

# Stowe mail

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NEWS ROUND UP FROM STOWE



## CCF

### Four Regiment Royal Logistic Corps visit Stowe's CCF Fourth Form Army and RAF cadets.

On Monday 8 May, Stowe CCF welcomed four Regiment Royal Logistic Corps, based in Abingdon, who came with a variety of capability stands, equipment and vehicles for our Fourth Form Army and RAF cadets. At 8.00am a long green trail of large and heavy vehicles meandered their way on to the North Front and set up various stands either side of the Mansion. There was no escaping the fact that the Army had arrived!

44 cadets took part, split into six groups and rotated around six stands which showcased the trades within the RLC and engaged pupils in a variety of competitive activities.

On the North Front, an 18,000 litre fuel tanker invaded Temple Colonnade and pupils were introduced to how the Army refuels its vehicles on operations. Concurrently a command task involving planks and tyres was taking place, where the officer (wearing body armour and helmet) escorting each particular group, had to be 'rescued' by the cadets, much to their amusement.

Opposite, by Grenville Colonnade a large Royal Mechanical Engineers (REME) Recovery vehicle, with its crane extended, had a tyre suspended from it and cadets were set the timed competitive task of negotiating the tyre up, around and over a mini cone obstacle course, using a large controller. This tested dexterity and gentleness of touch. (Years of Xbox and remote control practice definitely made the task easier for the majority of our gadget advanced cadets!)

A 15 tonne vehicle and Operating Field Catering System (OFCS) was set up for the pupils to gain an insight into how (up to) whole regiments of soldiers are catered for on operations. They also set up improvised fires/cookers with random assorted metal ammunition containers and mini oil drums, and provided delicious piping-hot food for cadets to sample.

A Fitted For Radio (FFR) long wheel base land rover with communications equipment and aerials provided an introduction to basic military voice

procedure (VP) and the signals detachment 'set up' in training and on operations. Cadets were provided with personal radios to practise on and were then set the timed challenge of guiding a blindfolded cadet through a narrow maze using only radios for direction.

Meanwhile on the South Front a Supply Stand introduced cadets to how combat supplies get all the way to the forward troops on operations; a tank doesn't get very far if a track breaks; artillery guns cannot fire without ammunition and mail still needs to get through to soldiers in harsh and hostile environments. They provided the example of ordering an item on Amazon and talked the cadets through the logistic chain, setting the cadets a mini supply exercise.

The final stand was an introduction to unarmed combat using boxing pads and thin gloves. The Physical Training Instructor (PTI) had everyone punching and jabbing the pad, operating in pairs with one person holding the pad and the other punching or elbowing it! The CCF officers were unable to resist joining in. The cadets then raced against each other in team relays, involving much cardio work, sprinting around cones and flinging themselves on the ground before racing off again. A tiring but fun session, enjoyed by all.

Congratulations to Group 4 who came first, led by Bertie Bryant, with Jonah Gasura, Matthew Alberts, Edward Don, Izzy Hopkins and Sonya Sander. Very close runners up were Group 6, with a point between them, led by Max McLeish with Thomas Riley, James Trumper, Aymen Riahi, Harry Reed, Theodor Kyriacou, and Max Smith. Cobham and Walpole each have another cup to add to their collection.

We are very grateful that the Regiment gave up so much of their time to visit Stowe with so many soldiers, vehicles and equipment. Every cadet had an enjoyable and insightful day and all were made aware, through a fun day of activities, of the specific and essential role that the Royal Logistic Corps plays within the Army, whilst also getting a feel for the Army in general. See more photos [here](#).

*Major Jan de Gale*



# Spring Concert

On Sunday 26 March we visited Trinity College, Cambridge for our well-attended Spring Concert. It was a showcase event for the Choir, Orchestra, String Orchestra and Chapel Brass, with our collaborative partners Apollo5 and the Adderbury Ensemble, and a celebration of the achievements of each ensemble, and particularly for Music Scholar Alex Grinyer (Upper Sixth, Walpole) who performed the first movement of Rachmaninoff's Second Piano Concerto. The Master and Fellows of Trinity College were very gracious in their permissions, and helped give pupils, their parents and Old Stoics an incredible experience. The Headmaster gave a tour of the magnificent Wren Library and Courts, and the College provided two fabulous meals, and, of course, the breath-taking Chapel. My thanks to the Department for getting everything and everyone there and back safely, and for helping build such a good programme.

*Geoffrey Silver, Director of Music*



## CRICKET

### Cricketers of the Year

Ben Duckett (Grafton 13) has been named one of Wisden's Cricketers of the Year. This highly acclaimed honour follows an impressive list of awards won in 2016, as well as making his England debut. To read more, please follow this [link](#).

Well done Ben!

Olly Clarke (Upper Sixth, Chandos) took a remarkable 8 for 44 against Bradfield College on the first Saturday of term with his left arm spin. Opening the bowling he bowled unchanged for 17 overs to bowl out Bradfield for 120. Tom Olsen (Fourth Form, Chatham) and Rufus Easdale (Fifth Form, Grafton) were the other wicket takers. Olly's figures were the best by a Stowe pupil since current England Lions cricketer Graeme White took 8 for 33 against Bedford Modern in 2004. Stowe went on to beat Bradfield by 6 wickets with Olly also opening the batting and top scoring with 37!

On Sunday, 7 May the 1st XI played the annual fixture against the MCC. The MCC brought a strong side full of ex-professional cricketers and minor county players. In the first session the MCC went on the attack and plundered 150 runs, but the Stowe XI did manage to snare 3 wickets. Three more quick wickets and some brilliant fielding after lunch pegged the MCC back and in the end the MCC only got 242 for 9 when the declaration came. Will Garrett and Tom Olsen were the pick of the batters. In reply Jim Jackman (22) and Adam King (15) got the innings off to a solid start with skipper Brandon Lee and Calum Renshaw also making positive 20s. Tom Worrall also scored twenty, but to win the match the Stowe side would need someone to kick on and get a big score. That person was Tom Olsen who accelerated and started to dominate the bowling. He found an able partner in Orlando Macdonald-Buchanan. Eventually it came down to 12 needed off the final over 7 wickets down. A few scrambled two's and singles left six off two balls, with Tom on 95. He duly dispatched the penultimate delivery for six to win the game and go to his hundred.

*James Knott, Head of Cricket*



## Jazz masterclass with Alex Garnett

On 3 May, Stoics took part in an inspiring masterclass with Alex Garnett and his trio. Alex is one of the UK's most prominent jazz saxophonists and he currently has a residency at Ronnie Scott's, Soho. Alex's relaxed and laid-back style really put the Stoics at ease and it was wonderful to hear him impart such words of wisdom regarding improvisation techniques and how to play effectively as part of an ensemble. Finlay Sutherland (Lower Sixth, Grafton), Ellen Arnall (Lower Sixth, West) and Theodore Hayes (Fourth Form, Chatham) took part in the workshop, and they each took it in turns

to take solos. By the end of the afternoon, the participants sounded really polished and it was a fantastic opportunity to be coached by someone at the forefront of the UK's Jazz scene.

