

Stowe mail

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NEWS ROUND UP FROM STOWE



THRIVE

At the beginning of term Stowe held its annual StoweEd conference. This year's theme was 'Thrive' and focussed on well-being for both pupils and staff. Keynote speakers were Jonnie Noakes from Eton College who described his work on pupil happiness and Katie Granville-Chapman from Wellington College who presented on positive leadership.

Improving the mental health and happiness of our young people and ourselves can help to improve academic success. Well-being and happiness are tied to increased motivation, resilience and perseverance towards goals. The aim was to enable staff to act as a catalyst to

encourage these attributes in the education of the pupils.

Teachers from many local schools attended along with all academic staff from Stowe. They were able to opt to attend a wide range of workshops including sessions on mental health issues, advice from management consultants, positive leadership, the use of sport psychology and even a session on the joy of singing! Feedback from the conference was fantastic and we now are embedding these initiatives to maintain and improve student and staff well-being throughout the School.

Sharon Carter, Head of Staff Development





BURNS' NIGHT

It being late January can mean only one thing for the small Scottish contingent here at Stowe – the time had come for the annual Stowe Burns Supper! As our numbers of Scottish staff and students at the School are exceeded significantly by the number of beagles, it is always necessary to supplement numbers with a select group of Prefects and Upper Sixth willing to learn a little more about the Scottish Bard (and for many, try haggis for the very first time). At this year's dinner, the Head Boy and Girl gave a very entertaining Toast to the Lassies and Reply to the Lads. A thank you must go to Josh McKelvey (Lower Sixth, Temple), our fabulous bagpiper for the evening, who played as the Haggis was presented. The Immortal Memory Address was given by the Headmaster, and Dr Mary Lakin was kind enough to provide the Address to the Haggis. A real highlight of the evening was Cameron Chambers (Upper Sixth, Grenville) and Ben Shamash's (Upper Sixth, Chatham) unique interpretation and performance of the epic Burns poem 'Tam O'Shanter'. Peter Entwisle (Upper Sixth, Temple) also stunned attendees with his incredible rendition of 'Caledonia' by Dougie McLean, earning the first standing ovation at a Burns' Supper in my time at the School! As ever, my thanks to all those who attended the event for joining me, and my Scottish colleagues and students, at this year's supper. There have now been calls for the evening to include reeling in the future, for which I may need a wee dram before attempting...

Craig Donoghue, Head of Physics & Burns' Night Celebrations



Languages Society

On Wednesday 23 January, Mr Estorick, Head of History of Art here at Stowe, gave a talk to the Languages Society about certain famous German, French and Spanish paintings and their relation to language and culture. He explained that when using words to describe art, we often distort it (a surprising revelation to all of us) and gave examples of sculptures and paintings by artists such as David to support his argument. He also discussed different time periods such as Baroque, and how different countries represented this style through various

paintings. For example, during Baroque, artists often liked to portray figures in a momentary or moving position - a position for which the word "momentaneous" was invented.

He also talked about how different "languages" are used in paintings - for example, neoclassical language in a painting meant it had clean lines and a specific style of lighting. By the end of the talk, everyone acquired new knowledge about art and its relation to languages.

Laura Lux (Upper Sixth, West)

StoweSPORT



HOCKEY

The opening fixture of the season saw the Stowe Boys' Hockey Club take on Kimbolton on Saturday 12 January. A 2-2 draw for the 1st XI was a promising start, but the 3rd XI grabbed the headlines with a 5-0 win. Our U16 and U15A teams both drew and all other matches were very closely contested. On Saturday 19 January, an extremely competitive and well-balanced block fixture of 12 sides against Uppingham. Stowe won 5 matches, drew 3 and lost 4. The Yearlings had a particularly pleasing afternoon, winning 3 out of their 4 matches.



