrier is obviously a big hurdle to overcome initially, but how rewarding is it to immerse yourself fully into the German culture and see your language improve as a result! My thanks go to the Housemasters who have helped host our exchange partners and I look forward to seeing the Stoics in situ next week, as I am going over there for a little surprise visit.

*Alice Tearle, Head of Languages Faculty*



# Rosslyn Park Sevens

The Rosslyn Park National Schools 7s Tournament took place on Monday 23-Friday 29 March, with Stowe entering three teams. The Seniors had a very tough group which they failed to qualify from but 3 of their losses were by 1 score; Woodhouse Grove (14-7), Hampton & Neath Port Talbot both 26-21. Dom Saghri (Upper Sixth, Chatham) finished at this season's top try score with over 20 tries!

The Colts came 2nd in their group, amassing 111 points and conceding only 65 but the loss to Woodhouse Grove School meant they failed to progress out of the group. The squad of 12 included 7 Junior Colts which bodes well for the future.

The Yearlings, who had previously won

both of their tournaments at Ipswich School and Haberdashers Aske's Boys' School performed superbly on the first day. They won their group with impressive victories over QEGS Wakefield, Ysgol Gyfun Cwm Rhymn and Bromsgrove School and then won their eliminator match to ensure they qualified for the 2nd day. 2 tough matches saw the boys qualify for the quarter finals of the Cup competition but with tired bodies the boys lost out to New Hall School. It was a fantastic effort from the boys with all 12 players having played their part and a fitting tribute to Mr Hughes for his last rugby match after 21 years at Stowe.

See more photos of the tournament [here](#).

*Grant Seely, Director of Rugby*



# Soles4Souls

We have been awarded a Myles Henry grant to help us travel to Guatemala in June 2019 with Soles4Souls charity. This is a non-profit charity that creates sustainable jobs and provides relief around the world, through the distribution of shoes and clothing.

Our goal is to collect 25,000 pairs of shoes, which will support 35 families in communities suffering from extreme poverty. They will either be donated directly to those families to help protect them from earth-born parasites and diseases, or given to someone who can create a small business selling them and raise enough money to provide shelter, education and food for families for a year.

We really need as many shoes as possible, so would please urge you to get involved in this

great cause. It is a great opportunity to make more room in your house by clearing out any shoes that are no longer needed or have been grown out of. Any size shoes can be used, provided they are in pairs and still serviceable; from baby to adult and flip-flops to high heels; sandals to snow-boots.

Read more about Soles4Souls [here](#).

*Amelia White & Toyah Mowat  
(Lower Sixth, Nugent)*

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## Lucy Sutherland in Concert

On Wednesday 20 March, Lucy Sutherland (Stowe Music Scholar, Nugent '18) used her prize from the Mozart Trio Prize to present a dazzling variety of songs taken from musical theatre, cabaret, jazz, pop and Latin American genres. The concert, held in the Uglad Auditorium, was to raise funds and awareness for the mental health charity **Mind**. Lucy opened by speaking about the impact mental health issues can have, and her passionate belief that everyone should have access to the help they need.

The first section was superbly accompanied on the piano by Stowe's Director of Music, Craig Greene and featured songs from a wide variety of musicals. The first number 'Don't Rain on my Parade', set the scene for a night of high quality performances, mixing well known numbers like 'On my Own' and 'Let it go' with items from contemporary shows such as 'Hamilton'. Lucy continued the first half singing to her own accompaniment on the soprano and tenor ukulele, performing cabaret standards including 'La Vie en Rose' and 'What a Wonderful World' alongside songs written by Alanis Morissette as well as Adele.

Throughout the concert, Lucy demonstrated vocal accomplishment and musical versatility, and the second half opened with Lucy accompanying herself on the piano in an eclectic variety of song by artists such as Abba, Birdy, Bette Midler and the Sherman brothers. In the final section of the show, Lucy was joined by her twin brother Finlay Sutherland (Grafton '18) and Theo Hayes (Lower Sixth, Chatham) on trumpet and piano. The trio performed their own inventive takes on numbers with styles ranging from jazz to pop, film and Latin American.

