

Stowe mail

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NEWS ROUND UP FROM STOWE

Headmaster's Welcome

At the start of term we welcomed more than 200 new Stoics and, with a record 785 pupils enrolled in the School, Chapel will soon reach its full capacity. We celebrated the School's highest ever GCSE results this summer with nearly 50% of grades reaching A or A* and there are still some re-marks in the pipeline (our faith in the exam system has been put to the test with evidence of erratic marking in a number of subjects). Our 2015 Leavers also acquitted themselves well with 70% A*-B at A2 and the majority of these new Old Stoics will be enjoying Freshers' Week at the more prestigious Russell Group universities.

Last year the Stoics heard a great deal about having a growth mindset and these exam results suggest that the idea is catching on. Stoics should embrace new challenges, accepting that there will be setbacks along the way as success usually comes through perseverance in the face of adversity and initial failure. The learning curve has a line which rises, then dips, then rises higher, rising and dipping continuously as a new skill is mastered. Per adua ad astra – to the stars with difficulty.

While Stoics and Staff were enjoying the summer break, the School was once again turned into a building site as we continue to improve facilities. Chatham benefited from a much needed refurbishment, the Gym and Weights Room has been transformed with an amazing array of modern equipment and the Biology Department was demolished with minimal resistance (building standards in the early 1970s were clearly not as rigorous as they are now). While our scientists are camping out in "portacabin city", the foundations

of the new building have recently been laid and we can now see the footprint of the new Science Department. West has doubled in size and now has 29 pupils with Fielding Dodd's neo-Georgian buildings linked together for the first time. There is only one more piece of the West jigsaw puzzle to build before we have a fully constituted Sixth Form House for 50 pupils and over the coming months the Governors will be finalising the plans for West Phase III.

Stowe House Preservation Trust has enjoyed record numbers this summer and I do hope that Stoics and their parents take the opportunity to visit the superb Welcome and Discovery Centre. You will be astonished by the imaginative transformation of the space which had previously been the Sixth Form Cellar Bar and Temple Changing Room.

At the start of term I urged Stoics to reflect on the achievements of one of our most distinguished Old Stoics, Sir Nicholas Winton MBE, who died in July at the age of 106. "Nicky" Winton enrolled as a Stoic in Grenville House in 1923, the year that the School was founded, and he embodied many of the characteristics which the first Headmaster of Stowe, JF Roxburgh, instilled in Stoics: courage, tenacity, humility and good humour. Sir Nicholas rescued 669 Jewish children from Nazi occupied Czechoslovakia and today there are more than 6,000 descendants of these children who would not be alive without Sir Nicholas' heroic endeavour. His life and work serves as an exemplar to us all.

Dr Anthony Wallersteiner



Brave New World

"I don't want comfort. I want danger. I want freedom. I want sin."

The Drama Department was delighted to welcome Mr Michael Immerson, from the Creative Partnership team based at Northampton Theatre Royal into Stowe on Thursday 24 September, for a day of practical, participatory workshops linked to the company's current production of 'Brave New World'.

Huxley's ground breaking novel has been adapted and produced for the stage by the Creative team at Northampton and on Tuesday 22 September, 70 Stoics who study Drama at A2, AS and GCSE Level went to see it in performance.

Michael ran two, two hour workshops which touched on themes and ideas explored in the play and all the Stoics involved responded very positively to his suggestions. It was pleasing for my colleagues and me to see just how well the different age groups got on together and how they supported and encouraged each other to explore a range of drama related staging techniques and performance skills.

Nick Bayley, Director of Drama



More pictures can be seen on the School website.

Elevate Education

On Monday 7 September the new Lower Sixth Form benefited from two presentations by Elevate Education, a company of dynamic, highly successful new graduates who present on how to study more effectively to pupils across the UK, in short, on how to be 'smarter' learners. Their Study Sense was packed full of excellent study skills that have been proved to be effective in assisting pupils, both at school and at university, to achieve their best. The second seminar was on time management and practical ways in which pupils could make the best use of their increased independent study time in the Sixth Form. Feedback from these presentations has been overwhelmingly positive and tutors and teachers will be reinforcing many of Elevate Education's top tips with their tutees and classes throughout the remainder of the year.