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Remembering Terri Bosman

The parents of boys of Grafton House, both past and present, along with many colleagues from all walks of Stowe life, were deeply saddened by the news of the death of Mrs Terri Bosman over the Christmas period following a short fight against bowel cancer. 'Mrs B', as she was universally known to all, was a wonderful House Matron to the boys in her care for over 16 years and she will be deeply missed. Mrs Bosman was

much more than a Matron, imparting kind and compassionate pastoral care along with a healthy dose of infectious humour and kind-heartedness to 'her boys'.

There will be a Memorial Service in the School Chapel on Tuesday 26 February at 5pm to remember this much loved lady and everyone who wishes to attend is very welcome to do so.

Gavin Moffat, Grafton Housemaster



Philosophy@Stowe

On Tuesday 15 January, Oxford Professor Tom Simpson spoke convincingly about religious and scientific knowledge in a room filled with Stoics and visitors. All in attendance were fixated, as he assessed the ease with which some discount religious knowledge. There were several questions for Professor Simpson, ranging from which sort of knowledge deserves preference in modern society, to how epistemology might (loosely) impact Brexit! It was an excellent event, challenging those in attendance to grapple with their preconceptions of religious certainty. It was exciting to see so many people at the event, which set the bar high for future speakers at Philosophy@Stowe events.

Alfie Cliff (Lower Sixth, Chandos)



The Stowe Rowing Team began 2019 at the Northampton 'Head of the Nene' competition on Saturday 19 January. This increasingly well-established event now attracts an entry of nearly 200 boats. This year Stowe's 1st VIII, several of whom represented the School in The Princess Elizabeth Challenge Cup at Henley Royal Regatta, contested the blue ribband event for Senior Eights. They faced eights from Bedford Modern School, Oundle Town and Milton Keynes.

Supporters on the bank found little to choose between Stowe's School eight and the powerful Milton Keynes adult eight, with some strong 100kg men in the engine room. However, the win went to Milton Keynes. The official results are yet to be published, but this performance by the Stowe 1st VIII seemed much more accomplished than the hesitant effort of the year before, suggesting that in 2019 Stowe has its finest 1st VIII ever.

The day started with the 1st VIII crew members racing in singles. There were some solid performances from the younger members - Jack Saville Sneath, Alex Ross, Barnaby Peppiatt and Theo Finlan. Oscar Hill also put in a fast time. Archie Morley repeated his achievement at Evesham before Christmas, and maintained something of a Stowe tradition, recording the fastest time of the day for a single sculler, making him the best individual rower of the several hundred competitors on the day - a fantastic achievement!

The main step forward for rowing at Stowe was the first appearance of the Third Form Eight at a British Rowing Open Competition. This enthusiastic group of youngsters have been learning to row on the 11 Acre Lake, since the start of the Michaelmas Term. They put in a well-drilled performance and were the youngest Eight in the competition. If this group can be developed, in numbers and enthusiasm, there is a realistic prospect of an Eight which can represent Stowe at Henley in years to come.

The team's next aim is a 'friendly' competition at Hollowell on Saturday 2 March, in preparation for the main events of the term - the Schools' Head at Putney on Friday 15 March and the Junior Sculling Head at Dorney, on Monday 18 March. These two events are on entirely different scale, each attracting upward of 2,500 school boys and girls. The 1st VIII will race at Putney, with the Third Form VIII at Dorney.

The Stowe coaching team of Mr Righton, Mr Rudkin, Mr Lomax and Mr Johnson would like to thank the large group of Stowe parents who turned out on a chilly January riverbank to support the team so enthusiastically. We hope they will have more to cheer in the weeks and months to come!

Andrew Rudkin, Stowe Rowing Coach

Stowe 1st VIII

Jack Saville-Sneath (Fifth Form, Cobham), Barnaby Peppiatt (Fifth Form, Chatham), Alex Ross (Fifth Form, Chatham), Josh Green (Fourth Form, Chandos), Elliot Patel (Lower Sixth, Cobham), Oscar Hill (Upper Sixth, Temple), Theo Finlan (Fifth Form, Temple), Archie Morley (Upper Sixth, Walpole) and Fixy Hill (Fifth Form, Queen's).

