

Stowe mail

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NEWS ROUND UP FROM STOWE



Chandos

Nugent



Bruce

House Singing

Sunday 15 October saw the Chapel open its doors to the School's annual House Singing Competition. The theme of this year's competition was 'Music from the Movies' and we were treated to a selection of highly original and skilfully executed interpretations of classic songs from the big screen.

A huge amount of work had been put into the entries by Stoics and the adjudicator, hot off the heels from his own school's competition at Shrewsbury, must have had a difficult job to find a clear winner. In the end it was Chandos who took both boys' House prizes, with Hugo Cliff (Upper Sixth, Chandos) leading a rousing rendition of the Jason Mraz hit 'I Won't Give Up'. The House also excelled with their unison performance of 'Breakfast at Tiffany's' by Deep Blue Something.

Nugent took both trophies for the girls' Houses, in no small part down to Mali Aitchison's (Lower Sixth,

Nugent) stunning musical arrangements. Their unison song featured a mash-up of songs from 'Rocky III', '8 Mile', 'Pretty Woman', 'The Breakfast Club' and 'Coyote Ugly' and their part-song was Miley Cyrus' 'The Climb'. Nugent also took the overall prize. Entertainment was provided by Mali and Henry Gauvain (Lower Sixth, Temple) along with Charles Rivington (Lower Sixth, Bruce) on guitar.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my colleagues Ben Andrew and Dave Richmond for their fantastic work in the band. House Singing will see some changes next year; nothing has been finalised but there is likely to be more than one adjudicator and several other tweaks that will make the event an even more positive experience that better reflects the huge amount of hard work that everybody puts in.

Miles Nottage, Head of Rock, Pop and Jazz



Chatham



Cobham



Temple



Grenville



Lyttelton



Queen's



Stanhope



Walpole



Grafton



West

Michael Ventris

On Wednesday 19 October Martin Pickles talked to the Third Form Greek set about the famous Old Stoic, Michael Ventris (Temple 39), whose life he is researching for a possible documentary.

As a 14 year old pupil in Temple who was studying Greek, Michael Ventris was taken by his Classics teacher, Patrick Hunter, to visit an exhibition at the Royal Academy in 1936 on archaeological finds from Knossos in Crete. While there Ventris asked the excavator, Sir Arthur Evans, whether anyone had deciphered the Linear B script. On being told that no one had done so, Ventris in 1953, by then an important architect, became the key person

in showing that Linear B was an early form of Greek, thus extending Greek history by hundreds of years in what was called the 'Mount Everest of Archaeology'.

John Peatfield (Upper Sixth, Temple), whose family have been in Temple over many generations, showed Mr Pickles a Colonnade study room which could have been the one shared by Ventris and Christopher Robin Milne (of Winnie the Pooh fame) in the Michaelmas term of 1939. Perhaps Ventris' story of his inspiration as a 14 year old Classics pupil will inspire Stoics of a similar age today.

Michael Bevington, Head of Classics



ENGLAND CAP IN CRICKET

In the first One Day International against Bangladesh on Friday 7 October, Ben Duckett (Grafton 13) became the first Old Stoic to represent England. On debut he scored 60 as England won an exciting encounter in Mirpur. He then top scored in the final match with 63 as England won that game to take the series. On Thursday 20 October Ben followed up his England ODI debut with a call up for the first Test against Bangladesh where he opened the batting with Alastair Cook. He is the first Old Stoic to have ever played in a Test match.

Our two former cricket exchange students, Angus Lovell and Ben Maynard, were selected to play for Queensland in the U17 Australian Championships. In a match against Tasmania they shared a 200 run partnership. Angus Lovell was named Player of the Championship and broke the Queensland U17 record for the amount of runs with a total of 489.

James Knott, Head of Cricket

NETBALL

In preparation for their County Tournament the 1st team had an excellent 15-12 win against Aylesbury High on Thursday 6 October.

Lauren Ellis, Head of Netball

SWIMMING

On Tuesday 11 October the boys' U14 and U18 teams had two fine wins in the Four School Gala. The U14s beat Repton and Bromsgrove and the U18s beat Repton and Stamford. The girls' U14 team beat Stamford in the triangular which also included Bromsgrove.

Stewart Cowie, MiC Swimming



Big Band

On Wednesday 5 October the Big Band played their second event of the term after having played at the Family Day on Sunday 25 September. The band played the pre-dinner music for The Buckingham University Sports Awards Evening. This event was organised by Thomas Gordon-Colebrooke (Chandos 14), who is now studying at the University. The band put on a very professional show and really looked the part in their evening dress. Tom has since written to the Headmaster to praise the band: "They were everything a Big Band should be and, needless to say, well turned out and extremely courteous. I am overjoyed that the Music Department is continuing to produce such promising young musicians. I do hope they will be able to join us for more events in the future."

Nigel Gibbon, Head of Brass, Wind and Percussion



The Home of Shakespeare

On Monday 10 October we visited Stratford upon Avon with nineteen Stoics who are taking part in the Arts Award programme for a behind-the-scenes tour of the Royal Shakespeare Company and a visit to The MAD Museum (The Museum of Mechanical Art and Design).

We started the day in Bancroft Gardens admiring the Gower Memorial, which depicts in bronze some of Shakespeare's most notable characters. Discussing both the sculptures themselves and the infamous scenes they represent, the Stoics impressed us with their knowledge of Shakespeare's plays.