Sally Akam, Senior Tutor

New Music Award Holder's Concert

On Wednesday 9 September, the first concert of the season kicked off with the new Third Form and Lower Sixth Music Scholars, who wowed the audience with their highly skilled performances. Olivia Elliott (Third Form, Stanhope) opened the concert with her soulful performance of Lay Me Down by Sam Smith. This was a confident performance that really showcased Olivia's strong vocal technique. Caspar Wallersteiner (Lower Sixth, Chatham) gave a very musical performance of the 60s number one hit House of the Rising Sun. Accompanying himself on the guitar, Caspar really put his own stamp on this song, resulting in a performance that was highly engaging and stylish. Alex Grinyer (Lower Sixth, Walpole) gave a sparkling, assured performance of Chopin's Berceuse on the Steinway Model D grand piano. The Berceuse is a beautiful lullaby with a simple repeated pattern in the left hand upon which the right hand plays variations which increase in virtuosity as the piece unfolds.

This was followed by a performance of Mozart's Horn Concerto no.3, where Alex demonstrated both technical skill and musical sensitivity.

Jeffrey Au (Third Form, Walpole) gave a highly lyrical and spacious performance of Chopin's Nocturne in B flat minor, a piece which is deceptively challenging and highly expressive. Jeffrey really engaged with the audience, producing a wide variety of colours at the piano. He also gave a secure performance of Bach's Cello suite no.1 on the viola. To conclude the concert, Theodore Hayes (Third Form, Chatham) gave contrasting and technically impressive performances of a Chopin Nocturne in G minor and Humoreske by Rachmaninov. From the pensive, broad melody in the Nocturne to the jovial and witty character of the Humoreske, Theodore demonstrated that he is an extremely capable, versatile and accomplished pianist.

Ben Andrew, Head of Keyboard



Stowe on Film

'Bill', the Horrible Histories version of the life of William Shakespeare, is now out at the cinema. Make sure you look out for the Marble Saloon as the King of Spain's palace.

Anna McEvoy, House Custodian

HOCKEY

Charlotte Oswald (Lower Sixth, Queen's) spent the summer training with the U16 England team and played in two test series against Ulster and Scotland. The series involved three matches over three days and the England team won both. Charlotte played either half back or full back in all the games.

The 1st XI girls had a great pre-season tour to Holland in August. We arrived in Amsterdam on Sunday 23, with three training sessions and two matches ahead of us over the four days. It was going to be a hockey-filled trip, with some sightseeing on the side. The girls performed really well in both games, drawing 2-2 against HC Athena and then beating HC Noordwijk 1-0. We also enjoyed a canal cruise through the city, visiting the Anne Frank Museum and exploring a very interesting and unique European capital city. The girls behaved impeccably on and off the pitch and we will be looking to do similar pre-season tours in years to come.

The Yearlings A, B and C teams travelled to The Perse on Saturday 12 September following a short preparation period since the start of term. Although no wins were recorded there were some very encouraging moments in their matches and much to build on.

It was a mixed day for our girls in the block fixture against Trent on Saturday 12 September. The 1st XI conceded either side of half-time in their match and the U16As lost 4-3 in an epic encounter which could have gone either way. One of the performances of the day came from the U16B team which recorded a 3-0 win in next to no time in a shortened game. The U15As although dominant were unable to force a victory and in the end had to settle for a 1-1 draw. The U14 A and B teams found the back of the net but were unable to impose themselves enough on their opposition and both teams fell short by two goals. Some strong defending and fluent attacking helped the newly formed U14C team to a fantastic 3-0 win.

On Wednesday 16 September the girls' 1st XI had a fantastic 5-1 win against local rivals Beaconsfield High. The team competed well on Saturday 19 September against a strong Repton side in a 3-1 loss. The U16As scored goals aplenty beating Repton's U16Bs 5-2. The U15As continued their assured start this term with a 1-0 victory. The U15B team recorded their first win of the season with a fine 4-0 win against Repton's U15C team. The U14B team played out a 0-0 draw, however, the outstanding performance of the day came from the U14A team who were 5-0 up at half-time against Repton's U14Bs and followed this up with a strong second half performance to win 9-0.

At Oundle on Saturday 19 September, the performance of the day came from the Yearlings B team who were very impressive going forward, they deserved their 3-0 win. Although dominant for most of their match the Yearlings A side had a frustrating day and were unlucky to lose 1-0.

