

High Altitude Balloon Launch



Our previous High Altitude Balloon Launch took place in 2014. After a successful launch and an achievement of 33.5km altitude, we decided to launch another balloon; only this time we would have an altitude goal of 300km, due to running more ambitious experiments. The project began in September 2017. We learnt real rocket-science, how to programme a Raspberry Pi (a credit card sized computer) and how to build aerials. The experiment we were planning would be enabled by a newly developed cut-off device, so that we could have a smooth transition from ascent to descent, and take video footage of the effects of zero-gravity on a metal ball-bearing and Styrofoam ball within a vacuum.

The message to the Civil Aviation Authority was sent, the final equipment checks were run, and the team assembled for what we thought would be the final time – how wrong we were! After a tricky, turbulent launch in strong winds the balloon rose up and left Stowe. Its ascent rate went exactly to plan and all systems on board were working well. However the cut-off device designed to separate the cargo from

the balloon and allow the cargo to fall freely for the experiment inside, unfortunately cut the ropes at 6,000m instead of 30,000m. This meant that the cargo fell to earth far too soon whilst still in the atmosphere. Although disappointing, the team learnt a great deal from the data and from examining all aspects of the launch and flight. The experiment did show promise as the video footage was clear and at the moment of cut-off the ball-bearing did experience around two seconds of zero gravity free-fall.

In the end, we have come away with many great experiences, and an extensive knowledge of rocket-science. The plan now is to launch two balloons after Easter; firstly to attempt to beat the world altitude record as part of a global balloon challenge and the other to repeat and improve on this recent launch.

If you would like to keep track of our next launch, you will be able to do so from [here](#).

Oscar Hill, Lower Sixth, Temple & Steve Malling, Physics Department



Amanda Jorgensen

Pupils and staff are mourning the loss of Amanda Jorgensen, Stowe's much loved and respected Head of Art and Faculty Chair who sadly died on Tuesday 6 March.

Amanda joined Stowe in 2012 and led the Art Department with great skill and vision, guiding Stoics to be creative and innovative in their exploration of the visual arts. Her warmth, patience, humour and understanding of her pupils has made the Art Department at Stowe a place where pupils are nurtured, feel secure and are inspired. Her legacy can be found in the extraordinary work produced by Amanda's pupils at Stowe and Westminster where she taught for over 20 years.

Our sincere condolences go to her two extraordinary children, Amy and Ben, and to her husband, Alex.



Stowe's Extraordinary Days

Stowe's latest promotional film stars four Stoics and was written and produced by Old Stoic, Will Berner (Chatham, 11). Emma Grayson (Upper Sixth, Nugent), Sebastian Salisbury (Upper Sixth, Bruce), Sonya Sander (Fifth Form, Lyttelton) and Jeffery Au (Fifth Form, Walpole) were cast in the leading roles in this 90 second short film which will feature on Stowe's website and social media pages.

Jeffery, Sonya, Emma and Sebastian spent time over the course of a week with Ablinq, Will's production company, acting in this snapshot of life at Stowe. The music for the film was even recorded by Stoics in Stowe's very own recording studio.

We would like to thank our four Stoic stars and Will and his team for their work on this project – you can also see the cast and crew in action in a short film about the making of the film. This is the first in a series of films about the School, and we hope that you enjoy it!



Charity Fashion Show

On Friday 16 March, Stowe is hosting a Fashion Show in aid of Leonard Cheshire Disability. Emilia Pacia (Lower Sixth, Lyttelton), along with a team of students, has put a lot of effort into a three-chaptered event, which will start off with 100 Years of Fashion, proceed to day and night wear, arranged with donated clothing, and move on to the Designer Section, where Charlotte Bird (Upper Sixth, Lyttelton), Ricky Li (Lower Sixth, Grafton) and Myles Ryan (Fourth Form, Grenville) will present the audience with unique and authentic designs, which have they have been working on for over three months now. The show will be followed by a silent auction, led by Harry Arkwright (Lower Sixth, Grafton), where visitors will have an opportunity to purchase some of the presented clothing, as well as kindly donated fine wine and art work.

What was planned as a simple fashion show, now involves more than sixty students, ten members of staff, hundreds of designed pieces, and only three hours of your attention. Even if you are unable to make it to the show, (as we are close to being sold out), you are always welcome to visit Emilia's fundraiser for Leonard Cheshire Disability page on Facebook. We are all aware that Leonard Cheshire was an Old Stoic, who founded this charity, which now supports disabled people around the world and provides opportunities for a better quality of life and we are delighted to support it with this fundraiser. Tickets for the show are available [here](#).

Dily Adilkhanova, (Upper Sixth, Stanhope)



BOYS' HOCKEY

On Saturday 24 February there were some fine results against St Edward's. The 1st XI and U16As drew 3-3 and there were wins by one goal margins for the 3rd XI, U16Cs, U15As and U15Bs.

On Wednesday 21 February Bruce won the Senior Inter-House Cup competition and Grenville the plate. In the Intermediate competition Chandos won the cup and Grafton the plate.



