

# Stowe mail

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NEWS ROUND UP FROM STOWE

## Lower School Academic Scholars (LSAS)

On Thursday 28 September, ten Lower School Academic Scholars competed in the second round of Stowe's "Philosophon" competition. Philosophon is an exciting new discussion format designed to test students' ability to collaborate and reach consensus on a controversial topic. The students had five minutes to digest a dense passage from Adam Smith's *Wealth of Nations* before evaluating his key claims in front of their peers. Rather than being encouraged to "win the argument", they were ranked according to their ability to steer the inquiry towards mutually acceptable conclusions. This provoked an extremely high level discussion, centred around Smith's idea that unregulated markets are the best way to promote the public good.



The winners were selected by an audience of fellow LSAS Scholars, who later got involved in the debate themselves. First place went to Alfie Cliff (Fifth Form, Chandos) for a terrific performance, followed by Ben Hartigan (Third Form, Grafton) second, Isabel Omotajo (Third Form, Stanhope) third, and Chipper Shore-Hollingworth (Fifth Form, Chandos) a very close fourth.

*Peter Dennis, Teacher of Philosophy & Religion*

## New Director of Music

We are delighted to announce the appointment of Craig Greene (Chandos 07) as Stowe's Director of Music from the beginning of September 2018. Craig was a pupil at Stowe and holds first class degrees from both the Royal College of Music (RCM) and Christ Church, Oxford. At Oxford Craig was an instrumental and academic scholar: he won the Oxford University Conducting Competition in 2008 and was elected principal conductor of the Oxford University Philharmonia. At the RCM Craig studied piano with Ashley Wass, Dmitri Alexeev and Maia Griffin. He won numerous prizes - including the RCM Chamber Music with Piano Competition in 2012. Described by the Russian music critic Olga Ivannikova as a 'great young English talent', Craig is a versatile and hugely talented pianist who is also committed to a career in teaching. Since September 2013 he has been a member of the St Paul's School Music Department in London and he has held positions at St Catherine's School, Bramley

and the Milton Keynes Music Service. Craig frequently gives workshops, masterclasses, concerts and recitals. He has performed as a soloist with leading orchestras and conductors: his many achievements include a virtuoso performance at Stowe of Tchaikovsky's 1st Concerto with the Russian National Orchestra conducted by Carlo Ponti and Beethoven's 3rd Concerto with the Milton Keynes City Orchestra conducted by Sian Edwards. Recent concerto appearances include Beethoven's Piano Concerto No.5 with the Oxford Chamber Orchestra and Brahms' Piano Concerto No.1 with the Orchestra of Stowe Opera. Craig will continue to build on Stowe's growing reputation as a centre of musical excellence and his appointment will revive the golden years when the legendary Dr Huggins was Director of Music at Stowe under our founding headmaster, J.F. Roxburgh.

*Dr Anthony Wallersteiner, Headmaster*



## Girls Hockey U14 County Champions

The Stowe U14 hockey team are Buckinghamshire County Champions! At the County Cup final at Stowe on Wednesday 18 October, they defeated Thornton 4-0, with 2 goals a piece from Violet Arkwright (Queen's) and Lucy Mehta (Nugent) with Lucy awarded 'Player of the Game' for her tenacity. In the second game against Great Marlow School they won 2-1 with a goal from Violet and Isla Holman-West (Nugent), who was the 'Player of the Game' with incredible pace on the right wing to break the defensive line. Finally they defeated a strong Sir William Borlaise team 2-0 with a goal from our key strikers Lucy and Violet and the 'Players of the Game' were Jemima Howden (Stanhope) and Bella Lloyd (Lyttelton) for creating attacking many opportunities. The 'Player of the Tournament' was Otilie Hewlett (Nugent) for her composure in defence giving the team enormous confidence and our captains Lauren Yeowart (Nugent) and Fleur Fenwicke-Clennell (Queen's) led by example on the pitch with superb work rate. The success however is due to their collective efforts with each player showing commitment to the team and we are really proud of them all, We can now look forward to the Regional Heats on 14 November.

*Sarah Sutton and Tracy Jones, Hockey Coaches*



Nugent



Bruce



Lyttelton



Chatham



Cobham



Grafton



Grenville

# House Singing

Saturday 14 October saw chapel host the annual House Singing Competition. All of the Stoics are to be commended for the huge amount of preparation and effort that went into this fiercely contended event. Adjudicator Sam Dunkley found the decision-making process very difficult as indeed it always is, but it was Nugent under the masterful direction on Mali Aitchison (Upper Sixth, Nugent) who won the night as best overall house. Stanhope took first place for girls' unison song with their energetic performance of 'I want you back' with Grenville mirroring this success in the boys' houses with their rendition of Britney's breakthrough song 'Hit Me Baby One More Time'. Part songs (boys' and girls' houses) were won by Temple and Nugent (Nugent taking the Nic Hawley cup having won the most points) and the prize for the best arrangement also went to Nugent recognising Mali's hard work and original take on 'Home'. Mr Aitken is to be congratulated for his excellent and highly amusing compering and also my thanks go to Mr Wellington for managing the event at School level so skilfully.

*Miles Nottage, Head of Rock, Pop and Jazz*



Chandos



Temple



Stanhope



Walpole



Queen's



West



# Oxbridge Dinner

On the evening of Friday 6 October we hosted, at the invitation of Dr Milla Marinova (Lyttelton 03), the inaugural OS Oxbridge Dinner at the Oxford and Cambridge Club, on Pall Mall.

The evening began with a Drinks Reception in the opulent Upper Drawing Room. We then moved to the beautiful Princess Marie Louise Room for an exquisite Three Course Dinner. The ambience of the surroundings added to the evening and created a very jubilant atmosphere.

Once dinner had been served, we had the pleasure of listening to speeches by Milla Marinova, who welcomed us to the Club and explained how she became involved with the Young Members committee. This was of particular interest to some of our younger guests, who left Stowe as recently as 2015.