Luke Stone, Head of Hockey



New to Stowe

Starting a new school can be a complicated experience; there is the excitement of a new beginning in brand new surroundings and the prospect of being able to reinvent oneself. However this is tempered with the nervousness of wondering if people will like you, whether you will be able to find your way around the place and whether or not you will fit in. And that's just the teachers!

It is always exciting to welcome a new generation of Stoics into the School and this year has been no different. Our Third Form intake, or 'Yearlings' as we also refer to them, arrived at the beginning of September and have settled in remarkably well. Our emphasis in the first three weeks is to offer as much support as we can both in the House and in the classroom to help them get up and running and into the Stowe way of doing things. There have been lots of exciting lessons for them, in particular the new Vanguard Programme which has seen the whole year group reading a fascinating book called 'The Talent Code' by Daniel Coyle which is challenging them to understand that their abilities and their achievements are not set in stone and that practicing something consistently and persistently can lead to significant improvements in achievement.



We have also been keeping the new Third Form very busy over the weekends. Since they started at Stowe they have taken part in a whole year-group football tournament, they have been up the Jacob's ladder, jumped off the 'Leap of Faith' and many of them have also had their first attempt at the School's obstacle course. Last Saturday they all enjoyed a disco in our social area StoweBucks where some pretty fantastic shapes were thrown on the dance floor, some of them by the pupils. They have also been able to just enjoy some down time, perhaps popping into Buckingham on one of our 'Shopper' buses or simply spending time getting to know their new environment by exploring the grounds with their new friends.



We have also been delighted to see them so busy in the afternoons making the most of our games and activity programme and they have been involved in all kinds of activities from hockey, rugby, netball and lacrosse to helping with the Beagle pack and getting stuck into Robotics Club.

We must also welcome our new Sixth Form intake who have been equally busy over the last few weeks making new friends and jumping straight into their A Level courses.

As I write, all are excitedly waiting for their first Exeat weekend which will bring a well-deserved rest, but I hope that they will be equally excited about coming back to School on Monday night to continue their new life here at Stowe. Onwards and upwards!

Pete Last, Senior Housemaster



Cantata Stoica 2015



The latest incarnation of Stowe's 'Cantata Stoica' Hymnbook is now in Chapel, and it is already contributing to the potential for significant refreshment in both song and liturgy. Not only is the cover now a cheerful and welcoming colour, but the content of the Services (Morning/Evening Prayer and Holy Eucharist/Communion) and the selection of Hymns, Songs and Chants have been thoroughly revised, with many new inclusions.

The compilation continues the tradition of collating both well established and more recently established hymnody, and there are even newly published musical settings and hymn-words, courtesy of the compilers. The previous edition (1998) had run out, so the opportunity was embraced to re-work 'Cantata Stoica' with the following important considerations: the Book should have fully inclusive language, the hymns, songs and chants should be capable of being

sung by a large and diverse congregation, the theology and spirituality of the words should be inspirational, accessible and welcoming and provide food for thought and action, and the very best of the older hymns should be bound together with the less familiar. The latter ones are those which have spoken throughout the Churches, but which have not found their way to Stowe until now. Gresham Books are to be commended on this fine publication.

The words of the dedication page are valuable and well-intentioned: 'Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me; bless God's holy Name (Psalm 100). To All Stoics - past, present and future.' Thanks must go to Mr Simon Dearsley, Co-Compiler and formerly Director of Music.

The Revd Christopher Huxtable, Chaplain;

Academic Honours

A number of Academic Honours have been awarded this September after incredible results in the Summer term. Five Upper Sixth Formers have been awarded Senior Academic Scholarships for achieving four or more A grades at AS Level. Seventeen Lower Sixth Formers have been awarded Senior Academic Scholarships for achieving eight A*s or more at GCSE and 41 Lower Sixth Formers were awarded Academic Colours for achieving six A*s or more or a total of eight or more A*/A grades at GCSE.