SWIMMING

Inter-House Swimming

The finals of the 2018 Inter-House Swimming took place on Sunday 25 February. Four school records were broken, Intermediate Boys 50m Freestyle and 100m Individual Medley by Lucas Davis (Fifth Form, Bruce), the girls' open 100m Freestyle by Holly Stradling (Fifth Form, Lyttelton) and the girls' Freestyle Relay by Nugent Intermediate girls. Impressive swims came from the Cobham and Stanhope Juniors, Intermediate Nugent and Bruce, Grafton and Nugent Seniors all winning both their relays. Both of the School's open events this year were won by Fifth Formers, 50m Freestyle by Lucas Davis (Bruce) and 100m Freestyle by Holly Stradling (Lyttelton).

Junior Boys' Champion:
Kevin Xiao (Third Form, Grafton)

Junior Girls' Champion:
Rebecca Snell (Third Form, Stanhope)

Intermediate Boys' Champion:
Lucas Davis (Fifth Form, Bruce)

Intermediate Girls' Champion:
Holly Stradling (Fifth Form, Lyttelton)

Senior Boys' Champion:
Guy Woodhouse (Sixth Form, Chatham)

Senior Girls' Champion:
Kira Evans (Sixth Form, Nugent)

The Boys' House champions were;

Juniors – Grafton, Intermediates – Bruce, Seniors – Grafton and Grafton House won overall.

The Girls' House Champions were; Juniors – Stanhope, Intermediates – Nugent, Seniors – Nugent and Nugent House won overall.

Cheryl Davis, Head of Swimming & Water Polo

McElwee Selection Day

The McElwee Award offers Stoics the incredible opportunity to pitch for funds to explore a cultural theme through travel in Europe, all in memory of Bill McElwee, who taught History at Stowe either side of the Second World War. After excellent applications from 11 pairs of students, a shortlisted eight were interviewed by the McElwee committee about their proposed trips. Students were forced to back up their plans, which had been laid out in 2,000 word applications, by answering the questions of several well-travelled Committee members.

The strongest applications combined intellectual depth and rigour with a careful attention to the logistical details. All of the Stoics acquitted themselves well, with very interesting trips proposed. Although it was a tough decision, four excellent projects were chosen.

Ben Shamash (Lower Sixth, Chatham) and Cameron Chambers (Lower Sixth, Grenville) were successful with their proposed trip to follow in the footsteps of those escaping Nazi-occupied France via the Pyrenees. The originality of the proposal was refreshing and both Ben and Cameron showed palpable enthusiasm for the trip. The stunning backdrop and the emotive nature of the stories that they will be investigating should make for an excellent presentation in the Autumn.

Similarly, Anya Cook (Lower Sixth, Lyttelton) and Hermione Spencer (Lower Sixth, West) showed excitement about their proposal to find out more about Franco's Spain. The examination of an area of history not normally covered in British schools clearly motivated Anya, while Hermione felt strongly that this would extend

her interest in international literature. In a whistle-stop tour of several of Spain's major cities, they hope to build on their pre-reading and develop an understanding for a fascinating area of the past.

Ashwin Batey (Lower Sixth, Cobham) and Isaac David (Lower Sixth, Cobham) chose a more focused proposal to visit Florence and consider the impact of the Medici family on the city's development. The Committee felt that this was exactly the sort of trip that Bill McElwee may have taken himself and was very much in the spirit of the Award. Through visits to museums, galleries and palaces, they are sure to note the extensive legacy of the Medicis in the city today.

Finally, Jamie Baillie (Lower Sixth, Cobham) and Andrea Pironi (Lower Sixth, Cobham) also impressed the committee with their in-depth research of the Minoan, Mycenaean and Classical civilisations in Crete. Through trips to a wide range of historical sites, they plan to further their passion and knowledge of a topic that has developed from their study of Ancient Greek, Latin and History at A Level.

After the difficult decisions were made following the interviews, the Committee enjoyed joining in with Sam Willis's Masterclass and are already looking forward to hearing about each of the trips in the presentations to the new Lower Sixth in September. The McElwee Award remains one of the most exciting opportunities in a Stoic's career and the competition was very strong this year. I am sure that all four pairs will continue the impressive legacy of enthusiasm for travel and learning that Bill McElwee has left the School.