It was lovely to see Lucy acknowledging the team behind her; the musicians who performed with her, Mr Ben Weston on sound, Arts at Stowe for their help as well as a special 'thank you' to her singing teacher Mrs Liz Miller. This was a stunning concert played to a packed house.

*Rachel Sherry, Head of Vocal Studies*

## World Land Speed Record Car Education Programme Inspiring the Next Generation



# Welbeck Defence Sixth Form College STEM Competition

From Friday 22-Sunday 24 March, ten cadets from the Fourth Form Army, RAF and Navy Sections; Sofia Wright (Stanhope), Bo Jenkins (Stanhope), Ingrid Benson (Stanhope), Ben Hartigan (Grafton), William King-Eccles (Walpole), Charlie Crofts (Chandos), Oscar Watson (Chandos), George Carpmal (Chandos), Rafi Mahmood (Walpole), and Sam Wardlaw (Grenville), set off to Welbeck Defence Sixth Form College for a two day national STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) Leadership Challenge Competition, competing in Loughborough with twenty-three other ACF and CCF teams from across the country.

On arrival we put up our tents in our allocated section of a rugby pitch, along with 268 other cadets and staff. After the competition briefing, we socialised with the other teams.

After an early start and a hot breakfast, Saturday morning's activities consisted of: a Trim Trail, and a REME stand, where a Land Rover had to be recovered using a 15 ton Foden Recovery vehicle, with Rafi Mahmood controlling the winch; An assault course followed and two command tasks, where the team really worked together in both to complete the river crossing and minefield tasks; A complex First Aid stand with 3 injured casualties, and IEDs in the surrounding area, complete with harassing locals, designed to confuse and distract us; and, finally an indoor climbing wall.

For all the activities, our cadets worked well as a team to overcome the difficulties, and used a focused, growth mindset to solve science and maths questions, which linked to the technology and engineering aspects of the competition. The Royal Engineers provided a paper bridge building task to support a maximum weight, the Royal Signals provided a Crystal Maze type challenge which involved solving riddles to open a series of padlocked boxes. The Royal Logistic Corps challenge was to build a

free-standing communications mast, of strictly specified dimensions. Lastly, a laser clay pigeon competition challenged us all, with William King-Eccles and Ben Hartigan (and Major de Gale) hitting 10/10 clays.

After a day full of new surprises, all the teams gathered for a disco in the College, Stowe obviously being the party starters. Exhausted from an active day and all the socialising, we settled down and slept as the challenges of the following day awaited us.

The last day consisted mainly of the Bloodhound SSC (Supersonic car) presentation, and a K'nex car-building contest. The cars were mainly judged on distance travelled, friction, aerodynamic design and weight. This lasted all morning. The presentation was about the ways in which human driven, world speed records have been made before, and what techniques vehicles have used to get such speed, over time. Every competing cadet team was split into two teams, an A and a B team. The aim was to create a car out of K'nex that replicated the Bloodhound. Although neither team from Stowe won outright, our A team came second overall in distance covered, and the B team vehicle's aerodynamic design was singled out by the Bloodhound engineer for praise, (although unfortunately the distance covered on the actual competition didn't match previous trials). After a long queue and a quick lunch, Stowe attended the final parade and prize giving, in which Stowe came a decent seventh, out of twenty-four teams.

To conclude, on behalf of ten cadets who participated in the Welbeck STEM Leadership Challenge we would like to thank Major de Gale, and Mr Johnson for their patience and giving up their time to enable us to take part in such a great weekend.

*Cadets: Sofia Wright (Stanhope), William King-Eccles (Walpole), Charlie Crofts (Chandos)*





# McElwee Award Selection Day

The McElwee Award is a cultural travel award given in memory of Bill McElwee, the longstanding History teacher who worked at Stowe either side of the Second World War.