Dr Mike Anderson (Cobham 57) followed on from Milla, entertaining us with tales of his

time at Stowe and Cambridge; providing witty anecdotes from his earlier years. In addition Mike emphasised how he felt that the education, advice and assistance he received during his time at Stowe, helped him to secure his place at Cambridge. Jonathon Hall (Bruce 79), Chair of the Old Stoic Society, closed the speeches with a vote of thanks to our speakers and to our guests for attending.

The success of the evening was evident with the age range of our guests, from 2015 leavers to as far back as 1947, everyone was able to provide their own Oxbridge experiences and swap marvellous stories in the process.

The evening was a true celebration of what we believe will be a permanent fixture on the events calendar for many years to come. A very big thank you to Dr Milla Marinova for suggesting this wonderfully successful occasion.

*Sasha Moss, Old Stoic Events Coordinator*

## RUGBY SUCCESS

Stowe 19 Millfield 12

On Wednesday 11 October the U18As had a thrilling encounter against Millfield School. Stowe made a hesitant start when Ben Spiess pulled his first penalty to the left of the posts. A poor kick chase from Stowe allowed an adventurous break from Millfield's own deadball line, see their winger cross in the corner and with the kick converted, the writing was on the wall. Stowe refused to buckle and another penalty after some excellent pressure saw them reduce the deficit to 4 points. Buoyed by their ability to retain the ball and build passes, Stowe converted another penalty by Ben Spiess (Lower Sixth, Grafton) just before half time. Turning into a strong wind and a point down, Stowe started the second half a point down and facing a strong wind Some terrific ball retention gave them another penalty from 40 metres out. Spiess delivered and put the home side ahead. Millfield chasing the game, spilt the ball in midfield and Adam Williamson (Upper Sixth, Chandos) sped the 40 meters to score under the posts. A further penalty from some distance by Spiess gave Stowe a 19-7 cushion and although Millfield scored a late unconverted try, Stowe held their nerve to record a tremendous win over their illustrious opponents.

*Alan Hughes, Head of Rugby*

HOCKEY

## Girls Hockey U16s

In the U16 County Cup on Tuesday 17 October, Stowe started by beating The Royal Latin 2-1 with goals from Holly Phillips (Fourth Form, Nugent) and Imogen Joyce (Fifth Form, Stanhope). Player of the match was Lucy Bourn (Fifth Form, Nugent). Stowe faced Beaconsfield High School in the second of three matches and knew this would be the decider. They were outstanding throughout and Sonya Sander (Fifth Form, Lyttelton) did a marvellous job of marking their key player for the whole of the game. This allowed Stowe to control the game and Holly scored a further two goals with one from Amelia Leondiou (Fifth Form, Queen's). Player of the match was Lucy Bourn again. This set up the final match where Stowe and Wycombe High School played it out for who would be crowned County Champions. It was a really tight game, but WHS went ahead 2-0. With real character and determination the Stowe girls dragged back two goals to equalise and leave it all square at the end. Holly scored what could be the goal of the season and a brilliantly worked short corner routine saw player of the tournament, Lucy Bourn, round off a fantastic individual set of performances, with a well taken goal on the back post. India Case (Fourth Form, Queen's) was player of this match. Due to Wycombe's superior goal difference by 1 goal, they went through as County Champions and Stowe qualified for the Regional competition in second place. A superb day for Stowe hockey and the girls should be really proud of their achievements.

*Philip Arnold, Hockey Coach*

# Arts Award Field Day

On Monday 9 October, 22 Arts Award Stoics embarked on their first Field Day of the academic year to the Northampton Theatres complex, which comprises the Derngate, the Royal Theatre and the newly opened Errol Flynn Filmhouse.

Trudy Bell, Head of Creative Learning at the theatre, conducted a highly informative tour of the buildings and backstage areas and the students got the chance to see two contrasting productions in the final stages of their respective technical 'fit-ups'. They then enjoyed the opportunity to discuss with Trudy the challenges that theatres such as this face in staging productions in the current economic climate. Trudy also offered the group some insightful careers advice and gave the students some valuable tips for completing the leadership section of their respective Bronze and Silver portfolios.

The day was rounded off with a visit to the Filmhouse to see Simon Curtis' critically acclaimed new film, 'Goodbye Christopher

Robin', which was thoroughly enjoyed by all and had many of us in tears by the end! We are already planning our next away days in the summer term and look forward to the possibility of visiting the Royal Shakespeare Company at their Stratford home.

*Lucy Miller, Drama Department*





## GOLF

Stowe golfers have had an exceptionally busy few weeks in the run-up to the half term break with several Inter School fixtures and National events. On Wednesday 4 October, our Senior Golf team recorded a superb victory at Stoke Park against the ever competitive Old Stoic Golf Society.

The Old Stoics fielded a much younger team in order to stretch our Stoics but it was to no avail for them as Max Faulkner (Third Form, Temple), Pieter Odell (Upper Sixth, Grenville), Lochie Shillington (Lower Sixth, Grafton), James Watkins (Lower Sixth, Grafton), Tom Riley (Fifth Form, Bruce) and Tom Youds (Fifth Form, Chandos) all proved to be too strong on the day. Special thanks must go to Chester King for kindly hosting the event at the splendid Stoke Park and for continuing to support golf development at Stowe.

On Thursday 5 October our Senior Golf team competed against a very strong Radley College at Sunningdale Golf Club. There was some exceptional golf played by both teams and with an overall halved match, we were thrilled to have competed in such a distinguished manner at this iconic golfing venue.

The extremely prestigious HMC Singles National Golf Championship was again staged this year at The Berkshire Golf Club. With over 70 students competing on the Red Course and only the top two golfers per School eligible to participate, I was delighted to see both Max Faulkner (Third Form, Temple) and Lochie Shillington (Lower Sixth, Grafton) flying the golfing flag for Stowe. Max recorded an outstanding +1 gross score of 73 in very challenging conditions and finished in fifth position overall - this was an exceptional achievement for a Third Form golfer.

