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On Friday 25 May, after months of planning involving an Upper Sixth Stoic committee and Arts at Stowe, Southside 18 was the biggest student-led concert to be held in recent years. The night opened with the return of HUX (George Huxtable (Chatham 15) and Patrick Keating (Bruce 15)), playing a selection of their all original blues infused acoustic pop. This was a masterclass in songwriting and close harmony singing which led neatly into the current Stoic acts. With a combination of solo acts, duets and bands, the audience were treated to some of the finest original material and rousing cover versions that the Upper Sixth leavers had to offer. Mina Haas (Upper Sixth, Stanhope) opened the session with her summer singalong 'Sunny Side Up', which showcased her jazz inspired writing, fused with catchy pop melodies. Joined by Max Campbell-Preston (Upper Sixth, Grafton) she then performed 'Edge of a Miracle', which was Stowe Records' debut release this year.

Lucy Sutherland (Upper Sixth, Nugent) then took to the stage to wow the audience with some vocal ukulele cover versions before being joined by Theodore Hayes (Fifth Form, Chatham) and her brother, Finlay (Upper Sixth, Chatham), to channel some latin vibes in Camilla Cabello's 'Havana'. Mali Aitchison (Upper Sixth, Nugent) showed why she has become one of Stowe's best known songwriters, giving two stunning renditions of her own songs, only then to be joined by Henry Gauvain (Upper Sixth, Temple) to perform an energetic number which they had co-written just days before. Henry demonstrated some bilingual song-writing flair, performing his original song 'Sin Ti', in which the vocals switch seamlessly between Spanish and English throughout.

Henry was then joined by his band, Spoon on the Moon

(Daniel Jolker (Upper Sixth, Cobham), Arthur Marriott (Upper Sixth, Chandos), and Natasha Woods (Upper Sixth, Queen's)), to raise the tempo and the volume of the evening with an original song followed a stand-out performance of Two Door Cinema Club's classic track, 'What You Know'. Moving from bass to guitar, Natasha Woods then treated the marquee to two of her own songs. Natasha's diversity as a songwriter was apparent with the first song seeing her duet with Charles Rivington (Upper Sixth, Bruce) on a bluesy acoustic number, before downing instruments in favour of just a microphone to perform her newest song; a sassy, attitude filled singalong combining elements of hip-hop and electronic music.

Next, Max Campbell-Preston returned to the stage to bring us one final stunning solo performance before being joined by his band (Theodore Hayes, Charles Rivington and Harry Middleton (Upper Sixth, Walpole)) and raising the tempo once more. Their powerful cover of U2's 'With or Without You' led neatly into the roof-raising finale of the student acts with 'I Predict a Riot' by the Kaiser Chiefs.

The evening was drawn to a close by Firing Line; a local band featuring two members of the Stowe Music Department (Ben Weston and Daniel Mills), who performed crowd rousing cover versions of bands such as Led Zeppelin, Nirvana and the Foo Fighters.

This event was a roaring success and the standard of musicianship, performance and audience interaction was fantastic across the board. A special thank you should be made to the Arts at Stowe team, and particularly to Keith Baker for keeping the event running smoothly with his excellent stage management on the night.

Ben Weston, Studio Manager & Teacher of Music Technology



We were delighted to welcome Neil Heslop, CEO of Leonard Cheshire Disability, as our guest of honour at Speech Day in this centenary year of Leonard Cheshire's birth which also coincides with the foundation of the RAF on 1 April 1918 when the Royal Flying Corps and Royal Naval Air Service merged. Neil reflected on Cheshire's courage during World War Two, commanding the legendary 617 Squadron and winning the Victoria Cross, and told the story of Cheshire's decision to dedicate his civilian life to serve others in founding 270 Cheshire homes for the disabled in 53 countries. Neil's speech finished with an exhortation to Stoics to emulate Leonard Cheshire, one of greatest Old Stoics, and we now have an 82nd prize to award at Speech Day: The Cheshire Prize for Service. The School has raised an impressive £30,000 for Leonard Cheshire Disability and the fundraising has not yet finished! Other highlights included the eve of Speech Day concerts in the Ugland Auditorium and Southside 18: a concert which showcased an astonishing array of Stowe talent and made me wonder why we bother to hire external acts when we have such a plethora of musically gifted performers at Stowe. Our man in the mosh-pit, Old Stoic jeweller and rock critic Nigel Milne, told me how impressed he was to see the volume and quality of home-grown talent emanating from Stowe these days - with all of the performers

writing their own original material. Away from the Speech Day marquee, I spent an hour admiring the brilliance of the GCSE and A Level art coursework and was dazzled by the exhibition of Design Technology in StoweBucks. If these were selling exhibitions and Stoics were more mercenary, most of the art works, dress designs, furniture and architectural models would have been snapped up by collectors seeking to invest in new talent. A new book on Stowe architecture and the restoration of the Mansion, edited by Nick Morris, was launched on Speech Day and we were delighted to see the first sketches and paintings to emerge from the collaboration between Tony Eyton, distinguished Royal Academician, and Mark Flawn-Thomas, as they create a pictorial record of Stowe in all seasons. This is the first of the School's centenary projects and these images will be the most important paintings to emerge from Stowe since John Piper produced his neo-Romantic sketches of Stowe in the mid-1980s. Finally, the Old Stoic Society organised another incredible display of classic cars - the only occasion in the year when I experience pangs of materialistic envy - and the day culminated with the breath-taking acrobatics of WW1 vintage planes over the South Front as happy Stoics, Parents and Old Stoics enjoyed their picnics in glorious sunshine.