Stowe Third Form VIII

Saul Lewis (Fourth Form, Walpole), Toby Blythe (Third Form, Grafton), Max James (Third Form, Cobham), Charles Cole (Third Form, Walpole), Ed Whitbread (Third Form, Cobham), Will James (Third Form, Chatham), Ed Bush (Third Form, Cobham), Josh Green and Fixy Hill.



Holocaust Memorial Day Commemoration

On Wednesday 23 January, the Head Girl, Helena Vince (Upper Sixth, Queen's) and I were invited to provide the music for the Annual Holocaust Memorial Day Commemoration event at the Foreign & Commonwealth Office in London. In what was a deeply moving and poignant event, organised by the Embassy of Israel and the FCO, distinguished guests assembled to honour the lives of the six million Jews murdered by the Nazis during World War II.

In a stirring speech, Israeli Ambassador HE Mark Regev paid tribute to WWII hero Harry Irons, who misled the RAF about his age when he was just 16 years old in order to join the Bomber Command and fight in the war effort. Harry went on to fly sixty successful operations against Nazi Germany. The Ambassador recalled how his father and his own family managed to escape slave labour and near starvation as a direct result of one of Harry's bombing sorties.

The keynote speech was delivered by the Foreign Secretary Jeremy Hunt, who paid tribute to Major Frank Foley of the Secret Intelligence Service. He is credited with saving the lives of 10,000 Jews just before the outbreak of WWII. After fighting in the trenches during WWI, Foley was stationed in Berlin when Hitler came to power in 1933. As a British spy, his cover was as a Passport Control Officer for the British Consulate in Berlin. By bending or breaking the rules, he assisted thousands of Jews fleeing certain death, after Kristallnacht and before the outbreak of WWII, by granting them visas to Great Britain and Mandatory Palestine. The Foreign Secretary also reflected on a visit he made to Auschwitz with the Holocaust Education Trust and he honoured the

bravery of the 5,000 Poles who sheltered Jewish families during the holocaust, despite death being the penalty for such actions.

Holocaust survivor Mala Tribich MBE joined the Foreign Secretary in unveiling a bust of Frank Foley before recounting her own harrowing experiences as a child growing up in Poland, when her mother and eight-year-old sister were devastatingly taken and murdered in a local forest. It was deeply moving to hear Mala speak about her first-hand experiences in both Ravensbrück and Bergen-Belsen concentration camps. Hearing Mala recall how she would often witness people she knew well die in front of her through illness and starvation, often mid-conversation, was a shocking and visceral illustration of her experience and it left an indelible impression on everyone present. Mala commented on the concerning rise of anti-Semitism across the world and notably within parliament itself. Mala's testimony, along with the other speeches, served as a stark reminder that we must never allow ourselves to forget the travesty of the Holocaust and that we must actively educate future generations in order to preserve the memory of all those who suffered and were murdered during this abhorrent time.

Throughout the event, Helena's performances captivated the audience as they reflected on what they had heard. She sang songs in English, Hebrew and Yiddish (a sample of one can be heard here). It was a privilege to contribute at such an important event and both Helena and I are delighted and honoured to have already received an invitation to perform again at next year's Holocaust Memorial Day event.

Ben Andrew, Head of Keyboard

work experience DIARY

Reflections on my Work Experience

Overall my work experience proved to be very important when deciding my A Level subjects. I did five weeks of work experience in total. Through multiple Kenyan contacts I created a summer table of my various different work experience opportunities. I began searching for them at the start of the year to ensure that I got enough responses over time (many of which did not respond or they were not able to offer me a placement).