Our senior golfers have also enjoyed competitive fixtures against Bedford School at the delightful Woburn (Duchess) Golf Club, which resulted in a halved match, along with a stellar victory against Malvern College at Cirencester Golf Club. We now very much look forward to the second round of the ISGA National Match Play Championship against a very strong Warwick School after the half term break.

Junior Golf at Stowe continues to flourish with a record number of Stoics either learning or playing the game. Particular praise must go to George Hooper (Fourth Form, Chandos), Archie Barnes (Fourth Form, Chandos) and Ed Snushall (Fifth Form, Temple), who all contributed well in our recent U16 victory against Radley College.

On Tuesday 3 October our U16 golfers secured a draw against Radley. Our Seniors beat the Old Stoics on Wednesday 4 October and also drew with Bedford on Saturday 7 October.

*Mr Andrew Hancox,  
PGA Golf Professional & Head of Golf*

## Concert at Kings Sutton

Stowe musicians have performed in the Church of St Peter & St Paul, Kings Sutton at the start of October for the last four years. It is a great opportunity to play to an outside audience in a wonderful acoustic.

The concert started with the Orchestra which performed the whole of Bach's orchestral suite three. From the outset the three "D Trumpet" players; Sebastian Foxwell (Third Form, Walpole), Finlay Sutherland (Upper Sixth, Grafton) and Louis Hink (Lower Sixth, Walpole) added an air of majesty. The string players, led by Audrey Au (Fourth Form, Lyttelton), gave a very elegant rendition of the Air in G; and the flutes, oboes and bassoons added a feel of quality to this piece. Chris Windass then directed

the String Orchestra with a fine rendition of Elgar's Serenade and the beautiful Intermezzo by Mascagni. We then had two chamber groups featuring several of our Music Scholars. First we had Mozart's flute quartet, led by Jess Foxwell (Third Form, Lyttelton). This was followed by our recorder consort directed by Sally Adams. It is so refreshing to hear a group of outstanding recorder players playing music from the 16th Century. The concert ended with our 50 strong wind band lead by Lauren Taylor (Upper Sixth, Queen's). They all just managed to squeeze into the church's choir stalls. They gave two very enthusiastic performances of music from Frozen and Pirates of the Caribbean.

*Nigel Gibbon, Head of Brass*



## Language Society

### Old Stoic Gareth Browne reports from Iraq

On 28 September, the Language Society held a talk on 'How a Degree in Arabic Studies might benefit you'. The talk was hosted by Gareth Browne (Bruce 12), an Old Stoic who is now a freelance writer in the Middle East, covering the

biggest stories about developments in the war against ISIS. He explained how studying Arabic at Exeter allowed him to be sent to report on the frontline of the war, one of the most coveted jobs in all of journalism. The talk also gave us an insight into one of the most exciting jobs that one could have.

*Tom Purdon (Upper Sixth, Grenville)*

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# Harlington Primary School – Recording Day

On Monday 16 October, the Music Department at Stowe hosted 35 children and three staff from Harlington Primary School. Some time ago, we were contacted by ex Stowe staff member Julian Winn who has written a Christmas single for the charity CHUMS (a mental health and wellbeing service for children and young people). Harlington Primary have close ties with CHUMS as they have supported some of their students in the past and were delighted to be involved in recording the single. Over the past couple of months, arrangements have been underway to create a day of recording coupled with the opportunity for the children

to experience the beauty of Stowe in the autumn along with its usual warm hospitality. The day was a great success with the single being recorded in only a small number of takes, we were all impressed with the hard work that had already been put in before they arrived. Our thanks to Alan Longworth for capturing the day on film and providing much needed publicity shots as well as the large group of music scholars who assisted during the day, especially at lunch. The single is due for release very soon and more information on supporting this very worthwhile cause will follow.

*Ben Weston, Music Tech and Studio Manager*



# Piano Masterclass with Graham Fitch

On Wednesday 11 October, several Stowe pianists as well as pianists visiting from Hallgrove School took part in an afternoon masterclass with pianist and lecturer Graham Fitch. Graham is a highly successful and well-regarded piano teacher who regularly writes for *Pianist Magazine* and *Piano Professional Magazine*. He regularly creates excellent piano masterclass videos at Steinway Hall, London, in which he demystifies some of the more challenging aspects of piano technique. All of the musicians who took part in this masterclass benefitted from Graham's creative and innovative teaching style and it was

wonderful to hear the positive effect this had on their playing. I would like to congratulate Oliver Hudon, Cole Lam, Daniel Fussey, Sharen Chu and Mia Kadyan from Hallgrove School for their performances. In addition, I would like to congratulate the following Stoics for their performances: Billy Baker (Lower Sixth, Chatham), Jessica Foxwell (Third Form, Lyttelton), Sebastian Foxwell (Third Form, Walpole), Benjamin Li (Third Form, Cobham), Anastasia Nazarova (Upper Sixth, Lyttelton) and Jeffrey Au (Fifth Form, Walpole).



BEACHBOROUGH

Beachborough Triathlon has won an award!

We are delighted to announce that the Beachborough@Stowe Triathlon has won the best Children's Triathlon Award for the South Central region.

All regional winners will now be put forward for the Triathlon England National Awards and the [British Triathlon UK Awards](#) on Saturday 11 November.

Thanks go to all Beachborough staff and volunteers who make this event possible.

EVENTING

## NSA Beachborough Eventers Challenge

Last year we managed to enter one team for this event and the team came back with rosettes and a trophy. This year we entered four teams with three riders competing individually. Emma Wright (Third Form, Stanhope), Sofia Wright (Third Form, Stanhope), Cecily Hopkins (Third Form, Queen's), Antonia White (Fourth Form, Nugent), Lydia Taylor (Lower Sixth, West), Sophia Galione (Fifth Form, Queen's), Cecilia Mayne (Fifth Form, Nugent) all rode fantastic rounds, with some just missing out on placings. For the intermediate class Katie Lee (Fourth Form, Nugent), Rosie Grayson (Third Form, Nugent), Isla Holman-West (Third Form, Nugent) and Charlotte Morgan (Fourth Form, Nugent) took second place qualifying for the NSEA Eventers Challenge Finals at Hickstead in May. For the open class individuals Jemima Howden (Third Form, Stanhope) came fifth and Henry Hobby (Fourth Form, Chatham) came fourth. For the teams Jemima Howden (Third Form, Stanhope), Henry Hobby (Fourth Form, Chatham), Joshua White (Lower Sixth, Cobham) and Matilda Hawkings-Byass (Third Form, Queen's) came first, also qualifying for Hickstead and bringing the trophy back again.