Dr Anthony Wallersteiner, Headmaster



Henley Royal Regatta



The Stowe rowing squad have been training all year in the hope that we would qualify for the Princess Elizabeth Challenge Cup (PE) at Henley Royal Regatta 2018. The eight has made very good progress this year and put in a great performance just after Easter against a strong St Edward's crew from Oxford at Birmingham Regatta in April. We discovered last Thursday that the Henley Stewards have accepted our entry and for the first time in the School's history, Stowe will be represented in the PE on Wednesday 4 July. This event (with 32 entries) is very prestigious and is watched by thousands of spectators as the crews race down the famous Henley stretch from Temple Island toward the finish just below the enclosures (2,112m). The presence of this crew at Henley is due to the development of rowing here at Stowe over the past 13 years which has included the building and sponsorship by a Stowe parent of a new Boathouse on the 11 Acre Lake, as well as several kind donations by Old Stoics and Parents that have enabled us to purchase a number of very good racing boats. The crews competing in this event come from all over the world and include crews from the USA and Australia. Racing down this course is an experience that those in the crew will remember for the rest of their lives and while we are newcomers to this event, we hope the crew will put in a good performance on the day against what will be some very strong crews. The race will be live on 'YouTube' and will be there for all to see if you use the search option for this site after the race. The draw is out on Sunday 1 July. Anyone interested in coming down to support the crew can purchase tickets online from the Henley Royal Regatta ebsite. Please note there is a strict dress code and it is suggested that if you do wish to come down to look through the dress code and conduct links for the Stewards' Enclosure.

Michael Righton, Head of Rowing





This term the RAF CCF section has continued to take the opportunity of flying with the RAF whenever possible. On 20 and 21 June, five cadets (Sgt Rowan Brudenell, (Lower Sixth, Grenville), Cpl Harry Kirby (Fifth Form, Temple), Cadet Rupert Mathers (Fifth Form, Grenville), Cadet Henry Pearson, (Fourth Form, Walpole) and Cadet Adam Twining (Fourth Form, Temple)) travelled once again to RAF Benson near Oxford.

For the old-timers this was their third or fourth air experience flight; however, due to recent changes in RAF policy this was their first opportunity to undertake aerobatics under the watchful eye of their flying instructors. Our previous flying session in March had to be cancelled due to poor weather. However, this time around both the weather and aircraft availability was good and everyone flew a thirty minute sortie through the skies over Oxfordshire. Big smiles all round indicated that they had all thoroughly enjoyed their first taste of aerobatics, and the cadets have already started planning for their next round of air experience flying

With their feet firmly back on the ground the cadets then took the opportunity of looking round one of the Chinook helicopters of No 28 Squadron before visiting the high-tech

Helicopter Aircrew Training Facility. This building houses the massive dynamic-motion simulators used to train front-line helicopter aircrew in how to fly and operate the Chinook, Puma and Merlin helicopters, as well as the Tactical Control Centre that co-ordinates the use of these simulators 'flying' in formation.

Particular congratulations go to Henry Pearson and Adam Twining who were presented with their certificates following their first flight in an RAF aircraft.

Mr Jon Murnane, RAF Section Commander



Wind Band and String Orchestra Concert

The Wind Band and String Orchestra Concert has become an annual showcase for these ensembles on the Eve of Speech Day. This year's concert opened with the String Orchestra, brilliantly led by Poppy de Salis (Lower Sixth, Stanhope). They started with Holst's 'Brook Green Suite', which showed what a well-balanced and accomplished group they have now become. This was followed by the 'Oboe Concerto in D minor', which was wonderfully performed by Ellen Arnall (Upper Sixth, West).

After a very swift stage change, the Wind band performed the rhythmically tricky 'Encanto' by Robert Smith. This piece combines the urgent rhythms of Bernstein with the plaintive melodic writing of Copland. Chick Corea's 'Spain' is even more complex, and opened with Seb Foxwell (Third Form, Walpole) playing the haunting opening theme on the Flugel Horn. We are very lucky to have some great Bassoon players in the Third Form, Bas Calkin (Third Form, Chatham) and Samuel Ellis (Third Form, Chandos), who along with Sarah Watts gave a very humorous rendition of the 'Fugal Trio', 'Round The Mulberry Bush' by Geoffrey Hartly. The concert closed with two of the band's favourite pieces; the Star Wars Saga and Music from Pirates of the Caribbean.

Nigel Gibbon, Head of Brass, Woodwind & Percussion

JCA XI Cricket County Cup Champions

On Wednesday 13 June, the JCA XI hosted RGS High Wycombe in the final of the County Cup. Our JCA team features three Third Form players including Trennon Bettany (Grafton) who was making his JCA debut.

Stowe won the toss and the Captain, George Hooper (Fourth Form, Chandos), elected to bowl first. Josh Weru (Third Form, Grafton) made an early break through, bowling the RGS opener for a golden duck in the first over. Another wicket quickly followed, Archie Barnes (Fourth Form, Chandos) running out their other opener with a direct hir

Weru struck again in his second over trapping the RGS number 3 LBW for a duck on the second ball faced and Stowe looked in great shape.

Stowe's fielding was very good with just the occasional boundary conceded through third man.

James Cronie (Fourth Form, Cobham) had kept up the pressure the other end, bowling a tight line and got his reward with a very impressive caught and bowled.

Trennon Bettany bowled his first over for the JCA and was unlucky not to take a wicket with his third ball. RGS edged between wicket keeper and first slip. Robbie Haigh (Fourth Form, Grenville) at the other end opened with a wicket maiden as Oscar Watson (Third Form, Chandos) took a smart stumping. Bettany returned at the other end and got his wicket, Cronie taking the catch at point.