The highlight of my time was working with physiotherapists at Karen Surgery in Kenya called Aileen and Anna. Every day they had new problems and injuries to sort out, which was all fascinating seeing how our anatomy and skeletal structure can be imperfect. During this process I learnt about the different structures and bones of the human body, as well as how everyone has different systematic effects to acupuncture (having had a patient that fainted in the process).

During my work experience at AMREF (African Medical and Research Foundation), I managed to see how far my GCSE French would take me, having had to receive a call in French for AMREF flying doctors.

My experience in dentistry and animal centres made me cherish how we all depend on each other so much to provide services, which only few of us actually take for granted. This made me appreciate the people that are also here at Stowe, from teachers to members of the maintenance team.

After witnessing the community in the FARAJA (meaning 'comfort' in Swahili) cancer support centre and the happiness and innocence of children in the oncological cancer ward in Kenyatta Hospital, I learnt to appreciate how we depend on each other for medical health and happiness. After shadowing my dentist, I realised how delicately designed each of our teeth are and how fitting dentures wrongly can cause bone loss. I found work experience very useful in deciding that I would love to do a scientific-related degree, as I loved the process of discovery and how life is described in a more understandable and factual way.

Now that I am in my Lower Sixth year, I feel that I have chosen the right A Level subjects for my academic aspirations after Stowe. Without my work experience, I think I may have found it hard to contextualise the importance of my A Level choices.

Sonya Sander (Lower Sixth, Lyttelton)

Psychology Society

This Term we have had two excellent presentations. Firstly Rosemary Sherriff came to meet the Society, currently a third year undergraduate at Northumbria University. She gave the students an honest insight into what studying Psychology truly entails, passing on helpful hints to avoid the pitfalls and by looking for accredited courses. She discussed her passion in the Psychology of education, and how she is currently writing up her final year dissertation on inclusive education within the classroom. She has promised to join us all again to let us know her final conclusions.

Maria Bukachi (Lower Sixth, West) and Elizabeth Baddoo (Lower Sixth, Nugent) led a fascinating discussion on memory. The physiology of the brain was discussed in relation to both short and long term memory with videos illustrating what life can be like for people living with no short term memory or even Hyperthymesia, where people can remember an abnormally large number of their life experiences in vivid detail. Then to keep us on our toes, we were given a memory test under timed conditions to learn 25 words, desperately linking them to aid our recall, with mixed success!

We look forward to many more exciting lectures throughout the year.

Mrs Natasha Blake, Teacher of Biology



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The Queen Comes to Stowe

The Queen paid an unexpected visit to Stowe in December and made a short speech on Anglo-French relations from the South Front steps to an eager crowd of around 100 invited politicians.

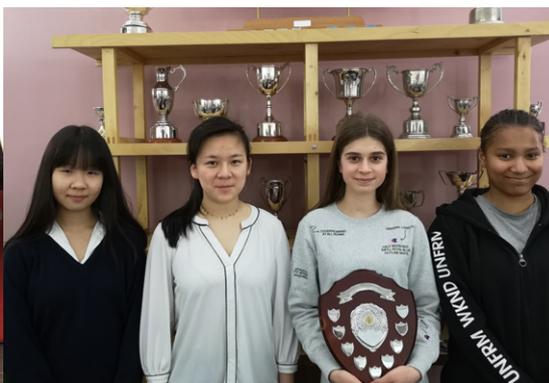
For those wondering why you didn't see this on the news, it is because the Queen in question was actress Olivia Colman, the politicians were all extras and the event was a scene for the third series of *The Crown*. The filming saw the South Front transformed into the Élysée Palace and two other scenes were also shot in the grounds of the House and at the assault course. Olivia Colman recently won a Golden Globe for her portrayal of Queen Anne and we can't wait to see her as our present Queen when the series airs later this year.

The filming was arranged at very short notice and was shot during the week before Christmas.

Highlighting the versatility of Stowe as a venue, the film crew had to work around preparations for a Christmas Party for 300 employees of a local construction company, which finished just six hours before filming began.

