The events of the past academic year only go to prove this. Carr has continued to achieve successful results in a variety of different fields, with every year group demonstrating the College values of benevolence and excellence in one way or another.

With the commencement of the Michaelmas Term came preparations for the Inter-house choral competition. Despite the early morning rehearsals, we managed to retain an impressive sense of energy and determination, resulting in a heartfelt and committed union performance of Queen’s ‘These Are the Days of Our Lives’. However, Carr’s main success came in the form of soloist Will Goddard, who placed in joint second with his accomplished rendition of ‘The Impossible Dream’. In the aftermath of such an exciting event, we were able to relax at the annual Carr quiz night: it was an evening of laughter, enjoyment and some questionable score keeping!

As the term progressed, our hard work produced more impressive results, with the U4s taking second place in the Inter-house rugby, and Myles Bingham winning ‘The Great Epsom Bake-Off’ – a well-deserved victory! The Inter-house cross country, which showcased the unity and camaraderie of Carr, was another highlight. There were some fantastic performances, with Will Goddard securing first place in senior competition, whilst the intermedia took fourth and the juniors third overall; Charlie Hodgson and Charlie Vickers were able to finish in joint first place – an outstanding outcome!

Charlie Vickers, Ben Abbott, Luke Laughton, Aaron Hyman, Myles Bingham, Dan Richardson and Tom Usher all delivered brilliant performances in the leading roles, and completely captured the comedic essence of the piece. Directors Harry Roberts and Connor Norris worked tirelessly to shape the production, both using their theatrical experience to add a touch of professionalism to proceedings. It was incredible to witness the entire House pull together during the final week of preparation, and the contributions from all were exceedingly valuable. Through performing Up ‘n’ Under, we were able to raise an astonishing £2,900 for Cancer Research UK – a charity of immeasurable importance, and one which we have supported for the past three years. Since 2014, we have donated £9,000 to this wonderful charity.

Although the Summer Term is undoubtedly a time of stress and anxiety, due to the impending public exams, it is also a time to take part in a wide range of competitions and events, which help to ease some of the tension. This year marked Epsom College’s 166th Founder’s Day, a universally popular occasion, during which Carr competed in the traditional Inter-house athletics. The field was littered with throwers, jumpers and sprinters of all ages, each sporting the colours of green and black with pride. Luke Laughton’s exceptional performances earned him the coveted Victor Ludorum cup, and helped the intermediates to win the afternoon. Overall, we managed to finish in a commendable second place. As well as this, we emerged victorious in the House cricket, after comfortably beating propert in the final. However, it was the Inter-house swimming competition where we really showed our dominance. The M6s left everyone awestruck, as they won 60 out of a possible 63 points in an exhilarating set of races. The U4s also took first place, thus allowing Carr to secure an overall win and finish the event with four out of six trophies. With the term drawing to a close, we proceeded to win the intense and intellectually challenging Darbyshire Debating Competition, beating Raven in the final round, which revolved around the relevance of referendums in today’s society.

Charlie Vickers and Angus Percival receive notable mentions, due to their pivotal roles in clinching the victory; but many others within the House provided invaluable support throughout the competition, and it was fantastic to see so many get involved. It was a fitting end to a brilliant year for Carr.

While all these numerous successes depend heavily upon the boys involved, they would not be possible without the support, guidance and motivation of a few key figures within the House. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our two Heads of House, Connor Norris and Harry Roberts, for their exemplary work and ensuring presence in Carr. Unfortunately, we lost four Line Tutors at the end of this year: Mrs Fi Drinkall, Mr Mike Hampshire, Mrs Christine Gamble and Mr John Whatley, all of whom strengthened Carr, and now go on to adopt new roles within the College or elsewhere.

I must also thank our wonderful Matron, Ruth Boyle, for her constant support, care and devotion, without which we would all be pretty lost. Finally, I give my thanks, on behalf of Carr, to our Housemaster, Mr Lawrence Matthews, whose attentiveness, consistency and dedication inspire us to perform to our full potential. It’s been a great year, here’s to another!

Dan Richardson

CARR:

As a proud member of Carr House, I am undoubtedly biased when I say that it contains some of the most talented, enthusiastic and dedicated boys at Epsom College.
CRAWFURD:

As the long relaxing summer holidays drew to a close, the arrival of autumn heralded the start of another successful year for the Crawfurdbians. Despite saying farewell to a rather exciting U6th, and some in the U5th Form, the House continued to grow. Crawfurd welcomed a set of twelve ‘vibrant’ M4s, four new members of the U4 and the first ever U6th newbies!

A stressful first week back at Epsom ended with Crawfurd off to its annual night out to AirHop. All rushed in on arrival ready for intense games of dodgeball and, of course, the free pair of socks. This fun night out got us ready for the intense evening rehearsals leading up to the annual Inter-house choral competition. This year, Crawfurd planned to sing their song choices loud and proud and so started by belting out Michael Jackson’s ‘Thriller’, our partsong, and Sophie Dauthey ended on a high with a solo rendition of Ed Sheeran’s ‘I See Fire’. In the weeks leading up to D-day, the House was brought together and filled with energy as girls new and old walked around the corridors of Crawfurd practising their actions for the big night. The effort was worth it for a honourable mention in the judge’s comments.

Thanks to Sophie and Wendy Zhang for all their hard work. To end the first half of terms and to find the Halloween spirit, Crawfurd held its annual pumpkin carving competition. With every year in the House putting forward two pumpkins, this night saw some amazing artistic talents on display. Special mention should go to Georgina Hutchings and Angel Fan for some excellent and imaginative work.

A sudden inflow of rather strange injuries marked the start of the cross-country season, but this would not hold back Crawfurd. With some pride, and almost without hesitation, almost all 60 Crawfurdbians took part in the final race, a commendable team effort. After almost all 60 Crawfurdbians took part in the some pride, and almost without hesitation, but this would not hold back Crawfurd. With some excellence demonstrated Crawfurd’s willingness to make a mark and be involved in the school community. Michaelmas Term in Crawfurd is never complete without the Christmas party! A night of unlimited fun set up by the U6th year put an end to what was a great term for the house. Despite a very tight competition, the M4s were overall victors on the night.

An impressive array of insect and mammal costumes celebrated the ‘Rumble in the jungle’ theme for the Lent Term soirée. This is a night which brings together both the girls and parents for a night filled with creative performances from every year group, as well as individual and duo acts. Evelyn, Norma and Flora gave beautiful solo performances; Shannon and Wendy brought the room to silence with their performances on the piano, and we saw the emergence of a new group – Poppy, Lally and Polly. Each year group played a part in the evening that ended with Addie Kinson twirling around the stage.

The Lent term brought with it a variety of sporting successes. The senior girls maintained first position in the Inter-house netball competition, despite some extremely difficult matches; Georgina McGrath came second in the L6th Hendehalc Walley competition and Bella Daddles and Carly Billings proved to be the perfect duo, when they retained the table tennis cup. This is the 6th year that Bella has won the cup – the House must now find a true heir to her great legacy. Perhaps it will be Jennifer Phizackerley or Seraphina Manno who won the junior table tennis section. Crawfurd also won the girls section of the Pancake Race, displaying amazing pancake-flipping skills whilst dashing around the Chapel Triangles. The swimming gala shield stayed with Crawfurd for another year thanks to some excellent work by Alex Lawrence.

AGL Day was fast approaching, and Crawfurd was under pressure so Antonia Turner and Georgina took evening sessions rehearsing the enthusiastic senior and junior squad respectively. What can be described as rather ‘sleek’ marching (if I do say so myself) brought the drill trophy back to Crawfurd amongst other competition awards. Special mention should also be made to Georgina, who was awarded ‘Cadet of the day’.

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The year ended with the summer party, an evening filled with egg & spoon races, balloon tossing and wheelbarrow races, which left the entire House in cheerful spirits.

Ultimately, Crawfurd had a very successful year, and many thanks must go to Mrs Hynd and our matron, Mrs Ballinger, for their support in the House throughout the busy school year. Thanks also go to Miss Shanson, who leaves us after two years in the House, and to Antonia Turner for her fantastic work as Head of House. Final mention, however, should go to Mrs Irvine, who year after year has been a Tutor in Crawfurd. With a gentle guiding hand and a sure touch, she has seen many of us through stressful times. She will be greatly missed for all she has done for us and for the array of slippers she has offered over duty nights. We wish her a happy retirement with Pete.
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James Johnson and Alexander Smith performed admirably in his group 2 Drama adaptation, an insight into the life of Roald Dahl, ‘Discovering Dahl’. James Johnson and Alexander Smith performed beautifully in the 5th-Form concert, on the guitar and piano respectively, and Fayrer was well represented in the confirmation service, with both Laju Aragho and William Hornby being confirmed. AGI Day also came at the end of the Lent Term, with Fayrer picking up the major plate and Toby Howarth leading the Honour Guard. Special mentions in final roll went to Thomas Stoney, for achieving Grade 6 Trumpet, and to Niall Saunders, picking up the Carroll Cup for rugby.

The Summer Term, despite being the shortest, is, without doubt, the hardest and most stressful of the year, with exams for all, both internal and public. Highlights from Fayrer for the term include: the Inter-house swimming competition, where Guy Hutchings was first in the 50m backstroke and individual medley; Bradley Lim coming first in the 50m backstroke and butterfly; and the seniors winning both relays. Overall, the seniors came first and the U15s came second. The Chapel Choir recital also included three Fayrer pupils: Tom Hughes, Thomas Stoney and Alexander Smith. Founder’s Day trophies included a silver maths challenge award for Justin Hurst and Will Hornby attaining Major Colours for swimming. Oscar Isaac and James Johnson performed brilliantly at the music stage on the Wilson pitch, and despite winning the ‘open’ category for the Founder’s Day athletics, we finished fifth overall. The term closed with the junior year playing the highlight, which featured both Tom Francis, who had the lead role, and Thomas Stoney; they both performed wonderfully.

Highlights from the end of year House assembly included Oscar Waite achieving the Nick Beale Cup for outstanding achievement and contribution to cricket over his time at Epson. The Mitchell Cup for sporting achievement went to William Hornby, for his efforts in cross country, athletics and, in particular, swimming. The Elliot Cup for contribution to Fayrer over their time in the House could not be separated, and so it went to Will Slough, Alex Bishop and James Bloomfield for participating in events from conducting the unison to the Pancake Race, as well as representing the House in the School Council.

At the end of a long but successful year, all the Fayreters looked forward to a long and restful summer break. We will all be ready and rested to return next year with the same ambition for success for the year. Thanks must go to all the staff associated with Fayrer. Mr Head, the Tutor team, Matron and the domestic staff, who have all done a superb job this year in making us feel welcome and at ease, but, at the same time, have also pushed us to excellence and into the wonderful and varied opportunities that we are lucky enough to have at our fingertips. We thank them for their continued hard work, motivation and dedication to Fayrer House throughout the year.

Alexander Smith
What better way to get the House closer together than preparing for the Inter-house choral competition? It was decided that the union was to be ‘Bohemian Rhapsody’, with ‘Wonderwall’ as the partsong and Alfie would sing the solo ‘Dirty Diana’. After many early morning practices, with tired voices and some painful screeching, Forest was soon ready – some with non-tuned choral voices and others professional lip-syncers. Forest’s involvement in the choral competition was one full of tradition, after Euan had seen to ‘pumping everyone up’ the U6th then moved to the downstairs toilets where there were rums of top gels to help give the boys their slicked-back, greasy-hair look. Then came the march, 60 boys chanting around the Chapel Triangle, showing confidence and House spirit. Alfie delivered a powerful and dedicated performance and then conducted the very energetic union, which was certainly an audience favourite, but unfortunately not one of the judge! The fantastic partsong received a well-deserved first place, which called for an encore! The fantastic partsong received a well-deserved first place, which called for an encore! The fantastic partsong received a well-deserved first place, which called for an encore! The fantastic partsong received a well-deserved first place, which called for an encore! The fantastic partsong received a well-deserved first place, which called for an encore! The fantastic partsong received a well-deserved first place, which called for an encore! The fantastic partsong received a well-deserved first place, which called for an encore! The fantastic partsong received a well-deserved first place, which called for an encore! The fantastic partsong received a well-deserved first place, which called for an encore! The fantastic partsong received a well-deserved first place, which called for an encore! The fantastic partsong received a well-deserved first place, which called for an encore! The fantastic partsong received a well-deserved first place, which called for an encore! The fantastic partsong received a well-deserved first place, which called for an encore! The fantastic partsong received a well-deserved first place, which called for an encore! The fantastic partsong received a well-deserved first place, which called for an encore! The fantastic partsong received a well-deserved first place, which called for an encore! The fantastic partsong received a well-deserved first place, which called for an encore! The fantastic partsong received a well-deserved first place, which called for an encore! The fantastic partsong received a well-deserved first place, which called for an encore! The fantastic partsong received a well-deserved first place, which called for an encore! The fantastic partsong received a well-deserved first place, which called for an encore! The fantastic partsong received a well-deserved first place, which called for an encore! The fantastic partsong received a well-deserved first place, which called for an encore! The fantastic partsong received a well-deserved first place, which called for an encore! The fantastic partsong received a well-deserved first place, which called for an encore! The fantastic partsong received a well-deserved first place, which called for an encore! The fantastic partsong received a well-deserved first place, which called for an encore! The fantastic partsong received a well-deserved first place, which called for an encore! The fantastic partsong received a well-deserved first place, which called for an encore! The fantastic partsong received a well-deserved first place, which called for an encore! The fantastic partsong received a well-deserved first place, which called for an encore! The fantastic partsong received a well-deserved first place, which called for an encore! The fantastic partsong received a well-deserved first place, which called for an encore! The fantastic partsong received a well-deserved first place, which called for an encore! The fantastic partsong received a well-deserved first place, which called for an encore! The fantastic partsong received a well-deserved first place, which called for an encore! The fantastic partsong received a well-deserved first place, which called for an encore! The fantastic partsong received a well-deserved first place, which called for an encore! The fantastic partsong received a well-deserved first place, which called for an encore! The fantastic partsong received a well-deserved first place, which called for an encore! The fantastic partsong received a well-deserved first place, which called for an encore! The fantastic partsong received a well-deserved first place, which called for an encore! The fantastic partsong received a well-deserved first place, which called for an encore! The fantastic partsong received a well-deserved first place, which called for an encore! The fantast...
GRANVILLE:

After a long restful summer holiday, the boys came back to the sad news that our Housemaster, Mr Young, would be leaving us at the end of the year to take up the position of Head Third Form in the new Lower School.

We knew then that we would miss his constant addition to the House’s banter, whether it was on the training fields or in the roll room, he was always the first to crack a joke and brighten everyone’s spirits, and his presence in Granville House will truly be missed for years to come.

As always, the year started with a bubble of excitement as the Inter-house choral competition, a House favourite, drew closer and closer. William Kiddleshite led the House union through countless practices, singing a song in Romanian, ‘Dragostea Din Tei’, by O-Zone, much to the bemusement of the crowd and judge. Our soloist, Michael Lam, sang a mesmerising rendition of ‘All of Me’, by John Legend. For the partnering, the members of the House sung a medley of ‘Hold Back the River’ and ‘What Goes Around Comes Around...’ by Jamie Palmer.

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Granville showed true heart by swimming through many long and trying lengths. With the Summer Term came the revival of Founder’s Day, where, in true spirit, Granville gave their all. Outstanding performers were Arthur Law, winning the junior triple jump, Gordon Chung, winning the junior shot put and discus; Logan Didier and William Kiddleshite, winning the senior A- and B-string javelin respectively; and Charlie Simionescu-Marin and Jamie Palmer, winning the senior A- and B-string discus respectively.

Overall, Granville was awarded fourth position, a truly great achievement. Special mention goes to Jamie Palmer for winning all three of his events: senior shot put, discus and 400m, and Episcopal’s most prestigious athletics award, the Victor Ludorum.

On academic Inter-house competitions, Granville’s very own Brendan Ho, Charlie Simionescu-Marin and Logan Didier brought home the win when debating against Robinson House, standing against the use of performance-enhancing drugs in sport. AGI Day saw many of the boys enjoying the sunshine during many of the challenging CCF-related activities, such as marching, first aid, tent pitching and running the assault course. Although Granville did not place overall, all of the boys thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Within the House, the new academic year brought new opportunities. These involved yoga, each and every Wednesday night, with a professional instructor, who really helped the boys loosen up. Mr Day especially benefitted from the weekly occurrence, as he was always found stretching out on one of the mats!

At the end of the academic school year, Granville held its second annual charity night, where £600 was raised for Momentum, a local cancer charity. It was a night to remember, entailing several musical performances, including a send-off parody of the Indiana Jones theme song for Mr Young, performed by Luke Melville, James Wallbank, Henry Gunning and Mr Fisher. As the rain poured down outside the marquee, the laughs roared within. This was a perfect end to another outstanding year for Granville.

Other worthy Granvillian achievements include Arman Banger receiving Full Colours for tennis, Logan Didier receiving Half Colours for rugby, football, rugby 7s and Full Colours in athletics; Roland Chan representing Great Britain schools for target rifle shooting (an extremely prestigious event); Lincoln Ho learning he will take over as the new captain in the coming year; Cornelius Lee and Logan Didier appointed as squash and athletics captains respectively; and William Kiddleshite and Lincoln Ho being awarded Major Colours in rugby and basketball respectively.

Logan Didier
HOLMAN:

As the sun rose on the first day of Holman’s epic academic year, the anticipation was so tangible it could not only be felt, but, thanks to the familiar odour of pot noodle wafting through the lonely corridors once more, smelted as well.