Cronie returned to the attack and took his second wicket LBW before Weru took his fourth, knocking off stump out of the ground. This left just one wicket to take and Jack Mercer (Fourth Form, Grafton) delivered the goods on his first ball as the RGS number 10 was caught behind by Watson.

Stowe were set 57 to win and didn't waste any time chasing the total. Mercer was aggressive from the start, hitting a six in the first over and although Noble and Weru were out for single figures, the result never looked in doubt. Hooper joined Mercer at the crease and Stowe reached the 57 required off 6.5 overs.

Batting: Mercer 31 of 20; Hooper 9 off 5 Bowling: Weru 4-0-8-4; Cronie 4-2-8-2; Haigh

Player of the match: Josh Weru

Ben Scott, Cricket Coach



Summer Jazz

Summer Jazz is a relaxed and informal picnic which takes place outside the Chung Music School with live music provided by Stowe's finest vocal and instrumental talents. The Stowe Big Band (led by Nigel Gibbon) provided a fantastic opening to the evening, playing a selection from the band's extensive and varied repertoire. We were then entertained by Finlay (Upper Sixth, Grafton) and Lucy Sutherland's (Upper Sixth, Nugent) jazz combo also featuring Theo Hayes (Fifth Form, Chatham) on piano. Finlay treated us to some fantastic trumpet playing, especially on their swing version of Camilla Cabello's 'Havana', while Lucy delivered her vocal in her own uniquely pleasing style. Sean Carslaw-Tricot (Fifth Form, Grenville) provided a grittier vibe with some very impressive blues harp playing and a gravelly vocal performance that Andrew Strong would be proud of! The Jazz Combo, under the experienced tutelage of Dave Richmond provided its own laid-back take on some of the most popular jazz standards. It was good to see Henry McQuitty (Upper Sixth, Walpole) performing again with his brother Alex (Walpole 16). I accompanied some fantastic up-and-coming young singers from the Junior School (Celest Lamberti (Fourth Form, Stanhope), Paris O'Broughton (Third Form, Queen's) and Ekaterina Savina (Third Form, Nugent)) and our new Head Boy, Oscar Hill (Lower Sixth, Temple) gave a rousing rendition

of 'Beyond The Sea' followed by Peter Entwisle's (Lower Sixth, Temple) engaging performance of Sinatra's definitive classic, 'My Way'. On behalf of the whole department, our thanks go to the many Stoics who took part and also to Nigel Gibbon, Sarah Searle and Rachel Sherry for their organisation of such an enjoyable event.

Miles Nottage, Head of Rock, Pop & Jazz



Cold War Spy

Earlier this year Major General Peter Williams came to Stowe to give a talk to the History Society about his life as a Cold War Spy travelling from West Berlin into East Germany. Major General Williams is an excellent speaker and regaled the Stoics with his experiences and stories while providing detailed answers to the string of questions from the floor. Major General Williams opened a window to the Cold War for the students who packed the Blue Room, representing all the year groups of the School and kindly stayed on after the event answering the continuous flow of questions from excited Stoics and staff members. We hope to see him visiting to give another talk again soon.

Giles Cuddy, History Department

Headmaster's Tankard

On Friday 22 June the annual Headmaster's Tankard Golf Competition took place around the iconic Stowe Golf Course and the event was very well supported by staff and Stoics alike - a total of eight pairs competed with the format being 9 holes Foursomes Stableford. Playing conditions were extremely challenging seeing as the recent run of fine weather has made the golf course very firm and fast in places so the emphasis was very much on judgement and course management. I was delighted to see some very good golf on display - Mr Panos John and Lochie Shillington (Lower Sixth, Grafton) paired up as a team and finished runners up. The main silverware and rather handsome "Headmaster's Tankards" were claimed by the winning pair of Mr Nick Hill and Fred Ross (Third Form, Chandos) who played some superb golf and dovetailed exceptionally well as a foursomes pair. The prizes were awarded by the Headmaster who commented on the quality of the golf and how impressed he was with the overall event. We very much look forward to next year's event.

Andrew Hancox, PGA Golf Professional & Head of Golf



Stowe Pupil Scores Century for Northants County Cricket Club

Congratulations to Holly Phillips (Fourth Form, Nugent) who became only the 4th female player to score a century (138) when she played for Northants U15 Girls' cricket team against Oxfordshire on Saturday 3 June.





What a term!

On Speech Day the Equestrian Centre put on a display demonstrating how pole work can improve your dressage scores. Cecily Mayne (Fifth Form, Nugent) rode her own horse 'Lou Lou' and Polly French (Lower Sixth, Nugent) rode a School horse 'Monkey'. Both pupils and spectators found it interesting and educational.

We had two teams qualify for the NSEA Eventers Challenge Championship at Hickstead on 27-28 May. The first team: Charlotte Morgan (Fourth Form, Nugent), Rosie Grayson (Third Form, Nugent), Sofia Wright (Third Form, Stanhope) and Francesca MacLeod Matthews (Fourth Form, Nugent) all rode fabulous rounds on the Sunday. Monday was the turn of our second team Henry Hobby (Fourth Form, Chatham), Jemima Howden (Third Form, Stanhope), Josh White (Lower Sixth, Cobham) and Tilly Hawkings-Byass (Third Form, Queen's). Thirty schools had qualified for this particular class and Stowe came away with second place. An amazing achievement!