*Angela Churcher, Equestrian Centre Manager*

## SPORT IN BRIEF

### Squash

Our U15s had a fine win against Bromsgrove on Tuesday 3 October.

### Basketball

In the Inter-House Third Form competition held on Sunday 8 October, Grenville beat Grafton in the final by just two points.

On Tuesday 3 October the Senior girls had a fine 46-22 win against Thornton College.

In the Inter-House Third Form competition held on Sunday 7 October, Queen's won all their matches and are therefore 2017 champions.

# GCSE Drama

On Wednesday 18 October, the 37 GCSE Drama students presented their devised practical pieces for examination. The evening before, they had entertained an audience of fellow Stoics, parents and staff in the Dobinson Studio, who were treated to an eclectic mix of performance styles, covering the umbrella theme of 'Fast Fashion'. The Stoics' work juxtaposed western consumerist society with the poverty and hardship faced by sweatshop workers elsewhere. It was excellent to see so many pupils offering design, including lighting designers: Ian Hsu (Chatham), Ed Pickering (Grenville) and Eva Samieva (Stanhope); sound designers Henry Howard (Chatham) and Ollie Seddon (Cobham); and costume designers Toyah Mowat (Nugent) and Stephanie Ross (Stanhope).

Standout performances came from Dave Dooley (Grafton), Isobel Hopkins (Lyttelton), Mia Dettori (Nugent), Ruby Redfern (Queen's), Lula Goldsmith (Stanhope), Emily Banks (Lyttelton) and Lyle O'Brien (Bruce).

All the Stoics involved deserve great credit for their mature approach to the work, enthusiasm and dedication at this busy time in their GCSE year.

*Lucy Miller, Drama*



## ROWING

### First Stowe Sprint Regatta

On Saturday 23 September, Stowe hosted its first regatta and against no-less an illustrious opposing side than Leander Club. The invitation event saw each side field six rowers and then go head-to-head in a variety of boats, such that every oarsman raced twice. After a very dreary start to the term, the sun came out for the afternoon and ensured a superb afternoon's racing.

Some of the boys were slightly nervous on seeing our opponents – they were all J16, but there was a significant size advantage! The Leander development squad are hand-picked from across the region, mainly based on size and strength and then trained intensively. Despite this concern (fear?), Stowe performed admirably and the final score of 4-1 doesn't show the closeness of the races.

Glory goes to Ayrton Patel (Upper Sixth, Cobham) who won his single scull race. Not only did he win by a clear margin, he also recorded the fastest time of the day out of all the singles racing. Also representing Stowe were James Pocklington (Upper Sixth, Grenville), Oscar Hill (Lower Sixth, Temple), Will Fox (Lower Sixth, Bruce), Elliot Patel, (Fifth Form, Cobham) and Charlie Chick (Fourth Form, Grafton). The return match at Henley is already being planned and hopefully the sprint regatta will become an annual event. Thanks to OS Ted Bainbridge for all his help and bringing Leander.

*Andrew Rudkin, Rowing Coach*

## RUGBY

The U15As had a fine 55-0 win on Wednesday 4 October in the National Cup against Sir Thomas Fremantle and followed this with a fine 17-5 win against Oundle on Saturday 7 October. The 1st XV travelled to Oundle on Saturday 7 October with an understrength side but fought bravely and were just one try away from victory. All the Colts teams won – the As 20-19, Bs 31-22 and Cs 33-14.

## BADMINTON

The senior badminton team continue their fine form beating Bloxham 12-4 on Wednesday 4 October and on Saturday 7 October clinched a fine 10-6 victory against Rugby School.



## HORSE OF THE YEAR SHOW

Lucinda Stockley, Assistant Librarian and her fell stallion Murthwaite Oliver (or 'Oliver' as he prefers to be called) qualified for the Mountain and Moorland, Fells and Dales at Horse of the Year show which was held at the Birmingham NEC in the first week in October; she qualified to compete for the 23rd year consecutive year. The competition was against the top ponies and jockeys in the country and were judged on their performance and breed standard. Oliver went foot perfect and was awarded sixth in the county.

# Piano masterclass with Yekaterina Lebedeva

On 27 September, visiting teacher from Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music & Dance, Yekaterina Lebedeva visited Stowe to give a piano masterclass and evening piano recital. It is always fascinating to observe different styles of piano teaching, and Yekaterina's focused and detailed teaching gave the Stoics plenty to go away with. Those that took part in the masterclass clearly gained a great deal from the afternoon and I was impressed at how quickly they picked up new ideas and suggestions on how they can improve their playing. I would like to congratulate Annabel Hing (Third Form, Stanhope), Rosia Li (Fourth Form, Stanhope), Audrey Au (Fourth Form, Lyttelton), Jeffrey Au (Fifth Form, Walpole), Vivien Zhu (Fourth Form, Lyttelton) and Sebastian Foxwell (Third Form, Walpole) for their performances in the afternoon. In the evening, Yekaterina gave a lovely piano recital with an all-Spanish



programme. It was wonderful to hear some well-known and pieces from the repertoire from composers such as Granados, as well as some lesser-known gems and Yekaterina really engaged with the audience, making this a memorable evening.

