

Stowe mail

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NEWS ROUND UP FROM STOWE

POLAR CHALLENGE COMES TO AN END

Ben Saunders has abandoned his quest to be the first person to make a solo, unsupported and unassisted crossing of the Antarctic, crossing west to east from Berkner Island to the Ross Ice Shelf via the South Pole - a route that was last attempted by Henry Worsley who was 30 miles from completing the thousand mile journey before his death on 24 January 2016.

Ben endured a gruelling and demanding journey which required him to negotiate dangerous crevasses, deep snow, temperatures ranging from zero to minus 50, crossing 450 km of giant sastrugi, giant wave-like ridges of snow and ice, while towing 125 kilograms of supplies on his sledge.

On 27 December Ben still had 622 km to get across the Ross Ice Shelf and only 16 days of food left. Theoretically, the journey could still have been completed on half-rations if the weather was favourable - but rescue from the Ross Ice Shelf would have been almost impossible in poor weather conditions and Ben and his support team took the decision to end the expedition on 29 December, day 52 of the trip.

Here is what Ben wrote on 29 December when he reached the South Pole:

"This is the second time I've arrived at the very bottom of the planet, the axis of the Earth's rotation, the place where all the lines of longitude converge. Standing at the South Pole, every direction is North no matter where you turn. Four years on, standing here with less food for the remainder of the journey than I'd planned, with a safety margin which I felt was too slim, I have decided this time to end my expedition at the Pole. I type this with bitter-sweet

feelings. This is a high stakes, high consequence environment where prudence often trumps derring-do and bravado. I'm proud that I've always aimed high; I'm proud that I've been willing to fail publicly time and again as I've fallen short of some of my biggest goals. The consolation prize is that I'm now one of a very small group of two or three people in history to have skied solo to both Poles, hold the world record for the longest Polar journey of foot and covered some 4,000 miles on foot in both polar regions. This is a place that has made me as well as pushed me to my absolute limits."

Ben's final blog from the South Pole was on 2 January and he said this:

"Some of the wonderful staff and pupils I've met from Stowe School might recognise the bobble hat I'm wearing in this photo of Robert Swan and me at Union Glacier and I hope the picture of me with my hero and friend might have special meaning at the start of the new year. Robert was the first person in history to walk across both the North and South Poles and is the author of 'In the Footsteps of Scott' which was the book which set me off on this path. It's no exaggeration to say that I wouldn't be here in Antarctica if it wasn't for the example Robert set and through the story he told. We must never forget that we are each writing our own stories - hour by hour, day by day, year by year and as tempting as it is to feel at times that we are too young or too inexperienced, or that what we are doing is insignificant or imperfect or incomplete or irrelevant - we must never forget that our story will one day be an example to others when they in turn are seeking guidance and wisdom and inspiration."

Dr Anthony Wallersteiner, Headmaster





Burns' Night Supper

Growing up in Scotland, it would have been considered deeply sacrilegious to allow the end of January to pass without indulging in some haggis, poetry and Irn-Bru. Thankfully, on Saturday 20 January, 65 Upper Sixth Stoics and a handful of staff joined me in a (somewhat) traditional Burns' Supper, to celebrate the life and works of the great Scottish poet, Robert Burns. We addressed the haggis, toasted the lassies and the lads, and enjoyed the Headmaster's Immortal Memory speech. For many Stoics attending, this was their first experience of a Burns' Supper, and indeed of the traditional Scottish dish, haggis – I find it's easiest to pretend you don't know what it's made of! My thanks go to Head Boy, Adam King (Upper Sixth, Bruce), Head Girl, Georgia Flawn-Thomas (Upper Sixth, Nugent) for their speeches, Seb Salisbury (Upper Sixth, Bruce) for his epic rendition of Tam O'Shanter and Tash Woods (Upper Sixth, Queen's) for her performance of Auld Lang Syne.

Craig Donghue, Head of Physics

Another Stoic joins Northants Cricket Academy

James Cronie (Fourth Form, Cobham) has joined the Northants Cricket Academy. He joins fellow Stoic - Adam King (Upper Sixth, Bruce) in the academy. There are only ten players in the academy and James is the youngest member of the group, so this is a fine achievement for him. We wish him well as he takes his first steps on the professional pathway.