In the evening, Alex gave a superb concert, which featured John Cervantes (one of Stowe's Jazz piano teachers). With the lights down low and the audience sitting at tables around the performers, one could be forgiven for thinking they were sitting in a jazz club in New Orleans.

*Ben Andrews, Head of Keyboard*



## CLAY PIGEON

On a dreary May day, Stowe travelled to the British Schools and Young Shots Championship at Risley, Bedfordshire.

Captain Ben Skinner led the Stowe A Clay Shooting team to an impressive third place with 217 to Strathallan's 218 and Bloxham's 230. 12th in the UK. Ben Skinner individually performed outstandingly on the red course, where he achieved 41 out of 50 clays. The top score in the UK was 46.

Georgina Skinner captained the B team to an overall 7th place with a respectable 186. Georgina also came 11th in the ladies individual class.

Max Whitehead, in Stowe's B team came joint 13th place on the blue course with 38 out of 50. This resulted in Max coming second place in the individual cadet class.

*Gordon West, MiC Clay Pigeon*

## History of Art

The Upper Sixth History of Art pupils were lucky enough to be taken to the beautiful Compton Verney for a lovely day out on Sunday 7 May. Ms Chubb and Mr Robinson were incredibly generous and bought us all delicious Boycott Farm picnics which we had sitting on the bank of the lake in amazing sunshine. We then had a very interesting tour around the gallery and the amazing exhibition which was showing the works of Thomas Gainsborough, Claude Lorrain, George Stubbs and Stanley Spencer. The History of Art pupils would very much like to thank Ms Chubb and Mr Robinson for their kindness and generosity for arranging such a lovely day - it was a wonderful way to round off our two years of studying History of Art at Stowe.

*Eliza Dubois, (Upper Sixth, Nugent)*

## Stowe in Kenya

The Headmaster joined with other members of the G20 Schools at Brookhouse School in Nairobi in April and met with Her Excellency, Margaret Kenyatta, First Lady of Kenya (seated front row centre in the photo opposite).

Issues discussed at this year's G20 Conference included private-state school partnerships, gender equality in schools and universities, encouraging political activism, teaching ethics in an age of moral relativism, raising environmental awareness and social responsibility. There were field trips to the improvised settlement of Kibera and Nakuru nature reserve which illustrated many of the themes raised in the lectures and presentations.

Whilst in Kenya, Stowe Parents Maluki and Victoria Mwendwa hosted a memorable reception and dinner at Nairobi's legendary Muthaiga Club. It was wonderful to see so many different constituents of the Stowe community represented - parents, Old Stoics, current pupils and future Stoics were all in attendance. The Headmaster reflected on the special relationship which exists between Kenya and Stowe and paid special tribute to Tristan Voorspuy, former parent who was killed in Laikipia last month.

The Headmaster thanked Maluki and Victoria Mwendwa for their generous hospitality and kindness in organising such a splendid occasion.



## HOCKEY

### Staff versus Stoics

The Staff versus Stoics Hockey match was played with great competitive spirit. The boys won this very enjoyable match 5-1. Thank you to everyone who took part and to pupils and parents for their support on the day.

Congratulations to Rhys Noble (Third Form, Chandos) who has been selected to attend the Midlands Region Performance Centre as part of the England Hockey Player Pathway programme. This involves several sessions with the very top players in the Region and acts as a stepping stone to potential International age group selection further down the line. The Midlands region is one of the most competitive with several National League clubs sending their best junior players. Good luck Rhys.

*Ben Scott, Head of Hockey*

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on all Stowe Sports  
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[www.stowesport.co.uk](http://www.stowesport.co.uk)



# Congress to Campus at Wellington College

Stoics studying Government and Politics at A Level enjoyed a day out at Wellington College on 7 March to listen to a range of scholars and academics speaking on the subject of American politics in the Trump age. The day included question and answer sessions from Democratic Party ex-Congressman turned lobbyist Vic Fazio and Republican ex-Congressman Randy Neugebauer. It was intriguing to see the contrasting opinions between the Texas Republican and the California Democrat,

who conveyed their opinions eloquently yet forcefully. Ultimately, pupils seemed to agree that President Obama had laudable ambitions but perhaps went about achieving them in a way that was too cerebral to win the hearts of the Republican House Caucus. Whether Trump will do any better remains to be seen. All the Stoics agreed the day was highly stimulating and contributed a great deal to their exam preparations.

*Charlie Barker, Head of Politics*

# The Gaussian Group

The Gaussian Group had a special guest this term and it proved an exciting academic event! Dr Marcus Appleby, from Sydney University visited Stowe to give a talk on the Philosophy of Quantum Mechanics, entitled "What does an atom look like?"

Dr Appleby said during his talk that on the one hand we are the masters of the universe at subatomic level, we understand it so well that we can even build nuclear bombs. But, on the other hand, Quantum Mechanics clearly demonstrates that we don't even know what an electron is. Is it a particle or a wave or both or none? In fact, we don't even know whether it is something physical or simply a mathematical model.

*Hakan Yadsan, Teacher of Mathematics*

# A Day in the Life of a Roman Client

Readers of Stowemail may recall that last year Kien Powell (Cobham) won the University of Kent's competition to submit a script for the latest in their series of short animated films about life in the Classical world. One year on, the animation for Kien's script describing 'A Day in the Life of a Roman Client' is now complete. Although the finished version, available [here](#), still has some way to go before it surpasses the 5 million YouTube hits achieved by the previous cartoon in the series, we are hopeful that it will continue to fly the flag for Classics at Stowe and that Kien's success will encourage other Stoics to follow suit.

*Jon Murnane, Classics Department*



## EQUESTRIAN

The beginning of the Summer Term started with Swailcliffe ODE with Charlotte Morgan and Katie Lee competing alongside Cecilia Mayne, who achieved her best-ever dressage score, Joshua White, jumping clear in both the show jumping and cross country phase and Sophia Galione being placed 8th in her class.

Next was show jumping at Bury Farm with Antonia White being placed 7th and Francesca Macleod Matthews placed 3rd in the 85cm class and Francesca going on to gain 3rd place in the 95cm class.

The next competition for this term is the Stowe Beagles Hunter trials on 21 May. Entries are being taken now so we look forward to hearing from those who would like to be involved.

*Angela Churcher, Equestrian Centre Manager*



## GOLF

On Thursday 27 April our Golf team recorded a fine 3-0 victory on away soil against a competitive Haileybury. The match was played at the magnificent Hanbury Manor in extremely testing conditions. Particularly notable wins came from Tom Riley and Freddie Horlick - the Bruce duo dovetailed exceptionally well to overcome experienced opponents. Fine victories were also recorded by Tom Youds and Jack Nesbitt, along with Toby Stocks and Hamish Wood. We now look forward to our forthcoming fixture against Eton College at Stoke Park.