*Ben Andrew, Head of Keyboard*



## Leilia Paske

Leilia Paske (Lower Sixth, West) has been British Eventing since the age of 12. She has ridden for the Eastern Region for the last four years the last three at one star level at the National Under 18 championships. The Eastern Region has won the Championships for the last two years with Leilia being part of the team. Her present horse is Fernhill First Friend or Yam to his friends. She started at Be 100 and moved up to Novice and CIC 1\* later in the year, also going to the Pony Club Championships in the open section coming third. This year she started at Novice with two seconds and a third, then completed her first Intermediate in May before settling down to her GCSEs. Over the summer she took part in the under 18 championships and was then asked to go to Millstreet in Southern Ireland to represent Great Britain in a Junior Squad trip to do an International two day CIC1\* where she came 11th out of 70.

She has been asked to join the 'Junior Development squad' for next year's Junior Team. This term Leilia needed to keep up with the eventing and decided to enter for the under 21s Intermediate at South of England show ground. Yam is now at Stowe School Equestrian centre Leilia is able to ride him every day and have lessons. It was a great news to hear that they won the OI under21 doing an excellent dressage and a double clear.

*Angela Churcher, Equestrian Centre Manager*

# Medical Detection Dogs

On Tuesday 10 October, Stoics hosted a hom clothes fund-raising day to celebrate the first birthday of our MDD dog Stowe. The birthday dog himself was guest of honour at the Krispy



Kreme cake sale, bringing several of his MDD dog colleagues with him to enjoy the occasion. Stowe greeted Stoics with enthusiasm, sat beautifully whilst they sang happy birthday to him and, being the adorable, sociable pup that he is, thoroughly enjoyed being the centre of attention!

His MDD trainer tells us that Stowe is currently mastering the art of being a medical detection dog - demonstrating superb behaviour whilst shopping, visiting cafes, riding on public transport and even greeting animals at the Thame County Show. With all his basic behaviours well-rehearsed, Stowe is moving on to the more advanced training such as retrieving to hand, off-lead control and recall away from distraction - particularly dog distractions!

*Sheilagh Rawlins, Teacher of Science*



## High Altitude Balloon Project

Within the Science Department at Stowe a select group of 15 Sixth Form Stoics, under the watchful eye of Mr Malling, have embarked upon a mission to send two balloons up into space. Each balloon has a different aim. To aid us in our missions we have the help of European Astrotech. European Astrotech is helping to teach us the techniques required to track the balloon and investigate an experiment of our choice. We have made contact with Red Bull to help sponsor one of the balloons which will attempt to break the UK record for height which is currently sitting at 45,003 metres. We shall be sending the other balloon up into space in the last week of term under the name BOSSII.

*Freddie Woods (Upper Sixth, Chatham), Project Manager*

# Locke Brass Consort

On 24 September we had a day with the Locke Brass Consort. The theme of this day was heavily influenced by Germanic music. Imagine the opera house at Bayreuth without the singers, string players and woodwind players. Our brass players had a busy day. They had already played with the Big Band for the Stowe Family Day on the South Front Steps, before the three hour rehearsal with the Locke Consort. They started with the virtuosic arrangement of Rimsky Korsakov's Procession of the Nobles. This was

followed by a Turkish March by Beethoven and the slow and solemn fanfare for the Knights of St John by Richard Strauss. We also worked on an old brass band favourite, Bells across the meadows by Ketelbey. All of these pieces were included in the evening concert alongside the Locke Consort's very impressive programme. It is a rare opportunity for brass players to play such large scale pieces, especially alongside some of London's finest orchestral musicians.

*Nigel Gibbon, Head of Brass*



# McElwee Awards

Following the award of four travel scholarships in February, eight Stoics travelled in Europe this summer on four trips inspired by history and culture. Having all had unique experiences, they had the opportunity to share their experiences with the Lower Sixth students and the McElwee Committee in the Roxburgh Theatre. All four of these presentations were incredibly well rehearsed and gave excellent accounts of their trips.

Eleanor Trotman (Upper Sixth, Queen's) and Eleanor Perriam (Upper Sixth, West) presented their exploration of Islamic architecture in Spain in a presentation that included their own sketches and drawings of the features and vistas that particularly appealed to them. They noted their visit to the Alhambra in Granada as one of many highlights. In another art inspired presentation, Charlie Seddon (Upper Sixth, Cobham) and Archie Figg (Upper Sixth, Cobham) enlightened their audience on the topic of the Dutch Golden age in a talk that ranged from the impact of Protestantism on the Netherlands and the enormous wealth of the Dutch East India Company to light-hearted anecdotes about the number of bicycles that fall into Amsterdam's canals. In one of the more reflective talks of the evening, Alexander Harris (Upper Sixth, Grafton) and Thomas Mayhew (Upper Sixth, Grafton) relayed the highlights of their trip to the many sites associated with Operation Market Garden. They explained the role that Alexander's grandfather had played in the operation and made a fascinating link with Old Stoic Myles Henry (Chatham, 39), who was killed at Arnhem.

The award for the best presentation of the evening went to Ellie Dugeon (Upper Sixth, Lyttelton) and Alex Orton (Upper Sixth,

Lyttelton), who introduced their presentation as being about "one of the most important people you have never heard of". They proceeded to explain the life and work of Henry Dunant, who founded the Red Cross, with intellectual rigour combined and honed presentation skills. The committee and the Lower Sixth were impressed with the confidence, detail and engagement on display in all of the presentations, with Ellie and Alex only edging the final prize with the strength of their conviction about the importance of their chosen focus. All of the pupils were clearly very grateful for the opportunity that the Award had presented them with and also for the help received in preparation of their presentations; not least from the motorsport presenter Louise Goodman.

The evening was also attended by the pupils' parents and many of their teachers, giving a very positive and celebratory feel to the occasion. Lower Sixth pupils were also introduced to the Award and have already begun making plans for their own McElwee trips. Initial applications will be invited in the second half of this term, with a short list of applications being interviewed in early 2018.

*Paul Griffin, Head of History*



## Careers Education Starts in the Third Form

After exeat, Third Form tutor groups attended a workshop aimed at starting the process of selecting their GCSE options. Students completed an interests assessment using the Fast Tomato careers tool. This was followed by a presentation from Dr West, Head of Careers, where Stoics discussed potential careers and how these careers are linked to academic routes including GCSE's, A Levels and looking forward to higher education options. Back at home, students viewed GCSE descriptions and videos and started to think more about what GCSEs they may study, ahead of in-depth tutor discussions later this term.