These were the last two events in what was a very busy 2018 for the Events Team (Stowe Enterprises Ltd). Highlights of the past year include hosting 15 weddings, a family day for 3,000 guests of Mercedes and an increase in numbers from regular customers Northampton Saints and Regent Language School. Profits made from these events are donated to the School and help towards investment in new facilities. If you know of anybody that would benefit from hosting their event at Stowe, the Events Team would love to hear from you.

*Richard Clements, Venue Manager,
Stowe Enterprises Ltd*



Inter-House Maths Challenge

On Sunday 13 January the Inter-House Maths Competition for the Dawson Shield once again challenged Stoics to apply their problem-solving skills to logic puzzles that stretched even our most keen mathematicians. Stoics from each House had to work in teams to find solutions to cross-numbers, compete in relay rounds, and tackle some fiendishly difficult Ken-Ken and Shikaku puzzles.

Success required students from the Third Form, Fourth Form, Fifth Form and Lower Sixth to assist one another; with excellent teamwork allowing each House to progress in the competition. The final scores showed a very tight race, with third place going to Bruce (115 points), second place to Chatham (116 points), and with Lyttelton securing the Dawson Shield with 118 points.

Our congratulations go to all those who took part!

Alec Stanworth and Serkan Karakus, Maths Department

Swimming

Wednesday 16 and Wednesday 23 January saw the Girls and Boys Inter-House qualifying heats take place, all Houses took part with over 175 pupils swimming over the two afternoons. The quality of swimming was high, with the pupils vying for places in the House finals, taking place on Sunday 10 February. 38 Individual Cups and eight House Cups are up for grabs, so every point counts, it is set to be a gripping final.

Cheryl Davis, Head of Swimming & Water Polo

Basketball

On Saturday 12 January the Seniors 1st basketball team beat Pangbourne 32-1 in the Wellington College Tournament. The very young side we unable to pick up any more victories but showed great potential for the future.

In the Junior Inter-House Basketball Competition, Queen's won all three matches for the girls to win the tournament. Temple beat Grenville 8-6 in a very intense final to win the boys' tournament.

On Saturday 19 January, the 1st team had a fine home win against Cheltenham 62-24.

In the Senior Inter-House Basketball Competition, Bruce beat Grafton in the final and the girls' competition was won by Nugent.

Lacrosse

Stowe took on Moreton Hall, one of the top lacrosse schools in their first fixture on Saturday 12 January. The aim was to learn as much as possible from very experienced players and set targets for the season ahead. Two sides, the 3rd VII and U15B VII did however manage to gain victories. The U14s also played their first ever game of lacrosse. On Saturday 19 January, the Lacrosse teams faced St George's Harpenden. The Stowe teams took on a team above their level in order to test themselves. Most of the end results went to the opponents, but our teams will have learned a great deal from the experience. The U14As enjoyed a promising 10-3 win in the second ever match.

On Sunday 20 January the 1st XII went to the Greater London tournament and gained wins over Walthamstow Hall & St Helen's Northwood and finished in 5th place overall after a gripping 3-2 win over hosts North London Collegiate School.

Netball

Wellingborough were the first opponents for the Stowe Netballers on Saturday 12 January. Stowe won three out of four matches with particularly impressive strength in depth in the Senior teams as the 2nd VII won 48-11, the 3rds won 50-16 and the U16s won 21-13. On Thursday 17 January, the U15As had a draw against Cottesloe and there was a comfortable win for the U14As.

On Saturday 19 January Stowe put out five Senior teams which is very encouraging for the netball club. Stowe won two matches with the 3rd VII having a particularly thrilling win 28-26.



Craig Greene - Piano Recital

On Saturday 16 January, Craig Greene, Director of Music, gave an outstanding piano recital in the Ugland Auditorium. From start to finish, the audience were captivated by Craig's technical and musical command of the instrument and the virtuosity he displayed throughout.