Paul Griffin, Head of History



ROWING

Stowe Rowing Eights at Norwich Head of the River Race

A team of 14 Stoics travelled to Norwich to row in eights on Saturday 24 February. The racing was held over 5,000m on the River Yare; a superb stretch of water heading out of the city and into the Norfolk Broads. Despite the brisk Easterly wind which made for some lively conditions on the water, the bright sunshine kept everyone warm and cheerful. To support the improving Stowe 1st VIII, a 2nd VIII was also entered to give more Stoics the experience of racing in eights. Unfortunately, due to illness on the day, two of the Stoics were unable to race and some substitution between the two crews was needed. The 2nd VIII raced in the morning division, and Stowe was represented by Charlie Chick (Fourth Form, Grafton), Jack Saville-Sneath (Fourth Form, Cobham), Fixy Hill (Fourth Form, Queen's), Daniil Samiev (Lower Sixth, Walpole), Katie Lee (Fourth Form, Nugent), Oscar Hill (Lower Sixth, Temple), Archie Morley (Lower Sixth, Walpole) with Ilya Riskin (Lower Sixth, Chandos) coxing and Ayrton Patel (Upper Sixth, Cobham) subbing for Ella Wright (Fourth Form, Queen's). For several of the crew, this was a first ever race in eights, so their finishing time of 23:03, placing second out of three in Band 2 Men's Eights, beating the University of Essex, was an excellent result. The 1st VIII, winners at the recent event at Northampton, went in the afternoon division, with the crew of Elliot Patel (Fifth Form, Cobham), Barnaby Peppiatt (Fourth Form, Chatham), Tom Fox (Lower Sixth, Temple), Ilya Riskin, Oscar Hill, Ayrton Patel, Archie Morley, Fixy Hill coxing and Daniil Sameiv substituting for Will Fox (Lower Sixth, Bruce). Their time of 19:55 placed them as the fifth fastest of the 15 eights racing on the day. Most of these were strong adult crews from Cambridge clubs, so an encouraging performance from the Stowe crew and good preparation for the longer race on the River Thames, the Schools' Head at Putney, on Monday 12 March. Jack Saville-Sneath and Charlie Chick also contested Junior-15 doubles sculls, over the short course (2,000m), in the afternoon, where they finished fifth amongst the eight boys crews taking part, beating three crews from Norwich Rowing Club. Next term the Eights plan to race at Birmingham Regatta on Saturday 28 April and, after exams, at Marlow Regatta at Dorney Lake on Saturday 23 June, before the Henley Royal Regatta Qualifying Races on Friday 29 June. The Stoics were taken by Mr Wilson and Mr Rudkin and we were grateful to the Fox family for making the long journey to support the crews.

Andrew Rudkin, Rowing Coach



Auschwitz

This February two A Level students have participated in the Lessons from Auschwitz Project, run by the Holocaust Education Trust.

Anya Cook (Lower Sixth, Lyttelton) and Toby Maxa Fetterlein (Upper Sixth, Grafton) took part in a variety of activities as part of this project. The first stage of this project was a seminar in London, where the pupils had the opportunity to hear a testimony from a Holocaust survivor. This moving talk sparked the discussion of why the Holocaust needs to be remembered and encouraged pupils to consider the issues of visiting a concentration camp. Just over a week later, at 5am on a very cold morning, the pupils departed Stowe with Miss Ahmed, all ready for a tour of Auschwitz. After a long flight, pupils landed in a very cold

(-5 degrees!) Poland. The trip lasted only 24 hours, and during this time pupils had the opportunity to see belongings of the victims of the Holocaust, gas chambers and the barracks where the victims lived. The students returned from the trip with a much deeper and detailed understanding of the Holocaust, and both students commented about how moving the visit was. Toby and Anya are hoping to teach others about the contemporary relevance of the Holocaust by sharing their experience with younger students. It is hoped that by teaching others about the Holocaust and the events which caused it to take place, that something of this nature will not be allowed to happen again.

Fran Shah, History Department



ScaleTracks JAM

Following on from the release of my first app ScaleTracks, my new app ScaleTracks JAM was launched at the London Music and Drama EXPO on 23 February. It is designed to make improvisation accessible and exciting for all musicians, whether they are a classical violinist or a rock guitarist. ScaleTracks JAM features epic jam tracks in all keys in a wide variety of styles from 80's synth to epic orchestral backing tracks.

There is a keyboard built-in which enables users to improvise from within the app itself, or they can use their own instrument along with the comprehensive guitar tab or notation. ScaleTracks JAM is available as a free download on iPad with iPhone coming soon. Please click [here](#) to download or visit www.scaletracks.com for more information.

Ben Andrew, Head of Keyboard

Milton Keynes Festival

On 24 and 25 February, a large number of Stoics took part in the 50th anniversary of the Milton Keynes Festival of the Arts at Walton High School, Milton Keynes. There was a record number of participants from Milton Keynes and the surrounding areas but I was so impressed by the high standard of playing and singing from the Stoics, many of whom walked away with prizes despite stiff competition. As part of the festival, Stoics received adjudication on their performances from professional adjudicators and every performance given by Stoics was, without exception, of a high standard. I would like to thank Sarah Searle for her assistance in administrating this large-scale event, to Miles Nottage and Nigel Gibbon for all their help with transporting Stoics to and from the venue. We would like to congratulate everyone who took part and well done to the following prizewinners:

Rosia Li (Fourth Form, Stanhope)
1st place - Advanced strings A and 2nd place - Piano Sonata Open Class

Anastasiia Nazarova (Upper Sixth, Lyttelton)
3rd place - 20th Century Intermediate Piano

Jessica Foxwell (Third Form, Lyttelton)
2nd place - Advanced Woodwind Class,
1st place Open Woodwind Recital and overall Festival Winner for Woodwind category

Tallulah Goldsmith (Fifth Form, Stanhope)
1st place - Young Musician of the Year Vocal Class, 1st place - Foreign Song Class, 1st place - English Song

Audrey Au (Fourth Form, Lyttelton)
1st place - Advanced Strings B

Jeffrey Au (Fifth Form, Walpole)
1st place - 20th Century Diploma,
3rd place - Classical Diploma

Finlay Sutherland (Upper Sixth, Grafton)
1st place Advanced 50th Anniversary Scott Joplin Class

Sebastian Foxwell (Third Form, Walpole)
2nd place - 20th Century Piano

Samuel Ellis (Third Form, Chandos)
2nd place - Solo Intermediate Woodwind,
2nd place - Advanced Recorder

Sebastian and Jessica Foxwell -
2nd place - Piano Duet 17 & Under

Helena Vince (Lower Sixth, Queen's) and
Peter Entwisle (Lower Sixth, Temple)
2nd place - Foreign Song