With a (pretty much) new House, a great new Housemaster and a dazzling new Head of House, the first assembly of the year kicked off with a bang, and it didn’t stop there. As a unit, Holman gave a stunning performance at the Inter-house choral competition, adding the Murray Young Cup for the winning union with ‘I’ll Make a Man Out of You’, from Mulan and the Jeremy Trott Cup for winning the solo with ‘Why God Why?’, from Miss Saigon, to our (rather impressively large) collection. Due to this, and our fantastically enthusiastic partsong (our own arrangement of some songs by Columbian icon Shakira) coming second, we won the overall trophy. As a result, the boys glided into a well-deserved House breakfast the next day with optimism and motivation for the year ahead, which definitely set the tone for an extremely successful one.

Amongst various films, pizza nights and quizzes, the House spirit of Holman was strong throughout the year, and it showed itself in our trip to Hyde Park. Thanks to Mr Stone, Holman was allowed to unwind after a stressful first term at the wonderful Winter Wonderland. It was a lovely trip that saw Mr Watson test his stomach on rides that were perhaps a tad too rambunctious for him and Bobby Aka reveal his processes on the ice.

In the sporting sphere, the boys showed off talent at all levels: in cross country, the Byers brothers smashed the competition; Olly came third in the Inters and 11th in the seniors respectively; Jamal Bayramli deserved 11th place, but, due to an unfortunate misunderstanding, was stripped of it.

Amongst a year of fierce duels through the planes of ‘Call of Duty’ and ‘FIFA’, the Prefects organised a pool competition, and the stakes were incredibly high at the time of the final. Finally, it would be wrong not to give a monumental thanks to our Housemaster, Mr Tristan Stone, for doing such a good job directing us through the year. With a fantastic group of Tutors as well, we couldn’t have asked for a more supportive team, and it’s no wonder we did as well as we did in so many areas. Here’s to another remarkable year under those red and white stripes.

Ralph Skan
As always, we provided the crowd with an entertaining programme as well as an eclectic mixture including the likes of Flo Rida, The Black Eyed Peas and Jme. Although not placing in either there was still hope, as Edd Aves finished in fourth place with his solo of ‘Hometown Glory’, by Adele.

We soon overturned this initial hurdle as we moved on to the inter-house rugby. This was the competition in which we were hot favourites, so the boys had high expectations.

After an intense and gruelling set of matches Propert finished first in the M4, U4 and senior competitions and second place in the 5th Form. This was a truly magnificent display from everyone, and we fully deserved the overall House rugby title for another year running. Propert also represented the College well for rugby in all age groups, with a total of six players representing the 1st XV, culminating in Major Colours for Jamie Anderson, Pete O’Brien and Will Onslow-Wyld. On the back of our rugby success, we had our sights set on the House cross country. Apart from a few suspect illnesses in the days leading up to the event, everyone really put the effort in. This was shown as we finished joint first, continuing our sporting success this term.

After a strong Michaelmas Term, Propert entered the Lent Term with the same enthusiasm and commitment to House competitions. Heading into the House football Propert had large ambitions, after already winning the rugby, and the prospect of winning the major sporting competition in both terms was something we all wanted. Fortunately, we managed to repeat our success from the first term and won the U4, 5th Form, U6th and U4th competitions, with the M4 just missing out on first place and coming second. This was a great effort from the Propert boys and a well-deserved win. There were many individuals who stood out throughout the term in football, with Daniel Gotman collecting the U3 individual trophy in the juniors. In the seniors, Finlay Savill received the most improved player and Harry Cooke received senior player of the season. Additionally, Major Colours were awarded to Tristan Bartlett and Harry Cooke. Other sporting events included House basketball, House volleyball and House tennis, but we won’t dwell on those.

One of the highlights of the year was the Propert House concert. On the back of last year’s entertaining evening, it had become our mission to do even better. The concert was an enjoyable evening for parents and children alike, in which Propertians displayed some great talent...and some not-so-great talent. Everyone, across all age groups, took part and got stuck in with a variety of musical performances, video clips and much more. Highlights included the 5th Form turn-wearing ballet matted class and the Propert House band. Special mentions go to Sam Rohin, Giles Malone, Edd Aves, Eden Findlay, Harry Milne, Isaac Di Rupo, Ben Grohb, Max Turner and Archie Brice-Adams, who went the extra mile with the time they put into it. Also, a big thank you to Rhys Williams for all his help controlling the lighting and sound.

Keeping up with the musical talents, we also had numerous students perform well in the House instrumental competition. Big congratulations go to Ollie Healy-Millert (guitar), Giles Malone (violin), Harry Milne (singing) and Sam Rohins (guitar), all of whom won their categories and were awarded a deserved set of House Colours. Edd Aves, Harry Milne and Ben Mitchell all participated in the school musical, Cabaret. It was a great show, and the hard work and commitment put in by the Propert boys was very impressive. Drama, Music, Sport – the rare feat. Likewise, Peter O’Brien collected the bowling award after a consistent display. They both picked up Major Colours for their achievements. It wasn’t all winning in the Lent Term however, due to a disappointing loss in the final of the House cricket. Conspicuous got the better of the boys, and the next crop of senior cricketers assure me that next year it’s ours for the taking.

On top of the extracurricular achievements gained by Propert across the year, prize-giving demonstrated our academic strengths as well.

There are many thanks that I would like to give for all their hard work this year. First, a big thank you to all the Tutors, who have supported each year group and helped in all the boys’ achievements. Also, I’d like to thank Eileen, our House matron, who has just completed her first year in the House. All the boys have really appreciated her hard work, especially as she also welcomed her first grandchild this year! Finally, I need to thank Mr Wilson for all the work he’s put into running the House, pushing each one of us and, of course, keeping us in check sometimes!

Over the year the boys have really excelled themselves in every aspect of the school. We have done the Propert motto ‘Dyfallad’ (perseverance) well, and everyone’s hard work and dedication has really paid off.

Edd Aves

Lent Term was a true display of Propert’s diverse talent and dedication to House and school commitments alike.

The Summer Term was, as expected, a busy one for all the boys of Propert House. With the ever-looming summer exams approaching, your might think that the boys would start to forget about their commitments. Well, you’d be wrong, because, as always, the Propertians kept on performing at a high standard in all that they took part in. This term saw a change of Head of House as Edd Aves was made Head of School, so Nick Long took the reins with a willing determination. One of the highlights of the term would have to be our performance in the athletics. The juniors won the Athletics Standards Cup, with Jack Briggs receiving the top M4 boy accolade. Likewise, we took this success through to Founder’s Day, where we toppped the leader board overall in the boys’ athletics, with Jack Briggs again excelling and receiving the Victor Ludorum trophy. This was thoroughly deserved for the Propert boys, on a day where it was lovely to see so many Propert parents in attendance.

Epsom cricket featured key performances from many Propert boys. Boys from a variety of year groups went on to represent the College across all age groups, there were some standout performers, and a special mention goes to Harry Williams, who got the batting award and two consecutive centuries, a
RAVEN:

Michaelmas Term began with the eagerly anticipated Inter-house choral competition. After hours of rehearsals, with brilliant direction from the U6th, our union performance of ‘Lay All Your Love on Me’ was commended for our direction, excellent posture and effective choreography.

Our annual soirée transformed Big School into Hogwarts’ ‘Great Hall’ for a Harry Potter-themed evening, presented by Lily Upot and Jasmine Pourtaheri. Despite brilliant food and decorations, the hall’s real magic came from the entertainment, suitably beginning with Hedwig’s theme, performed by Frances Payne on the clarinet. Other fantastic musicians performing individually were Louise Tennent, Cathy Wu and Priscilla Krewon, and as duets we note both Lara Wildenberg and Anisha Chana, as well as Jasmine Bingham and Ellie Jackson. The M4s performed a thoroughly enjoyable dance, and the U4s continued the dancing theme with a Hogwarts’ House-themed dance-off. The 5th Form entertained us all with their ‘Mysterious Ticking Noise’, and more laughter followed with the L6th’s ‘Harry Potter pun’ video. The performance was wonderfullly with ‘It’s a Kind of Magic’, as well as hosting a Hogwarts-themed quiz and the interval raffle. All money raised went to an extremely worthy cause, funding the treatment of Lauren Holding, the progress of whom we are all pleased to hear about.

More musical and dramatic feats continued to be achieved by Raven girls throughout the year. The House’s talent was demonstrated by our success in the Inter-house solo instrumental competition during Lent Term, where we achieved fourth place overall as the first girls’ House. Winners included Cathy Wu and Chrissy Hancock in the elementary piano and singing categories respectively and Priscilla Krewon for the advanced flute section. Other musical successes include Anisha Chana and Louise Tennent, who both achieved Grade 8 with merit for singing and oboe respectively. Theatrically, Raven was highly represented in the school’s various productions. The school musical, Cabaret, featured Kirsty Bizzau, Mia Hodges, Lara Wildenberg and Chrissy Hancock as dancers at the Kit Kat Club and Katie Vickers as well as Anisha Chana as the charming Fräulein Schneider – all spectroctally performed. Actors in the junior play included Amy Hirtenstein, Katie Vickers and Amy Taylor.

The Summer Term brought more achievements to the House, as the focus turned to tennis, rounders and athletics on the sporting front. The U35s were particularly strong, as they came second in the Inter-house tennis, but won both the Inter-house rounders and athletics. With the help of the M4s, Raven girls managed to win the junior Inter-house athletics overall, which was one of the highlights of Raven’s sporting calendar. Many school records were broken by Raven athletes across the season; specifically, Jasmine Bingham, Adahna Ekoku, Rose Evans and Olivia Stillman, who all deserve recognition for achieving new records in each of their events. Debating played a key role this year for Raven House, with the Carr vs Raven debate, which happened half termly, with each round tightly contested. The U6th and U4 teams narrowly lost out on winning their debates, but after wins for the L6th team (Gen Norris, Eva Smiley and Emily Shanks) and the 5th-year team (Beth Burns, Sarah Gould and Chloe Duguid) the M4s stepped up to claim the overall win. Daisy Collins, Amy Hirtenstein and Alice Taylor made Raven proud as they beat Carr with a comfortable success of three rounds to none, which we later celebrated with a treat of ice lollies. In the school-wide Duxbury Debating Competition, the L6th pair of Eva Smiley and Lara Wildenberg, aided by Emily Shanks, advanced to the final, only to meet Carr again. Opposing the motion ‘this House believes the referendum should be abandoned as a means of making long-term political decisions’, they narrowly lost out on the title, although should be highly praised for reaching this stage in the competition.

On the academic front, Raven had a very successful year, shown especially in the school merit table, which we managed to top overall. Of the M4s, Alice Taylor, Cathy Wu and Rebecca Robins were key collectors, and of the U4s it was Adahna Ekoku, Chrissy Hancock and Olivia Stillman. Ann Hood prizes were awarded to Lara Wildenberg, Anisha Chana and Eva Smiley for at least 9 A*s in their GCSEs the previous year. Mathilde Lundberg-Nielsen was awarded a Chemistry Challenge gold award. A special thank you should go to Mathilde for all her hard work and the encouragement she has put into Raven as our Head of House. We also thank Dr. Stone, Matron and all the House Tutors for their continual support, advice and friendliness this year.
Initially, we hit the ground running, as Teddy Humphrey, our saxophone virtuoso in 5th Form, managed to achieve a music diploma. Soon after, the M4s were initiated into the House community through a very exciting paintball trip to Delta Force. This trip is known to be a successful icebreaker through teamwork, communication and common interests. Needless to say, many individuals came out battered, bruised and covered in a lot of paint – especially the likes of our U6th ‘Call of Duty’ prodigy, Andrew Kersley. From then, the freshmen solidified their position within the Robinson family.

This year we gave it our best shot in the Inter-house choral competition, as we do every year. Although we were not placed in any of the categories, we were able to turn up and perform with pride and enthusiasm. The most important thing is that we all enjoyed ourselves, and it was a great bonding experience for the House. On a better note, we managed to show our sporting prowess in the Inter-house touch rugby competition, where our M4s did very well, coming third overall. There were also great individual performances in the cross country, with Scott Heemondahlgh and Will Morris placing in the top 10 in the senior race and Arun Watkins and Charlie McMurdo also placing in the top 10 in the M4 race. A special shout-out must go to Scott, in the L6th, who managed to come fifth in the senior district cross-country competition – nice one Scotty.

Lent Term was set alight by the M4s, securing first place in the Inter-house football with a 4–1 victory against Propert. Special mention to George Dignum for achieving a hat-trick! Valiant efforts were also made by the seniors and U4s, both placed third. Off the pitch saw some impressive feats from the musicians, including winning performances from Myung-Kyoo Lee, Angus Bruce and Ben Davies – well done boys! Myung-Kyoo also achieved first place in his year in the intermediate Maths challenge, and this academic weapon also achieved an exhibition for entry into 6th Form. Another first-place victory was produced by the one-man verbal army – Andrew Kersley – in the senior Dodd, with his speech on mental health. Tom Blackburn stood as an impressive runner-up with his speech on Donald Trump. On the topic of public speaking, the 5th-Form team secured victory in the Lent Term debate – well done to Cameron Maguire, Teddy Humphrey and Henry Russell. In the chess world, it was great to see Max Fryer, Eddie Sharp and Will Ludlow from the lower years killing it in the school musical, Cabaret.

Outside of the College, we congratulate Bomber boys and Charlie Butcher and anton Beloussov (U4); Teddy Humphrey, Cameron Maguire, Myung-Kyoo Lee, Hugh Smiley and Raphael da Silva Ziegler (5th Form); alex Bitzakidis, scott Davidson and Tom Blackburn (L6th); and Andrew Kersley and Thidias Hewamana (U6th). Well done boys on your prizes at the end of the year.

Finally, we had Mr Conway’s leaving do to see off another fantastic year. A Sunday filled with socialising with old friends, cake and a gorgeous hog roast – sorry, no lamb tagine this time. The evening was a great success and ended with some emotional speeches. Mr Conway will be sorely missed, and, on behalf of the Robinson boys past and present, I want to thank him for his many years of devoted service to the House. Magic fingers, you’ve been a class act! 

Elliot King

House Reports

Housemaster:
Mr M. C. Conway

Head of House:
Elliot King

House Tutors:
Mr J. Bailey
Mr W. M. A. Burn
Miss K. Chandley
Mrs K. A. Cole
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Matron:
Mrs T. Pointing

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ROSEBERY:

Roseberians had an intellectual start to the year with a traditional quiz, kindly organised by quizmaster Mr Henson. The House families consisting of one girl from every year was a good way to welcome and get to know all the new additions. The girls took part in a flag guessing competition as well as numerous trivia rounds, which amply kicked off the school year after a much-deserved summer break.

After our bright start to the year we united as a House for vicarious rehearsals resulting in an unforgettable rendition of ‘Tainted Love’. Our head of House, Harriet Jennings, and leader of the choral competition, Catrine Gillies, lead by example, keeping us motivated and in tune. For the partsong our girls sang a mash-up of ‘Seven Nation Army’ and ‘Sweet Dreams’, composed excellently by Ellie Rhodes. The girls performed in pitch-perfect style and took third place, leaving Rosebery very proud. Ellie Rhodes, once again, took centre stage as our soloist, singing gracefully, achieving a well-earned second place. Rosebery came third place overall.

Later on in the term our families came together, once again, to carve pumpkins in true Halloween spirit, which were then judged accordingly. There were numerous styles of jack-o-lanterns, ranging from rather frightening creations to a more comedic spin on the classic pumpkin. It was an excellent way to bring out our inner artists.

A few weeks later, despite the classic English weather, the Rosebery girls persevered, maintaining their first-class performances in the Inter-house cross-country competition. Notable performances came from Emily Vandran coming first in the junior race, and in the Inter race Naomi Witts came second, followed by Lottie Burton, Zoe James and Sophie Gee. Ella Witts came first in the senior race followed by Lucy Marquand, placing Rosebery first overall - a valiant effort from everyone involved.

The Rosebery girls got in the festive spirit with some Christmas room decorating, carefully and attentively judged by Mr Williams (with some attempted bribery). After much deliberation of various glittering rooms and cosy grottos, rooms 11 and 12 tied for the win, with a theatrical Santa display by room 11 and a merry Christmas hutch by room 12 – it was an event deemed worthy of Santa’s visit.

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WHITE:

Throughout this year, Carr has been extremely ambitious in enriching House life at the College with an increased amount of charity work as well as achieving great success inside and outside the classroom.

In White House we began the year under new management, with Miss Smith taking on the role of Housemistress. On the first day of school, we welcomed the new L6th arrivals in White House with a picnic on the lawn. There were a variety of talents brought to us by the new students, such as art, music, dance and sport. With the addition of the new talents, White House has enjoyed a remarkable year, with amazing achievements in a variety of areas.

We started the new academic year putting time and effort into preparing for the Inter-house choral competition. We had a skilled team of individuals leading the competition, with Ilyana Ahmad Fizal and Isobel Hammond leading the union with the song 'Lollipops', by Mika, and Liyana Fadil leading the part-songs, a mash-up of three songs 'See You Again/Love Me Like You Do/Sugar', as well as putting on a brave and beautiful performance of the solo, 'Saving All My Love for You', by Whitney Houston. Despite our efforts, the part-songs did not place, but the House union, featuring Polina Kontseva as conductor and Funnie Shi on piano, placed superbly in second place, and overall White House managed to spot third place. This is the best that White House has ever done in a choral competition.

Following the success of the choral competition, we began training for an event that most of the House dreaded – the inter-house volleyball competition. Every other house cross-country competition. Every other house had a team of individuals leading the competition, with ilyana Ahmad Fizal and isobel Hammond leading the union with the song 'Lollipops', by Mika, and Liyana Fadil leading the part-songs, a mash-up of three songs 'See You Again/Love Me Like You Do/Sugar', as well as putting on a brave and beautiful performance of the solo, 'Saving All My Love for You', by Whitney Houston. Despite our efforts, the part-songs did not place, but the House union, featuring Polina Kontseva as conductor and Funnie Shi on piano, placed superbly in second place, and overall White House managed to spot third place. This is the best that White House has ever done in a choral competition.