If any parents would like to gain a better understanding of Fast Tomato, please email and Dr West will email you an access code to allow you to complete the assessment and explore Fast Tomato.

*Dr Gordon West, Head of Careers*



## CYCLING

Harry Kirby (Fifth Form, Temple) competed in his last Time Trial of the season on Sunday 15 October at the National Closed Circuit Championships on the Thruxton Motor racing circuit. Despite the windy conditions, he completed the 11.8 mile course in just over 26 minutes averaging 26.8 mph. Harry came fourth in his category and 11th overall, beating 63 other juniors many of whom were three years older.

*Chris Grimble, MiC Cycling*

## WATER POLO

The U18 Boys are enjoying an undefeated season, on Thursday 12 October we travelled to Bedford for a rematch after a 9-5 win to Stowe in September. After a slow start, half way through we were 5-4 down. Bedford came out hard in the third quarter and pelted goalie Henry Howard (Fifth Form Chatham), who defended bravely keeping the score at 5-4 to Bedford. Captain Kit Rigby (Upper Sixth, Grenville) and Jack Polturak (Upper Sixth, Chatham) went on the charge for the last seven minutes each scoring and with another goal from Bedford it was 6-6 with three minutes on the clock. Both sides attacked and with one minute left Alex Harris seized the moment and with determination took the ball to the goal blasting it in the back on the net. Great win for Stowe 7-6, and still undefeated.

*Cheryl Davis - Head of Swimming and Water Polo*

## BHS Approval

On the 17 October 2017 we were inspected by the British Horse Society to gain approval as a riding school and livery yard. The British Horse Society is the UK's largest and most influential equestrian charity which provides the 'pathway to excellence' career opportunities which are recognised worldwide.

I am delighted to announce that the Equestrian Centre at Stowe was approved. We are currently waiting for our provisional grades to be confirmed but we are excited that our high standards have been recognised.

Approval will enable us to provide more opportunities for the pupils and staff at Stowe as well as being commended on our efforts for horse welfare and management.

*Angela Churcher, Equestrian Centre Manager*



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# Co-Curricular Day

Monday 9 October was Co-Curricular Day for the Third Form, giving them a carousel of activities related but extra to the curriculum as an experience. There were four activities with the students having to move around the site to each. One was a creative writing workshop with two award winning poets, Lewis Buxton and Cecilia Knapp. The students listened to a short introduction, did some free writing and then split into two groups to create their own work with one or other of the speakers. Some were brave enough to read some of them out at the end of the session too.

Another was what can only be described as an experience of grammar with an ex-English teacher and musician from County Durham who has put together a show, teaching students how easy grammar can be and how to use it in their writing. This was a highly interactive event for 40 minutes with songs and presentation that was both funny and memorable. He offers parents a free link to his website with a [guide to grammar](#). Following the presentation the pupils were set a piece of writing for prep to demonstrate their skills.

Another presentation was from a visiting Young Adult author who happens to be here at Stowe for a few weeks helping in the English Department. We could not miss out on the opportunity for all the Third Form to hear from a Cilip Carnegie nominated author. She has had

six books published to date and her latest book is Hope. Rhian spoke to them about writing and how she got published. As an ex-English teacher her first book was written in chapters just as an example of writing for a lesson and her class encouraged her to try to get it published which she did, all in the wrong way and was lucky enough to be picked up by [Bloomsbury](#).

The third was a lively presentation from a magician who uses Maths as his focus in the new Science Lecture Theatre. Through a show filled with illusions and tricks, our visiting mathemagician demonstrated that mathematical logic underlies much of the visual trickery that one might see in a magic show. The event allowed the Third Formers to participate in card tricks, numbers games and visual illusions that encompassed various topics in maths, including shapes, area, estimation, probability, and statistics. Following each trick, our mathemagician would explain its basis using mathematical reasoning, which provided pupils with more innovative applications of the maths that they have already seen in the classroom. It was clear through their enthusiasm during the show that pupils are now much more interested in understanding how maths can be applied in different and fun ways. Several have walked out of the lesson with entertaining tricks that they could even show off to their family and friends.

*Lyn Foden, Librarian*

## ROWING

On Saturday 14 October, the Stowe rowers travelled to Evesham for the junior sculling race, entering three quadruple sculling crews. The Fourth Form crew of Theo Finlan (Temple), Barnaby Peppiatt (Chatham), Alex Ross (Chatham) and Charlie Chick (Grafton) went first. They coped well with the challenge of racing in a coxless quad for the first time. Charlie steered an excellent course and the crew posted a respectable time.