Four teams took part in the NSEA show jumping qualifier at Keysoe, hosted by Wellingborough School. The teams consisted of Tilly Hawkings-Byass, Sofia Wright, Cecily Hopkins (Third Form, Queen's), Emma Wright (Third Form, Stanhope), Francesca MacLeod Matthews, Charlotte Morgan and Rosie Grayson. The 80 and the 90 team both came 6th out of the 12 schools that took part with Rosie Grayson and Cecily Hopkins being placed 1st in the best turned out out of 60 competitors.

On 6 June we ran the dressage section of the Equestrian Inter-House competition along with a BBQ for parents and pupils. We had over 25 entries giving pupils who do not own horses an

opportunity to compete using School horses. For some this was their first ever equestrian competition. The results were 1st Bo Jenkins (Third Form, Stanhope), 2nd Aki and 3rd Paris O'Broughton (Third Form, Queen's); Prelim 1st Henry Hobby, 2nd Cecilia Mayne, 3rd Cecily Hopkins and for the Novice 1st Leilia Paske (Lower Sixth, Queen's), 2nd Henry Hobby and 3rd also Henry Hobby. With the combines points gained from the XC section, run alongside the Stowe Beagles Hunter trial earlier in the month, the overall winner was Chatham House.

Stowe was represented by Joshua White (Lower Sixth, Cobham) at the Gawcott One Day Event who rode the best show jumping round I have ever seen him do but unfortunately had a refusal in the section.

Henry Hobby represented Stowe at the NSEA Eventing qualifier at Broadway Inter Schools One Day Event. With a little help from Ernest Dillon for the dressage section, after Henry's success in the Polo Championships, he was placed 3rd with 'Harry' and 8th with 'Boy'.

Polly French has become the first Stowe pupil to achieve the British Horse Society progressive stages 1 to 6 in stable management and 1 to 5 in riding. Polly has been training at the Equestrian Centre each week. This opportunity is now being extended to any Stowe pupil who is registered at the Equestrian Centre.

Last but not least. Leilia Paske and 'Yam' have been chosen to represent Great Britain at the Junior Europeans in Fontainebleau. This is an outstanding achievement! We wish them all the best.

Angela Churcher, Equestrian Centre Manager

James Rudkin (Walpole 12) won a silver medal with the Great Britain Eight for the World Rowing Cup in Belgrade last weekend.

James has established himself as a key member of the GB Rowing Team senior squad since joining in 2017.

An ever-present in the men's eight throughout 2017, he closed the season with a win in the B final of the eight at the World Championships in Sarasota-Bradenton.

James was first selected for his country in 2010 when he was the spare for the GB v France match, and then raced in the M4x at the Coupe de la Jeunesse in 2011. The following year he finished 12th in the M4x at the World Rowing Junior Championships, and was later selected for the U23 squad – his best result was a fine silver medal in the M4- in 2016.

Rowing runs in James' family; his dad enjoyed a fruitful rowing career and taught James to row at their local club Hollowell Scullers in Northamptonshire.

James attended Stowe on a Sports Scholarship and attained junior honours, before going on to Newcastle University to study History and Politics, followed by a Master's in History. James was men's Captain in 2015, having attained U23 representation and domestic success. He represented Newcastle at senior level and learned to sweep under the tutelage of the Head Coach, Angelo Savarino.

For weekly reports on all Stowe Sports visit our website www.stowesport.co.uk





Berlin Trip





Members of the Third Form History GCSE cohort spent four days of their Half Term break exploring Berlin. The group were able to visit several museums and sites of importance such as Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp, The Berliner Dom and the Olympic Stadium among many more that appear as part of their GCSE History course. The trip took the students to sites that span the German Capital's history from WW1 to the end of the Cold War. The Stoics were able to explore the city's history with the travelling members of staff as well as specialist guides for certain exhibits including some of the bunkers that have survived intact from before WWII. Several Stoics had stories to share with the group from their relatives' experiences in Germany throughout the years which added to the experience for the students and staff members.

Giles Cuddy, History Department

German Exchanges

On Tuesday 19 June we welcomed back our German exchange students from The Klosterschule in Rossleben, where five Stoics spent a week during the October Half Term. With the weather on our side, it was a pleasure to show them around the grounds and introduce them to the art of cricket, at which they were surprisingly good considering it is not a sport they had encountered before. During they stay they visited Oxford, which they loved and experienced a few days in the classroom. To the great joy of one of their students who is a Formula 1 fan, Crispin Robinson managed to take them to the Silverstone track for a brief visit before they departed back home. My thanks goes to all the Stoics who helped make their visit a success and to the staff in West who housed them in West 1.

Alice Tearle, Head of the Faculty of Languages

On Sunday 8 April, four Stoics (Theo Coley (Fourth Form, Chatham), Callan Gottlieb (Fourth Form, Grenville), Crispin Marshall-Rowan (Fourth Form, Walpole) and Sebastian Smart (Fourth Form, Chatham)) went on a three week exchange to Landheim Schondorf, a school in Bavaria (Germany). The school was a boarding school (which are slightly rarer in Germany), and there were 300 students aged from 5-18.

We went to German lessons, enjoyed German meals and did pretty much everything in German, although English was spoken by some of the students, so if absolutely necessary we could have spoken English. While lessons were hard, we had plenty to look forward to on the weekends.

Every weekend, the German students' parents took it upon themselves to show us a different aspect of Barvarian culture, and on the first weekend we went into Munich to visit the Neue Pinakothek and the Pinakothek der Moderne. This was a very interesting experience and seeing current modern art and older masters was quite striking.

On the second weekend we went up the Nebelhorn in a gondola and ate traditional Barvarian food on the mountaintop.

Finally, on the third weekend we went out in the Tegernsee in two electric motorboats and sailed around in the sun for a few hours.