With the Michaelmas Term coming to a close, White House was ready for a well-deserved break, but not before adding another successful achievement. Under the leadership of our school volleyball captain Cordelia Ng, White House won the Inter-house volleyball competition.

After the Christmas holidays the Lent Term began, and the next event to prepare for was the House soirée. This occasion allowed us to display some of the musical talents in the House. Vicky Wang stood out with a beautiful piano piece and Kitty Man showed off her amazing dance moves with a wonderful dance piece, which she choreographed and performed with two L6ths, Lyn Sze Ng and Kelsey Campbell. This was White House's first soirée under Miss Smith, and she must be congratulated on the marvellous job she did organising the Valentine's Day-themed event.

During the Lent Term the House added further to its sporting successes, winning the senior girls' badminton and coming second in the senior girls' netball.

Adding to the great talents of the House, Hannah Webb secured the lead role in the school play, Cabaret, where she performed outstandingly, giving chills to everyone in the audience. Not only did Hannah perform in the play, but that very same term she received an offer from Cambridge University.

During the summer Term, as exams drew to a close, the House fell quieter than usual. There were textbooks and files scattered throughout the Common Room and computer room, but, needless to say, the House was not going on study leave without adding a few more successes to an already outstanding year and changing the reputation of White House to an easy House to beat at sports. Nicole Mui picked up her tennis racquet and, partnering up with Charlotte Marquand on the tennis court, beat all the other Houses, coming first overall in the senior girls' tennis.

This term also saw some of the L6th step up and take over some of the responsibilities of the House as the U6th went on study leave.

Throughout the year White House, as mentioned previously, has been successful in a number of events, and this has been due mainly to both years coming together and supporting each other with the assistance of Miss Smith and her amazing team of Prefects, namely Charlotte Callaghan, Charlotte Marquand, Carmen, Cordelia, Liyana, Bethany Pemb Werk, Polina and Hannah. This team performed its duties without fail, helping everyone to settle in and supporting everyone in the House. The team of Tutors also played a large part in the running of White House, helping students with any issues that arose, be it schoolwork or extra-curricular activities. Although we were very sad to see our Tutor, Mr Green, leave due to health reasons, he has always been there when needed. Lastly, although this was her first year, Miss Smith could not have done a better job at White House, she was always available to everyone and has led the way with her hands-on approach.

As Head of White House, I would like to thank everyone in the House for giving me this opportunity. This has been an incredible year for me, and I wish the best of luck to Lyn Sze as the new Head of House and to her team of Prefects. I know, without a doubt, that they will do a fantastic job next year and lead White House to even more success.

Danielle Bensadon
Wilson:

Wilson enjoyed another remarkable year with great achievements in a variety of areas. With a refurbishment to the Common Room and snug (following yet another of Mrs Tod’s expensive shopping trips to DFS) Wilson felt homelier than ever upon our return. In early September we welcomed 12 new members to the M4 year, as well as a new Tutor, Mrs Chistykova.

The year started off on a strong note with great success in the Inter-house choral competition. The unison, ‘Hold On’, by Wilson Phillips, was superbly conducted by Izzy Reid, the strong partsong, ‘Royals’, by Londe, was arranged and led by Gabby Francis, and, finally, Izzy also sang the beautiful solo, ‘Don’t Cry For Me Argentina’. The numerous hours of practice everyone put in and all the outstanding effort from the U6th was well worth it when we celebrated coming second! In other musical events, there were many notable performances, including Skylar Ly, Cherry Ng and Liz Jeong in the orchestra, Christy Yu, Vicky Hui and newcomer Seo Jin Park in the flute ensemble, not to forget the numerous Wilsonians in the Chapel Choir. In addition, Kelly Cheung joined the Dorcas Singers, new M4 Caroline Landown bravely took to the stage in both extravaganzas, whilst there was solo glory for Unaice Lee and Izzy Reid in the Inter-house music competition. The Michalmas Term also held some impressive performances by the quartet of Astrid Molke, Kelly Cheung, Izzy Reid and Gabby Francis in their impressive Chapel service on the cost of discipleship. They all spoke incredibly well and we were all very proud of them. Joining them later that term was Kitty Waterworth, who gave a flawless reading in the Christmas service on such a public occasion. The end of the hockey season also saw Gabby Francis collect her Major Colours. Unfortunately, the start of the holidays meant that we had to say goodbye to one of our own – our gap student Jess. After joining us from ‘down under’, our Aussie friend quickly became another Wilsonian, and we hope she is now enjoying herself at university in the sunshine.

We also enjoyed another exciting year of events within Wilson, throwing ourselves into a host of activities ranging from wine and cheese tasting to crying at Me Before You at the cinema before bouncing at Air Hop! We continued with Wilson legendary classics, such as pumpkin carving at the Halloween party and a theatre trip to watch Jersey Boys, which was thoroughly enjoyed and had us singing along for weeks after the show. Our weekly ‘Come Dine With Me’ had a new twist to it, which involved adventurous dishes from all over the world. One of the best memorable nights was, of course, the Christmas party, which concluded with everyone discovering their Secret Santa; there were several new games as well as the classic chubby bunny, dance-off and a very messy yoghurt game. After a great, and slightly competitive, time things got even better for the U6th, as they were crowned the victor! We returned in January for another impressive term. We were joined by our new gappie, Georgie, and later that term by a U4 exchange student from our sister college in Malaysia, Mayumi Shinozuka. She stayed with us for two weeks and, despite her points not being allowed to count (she just happens to be a triathlete!), we managed all with her incredible swimming in the Inter-house gala. We hope she is the first of such exchanges between the two schools. There was another win from the 5th Formers, who remain unbeaten yet again, and their winning streak followed through to netball, where the team was led by Hannah Hughes in the A team, finishing first for the third year in a row.

However, not all success came from sport. The annual AGI Day in CCF returned with two squads, led by Rachel Ku and me. Rachel also deserves a special mention for her leadership within CCF, as well as Liz Teasdale, Chiara Fontaine and Arina Bulantseva with their roles in Honour Guard. Meanwhile, Kitty Waterworth and Amira Kamaluddin wowed us in Cabaret, later followed by the strong performance of three new M4s in the Summer Term’s junior play: Julia Cherry, Caroline Landown and Madeleine Luckyn-Malone.

Not to be forgotten in the Lent Term was the incredible Gatsby-themed Wilson soirée, which showcased Wilson House’s amazing talent. Wilson girls and guests enjoyed a sparkling evening of 1920s entertainment and a sumptuous meal. It was also another great turn out for our charity raffle in aid of the Alzheimer’s Society.

The final term saw us continue to compete as hard as ever, despite our small size in number! Athletics saw great individual performances from Margaret Diri in the javelin and Hannah Hughes in the triple jump, both qualifying for the counties. In the Inter-house event there was great determination from everyone, especially the U4s, who had five or six events each! Tennis saw Izzy Reid achieving her Major Colours after completing her final year as one of the first top pair. We also enjoyed the forceful arguing of debaters Rachel Soobiah and Skylar Ly in the L6th House competition, whilst Sophia Soo and Amy Upot stormed through to a challenging junior final where they did the House proud, despite being beaten, as they had the more difficult case to argue!

Sadly, with the end of the year came goodbyes, and after a wonderful House feast we said farewell to the U6th in a touching assembly given by Mrs Tod. The U6th were a major asset to Wilson and led us extremely well this past year. In addition to this we gave our farewells to Mrs Teasdale, who after numerous years in our slightly complex family steps down as Tutor. Likewise, Dr Tod leaves Wilson, despite remaining as our neighbour, to dedicate more time to his new leading position. It has been an outstanding year for Wilson all round, and I want to say a huge thank you to Miss Moore, Mrs Grateley, Ajantha and Marguerite for keeping the House in order and making sure we weren’t too messy. Also thank you to the Tutors and Mrs Tod for all their care and support towards us. And finally thanks go to Izzy Reid, our Head of House, and her team of Prefects – the new Prefects and I will have to work very hard to fill your shoes and to help Wilson have another fantastic year.

Sophia Accion Barr

Our weekly ‘Come Dine With Me’ had a new twist to it, which involved adventurous dishes from all over the world.
Cross County
Choral Competition
Chapel Notes
College Music
Review: Short & Bitter Sweet
Musical: Cabaret
A Woman Of No Importance

CCF Annual Review
Target Rifle
Interview: Mr Greenbury
Warren Pickett Awards
Service In The Community
Leaving Staff
Inter-house competition

In the girls’ competition: Emily Vandrau, representing Rosebery, won the junior race. Olivia Stillman was victorious in the junior boys’ race. The Inters race was won by Charlie Taylor, representing Forest, who finished ahead of housemate Alex Pembridge. William Goddard, representing Carr, won the seniors’ race in a time of 20 minutes and 49 seconds. The overall competition could not have been any closer, with a three-way tie for first position.

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The Wellington Relays came in late January and the girls were determined to win the title after coming a close second last year. They managed to achieve this, with the last leg crossing the line 3 minutes before the next team’s. Individually, Olivia, Ella Witts and Naomi Witts all finished in the top four.

In the Surrey Schools’ Championships Olivia, Lucy Marquand and Lottie Burton competed, with Olivia and Lucy both qualifying to run for the county. Lucy raced in the South East Schools’ Championships, coming a commendable 33rd, and Olivia ran in the English Schools’ Championships, managing to place 52nd out of almost 350 competitors.

Undoubtedly much of this success can be attributed to the members of the Common Room involved in cross-country, who led us around the Downs, up numerous hills and through thick mud (proving very slippery at times) throughout the term. A special thanks should be given to Mr Whatley, who has shown unfaltering support for all the students and has helped to make a sport that is seen by many as torture very enjoyable. We wish him the best of luck in Cornwall!

Mr P. G. Lewsey

Team Report

This cross-country season was another successful one for the girls. It began with the Knole Run; a number of impressive performances were produced, even though this was a new race for the team. Olivia Stillman deserves a special mention for placing 8th, running against people up to three years above her.

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Lucy Marquand
COLTS COLOURS
Naomi Witts
The inter-house choral competition was adjudicated this year by David Pipe, a veteran of the competition. He was impressed by the high standard of all the performances — a testament to the hard work and preparation in the houses.

Alex Mabony invited representatives from each House to give their view ex post.

**Carr**

An honourable mention must go to William Goddard, as he gave an excellent performance to come second in the solo competition. Our partsong and unison were driven by our volume and commitment to practice. We were unlucky to have missed out on a top place this year. Despite this, we made sure we kept the crowd highly entertained throughout.

**SECOND – SOLO COMPETITION (WILLIAM GODDARD)**

**Crawfurd**

With a stunning effort last year, we were hopeful of another strong performance this year. So we were very pleased to, once again, have done well in the competition. As ever, our unison was a great exercise for us to bond with the new students, and we were delighted to come third. Moreover, our soloist, Sophie Daubeney, did fantastically in her final year at the school.

**THIRD – UNISON**

**Granville**

Being first up for choral competition is always challenging; the atmosphere and crowd participation always increases throughout the event, and that meant we had to step it up a gear (and we did). Michael Lam set the scene with an eye-watering rendition of ‘All of Me’ by John Legend, which had all the females in the crowd wanting an encore. Then came the partsong, which was a simple mash-up performed effectively. Finally, for the G-Ult, came the unison, which in the minds of many was the best overall. I don’t know many other houses that can get 70 boys to sing in Romanian, but we pulled it off with style. Will Kibblewhite’s conducting brought energy to the opening with his Eurovision-style outfit and eccentric movements, which everyone engaged with. However, overall, getting placed in the top three is a rare occasion for any Granvillian in the past 20 years, so it was a night to celebrate!

**THIRD – UNISON**

**Holman**

For us, the choral competition has always been a fun, bonding event, and this year was no different. After we spent many sessions practising and perfecting our partsong, ‘I’ll Make a Man Out of You’, from Mulan, we were ready for the actual performance. Our only real concern was that we might get cheated out of another well-deserved victory by Fayrer, but after the wise advice from our newly appointed Housemaster, Mr Stone, we were able to claim our victory with ‘ravioli and spaghetti’.

Our partsong, organised by Babu Ocan and Ralph Skan, was a wonderful Shakira medley, which left hips turning and hands applauding. Then our all-so-talented Head of House delivered the most amazing solo performance, and finally won the solo category that, hitherto, had so eluded him.

**FIRST – SOLO COMPETITION (RALPH SKAN)**

**Fayrer**

Having won both the solo and partsong, as well as the overall competition last year, we were hopeful of another strong performance this year. Despite being edged out by an admittedly superb Holman effort, we were pleased to be placed second overall. Our Head of House, Will Slough, also sang his heart out for the House, and he was unlucky not to place higher.

**FOURTH – SOLO COMPETITION (WILLIAM SLOUGH)**

**Forest**

We continued our theme of slicked-back hair and reversed jackets for the partsong this year, which helped us to win the Hugh Carson Cup, with a stunning performance of ‘Wonderwall’, by Noel Gallagher, which thrilled everyone. Our unison, although not deemed a winning performance, was, nevertheless, a strong effort and hugely enjoyable to perform. Our Head of House, Alfie Aukett, led the House from the front with his solo performance, making us proud.

**FIRST – PARTSONG**
The start of term was a hopeful one for Propert House, as prospects for this year’s choral competition were ambitious. Would this be the year in which Propert defied all odds and were crowned the winners? Unfortunately not. Our unison this year was ‘The Dead Can’t Testify’, by Billy Talent, and our partsong was a mash-up of too many songs to list. Although we placed in neither, our enthusiasm was ever present, and every Propertian gave it their all. We did, however, place in the solo, with Edd Aves coming fourth. The boys, as usual, were committed throughout the rehearsal process and enjoyed the whole experience. Now we look forward to next year, and possibly getting placed higher next year.

Fourth – Solo Competition
(Edd Aves)

Raven

Anisha performed well during the solo, and we were very proud of her. Her decision to perform an aria from The Marriage of Figaro made her effort all the more remarkable. Our partsong was strong as well, with the judge commenting on our “confident sound”. The unison was, however, the most enjoyable to participate in, especially as we learned such interesting dance moves, which the judge described kindly as “nicely terraced dynamics”.

Robinson

Being at the heart of Michaelmas events, the choral competition was, once again, a greatly enjoyable occasion that will stay in the memories of all for years to come. I felt that the competition really helped Robinson House to bond together, especially the new M4s. The teamwork and commitment that went into numerous rehearsals seemed tedious at first, but eventually developed into a fun-filled activity. Initially, it was hard to produce synchronicity amongst the boys, and proved to be quite the challenge, particularly as we were singing ‘Changes’, by David Bowie. After much hard work, we came to sound respectable and performed commendably. The boys should be proud of their efforts.

Rosebery

We stood out well in all classes this year, with Ellie Rhodes coming second in the solo. We followed this up with a strong partsong, coming third overall, and the judge commented on it being “great to see so many taking part”. Although we didn’t place highly for the unison, we had lots of fun learning it, and learned some great actions. Moreover, it was great to come third overall in the competition.

Second – Solo Competition
(Ellie Rhodes)

Third – Partsong

Wilson

This year was a great one musically for the House, and was a “fantastic ending” to the competition, in the judge’s opinion. Third place in both the unison and the partsong helped to reinforce Izzy Reid’s excellent rendition of ‘Don’t Cry For Me Argentina’. Best of all, we were most pleased to finish as the top girls’ House, edging out some tough competition from both Rosebery and Crawford.

Third – Partsong

Third – Unison

White

As the House with the highest number of new people, it was critical for us that the choral competition was a good bonding exercise. Under new leadership, and with the help of Imogen Russell and her musical expertise, we produced an “impressive sound”, in the judge’s words, and we were delighted to get second place for the unison, which we felt was thoroughly deserved.

Second – Unison

The Choral Competition Trophy:
1. Holman
2. Wilson
3. Granville, Rosebery, White
Occasionally, our educational masters turn their attention to looking beyond the obvious, in terms of learning and teaching. This academic year this has revolved around what has been affectionately termed ‘SMSC’. For the uninitiated, this stands for Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural.

It is actually quite strange to think that some see this as a new initiative, when it really isn’t. In point of fact, much of what I’m about to list was already in the mind of our founder, Dr. John Propert, at the outset of Epsom College in the 19th century, as his aim was to create a school that was to embrace the broadest characteristics of the Christian faith.

So, this is what I believe SMSC is, in terms of the College Chaplaincy and the way it pans out around the campus, and, more specifically, within the Chapel environs:

- Interestingly enough, none of the above are ever forced, all seem to have a self-generating life of their own through the wonder and imagination of young minds that are open, fresh, tolerant and imaginative. We see this to be most apparent as we listen to carefully crafted pulpit sermons on a twice-weekly basis.
- That challenge was clearly evident to our 12 houses on Wednesdays throughout the Michaelmas Term, in the retelling of the parables of Jesus to make them relevant within our community and society today. The Rev’d Martin Wainwright, Vicar of St. Paul’s, Howell Hill, guided our thoughts on three consecutive Wednesdays and society today. The Rev’d Martin Wainwright, Vicar of St. Paul’s, encouraged us to think about ‘identity’. The Lent Term Head of School, Harriet Jennings (Rosebery), turned our thoughts to a consideration of ‘stepping outside one’s comfort zone’. Last but no means least, Edd Aves (Propert), Summer Term Head of School, addressed the congregation with the theme of ‘optimism’.
- The month of March saw our annual service of Confirmation and first Holy Communion. It was a pleasure to not only welcome the new Bishop of Guildford, but also several candidates from the parish outside one’s comfort zone’. Last but no means least, Edd Aves (Propert), Summer Term Head of School, addressed the congregation with the theme of ‘optimism’.
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The hitherto named ‘parents and staff prayer group’, now retitled ‘prayer and pastries’, continues to meet on a regular basis, and is a most supportive spiritual vehicle in discussion and prayer for the needs of our school. Thank you to Mrs Debbie Upot, one of our current parents, for her enthusiastic energy, steering and support in all this.