Upon arriving at the RSC we had the opportunity to try on some RSC costumes before the tour. Backstage, we saw everything from the technical control room to the wig and costume department.

We left the theatre gift shop with tickets for an upcoming production of 'The Tempest', purchased by the staff, and a bow and arrow, purchased by Anthony Roginsky (Fourth Form, Walpole). Stoics were then free to explore the

town before meeting outside Shakespeare's birthplace.

Lastly, we visited The MAD Museum, which celebrates interactive, mechanical art, kinetic art and automata. Stoics rushed around the museum excitedly, pushing buttons to see how each piece moved and creating their own kinetic art.

Before heading back to Stowe, we published a quiz on the VLE which encouraged Stoics to reflect on what they had learned during the day. Several pupils completed the quiz on their phones on the way back to School. With five pupils getting all ten questions right, we decided to pick a winner at random and Tabbi Candler (Fourth Form, Queen's) won a set of badges from the RSC shop which featured some wonderful Shakespearean insults. 'Thou smell of mountain goat' was definitely the group's favourite.

Thanks must go to the Stoics for representing the School so well throughout the day.

Lucy Miller and Collette Stirzaker, MiC Arts Award



Stowe 10 Years Out

On Saturday 8 October we welcomed over sixty 2006 leavers for their 10th Anniversary Reunion. The brainchild of Katie Lamb (Lyttelton 06), 'Stowe 10 Years Out', proved an extremely popular and well-attended addition to our calendar. The 2006 year group are particularly closely knit, which explains the record-breaking numbers for a year group gathering in recent years.

Our guests arrived in the afternoon to cheer on the 1st XV from the sidelines; Stowe certainly made use of the cheers and triumphed over Oundle. After a delicious afternoon tea, our guests explored the changes that have taken place over the last ten years.

The Headmaster gave a thrilling speech during the drinks reception, after which an informal supper was served in the Music Room. Our 2006 Head Boy, Hugh Viney (Grenville 06) thanked everyone for coming, which was the perfect conclusion to an enjoyable occasion. We are planning to run 10th Anniversary Reunions at Stowe annually from now on.

Anna Semler, Old Stoic Society Director



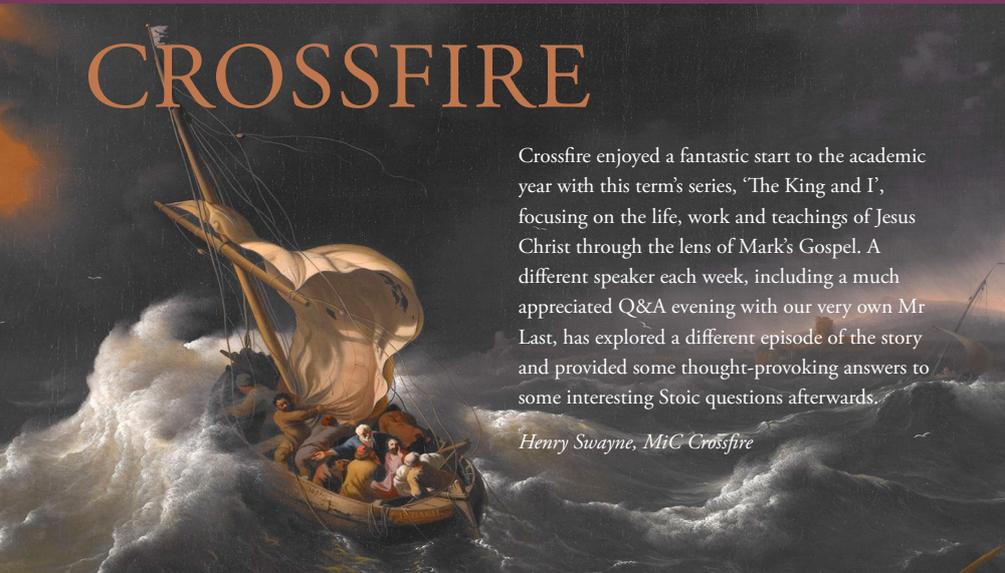
ROWING

On Saturday 15 October the first ever Stowe VIII team posted the second fastest time for a Men's Novice Eight at the Cambridge Head of the River. The crew of Ilya Riskin (Fifth Form, Chandos), Gleb Shcherbakov (Upper Sixth, Grenville), Tom Fox (Fifth Form, Temple), Ayrton Patel (Lower Sixth, Cobham), Max Bishop (Lower Sixth, Grafton), Oscar Hill (Fifth Form, Temple), James Pocklington (Lower Sixth, Grenville) and Archie Morley (Fifth Form, Walpole) was coxed by Elliot Patel (Fourth Form, Cobham).

Unfortunately a seat jammed in the boat we borrowed from Northampton Rowing Club, meaning that our crew rowed with only seven men for nearly half the course, losing half a minute or more. However, the crew put in a gutsy performance, full of enthusiasm and determination and without this mishap they would have comfortably been the fastest Men's Novice Eight.

The 1st IV of Ilya Riskin, Oscar Hill, James Pocklington and Archie Morley posted the second fastest time for a boys' quad at Cambridge, beating two school crews from The Leys. The 2nd IV of Ayrton Patel, Will Fox (Fifth Form, Bruce), Finlay Sutherland (Lower Sixth, Grafton) and Max Bishop finished fifth.