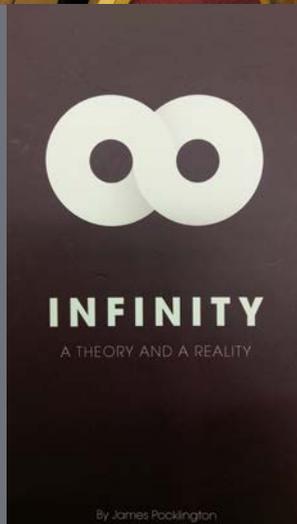
James Knott, Head of Cricket



Infinity - A Theory and a Reality by James Pocklington

James Pocklington (Upper Sixth, Grenville) has written and published his book on infinity in order to complete his EPQ (Extended Project Qualification). At 17, he has had no previous publishing or formal writing experience but has successfully produced a book which attempts to link the two seemingly opposing worlds of those who have experienced the infinite and those who have thought about it formally. His aim was to come up with an entertaining piece of literature that would be accessible for most people, whilst being as accurate to as many prevailing theories as possible.

“Very little of the research or quality I have put into this book would have been possible without the support that came from both the School and home. It is unlikely that I will continue publishing books, however, for those of you who have ever considered writing a book, as long as you have a reliable plan and can sit down for half an hour every day to write, then it will not be long before you too can become a ‘professional’ author.”



Thalia Felton makes National League Debut

Thalia Felton (Former Head Girl & Queen's 2017) has made her National League debut for Bath Buccaneers Hockey Club. Bath Buccaneers who play in the West Conference with the likes of Reading, Cannock and Olton are linked to The University of Bath and Thalia has already become a regular in the University 1st XI. Felton led the School 1st XI to unprecedented success in her final year at Stowe last season and it is great to see her taking the next step in her hockey career.

Thalia started this season in the Buccaneers 3rd XI but quickly moved up through the teams and made her National League debut against Trojans on 18 November. This is an outstanding achievement for an 18 year old and it is great to see the former Stowe Captain making an impact on a national level. We wish Thalia all the best for the second half of the season.

Open Mic Night



On Sunday the 14 January, the Uglad Auditorium played host to some of Stowe's most creative and talented young musicians as they performed songs of their choice in the Open Mic night. The only 'January Blues' that evening was played on a wailing electric guitar and the vocal performances were impressive throughout.

Stoics treated the audience to a mix of original material and some more familiar cover versions including several duets such as Helena Vince (Lower Sixth, Queen's) and Inez Banson's (Upper Sixth, Queen's) 'Hallelujah' and Oscar Hill's (Lower Sixth, Temple) excellent collaboration with his sister Fixy (Fourth Form, Queen's) on Birdy's 'Let It All Go'. Clara Tearle (Third Form, Queen's) impressed everyone with her own song, beautifully and confidently performed, and the Junior School was further represented by great turns from Mimi Pearson-Gee (Fourth Form, Nugent), Sofia Atkinson-Hieber (Fourth Form, Nugent) and Celest Lamberti (Fourth Form, Stanhope). There were three separate band performances: tuning problems did not deter Theo Hayes (Fifth Form, Chatham),

Sean Carslaw Tricot (Fifth Form, Grenville) and Oliver Seddon (Fifth Form, Cobham) from turning in an enjoyable and very musical session, while Max Campbell Preston (Upper Sixth, Grafton) and Charles Rivington (Upper Sixth, Bruce) led their group with energy and skill. Henry Gauvain (Upper Sixth, Temple) and Natasha Woods (Upper Sixth, Queen's) also added to their superb solo performances with a further appearance in their band, 'Spoon on the Moon'. Lucy Sutherland (Upper Sixth, Nugent), Olivia Elliott (Fifth Form, Stanhope) and Holly Stradling (Fifth Form, Lyttelton) all gave charming and highly musical renditions and Mali Aitchison (Upper Sixth, Nugent) treated us to a couple of her fantastic songs whilst doing a fantastic job of compering the evening with Henry Gauvain (Upper Sixth, Temple). The pair have provided entertaining commentaries and introductions for this event for several years now and they will be sorely missed at future Open Mic Nights!