I continue to give thanks for the services and assistance of my colleague, Rev’d Canon Adrian Eisdale, in all his liturgical help and more, and also for a new member of the Chaplaincy team looking after the Muslim students, Dr. Husni Hammuda.

The day-to-day running of the Chapel is as smooth as ever, and I can only give thanks for the continuing focus and pride that Kay Williams exhibits in her work each day within the building. Finally, thanks to the gallant team of sacristans, ably steered by head sacristan Brendan Ho, and for all they do to ensure Chapel is ready at the start of every service. Three new members joined the team this year from the M4 year: Freddie Mills, Isaac Chow and Athene Leung.

Please continue to pray for the ongoing work that the College Chaplaincy has in serving God in this amazing community.

Fr. P. Thompson - Senior Chaplain
COLLEGE MUSIC

MUSICAL TALENT

MICHAELMAS TERM

This term bore witness to a busy schedule of concerts in Big School, including three entertaining showcases for the Music scholars, displaying some of the finest instrumental and vocal talent in the school, and a concert given by several of the M4 year group, demonstrating their musical strengths.

The Ensembles Concert, showcasing the school’s ensembles, with over 100 students performing, was a spectacular event, and the musical standard across all the groups was exceptionally high. Enthusiasm and commitment were evident throughout.

Early in November the club final of the Rotary Club National Young Musician Competition took place in Big School, in which Luke Melville won the instrumental section and Ralph Skan won the vocal section.

The Chapel Choir led worship admirably throughout the term, performing a wide range of anthems. The end-of-term carol services take a great deal of preparation, and the choir’s very short rehearsal periods demand skill, dedication and commitment from all the members, which were well led this year by the choir Prefect, Ralph Skan.

The Music Department is always very active in the local community, and highlights this term have included a group of wind players attending an assembly at Epsom Primary School to inspire the students and to help launch their new wind band project. Individual musical achievements this term included Alfie Aukett getting a song into the final five selected for a new musical based on the life of Fidel Castro, organised by the University of Southampton, and Luke Melville had the honour to be principal clarinet at half term with the English Schools’ Orchestra, which held their end of course concert in Cadogan Hall.

The Epsom Extravaganza gave a platform for a number of talented performers.
SUMMER TERM

Martin Ellis returned to give a lecture recital on the magnificent Copeman Hart organ in Chapel. We also welcomed back Ryon Head, with his band, fresh from recording an album, and ably supported by Alfie Aukett, Babu Ocan and Edafe Sowole-James.

In the Leavers’ Concert, members of the U6th presented a varied programme and clearly delighted their audience as they shared with them their love of music, and a large number of M4th- and U4th-Form students presented two accomplished concerts. The festival stage outside on Founder’s Day was well received, with a variety of performances running for almost three hours. The final concert of the term featured junior wind and percussion players and members of the Epsom and Ewell Schools’ Symphony Orchestra. Together, these events showed the breadth and depth of talent in the younger year groups.

Mr G. A. Lodge

LENT TERM

The Inter-house solo music festival was held in January, and there were many performances of a very high standard, as could be heard in the winners’ concerts in February that showcased many fine individual performances across an incredibly varied range of instruments. All performances counted towards the House total, and in the House competition the final result was:

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The Epsom and Ewell Schools’ Symphony Orchestra, led by Edmund Cheung (and including many Epsom students) and conducted by Mr Lodge and Mr Hampshire, gave a concert in which a high standard of orchestral playing was displayed, and the College continues to support this community venture.

Outside College, our musicians have performed at a variety of small functions, including our annual visit to the lunchtime guild at Westminster Central Hall. The Chapel Choir must receive a mention for their exceptional singing of Choral Evensong at Chichester Cathedral and the lead taken in the confirmation service.

The end of term saw entertaining performances from a number of groups in the Ensembles Concert, and the ever-popular concert given by the Big Band and the Downs Singers, both conducted by Mr Holiday. Equally, the Spring Extravaganza was a good showcase for many musicians, and several musical ensembles gave a very varied concert, which was hugely entertaining.

Mr G. A. Lodge
**DRAMATIC REVIEW**

**MICHAELMAS PRODUCTION**

**SHORT & BITTER SWEET**

Originally written by Anton Chekhov, George Bernard Shaw and Neil Simon

As a performer, there is nothing more satisfying than watching a group of like-minded individuals put all of their efforts and energies into creating a piece of entertaining theatre. I was lucky enough to be in this position when taking my seat in Big School and settling down for an evening of light-hearted comedy, performed by the cast of this year’s Michaelmas production: Short and Bitter Sweet.

This is an ambitious and high-octane piece, comprised of four short plays – ingeniously penned by Anton Chekhov, George Bernard Shaw and Neil Simon. To take on the works of three comic heavyweights such as these is no mean feat, and there is a responsibility by all involved to do justice to the witty and wonderful words written before them. However, the cast of Short and Bitter Sweet rose to this challenge, and successfully tackled each piece with enthusiasm, thoughtfulness and humour.

Opening the quartet of performances was The Bear, one of Chekhov’s most renowned works. The story of a melodramatic widow, Popova, portrayed to great effect by Emily Shanks, grieving the loss of her husband was played out nicely. Genevieve Norris performed her role as the straight-talking, no-nonsense housekeeper, Luka, with conviction, whilst Oli Yiannakis gave a gusto-filled portrayal of the petulant landowner, Smirnov.

A fiery row between Popova and Smirnov eventually led to a pistol duel, which, in typically brilliant Chekhov fashion, was turned completely on its head, leaving the audience grinning with delight.

Following swiftly after was Shaw’s How He Lied to Her Husband, a wonderfully dry piece surrounding a scandalous love affair and some rather remarkable poems. In this tale of lies, literature (and lisp), Will Slough thoroughly amused as the brilliantly over-the-top and deliciously ridiculous Henry Apjohn, opposite Lily Upot’s classy and sophisticated Aurora Bompas.

Aurora’s conflicted feelings towards her lover, Henry, and her desperate attempts to hide their relationship from her husband, played with cool, calm reserve by Harry Williams, was demonstrated very well, encapsulating the wit of Shaw with accuracy and style.

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Another Chekhov cracker, The Proposal, was next to be brought to life, with the Epsom College cast transporting the Russian domestic farce into a Stockport sitting room! All three actors involved successfully sustained convincing Manchester accents, with Tom Blackburn and Isabel Rosen giving strong performances respectively. Jonny Pollard immersed himself in the role of a nervous hypochondriac, performing with fantastic vocal and physical flair. His incessant palpitations and leg cramps were particularly amusing to behold!

Closing the evening were Alex Bishop, Hugo Rossi, Ellie Stacey-Stevens and Heather Correia-Guntert, with their rendition of Simon’s Visitors from Chicago – possibly the best example of the worst summer vacation ever. The chaos and violence which erupts between the four American holidaymakers was hysterical to witness. Bishop was brilliantly irate, whilst Rossi maintained a frantic energy throughout, both with the support of their loudmouth, whining spouses, played very convincingly by Stacey-Stevens and Correia-Guntert.

Despite a few blips, which are unavoidable in any production – amateur or professional – the show ran smoothly, with each performer contributing something to its overall success. Directors Mr Paul Henson and Miss Esther Shanson are equally deserving of praise. Their skilful attention to comic detail, dedication and creativity combined to produce a highly enjoyable piece of theatre, of which they should both be very proud. The simple, yet effective, lighting design, along with the expertly crafted set, are attributed to Rob Anderson, who, once again, has aided in giving theatre at Epsom a sense of professionalism.

Vivien Leigh once said: “It’s much easier to make people cry than to make them laugh.” However, having watched the performances of the cast in this production, some may beg to differ.

Dan Richardson
The ambitious set, produced by Rob Anderson and his team, was magnificent, focusing the audience’s attention and using every inch of space and possible lighting techniques to create a visual feast. The action moved constantly from floor to balcony, overlooking the main stage, and taking the audience to every corner of the theatre. This played a significant role in changing the mood from frivolous to menacing to light-hearted to fearful. The set production was a well-oiled machine, with the use of witty props and frequent changes of scene, which went without a hitch.

Emcee’s supreme poise and magnetism captured us from the word go, and we relaxed in the sure knowledge that we were in for a rare treat. All performers shone in their own unique way, from the handsome all-American idealist Clifford Bradshaw, played charmingly by Edd Aves, to the spinster landlady Fräulein Schneider, the vocally talented Anisha Chana; never was a pineapple so beautifully serenaded.

That perfect Aryan specimen, Connor Norris, in the role of Ernst Ludwig, transformed effortlessly from charming spiv to menacing Nazi faithful, targeting the amiable Jewish Herr Shultz, played sympathetically by Ralph Skan – love really blossomed between him and his landlady.

Lily Hunt, resplendent in racy red, relished the role of femme fatale, as she tried so convincingly to recollect the name of her latest paramour. Hannah Webb, magnificent as Sally Bowles, expertly controlled the audience’s emotions; she was brazen yet vulnerable, gauche yet assured, flamboyant yet fragile. Her signature song, ‘Cabaret’, was a triumph.

“Willkomm, bienvenue, welcome…”, announced the Master of Ceremonies, played by the astoundingly talented Dan Richardson, and immediately we felt at one in the louche setting of the Kit Kat Club, in 1930s’ Germany.
The Kit Kat girls were spectacular in their exuberance, athleticism, grace and their palpable delight in their togetherness as a troupe. From saucy nightclub moves, pinky-peach gracefulness, robotic and hypnotic Nazi marching, to the triumphant ‘Money’ number, the dancers did not fluff a move. The outfits were colourful and eye-catching, and the changes of wigs, make-up and clothes meant that the audience was constantly treated to a stunning display of sheer energy. The witty interplay between the Emcee and his two little ladies was a triumph, showcasing the originality of the choreography.

The threat of evil mounted convincingly throughout, but while the themes were malevolent and bleak, the performers still made our spirits soar. The music, directed by Graeme Lodge, was a highlight of the show. The orchestra, made up of students and professional musicians, seemed to delight in producing a rich, faultless sound, while being sensitive to the qualities of the singers. It was a familiar show, with a perfect score expertly played by the orchestra, but there were still surprises, such as the dancing gorilla, the hovering Emcee, the busy monochrome set with rapidly changing lighting effects and the stark swastikas.

What stood out was the complicity, empathy and comradeship between the performers, borne of people spending huge chunks of their life together at school.

Plaudits truly belonged to director Kim Chandley and her talented band of make-up and costume artists, set designers, stagehands, tech team, musicians and performers.

Miss C. L. Creevey and Mrs M. A. Barnett

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A WOMAN OF NO IMPORTANCE

This extraordinary play is packed full of Wilde’s incomparable one-liners. However, in contrast to the light-hearted silliness of The Importance of Being Earnest, this work has a serious heart beating beneath its irresistible comic quips. It sets forth a brave exploration of meaty and deeply sensitive issues, including those of consent, illegitimacy and the associated double standards for men and women.
DRAMA REVIEW

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The need to conform to the dictates of polite Victorian society is not dissimilar to the peer pressure spread through today’s celebrity culture and social media networks. Both situations result in conflict and unfairness which can result in the creation of perverse values and real damage to the individual.

The whole company put in an amazing effort, from maids to footmen (who were kept busy on door watch), MPs to Lords, bumbling vicars, and a wonderful assortment of cronies from the establishment.

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Amy Hirtenstein’s deftly direct Hester Worsley was a delight and Narmin Aligulova was utterly transformed through her superb English accent, Victorian poise, mischievous self-assurance and total ease. Meanwhile, as Lord Illingworth, Tom Francis skilfully delivered some of the best lines in the play.

I watched a matinee performance with an audience of local prep school students, and the excitement in the room was palpable as we followed the plot towards its dramatic climax and Lord Illingworth’s comeuppance.

In the midst of a number of strong performances, it was a scene between Lauren Cole and Fernando Daya that was particularly captivating. The pair were totally committed to a difficult exchange featuring a son who wants his mother to marry a monster in order to right the wrong of bringing him into existence.

As ever, co-director Dan Richardson and production manager and designer extraordinary Rob Anderson have done a sterling job. I can also confirm the rumours that a new star is born. Co-director Miss Bubbear stepped into the breach as Lady Hunstanton, and was, as Lady Stutfield/Maddie Luckyn Malone might say, “quite quite” excellent. However, it only seems fair that as co-director she should have the opportunity to see her own show. In the name of gender equality, perhaps Mr Wycherley will give us his Lady Hunstanton for the final performance?

Miss E. Shanson

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In October, CCF cadets took part in a variety of activities at various locations around the country. The Advanced Infantry Cadre, accompanied by Major Eric Huxter, Captain Jon Whatley and Captain Paul Lewsey, deployed to a forest in Hertfordshire for an overnight bushcraft exercise run by The Bushcraft Company. Activities included escape and evasion, fire lighting, bush cooking, shelter construction and trapping.

Elsewhere, the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh’s Award group had an assessed expedition and overnight camp at the Bentley Copse Scout Campsite, near Shere.

Field Day saw the Royal Navy and Royal Air Force sections visit the historic naval dockyard at Portsmouth. Here they viewed the 16th-century warship Mary Rose, HMS Victory and Britain’s first iron-hulled, armoured warship HMS Warrior.

After a boat tour around the harbour, the cadets went to Action Stations, a high-tech, interactive indoor attraction housed in one of Portsmouth’s oldest boathouses, which features a series of physical challenges, simulators and technological experiments designed to put visitors at the heart of the modern naval experience.

Meanwhile, the U4 year group continued their basic CCF training at the College and took part in a range of competitions, assisted by 6th-Form NCOs, who had the chance to continue their leadership development.

The College was delighted to welcome Captain Chris Cook, Royal Navy Chief of Staff to Commodore Naval Personnel Services, Naval Personnel Strategy, as the Reviewing Officer at the CCF’s Annual General Inspection on 16th March. Captain Cook’s Aide de Camp was Midshipman James Hartley RN (Rosebery 2003–2007), while Aide de Camp to Lt Col Hampshire was Captain Charles Gray RL (Granville 2001–2006).

After inspecting the Guard of Honour, drawn from 5th-Form cadets, Captain Cook welcomed the guests. These included a number of OEs who are serving or former serving officers in the armed services, as well as pupils from local prep schools Aberdour and Priory, who attended the morning events. The day continued with the Inspection and March-Past, supported by the Band of the Royal Logistics Corps, and concluded with a display by the Advanced Drill Team outside Old Granville.

After lunch, cadets took part in an inter-house competition, involving skills that demonstrated their training achievements. In the evening, Lt Col Hampshire, who is retiring from the College at the end of the current academic year after 34 years of outstanding service, hosted the annual CCF dinner in Big School, where he was presented with a decanter and glasses to mark his 28th year as Contingent Commander of the Epsom College CCF.
The entire M4 year participated in their first overnight camp, putting into practice the various skills they had been taught during the term. They travelled to Pirbright, near Aldershot, where they had to set up camp and cook a meal using army ration packs. In the evening, they took part in competitions and demonstrations, and the following day they engaged in a number of different activities, including military skills and leadership tasks.

The U4 Advanced Infantry group deployed to the Aldershot training area for a demanding overnight exercise involving a close target reconnaissance of an enemy position and a night-time ambush. The following morning, after little sleep, they carried out an assault on the enemy’s defensive positions, with three consecutive section attacks. The assault went to plan and all enemy positions were successfully destroyed.

Meanwhile, 68 U4 cadets in the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh’s Award group undertook some complex navigation around Headley and Box Hill, where they covered long routes extending as far west as Polesden Lacey and as far east as Mogador, averaging about 15km each day. When all the groups finally returned, there were sore feet and stiff legs, but there was also a great sense of achievement and many valuable lessons were learned, which will be put to the test when they undertake the Duke of Edinburgh qualifying expedition in October.

The U4 RAF section had a superb day at Blackland Farm, near East Grinstead, building on their leadership and command tasks. Activities included tackling an obstacle course whilst blindfolded, using low ropes and a zip line and the ‘crate challenge’, to determine how high a pair of cadets can stand on a pile of crates built beneath them.

Elsewhere, the RN CCF section visited Chatham for an overnight stay on HMS Cavalier and various activities at The Historic Dockyard. The cadets were given a tour of HMS Cavalier and trained in the use of a boatswain’s call, and they subsequently drilled at The Historic Dockyard in order to prepare for their promotion parade. They also visited The Victorian Ropery, which is the longest brick-built room in Europe, learned the principles of missile building and boat building and were given a tour of HMS Ocelot, a Cold War submarine.

The busy calendar continued during the summer holidays with a camp at Longmoor and shooting at Bisley.
The first stage went off well, led by Nikolai Beloussov with a near-perfect 99/100. However, the second stage presented more of a challenge with the armoury out of action we were without access to our military rifles, which are very much required to shoot! RGS Guildford kindly lent us the range, rifles and ammo needed to complete the competition. With this in mind, Epsom coped as well as could be expected in strange surroundings for such a high-pressure match, finishing a respectable seventh place nationally.

The term rounded off in fine style with the annual OE match, this year shot on 10-target cards. The OEs demonstrated their wealth of experience and finished the match 6 points ahead, with 643/700.

Returning to College after Christmas, the team welcomed Mr Greenbury to the fray, and got stuck straight in to what would be a very intense term, with multiple teams entered into the British School Small-bore spring leagues, as well as the same individual competitions. Epsom’s A team (a team of five shooters) managed to place third nationally, with Roland Chan leading the way with 473/500. Roland also placed 12th nationally in the individual league – a fine result given his debut appearance in the individual league.