The recital began with a performance of 'Grieg's Holberg Suite' - a work originally composed for piano, later adapted for string orchestra by the composer himself. Comprised of an introduction followed by a set of dances, Craig captured the uniqueness of each dance and this was a performance full of colour.

Following the Grieg, Craig gave a performance of a 'Rondo' by Beethoven. This was full of energy and lightness and the theme was wonderfully fresh every time it returned throughout the piece.

Craig then gave an electrifying performance of Mozart's demanding 'Piano Sonata in A minor K310'. It is a piece of music full of storminess and tragedy and Craig delivered his performance with all the drama and energy the piece demanded.

The audience were then transported to a different world entirely with a vivid and evocative performance of the 'Peter Grimes Fantasy' composed by Ronald Stevenson. It is a piece that explores and exploits the tonal and technical capabilities of the piano. Themes from Benjamin Britten's opera are present throughout the work, which is condensed into a piece of approximately seven minutes. It was fascinating to hear extended techniques being used on the Steinway Model D piano, such as creative use of the sostenuto pedal as well as plucking of the strings from inside the piano. This was a performance full of space, colour and character. Following a short interval, Craig concluded his recital with a performance of Schumann's 'Piano Sonata in F Sharp Minor op.11'. From the dark, foreboding opening of the first movement to the lively and exuberant finale, Craig's accomplished performance was both engaging and highly communicative throughout. A thoroughly enjoyable evening!

Ben Andrew, Head of Keyboard



Football

The 2019 season got off to a positive start with three Senior matches versus Uppingham on Saturday 19 January. There were draws for the 1st and 2nd XI and a win for the U16s.

Cross Country

Congratulations to Dan Roberts (Fifth Form, Grenville) who won the Colts race in our first outing for the Cross Country team at Welbeck College.

Squash

The Stowe team enjoyed a convincing 8-1 win against Bromsgrove on Tuesday 15 January.

Fives

Well done to the Stowe Fives team who had a win against Uppingham in the first match of the season on Thursday 15 January.

Fencing

During the Christmas break Ed Don (Lower Sixth, Chandos) won a Silver medal in the Cambridge Winter Open, a competition that attracts international fencers. Ed also recently entered the U23 Men's Épée Competition. His National ranking was 47 in the country going into the event but after his excellent results his ranking has gone up to 27.

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Top Girls

On Wednesday 23 January, Stowe's Upper Sixth Drama students performed two extracts from Caryl Churchill's play *Top Girls*, in the style of practitioner Katie Mitchell, to an audience of family, friends and an external examiner for their A Level exam performance. *Top Girls*, set in the 1980s is a canonical piece exploring the sacrifices women have made to 'make it' in a Thatcherite world of ambition.

Thomas Frasier (Walpole) cleverly designed set visually invited us into the world of these women, with slick use of projections that emulated the world and time from which each woman came. This clever multimedia effect included opening and closing clips of some of Thatcher's speeches, a reminder to the audience of cold socio-political reality the play was set against. The students' choice to use aspects of modern life such as 'selfies' with the audience, made a powerful comment on the relevance of the narrative even today. In sharing tales of fathers, lovers, sisters and a fierce debate over religion - the actors showed credible skill and control over Churchill's structurally challenging dialogue, with thoughtful timing in regard to tension and comedy. Flashes of psychosis, an

effect heightened by Tavish Struthers (Bruce) clever lighting design, interrupted the realism depicted by the actors. Congratulations further to Estelle Akeroyd Hunt (Nugent) and Emma Rød-Larsen (Stanhope) for their authentic costume designs that sold the audience on the world of the piece. Well done to Ugochi Ekpecham (Lyttelton) for her depiction of Marlene as a powerful woman who could maintain control in an otherwise chaotic situation; to Imogen Oliver (Queen's) as Isabella, whose facial expressions painted a whole picture as she indulged in telling us her stories. Polly French (Nugent) showed particular skill in capturing the complexity of Lady Nijo, and Ally Jordan (Lyttelton) fascinated the audience with her portrayal of the lovable and, at times, irritating Pope Joan. Further congratulations to Alexandra King (Queen's) as Gret, who had the audience laughing with her perfectly timed comic interludes; and to Tabitha Sinclair (Stanhope) and Una Barelay (Stanhope) for their tense, moving and truthful performance of a domestic scene between family.