Miles Nottage, Head of Rock, Pop and Jazz



HOCKEY

Girls' 1st XI sign off with win v Repton

The Girls' 1st XI had a fantastic win against Repton on Saturday 9 December. 11 girls were playing their final match for Stowe and put in a great performance against a top hockey side. Stowe dominated the opening 10 minutes but failed to capitalise after enjoying long periods of possession. In the second half Stowe survived two short corners before creating chances for themselves but the game went down to the wire before the deadlock was broken. 10 minutes before full time Libby Flood (Upper Sixth, Queen's) converted after an initial short corner was deflected into play. Captain Vicky Beglin (Upper Sixth, Nugent) sealed the win with a fantastic reverse stick shot to cap a great term of hockey.

The girls would like to thank all players, staff and parents for their support at this game Saturday and throughout the term.

Ben Scott, Head of Hockey

BASKETBALL

In the Wellington College Public Schools' Tournament on Saturday 13 January our Senior team lost their opening game 14-12 to eventual group winners Winchester and rallied well to win their last two games beating Pangbourne 17-4 and Bishop Wordsworth 19-9.

In the Inter-House Senior basketball competition on Sunday 14 January Cobham beat Temple 8-7 in the final with Will Garrett (Upper Sixth) scoring the winning basket with the last shot of the match.

Well done to the senior basketball team who beat Akeley Wood 65-45 on Wednesday 17 January.

FOOTBALL

On Saturday 13 January although both the 1st XI and 2nd XI went down 4-1 against Uppingham, the U16s enjoyed a great 5-0 win.

The U16 team remain unbeaten as they drew 1-1 against Bedford Modern on Wednesday 17 January.

BADMINTON

Congratulations to Eleanor Butler (Fourth Form, Lyttelton) who represented England over the holidays at a tournament in Holland. Eleanor reached the quarter-finals in the singles – losing to a Russian girl who eventually won the gold. Eleanor won silver in the doubles against a pair from Belgium and won gold in the mixed doubles against a French pair. She was a member of the England team who won the team event with 10 countries competing. Well done Eleanor!



A Level Drama Performance



Scripted - X by Alistair McDowall

A Level Drama & Theatre Studies students performed X by Alistair McDowall in the Roxy auditorium this week to an external examiner and an audience of Stoics, staff and parents. Millions of miles from home, the lone research base on Pluto loses contact with Earth. Unable to leave or send for help, the skeleton crew sit waiting. Waiting. Waiting long enough for time to start eating away at them. To lose all sense of it. To start seeing things in the dark outside. With fantastic set design by Charlie Seddon (Upper Sixth, Cobham) and Alex Orton (Upper Sixth, Lyttelton) the play is a fascinating study of relationships and the human condition.

Devised Pieces – created by members of the Company

The students prepared five eclectic and dynamic pieces of original drama. While they have all been based on a single stimulus, Ben Johnson's photorealistic piece, 'Revisiting the Space Between', which depicts a doorway at the end of a corridor of mirrors, the pupils interpreted it in very different ways. One piece looked at the Stanford Prison Experiment, another at the 1920s movie industry, a third piece told a 1940s love story through letters from the front line, while a further group took us on a feminist mission to the moon! The students worked in a range of styles, with some groups telling their story through verbatim text and physicality, and others adopting the energetic storytelling of theatre company, Kneehigh.

Rebecca Clark & Lucy Miller





National Children's Orchestra success for twins

Third Form Music Scholars Jessica (Lyttelton) and Sebastian Foxwell (Walpole) have each been awarded a place in the main orchestra of the National Children's Orchestra of Great Britain. The NCO is one of the finest children's orchestras in the world, and competition for entry is extremely fierce. This success comes after many, many hours of practice and hard work, as well as a gruelling round of auditions in which both Jessica and Sebastian performed pieces of music at Diploma level.

Ben Andrew, Head of Keyboard



Work Experience at Red Bull

I am aiming to do an Engineering degree at Cambridge, or alternatively at MIT so applied for work experience at Red Bull.