Coffee Concert

On Sunday 13 September, nine Stoics took part in a piano recital as part of the Sunday Coffee Concert series. All those who performed acquitted themselves well, playing a diverse repertoire. Emily Woodhead (Upper Sixth, Nugent) opened the concert with Debussy's *Dr Gradus ad Parnassum* where she really caught the spirit of the piece. Poppy de Salis' (Fourth Form, Stanhope) performance of Chopin's *Raindrop Prelude* was equally as captivating. Next to perform was Finlay Sutherland (Fifth Form, Grafton) with a clear and well-shaped performance of a Bach Fugue. Staying with the Baroque period, Alexandra Jordan (Fourth Form, Lyttelton) gave a technically secure and polished performance of *Giga* by the English composer Richard Jones. Next up, Amalia Aitchison (Fifth

Form, Nugent) performed Alwyn's *Prelude and Fugue* on an Indian scale. Amalia effectively conveyed the wistful nature of the *Prelude* as well as the more percussive nature of the *Fugue*. Alex Grinyer (Lower Sixth, Walpole), Jeffrey Au (Third Form, Walpole) and William Motion (Upper Sixth, Chatham) gave contrasting and fluent performances of works by Chopin including the *Berceuse*, *Nocturne in B flat minor* and a *Waltz in B flat minor*. Theodore Hayes (Third Form, Chatham) ended the recital with another impressive performance of *Humoresque* by Rachmaninov. The concert was a resounding success and I would like to thank all those who took part.

Ben Andrew, Head of Keyboard



ROWING

Stoics at world-class rowing competitions

Stowe's involvement at Henley started at the Henley Women's Regatta, with Dani Fusco-House (Upper Sixth, Lyttelton) racing in an eight with girls from King's Canterbury, King's Ely, Oundle and Hollowell. They gave a good account of themselves but were unable to progress against Headington School, who saw off the champions of USA and Canada, to retain their title. Annabel Simpson (Lower Sixth, Queen's) rowed in the U16 quadruple sculls in a young club crew. They enjoyed being part of a competition with the best university rowers in the world, including Oxford, Cambridge, Brown, Cornell and Stanford.

At Henley Royal Regatta, Dani rowed in the qualifying races in a club crew, which put in a competent performance and were pleased to beat The Leys School. They are a young crew, with plenty of years left to challenge at the event.

After an excellent performance at the National Schools' Championship Singles, James Simpson (Chatham 15) was determined to fulfil his ambition to row at Henley, so he teamed up with three other single scullers from Stratford-upon-Avon, Derby and Burton-on-Trent. As a composite crew they were barred from the Junior event, so raced in the competitive Senior event. Although not able to make the top 16, they rowed well and would have been the fastest junior crew in this event.

Dani raced in a girls' eight at the British Championships at Strathclyde, but despite a promising row they were squeezed out of the A Final by Henley Rowing Club and the Scotland crew for the Home International. Next term Dani, Gleb Shcherbakov (Lower Sixth, Grenville) and Alex Buswell (Upper Sixth, West) are aiming for the Head of the Charles in Boston, Massachusetts.

At the City of Oxford Silver Sculls on Saturday 19 September, the performance of the day came from Gleb Shcherbakov and Ilya Riskin (Fourth Form, Chandos) who came first in the Junior 18 double.

Andrew Rudkin, Rowing Coach



NASA comes to Stowe

On Friday 18 September, the Science Faculty was delighted to welcome Dr Belinda Wilkes, Director of the NASA Chandra X-Ray Centre to Stowe to give a fascinating insight into her work. The Chandra X-Ray telescope was launched in 1999 and has provided scientists with a new ability to gaze into the far reaches of the galaxy ever since. Dr Wilkes' lecture was a fantastic opportunity for Stoics to learn about celestial wonders such as black holes, supernovae and pulsars from a world-leading scientist and expert



in her field. Using some of the beautiful images Chandra captures, Dr Wilkes took us on a journey through the galaxy, explaining how Chandra manages to produce pictures of such detail. Dr Wilkes was also able to provide the Stoics with advice on how to enter the exciting world of professional astrophysics. The Science Faculty would like to extend our thanks to Dr Wilkes for coming to Stowe.

Craig Donoghue, Physics Department



ATHLETICS

Octavia Cavill competed in the Regional Midlands round of the English Schools' Combined Events U17 (Intermediate Girls) Competition over the summer and won gold with an impressive Heptathlon score of 4461 points. At the International Competition in Glasgow she achieved a silver medal in the High Jump. At the National Schools' Competition in Gateshead she won gold in the High Jump and received bronze at the Sainsbury's 2015 School Games.