On the Sunday of our departure we were confronted with one last surprise: namely a classic Barvarian breakfast. We had the traditional white sausages with a sweet mustard, and it was a great way to end a great trip.

Crispin Marshall-Rowan (Fouth Form, Walpole)





Open Mic Night

On Thursday 24 May, the Language Society enjoyed their third amazing Open Mic night, hosted by Mr Ed Smith, which once again turned out to be a truly unforgettable and magical evening of music, song and poetry. A total of 11 Stoics sang, played and performed in six different languages; Mandarin, Arabic, Danish, German, Spanish and French, showing the wonderful linguistic and cultural diversity we have at Stowe. Our ears and hearts were stimulated by a huge range of music genres from Chinese rap to piano-led ballads. This was fantastic finale to the year.

Desiree Podesta, Languages Department



Keyboard Festival Day

On 7 June, pianists from Milton Keynes Preparatory School and the Grove Independent School joined Stoics for the annual Keyboard Festival Day, which is always an exciting day of music making. At its core, the day features multi-piano workshops in the Ugland Auditorium on music I have arranged for seven pianos, 21 hands. This year, the repertoire included 'Havana' by Camilla Cabello and 'Hallelujah' by Leonard Cohen. As pianists, we don't necessarily have the same number opportunities to work with other musicians as part of an ensemble, particularly at a young age. It is always a refreshing experience, therefore, to hear seven pianos being played at the same time and more importantly, see the Stoics and visiting musicians having such fun in the process. As the day progressed, the pieces became more refined as the young musicians became more used to actively listening to each other. The day also featured an improvisation workshop,

a masterclass, a lunchtime concert given by Third Form Stoics as well as a fantastic organ demonstration given by Jonathan Kingston.

The lunchtime concert was a real inspiration to the visiting musicians, and all of the Stoics performed to a very high standard. The day concluded with a concert featuring a group improvisation, solo works and performances of the ensemble pieces the pianists had worked on throughout the day. Congratulations to all who took part and a special thanks to Sebastian Calkin (Third Form, Chatham), Clara Tearle (Third Form, Queen's), Sebastian Foxwell (Third Form, Walpole), Benjamin Li (Third Form, Cobham), Annabel Hing (Third Form, Stanhope), Sophia Southwick (Third Form, Nugent) and to Jessica Foxwell (Third Form, Lyttelton) for working so well with the visiting musicians throughout the day in addition to their exceptional performances.

Ben Andrew, Head of Keyboard



The Physics Department has this week taken delivery of a classic 1985 Mini Mayfair. Starting in September, a Sixth Form student activity will run each week to restore and refurbish this beautiful little car. The car does run, but is in need of a little TLC and is ripe for restoration. Included in the works we intend to carry out is a new paint job, so look out at Speech Day 2019 for Stowe's very own classic car! Many thanks to Marcus Atkinson (Chatham 90) and Charlie Patterson at Hagerty International for sourcing and selling us this wee motor.



Sports Day

Grafton won the Junior Boys, Grenville the Intermediate Boys and Temple the Senior Boys. Overall Grenville were 3rd, Bruce 2nd and Grafton 1st. Nugent won the Junior Girls, Queen's and Stanhope were joint 1st in the Intermediate Girls and Queen's won the Senior Girls. Overall: Stanhope were 3rd, Queen's 2nd and Nugent 1st.



Smaug & Aristotle

Two of the Biology Department animals now have a summer outdoor residence.

The Yemen Chameleon, called Smaug, originates from Saudi Arabia. They are arboreal and have adapted to live in trees so spend very little time on the ground. His tail is prehensile to help him balance and climb through the trees. His hands and feet are pincer like to help him grasp onto branches. We have given his enclosure lots of branches to give him plenty of areas to climb as if he is in amongst trees. He is a carnivore and feeds primarily on insects (and the occasional finger). He gets his water supply from droplets of water that fall onto the leaves of plants.

The Horsfield Tortoise, called Aristotle, originates from central Asia. They inhabit the dry slopes including the Russian Steppes. They hibernate in winter in a large burrow

and aestivate in the summer. This is a state of dormancy when the metabolic rate reduces due to high temperatures and arid conditions. Outdoor enclosures are the best option as they get benefit of sunshine and exercise. They graze on plants and weeds, their favourite being dandelions. We have planted an area in his enclosure with plants that are safe for him to eat although he does like to dig and bury himself in the soil, so it is sometimes difficult to see him.

Both animals have indoor enclosures for when the weather isn't suitable to have them outside.

We also have a Royal python, three axolotls and many fish in the Department so please call in and see them any time you are passing the Science Block.



It has been a fantastic season for Stowe polo. Throughout the year we have welcomed many new players into our ever growing squad. Some complete beginners and some returning to polo after a few years away from the sport. We welcomed our first girls' team; Natasha Woods (Upper Sixth, Queens'), Bella White (Lower Sixth, Nugent) and Coco Brookes (Lower Sixth, Lyttelton) who successfully won their division at the School's National Winter Championship. Stowe also took four teams for the Winter arena entered by a school. This summer term has seen fierce battles played on some of the country's best pitches. We were invited to play at Guards Polo club in Windsor and the high goal Black Bears pitch at Henley for the Copenhagen Cup coming third out of eight teams. I think the A team thoroughly enjoyed the weekend of fast and challenging polo. The Stowe A team; Billy Hawkings-Byass (Lower Sixth, Cobham), Ivan de Poligny, Jamie Baillee (Lower Sixth, Cobham) and Henry Hobby (Fourth Form, Chatham) then went on to battle for the School's SUPA Nationals held at Longdole polo club. They came second in the country, beating Millfield and Cheltenham College, only to lose by a single goal in the final to Rugby School. However the real glory came on the last weekend of term when the A team took on the Sandhurst Army Officers at Sandhurst Military Academy. They all played incredibly well with goals from Billy Hawkings-Byass, Ivan de Poligny and Jamie Baillee in a hard match - to win 7 -4. Billy Hawkings-Byass who will be Captain in September was named Most Valuable Player by the Head of British Army Polo, an incredible honour. We were also grateful to Polo Times for including photos of our winning team. We look forward to welcoming any new players next term and hope that our winning streak continues! Thanks to Henry Frisby (Upper Sixth, Chatham) for Captaining Stowe polo and wish him luck on his adventures after leaving Stowe.