I started my work experience on Tuesday 1 August, having arrived at the glossy reception, full of various trophies from races all around the world, I was picked up and taken to the Composites Department. There I had a hands-on experience, and I spent the day using carbon fibre to create a replica helmet and hans device. On the next day, I was taken to the Model Shop, where, having been given a brief overview of the area and what they did, I started work on a model steering wheel. Having spent the morning sanding down the pieces of my steering wheel, lunch with the people who were doing work experience with me was a welcome break, and then it was back to shop to continue with our steering wheels. On Thursday I visited the paint shop to complete my helmet, and of course, the day started with me having to sand my helmet, which, now, was looking good having been put together. We spent the day personalising our helmets, and then adding the finishing touches. Then came the final day, I was taken from the now familiar reception back to the Model Shop to complete my steering wheel, by the end of the day we found ourselves in an empty warehouse, as they were packing up for the break in racing. I very much enjoyed my week at Red Bull, and came out of it with a deeper knowledge of Engineering and the processes that drive a World Championship winning F1 Team.

I am now planning to apply for some more work experience at BAE Systems.

Cameron Chambers, (Lower Sixth, Grenville)

Work Experience at Barclays

The life skills work experience placement I recently attended was extremely worthwhile and I would strongly recommend it to anyone wishing to pursue any career within banking or retail.

With the variety of different customers' requests being received, it was interesting to see how the banker would deal with them, especially with different types of people. For example, some customers need a more simplified step by step guide to get to the solution. This really helped with my interpersonal skills and showed me how to approach different people and to get the job done in the best way possible.

In the business and mortgage advice meetings I observed, I liked how the advisor listened to everything the customer had to say and encouraged them to carry on speaking. This taught me the importance of listening skills when it comes to negotiation and finding the best possible outcome. I also liked the way that the advisors were interested in getting the best possible solution to the customer's needs without pushing their products on them. They analysed the different approaches that could be taken and then assessed what was best for the client. This taught me the importance of problem solving and I really valued Barclays' customer service.

Another interesting aspect of my time with Barclays was looking at the computer programs they use. These gave me an insight into the different steps involved when dealing with each problem. The programs had a lot of security measures and illustrated the importance of the confidentiality when dealing with customers' data.

My favourite aspect of the experience was the "mystery shopping" which involved going to other banks and asking for information about setting up a current account which developed my communication skills I also learned that making the conversation personal by using their name, made it more effective.

The two branches I worked at were both friendly environments and they were always willing to help and explain things I didn't understand. They offered a wide range of activities to broaden my knowledge which was valuable as I learned different skills doing these different activities.

I strongly recommend the life skills programme to anyone as they really helped me to achieve my goal of developing my soft skills and gave a great insight into the adult working world and potential career options.

Samai Lamberti, (Lower Sixth, Queen's)

Pastoral Presentations to Parents

All parents are invited to attend a series of talks hosted by the Director of Pupil Welfare, Kirsten McLintock, in the State Music Room from 11am-12.30pm



Friday 9 February: Mandy Saligari

Mandy Saligari will present on 'Parenting for Prevention'; the addictive profile, the family influence, six steps towards acceptance and how to love without suffocating – it is an essential guide for any 21st century parent. Mandy has recently appeared on Channel 5's 'Violent Child, Desperate Parents' and 'In Therapy'. An expert therapist, Mandy Saligari is the founder and clinical director of CHARTER, one of London's leading outpatient clinics specialising in private addiction and eating disorder treatment.

Please contact Kirsten McLintock, Director of Pupil Welfare, for further information on kmclintock@stowe.co.uk or 01280 818136.

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Design and Technology

There has been a lot going on in the last few weeks in Design and Technology, with the emergence of some of our own potential engineers as both Valentin Rummel (Fifth Form, Temple) and Charles Garment (Fifth Form, Chandos) have submitted their applications for the Arkwright Scholarship, following in the footsteps of Ben Shaw, last year's successful candidate. The Arkwright Engineering Scholarship is considered to be the most prestigious scholarship of its type in the UK, and it aims to inspire and nurture students like Valentin and Charles to become some of the country's future leaders of the Engineering profession. On behalf of the DT team, and the School, I would like to wish the boys the very best for their applications, and look forward to seeing them progress in GCSE Resistant Materials.

Along with the achievement of Fifth Form, it was with great pleasure that we were able to reward Johnny Sutherland (Third Form, Chatham) with our 'Materials Scholarship'. Last year the Department decided to offer something internally to encourage students to flourish in the workshop, and reward those students who put a lot of effort in and take pride in their work, both inside and outside of the school workshops. It had been suggested that we offer a 'materials' scholarship which would see the Department cover the cost of the materials a student uses over the course of Third Form, and if teachers identified student(s) with a real passion for the subject then they would nominate them to be considered for the accolade.