Louise Wiseman, Graduate Assistant, Drama Department



How the Great War changed Britain



On Thursday 17 January, History students attended a lecture by Allan Wood. Allan served for 22 years in the Regular Army in the 17th/21st Lancers and Queen's Royal Lancers. Allan was later commissioned into the TA, serving for a further nine years firstly with the Dorset and later the Royal Wessex Yeomanry in Bovington. Here, he began guiding battlefield tours. Over his career he has guided over 100 tours for Army units, schools and a range of adult groups. Initially this was done alongside a teaching career and being a successful Headmaster of a school in Weymouth. However, Allan chose to retire from teaching to enable him to dedicate more time to his study of the history of the Great War.

During the centenary years of the war, he began working alongside the Institute of Education and University College London in order to support the delivery of the First World War Centenary

Battlefield Tours Programme. As part of his work within this programme, Allan has delivered numerous lectures around a variety of topics related to the war, and visited the battlefields with many different schools.

Allan's talk to students at Stowe centred around the Politics of the Great War, considering the state of the political environment both within Britain, and across the whole of Europe, in the lead up to 1918. The notion of great political and economic shifts taking place across the continent allowed students to put their studies of British history into much deeper context. Students found the talk illuminating, and during a History Society Dinner, many spent time comparing the two World Wars, and also discussing Allan's involvement in the Cold War as a serving soldier. A valuable experience for all!

Francesca Shah, Teacher of History and Politics

StoweSPORT



Rugby Scholarship for Chandosian

Kristian Kay (Chandos 18) has been awarded one of three coveted John Macphail Rugby Scholarships for 2019, he has travelled to South Africa to train and play with the Stellenbosch Academy until June this year. Kristian's rugby career began with Buckingham RFC before earning a Scholarship here at Stowe, he then joined the Wasps' Academy. Scotland Rugby see huge potential in Kristian. He is in the Scotland U20 development squad, attached to Glasgow Warriors and plays for Glasgow Hawks. Our congratulations to Kristian on his achievements. Read more [here](#).

Romeo & Juliet - The Reviews



"An exquisitely judged Romeo and Juliet."

"Wow, was so impressed with the whole performance. What an achievement from pupils, so many lines to learn, all delivered with convincing passion and understanding of Shakespeare."

Take a look behind the scenes at the rehearsals of this year's School play, Romeo & Juliet. Created by professional filmmaker and photographer Celia Hodgson. Watch [here](#)

"So dynamic and engaging!"

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for allowing me to be part of this incredible experience. This experience has truly been so rewarding both on stage and off stage. Your endless patience and guidance is something I will always be grateful for. This has honestly been something I will never forget."

"I just wanted to write and say that I thought the performance of Romeo & Juliet was excellent last night. Everyone attacked the lines with great gusto and to keep the attention for 3 hours after a dress rehearsal the same day was a true test of endurance. A triumph!"

"Just to say that the play yesterday was exceptional, well done indeed; astonishingly good."

"I thoroughly enjoyed the show last night and can now fully understand just why it has taken up so much time for all the cast as it was performed at an exceptionally high level - wonderful to be part of something so fantastic!"