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



# Corkscrew



The year started with Ben Mercer at the helm and our first wine tasting experiencing was very enlightening and a great insight into the world of wine. Over the course of the year we've had many fascinating speakers, all giving us an extensive education about wine. We were lucky enough to have a beautiful black tie dinner organised by Clare Hill-Hall with Chris Wightman (OS) as our guest speaker. With a delicious assortment of wines and the presence of the Headmaster and Second Master, Mr Robinson, it was a wonderful way to round off

the year. There was also a very challenging quiz which resulted in Sam Montgomery and Amelia Bowder (with an honourable runner up, Rory Smith), winning a bottle of 1998 Château La Tour each, which was kindly donated by Philip Gray (OS). The Corkscrew Society would very much like to thank all our visiting speakers for enhancing our knowledge, Janet King for all her behind the scenes assistance and particularly to Clare Hill-Hall for going to such lengths and organising a truly lovely evening for us all.

*Eliza Dubois (Upper Sixth, Nugent)*



## Vanguard

This term in Vanguard lessons, the Third Form are exploring the history of Stowe House and Gardens as part of a two-part project based on Stowe's original 'Visual Education' programme. In the first part, pupils roamed the grounds and main mansion in search of answers to a series of questions that encouraged them to engage closely with key monuments and design features, working collaboratively to discover facts, ideas and idiosyncracies throughout this unique estate.

*George Purves, Teacher of English*

## Leonard Cheshire Disability

During 2015-16, Chatham's chosen charity was Leonard Cheshire Disability. This is a major health and welfare charity that works in the United Kingdom and runs development projects around the world. It was founded in 1948 by RAF pilot Leonard Cheshire, who was an Old Chathamite and VC winner. The Chatham boys swam a relay equivalent crossing of The Channel distance, raising £4,860 for this cause. Emma Pearce, the Community Engagement Officer for the charity, and Selina Mills, the Ambassador Manager, visited Stowe to be presented with the cheque by Chatham's Head of House, Archie Dixon-Smith. The picture above shows the representatives from Leonard Cheshire Disability receiving the cheque from Archie,



Mr Copley and Monty (the dog). The photo was taken in the Chatham House Room, where, in the background, is a stained glass window which depicts the image of Cheshire and his services to the RAF. There is also a window portraying his charitable work. Leonard Cheshire Disability is the chosen charity for the School next year.

*Liam Copley, Chatham Housemaster*

## Philip Moore Visit

GCSE composers were lucky enough to spend some time working with President of the Royal College of Organists, composer and former Director of the Music at York Minster, Dr Philip Moore on their composition portfolios. After playing through their pieces he offered kind and wise suggestions, and shared some of his techniques and methodologies. In the afternoon, Dr Moore worked with Mr Aitken's organ pupils in Chapel on pieces and hymn playing and the day culminated in an excellent and inspirational choir rehearsal in the round, in preparation for our Spring Concert at Trinity College, Cambridge.

*Geoffrey Silver, Director of Music*



## ROWING

James Rudkin (Walpole 12) was part of the Great Britain Eight for the World Rowing Cup in Belgrade on 7 May, coming second, and just beaten by The Netherlands.

Great Britain will send a 43-strong squad to Belgrade for the first World Rowing Cup of the season between 5-7 May, with a mix of returning Olympians and exciting young talent set to test themselves on the international stage. This follows the very competitive racing in pairs and singles at the GB Rowing Team Senior and U23 Trials over the Easter weekend.

In August 2016, James achieved his ambition of winning a world medal at the World Rowing U23 Championships in Rotterdam. He then took part in his fourth Worlds for Great Britain last September, since his Junior World Championships as a Stoic in 2012.

More recently, James has been in training with the GB rowing team at Caversham, aspiring to the Olympic team in 2020.

## FENCING

### 2017 British Youth Championships Sheffield 29 April - 1 May

For this year's British Youth Championships (BYCs), Stowe had four fencers who had qualified through the East Midlands regional qualifiers in order to enter the biggest competition of the year for young fencers. Lauren Brigden (Girls' Foil), Hannah Laurence (Girls' Epee), Edward Don (Boys' Epee) and Hugo Robinson (Boys' Foil).

This competition sees the best four fencers from each region, in each age category (U12, U14, U16, U18) with boys and girls in 3 weapons (Foil, Epee Sabre) compete over three days which equates to 24 competitions, and is by far the biggest event of the year. So this was always going to be a very tough match for all fencers.

Edward Don and Hugo Robinson performed at the British Youth Fencing Championships. Edward came 14th in the U16 Boys' Epee) and Hugo came 43rd in the U18 Boys' Foil. Hannah too went out in the next round and finished 33 overall and Lauren finished an overall 14th.

We have to remember that the majority of fencers at a competition like the BYCs will have started fencing at the age of about 11-12 and many will have had international experience. The current group of fencers have now trained at Stowe for about 18 months, so they have done exceptionally well by firstly qualifying through the regional competition and then reaching two last 16 places. With continual training, and the recent increase in time next year we will be hoping to take more fencers to the Public Schools' Championships, and to competitions like the BYCs with better chances of medals.

*Baldip Sabota, MiC Head of Fencing*



# Robotics World Finals

After winning a regional excellence award in March through the quality of the teams engineering logbook and robot design, the senior StoweBots team qualified for the world finals held in Louisville, Kentucky. The team travelled to the finals during the Easter break to compete with 564 of the world's top teams for the title of VEX Robotics World Champions.

Each team competed in 10 qualifying matches with random pairings and opponents within a subgroup of 94 robots. These games rank the teams and allow for alliance selection of teams to move on to the quarter-final matches etc. The competition didn't start particularly well for the team, losing their first game 15-26 with a couple of teething issues with the robot. After a couple of quick fixes, the team came back with a 25-20 win, but then finished the first day with a 14-45 point loss. After the first day we sat well down the rankings and needed some strong performances to bounce back. The team started the second day with high hopes and knew a few wins would put us back in contention for an alliance selection. With the robot performing well and some good partnerships we had three strong wins in a row (scores of 41-15, 27-14, 46-8) and this lifted our rank up to 18/94. Sadly the next game did not go our way against a tough pairing and we lost 8-46, but we bounced back to win the fifth and final match of the day 39-6. At the close of play on the second day we sat ranked 27th with 2 final games to play. One win would keep the StoweBots in contention, however this was not to be as despite a strong start our partner robot fell over and pinned us in the corner and we were unable to score any game objects, so lost the match 10-47. Then in the final game the competition had taken its toll on the robot and we suffered drive issues, narrowly losing the match 21-28. This left us ranked 40th out of the 94 robots in our group; sadly this left us overlooked for an alliance selection and saw the end of our competition. Our overall ranking for the World Final was 248th out of 564. However simply making the World Finals as one of seven UK teams (from around 250 UK teams) was a huge achievement and ranking 248th in the World Finals from the best of the 10,000+ teams that compete worldwide something the team should be incredibly proud of. The result was also an improvement on the teams 2016 World Finals performance.