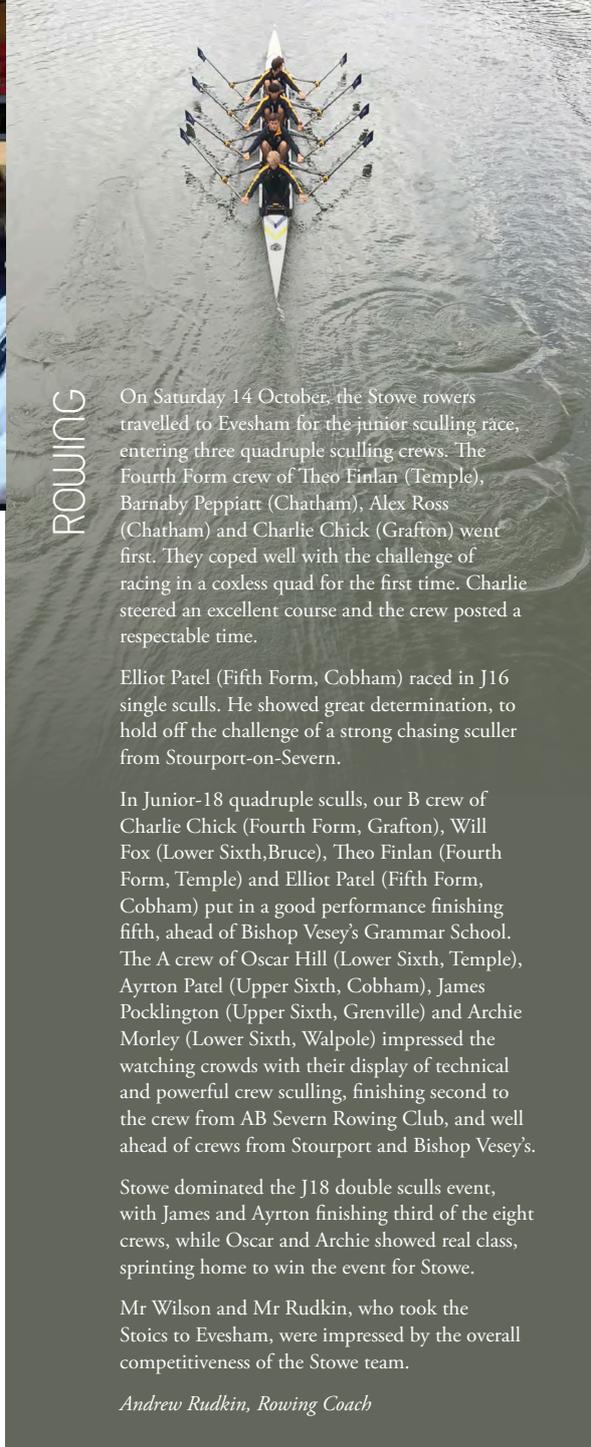
Elliot Patel (Fifth Form, Cobham) raced in J16 single sculls. He showed great determination, to hold off the challenge of a strong chasing sculler from Stourport-on-Severn.

In Junior-18 quadruple sculls, our B crew of Charlie Chick (Fourth Form, Grafton), Will Fox (Lower Sixth, Bruce), Theo Finlan (Fourth Form, Temple) and Elliot Patel (Fifth Form, Cobham) put in a good performance finishing fifth, ahead of Bishop Vesey's Grammar School. The A crew of Oscar Hill (Lower Sixth, Temple), Ayrton Patel (Upper Sixth, Cobham), James Pocklington (Upper Sixth, Grenville) and Archie Morley (Lower Sixth, Walpole) impressed the watching crowds with their display of technical and powerful crew sculling, finishing second to the crew from AB Severn Rowing Club, and well ahead of crews from Stourport and Bishop Vesey's.

Stowe dominated the J18 double sculls event, with James and Ayrton finishing third of the eight crews, while Oscar and Archie showed real class, sprinting home to win the event for Stowe.

Mr Wilson and Mr Rudkin, who took the Stoics to Evesham, were impressed by the overall competitiveness of the Stowe team.

*Andrew Rudkin, Rowing Coach*



# Piano concert

On Wednesday 11 October, sixteen Stoics gave an exceptional piano concert, performing music across many different genres including Classical, Pop, Jazz and Film music. One of the huge strengths of the Keyboard department is the diverse range of repertoire that Stoics learn, which this concert really showcased. The evening featured original Stoic compositions such as Amalia Aitchison's (Upper Sixth, Nugent) song 'Too Young to Know' – in which she accompanied herself at the piano. Helena Vince (Lower Sixth, Queen's) gave a lovely semi-improvised performance on an original theme. There were several performances of well-known classical pieces such as Sonata in A minor K.310, which was performed by Jeffrey Au (Fifth Form, Walpole), and Grieg's Notturmo, performed by Anastasiia Nazarova (Upper Sixth, Lyttelton). In addition to the solo classical pieces, there was a Samba duet performance from Jessica (Third Form, Lyttelton) and Sebastian Foxwell (Third

Form, Walpole), and a two-piano arrangement of Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring by Bach, which was performed by Finlay Sutherland (Upper Sixth, Grafton) and Ellen Arnall (Upper Sixth, West). I would like to congratulate all of the pianists for their performances and for making the evening such a memorable event: Anastasiia Nazarova (Upper Sixth, Lyttelton), Audrey Au (Fourth Form, Lyttelton), Rosia Li (Fourth Form, Stanhope), Amalia Aitchison (Upper Sixth, Nugent), Annabel Hing (Third Form, Stanhope), Benjamin Li (Third Form, Cobham), Jessica Foxwell (Third Form, Lyttelton), Sebastian Foxwell (Third Form, Walpole), Samuel Ellis (Third Form, Chandos), Ellen Arnall (Upper Sixth, West), Finlay Sutherland (Upper Sixth, Grafton), Jiahao Zhang (Fourth Form, Chandos), Oliver Vince (Upper Sixth, Cobham), Poppy de Salis (Lower Sixth, Stanhope), Helena Vince (Lower Sixth, Queen's) and Jeffrey Au (Fifth Form, Walpole).





# CCE

## Autumn Field Exercise Weekend

Nick Zammit, the newly appointed Navy Section commander with 16 RN Cadets and assisted by Heather Eisenhut and Graham Easton Basset, enjoyed the trip to Portsmouth, spending a night aboard HMS Bristol, and visiting the Submarine Museum, the Mary Rose, HMS Victory, HMS Warrior and 'Action Stations' where they practiced simulated responses to fire, flood and torpedo.