Andrew Rudkin, Rowing Coach



CROSSFIRE

Crossfire enjoyed a fantastic start to the academic year with this term's series, 'The King and I', focusing on the life, work and teachings of Jesus Christ through the lens of Mark's Gospel. A different speaker each week, including a much appreciated Q&A evening with our very own Mr Last, has explored a different episode of the story and provided some thought-provoking answers to some interesting Stoic questions afterwards.

Henry Swayne, MiC Crossfire



RUGBY

On Saturday 8 October, the 1st XV had an excellent 28-23 win against Oundle. The other Senior games were very closely contested with the 2nd XV and 4th XV losing by 4 points and the 3rd XV drawing 5-5. The U16B won their very tight game 19-15; however, the performance of the day came from the U15B team who won 38-0.

Both the U15As and 1st XV sides came through their first matches in the NatWest Cup against Bedford Modern School on Wednesday 28 September. In the second round the 1st XV played some superb rugby to beat Northampton School for Boys 24-13 and the U15As sadly lost to Bedford School on Wednesday 12 October.

There were fine wins for the 2nd, 3rd and 4th XV's against Bromsgrove on Saturday 15 October. The 2nd XV won 34-14, the 3rd XV won 43-7 and the 4th XV bounced back superbly from their defeat against Oundle to win 42-12.

Alan Hughes, Head of Rugby

Peer Support Group

The Peer Support Group is made up of eight Lower Sixth Form Stoics who applied, and were subsequently selected, to be trained in counselling services to form a distinct student body interested in peer mentoring for Lower School pupils. Each member of the PSG has been chosen for their approachability, discretion and empathy and undertake an intensive mentor training programme provided by the Director of Kidscape, Peter Bradley. Stoics may approach any member of the PSG for a range of reasons including: homesickness, anxiety, stress, friendships, relationships or bereavement. This year the PSG comprises Will Garrett (Cobham), Jack Polturak (Chatham), John Balcon Perez (Walpole), François Pearce (Temple), Lara Oswald (Stanhope), Mali Aitchison (Nugent), Rosie Smith (Queen's) and Maya Tearle (Queen's).

Kirsten McLintock, Head of PSHE and Personal Welfare





Harvest Festival

This year we celebrated Harvest Festival in Chapel and collected non-perishable items for the Buckingham Food Bank of which Stowe Church is a huge supporter. An appeal went out before Exeat and the response was phenomenal – the donations spilled over from the quiet room at the back of Chapel. One House held a cake sale and after finding out what the Food Bank was short of, spent all of the proceeds to fill the deficit.

When we see all this food, it is hard to imagine how there might be so many people who still don't have enough to eat – after all we have three good meals a day at Stowe, there is fruit and toast available at all times in the Houses and, of course, we have the tuck shop in which we can buy sweets, biscuits and all manner of goodies.

But there is extreme poverty in much of the world today with 8 million people living below the minimum of \$1.90 per person per day threshold for extreme poverty. And yet we know that there is enough food in the world to feed everyone. Isn't that shocking? The Harvest Appeal was in part a response to that, but more specifically to help the poor in our area. Poverty

affects one in four children in the UK today. When children grow up poor they miss out on the things most children take for granted: warm clothes, school trips, having friends over for tea. They do less well at school and earn less as adults. There were 3.9 million children living in poverty in the UK in 2014-15. That is 28% of children or nine out of a classroom of 30. 8.4 million people in the UK, the equivalent of the entire population of London, are struggling to afford to eat.

The Trussell Trust, the charity which runs a network of 425 Food Banks across the UK, says that numbers needing emergency food remain at worryingly high levels. The food that has been donated by Stowe will go to the Buckingham Food Bank which helped 60 families last year – in an area which is considered one of the wealthiest in the country. The Food Bank was almost empty before the collection of food arrived from Stowe – it is now full. A huge thank you to everyone who donated. You really have made a difference.

Rev'd Sue Sampson, Stowe Minister



HOCKEY

County Cup Qualifiers

Stowe hosted the North Buckinghamshire County Hockey Tournament this year and entered teams at U14, U16 and U18. The top two teams would qualify for the County Cup.

On Tuesday 4 October the U14 girls played a Round Robin tournament against The Royal Latin, Akeley Wood and Thornton College. After a convincing 4-0 win against Akeley Wood in the first match the U14 girls came from behind to beat Thornton 2-1 in the second group game. Due to other results, the Stowe girls' qualification was still in the balance and a minimum of a draw was needed in their final match in order to guarantee qualification. When The Royal Latin scored in the last match, Thornton, Stowe and The Royal Latin were all tied on 6 points with identical goal difference. A late Stowe equaliser meant that Stowe progressed as group winners on 7 points.

The U18 girls' tournament was held on Wednesday 5 October with the same four teams. Stowe dominated their match against Thornton from start to finish and was lethal in front of goal winning the match 9-0 in 25 minutes. Stowe next played Akeley Wood and although they had the lion's share of possession they could only find the net once during the match. Stowe's final match was against The Royal Latin who was also on 6 points. This result would decide who topped the group. It was a similar match to the second as Stowe dominated possession and eventually scored after a well-worked short corner to be crowned North County Champions.

The U16 girls were up next on Thursday 6 October and played The Royal Latin in their only match. With only two teams entered, both schools were guaranteed qualification but the North County crown was up for grabs. The Royal Latin had the better of the first half but spurned two clear cut chances and Stowe hung on to go into half time 0-0. The second half was much better as Stowe started to create more chance and two quick goals sent Stowe through as Champions.