This year the team bids farewell to Jonny Reading (Upper Sixth, Grenville), Stuart Milner (Upper Sixth, Cobham) and Toby Lawrance (Upper Sixth, Cobham). All three have made an outstanding contribution and without each of them the team would not have got as far as it did. Jonny was Chief Engineer and kept the logbook up to date, he also was one of 19 world finalists in a competition to design a new part. Stuart Milner was the team's Mechanic and Driver, gaining in confidence over the season with the robot and leading us to some excellent victories. Toby Lawrance was the team's Programmer and has written some excellent code over the past three years allowing the robot to be easily controlled and to perform superbly in the fully autonomous section of matches.

As always with the end of one season comes the beginning of the next with this year's new game being revealed at the World Finals. Although we lose some outstanding individuals, we still have some talented young engineers and programmers staying on with the two Stowe teams. Planning and building is already underway for the new 2017-2018 game.

The day after returning from the World Finals of the VEX Robotics Championship, we hosted a group of pupils from Swanbourne House Prep School for a day of science. For part of the day the pupils learnt how to programme our smaller VEX IQ robots through various challenges. The pupils did well, making excellent progress in programming and controlling the robots in the two hours they spent on the task. This was the first chance we have had for a visiting Prep School to use the new IQ robots and we hope to run more short sessions and full days in the future.

*Paul Thompson, MiC Robots*

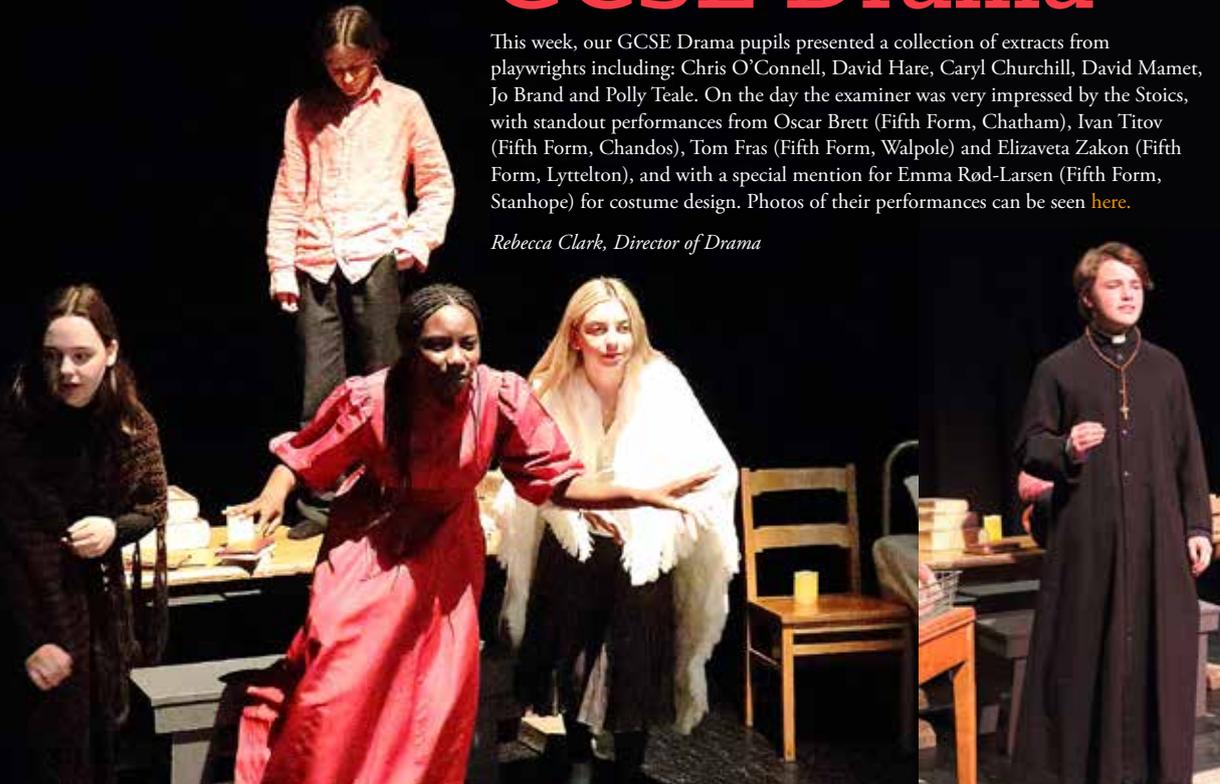




# GCSE Drama

This week, our GCSE Drama pupils presented a collection of extracts from playwrights including: Chris O'Connell, David Hare, Caryl Churchill, David Mamet, Jo Brand and Polly Teale. On the day the examiner was very impressed by the Stoics, with standout performances from Oscar Brett (Fifth Form, Chatham), Ivan Titov (Fifth Form, Chandos), Tom Fris (Fifth Form, Walpole) and Elizaveta Zakon (Fifth Form, Lyttelton), and with a special mention for Emma Rød-Larsen (Fifth Form, Stanhope) for costume design. Photos of their performances can be seen [here](#).

*Rebecca Clark, Director of Drama*



# Keyboard Festival Day

On Thursday 9 March, six pupils from Year 3, 4 and 5 at The Grove Independent School were invited to the Stowe Keyboard Festival Day. We had been practising very hard on two pieces called 'Chopsticks' and 'Pirates of the Caribbean'. They were arranged by Mr Ben Andrew, the Head of Keyboard at Stowe.

We started the day with a tour around the Music School and listened to a recording of one of the Stoics' songs that she had created. At the piano ensemble rehearsal, we played along with two other schools. There were 21 pianists and seven pianos on the stage and three of us sat together on each piano and played our own parts.

Afterwards we had an organ demonstration in the Chapel and then heard Ben's play, (a band made up of two teachers at Stowe). It was an exceptional performance and I

was amazed by both of them. Mr Andrew then held a masterclass where he gave us helpful information on our own pieces.

After our final rehearsal, there was a mini concert and we were so excited. It started with some solos. I was very lucky to have an opportunity to play my favourite piece, Nocturne Op.9 No.2 by Chopin on the Steinway piano. Then all performers came onto the stage and played the two pieces. It was such a dynamic sound and we all played brilliantly.

I would like to thank Stowe School, particularly Mr Andrew for holding this wonderful keyboard event. We all hope to come back again!

*Emily Garwood, The Grove Independent School*





# Le Café Stoïc

*Colette is a teenage girl starting her first day working in a local café.*

*After five minutes her boss leaves her to run the café on her own – not quite what she had in mind for her first day!*

*Her boyfriend comes to the café to see her because he received a text from her saying she wanted to finish with him. Colette has to cope with running the café and dealing with her distraught ex-boyfriend. But this is just the start of the day – and the day just gets worse for her.*

On Thursday 4 May, The Onatti Theatre Company sent two native French actors, Paul and Marion, to perform this year's French play in the Roxburgh Hall for Third and Fourth Form French sets. The play is scripted very carefully to fit in with the level of language of the pupils and vocabulary sheets were provided

before the event so that pupils could get the maximum from the show. What I particularly liked this year was the range of grammar and language structures that made up the script, catering for all levels of understanding and stretching some of our high-flying linguists to the limit. We have invited the Onatti Theatre Company to Stowe every year since I have been here, the plays are always very cleverly written and performed, with this year's play being no exception. All of the Stoics were captivated from the start, and our visiting actors wasted no time in plucking nervous Stoics from the audience to make up the numbers on stage! Needless to say, next year's performance has already been booked and, as ever, I am sure that it will be just as great a success.