On the military front, the Country Life rolled around once again, and Epsom put in its best performance for five years, placing third nationally. Top scorer was, once again, Roland Chan, placing fourth nationally with his 92/95 in the team match. Not a bad result for shooting with only two weeks of training! The term continued its intensity with classroom sessions, preparing the whole team (not just the newbies) to the rigorous outdoor shooting discipline at Bisley. The term was rounded off with a successful (albeit soggy) trip to Bisley for Easter Camp 2016. Despite the conditions, the students put in maximum effort and made a promising start to the full-bore season. To complete the trip, an outing to Guildford AirHop trampolining centre was made with rivals Gresham’s. It must be said that although the trip had its ups and downs… it must be repeated next year! Easter Camp finished with a ray of cold sun in the Malvern Cup. Epsom finished third behind Gresham’s and Wellington, but Chris Dawes was man of the match, scoring the only highest possible score of 50/50 – earning him his long-awaited initials (a team tradition) of CTD.
Mr Greenbury, appointed this year as the Head of Philosophy and Theology, was interviewed by Epsomian Editor Gen Norris.

How does life at Epsom compare to previous schools you have taught at?

Epsom is incredibly different to the previous schools I have worked at; previously, I have worked in a high school in the US, in an area that was very deprived. The school delivered top results, with the majority of their students making it to university, but the situation was incredibly different. Similarly, through a scheme called ‘Reach First’, I worked in a school in Birmingham that was very comparable to the US high school.

What extra-curricular school activities are you involved in?

I am involved in a variety of activities, such as the Royal Navy, Model United Nations and the Target Rifle team; I also run the Wednesday Club for Oxbridge candidates. My commitment and enthusiasm towards the Royal Navy began when I was a cadet in the Royal Navy at school, and I even considered a Navy career after attending university. Model United Nations is a simulation of the UN, and involves students learning about the UN, and all the countries involved, and then gives them the opportunity to try and resolve issues themselves. Out-of-school events take place and the students represent the UN as part of a general assembly. They take part in debates based on a real global crisis.

What did you study at university?

I have a degree in theology and religious studies, which are very similar. Theology is the reasoning of religion and religious studies is about religion, so they fit together hand in hand. I was previously head of a social science faculty, and have always been interested in the humanities and social sciences.

What was your dream career when you were younger?

From the age of 10, my dream was to be an architect. By the time I was about 15 years old this had soon changed, and I then dreamed of being a film director. Currently, teaching is my dream, and I couldn’t imagine trading it for anything.

What is your favourite book?

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Midway through my 16th term, I was fortunate enough to be awarded the generous Warren Pickett travel award, which would give me the opportunity to spend seven days exploring and white water rafting down the Colorado River in America’s Grand Canyon with my father. It was, quite simply, a trip of a lifetime.

The journey encompassed the thrill of adventure, be that navigating Lava Falls Rapid, climbing through caves and up the side of the canyon or trekking on rocks that surfaced our earth roughly 1.7 billion years ago. However, for me, this trip also enabled me to feel the thrill of peace and serenity, sleeping under the vast and breathtaking skies, and to enjoy the thrill of deep conversation with the diversely fascinating crew and fellow adventurers.

Having never visited Western America, I arrived in Phoenix (Arizona) after a 10-hour flight, and as more time passed the reality of being in this new environment dawned on me; it would only be a day and a half until I would embark on a 300km (188 mile) journey in the Grand Canyon amongst strangers. Our days of civilisation and contact with the outside world were over as we packed our ‘dry bags’ and stepped on board the raft for the very first time. It was not long before I found myself gripping to the raft whilst negotiating our first few rapids, surrounded by the canyon’s red stone walls thousands of feet high.

The days of intense heat and thrilling river rafting were complemented by hikes up the side canyons to waterfalls; swims in the pastel blue tributaries; climbs up and into caves; and lectures on local canyon history, inhabitants and geology. We also relaxed in the day by playing games of Frisbee, whilst our nights were spent on the beaches which lined the river under the mesmerising stars.

After an unforgettable adventure on the rafts, we were helicoptered out of the Grand Canyon, enabling us to see the contrasting views looking down on, rather than up, the spectacular landmark.

I will keep this extraordinary experience with me forever, and I cannot thank the Pickett family enough for the opportunity they presented me with. Not only were the physical aspects of the trip memorable, but the lessons I learned, the bonding opportunity with my father and values I developed were incredibly rewarding.

Emma Morgan

In August I embarked on an unforgettable two-week voyage off the Portuguese coast in the Tall Ships Races 2016. This was thanks to the Warren Pickett Travel Award, which was so generously provided by Mr Pickett. I sailed from the south of Spain to the north, navigating the Atlantic and its infamous swirl. This adventure on the tall ship Pelican of London was truly a life-changing experience. I met people from all over the world (including the Antarctic).

The initial stage of the voyage was the parade of sail, where all the ships taking part in the race salute the naval flagship. This was a televised event, which featured us doing the ‘Pelican Chant’. We then spent the entire trip learning the words to ‘Bohemian Rhapsody’, which we sang in the crew parade at the end of the voyage. We then collected the Cruise-in-Company Award for helping a fellow ship in the race (the Black Diamond of Durham) which had caught fishing gear in her propeller. After hearing a distress call that the crew were stranded, we decided to forfeit the race to toe the ship to the port in Ílhavo for the Ílhavo Sea Festival in Aveiro, Portugal.

Throughout the trip I was bombarded by wonderful new experiences: I learned to speak Portuguese; steered the boat in challenging conditions; and, when on shore, welcomed hundreds of people who had queued to come on board. However, at sea it wasn’t all about dolphins and admiring the views, as we also had to work hard. One of the jobs was climbing up the 50ft main mast to stow the sails. But the most demanding job on the ship were the watches. This involved waking up at midnight and staying out on deck and on the helm for four hours. Despite enduring the weather, it ended up being the best place to get to know everyone, including the permanent crew. On one of the days we sailed with dolphins for over an hour. Seeing up to 30 different dolphins all playing beside the bow of the ship was a sight that will remain with me forever.

This trip has been an unbelievably exciting opportunity, and I am extremely grateful to Mr Pickett for funding it. I have learned many skills and met some incredible people. I thoroughly recommend this adventure to everyone!

Sophie Acción Barr
One of these projects was the Nurture Project, in which Angie Min, Thidas Hewamana, Ektarina Borisova, Danielle Bensadon, Becky Nesbit and William Kibblewhite were involved.

The Nurture Project is an innovative pilot scheme run with the help of our Service programme students. The aim is to help young children at St. Martin’s Infant and Junior schools, in Epsom, to reach a higher level of achievement. After initial training, students on the Service programme are each ‘paired’ with a child to mentor for two terms.

Ofsted data shows that there has been a significant increase in the number of disadvantaged students at the school attaining the national average or above in reading, writing and mathematics.

Roshie Watkins, Service Coordinator at Epsom College said: “I like to see our students embarking on positive personal journeys. The Service programme gives them an understanding of the wider local environment and contextualises life beyond the College campus and the bright lights of London. It demonstrates the impact of their actions and proves that they have the power to make a huge difference to the lives of others.”

Epsom College students engage in a range of projects that benefit different groups, including local children, the elderly and disabled people. In addition to providing support for schools and local community groups, students also undergo training to deliver lessons in 11 different languages, as well as acquiring ICT and programming skills to assist the young and old.

“From a personal perspective, the Service programme really does make a positive difference,” continued Roshie. “It enriches the lives of our pupils and the lives of those who receive their support. Pupils learn, in every minute of every day, that the programme offers a form of education that is not found in a classroom but by active, charitable engagement in the local community.”

The final part of the Service programme is the spring recital. This is the College’s opportunity to thank the various placement providers for all their help, whilst also signalling the end of the Service programme for the academic year.

Representatives this year came from St. Martin’s Infant and Junior School, Banstead Horticultural Society, Age Concern Epsom & Ewell, The Sunnybank Trust and Surrey Wheels for All.

Hosted by members of the 6th Form involved in the Service programme, the guests were treated to tea and home-made cakes before enjoying a concert by talented College musicians. Alfie Aukett, Fumie Shoji and Kelly Cheung gave superb vocal performances, along with excellent contributions from Wendy Zhang on piano, Alfie Aukett on double bass and Babu Ocaan on drums.

Roshie Watkins closed the recital by saying: “We have been especially grateful for the continued support from our placement providers and students. After three years, we will be looking at ways in which to refresh and enhance the programme going forward and look at opening up opportunities for the Lower School to be involved in volunteering.”

TOM MASTERS

Captions: William Onslow Wyld and Dominic Soin-Stanley at The Sunnybank Trust; Isobel Hammond at St. Martin’s Infant and Junior School.
Michael Hampshire

Michael Hampshire was appointed to Epsom in 1982. It was neither his first school nor his first career, but it was where he remained for the next 34 years: a professional lifetime.

Initially, he was to lend further strength to the Music Department and to be specifically responsible for those pupils learning a brass instrument. By the time he retired, he had been Director of Music; Tutor in Granville, Propert and Carr; Housemaster of Rosebery; President of the Common Room; and Commanding Officer of the CCF and that’s just an outline!

To each of these roles Mike brought a common philosophy: his function, as he perceived it, was to create the best circumstances within which pupils might ‘get on with it’, rather than ‘wait to be told what to do next’. Be it music composition or organising transport for 20+ in a far-flung land that speaks little or no English, he remained for the next 34 years: a school nor his first career, but it was where he has coached athletes to county, national and even European level – is something of all the athletes he has coached, and I know that much of the success of the athletics at Epsom is down to his expertise and dedication.

One other area that can go unnoticed, but is vital to the public face of the College, is his work for the past 20 years as custodian of all the College cups, no Final Roll could happen without the time and dedication that Chris has given to this, sometimes thankless, task, and I know from seeing him at work how meticulous he is in ensuring that all is accurate and as it should be.

So, you may have spotted a theme here: Chris is a man who does not blow his own trumpet, does not seek the limelight, but in every aspect of his working life Chris just gets on with it quietly and effectively, often doing those jobs that keep a school moving but can go unnoticed.

After 32 years at Epsom, I know that Chris is now looking forward to a change of pace of life; he plans to continue with some teaching, but on his terms and when he wants to (not a bad thought), and he is also planning to do some work with fragile communities in the Highlands and Islands of Scotland – an area he is very fond of.

So, Chris, thank you from all the Common Room for all your contributions over the years and for your good humour and friendship over 32 long years; we hope you will keep in touch.

Mr P. J. Williams

Leaving/teachers
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Jon Whatley

Jon Whatley joined the Epsom College staff in 2009, in what was his first teaching position following a prior military background. He quickly adapted to life as a teacher and recognised the challenges posed by a career in a busy boarding school. He had an early intention to prove himself as an outstanding teacher, and he leaves us as the colleague that we turn to in order to improve our own teaching and learning. He is a real student of pedagogy, and this expertise has been widely shared both within the Department and beyond. His classroom is an innovative and exciting environment, and his students know that they are in the perfect place to succeed.

If he isn’t teaching, then Jon is usually found doing some form of strenuous exercise. His prowess on the bike, running or in the gym has allowed him to make valuable contributions to athletics, and the inaugural Inter-house batthon also appeared as a result of his organisation. The Epsom College cross-country team has really pushed on under his leadership, and there are now students who willingly do their own independent hill repeats, and this is testament to his influence. The College also probably has the fittest ‘extras’ in the country, as they ‘enjoy’ Jon’s Saturday sessions.

Jon’s military expertise has been harnessed within the life of the CCF, and his love of the outdoors is fully in evidence when taking these groups out. He has also been a well-respected Tutor in Carr House throughout his time here.

He now moves on to become Head of Economics and Business at Truro College, and he is very much looking forward to life in Cornwall. Truro’s gain is very much Epsom’s loss, and we will miss the enthusiasm that Jon has brought to his role.

Leaving/teachers

Magdalena Jones

Magdalena Jones arrived at Epsom in September 2006. When she started the job was quite small, with only a few lessons per week, but it has now grown to a full timetable. Magdalena quickly established herself as the Latin American wing of the Department, and the love of her country (Chile) and her continent have impressed both pupils and colleagues throughout her time at Epsom.

Magdalena has contributed enormously to the extra-curricular element of the Spanish Department. Using her considerable contacts in the Latin American community (Magdalena is a member of the committee of the Anglo-Chilean Society, in London) she has enabled our pupils to attend academic lectures, political talks and cultural evenings. Most impressively of all, she organised work experience for many of our U6th pupils in Chile as part of a gap year – all the pupils who took part report that it was a life-changing event for them.

There are two qualities which will be impossible to replace with Magdalena: infinite patience and endless kindness, two vital qualities for getting the most out of reluctant 6th Formers. Magdalena always made time to do extra lessons with exam candidates and helped to build up their linguistic confidence in the difficult challenge of AS and, especially, A2 Spanish. To underline how important Magdalena has been to the Department, look at the fact that it needs two people to replace her.

Leaving/teachers

Esther Shanson

Esther joined Epsom College in 2014 as a member of the Maths Department. Whilst she has invested most of her energy in this Department, she has also made an impact in the school in two areas beyond the classroom – in her service for school plays and as a Tutor in Crawfurd. Esther’s reputation as a professional actor preceded her, and upon arrival in the school Esther was quickly signed up to offer support and guidance for King Lear. As soon as one play ended, Esther found herself returning for the next, and so players in Jesus Christ Superstar, Short and Bittersweet and Cabaret have all found themselves working alongside Esther.

Her passion for all things theatrical and musical is clearly seen in her smile, as she reflects back on the hours spent honing the skills of the pupils. Her tireless support for Nathaniel Newman’s play helped to bring this original piece through the wilderness to fruition. All those colleagues who have worked with Esther speak with gratitude of the time she has given and energy she has brought to rehearsals that have helped students step with confidence upon the stage. In Crawfurd Esther has brought that light and energy to her U4 Tutor groups, whom she has steered with gentle humour and a deft touch.

Leaving/teachers

Lizzie Irvine

Lizzie Irvine has been a dedicated member of the Business team since joining the College in 2003. Her expertise has been shared wisely with all pupils as a warm and caring teacher is well deserved, and the significant time she spent providing individual support was very much appreciated by her students. Her professionalism within the classroom has been one of the most important factors that have contributed to the consistent and successful exam results achieved by students in Business. She has had to single-handedly deliver one side of the Business A-level course during her time, and she is certainly the resident expert of the Department in terms of the financial side of the course.

Lizzie will continue to be seen at golf clubs in the future, particularly at the RAC Enterprise year is a learning experience that is hard to replicate in any other area of College life. The Epsom College Economics and Enterprise Society has also flourished under her leadership, with prominent business figureheads as well as TV personalities and members of the Monetary Policy Committee visiting the College to impart their wisdom.

Lizzie has accompanied many touring parties to all corners of the world as part of her loyalty support to girls’ sport at Epsom. She has also spent many years making valuable contributions to both athletics and golf. The Irvine expertise has been shared wisely with the middle-distance squad, and I am sure Lizzie will continue to be seen at golf clubs in the future.

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1ST XV
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Following two very successful seasons in which the 1st XV had only lost one regular season game, ambition and expectations were set high by a 1st XV squad determined to match the success of those who had gone before.

The preseason training camp followed a familiar pattern, with a week split between the Sale Sharks’ Academy and the Northampton Saints Academy. An intense mix of early morning runs, coaching sessions from the academy coaches and, in-between, a day spent cycling round Rutland Water that turned into a race! Practice matches against Sale RFC U18 and Northampton Old Scouts RFC U18 for the 1st XV squad and Preston Grasshoppers RFC and Banbury RFC for the 2nd XV allowed the players to showcase their talent in front of their coaches.

The start of the season is always a hectic one, and players have to quickly adapt to the demands of 1st XV rugby. The first match against Tonbridge was, as expected, a tight affair against strong opposition, especially in the forwards, and it took a late try to confirm an Epsom win. This gave some momentum and confidence going into a new fixture with St. Paul’s. Another tight game followed, and Epsom were stretched to the limit, until Gareth Stephens exploded down the wing for 2 excellent tries in the last few minutes of the game for another tense win. Cranleigh were next up, we managed to score 20 points, and just missed another score at the end when Oscar Waite didn’t quite have the pace to make the line after a superb break. Unfortunately, some weak tackling was exposed and Cranleigh ran in 37 points of their own.

The next fixture, against Eton, was also the second knockout round of the Champions Trophy, which included the top 32 schools in the country. Epsom received a ‘bye’ in the first round when Ealing withdraw. A really strong first-half performance saw Epsom build a decent lead, with excellent tries from Adam Causer and Niall Saunders, as well as a penalty try. However, Eton fought back in the second half, and it took a late try by Max Turner to ease the nerves and see Epsom home.

RGS Guildford fought hard in the next fixture, but lacked the skill to really trouble a confident team. Nine tries, including a hat-trick for winger Pete O’Brien and 8 conversions by Niall Saunders, saw the team win by a comfortable margin. At this point, injuries, which were to prove a persistent issue for the rest of the season, started to really impact on team selection, and a much-changed side headed to another new fixture with Stowe. Against a powerful side, weaknesses in defence were again exposed, but Niall Saunders, as well as a penalty try. Epsom edged into an early lead with great goal kicking from Adam Causer and a well-taken try by Gareth Stephens. Blundell’s refused to give up, and came back into the match with well-taken tries of their own. With time running out, brilliant trys from

In summary, the 1st XV reached the heights of a national final, and, at their best, they were a match for any of the sides that preceded them in recent years.
Our first away fixture, against St. Paul's, began with some expansive rugby played in-between some colossal physical exchanges with a large St. Paul's pack. The XV were comfortable at half-time, following tries by Max Turner, Logan Didier and Edafe Sowole-James. Frustratingly, ill-discipline allowed St. Paul's 2 breakaway tries, thankfully, Nick Whitehead was on hand to score an excellent try to put the game out of sight. A 26–17 victory was rather too close for comfort, but a win nonetheless.