Mina Haas (Upper Sixth, Stanhope)
2nd place - English song, 2nd place -
Young Musician of the Year Vocal Class

Billy Baker (Lower Sixth, Chatham)
3rd place - Piano Popular and Film music
Diploma

David Choo (Lower Sixth, Chatham)
3rd place - Piano Recital Open Class

Ben Li (Third Form, Cobham)
3rd place - Advanced Strings B, 3rd place -
20th Century Piano 50th Anniversary Class

Vivian Zhu (Fourth Form, Lyttelton)
3rd place - 20th Century Piano Advanced

As a result of their outstanding performances, Rosia Li and Jessica Foxwell have been invited to take part in the Milton Keynes Young Musician of the Year competition on 15 April. Following her impressive performance and win of the Milton Keynes Young Singer of the Year, Tallulah Goldsmith has also been asked to sing whilst the judges deliberate. We wish the three Stoics all the very best for their performances.

Ben Andrew, Head of Keyboard

RUGBY

A combined Yearlings A and B team had a stylish victory against Shrewsbury on Wednesday 21 February winning 57-0.

The Inter-House rugby was concluded this term: Grafton won the Senior and Intermediate Cups. In the Plate competitions Chandos won the Seniors and Cobham the Intermediates.

Rugby 7s

In their tournament on Sunday 25 February the U16s beat St Joseph's Royal Hospital Ipswich and Bedford in the group stages but unfortunately went out to Uppingham in the semi-final.

The U18s beat The Leys and Uppingham in the group stages but lost to Harrow in the semi-finals.

POLO

On Saturday 24 February the A team played against Harrow at Emsworth Polo Club near Windsor. It was a fantastic match against an incredibly tough team which included a professional High goal player. We lost 10-8 but Jamie Baillie (Lower Sixth, Cobham) scored an amazing goal.

Our B team, Oli Pritchard (Lower Sixth, Temple), Nathan Dana (Lower Sixth, Temple) and Jack Nesbitt (Fifth Form, Chatham) won 8-6.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Golf

Well done to the Senior 1st team who had an excellent win against Radley on Wednesday 21 February.

Fencing

Congratulations to Ed Don (Fifth Form, Chandos) on winning the Gold medal at the Wales U16 British Youth Championship Qualifier Event over Half Term. This has gained him a spot at the British Youth Championships in May.

Ed also won a local Northampton open-age competition at the end of Half Term.

Boys' Basketball

The Senior team had another fine win on Thursday 22 February, beating Oakham 73-30.

Cycling

Harry Kirby kicked-off the 2018 season in style over Half Term in round one of the Thruxton Autumn circuit races coming eighth out of a field of 39 competitors.

Clay-Pigeon Shooting

The winner of the Pen Cup for the girls' individual competition was Kianti Subowo (Lower Sixth, Queen's).

The winner of the Swan Cup for the boys' individual competition, in a close tie-break, was Tavish Struthers (Lower Sixth, Bruce), who shot an impressive 17/25 on a tempestuous afternoon.

Netball

In the matches which went ahead this week against Aylesbury High on Tuesday 27 February, the U15As won 15-12. The U14As won 16-3, the U14Bs won 12-2 and the U14 Cs won 7-3.



CCF

Biennial Review and Inspection

On Monday 19 February our CCF welcomed the Inspecting Officer, Commander Richard Pethybridge, Royal Navy, to our Biennial Inspection and Review.

After an opportunity to meet CCF staff and enjoy a buffet lunch, Commander Pethybridge was escorted to the various Army, Navy and RAF Section stands and activities taking place around Stowe grounds.

The Navy Section had practised hard in the build-up to the Inspection and were actively engaged in a Communications Exercise, involving flags and flashing lights and then demonstrated their Morse Code skills, interpreting a series of messages via semaphore.

The RAF Section put together, and personalised, (the art department would have been proud) balsa wood planes/gliders, which they then took to Bursar's Field and put to the test. 60m was the furthest recorded distance travelled, with a fluky tail wind, but sadly not when the Inspecting Officer was visiting! They also engaged in a missile activity, to attempt to shoot down the planes, to the amusement of all.

The Army Section took part in a series of competitive stands led by their Sixth Form NCOs. Other Sixth Form NCOs were spread among the stands assisting staff running them.

The Obstacle Course provided the opportunity for the NCOs to lead by example and encourage their best team effort. The Close Quarter Battle stand involved pairs blank fire and movement as they patrolled along a lane and reacted to enemy.

The First Aid Scenario involved NCO casualties spilling out of vehicles, spewing blood and sporting various breaks and injuries. The NCO in charge was challenged with coordinating the priority of dealing with casualties and organising their team to apply immediate first aid, and then put together a makeshift stretcher, racing the other team and bumping the poor NCO casualty with exuberant racing.

There was also a Humanitarian disaster scenario where the teams were tasked with building the tallest free-standing communications mast and learning about Military Aid to the Civil Power.

Finally, no Inspection would be complete without some live firing on the School indoor Range, where cadets competed for best groupings on the 22 HK Conversion kits, whilst a Command Task was run concurrently by NCOs.