*Simon Dobson, French Department*

# Kwasuka Sukela

I first met the pupils of Dominican Convent School, Johannesburg, when five of them arrived at Stowe. As the first beneficiaries of a new scheme, part funded by a benevolent Stowe parent, and part by Sir Richard Branson (OS) and Virgin Airways, they were to spend a year living, working and playing at Stowe.

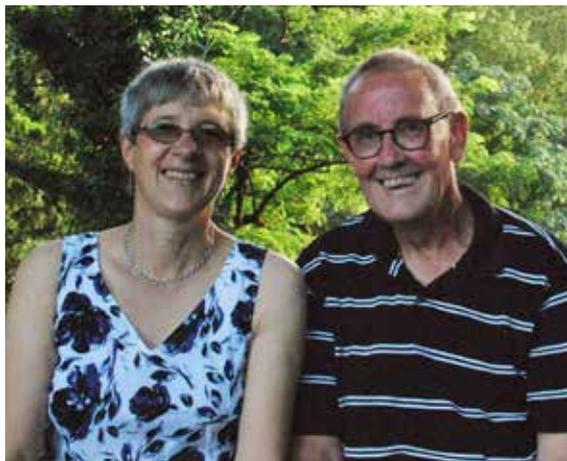
There were three girls and two boys chosen, and all three girls elected to study Drama as one of their optional subjects; all the pupils followed the Fourth Form curriculum, and I was lucky enough to have all three placed in my GCSE Drama class.

I say it was me that got lucky here, but actually it was the whole class. From the very beginning, it was clear that these were very capable and committed pupils, who listened attentively, and then always did their best to contribute. In a practical subject like Drama, that approach is not only self-evident and clear, it is also infectious, and the whole class benefited. The three girls – Karabo, Makhotso and Matshidiso – all auditioned for the major Junior production that year – a lively and colourful version of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* – and all three, as Hippolyta, Puck, and Moon respectively, contributed hugely to its success.

My involvement with the five pupils year varied, depending upon timetable and circumstances, but I always found the pupils I met to be exemplary, and I promised myself that, if the opportunity ever arose to work with such young people in their home territory, I would seize it with both hands.

Retirement gave me that opportunity this year, and we visited and worked with the staff and pupils there to put on a production, you can read about our experience [here](#).

*Chris Walters, Former Drama Teacher at Stowe who went to volunteer at DCS in January*



## ROWING

### Rowing Regatta at Dorney Lake

The Stowe rowers enjoyed a sparkling Regatta at Dorney Lake on Sunday 7 May. With over 1,000 boys and girls taking part, it is a splendid event, for smaller schools and clubs.

For the Stowe Third Formers, the regatta was their first taste of competition. This year a dozen or more boys and two girls have been learning to row on the 11 Acre Lake with Ms Jepson, Mr Parnaby and Mr Wilson. Frankie Atkinson, Charlie Chick and Theo Finlan gained valuable experience in singles. They were joined by Alex Ross in doubles and Barnaby Peppiat in quads. The quad was the event most enjoyed by the five Stoics, rowing in the boat donated by Old Stoic, John Farr.

The regatta was a first outing for two fine new boats recently donated by Mr Riskin. The Senior Stoics raced in the Blue Ribband event of the regatta for Junior-18 quadruple sculls. The B crew of Gleb Scherbakov, Tom Fox, Ayrton Patel and Will Fox put in a good performance, finishing 5th ahead of an Oundle crew. The A crew of Archie Morley, James Pocklington, Oscar Hill and Ilya Riskin put in their best-ever performance, claiming the silver medal, behind Millfield and ahead of Charterhouse.

The Stoics also raced in two doubles, although neither progressed to the final. However there were two excellent performances in singles. Ayrton Patel produced his strongest ever performance, to qualify for the Junior-17 final, where he finished 4th, just shy of the medals. Archie Morley, who has done consistently well in singles, claimed the bronze medal in Junior-16 singles.

The next competition for the Stoics is National Schools' Regatta, a bigger 3-day event at Dorney. As this is the same day as Speech Day at Stowe, only four Stoics will be taking part. More should race at Stratford after Half-term and the A crew will also enter for Henley Royal Regatta, a 5-day event. This weekend, Old Stoic, James Rudkin rowed in the Great Britain Eight at Word Cup 1 in Belgrade, winning a silver medal.

The Stoics were taken to Dorney by Mr Righton and Mr Rudkin and the photographs taken by Mrs Pocklington. The crews were all enthusiastically supported by the Stowe parents and families.





## SAILING

Our sailing team competed against Bloxham last Wednesday in their first sailing match of the season. Stowe fielded a very young team and came through to win 3-0 with new Coach and Master in Charge Mr Syme.

# Stowe – Another Sculpture Park?

Returning after their Easter break, Stoics and staff were treated to the sight of a monumental bronze sculpture of an *Andalusian Stallion*, loaned to the School by the acclaimed artist Hamish Mackie who lives nearby in the Costwolds. The statue was craned in one Monday morning, carefully sited and angled beside the new Worsley Science Centre, and, framed by the freshly budding trees, its green patina contrasts wonderfully with the copper beech behind. Within days, children were playing around it and visiting workers sunbathed at the base. He does not yet have (or need?) a name but appropriate suggestions are welcome. Stoics have been 'cool' about it though I have overheard appreciative and positive remarks from both pupils and staff. We very much hope that he remains in situ for at least a year so please do explore the Worsley Science Centre and admire the Stallion on Speech Day.

In the Mansion, plaster casts of classical sculptures now grace the niches of Marble Hall, to be joined, this summer and on the South Front in the empty niches, by more copies of other classical sculptures. Funding for a bronze copy of the *Laocoon* is being actively sought so the Trojan Priest and his sons being killed by serpents will grace North Hall again, though quite what message it will send to Stowe visitors is hard to guess. The hunt for the Egyptian Hall's sphinxes continues with sightings in various country estates and houses followed up enthusiastically.