Kyle Bennett, Head of Athletics

Heartstart

Eight Lower Sixth Form Stoics are now qualified Heartstart trainers and can offer free training on unconscious casualty, heart attacks, CPR, bleeding casualty and choking.

Congratulations to Jack Jenkins (Walpole), Leo Constantine (Grafton), Piers Edinborough (Walpole), Georgina Skinner (Nugent), Carmel Hobbs (Nugent), Beth Ackroyd (Stanhope), Savanna Elliott (Stanhope) and Lucy Alderton (Stanhope).

Debbie Jenkins, Senior Nurse Manager

Networking Drinks



Networking Drinks with distinguished Fund Manager, Anthony Bolton (Chatham 67) for Old Stoics and Parents working in Law, the City and Finance Thursday 15 October The Hippodrome, WC2H 7JH.

Tickets £25 Call 01280 818252 to book or buy online [here](#).



CYCLING

Five Stoic cyclists travelled to London on Sunday 13 September to meet the Cannondale-Garmin Pro Cycling Tour of Britain team which included some of the world's fastest cyclists including 2014's Tour of Britain winner, Dylan van Baarle. After meeting the Directeur Sportif Charles Wegelius, Stoics quizzed the team and then watched them in action preparing and racing in stage 8, the last one of the tour, involving 15 fast and exciting laps of a 6.2km circuit in the heart of London. The team finished the Tour of Britain as the most successful overall team.

Chris Grimble, MiC Cycling



Opening of the Gym

We are extremely lucky to have Old Stoics and parents, like the King family, who are willing to sponsor new and exciting projects at Stowe. The School gym facilities have been a bugbear for Stoics over a number of years, so we are extremely grateful to the Kings for providing us with a full gym refurbishment.

The gym was opened on Thursday 27 August by Jamie Baulch, World 400 metre Champion, Olympian, raconteur and attended by Chester

King (representing the King family), the Headmaster and the JCA Rugby team, who put the equipment through its paces. It has been furnished with the very best equipment from Star-Trac and is one of the best quality gyms that we could have hoped for. This is a great example of what can be done with our sports buildings and this gives us a fantastic template to work from. Watch this space!

Ben Mercer, Development Director

LACROSSE

The 1st XII got off to a great start this season, with four wins, one loss and one tie meaning they won the division trophy at the Berkhamsted 8s Festival on Sunday 6 September. There were wins over St George's, Cheltenham Ladies' College and Bedford. Philippa Stacey (Upper Sixth, Stanhope) led the goal scoring on the day with nine goals and six assists, followed by Olivia Thomas (Fifth Form, Nugent) with eight goals and both India Chadwick (Upper Sixth, Nugent) and Milla Harvey-Scholes (Upper Sixth, Stanhope) who scored four.

In the Top Class Tournament on Saturday 12 September, the 1st team recorded an excellent 6-6 draw against Berkhamsted in the first game. They then played out two more exciting games against Downe House and St Swithun's which were narrowly lost 8-9 and 8-10 respectively.

On Wednesday 16 September, in the pouring rain, the Senior 1st team had a successful day beating a strong North London Collegiate side 8-3. The Senior 2nd team also competed well and their game finished all square, three goals each. On Saturday 19 September, the 2nd team completely dominated their match against Uppingham's 1st team to win 18-0.

Kaitlan Biondi, Head of Lacrosse



Lacrosse Tour

At the end of the Summer term a group of Fourth and Fifth Formers embarked on the seven hour transatlantic flight to Toronto, Canada. After two days of shopping, sunbathing and sightseeing we ended our visit in Toronto, Canadian style, by going to watch the Blue Jays in a baseball match. From there we travelled to Ontario and were greeted by our first host families who were to be our opposition in the challenging matches the following day.

Together, after our matches, we travelled to Syracuse University situated in upstate New York, where we spent five days in an intense training and tournament camp. We played teams from across America and Canada who really pushed us physically with their high standard of play. We came away from the camp with higher fitness levels and ringing ears from the squeals over our

“supercool British accents”.

We continued in this focused frame of mind by moving on to the Star Spangled Lacrosse Tournament in Ithaca where we achieved a few more wins. With temperatures far exceeding the English norm, many struggled but we soldiered on and ended on a high, spending the evening celebrating with the beautiful 4th July fireworks.