Stowe Singing

In December 2018, there was a bumper crop of exam results for Stowe vocalists with practically all candidates gaining distinctions. The exams encompassed different vocal styles; Musical Theatre, including Lula Goldsmith (Lower Sixth, Stanhope) who gained a splendid 98% in her Grade 8, the newly-introduced Grade 6 Church Music for which Mimi Pearson-Gee (Fifth Form, Nugent) received a distinction. This extends the range of vocal exams available to Stoics. Classical singers also distinguished themselves with all three diploma candidates (Peter Entwisle (Upper Sixth, Temple), Oscar Hill (Upper Sixth, Temple) and Helena Vince (Upper Sixth, Queen's) passing with extremely high marks. This takes the tally of classical singing diplomas gained by Stoics in 2018 to four, attesting to a strong and vibrant vocal department covering all styles of singing. Thanks must also go to Craig Greene (Director of Music) and Ben Andrew (Head of Keyboard), who accompanied the singers' exams, enabling each candidate to give of their best.

Stowe vocalists will feature in a number of forthcoming events, namely the Holocaust Memorial event on Wednesday 30 January, Champagne and Jazz on Thursday 14 February and at the Classical Vocal Concert on Wednesday 27 February.

Rock Chorus is now up and running, rehearsing on Mondays from 16.50-17.40 in Mr Nottage's classroom in the Music School. All Stoics are welcome – beat the September rush and get your voices ready for 2019 House Singing in good time while having a good time!

Rachel Sherry, Head of Vocal Studies

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**Holocaust Memorial
Evening - Torn from Home**
Wednesday 30 January, 8pm



**NT Live:
I'm Not Running**
Thursday 31 January, 7pm



**Restoration in Action:
Hard Hat Tour of the
North Hall**
Wednesday 13 February, 2pm



Vocal Concert
Wednesday 27 February, 8pm



**Charity
Champagne & Jazz**
Thursday 14 February, 7:30pm

Greatworth Primary School Visit Stowe

Every Wednesday afternoon last term, a small group of Stoic girls visited Greatworth Primary School, which consists of boys and girls from Reception to Year 6. On Monday 10 December, Years 5 and 6 visited Stowe and we showed them around the House and did various activities with them, such as portrait games with the beautiful portraits in the Mansion, as well as Mr Sayers' puppet show which was thoroughly enjoyed by not only by Greatworth children but the Staff and Stoics as well. Pupils from the school have very kindly sent us thank you letters.

Olivia Elliott (Lower Sixth, Stanhope)

"Thank you for letting us come, it was a pleasure. I really loved the food, especially the chocolate cake! The School children look so grand in their uniform. The grounds were beautiful my mum would love the view." *Eddie*

"The School was immaculate in every way. We felt so special to see the talking portraits as well as the well-thought puppet show. All the students were amazing to work with and be around." *Maddy and Megan*

"Thank you for letting us come and have a tour around Stowe. The temple we watched the puppet show in was so interesting. It is cool thinking that people get to live in Stowe School. Please come visit us again and thanks for our very special day." *Theo and Jack*



Thank you from the Stowe House Community and Learning Team



What a fantastic session! We hope to see you again soon.

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Stowe Parents

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 Term.

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](http://www.stowe.co.uk). If you have any queries, please email stoweparents@stowe.co.uk

Porsche Driving Experience

Tuesday 26 March & Wednesday 27 March, 11:30am

Join with other Stowe Parents for an exhilarating afternoon on the racetrack with the Porsche Driving Experience at Silverstone. We have 8 spaces available each day on this fast paced at this famous circuit.

After Registration, you will be treated to a three course lunch served in the Porsche Restaurant and then head out to track after a safety briefing for a 45 minute session with an instructor.



Champagne Breakfast and Restoration Tour

Friday 15 March, 9am

The event starts with a Champagne Breakfast, held in the Music Room at 9.00am followed by the Restoration Tour.

After Breakfast, Anna McEvoy, Stowe House's Custodian, invites you to join her for a guided tour of the Mansion, looking at the historical and restoration stories behind the gilded doors. Learn more about recent restoration projects including North Hall and the installation of the statues on the South Front Portico.



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