In the Academic Avenue, standing majestically in the formal raised flower beds and rising above the geometrical box shrubs and lavender bushes, is the aluminium *Exuberance (Lord of the Dance)* by Polish-born Witold Gracjan Kawalec (1922-2003). Rescued from the relative neglect and gloomth of Kinloss Garden, the label states that the sculpture is in memory of James Reeves (Chandos 27; Poet) and it was given by Harry Vincent Kemp (Chatham 31; Mathematician, Author and Poet) in memory of his friend, Reeves. Its current situation is a little awkward, juxtaposed as it is with the unlovely Fives Courts and most Stoics ignore its rugged surface and fractured forms. They might look again if they knew it shared a title with one of their favourite

hymns. A few yards away, Lyn Chadwick's bronze *Stairs* (1991) shows two female forms which ascend and descend the steps in perpetual motion centred on the grassed courtyard outside the Watson Art School. The Scots artist and R.A.F. airman, George Henry (Harry or GHP) Paulin (1888-1962) was the appropriate sculptor to model the fine plaster sculpture of *Commander Geoffrey D Watson* (1910-32; Bruce 1924-29) in low relief, now in the entrance to the Art School which was built and named after this young man, tragically killed in a flying accident on Salisbury Plain.

While the School is rich in both classical copies and 20th Century sculptures, copies of the 18th century Garden sculptures are appearing regularly all around the landscape. The National Trust will re-erect the Gothic Cross in Coade stone near the Parish Church (as at Stourhead) and place statues of Apollo and the Nine Muses in front of the Doric Arch. *The Sleeping Shepherd* and *Sleeping Shepherdess* both grace the Grecian Valley standing out against the verdant Spring colours of the trees and grass and their delicacy matches the recently installed *Dancing Faun*. In contrast, the heroics of *Hercules wrestling with Antaeus*, *Hercules and the Boar* and *Samson and the Philistine* appear almost graceless though important to the Whig ideology of the 18th century. Further copies of Urns and other statues will also be returned to the Gardens as part of the 30th anniversary (in 2019) of the School's generous donation of the Gardens to the NT.

The great horse's arrival is only the most recent arrival in a renaissance of sculpture at Stowe. All we seek now (from my own wish list of contemporary sculptors), is a cast-iron figure by Sir Anthony Gormley to crown the Chapel roofline (does anyone know him?). Alternatively, Gormley's figure could be placed in the empty niche above the Chapel's West Door? While St George was Sir Robert Lorimer's intended statue, a more abstract form or, may I also propose, a larger copy of David Wynne's *Standing Christ* figure might suit Stowe Chapel better? A School Centenary project perhaps?

*Crispin Robinson, Second Master*

## KARATE

It seems to be a little known fact that we have been running a Karate Club at Stowe now for fourteen years. Stowe Shotokan Karate Club is a friendly environment teaching traditional Shotokan Karate as well as self-defence. The Club will be making some changes this term allowing pupils to grade in house, instead of waiting to go out and grade and if the Club grows Inter House competitions may also be held.

We are always open to new pupils and even parents and staff. No experience necessary. Anyone interested should **contact** Mr Isaac Michael.



## SWIMMING

### Will wins Gold

Will Perry (Fifth Form, Cobham) swam on the weekend of 29/30 April in the Para Swimming World Series, winning Gold in the 50m Fly and achieving a personal best. He swam against established GB swimmers and was comfortably the fastest GB S6 classified swimmer in the pool in all his races. His dedication and determination is remarkable and Will is a true inspiration to us all.

*Cheryl Davis, Acting Head of Swimming*



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# RN Cadets exercise on the Solent

A small group of RN cadets started very early on Sunday 7 May and made it to Portsmouth in time to receive their safety brief, acclimatise themselves to the functioning of their yacht or powerboat, and get out before the tide turned and trapped them in the harbour. Much is changing in Portsmouth and the new navigation marks to enable HMS Queen Elizabeth to enter harbour are already in place. Dredging is complete and small boats have been rerouted. STC Amaryllis, crewed by Bertie Keane (Fourth Form, Walpole) and Charles Garment (Fourth Form, Chandos), STC Cornish Air, crewed by Rosie Ludlow (Fourth Form, Lyttelton), Phoebe Hill (Third Form, Queen's) and Kora Haigh (Fourth Form, Nugent), and MV Blue Swan, crewed by Henry Howard, Ian Hsu, and Alex Girling (all Fourth Form, Chatham) made it across to Cowes where we all tied up for the night. Sleeping on a yacht in a tidal

marina was a new experience, and some found it easier than others. Monday 8 May was spent exercising, recovering practice man overboards, and figuring out how to get back to Portsmouth without running aground or contravening the Regulations for the Prevention of Collision at Sea. Happily all passed the test and it was a tired but cheerful group that tumbled out of the minibus when we got back to Stowe. Especial thanks to Mrs Penner (Bruce Matron) for leading the girls, Lt Eason Bassett, for contributing his power experience, Mr Gilson, for his time and enthusiasm, and the three skippers, Gaz, Ed and Rory, for getting us there and back safely.

*David Critchley Lt Cdr RNR CCF  
Contingent Commander Stowe School Combined  
Cadet Force*



## Stowe Challenge

Grafton House won the Stowe Challenge having been victorious in the assault course and run/log carry sections of the competition. Three brothers represented the House in the Assault Course which is the first time in Stowe history that three boys from the same family have competed in the competition. Congratulations to George (Fourth Form), Oscar (Upper Sixth) and Archie (Third Form) Holmes for completing the very demanding assault course in 3 minutes 12 seconds along with fellow Graftonians Alex Perez-Buchanan, James Watkins and Matthew Alberts.

Nugent broke their own record beating last year's record and completing the course in 3 minutes 26 seconds. Nugent also beat all boys houses apart from Grafton, so quite an achievement!



## Arts Award Success!

The Arts Award group have enjoyed a busy few weeks. On the 1 May our external moderator came in to judge the Bronze level portfolios. All the portfolios that were submitted passed with flying colours and the examiner was hugely impressed with the creativity of the projects. Congratulations go to Tabbi Candler, Nathan Lavelle, Maria Sharipova, Flora Walters, Kitty Wemyss, Sophie Yeowart, Hannah Gill, Eleanor Haggie, Gahsem Dorji and Elizaveta Zakon, all of whom achieved the Bronze level certificate. Each of them took part in a range of independent arts challenges in areas as diverse as textiles, oil painting, filmmaking, drama and music.



On Monday 8 May the Fourth Form group visited the Milton Keynes Theatre to take part in a scriptwriting workshop. They participated in a range of improvisation games and characterisation exercises and produced some highly creative original performances that they will continue to develop in their Arts Award sessions in the coming weeks.

*Mrs Lucy Miller, Teacher of Drama and English*



BADMINTON

## England Selection for Eleanor

Eleanor Butler (Third Form, Lyttelton) was recently selected to represent England in the U15 four nations international Badminton tournament, based in Dublin, Ireland. The selected team, consisting of England's top five girls and boys, competed against the best players from Scotland, Ireland and Wales. Eleanor played very well for the team winning all of her matches and helping England secure gold in the team event. Eleanor also battled hard with her doubles partner and come out on top winning the girls doubles title.



# 1st XI Winners of the Arch Trophy

The 1st XI cricket side left for their Easter tour to Dubai on the final day of the Lent Term to compete in the Schools Arch Trophy. A gruelling schedule meant they played five matches in seven days, including three days on the trot, which was very hard work for the players in soaring heat. The boys played excellent cricket and went through the whole tournament unbeaten to win the trophy. Read about their successful tour [here](#).