Next up, a very stern test was provided by local rivals Cranleigh, whose intensity in defence was something we had not experienced before. After some tactical readjustment, tries came through Harry Roberts, Callum Mullett and Josh Clark-Bell. However, some suicidal play early in the second half put Cranleigh right back in the game. Second-half tries from skipper Will Slough and stalwart Alastair Green meant that the game remained very close. In the dying minutes, Epsom was awarded a deserved penalty in front of the posts. Nick Whitehead struck the ball through the uprights and the final whistle blew, to make the score 30–29, a lucky escape.

A relatively straightforward 64–5 victory against RGS Guildford followed, in which fly half Ben Holder was a standout player. Next, was a long away trip to Stowe. With the 1st XV decimated by injuries, 2nd row Felix Griffin performed magnificently at inside centre. In spite of the depleted squad, a hard-fought 20–9 victory was earned with tries from driving line-out by Will Slough (x2) and winger Edafe Sowole-James. A notable mention goes to Toby Howarth, who demonstrated great power in the carry.

The next game was against Harrow; the team performed gallantly, but, frustratingly, it was not to be our day, and a lack of organisation in defence left gaps which Harrow exploited. Two tries for Oscar Vaughan in his first competitive game of the season, 1 courtesy of an outstanding offload from Logan Didier, were not enough to stop the XV falling to their first loss of the season 15–19.

An outstanding performance brought a 43–5 victory over fierce rivals Brighton College. Frustratingly, this game provided little preparation for our next game against Wellington. Playing away in poor conditions, the XV started superbly and scored an early try through Hamish Bantock; however, this single try was the only reward for the efforts, as Wellington defended magnificently.

Frustratingly, a loose pass in the wide channels led to an interception try from the Wellington winger, making it 7–7 at half-time. We turned around to play uphill, and Wellington scored 2 tries. The XV answered with 1 of their own through Callum Mullett, who pounced on a superb kick by Harry Roberts, but it was too little too late. A rare loss that so much pride can be taken from; perhaps the result might have been different in more element conditions played in the familiar surroundings of the ‘old 1st side’. This frustrating loss was followed by a dogged narrow victory over St. John’s, 7–6. It was a true gritty local derby, which yielded an outstanding St. John’s performance, and we were fortunate to leave with a victory.

The second half of term saw many games of rugby at the College, never have I played in a better match of rugby or with 14 teammates more motivated to win – the team spirit had never been stronger. Despite falling down to an early try. Epsom fought back in the second half, claiming 2 tries in quick succession – it looked like the comeback had been completed. Heartbreakingly, Dulwich claimed a last-minute try to snatch victory from the jaws of defeat, but the team was gracious in defeat. A bitter sweet end to a fine season, in which the 3rd-team philosophy of champagne rugby, unbeatable team spirit and extremely witty banter was embraced by all.

Mr S. W. A. Shelley

3RD XV
P10 | W5 | L5

A common theme amongst performances this season was resolute, aggressive defence.

This first emerged during 2 tightly contested victories over Tonbridge and St. Paul’s. A strong, mobile pack led by Edward Aves was the driving force of the team in these two games, with Vickers and Soin-Stanley powering through to claim the tries. These 2 gritty wins were followed by a narrow 21–18 defeat to Cranleigh, from which we quickly bounced back with a convincing 5 try victory over RGS.

We approached half term with one large block fixture left, away at Harrow. Harrow is a hard place to go on the best of days, but that day really was not our day, and we fell to a narrow 8–7 defeat. Despite this loss, we saw possibly the finest ever example of 3rd-team rugby; an audacious through-the-legs backpass attempt from Vickers to Bishop in our try area. Much to the frustration of the team, this attempt was unsuccessful and very nearly gave away a try, a mistake that Vickers was reminded of regularly for the remainder of the season – he certainly learned his lesson.

The second half of term saw many games worthy of the title ‘Thriller’, commencing with a match-up against the oldest and mightiest of foes – Wellington. Despite a size disadvantage, the plucky 3rds went in at half-time 14–7 down, thanks to a breakaway try. To the dismay of the assembled throng, Epsom struggled to reduce their deficit in the second half, but certainly fought to the end and did justice to their badge. The back line really hit their stride against St. John’s, with slick moves finished by Simionescu-Mann and Pope, and brutal defence by Thomas gave us a hard-earned victory against our local rivals. The 3rds also navigated past a resolute Brighton team and came to their final match of the season, Dulwich College. During my five years of rugby at the College, never have I played in a better match of rugby or with 14 teammates more motivated to win – the team spirit had never been stronger. Despite falling down to an early try. Epsom fought back in the second half, claiming 2 tries in quick succession – it looked like the comeback had been completed. Heartbreakingly, Dulwich claimed a last-minute try to snatch victory from the jaws of defeat, but the team was gracious in defeat. A bitter sweet end to a fine season, in which the 3rd-team philosophy of champagne rugby, unbeatable team spirit and extremely witty banter was embraced by all.

Alex Bishop
RUGBY

4TH XV
P9 | W7 | L2

The team enjoyed an outstanding winning season. The Harrow defeat was a disappointing performance, but the loss at Wellington was a game that should have been won. Throughout the season the boys attacked with flair and defended resolutely. They never took a backward step, and were immensely proud of their defensive record.

Five-point victories over RGS Guildford, Brighton and Dulwich underlined the cutting edge the backs possessed when presented with quality balls. The forwards, led by captain Henry Lockyer, were outstanding in the loose. Oscar Jaffer and Andrey Kvakshchenko were the pick of the forwards. Andrey was leading try scorer with 8 tries. Harry Robertson also had a fine season in the front row.

At half back, Scott Davidson and, latterly, Hugo Rossi formed an excellent attacking combination with fly half George Piggins, who also managed to bag himself 6 tries. The outside backs of Jenkins, Paulson and Blackblum also helped themselves to plenty of points.

For me, the game of the season was at Stowe. A much-weakened 15, which included nine 5th XV players, ended up, through injury, playing a man short for the whole of the second half, produced a display of great resilience to come away with a fantastic result.

Mr N. R. Taylor

5TH XV
P6 | L6

This was a tough season for a team that had the size, strength and skill to be competitive. Although a number of matches proved to be one-sided affairs, fixtures against St. Paul’s and Wellington could easily have been won. Indeed, the loss to Wellington (24–26) showed the potential that this team had.

Mr G. R. Watson

The game was end-to-end rugby, with many players showing their individual skill and strength.

COLTS A XV
P10 | W4 | D1 | L5

The season began with a very physically demanding training week in France with the Stade Français academy coaches, assisted by Mr Drinkall, Mr Hobbs and Mr Burke. As a result of the high-intensity training, the team were physically strong and motivated for the season ahead.

Our first game saw us play Tonbridge. The team played well and we tried to incorporate into our game what we had learned in France; however, several missed chances meant that we lost this game 12–25. Nevertheless, it was a good learning point for the team and gave us lots to work on in training.

St. Paul’s was a new fixture for us, so we did not know what to expect; it proved to be an intense game, played at a high tempo. Although rather scrappy at times, we took our chances well and put a fantastic defensive shift in throughout the game. Tries came from Lawrence, Avery and Palfiser, and we secured our first win of the season: 24–10. We then went on to face Cranleigh in a tough contest that could have gone either way. We gave it our best shot, however, we came out second best in this game, 19–8, with a try from Milne.

Mr N. R. Taylor

We had lost to RGS last year, and so the boys were really ‘up for the game’ to make amends. With 2 early long-range tries, the game looked like it was going to be a comfortable victory for us, however, RGS came back hard at us and forced us to defend well. With several missed opportunities the game ended up being very close. However, a very strong and resilient defence from Epsom enabled us to hold on by 10–5 and included tries from Chidi Fom and Pembridge.

The game against Stowe was tough. However, with some fantastic backs’ link-ups through Savill and Pembridge, we played some fast rugby, which enabled Balogun and Chidi Fom to ‘have a go’ on the outside. The forwards had worked really hard on the set-piece in training that week, particularly the line-out, and from this solid platform of the forwards’ set piece the backs were able to play quickly off it. This was a great victory for us and well deserved, with a try from Milne.

Wellington were up next on a wet and windy day – one to keep the ball close. However, the team handled this well, and with all the forwards stepping up to the occasion and carrying very well, Nik Orlich and Douglas McLean were influential in getting over the gain line, which was important in such a tight fixture. Late in the first half, Ed Hughes scored a great interception try, to end the half on a high.

We managed to keep Wellington out for most of the game, but in the last 10 minutes we went down to 14 men. This meant that we had to work especially hard in defence. We managed to hold on to the draw, which, in the circumstances, was a very good result for us.

We played at a very high intensity from the start against St. John’s. With great teamwork and some fantastic tries from Savill, Lawrence and Palfiser we managed to beat St. John’s, who we had lost to the year before. Our final game of the season was against Dulwich. This was the last time that we would all play together as a year group. The game was end-to-end rugby, with many players showing their individual skill and strength. However, in the closing minutes of the game (much to Mr Drinkall’s and Mr Hobbs’ delight) we scored the ‘try of the season’. It was really nice to end our season with such a fantastically worked team try.

Our record over the course of the season shows how much the team improved and the potential we have as a year group. Massive credit has to go to our coaches, who kept the training really enjoyable whilst also helping the team to improve and learn new skills, which will help us take our rugby to the next level.

Charlie Milne (captain)

COLTS COLOURS:

SMITH-BALEWA TROPHY (FOR THE MOST PROMISING COLTS PLAYER):

Mike Pembridge

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This team finished the season with a highly creditable record, which included wins against St. John’s, Stowe and Harrow. The result against Harrow was perhaps the most impressive, accomplished with an emphatic second-half comeback that saw the emergence of an enhanced self-belief and confidence in playing expansive running, attacking rugby.

The team found cohesion relatively early in the season, following a three-day pre-season tour to Cardiff. There were some great touches and passages of play against Tonbridge, the final score was a well-deserved 38–12. The following week saw the team learn a very important defensive lesson, as, when concentration slipped, St. Paul’s took full advantage to take the game away from us. Although Epsom showed a great deal of determination in the second half, the final score of 14–50 reflected a bad day at the office. Cranleigh were next on the list, with a narrow victory against this opposition last season, the team were determined to play well and dominate the match – and dominate we did; however, another lesson was learned on this occasion. We created many opportunities, but failed to apply the necessary patience to finish off; however, we eventually won the match 12–0.

After the win against Cranleigh, the team reassembled with energy and a good work ethic at training, and we focused on improving our breakdown management. RGS Guildford were our next opponents, and this was a match in which Epsom did not play to their potential. Slipping off tackles and allowing the opposition into good positions, Epsom lost 7–24. This was a painful defeat, and one that would prove to be decisive. A well-constructed win against Stowe ensured the team were back on track, scoring a few memorable tries and winning 42–10. What followed was a match that proved to be the most brutal of all the matches this season. Howard of Effingham in the NatWest Cup round 3. With a number of injuries in the first half, Epsom found themselves 10–15 down with five minutes to play. Through sustained pressure on the Howard of Effingham line, Epsom did superbly well to score and to dominate the match up. That was the final score of the match, and it meant that Epsom went through as the away team. Before half-term the team had one final match against Harrow, and after the intensity of the cup match the team fought hard but lost 3–26.

A trip down to Brighton was our first stop after half term, and a dominant showing by Epsom saw us run out 18–0 winners on a try pitch. On the following Tuesday the players were excited and nervous about the NatWest Cup round 4 match against RGS Guildford. We felt we had let ourselves down earlier in the season, and this was our opportunity to make it right. This is exactly what the Epsom boys did, defending heroically and finishing our chances at crucial points in the match, to win 19–10. This was a solid reflection on how well the team had developed throughout the term, and, with a large crowd watching the match, it was just reward for all the hard work put in during training.

Wellington proved too strong on a cold, wet and blustery day, and ran out 3–33 winners, although the Epsom team showed glimpses of what they can do. A closely contested match against traditional rivals St. John’s Leatherhead followed, and while we did extremely well to hold off a late surge from the opposition, had we taken our opportunities earlier in the match we would have had a more comfortable result than the narrow 15–12 win. Dulwich, in the NatWest Cup round 5 clash, proved to be too strong an opponent in our final match of the season. Epsom were missing a few key players through illness and injury, and this meant that we were up against it from the beginning.

Reflecting on the season, there has been a tremendous amount of development and growth in this team. Each player has shown improvement, and I would like to commend them all for their willingness to learn and take all of the feedback on board. The team were ably lead by the dependable and consistent Charlie Hodgson, and he was assisted by his leadership group of Luke Nesbit, Adam Koep and Riley Milson. I look forward to seeing how this team develops in the future, and wish them all the best in both their rugby and school careers.

Thank you must go to Mr. Wycherley as well, whose commitment to this team was unwavering throughout the season, and his passion for this team and these players was evident every weekend.
Sports Review

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Mr M. W. D. Perrins

RUGBY

U15 A XV
P10 | W2 | L8

Despite results too often going against them, the team enjoyed many competitive fixtures this season. Individual skills and game awareness have developed well over the course of the term, and a more productive season should be possible as Colts next year. Although injuries took a steady toll, the boys adapted well to new positions and new partnerships when required. Olly Byers was a consistent menace to the opposition with his work at the breakdown, and Henry Hanney was a powerful presence in the loose, both carrying and tackling. My thanks go to Charles Dalton, who led the team ably from inside-centre, linking well with Oli Yiannakis and Jamie Endley, both in attack and as a defensive unit.

Mr M. W. D. Perrins

U15 C XV
P10 | W2 | L8

This was an interesting season, with some good technical rugby being played. We enjoyed close matches against St. John’s and RGS, which bore witness to great comebacks; however, due to some unfortunate on-the-line tackling we couldn’t secure the wins. Unfortunately, due to a number of injuries within the year group, a number of key players were lost to higher teams, including Fernando Daya and Tom Harley. Despite having players play out of position, we managed to play some convincing rugby. One highlight of the year was when Anton Belousov, our leading try scorer, ran the whole length of the pitch against RGS while breaking through at least 5 tackles. This was followed by some great conversions, namely 1 from Tom Malker, from the far right of the pitch near the 22, in the last game against Dulwich. I’d like to thank Mr Lewsay and Mr McLeod – who did some crucial refereeing at matches – for leading our season.

Ben Abbott (captain)

Mr P. Burke

U14 A XV
P9 | W3 | D1 | L5

I will remember our opening match away at St. Paul’s for two reasons: not only were this group of players starting off on their Epsom journey, but for me, returning to the college after 25 years, and being in charge of my first team, this game was especially memorable. We got off to a winning start, beating St. Paul’s 19-10, scoring 3 tries against a very strong side set up nicely for the visit of Cranleigh, although this was a far sterner test. A fantastic breakdown try from Shaun How Teo, and a dramatic interception try by Jack Briggs, converted by James Webster with only minutes remaining, was enough to leave this game tied at 12-12 – a draw was probably a fair result in the end. Two close losses followed to Tonbridge and RGS Guildford, the latter the more disappointing. Having scored 2 excellent tries, our inability to play the game in the right area of the field contributed significantly to our defeat, and the penalty goal kicked by RGS proved the difference in the end.

We then came up against a very strong Harrow side, but, despite leading 7-5 at half-time, having played what was probably our best half of rugby for the season, Harrow pulled away and scored 3 late tries, to make the final score 26-7. If there was ever a game where the score did not reflect what happened on the pitch, then this was the game. This was a tough game to lose, but the manner in which we battled to the end showed how much character and resilience we have in this group. After the half-term break, we resumed with a home fixture against Brighton. An untidy first half saw many unforced errors, and, despite leading 19-0 at half-time, a much-improved second-half performance brought the scoreline to a comfortable 36-0 victory. Next up was the home visit of Wellington, and this proved to be a really physical game played in very wet conditions. Despite losing the game 36-0, the attitude displayed in defence was remarkable, and, despite the scoreline, we never took a backward step, showing great spirit and determination right up until the final whistle.

Our last home game of the season saw us playing St. John’s, and what a match this turned out to be. Two tries, by Shaun How Teo and 1 by Jack Briggs, converted by Daniel Davies, were enough to hold off a very spirited St. John’s team and record a tight win of 17-13. Spirits were high as we headed to Dulwich for our last match, but our season was to end in disappointment. A below-par performance littered with errors allowed Dulwich to build up a comprehensive lead that we were not able to claw back, and the scoreline of 21-7 was probably a fair reflection of the game. Despite this defeat, our performances throughout the season have been encouraging. I certainly believe there is enormous potential within this group, and I look forward to watching it develop over the next few years. Thank you, boys, for all your efforts.

I would like to thank Mr Sam Powell for all his work with the forwards this year — his experience with this age group has been invaluable. Indeed, the hard work of all the U14 coaches has been greatly appreciated.

Mr P. Burke
RUGBY

U14 B XV
P9 | W3 | D1 | L5
This was a successful season, and the playing record does not tell the full story of how well the team played throughout the season and how hard they worked against some very strong opposition sides. The season started with a fantastic team performance against St. Paul’s, where we won 41–7. Cody and Kirby, who also scored a hat-trick of tries, played brilliantly in the half-back positions, and Wearne was terrific at full back, making some massive tackles early on. The pack supported each other superbly, allowing quick ball, and we were able to change our lines of attack.