At the end of the tour we visited the impressive Niagara Falls. We took a night flight and arrived on English soil the following day feeling exhausted but triumphant. Overall, the tour was a huge success and we learnt a lot about teamwork, self-motivation and how to play lacrosse American style.

*Georgina Skinner and Skye Longworth,
(Lower Sixth, Nugent)*



Picture taken by Katy King

RUGBY

The season kicked off in fine style for our rugby teams with eight wins out of the ten matches played in the block fixture against Oakham on Saturday 12 September. The 1st XV played some slick rugby and came away with a convincing 29-0 win. The 3rd XV won 24-5 and both the 4th and 5th XV's put 50 points on their opposition. On home soil the Colts A came through a thrilling encounter to win 33-22, however, it was the energetic Colts Bs who produced the best result of the day to beat Oakham 62-14. All three Junior Colts sides won their well contested games.

In the block fixture on Saturday 19 September against Warwick School, arguably one of the strongest rugby playing schools in the country, the 1st and 2nd XV's came close to pulling off memorable victories. However, the only victory of the day came from an impressive 3rd XV.

Alan Hughes, Head of Rugby

BADMINTON

The Senior team had a resounding 12-3 win against Bloxham on Wednesday 16 September. The 1st pair, Henry Eleyin-Bingham (Fifth Form, Grenville) and Peter Wang (Fifth Form, Chatham), and 2nd pair, Sam Jokhoo (Fifth Form, Grenville) and Freddie Woods (Fifth Form, Chatham), won all of their matches convincingly.

Hazel Browne, MiC Badminton

SWIMMING

In August, William Perry (Fourth Form, Cobham) swam in the National Championships at Sheffield in his first gala in a 50m pool. In the 50m freestyle he was 19th out of 23 classified children and swam a PB of 40.67. In the 100m freestyle he swam 1.32.02 and came 16th out of 21 on points, again another PB.

There was outstanding swimming by the U16 girls' team against Bromsgrove on Wednesday 16 September which resulted in an excellent 56-33 win. The best individual performance of the day came from U16 Captain Kira Evans (Fifth Form, Nugent) who broke the 50m butterfly record and the 50m freestyle record. The Junior boys were the top boys' team winning their encounter 48-37 with Lucas Davis (Third Form, Bruce) winning all his races.

Stewart Cowie, MiC Swimming

NETBALL

On Thursday 17 September, in preparation for the County Tournament, the U16As beat Thornton 25-10 and the U14As won their match 18-9.

Lauren Ellis, Head of Netball

Spectacular Success for Stowe House Grand Opening

On Sunday 9 August Stowe House, with their partners the National Trust Stowe, welcomed record numbers of visitors for the Grand Opening of a new Welcome and Discovery Centre. Over 3,500 visitors turned out to explore the stories of Stowe and experience the new Discovery Centre.

Once inside the new Centre, visitors were thrilled by the state-of-the-art talking portraits which told stories from the different eras of Stowe's history, including the bankruptcy of the Duke, and the foundation of Stowe School. The Discovery Centre also showcased furniture and artwork recently restored to the House – all these treasures had been auctioned off when the family ran out of money! Young visitors were especially delighted by getting hands on with some of the artefacts including plaster moulds and massive carved stonework, rescued during restoration of the House.

The Welcome and Discovery Centre is now permanently open, and visitors are invited to come and discover Stowe's stories during opening hours. During term time the House is open for escorted tours from 12.30pm. Throughout the school holidays Stowe House will host free family activities and events.

Ruth Peters, Visitor Services Manager



For weekly reports on all Stowe Sports visit our website www.stowesport.co.uk

Bad Ass Brass



All of the Third Form were given a fantastic introduction to the Chung Music School at the start of term. The afternoon started with an amazing short concert by Bad Ass Brass. This group of top freelance musicians really demonstrate how much fun can be had composing and performing music. They then

assisted many of our own specialist teachers in showing the wide variety of musical activities on offer at Stowe. We have now been inundated with requests for trial lessons, and hope that many new Stoics will take up or re-start playing an instrument.