Having received 11 excellent applications from Stoics after Christmas, the McElwee Committee, which is made up of Old Stoics, was tasked with choosing just four pairs to undertake their McElwee trips this summer. Though it was an incredibly tough choice, the applications that showed the most rigorous research and the most unique research topics were selected for the Award.

George Gauvain (Lower Sixth, Temple) and Micky Shillington (Lower Sixth, Bruce) won an award to travel to Pamplona, Bilbao and Madrid to assess the impact of the Spanish Civil War on the country, with the Committee being especially impressed by the plans to interview a prominent politician in current Spanish politics.

Another project with contemporary resonance was the proposal by Henry Saunders Watson (Lower Sixth, Chatham) and Toby Thorpe, (Lower Sixth, Chatham) who will cross the channel by boat and travel Normandy by bicycle to study D-Day and the Normandy Campaign soon after the 75th anniversary celebrations.

On a similar Second World War theme, Harry Mehta (Lower Sixth, Walpole) and Valentin Rummel (Lower Sixth, Temple) will make a comparison of the Nazi and Russian impacts on Warsaw and Krakow. The Committee were especially impressed by the level of personal interest and background shown by these winners.

Finally, Rohan Sekhri (Lower Sixth, Walpole) and Alfie Cliff (Lower Sixth, Chandos) will consider the ancient but relevant philosophy of Stoicism, after which all pupils at the school are named. Their plan to contrast the very different leadership of Marcus Aurelius and Nero, through a visit to Rome should be of particular interest to the Lower Sixth Stoics that they will present their findings to in September.

The very grateful winners will now turn their attention to preparing for their trips in the coming months and we wish them safe and fascinating journeys.

*Paul Griffin, Faculty Chair - Humanities*

## The International Society Dinner

On Thursday 28 March, the International Society Dinner was celebrated in style as Sixth Form Stoics donned their dinner jackets and gathered for pre-dinner drinks in the Marble Hall for this much-anticipated highlight of the Lent Term. The American-Italian themed dinner was interspersed with wonderful performances by talented Stoics, enhancing the civilized, sophisticated tone of the evening. Jeffrey Au (Lower Sixth, Walpole) delighted the audience with his exceptional and captivating rendition of excerpts from Tchaikovsky's piano concerto, while Olivia Elliott's (Lower Sixth, Stanhope) mellifluous voice and sultry tones

enraptured all present. The popular table quiz, masterminded by Gahsem Dorji (Upper Sixth, Nugent) and Benedict Shaw (Upper Sixth, Temple), had a distinctly international theme and was also much appreciated by all. Once again, a huge vote of thanks goes to the Catering Department for pulling out all the stops and preparing an exquisite feast, to the international prefects (Gahsem Dorji and Benedict Shaw), Miss Hill Hall, Miss Brenner and Mr Parnaby for contributing to the success of another memorable evening.

*Julie Johnson, Head of International*



## Engineering Design Group

There is a great deal of student interest in Engineering at Stowe, particularly mechanical engineering linked to motorsport. It is not surprising, given that we live with the distant hum of Silverstone in our ears and the fact that we are in the heart of what is internationally known as 'Formula One Valley', with numerous Formula One constructors on our doorstep, such as world champions AMG Mercedes, Red Bull and many others.

This interest has been given an outlet by the regular meeting of the Engineering Design Group. The group's aim is not to work through any specific curriculum but rather to allow the members to meet informally and be set challenges and tasks that feed their enthusiasm and allow them to explore their interest in this fascinating field. The ethos is that of guided discovery and what is currently being explored was led by founder members; Ben Hartigan (Fourth Form, Grafton), Oscar Watson (Fourth Form, Chandos) and Matthew Ryland (Third Form, Bruce) and it is exciting prospect.

They are currently exploring the use of new

Computer Aided Software that is free to the students to download and with little guidance and a great deal of endeavor, they have been designing Formula One monocoque's.