Johnny has been a glowing example of independence in the workshop since he's started here at Stowe. He is a conscientious worker in his activity sessions and has displayed a real enthusiasm so a nomination made perfect sense.



Following him bringing in some examples of his work we were delighted to offer him the title for the Third Form in 2017/2018. Well done Johnny and we look forward to seeing your design solutions in the near future.

This term has been an exciting one in the Design and Technology Department. At the time of writing, we have the excitement of our Upper Sixth Form receiving University offers and it has been a joy to see such enthusiasm for the development of portfolios and examples of work. It has certainly been a year of 'firsts', with so many of the cohort continuing in the subject of design through a variety of disciplines. We are very proud of all of our students, and special mention must go to Charlotte Bird (Upper Sixth, Lyttleton) who was offered a place to study Architecture at Gonville and Caius College Cambridge. As a department we are thrilled to have an Oxbridge student who will fly the flag for Design and Technology for many years to come.

Martin Quinn, Design and Technology

Piano Improvisation Concert

On 11 January, Stoic pianists performed in a concert where all the pieces were entirely improvised. Improvisation is a very important skill for any musician and it can be a liberating and enjoyable experience for the performer. Given that there is no musical score for the performer to follow, the improvisations must be based on things other than the printed page. The process of improvising in a concert setting is a highly creative one and all the Stoics, delivered individual and convincing performances. The theme for the concert was 'Winter'. Each stoic was given a different stimuli upon which to base their performance and these were not revealed until the moment of their performance. These included animations, paintings, chords and scales as well as free improvisations based on the theme of the concert. It was great to hear how the Stoics responded and engaged and I was impressed with each of their performances.

Thank you to Helena Vince (Lower Sixth, Queen's), Theodore Hayes (Fifth Form, Chatham), Sebastian Foxwell (Third Form, Walpole), Poppy de Salis (Lower Sixth, Stanhope), David Choo (Lower Sixth, Chatham), Billy Baker (Lower Sixth, Chatham) and Mimi Pearson-Gee (Fourth Form, Nugent) for taking part.

Ben Andrew, Head of Keyboard



NETBALL

On Wednesday 10 January in the matches against Princethorpe, the 2nd team won 22-8, the 3rd team won 27-4 and the 4th team won 14-6. On Thursday 11 January our Junior A teams played Sir Henry Floyd Grammar School; the U15As won 19-9 and the U14As won 14-6.

On Saturday 13 January the 1st team put in a strong performance to beat Wellingborough 32-15 and the 3rd team recorded their win of the week beating Wellingborough 29-23.

The 3rd team had a very exciting 12-12 draw against Silverstone UTC Tuesday 16 January. Also on Tuesday 16 January the U14As beat Sir Thomas Freemantle 24-4 and the U14Bs won 14-3. The U14Bs were in action again on Thursday 18 January, beating Buckingham School 13-5.

BOYS' HOCKEY

Congratulations to the 1st XI who beat The Leys 2-0 Thursday 11 January in the 1st Round of the National Cup. They were not able to raise their game again on Saturday 13 January going down 3-1 against Bloxham. In the other matches against Bloxham the 2nd XI had a hard fought 2-1 win. The Colts As drew 2-2 and the Colts Bs won 6-0. Our Junior Colts B and C teams had fine 2-0 wins.

The 1st XI had an excellent 2-1 win against Uppingham on Saturday 20 January and the 2nd XI followed suit by also beating Uppingham 2-1. The Colts As lost a thriller 3-2 while the Junior Colts C team managed a 0-0 draw against their counterparts.

On Wednesday 17 January the U16B team had a commendable 2-2 draw against Abingdon.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Girls' Basketball

In the Inter-House Senior competition on Sunday 14 January Nugent won all their matches beating Queen's 8-6 in the deciding match.

Lacrosse

The lacrosse teams had a stern test on Saturday 13 January with matches against Moreton Hall and Tudor Hall. The best performance of the day came from the senior 1st team who lost narrowly 9-7.

On Saturday 20 January the Senior 1st team bounced back from last week's disappointment to claim a memorable 9-7 win against St Helen & St Katherine. The Senior 3rd team also played extremely well and beat TASIS 12-4.