We beat Cranleigh 7–5 in a very tight game, and then drew 0–0 in an absolute thriller with RGS, in which Hughes, Max McMurdo and Healy-Millett were superb in defence, with huge tackle counts. We lost heavily to very good sides from Tonbridge and Wellington, and made Harrow work hard for their midweek home win just before half term. Di Rico scored a hat-trick of tries against Brighton in an excellent 32–7 win. The season came to an end with defeats to quality St. John’s and Dulwich sides, but, again, the boys gave their all, and I am sure that they will get revenge in years to come. This was a side with masses of potential, and Fr. Paul and I are looking forward to seeing how they fare next season. They were a pleasure to work with, and we wish them the best of luck.

Mr. J. F. Stephens

U14 C XV
P9 | D1 | L8
This was not a glorious season for the C team. Whilst there were moments and patches of fine play, and a real sense of progress over the season, injury, illness, promotion and a lack of rugby experience counted against the squad in the final analysis. It was good to see players like Charlie McMurdo, a relative novice, develop his all-round game and move up to the B-team squad. Similarly, other forwards exhibited raw potential: Okle Callaghan made some mad buffalos changes every game; Andrey Ivanov could also carry well (and scored a memorable hat-trick against Cranleigh); and Shiva Sadhu, albeit a beginner, had also won promotion by the end of the season – he will, I am sure, consolidate his place in the higher team with a fuller understanding of the game. Aidan Grant, Dani Barlas, Joshua Ray and Toby Hanley all exhibited good skills up front, although, as a unit, the forwards do need to learn how to support the ball carrier with a bit more aggression. Sam Calvert has real potential as a scrum half, armed with a good pass and box kick.

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Mr. J. F. Stephens

U14 D XV
P9 | W3 | L6
The challenge of piecing together a squad capable of competing in a host of tough fixtures began with convincing them all to love the tackle, and ended with some impressive flowing rugby. Wins were gained against Cranleigh (57–0) and St. John’s, as well as the performance of the season against Brighton. All played their part in a squad where 35 players represented the team at one point or another. Well done, in particular, to Dan Marriott, for leading the team with calmness and playing with panache, and also to Mr Styles and Mr Homes, for their patience in getting so many of the boys from zero to heroes in such a short time.

Mr. A. J. Bustard

Mr. J. F. Stephens
It was said at the end of last season that 'the future is bright' — but right we were. This has been a landmark year for girls' 1st XI hockey at Epsom College.

To have reached the semi-finals of the south regional tournament is truly commendable, with some outstanding results along the way.

Many players attended the pre-season tour to Holland, taking in the sights of Eindhoven and Rotterdam, and winning all three matches against strong opposition along the way. With a slightly depleted squad, the girls also managed to finish runners-up to a strong Ardingly 1st team at the Epsom College pre-season tournament, winning three games out of four, scoring 7 goals along the way.

The first block match saw the girls meet Christ's Hospital, in which we showed our superior preparation in the build-up to the season with a commanding 6–0 win, thanks in large part to a hat-trick from debutant Mia Bradford.

The first Wednesday of term brought a different challenge — the St. George's 6s tournament — where we narrowly missed out on qualification for the semi-finals by just 1 goal on goal difference. With fixtures coming thick and fast, Hurstporpont College were our next opponent — a strong performance resulting in a 4–1 victory. The following two matches in the lead-up to Exeats were a 2–1 win in a tight affair away at Brighton, avenging our loss to them in 2014, and a 5–0 victory over Wimbledon High in a Friday night match at Epsom College on Chapel astro.

At this stage, the squad was showing real signs of development — many players in their second (or third) year of 1st XI hockey were taking on leadership roles and playing attractive, attacking hockey. 5th Former Nat Olsen, at right back, played a huge part in our play, really stabilising her side of the field defensively and providing a potent threat going forward. To add to that, the forward line of Mia Bradford, Portia Jennings and Harriet Jennings, barely backed up by Covid Billsing and Bella Dialdas, had really started to click and carve out countless goal-scoring opportunities. Skipper Tamsin Melville and Emma Morgan forged a fantastic partnership at centre back, with Gabby Francis ever-present on the left side of defence. The midfield, however, was where the magic happened — Lauren Jeffery and Antonia Turner were always at the centre of our good patches of play, constantly offering passes and aggressive ball carrying, as well as Lara Wildenber and Frances Payne, who provided excellent balance between attack and defence.

After the first Exeat, Sevenoaks were the visitors to Croce astro, in a fantastic end-to-end match which finished 1–1. The following Wednesday brought the start of the Surrey Cup, and matches against Epsom and St. George's. Tormead were put to the sword 5–0 with a clinical display, and although we lost to a last-gap short corner 2–1 to St. George's, the team had qualified for the semi-finals, to face Cranleigh.

To end the first half of term, the squad travelled to Pangbourne for their fourth match in eight days. After a lacklustre first half, the girls regained their scoring from with 3 second-half goals, to run out comfortable winners. On our circuit, to have remained unbeaten until half term is a truly notable achievement. Just two days later, the squad travelled to Charterhouse for their fifth and sixth matches in 10 days at the Surrey Cup finals. After a tight match with Cranleigh, in which we lost 3–0, we faced Prior's Field for a place in the south group stages. After an edgy start, which saw us go behind on the counter-attack, goals from Kirsten Billings and a scorer from Lauren Jeffery steadied the ship and guided the team on the path to a comprehensive 6–1 victory and a place in the south group stage.

After the half-term break, the squad made the journey to Cranleigh, and were 90 seconds from taking a draw back to Epsom; alas, the unbeaten season was lost to a scrappy breakdown from a penalty corner.

Next came the south group stage, a tournament from which no Epsom College side had qualified before. Two tight matches between King Edward VI Southampton and Sir William Borlase Grammar resulted in 1–0 victories, and put the girls in pole position going into the final group match with Worth. After a 1–1 draw, Epsom topped the group on points, and qualified for a play off to go to the south finals against Reed's.

That Saturday saw a tight encounter with Bradfield, who had also been at the south group tournament in a different pool. Although Epsom dominated large phases of play, the squad did well to earn a draw, and could have taken a victory, but for some heroic goalkeeping and defending from Bradfield.

Tuesday 8th November saw the play-off match with Reed's at Epsom. Hopefully this match will stick long in the memory at Epsom College, not for the result, but for the spirit in which the match was played, the support given by the entire College community and the capituous roar when Lauren Jeffery slotted home a short corner in the second half. A match in which the 1st XI were certainly not at their best in the first half, saw fantastic devotion and team spirit in the second period — with Frances Payne, Lauren Jeffery, Tamsin Melville and Antonia Turner grabbing the game by the scruff of the neck in every effort to turn around a 2–0 half-time deficit. Epsom pressed incredibly hard, but sadly couldn’t cope with Reed’s potent attack, as they scored 2 short corners in the second half from counter-attacks launched as the 1st XI pushed increasingly more numbers forward.

After a loss against Wellington, our final match against Ardingly was a fantastic end-to-end match in which Tamsin Melville scored a great goal, marauding forward from centre back. Unfortunately, we then missed a penalty stroke and paid the ultimate price in the second half, conceding late to lose 2–1. The girls ended the season with big smiles though, knowing how much they had achieved in their season.

Enormous thanks go to Mrs Fi Drinkall for coaching and umpiring the side with her own touch of class, and Tamsin Melville for captaining so beautifully — leading by example every step of the way.

Mr D. Charles
**Girls’ Hockey**

**2nd XI**

The season started well, albeit frustratingly, with a number of close games where key opportunities were not capitalised on. However, fortunes turned at a particularly pleasing high point with a goal in the closing stages of the game against Sevenoaks, leading to a 3–2 win. Whilst this did not start a much-hoped-for winning streak, it did lead to a more fierce playing style by some players. Taking no prisoners, Matty Lundsberg-Nielsen and Rosie Onslow-Wyld became a force to be reckoned with; their determination and perseverance allowed us to regain possession and make solid attacking progress. Some impressive goals were scored and many more missed their target; luckily, our goalkeeper, Lily Upot, kept us in the game when we were struggling to score and made some great saves, particularly above knee height. The defence of short corners would have been a different kettle of fish were it not for the bravery of Ellie Rhodes as first runner. On countless occasions she made well-timed runs to dispossess the striker. As captain, Ellie lead the team throughout the season in an understated and highly positive manner. Supporting Ellie in defence were Catrine Gilles, India Wood and Georgina Hutchings, all of whom had a great eye for the ball and full commitment to reducing the opposition’s effectiveness.

Central play was dominated by Sophie Rumble and her wonderful footprint, allowing her to distribute the ball and support any offensive action. Izzy Reid had a strong season, playing in both midfield and defence, with Isobel Dolan providing support on both sides of the midfield. Rachel Soobiah, the only L6th in the side, gave her all on the left wing, with Ella Wits and Sophie Daubeney creating movement up front.

**3rd XI**

The 3rd team were a pleasure to coach. Abby led by captain Katie Woodward, they maintained a wonderful team spirit and played every match with energy and determination. Special mention should go to Emma Hobbitt, Genevieve Norris and Lily Hunt, who were key members of our squad and consistently produced strong performances. Also to Heather Correia-Guntert and Eva Smiley, whose fitness, work rate and enthusiasm, during both training and matches, contributed greatly to the team.

The team enjoyed a number of closely fought games, and they never lost their will to win. Their final match against Ardingly was a fitting end to the season; they played fantastic hockey and scored 5 fabulous goals. A well-deserved victory!

Our player of the season was Ellie Stacey-Stevens, for intelligent play, attitude and application are always important in any team. I was continually impressed that the whole team could be relied upon to give their all throughout a match. Substitutions were made efficiently and without fuss, allowing the whole squad to perform. As a group of young women, they are full of character and passion for whatever they do – traits that will no doubt pay dividends for them in the future.

**4th XI**

The team had a challenging season, and throughout they faced a number of strong teams. Although they recorded only 1 victory, there were some commendable individual and team efforts throughout the term. The highlight of the season was undoubtedly the 2–1 victory over a strong KCS Wimbledon 2nd XI in a tightly fought encounter.

Despite the changing line-ups, the girls’ teamwork improved each game, with some good movement off the ball and willingness to work hard up and down the field by the end of the term. There were some resilient defensive efforts, in particular, as we often faced sustained periods of pressure on our goal; special mentions should go to the regular goalkeeper Priscilla Kweon, for some great saves, and Arina Bulantseva and Brilanda Berisha, who displayed real determination and bravery in defence.

The work rate of Abby Pollington and Emile Lorkin in midfield, who both captained the team, was also impressive.

**Full Colours:**

- Ellie Rhodes
- India Wood
- Catrine Gilles
- Mathilde Lundsberg-Nielsen
- Rosanna Onslow-Wyld
- Sophie Rumble
- Izzy Reid

**Miss A. Wickham**

**Attitude and Application**

- Always 
- Application

**4th XI**

P5 | W1 | L4

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**Mr L. Fisher**
**GIRLS’ HOCKEY**

**U16 A XI**

P8 | W3 | L5

Up against some tough opposition once again, the girls worked hard in the elite training sessions every Tuesday to refine their ball skills in drills and tight ball control. Thursdays’ sessions focused on match play across the pitch, where they frequently displayed accurate, sharp, three-touch hockey. Fitness was high due to pre-season netball training, which gave them the edge in their 3 victories against Christ’s Hospital, Pangbourne (their biggest win of the season) and Cranleigh and Wellington, both very strong sides, where the girls showed some impressive teamwork, strong defence and lovely passes up the right wing.

Noteworthy players include Luwa Fasehun, our most improved player, whose speed and strength kept the girls in the game; Naomi Watts, a consistent defender who has let very few balls pass her; Olivia Daya, with a positive spirit and excellent control of the ball down the right wing; and Abigail Alexander-Robinson, for strong captaining of the team and retaining a strong line in defence.

Mrs A. Venables

**U16 B XI**

P9 | W1 | L8

This was an excellent season during which we played a high standard of opposition and consistently restricted them to respectable scorelines. The girls went into each match with a fighting spirit, and were delighted to get a 1–0 win against Bradfield College in their penultimate game. However, their best performances probably came against Cranleigh and Wellington, both very strong sides, where the girls showed some impressive teamwork, strong defence and lovely passes up the right wing.

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Mrs A. Venables

**TOP GOAL SCORER:**
Megan McCormack

**MOST CONSISTENT PLAYER:**
Jess Liebenberg (captain)

**MOST IMPROVED PLAYER:**
Hannah Hess

**COLTS COLOURS:**
Bea Redshaw
Pip Hornby
Jess Liebenberg
Hannah Hess
Megan McCormack

**TROPHY FOR COLTS PLAYER OF THE SEASON:**
Jess Liebenberg

**THE 5TH-FORM INTER-HOUSE CUP:**
Raven

**U15 A XI**

P10 | W7 | L3

The girls have made excellent progress this term. Notable wins came against Wellington College and Sevenoaks, where we inflicted on them their only defeat of the season. The girls’ play has been characterised by an aggressive, high-energy press, and this has enabled them to force the opposition into numerous mistakes. In attack they have mixed a quick-passing game with dynamic ball carrying. Their ability to beat players with their pace has been a key factor in enabling them to score an impressive 42 goals.

Ivy Blackburn has been a reliable last line of defence in goal and Sophie Rhodes has marshalled the back four with great maturity. Lottie Burton and Adahna Elokhu have been the outstanding players in the heart of the midfield, and their energy and skilful play has dominated almost every game.

The whole team should be commended for the significant strides they have made in terms of their skill level and their tactical awareness. They promise much for the future.

The Madman’s Trophy is awarded to Lottie Burton as the player of the season.

Mr M. Ruxton

**U15 B XI**

P10 | W2 | D2 | L6

The girls made a good start to the season, drawing their first match to Christ’s Hospital. It was an end-to-end game, with fantastic goals from Olivia Stillman and Isy O’Donnell. The next few games were tough, but mid-term we drew against Pangbourne College. A few more losses, then 2 wins near the end of the season: a magnificent 6–1 against Bradfield College and 2–1 win against Ardingly College. Top goals scorers were Gabi Shea, who scored a hat-trick in the Bradfield game, and Isy O’Donnell, who scored 2 goals overall. Emma Pigott captained the team superbly and got player of the match several times during the season.

Mrs S. Church-Jones

**U15 C XI**

P7 | W1 | L6

This was a solid season during which the team improved all aspects of their game. The squad welcomed some new students who had never played hockey before and worked well together, improving their skills both as individuals and as a team! The mighty U15 Bs are to be commended on their graciousness in their defeats, but also their humbleness in their convincing victory: 4–1 against Bradfield College, late in the season, was a game to be remembered by all involved!

Mrs J. Angus

**THE U4 INTER-HOUSE CUP:**
Rosebery

**THE 4TH-FORM INTER-HOUSE CUP:**
Raven
A truly memorable season in which the U14 A team matched the 1st XI’s achievements by reaching the south semi-finals – further than any Epsom College side has gone before in the U14 schools’ championships for girls.

The second half of term is always a stern test of a team at Epsom, and this proved true, although the level of commitment never wavered as the girls pushed themselves right to the end of term, finishing off nicely with a 1–0 victory over Ardingly.

Elisabeth Phizackerley and Emily Vandrau were strong throughout at centre back, and were ably backed up by the outstanding Isabel Evans in goal, who made two appearances for the 1st XI in her M4 year. Seraphina Mann and Claudia Hess both defended brilliantly at left and right back, and the four midfielders of Tassy Williams, Jennifer Phizackerley, Maddie Luckyn-Malone and Emilie Cashman were superb throughout the season.

A front line with plenty of pace – India Binnie, Annie Hindley and Grace Crompton, with cameos from Molly Needham, Jemima Dunevein and Marina Zockoll, all contributed greatly to the side’s success, with Hindley, in particular, leading the scoring charts with 9 goals, and Crompton and Binnie each bagging 3.

They are certainly a side to watch for the future, especially as they’ll be teaming up with the strong U15 A side in the U16 schools’ championships next season.

The M4 Trophy (for outstanding attitude, commitment and impressive performances throughout the term)

Mr D. Charles

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The girls have shown much improvement since the beginning of term, and I have thoroughly enjoyed my time coaching them. The have developed their skills and knowledge of the game, enabling us to win three matches against strong opposition.

The highlight of the season must be the 3–0 win at Pangbourne; the girls excelled as a team that afternoon, with excellent patterns of play, and fought hard throughout the game for a well-deserved victory. My player of the season is Alice Taylor, who also captained the side, who has gone from strength to strength both on and off the field. My most improved players were Jazz Lai and Sophie Lonnon, who have both developed their personal and team skills over the term.

Mrs R. R. Young
NETBALL

1ST VII
P21 | W12 | D2 | L7

The first competitive outing came in the Surrey schools’ tournament, during Michaelmas Term. These tournaments always come around far too soon for both players and coaches, particularly with a new combination of players being brought together. There was a sense of the unknown, as well as nervousness, going into the tournament, which sadly proved to be significant. Different combinations were getting to know each other’s games in a competitive, pressurised situation. There were moments of outstanding play, where the girls showed exactly what they were capable of. Emma Morgan and Emma Stanley, despite being a new partnership, played together as though they had for many years, achieving numerous interceptions and putting considerable pressure on the opposition shooters. There were excellent passages of play through the court from Portia Jennings, Kirsten Billings, Harriet Jennings and Bella Dialdas, but in the shooting circle we struggled. The girls had to work hard to receive the ball against physical opposition, and a lack of confidence hit. Despite this, we came away with 2 wins, but a close-fought loss in our final match against a beatable Torrhead saw us out of the competition.

The girls were incredibly disappointed, as they knew they could have done better. There had been incredible pressure on shooters Izzy Reid, Georgia McGrath and Danielle Bernadon, and they could quite easily have let their heads go down, but instead they showed a real determination to improve. They came to extra training sessions every week and, assisted by Emma Stanley, worked exceptionally hard to improve their unit play, their shooting under pressure and their tactical thinking. At the next competitive fixture, the national schools’ tournament, that extra work paid off, with them taking pressure shots at full heights calmly and confidently to keep Epsom in the running throughout the day.

