



# THE GRENVILLIAN: 1<sup>ST</sup> EDITION



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Welcome to this month's copy of the Grenvillian. Apologies in advance for the delay in the October publication, we have had some 'technical difficulties' as Mr Hughes would put it, with taking the whole project off the ground! We will aim to publish a copy each side of Exeats and Half Terms to keep you up to date with the goings around of Grenville. This month's focus is on the legendary Mr Hughes himself, a boy in the Upper Sixth who has had an incredible journey to the 1<sup>st</sup> XV rugby team, this year's house singing competition, as well as the Inter-House cross country!

### **LIFE AT STOWE: A THIRD FORMER'S PERSPECTIVE:**

Most people in the Third Form have enjoyed Stowe so far, saying it is a great school and they enjoy the sports and academics. The school is all round great with all the activities they have for the pupils today such as doughnuts, cinema, assault course and other things. The Third Form cannot wait to continue their time here at Stowe since we all have had a great time so far.

Third Formers favourite thoughts about Stowe, by Freddie Farrell:

Will: Sports and People

Edward: House and Friends

Tom: Sports

Ronan: Living space

Arsenii: Everything

Otto: Lessons

Artem: Sport Choices and Friends

Archie: Lessons

Charlie: Facilities

Freddie pictured tackling the obstacle course.

Freddie: Sport

Guy: sport

Nathaniel: Sport

Ollie: Sport





## HOUSE SINGING SUMMARY:

After nearly 4 weeks of vigorous planning for annual House Singing (also known as, 'House Shout'), the dreaded day, Saturday 6 October, finally swung by. The house song was, 'I want you back' by the Jackson Five, in which the whole house participated in, and the part song was, 'Pompeii' by Bastille. Fourth Formers included in the part song were Malek Salem and Xander Brett. Part song consisted of 8 Grevillians.

Leading up to the initial performance, new Fourth Former, Marcel Dwyer, was strongly encouraging his year group, using support techniques usually seen in rugby, not a surprising approach from the 1<sup>st</sup> team rugby player. Minutes later, the whole house was on stage, facing the whole school and the Headmaster, who rooted for us to win.

The instrumental track played, and the symphonic shouting began and then later ended. Shortly after, the part song stepped in, being the 'good singers' in the house. Again, the instrumental played, the symphonic 'singing' began and then ended. In the end, we won, absolutely nothing. However, the House showed good enthusiasm and sooner rather than later, we begin hearing, 'maybe next year'.

By Malek Salem

## AN INTERVIEW WITH MR HUGHES:

Mr Hughes joined Stowe in September 1997 as the Head of Rugby having previously played and coached at Northampton Saints RFC. He has previously worked in Bruce, Grafton and Chatham before becoming Grenville Housemaster in 2014.

Oliver Garson: What do you enjoy most about Grenville?

Mr Hughes: It must be the lads themselves. My favourite moment of the week has to be 8 o'clock on Sundays where most of the house gets a pizza and to have the Third Form and Sixth Form bonding chatting and watching TV.

OG: What do you enjoy doing in your spare time?


AH: Making new discoveries at our new house that I'm renovating.

OG: What is the most interesting thing you've found in the boarding house?

AH: I think it has to be a series of rabbit traps in a certain young man's dorm (You know who you are!)

OG: 3 albums, a film and a luxury: which ones would you take to a desert island?





AH: The Lamb Lies Down on Broadway by Genesis, Rumours by Fleetwood Mac and Desperado by The Eagles. The film would have to be a few good Men and the luxury, a fridge freezer!

OG: What's the worst hairstyle you've ever had?

AH: Back in the 70's, I used to have a middle parting.

OG: What would be your message to all Grenvillians?

AH: "Develop their character and enhance their charisma and enjoy life for all its humorous moments"

By Oliver Garson

## CROSS COUNTRY REVIEW



This year Grenville had an electric House Cross Country. In every age group we had a boy finish inside the top 3 with Third Form's Ollie Butler finishing Third, Fourth Form's Ben Calabro finishing third, Fifth Form's Daniel Roberts finishing 1st with the fastest time of the day (16 minutes and 2 seconds), Egan Brosnan, Lower Sixth, finishing 2nd and Cameron Chambers, Upper Sixth, finishing 1st.

Daniel Roberts time places him 60th in the

country in the under 20's category.

The course was described by most as undulating and was made harder on the day by windy conditions that all boys did their best to battle against in the race to the line.

Daniel Roberts said "the course was a new experience for me as I have never raced in such tough conditions but I am happy with my result and the other boys should be happy as well. This was the perfect warm up for the coming X country season that progresses throughout the winter and I hope I can put out similar times in these races."