Rugby

The Yearlings A, B and C teams travelled to Stamford on Saturday 13 January for their first block fixture of the term. All three teams performed extremely well. The A team won 37-7, the B team won 38-0 and the C team won 40-15.

The Yearlings then continued their impressive start to the term with some fine wins against The Leys. The As won 44-0, the Bs won 54-0 and the Cs won 42-12.



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Fergus Beeley - Wildlife Films

On 18 January the Film Studies, Biology and Geography students were lucky enough to attend a talk by Fergus Beeley entitled "A Career Making Wildlife Films". We were shown a wonderful array of animal footage from the White wolves of Canada, Harpy Eagles of South America to Stoats in Yorkshire.

Fergus has clearly had a lifetime of experience producing and presenting Wildlife films and he shared his experience of the industry with us as

well as tips for entering the industry. Creativity was at the heart of his message along with having the resilience to outlast those who don't relish swinging from trees, living in tents and getting up close and personal with wolves, bears and large cats. This was a fascinating and inspiring talk which we were very lucky to be able to attend.

Emma Ackroyd, Head of Media and Film Studies



Ski Racing Trip

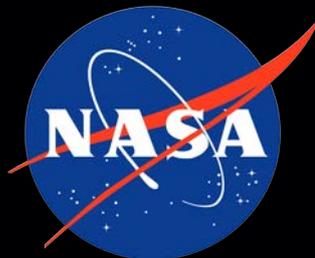
As the 88th International Lauberhorn Ski Races and the formidable Inferno race draw to a close, the Stowe Ski Racing team is raring to go! The snow report in Flaine is ideal for the girls' races, but fingers crossed that weather conditions improve over the next few days as the boys may face a wind-swept Wengen: In any case, the snow cannons and pistenbullies will be at work to prevent excessively icy pistes. Our training sessions have been highly beneficial, now it is time to reap the rewards (and hopefully medals) of hard work and preparation. Good luck racers!

Zara Crockett, Classics Department

Felipe Maney – NASA Placement

Felipe Maney (Upper Sixth, Bruce) has been successful in securing a work placement at NASA that will take him away from Stowe for the next few months. In this incredible achievement, Felipe has established for himself what can only be described as the most incredible work experience out there! While at NASA, Felipe will be working in configuration modelling analysis and mass properties. He will be studying models of the International Space Station, manned rockets, satellites and other man-made objects destined for a life in space. He will be working on life support mechanisms on-board and looking into the properties of spacecraft, learning about their various purposes and how they operate. Obviously, much of this work will be highly confidential, but we look forward to hearing as much as he can tell us when he returns in the summer term.

Craig Donoghue, Head of Physics



ROWING

The Stowe 1st VIII started 2018 with a win at the Northampton Head of the Nene Rowing Race. Their time of 6:00 edged out the crew from King Edward VI School by 12 seconds. The School was represented by Charlie Chick (Fourth Form, Grafton) (bow), Ilya Riskin (Lower Sixth, Chandos) (2), Elliot Patel (Fifth Form, Cobham) (3), Will Fox (Lower Sixth, Bruce) (3), Ayrton Patel (Upper Sixth, Cobham) (5), Archie Morley (Lower Sixth, Walpole) (6), James Pocklington (Upper Sixth, Grenville) (7), Oscar Hill (Lower Sixth, Temple) (stroke), Fixy Hill (Fourth Form, Queen's) (cox) and recorded Stowe's first-ever win in Eights - an historic achievement.

Weather conditions were challenging, with freezing temperatures and continuous rain, which only stopped when it turned to snow! The 1st VIII raced in the 1pm division which got off to an interesting start, as the leading eight crashed into the bank, impeding the following Stowe 1st VIII. The race was re-started and this time the Stowe 1st VIII got a clear run.

In the 2:45pm division, Stowe was represented by a Fourth Form boys' quadruple scull of Barnaby Peppiatt (Fourth Form, Chatham), Alex Ross (Fourth Form, Chatham), Jack Saville-Sneath (Fourth Form, Cobham) and Charlie Chick (Fourth Form, Grafton). They demonstrated a very good standard of sculling and we expect them to be practising for eight's rowing in the coming weeks.

Stowe was also represented by a girls' quadruple scull of Ella Wright (Fourth Form, Queen's), Katie Lee (Fourth Form, Nugent), Kiera West (Fourth Form, Lyttelton) and Fixy Hill (Fourth Form, Queen's). This is the first Stowe girls' crew for five years, so everyone is delighted to see them representing the school. For Katie and Fixy, it was a first ever rowing competition, and it is very encouraging to see them rowing so capably.