Commander Pethybridge commended Stowe CCF pupils and staff, and in his Inspection Report, commented: "I had the honour to be the Reviewing Officer for Stowe School CCF. I was very impressed by everything I witnessed. The cadets were very well turned out and unfailingly enthusiastic, despite the weather; indeed, the judicious use of fake blood and vigorous acting made the casualty treatment stances most realistic. I witnessed a number of different training evolutions, all of which were being very capably managed by senior cadets under the supervision of some equally enthusiastic adult staff. The leadership skills of those managing the groups were a pleasure to see, with authority sitting comfortably on a number of relatively junior shoulders which bodes well for the future. It was particularly good to note the number of senior female cadets in positions of responsibility, the stances themselves were well chosen and provided a number of challenging activities for the cadets across a wide variety of disciplines. I was impressed by the commitment and interest shown by all officers of the detachment."

As ever, large events such as this simply couldn't happen without the generous commitment, enthusiasm, humour and efforts of a fantastic team of staff and officers in CCF. I thank every member of our CCF team most sincerely for their hard work making the day the success it was, and throughout the year, as well.

Major Jan de Gale, Contingent Commander





Stowe - Harvard Fellow

When I look back to consider the choices that I've made throughout my life, there are a few that at the time felt as banal as choosing to go to Waitrose instead of Tesco to buy a litre of milk, but would go on to change the discourse of my life. My decision to apply for the Stowe-Harvard Fellowship would be one of those consequential choices.

Growing up in New York City and then heading towards Cambridge for college had bred me for a certain kind of lifestyle - one that doesn't present itself in the middle of the quiet British countryside. For one, I've never been stuck behind a tractor on a motorway in New York City; nevertheless it's refreshing trading in concrete for muddy pitches and skyscrapers for fanciful cottages. Between the grand temples and whimsical statues is a rare and exceptional community that celebrates together, mourns together, and moans together.

I've found that the most rewarding experiences come from watching my pupils collaborate to understand a difficult concept or sitting in the

Common Room with the girls from West to chat about general nonsense. Living and working at a boarding school has allowed me to develop close and lasting relationships with those around me, which only makes my parting that much harder.

As the Stowe-Harvard Fellow I am lucky to be in a role with the versatility that allows me to get involved with various parts of the School, outside teaching and leading activities. From conducting talks for the Biomed Society to day trips to Auschwitz, I've tried to take advantage of all the opportunities that Stowe offers - which are not only enriching for students, but for teachers as well. As I enter into a career in medicine, I take from Stowe a deeper sense of compassion, strengthened confidence in my potential, and a forgiveness for my limits. At risk of sounding trite, Stowe has changed how I will approach my ambitions, forcing me to step out of the familiar and find my footing on unknown ground.

Tasnim Ahmed, Stowe-Harvard Fellow

Banbury Young Musician of the Year

Congratulations to Alexandra Jordan (Lower Sixth, Lyttelton) for her outstanding achievement in being crowned Banbury Young Musician of the Year 2018. This comes after several grueling rounds that have taken place over the last two months and she has now been put forward to take part in the regional finals in Reading later this month. Congratulations must also go to Jessica (Third Form, Lyttelton) and Sebastian Foxwell (Third Form, Walpole) for their piano duet performance, which was awarded the most entertaining entrant prize.

Ben Andrew, Head of Keyboard

Diploma Success

Congratulations to Alexandra Jordan (Lower Sixth, Lyttelton), Isabel Ward (Lower Sixth, Stanhope) and Anya Cook (Lower Sixth, Lyttelton) for recently passing their ARSM flute diploma exams with distinction. This is a fantastic achievement and is the culmination of a huge amount of work and preparation. Congratulations to Sally Adams for preparing the three Stoics so impeccably.

Ben Andrew, Head of Keyboard

WATER POLO

The U16 Boys captained by Alex Girling (Fifth Form, Chatham), played well against Harrow on Tuesday 6 February to finish on a draw of 5-5. The U18s also won at home against Bedford 8-5 and travelled to Harrow beating them 6-4.

There was great play from Captain Kit Rigby (Upper Sixth, Grenville) which saw the U18 team end the season undefeated.

Cheryl Davis, Head of Swimming and Water Polo

Commonwealth Games call up

I started playing hockey in school at the age of 11 and have been a part of the Welsh team since the age of 16, earning my first senior international cap in 2012. Since then, I have received 67 international caps for Wales in tournaments such as the 2014 Commonwealth Games, European Championships and the Hockey World League.

This season, I have been selected to be a part of the Great Britain Elite Development Programme and joined Buckingham Hockey Club when I moved to Stowe in September. Unfortunately during this time I have sustained two serious injuries that have kept me from playing for five months. The Welsh team have trained on weekends throughout the winter and I was able to return to play in January for five matches against Scotland after working really hard on my rehabilitation. I am therefore absolutely ecstatic to come back from injury and be selected in such a competitive squad. We have been drawn against India (5 April), England (6 April), South Africa (9 April) and Malaysia (11 April), in a tough but exciting group.

I am very thankful to be at Stowe and be able to pursue my hockey ambitions to the level I aspire whilst working and therefore extremely grateful for the support that the School has given me. I hope that I can make everyone in Wales and Stowe proud when I walk onto the pitch at the Commonwealth Games.