The students are producing astonishingly good work, after only three sessions with the new software and they are already stretching themselves further, designing alloy wheels that can take the loads of such high speed cars.

This term, the group met on Tuesdays and the aim for the future to allow it to develop on similar informal lines. With increasingly strong links to Silverstone UTC, it has been helpful to draw upon their expertise in guiding the direction of the group and being encouraged by such a centre of excellence for engineering is encouraging for the group.

In the Summer Term we hope to arrange some visits to the many places of engineering interest that are local to us and welcome any offers of such visits from readers of Stowemail. Please contact **Chris Lloyd** should you wish to offer any such opportunities for enrichment to the group.

*Chris Lloyd, Design & Technology*



## OS Sports Festival

On Sunday 24 March, we held our third OS Sports Festival. Matches against Stoics took place in five different sports, including Cross Country, Football, Fives and Hockey and Clay Shooting as well as laying on egg and spoon and sack races for children. OSS Chairman, Hannah Durden (Nugent '01), led a walk in the Stowe grounds for those wishing to take part in less strenuous activity. We welcomed 100 Old Stoics and guests for the day, with the majority taking part in various OS teams and others giving their support from the sidelines.

Everyone met up and socialised in the Marble Hall and South Portico throughout the day with a delicious array of sandwiches, soups and cakes on hand. Our guests were able to bask in the beautiful spring sunshine and enjoy one of the finest views in England whilst catching their breath from their sporting endeavours. We particularly enjoy this annual occasion because it brings together Old Stoics who play in our sports teams throughout the year and allows them to socialise with other OS teams.

The results were mixed, with the OS Clay Shooting team being beaten by just 20 clays following a team shoot in the morning and a flurry in the afternoon. The OS football team smashed the Stoics, 6-1, but the OS Hockey side were defeated, as were the OS Fives team. The OS Cross Country team were also defeated, perhaps by the sheer number of Stoics who ran against them, which was a record at 20 Stoics on the start line. The leader of the pack was Master in Charge of Cross Country, Mark Austin who set an incredibly fast pace for this year's competition.

Once again, the day was such a great success we will certainly hold it again next year and aim to include more matches for Old Stoics - with a particular focus on getting more OS women to take part. I would like to thank everyone who lent a hand, as well as the sports staff who arranged the matches against our Old Stoic teams.

*Anna Semler (Nugent '05),  
Old Stoic Society Director*



## Hockey

The boys 1st XI had a strong cup run this year, making it through to the quarter finals of the Plate section of the National Competition. On Wednesday 13 March, they beat Kimbolton in a tense match that went to penalty flicks. We were eventually knocked out by Forest School in London on Tuesday 19 March. On Wednesday 20 March, the 1st XI came second in the County tournament and subsequently continued their busy schedule with a draw against Bromsgrove on Saturday 23 March. They also beat the Old Stoics 4-1 on Sunday 24 March. The 2nd XI managed the best result on the day against a strong Bromsgrove Hockey Club, with a 3-0 win, the Yearlings D also drew 1-1.

## Lacrosse

Our 2nd XII finished 2nd at the Marlborough tournament on Saturday 23 March. They picked up wins against Canford School 1st XII (2-1), The Godolphin School 2nd XII (2-0), Marlborough College 2nd XII (3-0), St. Mary's Calne School 3rd XII (4-0). Top goal scorer was Emily King (Fifth Form, Lyttelton), while Amber Capurro (Lower Sixth, Nugent) provided a flawless display in defence, and Hannah Laurence (Lower Sixth, Stanhope) made 21 saves with only 5 goals allowed all day.

The 15As had a successful day, placing 4th in their group with wins over Marlborough College (2-1), Westonbirt School (1-0) and Sherborne School (3-0).

The U14As also did nicely, with wins against Cheltenham Ladies' College B (3-0), The Godolphin B School (3-0), St Mary's Calne School B (1-0), draws against Marlborough College (2-2), and The Godolphin School A (2-2), Captain Lyla Mulcahy (Third Form, Stanhope) led the team to five goals.