Ben Scott, Head of Hockey

Languages Society

On Thursday 6 October, the Languages Society enjoyed a fascinating talk about Mandarin where Connie Chen explained how important Mandarin is in the world. Almost 16% of the world's population currently speaks it and many countries are encouraging their pupils to go and study in China. We learned that Mandarin has no genders, verb forms or tenses and thus, although difficult to write, is a far easier language to grasp than we originally thought. We were all keen to learn a few phrases and even acted out a dialogue thanks to Connie's visual cues to aid our memory, as well as repetition of pronunciation. We can now say some simple sentences such as "wo ai bin qi lin", meaning "I love ice cream" and ask questions by adding "ma" to the end of a phrase. The talk was very informative and we all left feeling that we would like to take up Mandarin.

Amy Jorgensen (Upper Sixth, Nugent), Languages Society Social Secretary



BADMINTON

The Senior badminton team continue their fine form beating Bloxham 9-0 on Wednesday 5 October and clinched a 6-3 victory against Rugby School on Saturday 8 October. On Saturday 15 October they had a fantastic 5-4 victory against Magdalen College School, Oxford.

Hazel Browne, MiC Badminton

Serenade

The ancient Church of St Peter and St Paul, King's Sutton, Oxfordshire welcomed us on Friday 7 October for 'Serenade', the first concert of the year for both the String Orchestra and Wind Band. Directed by Mr Windass and Mr Gibbon respectively, this was an impressive achievement after only a few rehearsals, incorporating seven new Third Form wind players and four new string players.

Highlights were 'Fantasia on Greensleaves' by Ralph Vaughan Williams, featuring Music Scholar Charlotte Brennan (Lower Sixth, West) on harp and Ms Adams on flute; music from 'Les Misérables' and 'Gladiator'; the first movement of the 'Holberg Suite', Op. 40 by Greig, the Rondo from Mozart's 'String Duo No. 1 in G major for violin and viola', K. 423, by new Music Scholars Audrey Au (Third Form, Lyttelton) and Rosia Li (Third Form, Stanhope). Other notable contributions included an arrangement of an 'Adagio' by Mozart by the clarinet quartet, an impressive horn fanfare, and crowning the evening with music from 'The Lion King'.

Our visiting music staff made excellent contributions to this event, and helped bring together some ensembles for the first time: Mr Loveridge, cello; Mr Lewis, French Horn; Mr Turner, percussion; Ms Adams, flute; Mr Howse, clarinet and we also welcomed accomplished violinist Dr Waine, Stowe's new Head of Chemistry, to the String Orchestra.

Geoffrey Silver, Director of Music

Sculpture Trail

As part of the AS course in History of Art, Lower Sixth Stoics went on a sculpture trail around the School. The first port of call was the Lynn Chadwick walking figures outside the Watson Art School. We looked at the purposes of sculpture by considering the commemorative bust of Leonard Cheshire outside Chapel and then we examined the different materials that sculptures are made from. On Plug Street we looked at how movement could be captured in a static object by reviewing the Olympic Sports' sculptures by Rosa Serra. The Stoics concluded their excursion by considering the range of different types of sculptures in North Hall.

Elizabeth Chubb, Head of History of Art



HOCKEY

U14 County Champions

The U14 team were crowned Buckinghamshire County Champions after defeating Thornton (2-1), Beaconsfield High School (1-0) and drawing (2-2) with Sir William Borlase. As a team they worked tirelessly in defence to close down the opposition which was a credit to them at this stage of the term. The goals were developed from some great passing as we tried to, 'get and give it', to create some attacking breaks with well-executed finishes by Luciana Butler (Third Form, Queen's), Holly Phillips (Third Form, Nugent), Imogen Bewes (Third Form, Queen's) and Willa Hodson (Third Form, Queen's). We wish them good luck as they progress through the National tournament, representing Buckinghamshire in the Regional Heats after Half term.

Sarah Sutton, U14 Coach



BASKETBALL

The U18 team travelled to Abingdon on Thursday 6 October for their first match of the season and won 50-46.

In the Junior Inter-House competition held on Sunday 9 October, Bruce beat Temple in the final to retain the cup and Nugent won all their matches to become 2016 girls' champions.

Isaac Michael, MiC Basketball



CCF



On Sunday 9 and Monday 10 October the CCF took part in various Field Day activities. The Army Section, numbering 103 cadets, were busy for 30 hours with a packed programme. The exercise provided the first overnight CCF experience for our new Fourth Form cadets, and a more tactically advanced exercise where leadership was challenged for the Fifth and Sixth Form cadets. It was a cold night for all and morale was tested, rising to freezing temperatures and getting ready for a busy day of testing activities.

Harry Burnett (Fourth Form, Grafton) recounts his first night in the field: "When we arrived we walked to our base, known as the Harbour. We then put up our Basha and cooked our food. It soon became dark and that is when the fun started. We played a game in the woods trying to stay away from the hunters (the Sixth Formers), whilst having to get to two checkpoints without getting caught; it was pitch black which added to the fun. After we got back to camp we moved towards the Fifth Formers who were in situ waiting to ambush us. A red flare shot up in the air and the gun fire started. It was one of the best nights I have ever had. The next morning we learned how to stalk and use a gun and worked on our map reading skills. We then learned how to properly handle the guns and how to reload and fire them."