The Army Section went out with 88 junior and senior cadets to Bramley Training Area, Hampshire. The Fourth Form cadets were at the receiving end of an adrenaline-fuelled evening escape and evasion activity, followed by a 'cadet friendly' gentle introduction to interrogation, (for those groups who got caught), to see if they could avoid giving away their 'mission'. The cadets followed their instructions to the letter and those groups who got caught, managed to digress, be vague and expand with impressive ability! Special mention to Max Marshall-Lee (Cobham), for his superb effort. None of the groups gave away their mission. Congratulations to cadets Toby Moore (Grenville), Pandora Smiley (Nugent), Tess Clarke (Nugent), Theo Finlan (Temple) and Henning de Salis (Temple) who were the only group, (out of 9), who completed the mission without being caught. The next morning they enjoyed a Stalk activity, challenging themselves to see how close they could get to the roving single enemy. They spent an hour slithering and sliding on their stomachs through bracken and cracking twigs. Cadets Barnaby Peppiatt (Chatham), Angus Pollock

(Grafton) and William Bursnall (Grafton) demonstrated expert skills in stealth. The cadets also carried out a pacing and bearing stand, a blindfolded command task, an introduction to weapon training on the A2 Cadet GP rifle and an observation lane, all taught and run to a high standard by the cadet Sixth Form NCOs who stepped up to the challenges with confidence. It is great to have such a strong and able Sixth Form cohort and to see them all developing and building their leadership skills.

The Fifth Form cadets, meanwhile, carried out evening recce patrols to gather information on likely enemy positions and pick up supply drops. Later that evening they were given orders for night ambushes by Cadet CSM Alexander Harris (Upper Sixth, Grafton) and Cadet C/Sgt Thomas Leach (Upper Sixth, Walpole), carried out the ambush rehearsals and then successfully ambushed two enemy vehicles. The following morning they were put through their paces carrying out a blank firing rolling Platoon Attack with enemy depth positions and learnt how to 'clear' a hostile village compound, selecting the most effective fire positions.

Feedback from all cadets was very positive. Grateful thanks, as ever, to the hard working and cheerful staff who came out on the Army section Field Exercise: Captains R Corthine, and A Wilson, Sgt A Sprules (new SSI), Dr F Smith, Mr M Austen, Ms F Shah and Ms Penner.

*Major J S de Gale, Contingent Commander*



The RAF section visited the Imperial War Museum's aviation collection at Duxford near Cambridge. The museum houses a superb collection of aircraft that represent the entire history of flight, from vintage pre-World War One monoplanes and biplanes, through the warbirds of the Second World War and the Cold War through to the latest designs from the 21st Century. In addition there are numerous exhibits detailing the history of Duxford as a Battle of Britain station as well as a highly impressive hangar devoted to aircraft of the United States Air Force from the last five decades. The purpose of the visit was to foster the cadets' knowledge and appreciation of the Royal Air Force in particular, and of the history and development of aviation in general. The whole group immersed themselves in the museum's exhibits, exploring the inside of Concorde and learning the physics of aerodynamics in the wind chamber, as well as being treated to numerous formation flypasts and aerobatic displays throughout the day from Duxford's resident fleet of flying aircraft. Altogether it was a highly enjoyable and informative day that has undoubtedly served to develop the aviation interest and understanding of the cadets.

*Flag Officer Jon Murnane*



# Careers Talk

Insurance underwriters, brokers and actuaries in the global insurance industry

On 9 October David Widdick (Chatham 00) gave a careers talk in the Blue Room to 32 Stoics on careers in the UK and global insurance industry. David discussed different routes into various roles in the sector via traditional degrees and apprenticeships.

Stoics were fascinated with David's discussions around the different roles available in insurance, especially when it came to the global nature and scope of large insurance firms where understanding probability theory, statistics and investment theory are involved in providing strategic, commercial and financial advice to corporate clients.

The talk concluded with David guiding students through an actual insurance claim and how an insurance company was involved in reducing an £8m exposure to risk, through quick thinking, international travel, dealing with kidnappers,



monkeys and meeting deadlines, to help an international retailer to release its new adverts on prime time TV in the UK. All in a days work in minimising exposure to losses in the exciting world of insurance.

After the talk concluded Upper Sixth students joined David for supper in the State Dining Room to continue discussion on the value of work experience whilst at university to support competitive applications for employment post undergraduate studies.

*Dr Gordon West, Head of Careers*

# Bike Clinic

The cycle clinic has been in operation throughout this term and once again I have received a large number of requests from students and staff for bike repairs, servicing and registration.

The clinic is located behind the gym and swimming pool in Shed Zero on Tuesdays between 12:00 - 14:30. Over the past 12 months I have also helped clear out many of the old bikes left by students who have since departed from the school. Unfortunately, most of these bikes were not roadworthy and in many cases had to be disposed of. The cycle clinic is open to all staff and students alike. I welcome those who drop in for a chat and give advice to those needing some form of bike repair.

You can contact me either via my School [email](#) address or contact number 07801 106842.

*Nick Zammit*

# Rock and Pop Day for Pinewood School

On Tuesday 17 October, the Music Department welcomed 37 pupils and four staff from Pinewood School to enjoy a day of Rock & Pop music making. Prior to the day, Pinewood's excellent music staff had coached the children within four bands on four different songs across a range of instruments. Each band was supported by a member of the Music Department staff which included Ben Weston, Miles Nottage, Ben Andrew and Gary Morgan who all worked really hard to give the children an exciting and creative day. Each band rehearsed their pieces and then had the

opportunity to record them in the recording studio and the day culminated in a concert for visiting parents from Pinewood who were suitably impressed with the performances along with the usual Stowe hospitality. The children left buzzing with enthusiasm to continue their rock and pop journeys and we look forward to welcoming them all again next year. Our thanks to Sarah Searle for all her help in organising the schedule and hospitality aspects of the day behind the scenes.

*Ben Weston, Music Technology & Studio Manager*



# BBC Young Musician of the Year

On 27 September Sebastian Foxwell (Third Form, Walpole) trumpet, Jess Foxwell (Third Form, Lyttelton) Flute, Samuel Ellis (Third Form, Chandos) recorder, Izzy Ward (Lower Sixth, Stanhope) recorder and Ally Jordan (Lower Sixth, Lyttelton) Flute - five of our talented musicians played in the first round of BBC Young Musician of the Year.

They are due to hear the results this Half Term so we wish them all the very best and hope to see them in the next round of this prestigious music competition.



# GOLF COACHING

Expert PGA golf coaching is available here at Stowe with Mr Andrew Hancox, our resident PGA Golf Professional and PGA Level 3 coach. For more information, please contact [Andrew](#).



# 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)*



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