Danielle Jordan, Hockey Coach



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CONDÉ NAST COLLEGE of FASHION & DESIGN

Careers Talk - The Exciting World of Fashion, Publishing and Media

On Thursday 22 February, Zoe Souter from Condé Nast College of Fashion and Design visited Stowe to talk to budding designers and students - looking to work in fashion-related roles. Zoe expertly guided Stoics through how the industry is changing with the evolution of technology and how traditional magazine publications are moving to online subscription models. This new way of publishing is therefore demanding new, flexible skillsets from graduates entering the sector.

With the global fashion industry worth an estimated \$3trillion, growing at an average of 5.5% (in 2015 £82.3bn was spent on fashion in the UK), students could quickly see how this industry may be where they might work in the future.

As with many sectors, exciting new roles are being created as the industry evolves around technology and growth in globalisation. So many of the jobs that students may be doing in the future; do not currently exist. Zoe did offer a quick reality check for students regarding the potential incomes they may earn in the sector, as although some stars do make it big, the majority of staff working in the sector do not. With starting salaries of £20,000 for a graduate, "working in fashion is not a job; it is more of a lifestyle."

We then had an extended discussion regarding the value of work experience and how it is not enough for students and new graduates to just get good grades. Soft skills were highlighted as significantly important were leadership, commercial awareness, communication, problem solving, cultural sensitivity, IT proficiency and a positive attitude seemed to be held in high regard.

Zoe concluded her talk with some recommendations on how to source work experience in the industry and listed a few online blogs that students should consider to help them gain a better understanding of the sector (showstudio.com and businessoffashion.com). Zoe has offered Stoics (and parents) a tour of Condé Nast, if any students are considering studying there at undergraduate level or would like to complete one of their summer short courses.

Dr Gordon West, Head of Careers

History Trip

On February 23 and 24, four students attended a visit to Ypres as part of the First World War Centenary Battlefields Programme. Alexandra Harrison (Lower Sixth, Lyttelton), Toby Maxa Fetterlein (Lower Sixth, Grafton), Jessica Potts (Lower Sixth, Nugent) and Gloria Carvalheira-Mobaraki (Lower Sixth, Stanhope) departed Stowe at 6am on a very cold morning and met with students from other schools also participating in the tour. From Ashford, they took the Eurotunnel to Calais, and headed immediately to Tyne Cot Cemetery. Whilst there, students looked at why the location of this site was of such great importance during World War One, and also how the cemetery developed throughout the war.

The students also spent some time looking at individual gravestones and considering how many different ranks, ages and religions were represented on these. This allowed students to gain a much deeper understanding of how the war impacted a great range of people, and also recognise how all soldiers were commemorated in the same way, regardless of their background. From there, students moved to Ypres and took part in the 'Coming World, Remember Me' Project. This project is part of a commemoration art programme, similar to the Tower of London Poppies project, and has been commissioned by the Flanders Government. Each student created a pottery figure which will form part of a memorial to the 600,000 killed in Flanders during the Great War. Students then refuelled with a delicious meal out, before attending the ceremony at the Menin Gate. Toby Maxa Fetterlein was chosen as the Stowe School representative. He helped to lay a wreath on behalf of the tour, and was an excellent

ambassador for the School whilst doing so. Students then made their way to the hotel, and enjoyed a well-deserved rest after a busy day. On Saturday morning, a visit to Hooge Crater was made. This location has two examples of recreated trenches – a German one and a British one – standing in the exact location of the original trench line. This gave students the ability to recognise why the trench line was located in that position and also the opportunity to compare the two different trench systems. The rest of the day was then spent helping to install the 'Coming World Remember Me' installation at Palingbeek Provincial Park in Zillebeke. The installation will remain in situ for most of 2018 to commemorate the centenary of the end of the First World War. Placing each of the clay models was an arduous task, especially considering the cold weather, but the students persevered and found it very rewarding to contribute to such a grand act of remembrance. In total, the students, along with 30 Dutch volunteers, lay 12,000 models during the day. The students' hard work did not finish there though. A visit to Lijssenthoek Cemetery was made and students' were told the stories of those soldiers in the First World War who lost their lives due to being court martialed. This sparked a great ethical discussion of whether death was a suitable punishment for soldiers who deserted the armed forces, with great arguments being put forward by both sides.

All four students who participated in this project were outstanding representatives of the School, and demonstrated some excellent character virtues whilst on tour. They should be very pleased with their efforts.

Fran Shah, History Department

South East Schools' Chamber Music Competition

On 23 February, several Stoics took part in the South East Schools' Chamber Music Competition. Amidst fierce competition, the Stoics gave exceptional performances of works by Schubert and Mozart. We are delighted to announce that the Stowe flute quartet have been asked to go through to the next round, which is a truly fantastic achievement. Congratulations to Poppy de Salis (Lower Sixth, Stanhope), Audrey Au (Fourth Form, Lyttelton), Benjamin Li (Third Form, Cobham), Rosia Li (Fourth Form, Stanhope), Jessica Foxwell (Third Form, Lyttelton), Henry Hink (Third Form, Walpole), Ellen Arnall (Upper Sixth, West), Jeffrey Au (Fifth Form, Walpole) and Archie Morley (Lower Sixth, Walpole) for their performances. A special thank you must go to Sally Adams and Chris Windass for preparing the Stoics so well.

Ben Andrew, Head of Keyboard





Army Ski course in Bavaria

Over the Lent half-term Hugo Robinson (Lower Sixth, Grenville) and I went on the CCAT Ski Foundation 2 course in Bavaria. This advanced skiing course aimed to perfect our on-piste techniques, and introduce us to off-piste skiing and alpine touring.