Fiona Corthine, Head of Polo







Buckingham Literary Festival

On 16 June, a small group of Stoics had the privilege of attending a talk by the celebrated poet and novelist Ben Okri, as part of this year's Buckingham Literary Festival. Okri, who won the 1991 Man Booker Prize for his novel, 'The Famished Road', was joined by artist Rosemary Cluny, with whom he has co-authored his latest book, 'The Magic Lamp'. 'The paintings came first', said Okri, who described a mental process of shrinking and going into her artwork, with the resulting musings, best described as poetic prose, being akin to 'taking a dream for a walk'. Okri then moved from the esoteric to the worldly, reading from his anthology 'Rise Like Lions', a collection of political poetry of his choosing. A few Stoics (pictured) were able to meet Okri after the event, and he spoke to them about their own ambitions and encouraged them to dream big. We rounded off the event by tucking into delicious pizzas and continuing our discussions about life, literature and art - a wonderful and relaxed literary afternoon.

Allison Puranik, Head of English

Old Stoic Water Polo

Do Stoics lose their competitive streak when they leave school? Definitely not, which you would have witnessed if you watched the Old Stoic V U18 Stowe team on Speech Day. It was a thrilling match from the start and by the end of the third quarter, the score was 5-4 to the Stoics, but with the Old Boys showing they still had the skills and stamina. The last quarter was amazing and everyone came out fighting with the score in the final minutes drawing at eight all. Our U18 Captain Kit Rigby (Upper Sixth, Grenville) was not going to lose this one and unleashed down the pool, to score and on the final whistle the Old Boys were defeated 9-8.

A big thank you to Old Stoic Water Polo Captain Sam Morris (Chatham 08) for helping to organise the event and the rest of the Team; Charlie Mason (Grafton 14), Seb Johnson (Grafton 14), Jonathon Hall (Bruce 79), Charles Pilleau (Grafton 14).

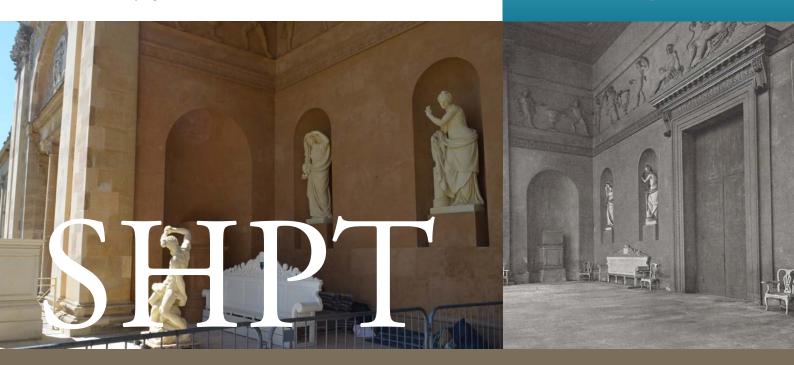
Cheryl Davis, Head of Swimming & Water Polo



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Work is proceeding on the South Front portico statues as the new bases have been constructed on the edge of the portico. The two wrestling statues will be lime-washed before being lifted into their new plinths. There have been discussions about the colour of the four colossal females and since they will not weather, being so far back on the portico, they will also be lime-washed to resemble Portland stone. The view looking back from the Octagon Lake is starting to unfold, particular in this beautiful weather. Admire the view when you return in September!





Arcadia Revisited

On a beautiful summer's evening and after many months of preparation, we were delighted to welcome Stowe Parents, Old Stoics and Friends of Stowe to the private viewing of The Stowe Centenary Project by Anthony Eyton RA and Mark Flawn-Thomas (Grenville 72), at the Cello Factory in Lambeth, on Tuesday 29 June.

Having seen a preliminary display of the paintings and sketches at Speech Day, and with the evening well attended, the exhibition did not disappoint. The splendid art on display was hugely appreciated by all of our guests, and during the course of the evening many red sale dots started to appear.

As the evening drew to a close, Stowe's Headmaster, Dr Anthony Wallersteiner gave a speech, thanking Anthony Eyton and Mark for their hard work and dedication to the 2023 Project and for running a Masterclass for Stoics just days before in the grounds of Stowe. Mark Flawn-Thomas followed, thanking everyone for attending and Anthony Eyton closed the speeches to rapturous applause.

The Exhibition will be on display at the Cello Factory until Tuesday 3 July, if you would like to visit.

Sasha Moss, Old Stoic Society

Arts Award Field Day

On Monday 25 June the Arts Award group embarked on their three day Field Day programme, culminating in a much anticipated trip to see 'Matilda' at the Milton Keynes theatre. The 20 Stoics, all of whom have recently completed their Bronze or Silver Awards, were treated to a range of workshops put together to give them insight into the many roles involved in bringing a production from page to stage.