Nigel Gibbon, Head of Brass, Wind and Percussion



Business Society

On Tuesday 8 September, the Business Society welcomed Graham Jones, from the University of Buckingham, author of 'Click.ology' and 'Sales Genius: 40 insights from the science of selling' who presented an engaging talk on the hypercompetitive world of e-commerce to over 60 Stoics.

There was a brief discussion of the history of the internet and how traditional bricks and mortar institutions tended to ignore e-commerce, which gave rise to entrepreneurial innovation of the likes of Facebook, Amazon and Alibaba.

Interesting facts that stood out:

- 80% of Google searches are not clicked. 30 seconds later, that same user searches again. This is an indication of how inefficient Google is, but Google is "the best of a bad bunch".
- Google was founded by two PhD students.
- ASOS' turnover is \$1bn per annum.
- Amazon's turnover is \$1bn every 3 days.
- Alibaba's turnover is \$1bn every 12 hours (most pupils had not heard of this relatively new company).

Graham discussed emerging technologies that the sector predicts will change not only our shopping practices, but also our lives. He stated that he predicts these changes will happen as quickly as in the next five to 10 years.

- In Germany you can already buy a 'smell screen', where you can actually smell

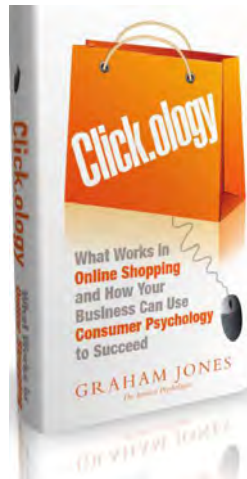
what you are looking at. Good for Pizza, not so good for a documentary on waste disposal. We have asked Graham for some more information on this to understand the limitations of this technology.

- The 'Hug a chicken' project, where wearable technology lets you feel what it is like to hug a chicken over the internet.

This wearable technology, according to Graham, is set to revolutionise the clothing sector enabling online shoppers to virtually try on clothes and feel how they fit, before buying. Computer mice that enable the user to feel a fabric have been researched and are predicted to be available to consumers within the next five years.

An amazing first guest speaker for the Business and Economics Society and thank you to all of those who attended the event.

Gordon West, Economics Teacher



PSHE

Mandy Saligari, a parent and relationship expert and founder, director and clinical director of 'Charter' Harley Street, gave an inspiring talk to all Third Form girls on Thursday 10 September on friendship, girlhood and navigating the coming few years as a young woman, whilst sharing coping mechanisms for emotional health and developing self-esteem.

Developing and sustaining friendships amongst teen girls whilst developing a sense of 'self', community, integrity, respect and solidarity is a challenge that most adolescent girls will face. Mandy discussed the roles that girls may take on within friendship groups, for instance the 'rock', 'confidante' or 'leader' and how these roles can influence personality and behaviour, becoming a barrier to discovering the authentic self

within each of us. Mandy also reflected on the psychology of the bully and how to recognise and deal with such behaviour amongst teen girls.

Kirsten McLintock, Head of PSHE and Designated Safeguarding Lead



FOOTBALL

The Inter-House competition was played on Sunday 6 September. Bruce won the Third Form and Sixth Form competitions, with Temple securing both the Fourth Form and the Fifth Form competitions.

In the girls' competition Nugent won the Third Form competition, the Fourth and Fifth Form competition was won by Stanhope and the Sixth Form competition by Queen's.

Andrew Jackson, Head of Football



CRICKET

There have been various successes on the cricket pitch over the summer months from Stoics and Old Stoics alike.

Ben Duckett (Grafton 13) has been named Player of the Season for Northants and both he and Graeme White (Bruce 05) represented them in the T20 finals day at Edgbaston where Northants made it through to the final against Lancashire.

Jack Keeping (Cobham 15) has been trialling with Middlesex and Glamorgan and was selected for the MCC Schools XI which played against the England School Cricket Association (ESCA) U19 XI at Lord's on Tuesday 8 September.

Adam King (Fifth Form, Bruce) made his debut for the Northants Academy and Northants 2nd XI over the summer. He was also part of the Bucks U17 side that won the ECB National 50 over competition along with Alistair Martin (Upper Sixth, Chandos) and Brandon Lee (Lower Sixth, Cobham). Adam has been asked to join the Northants Academy which is a real achievement as there are only eight to ten boys in the Academy.