The Sixth Formers had a different experience to the Fourth and Fifth Formers as they worked on their leadership skills. Georgina Vallings (Lower Sixth, Lyttelton) describes her experience: "The Sixth Form acted as Section Commanders and 2ICs, where they played a vital role in helping the Fourth and Fifth Formers get involved, motivated and enjoy the different, and at times, challenging tasks such as section attacks, surprise ambushes and recon patrols. We were also able to pass on our own knowledge of previous field weekend experiences. Overall the weekend was a lot of fun for everyone, particularly for the Sixth Formers who had the responsibility of leading others on different and exciting tasks, especially the section attacks and ambushes."

Leo Constantine (Upper Sixth, Grafton), Lucy Shamash (Upper Sixth, Stanhope) and Thomas Leach (Lower Sixth, Walpole) were all promoted to Sergeant. Charlotte Bird (Lower Sixth, Lyttelton), Guy Woodhouse (Lower Sixth,

Chatham), Georgina Vallings, Alice Pryse (Lower Sixth, Lyttelton), Oliver Vince (Lower Sixth, Cobham), Ben Shamash (Fifth Form, Chatham), Stewart Johnston (Fifth Form, Chandos), Jess Potts (Fifth Form, Nugent), Hugo Robinson (Fifth Form, Grenville), Zoë Pollock (Fifth Form, Nugent), Max Whitehead (Fifth Form, Grenville), Nathan Dana (Fifth Form, Temple), Cameron Chambers (Fifth Form, Grenville), Ilya Riskin (Fifth Form, Chandos), Alex Jones (Fifth Form, Grenville), Tom Fox (Fifth Form, Temple) and Julian Muhoho (Fifth Form, Bruce) were all promoted to Corporal. The following were promoted to Lance Corporal: Eleanor Trotman (Lower Sixth, Queen's), Mint Kanjana (Lower Sixth, Queen's), Matthew Twining (Fifth Form, Temple), Alex Hamilton Stubber (Fifth Form, Chandos), William Perry (Fifth Form, Cobham), Peter Entwisle (Fifth Form, Temple), Thomas White (Fifth Form, Chatham), Jamie Baillie (Fifth Form, Cobham), Joss Walker (Fifth Form, Cobham), Sam Chism (Fifth Form, Cobham), William Osei-Poku (Fifth Form, Grenville) and Herbie Wyatt (Fifth Form, Cobham).

Major Jan de Gale, Adjt/SSI Stowe School CCF

The RN Section stayed overnight on minehunter STV Hindostan (formerly HMS Cromer), finding their way past bulkheads and up companionways, taking part in leadership exercises suspended above ground on ropes, visited the Beagles, drove power boats on the River Dart and tried to steer a destroyer into port on the Bridge Simulator. We have to report that the breakwater took a number of hits! Congratulations to Oscar Hill (Fifth Form, Temple) on his promotion and thank you to Miss Penner and Lieutenants Rennie and Eason-Bassett.

The RAF section spent the day at The Royal Air Force Museum in Hendon, getting a fascinating tour of the rapid innovations and developments of RAF aircraft throughout history. They were particularly mesmerised by the simplicity and vulnerability of some of the very early planes in comparison to the colossal size of some of more recent bombers. Matthew Barnes-Murphy (Lower Sixth, Bruce) and Rowan Brudenell (Fifth Form, Grenville) both earned a promotion and thanks must go to Miss Crook and Mr Parnaby.

David Critchley, Lt Cdr RNR CCF



Work Experience

Work experience at Stowe is an integral part of the 16-19 study programme. Fifth and Sixth Form Stoics are encouraged to source educationally valuable work placements during their summer and Easter holidays in order to gain experience, insight and invaluable confidence, leading to informed choices being made in relation to A Level and university selection.

Continuing the theme of demonstrating the value of work experience, this article highlights the wonderful story of Kyale (Lower Sixth, Temple) and Kitili Mwendwa (Upper Sixth, Temple) who completed work experience and gained insight into their potential career and higher education trajectories.

Kyale worked at HH&M (Hamilton Harrison & Mathews) law firm in July and Triad Architects in August. He obtained his work experience at HH&M from his uncle who had previously worked there as an associate. Kyale's grandmother works in real estate and had worked with Triad from time to time and helped him secure the placement. Through prior research, writing a targeted CV, Kyle was able to secure himself a summer internship with both organisations.

"On my first day I was eager to get started. However, the law firm had a tense atmosphere as everyone was silent; on the other hand the architect firm had a more relaxed atmosphere and was less formal. At HH&M I worked in both the litigation and commercial departments. In the commercial department I was researching laws for clients and reading through files to then discuss with one of the partners. In litigation I helped draft witness statements for ongoing cases. At Triad I worked in the office but unfortunately didn't get to visit a site. I was tasked with creating a model house, with help from the firm model maker, from the floor plans and elevation drawings. My work experience gave me a brief insight into what it would be like to be a lawyer or architect. My experience has taught me that I do not want to become a lawyer but the skills I learned at Triad, such as drawing floor plans, elevation and perspective drawings will definitely give me a head start at university."