Mr Hughes said "he was delighted that Grenville had a runner in the top three in every year group and that all the boys competing had put Grenville back on the map for X-C". Those who couldn't participate due to injury we hope make a speedy recovery as their choice in music, as DJ's, on the day warrants them running not entertaining!

By Dan Roberts



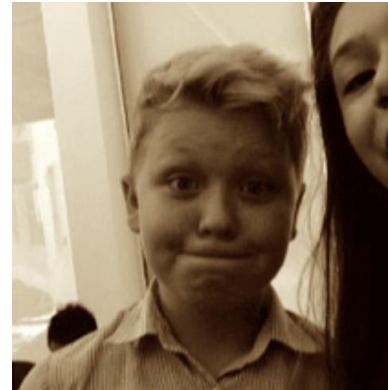


## MAX WHITEHEAD'S RISE TO GLORY

Grenville has had many First XV rugby players throughout history, however a few characters have stood out for particular reasons. One of these characters is Max Whitehead. When Max joined Stowe in Fourth Form he wasn't the most athletic individual and struggled even to break into the Colts C's rugby team. Max had a dream though, he wasn't satisfied with where he was in life and desperately wanted to get in shape. Through hard work,



perseverance and training, three years later Max has become a First XV rugby regular representing Stowe at the highest level. This is an outstanding achievement for anyone, however Max's pure dedication and determination truly exhibit the Grenville attitude and the Stoic way of life. Max played Stanford last match, playing as a forward, and displayed an outstanding performance, making such heavy tackles that he had to be subbed off due to a concussion.





By Alex Bernard-Bell

## AROUND THE HOUSE:

Elsewhere around the house, there have been plenty of things happening. Archie Irvine and Alex Bernard Bell have started an Art's Club available to the whole Sixth Form. We believe that this places an emphasis on what Mr Hughes said when he was being interviewed as this shows the respective boys developing their character and enhancing their charisma, and just really using up every last drop of what the school has to offer, and further emphasises that if you have a drive for something, the house and the School will support you on that and aid you in taking it further, in this case, adding to the school's many society's.

Furthermore, we managed to achieve having three Grenvillians mentioned in front of the whole school for their outstanding level of Merits, placing them in the top five for their respective year groups. Congratulations to: *Ben Calabro*, Fourth Form, *Robbie Haigh*, Fifth Form and *Jamie Moir*, Upper Sixth for their achievements. On top of that, with the recent APG's having come out, we had the following boys come out in the top three in their respective year groups within the house for their combined attitude to learning and attitude to prep marks, and so a further congratulations goes to in the Third Form: *Ronan O'Reilly*, *Thomas Moore* and *Arsenii Grebenshchikov*. In the Fourth Form, congratulations go to *Alexander West*, *Sam Wardlaw*, and *Malek Salem*. In the Fifth Form, congratulations to *Robbie Haigh*, *Oliver Garson* and *Hugo Paynter Bryant*. In the Lower Sixth, *Ben Edeh*, *Wei Liang Zhao* and *Edward Pickering* all came out on top. Last but not least, in the Upper Sixth, *Cameron Chambers*, *Rowan Brudenell* and *Thomas Chamberlain* all scored in the top three. A huge congratulations to all of these people. It shows a solid start to the year, and they have all been awarded a pizza for their efforts. A good incentive on Mr Hughes' behalf!





## MATRON'S CORNER:

It seems hard to believe that we are already past half term in the Michaelmas Term. The new Third Formers have settled in well and made Grenville home. A few boys seem to have forgotten how to keep their area tidy over the holidays but I am busy encouraging them to remember – some with more success than others. The boy's warm smiles, cheeky laughter and mischievous behaviour plus hard work in school and on the various sports pitches make for a happy house.

Quite a few boys have been bringing multi vitamins and similar back to school with them. These all have to be handed in to the medical centre and approved before the boys can take them. Some can self-medicate but others need me to dispense to them and some requests are denied and I then keep the tablets and the boys can take them home at exeat. The boys do get a well-balanced diet at Stowe so seldom need the supplements.

## ON A CLOSING NOTE:



It seems that Grenville has had a solid start to the year. Not only has Grenville single-handedly achieved gaining the most merits in the whole school, with a grand title of around 490 merits, miles ahead of everyone else, setting us in good stead for winning the academic salver yet again! The new Third Form seem to be settling in seamlessly and it now seems that Stowe is second nature to them. Photos from the third form activity weekend, attempting Jacob's Ladder and the Leap of Faith can be found on the Grenville house page on the Stowe website. Unfortunately, this year was just not our year for house singing, although having won last year we can't have everything, however we set our sights on first place next year! I hope that you have now found out some interesting facts about Mr Hughes, some of which were not known before the exclusive interview!

Above is pictured both the junior and senior academic salver awards, which at this rate, will seem to be a permanent installation in our ever-growing trophy cabinet!