## Open Mic Night

The second annual Language Society Open Mic Night was a monumental success, with Stoics describing the evening as original and a glorious celebration of music and poetry from all around the world. The event saw 13 different performances, by the many talented Stoics and members of staff, in 8 different languages, ranging from Norwegian poetry about love to the well-known and beloved by all, Scottish classic: Auld Lang Syne. However, none of this would have happened if it weren't for performer and organiser, Miss Stirzaker who once again delighted us with yet another unforgettable evening full of music and magic. Many thanks to her and all the performers.

*Tom Pardon (Fourth Form, Grenville)*





## Cadets Assemble for Contingent Photograph

The start of the Summer term is always a watershed in the CCF Calendar. Fifth Formers are about to be given leave of absence to concentrate on revision for GCSE while Fourth Formers are about to enter the busiest section of their CCF year. The ideal time, surely, for a Contingent Photograph. The great majority of cadets were excellently turned out and did us proud; the (very small) minority who could not get their uniform together will have to wait for Summer 2018 in order to get into the photograph!

*David Critchley Lt Cdr RNR CCF,  
Contingent Commander Stowe School Combined Cadet Force*



## Winton Cup

On Tuesday 2 May the School welcomed eight Prep Schools to participate in the annual Winton Cup competition. This year the theme focused on 'compassion' and participants engaged in a range of activities delivered by Humanities departments. The competitors taking part were Beachborough, The Grove, Winchester House, Swanbourne, Chesham, Sir Thomas Fremantle, York House and Ashfold. The keynote speech for the day was delivered by Dr Mike Scanlan, who spoke about humans being programmed for compassion.

He explained if we can all perform one act of random kindness per day, it will greatly enhance all of our lives. The competition was very tight and joint runners up Beachborough and Swanbourne were just pipped by winners Chesham. Highlights included situation ethics in Philosophy and Religion, humanitarian aid in Geography and, of course, the Stowe lunch! We look forward to next year's event.

*Charlie Barker, Chair of Humanities Faculty and Head of Politics*



# Confirmation Service

On Sunday 30 April we were thrilled that 42 pupils decided that they wanted to be confirmed this year (and one to be baptised as well). They had all attended a Confirmation course led by: Mr Henry Swayne, Mr James Peppiatt, Mr Panos John, Mr Ali Last, Mr Paul Griffin, Mrs Elizabeth Chubb, Mrs Claire Hill-Hall, Mr and Mrs Johnson and Ms Judy Gracie – my thanks to all of them.

Bishop Alan (the Bishop of Buckingham) led the service which was attended by over 700 family and friends of the candidates. It was an uplifting and wonderful service with many comments from the parents and students saying how special it was. So many thanks to all who contributed, especially the choir which sang so beautifully.

£2,081.69 was raised for the Bishop of Oxford's Outreach Fund and all but £200 was gift aided. The Outreach Fund is dedicated to supporting the mission of the Church worldwide and, because of it, the Bishop is able to respond to a wide range of requests for help, in areas such as humanitarian need, Christian education, training and mission. Projects overseas include Cecily's Fund, working in Zambia supporting some of the poorest and most vulnerable children who have lost parents through HIV and AIDs to provide schooling and emotional support, and Embrace the Middle East, working with local Christian partners to provide education for visually impaired children in East Jerusalem.

All the pupils were given a cross made from the olive trees of Jerusalem – it was wonderful to hear that many were still carrying the next day and talking to their teachers about the service.

I pray that they will continue to grow in their faith journey whilst at Stowe and beyond.

*Revd Sue Sampson*



## DofE

The DofE pupils returned safely from their Dartmoor practice expedition over Easter after a really successful trip; the weather was very kind to us although temperatures were low enough and there was just enough rain to be a good learning experience for the participants, with the Golds wild camping out on the moor at least once during the expedition.

Staff were again very impressed by the Stoics and their commitment and attitude – they were a very enjoyable group of pupils to work with. All in all a very successful six days out, and many thanks to all the staff who gave up sofas and beds to support the expedition and the Stoics! In particular to Sarah Searle for keeping us fed and watered all week.

*Gwilym Jones, MiC DofE*



# Prep School Music Day

We welcomed 80 prep school children from four schools (Bilton Grange, Cothill House, Milton Keynes Preparatory School and Witham Hall School) to the Department in a revamped Choral Festival Day that celebrated many different styles of music, and highlighted our beautiful Steinways and the talent of our two Upper Sixth accompanists, Lewis Bell (Grenville) and Alex Grinyer (Walpole). It also gave us an opportunity to promote the collaborative relationship we are developing with leading UK vocal ensemble Apollo5, who were inspirational

and a lot of fun for the participants. The group taught several pieces on the day which the massed voices performed from memory and doubtless re-enacted in the minibuses home. My thanks to Third and Fourth Form members of the Choir who supported the afternoon rehearsals and the performance, and also to Head of Vocal Studies, Rachel Sherry, for building the most enjoyable programme and team-leading the day with me.

*Geoffrey Silver, Director of Music*



## Lenten Addresses

Sunday 5 March marked the first day of this year's Lenten Addresses. This year we were lucky enough to have James 'Riggas' Righetti (UK Director of Elevate Education and Youth Leader at St Ebbe's Church, Oxford) in to be the speaker. His Chapel sermon was very engaging, not only because of his great knowledge of the Bible but also because his rather strong Australian accent made it hard to ignore!

The themes for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of that week were 'Longing for Love', 'Longing for Pleasure' and 'Longing for Riches'. Each night we met in the Ugland Auditorium to hear from Riggas, ask questions afterwards and enjoy the product of Mrs Swayne's baking. Lots of people at the talks were regular Crossfire attendees; however there were also lots of pupils there who came because they wanted to find out more about the claims of Christ or because they wanted to have a religious debate with someone well-versed in it all. As well as the talks each night, there was also the opportunity to attend an informal prayer group

just after supper. This gave those who wanted to, a chance to meet with Mr Swayne and Riggas in order to pray together for the talk that evening and anything else that was on their minds.

All in all I think that the Lenten Addresses were a great success as they enabled us to appreciate the Australian humour in its finest form and find out more about the Bible in a way that appealed to all pupils, not just those who are already Christians. We all owe a massive thank you to Mr Swayne for organising it, Riggas for giving the talks and of course, Mrs Swayne for her famous brownies and rocky road treats that were the cherry on top of a very thought-provoking few days.

*Charlotte Brenman (Lower Sixth, West)*



## Fight Cancer

Mandy Dawson is competing as part of a Masters team in a big Fight Cancer CrossFit event this summer, and teams have to fundraise. Mandy is taking part in memory of her husband, Mike, and her team is raising funds for The Christie this time. Both Mike and Mandy originally come from 'up north' so it seems fitting.

You can help Mandy raise money for this great cause by donating directly to their [fundraising page](#).