Kitili has secured placements in various different fields but the most significant to him was the work he did in CFC Stanbic Bank in Kenya. "I got to learn about all the different aspects of banking, but most important to me was their relationship to the government, their place in the economy and how they affect businesses. Although it related to my A Levels; Business Studies, Economics and Politics, and was very interesting, I found some parts of the experience very hard, which in itself was a valuable experience. I learned a lot and it has given me a better understanding of the significance of banking in everyday life and I can now see how it relates to the real world. Most importantly I gained a lot of respect for those who work there as it was not easy. The experience cleared up my pre-conception of banking, as prior to the experience I wouldn't have wanted to work in a bank but now I wouldn't mind it. The whole experience gave me a fantastic insight into what I want to study at university and has clarified my career path. This is why I would recommend others to do the same."

Gordon West, Assistant Careers Advisor



POLO LACROSSE

On Tuesday 4 October our Senior lacrosse teams had two excellent wins against Cheltenham Ladies' College. The 1st team won 9-3 and the 2nd team won 9-7.

Kaitlan Griffin, Head of Lacrosse

This year the polo team has a new Captain. Isabella Baillie (Upper Sixth, Queen's) is the first girl to be Captain in the history of Stowe polo. Izzy has been heavily involved in the sport from a young age, playing in both Pony Club and school polo. Her family hosts a Polo Camp in Scotland every summer and Izzy is very keen to get Stoics involved in this exciting sport, especially girls. Stowe has a large number of boys playing polo but very few girls - we are organising a girls only polo session for complete beginners to come and try a few chukkas: anyone with little or no riding experience is welcome to come and try.

Fiona Corthine, MiC Polo



Pitt the Elder

The Sixth Form History Society, Pitt the Elder, enjoyed an engaging and interactive session with Mark Earngey who came to speak on Tuesday 18 October about his Oxford doctorate research into the life and writings of John Ponet, an exiled Protestant Bishop during the reign of 'Bloody'

Mary I. His Australian enthusiasm and witty style ensured an engaged audience who learned lots about the Reformation in England, as well as the approach of different historians to the topic and the reason for their interpretations.

Henry Swayne, MiC Pitt the Elder

Chandos 'At Home'

On Sunday 16 October, Chandos kicked off the season of boarding house 'At Home' lunch events hosting a record-breaking 205 people. Parents travelled from far and wide to attend and enjoyed a fantastic speech from Head of House, Archie Forsyth. Chandos was also proud to perform both their House song and part-song winning entries

from the night before. A wonderful afternoon was capped off in style with 28 parents and sons involved in a golf day on the Stowe course, with Mr Drew Youds and Toby Stocks (Fourth Form) winning the respective parents' and boys' Stableford Competitions.

Peter Deakin, Chandos Housemaster



**Arcadian Opera presents:
La bohème**

**SATURDAY 5 NOVEMBER | 7.30PM
SUNDAY 6 NOVEMBER | 3PM ROXBURGH HALL
TICKETS £20**

Puccini's ever popular La bohème is startlingly reimagined in Arcadian Opera's first ever production for the Roxburgh Hall at Stowe. The struggling bohemians of fin de siècle Paris are transported to the fringes of the Bloomsbury group in 1930s London. Sung in English, with orchestral accompaniment, the vibrant score relating the tale of the passionate and yet complex love of Rodolfo and his Mimi is excitingly brought to new life by the principal cast of young professional singers with a talented local chorus.

Running time: 2 hours and 20 minutes including an interval.
Booking: www.artsatstowe.co.uk | Tel: 01280 825710

Tate Modern



Lower and Upper Sixth Formers visited the Tate Modern on Thursday 6 October to enrich and extend their own art projects as part of their A Level programme. The day included an opportunity to see the current Georgia O'Keefe exhibition. This is a comprehensive show of works and inspirations over the course of her life and incorporated works by other artists, most notably her husband and photographer Alfred Stieglitz. She is most famous for her sensuous painting of flowers so it was an inspiration to see less well known interpretations of an array of subject matter, from pure abstraction to buildings and landscapes.

The exhibition also included a range of media and techniques other than her paintings such as sculpture, photography and charcoal drawings. Outside the exhibition in the Tate's Turbine Hall, Stoics were met by a truly immersive and mesmerising experience courtesy of the commissioned work of Philippe Parreno named 'Anywhen.' To round the day off Stoics then visited the permanent collection at the new Tate extension Switch House returning to Stowe brimming with ideas and approaches for use in their own art work.

Chris Grimble, Art Department



Media Studies

On Wednesday 12 October, we welcomed a group of Sixth Form pupils from the Christianshavns Copenhagen Gymnasium who are in their final year studying Media and Filmmaking, in order to share with us the documentaries they had been working on as part of their course.

The visitors were greeted in North Hall and joined us for supper. During the meal we spoke to some of the pupils about Copenhagen, their school and what they had been studying, all of which was startlingly different to the rural life we are all used to at Stowe.

After the meal we joined the pupils for a tour of the Mansion and a brief history of the Temple and Grenville families. They were fascinated by some of Stowe's less formal customs and traditions relevant to day-to-day life at a boarding school. Having already had a tour of the grounds in daylight, the darkness gave them an opportunity to experience the different atmosphere of Stowe at night. The Copenhagen pupils and Stowe's Media Studies pupils then settled in the Roxburgh Theatre to watch the visitors' films.

During the showing of these fascinating documentaries, we had the opportunity to write down feedback which we later shared with the Copenhagen pupils. We were then asked to vote for our favourite and we all agreed on a winner: a film entitled 'The Friendly Neighbour', focusing on a woman who had started a charity organisation dedicated to helping the Syrian immigrants arriving in their city. The immediate relevance of the topic and the careful construction of the images and sound meant it successfully communicated a strong message and made the issue very real.