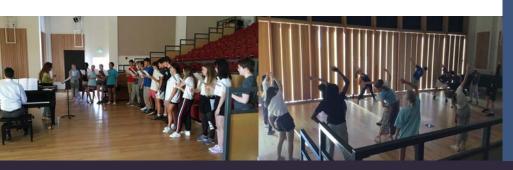
They began by taking part in drama workshops, in which I introduced them to the plot and characters of Matilda. They then explored the text thematically, creating improvisations out of events from their own lives that helped deepen their understanding of the messages of the play. Heather Eisenhut and Fergus Parnaby also hosted a creative writing workshop, in which the students were thrilled to design their own

superhero comic book characters and create a thoughtful backstory for them.

On the Tuesday, Stowe dance teacher, Melloney Owen, delighted the students with an energetic dance workshop in which the Stoics learnt a routine to the highly entertaining song from the show, 'Revolting Children'. Rachel Sherry then led the group in singing some of the most well-loved songs from the musical.

The three days were hugely enriching for the students and their appreciation of the show was greatly enhanced by all they had done in advance. I was incredibly impressed with the positive attitude demonstrated by the Stoics, all of whom threw themselves wholeheartedly into the activities, often stepping of their comfort zones to embrace new challenges.

Lucy Miller, Drama & English Department





Boys' Cricket

On Thursday 24 May the Junior Inter-House cricket was won by Cobham. Well done to the Yearlings A team who beat Aylesbury Grammar School on Wednesday 6 June to seal a place in the County Cup Final. In the National T20 the 1st XI progressed to round 3 with a 6 wicket win against The Leys on Friday 8 June. The Yearlings D team had a fine win against Bedford on Saturday 9 June and secured the only win of the day. The Development team had a comfortable 38 run win against Aldenham on Tuesday 12 June. Congratulations to the U15A team who became County Champions on Tuesday 18 June with an emphatic 8 wicket win against RGS High Wycombe and followed this up with a brilliant 10 wicket win against Abingdon in the 1st round of the Regionals.

Girls' Cricket

On Tuesday 12 June the U16 girls played superbly well to beat Kimbolton by 20 runs. In the inaugural Junior Girls' Inter-House competition on Wednesday 13 June Nugent beat Queen's in the final by 4 runs.

Clay-Pigeon Shooting

On Speech Day the Wyvill Cup for the parent and child competition was won by Will Trumper (Upper Sixth, Grenville) and father and the Stowe boys retained the Clay Bird Cup against the Old Stoics.

Girls' Tennis

There were some resounding victories for our tennis teams against St Edward's on Saturday 9 June. The U14B, C and D teams all won 9-0 and the A team won 7-2. In the four U15 matches played there were fine wins for the U15As, U15Cs and U15Ds. In the block fixture against Bloxham on Saturday 16 June our Juniors once again outclassed their opponents. The U14As won 7-2 and both the B and C teams won 9-0. In the U15 matches our B team won 7-2 and the C team won 9-0.

Boys' Tennis

In the Junior Inter-House competition on Tuesday 22 May this year's winners were Grafton who beat Temple in the final. The U14As had a fine 8-1 win against Akeley Wood on Thursday 7 June. On Saturday 9 June the U14As drew with Beachborough and the B team won their match 6-1. In the Mixed Doubles against St Edward's the Senior 1st team won 7-2. Tennis colours have been awarded to Freddie Woods (Upper Sixth, Chatham), Nico Montgomery (Upper Sixth, Grafton) and Sam Flint (Upper Sixth, Grenville). This year's winner of the Freddie Pope Challenge Shield is Tom Percy (Lower Sixth, Grenville).



After three hours of fun, laughter and a touch of shivering, we got changed and headed to RAF Inskip, where the cadets would be staying for the duration of the visit. Here, the cadets could shower, play football or watch the football (unfortunately for Sgt Sprules, listen to 'Love Island' through the cardboard walls instead) and eat some hot food.

Day 2 saw an early start for all to get in a full days' worth of Adventure Training. The four groups were split into

Before our departure, the cadets had their first ever room inspection, giving them an insight into the standards of cleanliness expected on a military camp. For many, as was evident in the level of cleanliness of the accommodation, this was the first time many had seen a broom, but after two more attempts to satisfy Major de Gale, the accommodation was up to scratch and we could depart.

It wasn't long until all were asleep after a long and very successful Adventure Training Camp to Cumbria.

Sgt Alex Sprules, SSI





Tuesday 12 June saw the first of what I hope will be an annual celebration of Primary School Music in North Buckinghamshire. Instrumental musicians from seven local Primary schools converged on the Chung Music School for a day of intensive music making, directed and organised by Christine Richards (Headmistress of Steeple Claydon Primary School) and aided and abetted by members of the Stowe Music Department. Nearly 90 children descended on Stowe for a 9.30am start to rehearsals, which alternated sectionals (divided both by skill level and instrument) and full sessions in the Ugland Auditorium. The repertoire was chosen from a series of pieces – 5 Note Philharmonic & Friends – composed by Sarah Watts, who is not only a very successful composer, but also a Bassoon and Saxophone Teacher here at Stowe. The music was lively, accessible but challenging enough to require hard work from everybody. It

suited the situation admirably.

After lunch in the State Dining Room (I think for some of the children, the highlight of the day!), rehearsals intensified in preparation for a workshop performance to parents, teachers and other visitors at 4.00pm. The young musicians acquitted themselves well; important musical principles such as rhythm, dynamic variety, ensemble and even, sometimes, watching the conductor, had been well grasped and it was a substantial achievement after only one day of working together as an ensemble.