For the first time, we held a Third Form boys' Inter-House Lacrosse, which took place on the South Front on Sunday 24 March. Congratulations to Chatham who won the day, defeating Cobham in the final 2-0.

## Netball

Well done to the 2nd team, and the U15As and Bs for wins against Tudor Hall School on Thursday 14 March. The U15s beat Bloxham School and the 1st VII won against Akeley Wood on Wednesday 20 March. On Saturday 23 March, the 2nd and 3rd teams both remained unbeaten in the triangular fixtures against St Edward's School and Bloxham School.

For weekly reports  
on all Stowe Sports  
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[www.stowesport.co.uk](http://www.stowesport.co.uk)



# NCOs' Annual Dinner

On Tuesday 26 March, a large gathering of 68 Stowe Cadet Non-Commissioned Officers, Officers and guests gathered in the Marble Hall for pre-dinner drinks prior to the annual Stowe CCF 6th Formal NCOs' Dinner, held in the Music Room. Huge thanks go to David Watts, and our wonderful Catering and House teams, who laid the table beautifully and served us in style, in line with a formal Regimental Dinner Night. Nigel Gibbon, Thor Mager (Lower Sixth, Bruce) and Jeffrey Au (Lower Sixth, Grafton) played us in to Dinner, with skill and dexterity, to the Post Horn Gallop and our Head Chef, Simon Quantock and his team treated us to skillfully cooked, and beautifully presented food, which was a delight on the plate and the palate.

Our Guest Speaker, Group Captain Richard Thomas OBE AFC, RAF (Retd), ex pilot and Leader of the RAF Red Arrows Display Team came to talk about some of the best qualities of a leader that he had observed during his time in the RAF, and during high profile, potentially high risk, public events. Every NCO listened intently to his wise and salient words. As our

NCOs' go out in the world to lead (and serve) men and women in their chosen career paths, they would be well served reflecting on his humble and inspiring words.

CSM Hugo Robinson (Upper Sixth, Grenville) was the President of the Mess Committee, assisted by Cpl Harry Mehta (Lower Sixth, Walpole) who, as the junior Subaltern equivalent, was Mr Vice.

Hugo, C/Sgts Stewart Johnson (Upper Sixth, Chandos) and Ben Shamash (Upper Sixth, Chatham) were given the task of obtaining large pieces of silverware. Grenville, Bruce and Chatham silver cabinets were duly ransacked, Housemasters reassured that they would be safely returned, and the pieces polished with vigour, to adorn the elegantly laid tables.

The NCOs' looked elegant and dashing in black tie and formal evening gowns. Without exception each NCO rose to the formality of the occasion and behaved in an exemplary manner, thoroughly enjoying the evening.

*Major Jan de Gale, Contingent Commander*



## 11 Infantry Brigade Military Skills Competition

On Friday 22 March, eight Stoic cadets set out for 11 Infantry Brigade Military Skills Competition, Longmoor Military Training Camp, Hampshire, competing against 16 other ACF and CCFs. After a long minibuss journey with our bergans filling up most of the bus and Miss Shah driving with Sergeant Sprules as navigator, we finally arrived at 8pm. Unpacked and changed, we had our first night in a very cold barn with other school ACF and CCF cadets whom were competing too, but we managed to get a few hours of sleep before an early wake-up call of 6am.

Our first activity was the obstacle course in which we flew through, losing only a few points, but with Savannah (Fourth Form, Stanhope) showing her skills on the monkey bars, nothing was slowing us down. Next up was Live Firing shooting on the cadet 5.56mm GP rifle, followed by a command task and then on to paintballing. As our last activity before lunch we had a section attack where we split into two teams; Charlie fire team, consisting of Alex Ross (Fifth Form, Chatham), Alex Dens (Fourth Form, Grenville), Alex Goodhart (Fourth Form, Grafton) and Jemima Howden (Fourth Form, Stanhope) and then Delta fire team, including Philipp Benedic (Fourth Form, Bruce), Savannah King, Sam Ellis (Fourth Form, Chandos) and Jack Saville-Sneath (Fifth Form, Cobham).