Throughout the course we had everything from fresh powder and blue skies to heavy rain, and went everywhere in each resort, piste or not. Both Hugo and I feel we learnt a lot, met great people, and had brilliant week in Germany.
Cameron Chambers (Lower Sixth, Grenville)



Stoic Cadet Sgt Maj Alex Harris carries out first Lord Lieutenant Cadet duty

On Tuesday 20 February I was honoured to attend the opening of the University of Buckingham's new medical training facility in Milton Keynes. Having been appointed the Lord Lieutenant's Cadet for Buckinghamshire back in October I have been given the chance to assist the Lord Lieutenant, Sir Henry Aubrey-Fletcher, with several of his public duties with this one being my first. I was fortunate enough to meet and chat with the Duke of Kent who was officially opening the facility and Sir Anthony Seldon who was one of the figureheads in the creation of the facility. It was a great opportunity and privilege to represent Stowe School's Combined Cadet Force at such a high profile event.

Alex Harris (Upper Sixth, Grafton)



Mali Mae in Concert

On Sunday 4 March, in association with Stowe Arts, Mali Mae (Upper Sixth, Nugent) gave an outstanding concert to a full audience in the Ugland Auditorium in aid of Leonard Cheshire Disability and the Alzheimer's Society. In what was a wonderful evening of entertainment, Mali demonstrated her versatility as a musician of many talents, segueing from classical violin to pop vocals with ease. She has contributed significantly to music at Stowe over the last five years and this event was a culmination of hours and hours of dedicated practice and hard work across all of her instruments. Hosted by Mali herself, the concert featured many of her own songs accompanied by her peers, whom she had arranged string and vocal parts for. Mali also gave performances alongside the

Stowe Big Band, led by Nigel Gibbon (Head of Wind, Brass & Percussion) in addition to solo performances on the violin and piano. Mali has been working closely with Ben Weston (Studio Manager) throughout her time at Stowe and she can regularly be seen in the recording studio producing her music. Just recently, Mali released her very own EP which is available to download from [iTunes](#).

We would like to thank Arts at Stowe for making this event possible and also to everyone involved in making the evening such a memorable one. All of us in the Music Department wish Mali the very best for the future and we look forward to following her career in the music industry.

Ben Andrew, Head of Keyboard





Sam Willis

The History Department and Arts at Stowe were delighted to welcome Dr Sam Willis to Stowe to give a 'History Masterclass' for both students and members of the public. Sam has an excellent reputation for both his published academic work and his many appearances on TV documentaries, including his most recent BBC series, "Sword, Musket and Machine Gun: Britain's Armed History".

The topic under examination for the evening was "Nelson's Navy", which covered one of the most illustrious periods for the Royal Navy. Sam began by detailing the extensive national effort required to keep a naval fleet at sea. He encouraged the audience to consider the many ways in which to think about this topic, or even the wider past by considering the different histories that might be studied. A simple example of there being 25 miles of rope on a medium-sized ship opened up questions about an entire industry involved in the production and maintenance of the vast fleet. Similarly, considering the role of food connected the audience with the everyday lives of sailors and the organisation of re-supply that ensured their survival.

Sam's immense enthusiasm and intellectual rigour was striking but large portions of the evening were also given over to the audience. We deciphered Nelson's report of the Battle of the Nile (1798) to examine the role that propaganda and rivalry played in his progression, looked at ship movements to understand the intricacies of large-scale naval battles and re-appraised the much-maligned Captain Bligh to observe how well the Royal Navy looked after its sailors.

The evening was collaborative, enlightening and really good fun and this was enhanced by an excellent meal. Upper Sixth Modern Historians are currently examining the changing nature of the Royal Navy so an enjoyable evening was also good A Level preparation.

The collaboration with The History Masterclass will continue on Friday 18 May (7.00pm-9.30pm) as Frank McDonough will guide his audience through his research on The Gestapo. The session will take the same interactive form, be limited to 50 participants and include a supper bowl with wine. Early booking is thoroughly recommended. Please contact Arts @Stowe.

Paul Griffin, Head of History

Careers in Engineering

"Unlocking the future of space access and hypersonic flight" by Ray Doran from Reaction Engines.

Space, the final frontier, this is journal of the Starship Stowe, which on Tuesday 20 February 2018, hosted a talk from Ray Doran from Reaction Engines, a UK-based company formed in 1989 to design and develop the technologies needed for a new class of innovative hypersonic propulsion system – the Synergetic Air-Breathing Rocket Engine (SABRE).

Mr Doran expertly guided students through the history of jet propulsion, rocket engines and explained how the technology being designed in the SABRE engine, could revolutionise reusable space craft and traditional flights. Mr Doran focused his talk of the type of skills engineers may need to support the development of cutting edge technology such as high speed SABRE engines and how many different types of engineers were needed to support the design, testing and improvements of the heat exchangers to stop the engine components from overheating

at high flight speeds. Mr Doran finished with an explanation of how the company is now upscaling its testing in the UK and in the US with the aim of testing the fully functional engine in 2020. According to Mr Doran, the SABRE class engines will enable aircraft to fly over five times the speed of sound in the atmosphere (that's London to New York in one hour) and allow space launch vehicles to be built that will radically improve the affordability and responsiveness of access to space.