The Stowe Music School is an outstanding resource and its Music Staff are eager to share it as widely as possible. There is no doubt that all those attending had a productive and inspiring day and we look forward to more of these in the

Hilary Davan Wetton, Interim Music Chair

SPORT IN BRIEF

Athletics

On Saturday 9 June in the Bucks County Championships the following became County Champions: Joey Gwena (Third Form, Grenville) - Junior Boys 100m, Joey Gwena - Junior Boys 200m (23.9s - which qualifies him for the English Schools Championships) and a New School Record for Junior Boys, Fred Ross (Third Form, Chandos) - Junior Boys High Jump, Jack Simpson (Third Form, Chandos) - Junior Boys Shot Putt, Teidi Lokpobiri (Third Form, Chatham) - Junior Boys Discus, George Foster (Third Form, Chandos) - Junior Boys Javelin, Lyle O'Brien (Fifth Form, Bruce) - Inter-Boys 100m Hurdles, Christian Linton (Fifth Form, Bruce) - Inter-Boys Javelin, Harry Reed (Fifth Form, Walpole) - Inter-Boys Discus and Udo Ekpecham (Fourth Form, Bruce) - Inter-Boys

Jemima Howden broke the School Record for Junior Girls' 'triple jump with a jump of 9.33m. The girls competed well with many finishing in 2nd and 3rd places.

England Success

Isla Holman-West (Third Form, Nugent) achieved her dream of riding for her country as she trialled games at the Royal Windsor Show. This was a huge privilege for the team to ride for their country in front of The Queen and to win was the icing on the cake.

England finished on a massive score of 209 and in doing so broke the record for the highest ever scoring winning team!

Next stop - The Curragh Racecourse in Ireland in October. Good luck Isla!

Duke of Edinburgh

The Silver DoE Practice expedition to Snowdonia was completed successfully in the ever-sunny Wales. Stoics, some having completed their GCSEs just the day before, headed out on to some challenging terrain and performed beyond their own expectations. During the three days the groups summited Tryfan, building up confidence in scrambling, they also reached Carnedd Dafydd and had their first experiences of wild camping. Many thanks to Mr Stanworth and Miss Penryhn-Lowe for their help, hopefully there have been lots of lessons learned ahead of the October Assessed expedition in the Brecons, which may not be so dry!



Politics Festival

there, they heard talks from John Major, Chuka Umunna and Nick Clegg. The hot topic was, of

Stewart Johnston (Lower Sixth, Chandos) and Veronika Phillips (Lower Sixth, West) were both thrilled to be chosen to ask questions of the politicians, and the evening proved a thoroughly

Lewa Marathon

On 30 June, Max Dodd-Noble (Walpole 12), along with some other Old Stoics friends, will dare to attempt the Lewa Marathon, situated in northern Kenya at 5,500 ft. They will be running one of the toughest marathons in the world to raise money for The Tusk Trust and the Tristan Voorspuy Conservation Trust.

The Lewa Marathon is an annual fundraising event held at Lewa Downs, about 140 miles north of Nairobi, Kenya. Well known for its unique setting the Lewa Marathon is described by Runner's World Magazine as, 'One of the top ten races to run in your life'.

One of the more notable characteristics is that the race takes place on the Lewa wildlife conservancy, a game park that is home to a variety of large African wildlife. There are no physical barriers separating the runners from the wildlife, making Lewa a unique experience in the running world. The average elevation of the course is 5,500 feet (1,700 m) above sea level. Located within one hundred miles of the equator, the sun can bring afternoon temperatures as high as 90 degrees Fahrenheit all year round. The elevation, when combined with the equatorial sun, have proven to test even the most seasoned marathon runners.

The Tusk Trust is an organisation that initiates and funds conservation, community development and environmental education programmes across Africa.

The Tristan Voorspuy Conservation Trust was recently set up in memory of Imogen's father, Tristan, who was sadly shot last year in March by some illegal pastoralists invading his land

up in Sosian. He dedicated his entire life to the preservation and conservation of Kenya and the TVCT seeks to channel his passion and raise

The Old Stoics taking part are Max Dodd-Noble, Imogen Voorspuy (Lyttelton 12), Chloe Stewart (Nugent 12), Annabel Duthie (Lyttelton 12), Octavia Trevor (Lyttelton 12), Charlotte Cook (Lyttelton 12), Archie Nesbitt (Bruce 12) and Ed Pettifer (Walpole 12).

Max says "It is sure to be a very testing experience for us all despite the huge variation of running abilities across the board. Not only will we be facing the harsh terrain and altitude and average temperatures of 32 degrees, but there will be all sorts of wild animals along the 26-mile route with us! Training has been going well and I completed a 20-mile run last week! Some may think we're being overly ambitious to attempt to run a marathon in a country that produces some of the best runners in the world, and we agree that it is a challenge but one that we are willing to give a go! We can't promise to set any records but you can be sure that the threat of nearby predators and any kind donations, however big or small, for such a brilliant cause will help us along the way!"

Max and the team will be grateful for any donations received to help them across the finish line. If you would like to donate to the cause, please click here

We wish them all the best of luck with their challenge and will let you know how they get on upon their return.







Hadrian's Wall 85km

Sarah Sutton, Housemistress in waiting of Cheshire House, completed the challenge of running 85km along the World Heritage Site of Hadrian's Wall. On Saturday 10 June, starting at 4.30am at Carlisle, the team of seven kept a steady pace throughout the day to finish just in time for a well-deserved supper, recording a total of 96,000 steps! With the theme this year of Character Development, a legacy to the late Leonard Cheshire, Sarah took on this physical challenge to experience the character virtues of Persistence, Zest, Humour, Team work, Appreciation of Beauty and Gratitude -for being able to take part in such an incredible event.



Dates: 4 - 9 April 2019

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