On Wednesdays the crews have been putting in some good training sessions on the wide-open and often rough and challenging waters of Hollowell Reservoir. On the other days they have shorter, but very productive, sessions in sculling boats on the 11 Acre Lake at Stowe. There is also a large group of beginner rowers, eager to acquire the skills that our competitive rowers demonstrate so well.

The next event is the 5,000m race at Norwich, in February, followed by the Schools' Head in March, rowed over the 7,000m Championship Boat Course at Putney. In the summer term, the main aim is the School Eights event at Henley Royal Regatta, and thoughts are also turning to an eight for the Head of the Charles, in Boston Massachusetts, in the autumn.

The Stoics were taken to Northampton by Mr. Wilson, Dr Insley and Mr. Rudkin and we are grateful for the support of the large and cheerful group of Stowe families, who braved the dismal weather and kept spirits high.

Andrew Rudkin, Rowing Coach

TENNIS

The girls played their first round in the knockout stages of the Senior Students Competition against Rugby. Captained by Kira Evans (Upper Sixth, Nugent) the team pulled off a 5 sets to 1 victory. Yasmin Mama (Upper Sixth, Nugent) and Elisabeth Pran (Lower Sixth, West) both won their singles 6-0 while Vicky Beglin (Upper Sixth, Nugent) had a harder fought win in her singles 6-3. The next round is on Wednesday 7 February and will be played indoors at King's Park Tennis Centre Northampton at 2pm against Cheltenham Ladies College.

Golf

Following the Christmas break, Stowe golfers have been busy practising and honing their skills in preparation for an exceptionally busy second half of the Lent term. It is excellent to see golf thriving with such a high number of Stoics from across the whole School community either playing competitively or simply learning the game through expert on site PGA coaching. Notable improvements have come once again from Tom Youds (Fifth Form Chandos), Tom Riley (Fifth Form Bruce), Lochie Shillington (Lower Sixth, Grafton), Max Smith (Fifth Form, Cobham) and George Hooper (Fourth Form, Chandos). Max Faulkner, (Third Form, Temple) our Golf Scholar, has also continued to make excellent progress and is targeting some very high profile tournaments this season. Our focus now turns towards a run of Inter-School fixtures against the likes of Eton, Harrow, Radley and Wellington, along with preparations and team selection for the annual Gerald Micklem Trophy at Woking Golf Club and the PGA Coaching and Development Trip to Portugal.

With golf developments continuing to progress at Stowe, I was delighted and extremely grateful when Chester King (Old Stoic and loyal supporter of Stowe golf) generously agreed to name the iconic Stoke Park as our official 'home'

venue for School Golf Fixtures. Stoke Park's 27 hole Championship golf course is undisputedly one of the finest parkland courses in the country.

Created in 1908 by eminent golf architect Harry Colt, the Stoke Park course has been the inspiration for many of the world's most famous holes, including Augusta's infamous 16th.

The course itself has seen numerous impressive rounds in its prestigious history, including the first PGA Matchplay tournament in 1910 and James Bond's epic golfing duel in the 1964 classic 007 movie 'Goldfinger'. Stoics now have a wonderful opportunity to compete regularly at such a superb course and this will undoubtedly provide us with an excellent platform as we launch the Stowe Golf Academy.

We are also pleased to confirm that the inaugural Stowe Fathers' and Sons' Golf Event is taking place at Stowe on Sunday 18 March 2018 and we welcome interest from across the Stowe community. I shall be supported in the running of this event by Mr Peter Deakin, Chandos Housemaster, and should you have any questions in regard to the event please do not hesitate to contact [Andrew Hancox](#), Head of Golf.

STOWE PUTTER 2018

We are delighted to announce that the annual Stowe Putter and Junior Jigger will take place on the iconic Stowe Golf Course on Wednesday 22 August 2018. Entry forms will be available soon and should you have any queries in regard to this event please contact [Andrew Hancox](#), Head of Golf.



EQUESTRIAN

This term Carla Combastet (Lower Sixth, West) represented Stowe School in the NSEA county championship qualifier in the 1.15m class. Leilia Paske (Lower Sixth, Queen's) competed with Yam and Monica, now stabled at the Equestrian centre, bringing back rosettes.