Alex Ross, Section Commander, led us all well and after a well-deserved lunch, we drove to the range where the whole team got some impressive results, live firing from 100-300 metres. After a long day, we headed back to the barn, cleaned the rifles and jumped into bed. After an even colder night, the next morning it was not so easy for Sergeant Sprules to get us up.

After we had eaten some food and Jemima had finally warmed up, we set off for our first activity, pairs' fire and manoeuvre, which we patrolled to, with Jack leading the way with his very able navigation skills. Next up was an Observation Post which involved us observing an area and find hidden items and a possible enemy location.

From there, we moved swiftly onto First Aid, where Alex Goodhart did a great job of securing the area with Philipp giving CPR whilst singing 'Stayin' Alive'. Second to last was Range Cards which seemed to confuse us all but with lots of laughing we managed to pick up a few points. Lastly was Navigation, in which we all got a chance to lead and run down the hill to finish off. The trip was great fun and with great leaders Miss Shah and Sergeant Sprules. The team had an amazing time and finished a well-placed 10th out of 17 other highly competitive ACFs and CCFs.

*Jemima Howden (Fourth Form, Stanhope)*

# Southside19

Friday 24 May

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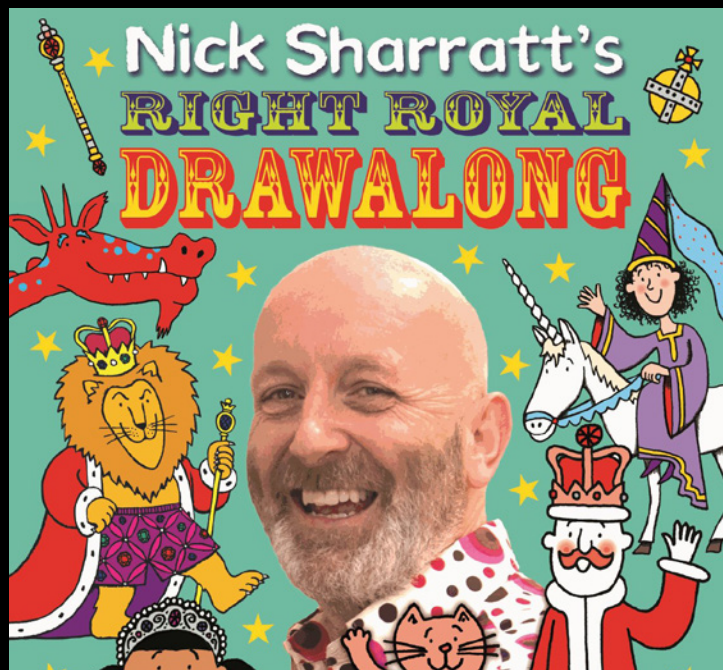
**Björn Again promises to bring the party to Southside19 performing all the greatest ABBA hits.**

As always picnics are welcome but great festival food and drink will be available to purchase on the night. This fantastic evening of fun and music starts at 6pm with time to settle in before the music begins at 7.15pm.

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## Nick Sharratts Right Royal Drawalong

Wednesday 10 April, 2pm



## Twilight Rooftop Tour

Sunday 14 April, 6:30pm



## A Night at the Musicals

Wednesday 1 May, 8pm



## All About Eve

Thursday 11 April, 7pm



## Chamber Music Course at Stowe

Monday 15 April, 10am



## A Gala Evening with the Opera Babes

Saturday 4 May, 7pm



# Cricket Super Sunday

It was a good weekend for Stowe pupils on Friday 29-Sunday 31 March, both past and present on the cricket field, with pre-season University matches being played against the first class counties. Ben Duckett (Grafton '13) scored a double for century for his new county - Nottinghamshire. They were playing against Cambridge MCCU which included another former pupil - Jack Keeping (Cobham '16'). Adam King (Bruce '18) was playing his second first class match for Loughborough MCCU against Kent and current Fifth Former - James Cronie (Cobham) - was doing the 12th Man duties for Northants 1st XI against Durham MCCU. James was also at the Oval cricket ground to attend the Cricket Society lunch and received his AA rosette ESCA award for his superb performances at the ECB Bunbury Festival last summer.