JustGiving sends your donation straight to The Christie and automatically reclaims Gift Aid if you are a UK taxpayer, so your donation is worth even more.

*Thank you for your support!*

## The Lives of Francis Bacon

On Thursday 27 April the Upper Sixth Art Historians were treated to a fascinating and intriguing talk by Catherine Howe, who is currently doing her PhD at the Courtauld Institute in London. The talk was titled 'The Lives of Francis Bacon' in which she analysed his art itself but also delved into the historical context into what drove Bacon to paint in the style he did, which we all found particularly useful to know. One work of his that I found of particular interest that she analysed was 'Three Studies for Figures at the Base of a Crucifixion'; and as the talk developed further, it became evident that Bacon had taken inspiration and influence from Picasso's 'Crucifixion' which thus links to Bacon's own 'Crucifixion' which had further been influenced by Alonso Cano's 'Crucifixion'. Catherine spoke with energetic enthusiasm and together with her extensive knowledge of the topic, guaranteed the attention of the captivated audience for the entire duration of the talk. The links to the wider history of art as well as the clear connections to Surrealism which we are studying as part of the A2 syllabus, ensured that the talk was an enormous success full with educational facts but also the aesthetics of the images provided much enjoyment.

*Laurine Heerema (Upper Sixth, Queen's)*

## South Snowdonia Search and Rescue Team

With just a few days until race day, I have set myself the challenge of completing a Half Marathon, in memory of Jess Burke's two wonderful parents Ruth and Kevin Burke. I will be undertaking this challenge to raise money for the South Snowdonia Search and Rescue Team who led the difficult 72 hour recovery operation after the tragic accident. The team comprises 30 hard-working volunteers who rely solely on donations to help reach vulnerable people in the remote areas of the Welsh mountains.

I would be so grateful for any support towards this great cause which can be accessed through my [JustGiving page](#).

Every £1 donated really helps.

*Philly Stacey (Upper Sixth, Nugent)*



## Chelsea Physic Garden

We could not have asked for better weather on the Tuesday 2 May when a group of Stowe parents enjoyed a guided tour of the Chelsea Physic Garden. This four acre gem hidden behind high walls in the heart of Chelsea is a treasure trove of plants, mainly with medicinal properties, but also the weird, exotic and really beautiful are contained within. Our guide, Anne, took us on a lovely tour, full of interesting information and amusing stories.

We then enjoyed a light lunch in the Tangerine Café, before having the opportunity to explore the gardens further.

*Michelle Feasey, Co-Chair, Stowe Parents*

## Praise in the Nave

Over the past couple of years, Stoics have regularly taken part in 'Praise in the Nave' services at Stowe. With music led by a band of highly committed Stoic musicians, the services have proven to be hugely popular among the Stoic community. The worship songs we have sung in Chapel are similar in many ways to the popular music listened to by Stoics on a daily basis, and it has been great to see the whole school engage with them in the way that they have. The musicians have rehearsed regularly and worked very hard at playing effectively together as an ensemble, learning the songs, and practising improvisation techniques, which

they use as Stoics enter and exit the chapel. I would like to thank Alex Grinyer, Audrey Au, Rosia Li, Mimi Pearson-Gee, Sean Carslaw Tricot, Barnaby Peppiatt and Helena Vince for the fantastic work they do in the band. I would also like to thank Keith Baker and Mark Goodman for setting up the sound equipment for the services, and Jess Potts, Tom Frasn and Mar Martinez-Tomas for their assistance with controlling the sound desk. Lastly, I would like to thank Sue Sampson for planning the services and making them so special.

*Ben Andrews, Head of Keyboard*

## Mozart Trio Prize Competition

On 7 May, in one of the best presentations of recent years, eight Stoics took part in the prestigious annual Mozart Trio prize competition. The competition, which is open to Sixth Form Stoics, is always a wonderful celebration of the huge diversity within the department and, being named after a vocal ensemble, and having nothing to do with Mozart or Piano Trios, the performances covered many different genres from the Baroque to Popular music.

Our guest adjudicator was leading UK conductor and former director of music at St Paul's Girls' School and Tonbridge School, Dr Hilary Davan Wetton. Dr Davan Wetton gave a thoroughly enjoyable adjudication, with invaluable insights on how to perform, present, bow, acknowledge accompanists, engage with an audience and deal with nerves, as well as thoughtful, thorough and wise advice to each of the participants. Above all he made it clear that the choices he made were his own opinion of what he personally experienced on the day, and emphasised the wonderful afternoon and participation in general being the important

business. The winners were in first place vocalist Bella Coldstream (Upper Sixth, Lyttelton); in equal second, oboist Ellen Arnall (Lower Sixth, West) and Mali Aitchison (Lower Sixth, Nugent); and in third, trumpeter Finlay Sutherland (Lower Sixth, Grafton). The audience prize was convincingly won by Ellen Arnall.

There followed Music Prize-giving with the Headmaster presenting new cups for awards in performance and composition. Gilling Lax Prizes were awarded to: Lewis Bell, for keyboard (senior); Jeffrey Au, for keyboard (junior); Mali Aitchison, for strings (senior); Poppy de Salis, strings (junior); Ellen Arnall, for woodwind (senior); Ally Jordan, for woodwind (junior); Alex Grinyer, for brass (senior); Jonah Gasura, for brass (junior). The Stormont Prize for Percussion was won by Oscar Hill. The Vane-Tempest Music Cup for Composition was presented to Mali Aitchison; the Anthony Bolton Prize for Composition (UVI) to Caspar Wallersteiner and (LVI) to Natasha Woods; and the Bram Wiggins Prize for Composition (GCSE) to Helena Vince.

*Geoffrey Silver, Director of Music*

## Cycle for Ol Pejeta Conservancy

From 3 July to the 9 July James Holland and I will be undertaking a 336.3 mile cycle from the centre of Plymouth to St Margaret's Bay on the other side of Dover. We will be staying in various Inns and B&Bs along the way, following coastal paths and keeping the time spent on busy roads to a minimum.

Day 1 is Plymouth to Exmouth; Day 2 is Exmouth to Weymouth; Day 3 is Weymouth to Lymington.

Day 4 is Lymington to Chichester; Day 5 is Chichester to Eastbourne; Day 6 is Eastbourne to St Mary's Bay; Final day is St Mary's Bay to St Margaret's Bay.

This is to raise funds for Ol Pejeta Conservancy which is the largest Black Rhino sanctuary in East Africa and is home to the final three Northern White Rhino. If you would like to learn more about them, please visit their website. If you would like to donate to this cause then please click [here](#).

*Ethan Collins (Fourth Form, Temple)*



Stowe's Development, Building and Works Committee (DB&W) held its 100th meeting recently. The Governors' committee which oversees the School Estate celebrated in style with fizz and cake. This meeting was also the last for John Morris (Head of Estate Management), David Critchley (School Administrator) and Nick Morris (Director of Operations) all of whom retire from Stowe this summer.



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