Again, a new record for the Grafton Hunt meet, on Tuesday 23 January, with approximately 20 pupils taking part supported by the Equestrian Team.

Careers

Careers in Business, Hospitality Management and working with Luxury Brands

On Tuesday 23 January, 44 Lower Sixth students attended a presentation on careers and higher education opportunities in international business management, hospitality management, luxury brand management, tourism and event management from Marcus Burnett, Director at Burnett Global Education.

Marcus guided students through some career and degree options that are available through the 16 different universities across the world that he represents, offering degree programmes in Business, Hospitality, Luxury Brand, Tourism and Event Management. These are located in Switzerland, Spain, China, USA, Australia, Dubai and London and include the prestigious universities of Les Roches and Glion in Switzerland, both of which are world class in

delivering specialist degree programmes in the hospitality sector.

Marcus discussed the value of work experience before and during university and highlighted some of the opportunities on offer with internships with organisations such as Louis Vuitton, Valentino, Rolex, Hublot and all the leading hotel chains e.g. Intercontinental, Sheraton, Hilton, Four Seasons, Disney etc.

Les Roches and Glion also offer one or two week summer programmes which can be taken in Switzerland, Spain, China, USA, London or a combination of two countries. These opportunities may be suited to students to gain experience of studying in a different location, and to see if a career in Hospitality industry is right for them. For more details, please see Les Roches and Glion for their summer programmes.

Gordon West, Head of Careers



We were delighted to hear the news that Old Stoic Jack Brooksbank (Chatham 04) and Princess Eugenie have become engaged. The couple have been dating for seven years and are pictured here at Stowe in 2013 supporting Children in Crisis at a charity concert performed by Roger Hodgson. Jack, who was a School Prefect and Head of House at Stowe, will marry Princess Eugenie later this year at Windsor Castle.

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Stowe Parents would like to extend a warm welcome to you all and we hope you will find something of interest in our selection of Events for Lent 2018.

If you would like to make a booking, please click on your chosen event below and you will be taken through to our online booking page on the [website](#).

If you have any queries, please contact Helen Jefferies at stoweparents@stowe.co.uk

Stowe Parents



Stowe House Tour

Saturday 24 February, 10:45am
£20.00

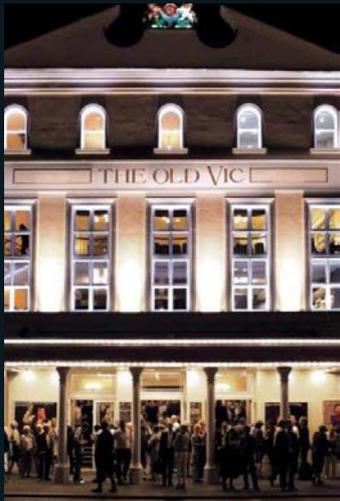
Anna McEvoy, Stowe House's Custodian, invites you to join her for a guided tour of the state rooms, looking at the historical and restoration stories behind the gilded doors. With 12 years of experience working at Stowe, Anna says she still learns something new every day. Come and discover something new for yourself.



Beagles Breakfast

Friday 9 March, 9:30am
£10.00

Beagles have been a tradition at Stowe since 1962 and we are one of only three schools in the country to have their own pack alongside Eton and Radley. Why not take this unique opportunity to meet them with Phil Kennedy, our Kennel Huntsman.



Old Vic Tour

Friday 16 March, 4:15pm
£40.00

This is a great opportunity to explore backstage at The Old Vic Theatre. The Old Vic will celebrate its 200th anniversary on 11 May 2018. The exclusive backstage tour given by legendary Ned, will take us to parts of the theatre not usually accessible to the public.



Stowe Music presents 2018 Concerto Concert

Sunday 18 March, 7pm
£20.00

Join us for an evening of outstanding performances by some of Stowe's exceptional Pianists. The concert will include pieces from Wagner, Liszt, Finzi and Gershwin.

Arts at Stowe



Thursday 8 February, 7:30pm
Champagne and Jazz

STOWE HOUSE

Wedding Open Day

Sunday 18 February 2018
11am - 4pm

For more information please contact the Events Team at events@stowe.co.uk or call 01280 818024/280

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