Lastly, Olly Clarke (Lower Sixth, Chandos) scored his maiden century for Oxfordshire against Herefordshire. He has been selected for Midlands U17 trials and has his England Development Programme (EDP) talent testing towards the end of September.

James Knott, Head of Cricket

GOLF

On Tuesday 8 September, our 1st team played Malvern College. The first pair, Olly Clarke (Lower Sixth, Chandos) and Alex Smith (Upper Sixth, Cobham), and the third pair, Piers Odell (Fifth Form, Grenville) and Kit Gordon Cumming (Upper Sixth, Grafton) both won their matches and helped the team to a solid start to the season and secure a 2-1 win.

Richard Knight, MiC Golf

The Stowe Putter



Seventy-five young Prep School golfers came to Stowe in late August to compete for the Stowe Putter and Junior Jigger trophies. We were especially delighted to welcome our VIP guest, Olympic Silver Medallist, Jamie Baulch, who presented the prizes. Once again, the golf course had been prepared superbly by Steve Curley and his grounds staff and won admiring comments from players and parents alike. In spite of some fiendish pin placements, the young golfers were impressive and scoring was very good. We were even blessed with bursts of sunshine amongst the showers.

The winner of the Stowe Putter was Max Faulkner from Spratton Hall; the Junior Jigger winner was Freddie Turnell from Millfield Prep and it was Millfield Prep which won the team event.

Special thanks should go to the members of the Stowe Golf Club who marked cards for the players and to the indispensable Mrs Di Procter whose tireless work ensured the smooth running of the competition. Thanks too to Richard Knight, Master in Charge of Golf. Next year's competition will mark the 50th anniversary of the tournament.

David Fletcher, Tournament Organiser

Stowe arts

Arts at Stowe continues to offer the highest quality programme of music, art and theatre in the stunningly beautiful setting of Stowe this autumn.

The Autumn Season has launched with two recitals showcasing Stowe School's beautiful Steinway and the Chung Music School's Uglad Auditorium.

The Adderbury Ensemble is something of a local legend having established a concert series in Oxford and in Buckingham whilst at the same time being in demand in the recording studio and on concert platforms across the UK.

Led by Stowe School's Head of Strings, Chris Windass, the Adderbury Ensemble was joined by Viv McLean to perform Schumann's piano quintet - a giant masterpiece of chamber repertoire.

The Steinway was again put through its paces by the legendary pianist Anthony Hewitt in a multi-art form recital that included Mussorgsky's Pictures at an Exhibition accompanied by a projection of Klára Smith's images of paper cut outs inspired by the work.

An exhibition of Klára's original paper cut outs was on display in the Sainsbury Gallery in the Watson School of Art.

You can become a Member of Arts at Stowe, your support enables us to continue providing an annual programme of outstanding arts events for all to enjoy.

For an annual subscription of £10 each, Members of Arts at Stowe will be able to enjoy Members events, special offers such as complimentary refreshments, and invitations to members only events.

For more information, please contact us.

The Autumn Season continues with mystery and mayhem in a hilarious theatre production on 6 October of 'He Had Hairy Hands' plus legendary 80s singer songwriter Judie Tzuke, who comes to Stowe on 14 October as part of her Songs and Stories tour.

Stowe Parents

SUNDAY
8
NOVEMBER

Remembrance Day Service, Concerts and Afternoon Tea

At 3.00pm, Stowe's finest pianists will each play a movement from some of the most impressive and diverse piano concertos. Following this, Stowe Parents will be served a traditional Champagne Afternoon Tea before the second half of the concert at 4.30pm.

THURSDAY
19
NOVEMBER

Headmaster's Lunch at the Lansdowne Club, London

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

Confirmation Services 2016

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

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

In Chapel, Stoics will be invited to think about whether they would like to take this significant step of Christian faith (confirming their Holy Baptism and the Christian faith) for themselves. Preparation groups will be run from the end of the Michaelmas term, and throughout the Lent term, with expectations of being present at the essential Quiet Day, regular Communion Services and Crossfire/Christian Society meetings. The hope is that conversations between Parents, Stoics and Chaplains will result in those coming forward who are really interested in this step. The journey to Confirmation is voluntary, open and can be joined or left at any point!

Full details will be coming by letter in due course. Do get in touch with the Chaplains with any enquiries. Thank you.

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