Gordon West, Head of Careers



NETBALL

Runners up!

On Wednesday 7 March, the 1st VII travelled to the St Helen and St. Katharine Tournament. They faced five teams in their group starting with the hosts in the first game. From the start, it was clear it was going to be a close match but the Stowe girls kept calm and came back from behind to draw 3-3. From this point, the team just went from strength to strength winning the rest of their group games versus Downe House, Queen Anne's, Casterton, Magdalen College, Oxford and Cokethorpe and won the group with a +65 goal difference!

The semi-final saw Stowe play Tudor Hall and win 9-3 in a thrilling game.

The final saw a repeat of the opening game verses the hosts and both teams definitely stepped up to the occasion. Stowe went out strong but came up against even stronger opposition and couldn't quite hold out, with the game finishing 5-9. The girls were awarded with silver medals and Alice Maclure (Upper Sixth, Nugent) and Libby Flood (Upper Sixth, Queen's) were awarded Players of the Tournament in recognition of their consistently fantastic contributions.

U14As vs Aylesbury High School

The U14As had another strong win on Tuesday 27 February against the Aylesbury High School. All the girls performed really well, maintaining a high work rate for the duration of the match. Josie Knights (Third Form, Nugent) and Rosie Grayson (Third Form, Nugent) gave AHS very little to play with in attack as they dictated the court space really well, forcing AHS high with very few shooting opportunities. Stowe's succinct and varied play through the centre court followed by some fantastic feeds into the circle, made it very difficult for AHS to turn over the ball. Ele Blane (Third Form, Queen's) and Florrie Combe's (Third Form, Nugent) shooting was consistently good throughout, leading to a 16-3 win for Stowe.

U15As vs Aylesbury High School

Both teams started strong, with all to play for after the first quarter. The girls worked hard to score their centres and thanks to some fantastic interceptions from India Case (Fourth Form, Queen's) at GK, the girls turned over the ball on a number of AHS's centre passes, allowing Stowe to increase the score gap to 3 by half time. The continued and varied movement of Eliza Percy (Fourth Form, Queen's) and Annie Preston (Fourth Form, Stanhope) in the shooting circle made it hard for AHS to defend. The girls stayed focused and determined to win every 50/50 ball, keeping the intensity up until the final whistle. The girls came back winning 15-12.

Well done to all the girls in the netball squad for their efforts.

Lauren Ellis, Head of Netball



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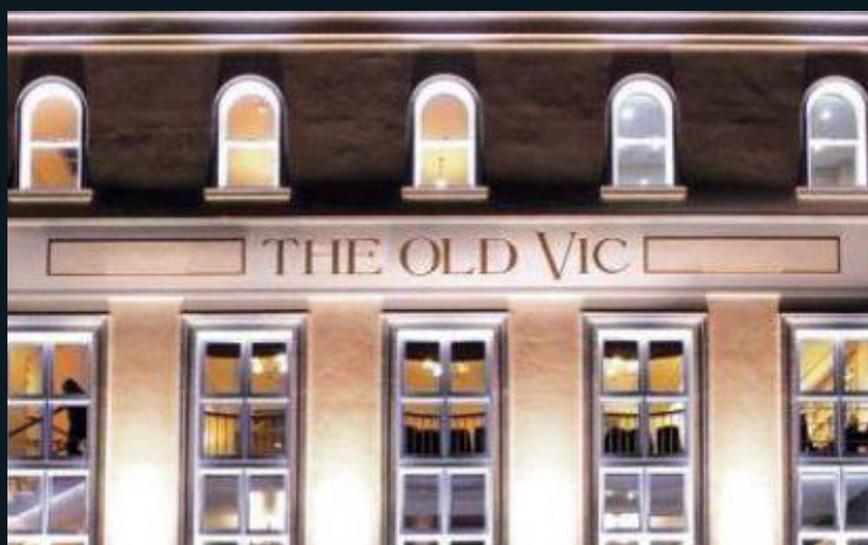
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SPRING AT STOWE

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



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.

Seats have then been booked for us to watch a production of Fanny and Alexander, written by legendary filmmaker Ingmar Bergman. Amongst the gilded romance and glamour of 1900s Sweden, siblings Fanny and Alexander's world is turned upside down when their widowed mother remarries the iron-willed local bishop.

A quick supper between the tour and the play can be booked separately; details will be available nearer the time.

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 Orchestra will consist of members of London's leading symphony orchestras and Stoic musicians. Tickets include a Finger Buffet and Bubbles in the interval.



Chamber Music Course

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Etiquette and Good Manners Classes

I am enjoying giving the Etiquette and Good Manners Classes again this year, with a group of girls, who successfully mastered how to tie a bow tie very rapidly, and were also delighted with the department lesson. This week we did a quiz on unusual kitchen utensils and high class cookery implements.

The girls who took part were Amelia Cranmer (Lower Sixth, Nugent), Georgina Leefe (Lower Sixth, Nugent), Harriet Williams (Lower Sixth, West), Lilly Hearn (Lower Sixth, West) and Susannah Woodd (Lower Sixth, West).

Mrs Clare Hill-Hall, Chandos Matron



It's a Knockout

In a competition held on Saturday 3 March for the Third and Fourth Form where each team had to complete all 12 activity stations. Queen's and Stanhope came joint second with 34 points and Nugent came first with 37 points.



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