The visit, organised by Mrs Bagshaw, Mrs Ackroyd and Mr Purves, was enjoyable for all and we hope to welcome the Christianshavns Copenhagen Gymnasium to Stowe again. We might even take the opportunity to visit them in Denmark.

Katy Webb (Upper Sixth, Stanhope) and Elizabeth Ackroyd (Upper Sixth, Stanhope)



HOCKEY

U18 County Champions

On Thursday 13 September Stowe hosted the Bucks County Championships having earned our place in the previous North Bucks round. The first match was against Aylesbury High School with Bubby Upton (Upper Sixth, Queen's) scoring two and Vicky Beglin (Lower Sixth, Nugent) scoring one to start the competition with a fantastic 3-1 win.

We then took on The Royal Latin School. Having previously beaten them in the North County Round only 1-0 we fought hard and came away with a 4-0 victory. These two victories were enough to see us through to the Regional Rounds but our final game against our strongest competitors, Sir William Borlase, would decide the winner and runner-up.

The first half was intense; both teams were exhausted after an afternoon of hockey but Borlase were rewarded with a successful short corner giving them the lead 1-0. Stowe's heads never went down and we soon took our own chances with Charlotte Oswald (Upper Sixth, Queen's) scoring a crucial goal just before the half time whistle.

The second half proved to be even more gruelling with individual battles taking place throughout the game. However, it was Bubby Upton who scored the final goal of the day making the score 2-1 to Stowe.

It was a competitive afternoon with the girls playing some of the best hockey of the season so far and being rewarded with the title of County Champions for a second year. We are looking forward to the Regionals on Tuesday 8 November.

Thalia Felton (Upper Sixth, Queen's)

CROSS COUNTRY

Oliver Vince (Lower Sixth, Cobham) and Georgia Flawn-Thomas (Lower Sixth, Nugent) competed in the Chiltern League Cross Country at Oxford for Milton Keynes AC on Saturday 16 October. Oliver finished 21st in the U17 men's race and was fourth for Milton Keynes. Georgia finished third in the U17 women's race and was only 26 seconds behind the leader. This result means that Georgia has qualified for the A team at the National Cross Country Relays in November.

Kyle Bennett, Head of Cross Country

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I am from the dark streets of Bedford,
 I am from light sidewalks of Thrapston.
 I am from cinammon buns in a café,
 I am from thrilling roller coaster rides.
 I am from princess stories,
 I am from horror movies.
 I am from work hard,
 I am from play hard.
 I am from fantasy novels,
 I am from cartoon drawings.
 I am from heroic comics,
 I am from adventures I can only wish for my life.
 I am from the cold shores of Ireland,
 I am from the sun-kissed beaches of Italy.
 I am from Laxton, where I was made,
 I am from Stowe, where I will make who I will be.
 I am from long days behind a desk,
 I am from short nights snuggled in my duvet.
 I am from my little home,
 I am from outer space.
 I am from a cruel reality,
 I am from daydreams and fantasies.
 I am from an ordinary life,
 I am made of extraordinary dreams.
 I am just the warm-up act for the future.

Third Form Co-Curricular Day

I'm from Grande house
 I'm from long sweeping staircase
 I'm from gun cabinet kennels
 Wet dog
 I'm from large oak doors
 I'm from 4 poster beds
 I'm from quadbike cold starts
 Wet dog
 Early starts
 Old land-rover
 Moor, clear
 Rain - wet dog
 Shot gun
 I'm from filling in the gamebook
 Wet dog
 The Antis at it again
 Grouse flying low
 Wet dog

On Monday 10 October, the Third Form took part in a co-curricular day. The whole year took part in different activities throughout the day learning about poetry and creative writing, mathematical problem-solving and the power of the brain. The year was divided into three groups that made their way around all three interactive learning stations. To start the day, poetry in the Uglund Auditorium. Two poets Lewis Buxton and Cecilia Rhys greeted us and recited some of their own work which gave the group the inspiration they needed to have a go and learn about syllables and different techniques while reading their short poems aloud.

Following this, the group made their way to the Drayson Hall for mathematical problem-solving. Six small groups were given a problem that not only taught them maths but also teamwork, co-operation, leadership and how to have a lot of fun! The problems included fitting shapes into toy lorries in specific colours (harder than it sounds) and fitting shapes into puzzles.

Following a short break there was an edifying talk about the power of the brain. This gave an insight into useful tips for revision, memory games and other cognitive stimulation activities. The subject of the talk was 'Memory Matters!'. The revision techniques were greatly appreciated as Stoics were informed to do revision "little but often" to help new linkages form between the neurons in the brain.

Overall it was a brilliant day full of new information and inspiration for how to tackle the rest of the year.



EQUESTRIAN

From Monday 19 to Sunday 25 September I competed in Montelibretti, 20km north east of Rome, in the Junior European Eventing Championships for Great Britain on my horse Ero.

Throughout the year I have been competing in GB trials in order to become one of the six people selected to represent Great Britain in the Championships. When we arrived at the Championships, four of us were named on the team and the two remaining members were competing as individuals. I was delighted to be named as part of the team as my horse is so young and it was my first year trialling for the Junior team.