Good luck to all of them for the rest of the season.

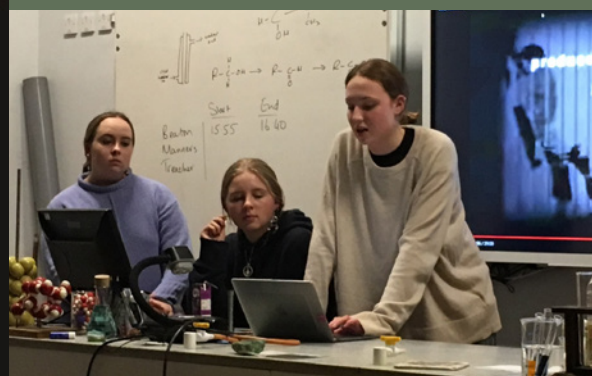
*James Knott, Head of Cricket*

# Quantum Society

Stowe's Quantum Society held their annual dinner on Thursday 26 March to mark what has been another fantastic year for the Society with more Stoics turning up for more Quantum events than ever, and the introduction of Junior Quantum talks. Before the dinner, our very own Mr Tearle gave a very well attended lecture on The Periodic Table to mark the 150th year of its creation by Dimitri Mendeleev. It was a fascinating talk about the efforts of scientists to discover and organise the elements. He also showed how this went hand in hand with the discovery of atomic structure, which fed back in to give theoretical support for the Periodic Table. In true Mr Tearle style, it culminated in an explosion.

The dinner was a tremendous affair, at the end of which the Quantum Society President gave a speech and thanked the members, especially the Committee and those who have given presentations, for their commitment to the Society.

*Cameron Chambers (Upper Sixth, Grenville), President of the Quantum Society*



# Psychology Society

This term, the Psychology Society has had fantastic talks both by guest speakers and Stowe's first year of Psychology students. In AS psychology, we have been studying the Stanford Prison Experiment, which Kora Haigh (Lower Sixth, Nugent), Amelia White (Lower Sixth, Nugent) and Rhea Vankova-Martin (Lower Sixth, Lyttelton) gave an interesting and informative talk on. We discussed a documentary and were able to discuss the ethics of methods that are allowed in Psychological experiments today. Graham Jones from the University of Buckingham also gave a talk on the Psychology of Business and Persuasion, giving us some good tips for memorising information as we enter the exam season next term. The Psychology Society also heard about memory and the danger of forgetting from pupils Elizabeth Baddoo (Lower Sixth, Nugent) and Maria Bukachi (Lower Sixth, West) after we studied an exciting module in eye witness testimony in Psychology. It has been a successful term for the Psychology Society, and we look forward to the final meetings of the year next term.

*Lula Goldsmith (Lower Sixth, Stanhope)*



# Diamond Light Source

On Thursday 21 March, 15 of our Upper Sixth Physics students had the opportunity to visit the National Synchrotron Science Facility, the Diamond Light Source at the Harwell Science and Innovation Campus in Oxfordshire. The Diamond Light source is a particle accelerator, moving electrons around a 600m ring at the speed of light. Accelerating electrons at that rate causes them to release incredibly bright X-ray light, that researchers in a multitude of different industries can use to scan and image everything from engineering components to viruses.

The trip gave our students a brilliant opportunity to see a world-leading research facility up close; the accelerator was switched off at the time which meant we could access all areas and see into the beamline labs and speak to the researchers themselves. This gave them a real insight into the world of cutting edge scientific research, and the wide array of applications of accelerator physics and particle research.

*Craig Donoghue, Head of Physics*



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