I had my dressage test on Thursday, which sadly did not go to plan as my horse is capable of doing much better, but the atmosphere got to him. On the Saturday I had cross country which was a seven and a half minute track and Ero and I went clear inside the time which was fantastic. The following day we had a clear show jumping round, I was one of only three Brits to do this, which meant as a team we achieved a bronze medal and individually I finished 16th.

It was a good week and I gained a lot of experience so I now know exactly what to work on throughout the winter to ensure that if I get selected again, I will be able to put out a stronger performance. I am so proud of how my young horse delivered in his jumping and I am very much looking forward to seeing what we can achieve next season.

Isabelle Upton (Upper Sixth, Queen's)

On Sunday 16 October we hosted this year's Inter-House competition at the Equestrian Centre. We all had a fantastic day watching the dressage, judged by Rachel Halverson who gave some impressive marks. The individual jumping competition was held on our cross country field and was followed by fabulous tea and cake. Everyone did exceptionally well with some fantastic results whilst having lots of fun and showing great team spirit. All the horses looked brilliant and performed even better.

In the individual jumping competition Henry Hobby (Third Form, Chatham) came first with Cecilia Mayne (Fourth Form, Nugent) second and Katie Lee (Third Form, Nugent) third. In the individual dressage Henry Hobby once again came first, Anna Wilson (Upper Sixth, Queen's) came second and Oliver Milne-Skillman (Upper Sixth, Grenville) came third. Overall Chatham was first with Queen's coming second and Grenville third.

Angela Churcher, Equestrian Centre



Summer Shoppers

It is always a busy time over the summer for the School Shop and this year was no different.

According to Fitbit staff walked



10-12
miles a day in the first week of term.

149

Third Formers were fully kitted out.

786

Games socks,



428

laundry bags,

482

Slush Puppies



292

and Bic 4 way pens



were sold in the first few days of term!



Over **86,832** nametapes were made with the shortest surname being 2 letters and the longest 23.

8,151 were sewn into kits throughout August.



428

cuppas were made for visiting parents.

Bike Mechanic

An exciting new edition to Stowe's recreational interests is our very own bike mechanic, Nick Zammit. Nick has joined the team at Stowe to service not only the Schools' own bikes but all staff and pupils' bikes that need any type of repairs from repairing punctures and tyres to replacing or re-alignment of brakes, and can provide three levels of servicing as and when required. Nick is in the process of tagging and

logging all bikes that are on the site and will be contacting each House individually to ensure that all bikes are logged and tagged successfully over the weeks leading up to the Christmas break.

If you have any questions or requests for Nick to look at your bikes please [email](#) him and he will arrange a date and time to suit you to view your bike and make sure it is safe and roadworthy.

Dinner and Jazz

You are warmly invited to Dinner and Jazz on Saturday 10 December, one of Stowe's outstanding traditions that showcases our incredible ensembles.

Dinner and Jazz is an event for all friends of Stowe music and lovers of jazz and fine dining. New parents and their guests are particularly welcome to attend this opportunity to get to know each other in a more casual setting, with dinner provided by our excellent Catering Department. Stoics in the Sixth Form are welcome to attend, but must be accompanied by their parent or guardian, and will require a ticket. More information can be found [here](#).

Please click on any of the events for more information. If you would like to book please email [Stowe Parents](#).

Stowe Parents

THURSDAY
17
NOVEMBER

Headmaster's Lunch at the Lansdowne Club

Stowe Parents' annual and widely popular luncheon with the Headmaster will this year be held at the Lansdowne Club in the heart of Mayfair, just off Berkeley Square.

The purpose of this lunch is to provide parents with an opportunity to meet each other and has traditionally been well attended by new parents, as well as those with older pupils at Stowe.

Tickets include a drinks reception followed by a two course lunch with wine and coffee. This event does sell out quickly so please do get in touch soon!

Tickets are £55 per person. To book tickets please email [Stowe Parents](#) with the number of tickets, the name of your child/children and if you have any dietary requirements, or seating preferences.

TUESDAY
06
DECEMBER

Tavern Tour

There has been a slight change to the advertised Tavern Tour. This year we are going to explore Covent Garden. This area is full of fascinating history, from its origins as monastery gardens, to its development as the first public square in London, the opening of the Theatre Royal Drury Lane, and the Theatre Royal Covent Garden (now the Royal Opera House), and so becoming London's theatre land, as well as the famous fruit, veg and flower markets which were held here from the 1670s to 1974. So join us to follow in the footsteps of Inigo Jones, Charles II and Nell Gwynne.

The tour includes a drink in four pubs, as well as the walking tour, which takes about two hours.

These tours have been rated as a top London activity by TripAdvisor, and Stowe Parents are extremely lucky to be offered an exclusive tour at a great price.

The evening starts at 6.00pm at Embankment Tube Station, so a great way to wind down after a hard day at work, a fun end to a day out shopping, or just a fascinating evening in London!

Tickets for this event are £22 per person and there is the option to stay for dinner afterwards although this is not included in the ticket price. To book tickets please email [Stowe Parents](#) with the number of tickets and the name of your child/children.

Parents' Prayer Meeting

On the Friday of the first Exeat of each term parents and staff have the opportunity to get together at 11.00am to pray for the School, Stoics, staff and any other specific events or services happening in that term. Everyone is welcome to join us, please contact [Revd Sue Sampson](#), [Joanne Hastie-Smith](#) or [Henry Swayne](#) for more information.



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