We went into the final match of our group unbeaten, with good wins over Torrhead (the same team that had knocked us out of the Surrey schools’ tournament), Reigate Grammar and Surbiton, and draws against Cranleigh and Caterham. To progress to the play-offs we needed a draw against St. George’s – a team which included an England U17, Surrey Storm Talent Squad player and girls from the Regional Academy. At half-time the score was level, but in the second half St. George’s got the upper hand and we lost by 3 and were out of the competition, albeit with our heads held high and a third-place finish.

We had another opportunity to play a tournament with the Bradfield invitational, an event which is always enjoyable, if a little frustrating, as we are always nearly there! This year was no different, finishing third in our group. Of the teams in the semi-finals, we had beaten Bradfield just the week before in our block fixture. The final was played between Wellington College and Canford, the latter we had played in the group stage, and had lost by just 1 goal. The length of the match, just five minutes each way, did not suit the girls’ style of play. Being an exceptionally intelligent group of players, given a longer time they would be able to out-think their opposition tactically – something which was very marked during the block fixtures.

Epsom’s first match of the Lent Term block fixtures was against St. John’s. We started slowly, but our talent shone, particularly in the final quarter, and we took the win. The next match, against Sevenoaks, was one of the most memorable of the season. Sevenoaks were ahead by 4 goals going into the final quarter and were in control of the game. However, the Epsom girls stepped up a gear, spotted weaknesses in Sevenoaks’ play and took advantage. They kept the Sevenoaks’ girls up the court and marked the ball well, forcing weak long balls and giving Emma Morgan and Emma Stanley the opportunity to pick out numerous interceptions. Combined with phenomenal shooting from Georgia McGrath and Izzy Reid, the game was turned around. Epsom only allowed Sevenoaks to score 1 goal in that final quarter, while, in return, they scored 10, taking the win by 5 goals. Epsom’s next fixture was against Bradfield, and was another closely fought battle. Epsom maintained a lead throughout, with outstanding circle-edge play by Harriet Jennings, a shooting accuracy of 90% by Georgia McGrath and Izzy Reid and astute tactical play by Bella Dialdas, who quickly spotted Bradfield’s zone defence and played superb long balls down to the attacking third to counteract.

Next was Hursley. To put this in perspective, no Epsom 1st team have ever beaten them, but this Epsom 1st team came so near, with the closest losing margin recorded against them. A 3-goal deficit at the end of the first quarter just wasn’t recoverable against such strong opposition, despite the girls’ best efforts. Another 3-goal deficit proved too much against Cranleigh on the following Saturday, but the season ended on a high, with some of the girls’ best play, and a fantastic team effort to gain a convincing win against Caterham in the last match of the term.

Overall, the girls had a good season, losing just two of their block fixtures, and with the biggest losing margin in both block fixtures and tournaments being just 3 goals. The award for most improved player goes to Harriet Jennings, who demonstrated a quiet determination to improve her game. She already had good skills, but worked hard to make the specialist position of wing attack her own. The Senior Cup this year is shared between Kirsten Billings, who, as a captain, has led by example – disciplined, never flustered and determined, and Bella Dialdas, who, with her vision and tactical thinking, has been a significant influence on court.

Beverley Bostock

MAJOR COLOURS:
Kirsten Billings
Bella Dialdas

FULL COLOURS:
Portia Jennings
Izzy Reid
Harriet Jennings
Emma Morgan
Georgia McGrath

MOST IMPROVED PLAYER:
Harriet Jennings

SENIOR CUP:
Kirsten Billings
Bella Dialdas
NETBALL

2ND VII
P9 | W5 | D2 | L2

This year, the 2nd team have been superb; everyone has played exceptionally well. There have been a couple of unfortunate losses and draws along the way, however, we always fought till the end, keeping the score close at all times. We played as a team the whole season, encouraging and bouncing off each other throughout. The coaching from Mrs Church-Jones proved vital throughout the season, encouraging the girls in every game and cheering them on from the sidelines. Our first game was a tad nerve-racking, as we had only trained together for a week and were worried about how we would play together against our opponents, St. John’s. The team had a slow start, but soon bounced back from losing the first quarter, beating St. John’s by a comfortable score of 17–13. It was the start to a great season.

As the term went on, we showed off our ability by taking on board the skills and plays we had covered in training and implementing them in matches. The work of defending and changing of direction and pace paid off in our game against Sevenoaks, in which we won by 21 points against our opponents’ 18. We then went on to defeat Sevenoaks School, with all players showing they were new to the game.

Through the season, we practised and worked together, with a lot of energy to training and matches, whilst Amira Kamaluddin has had some success as goal attack.

U16 A VII
P10 | W4 | L6

The U16 As have had a mixed season, blighted by illness and injury, but secured 4 good wins from 10 matches. They began strongly, qualifying for the Surrey schools’ finals, and key highlights include a fantastic 4-goal win over Sevenoaks School, who were national schools’ finals qualifiers, and an exceptional squad performance against Caterham, coming from behind to snatch a 2-goal victory. The cohesiveness of the squad and their sportsmanship exhibited under testing circumstances has been truly impressive – the girls are a real credit to Epsom College.

Tracey Thompson

U16 C VII
P7 | W1 | D1 | L5

The team demonstrated real progress during the course of the season, and it’s been a pleasure to see them playing so well as a team in the final matches. This hasn’t always translated into goals, but the girls should, nonetheless, be pleased with their team spirit and the supportive way they’ve played the game. Lowa Fasehun has been our most regular player of the match, capturing the team well and playing centre with energy and skill.

Paul Windus

U16 D VII
P1 | L1

The U16 D has been a changing side, with a number of players being recruited for 5th-team matches over the course of the season. It’s been hard, therefore, for them to gel as a team. Anna Bulanetsova brought a lot of energy to training and matches, whilst Arina Bulanetsova has had some success as goal attack.

Mrs H. E. Keewt
NETBALL

U15 C VII
P9 | W4 | L5

This team came from the M4 year without having won a game. Statistically, they are the most improved year of the school. They worked tirelessly during training to improve their skill and movement around the court, and it is evident that this paid off. Nikita Benadon led the team consistently across the entire season with skill. The stand out game has to be the last of the term, where we were on top form beating Caterham 16–11, with Angi Li getting the majority of goals. The girls should be proud of what they have achieved this year, and I hope they will continue this success when they are in the 6th Form.

Miss F. Smith

U15 D VII
P7 | W2 | L5

All the girls tried hard and never gave up in every game they played. Special mention must go to Cara Robinson, for being an excellent captain for the season. Most improved player goes to Liz Jeong, whose defence playing was an asset to the team. Our most valuable players were Rachel Wong and Poppy Parker, for their consistent effort in training and games.

Sophie Aylward

U15 E VII
P3 | W1 | L2

The U15 Es have always played with enthusiasm and pride. We faced some tough opposition, with other schools sometimes bringing a large squad to matches, but the team have always been brave, shown true spirit and kept smiling.

Special mentions to the following for their improved play and willingness to play in all positions: Arina Munteanu, Valeria Lebedeva, Ellie Jackson and Katie Vickers.

Mrs J. Bennett

U14 A VII
P10 | W5 | L5

The team deserve to feel pleased with their achievements this year, and their hard work has resulted in some excellent wins, most notably against Wellington College. Reaching the county finals before Christmas was a real bonus, and gave a good indication of their potential. Teams take time to evolve, and this one is no different. They showed their obvious ability in the last match of the season, winning comfortably against Caterham – the ideal way to end the season. They have played with such enjoyment, determination, increasing awareness and confidence, and all with a great team spirit.

What is there not to like? Competition for places is tight, with B team players breathing down their necks – so much the better.

Liz Robertson

U14 C VII
P9 | W4 | L5

A talented squad of players displayed a lot of potential at the start of the season. With some experience in the mid court and shooting circles, the girls capitalised on early season victories against St. John’s and St. George’s. Confidence was high, but we were mindful that we would meet tougher opposition as the season progressed. Training sessions became based more on set plays and bringing the ball down the court from defence to attack, with each player knowing their role and sticking to it. Wins against Reigate Grammar and Bradfield College epitomised this, and the girls were beginning to see some reward for their effort in training. As it was the girls’ first senior year together, they gelled very well and gained valuable experience, with close defeats against Brighton College and Wellington. Basic skills can always be improved upon, but our decision making at times let us down when we played the more experienced Hurstpierpoint, Caterham and Cranleigh. What has been most pleasing during the squad’s first season is their resilience and determination to try their very best, support each other and play to the best of their ability when things are not quite going their way.

Mrs R. R. Young

JUNIOR INDIVIDUAL TROPHY AWARD:
Lottie Burton

INTER-HOUSE CUP:
Rosebery

PLAYER OF THE SEASON:
India Birnie
Jemma Dunlevan

MOST IMPROVED PLAYER:
Ayah Shehata
Sofya Kovalenko

INTER-HOUSE CUP:
Crawfurd

Mr. M. W. O. Perrins
We played against many strong teams this season. The girls have gone into each match with a fighting and determined spirit, and were delighted to get a win out of St John’s in their first game. However, their best match was probably against Hurstpierpoint College, where the girls had a narrow 12–10 defeat. They showed skill and determination throughout the game, but lost the edge in the last quarter. Noteworthy players include Seo Jin Park (most improved player), her speed and strength kept the girls in the game, and Chiara Fahy-Spada, a consistent, versatile and enthusiastic captain, who led the team well.

Mrs A. Venables

The girls have come a long way since their first training sessions in the Michaelmas Term: from many of them not knowing the basic rules of netball to using the correct footwork, implementing court tactics and improving ball skills. Most of the training was done by Mrs Jordan, who did an excellent job with producing new drills each week, and the girls quickly picked these up even as they became more complex. Sara Xu and Sofya Kovalenko became competent shooters, and Melina Aziz-Ershadi proved to be an excellent goal defence, and she certainly stopped the opposition from winning by an even larger margin. Evelyn Chan, when able to play, was a very committed wing defence. Overall, all the girls pulled their weight, and were willing players at each fixture.

Miss S. L. Heyes

The A team deserve to feel pleased with their achievements this year, and their hard work has resulted in some excellent wins, most notably against Wellington College.

Three netball teams, made up of 21 girls, honed their skills on a tour of the United Arab Emirates during the first week of the Michaelmas half-term. The girls had to overcome extreme heat as they played a total of 14 matches against strong opposition from Dubai and Abu Dhabi, winning nine of the games and losing five. The Senior VII were the most successful, winning four out of their five matches.
ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL

1ST XI
P12 | W2 | D3 | L7

After a preseason tour to Valencia CF, with a win and a draw from overseas, all looked promising for the new season. A draw against St Paul’s (2–2) gave a much-welcome start in January. Alas, it was not to continue, and consistency, as well as disruption to the squad structure through a variety of individual injuries, saw results waiver all season. It was a shame that really good performances and some near misses didn’t see us take more victories. A couple of narrow losses, the team built around a solid defence, and a hardworking midfield managed to produce some good flowing football. With a little more accuracy in front of goal and closing out games we would have mounted a more serious league challenge. The best performances this season came in a thrilling 4–3 win over Worth School after coming back from 3–1 down and a hard-fought win, 1–0, over Brighton College. The team have progressed well during the course of the season and have been a joy to coach. Credit must go to Josh Galloway, our player of the season, for his progress and resilient defensive displays. Max Turner and Babu Dican were joint top scorers, with 3 goals each, and Tom Booker was the most improved player.

Messrs M. Day and L. Matthews

2ND XI
P12 | W4 | L8

A mixed season for the 2nd XI has seen a number of good and improving performances throughout the season. After a couple of narrow losses, the team built around a solid defence, and a hardworking midfield managed to produce some good flowing football. With a little more accuracy in front of goal and closing out games we would have mounted a more serious league challenge. The best performances this season came in a thrilling 4–3 win over Worth School after coming back from 3–1 down and a hard-fought win, 1–0, over Brighton College. The team have progressed well during the course of the season and have been a joy to coach. Credit must go to Josh Galloway, our player of the season, for his progress and resilient defensive displays. Max Turner and Babu Dican were joint top scorers, with 3 goals each, and Tom Booker was the most improved player.

Messrs C. Telfer and M. Ruutan

3RD XI
P10 | W5 | D2 | L3

The 3rd XI’s season was something of a roller coaster. Beginning with deserved defeats against St. Paul’s and Cranleigh, the resolve of the boys turned in ‘The Week of Dreams’, in which 3 wins and a draw saw us score 17 goals, including a whopping 6 against Worth. This run continued after half term, with key victories over Brighton and King’s Canterbury. This unbeaten streak, stretching over two months, was sadly brought to an end by KCS Wimbledon in the last game of the season. Innovative formations abound; Mr Shelley’s 3–0–7 was a favourite with Mr Short, favouring the diamond in midfield. Whatever their coaches threw at them, however, the boys played with a good spirit, and they enjoyed every minute of what truly was a spectacular season.

Messrs J. A. Short and S. W. A. Shelley

4TH XI
P11 | W6 | L5

A fluctuating season of highs and lows, with some resounding victories and some equally heavy defeats. During the season, the team began to understand their individual roles; this enhanced the shape of the team and, consequently, its performance. In defence, both Fred White and Charlie Simionescu-Marin formed an excellent partnership. In midfield, George Hollington controlled possession, and, up front, Alex Bishop provided a real cutting edge with his pace.

Mr N. R. Taylor

5TH XI
P10 | W4 | L4

Overall, the 5th XI’s season has been inconsistent. For the first three weeks of the term the team remained victorious, through fabulous defensive work. However, with a few adjustments, the team went on a losing streak, with a few heavy defeats against Tonbridge and King’s Canterbury 3rds. However, after an unlucky defeat to the Eastbourne 3rd team, they returned to their best game of the season against King’s Canterbury 5ths, scoring 9 goals, with the goal of the season from Myles Bingham, a second hat-trick for Michael Lam for the season and some hard graft in the midfield from Andrey Khashchenko, Matt Ironside and Charlie Vickers. In the final game of the season, we came up against tough opposition in the form of KCS, and ended up losing 1–0, which could have been 6–0 if it weren’t for an incredible game from our goalkeeper Ibbi Rana.

Mr B. G. MacDowel

6TH XI
P1 | L1

This was an outstanding season for the College new boys. Their only fixture was the first time they had played on grass, and once they had acclimatised to the faster pace of the game they gave a really good account of themselves against the opposition’s 3rd XI. There were some solid defensive performances from Zakharov in goal, and also Keeg, Dacou and Dias, ably marshalled by man of the match Findlay. The captain, Tom Entwistle, scored their only goal.

Mr P. A. Henson

SENIOR INTER-HOUSE COMPETITION:

Propert
A very positive season for the boys involved a number of great results against teams of a higher standard than the team were used to, a 14–0 demolition of Sevenoaks included the highlight of a superb Bill Seal 40-yard free kick, but the match of the season was a 4–1 win against Eastbourne. The team’s athleticism and improving skills meant that, by the penultimate game of the year, we had started playing some high-quality football. Conceding two last-minute equalisers cost us a better win percentage, and the only loss of the year was against an excellent Hampton team. All the players have made significant contributions to the team, but two stand out. Bill Seal’s goals from midfield became something of a trademark for the group, who revelled in celebrating his spectacular goals, and Greg Hunt took the player-of-the-season accolade, for his endless stamina in games, taking control of the centre of the pitch for Epsom, as well as his impressive consistency and effort in training.

Mr. H. Blythe

PLAYER OF THE SEASON
For consistently effective play and some crucial goals at key moments:

Ed Hughes

COLOURS:
Philpy Savill (P)
Alex Pembright (F)
Dan Balagon (F2)
David Chid Fon (F)
Edward Hek (F)
Patrick McKee (P)
Timothy Whitehead (C)
Harry Webster (Fa)
Rio Forster-Hall (Fa)
Freddie Walker (Fa)
Ben Avery (H)
Justin Hurst (Fa)
Dam Head (F)
Jack Hallas (G)

Mr. R. C. Young and Mr. P. Thompson

U15 B XI

P7 | W4 | D1 | L2

It took the U15 Bs a little while to apply the skills they gained during training in matches, and playing St. Paul’s in a first friendly did not exactly build up the team’s confidence. However, the team persevered and grew closer together, showing a fantastic spirit in matches. A 9–0 win against Wellsington revealed how much potential the team had. After that, captain Harry Marchesi led the team to a series of wins in the league, and, after beating Brighton in an incredible match, Epsom just needed another 2 wins to win the league title. Unfortunately, after a rugby’s last minute, several of our players were injured and did not return to the team, and then more injuries from football matches meant that the team had to make considerable changes to the starting line-up and had to play without subs. The team was not quite able to compensate the losses, and so the U15 Bs finished second in the league after Brighton, with a respectable playing record over the season.

Mr. N. Moyer

U16 D XI

P7 | W1 | D1 | L5

The team, captained by defender Ben Kellett, demonstrated a competitive fighting spirit in each game during a challenging season against strong opposition. The first game against St. Paul’s was close throughout, but a late hat-trick from a St. Paul’s striker saw Epsom slide to a 7–3 defeat. In the second game we lost 4–0 to Kingston Grammar School U15 As, who outclassed us for much of the game. This was followed by close games against Tonbridge and another St. Paul’s team, in both games we conceded late goals to lose 4–3. The long-awaited victory came in an away fixture against Eastbourne College, which finished 4–3 to Epsom, after a scrappy but spirited game. The penultimate game, played against a strong Sevenoaks’ U18 D side, was close until late in the second half, when a string of conceded goals resulted in a 9–3 defeat. On the final Saturday we drew 2–2 against Dunnetar. Epsom’s top goal scorer for the season was Harry McClean (4), followed by Nat Rodger (3) and Sam Gurney and Tristan Drummond Hoy (2 apiece). However, each member of the team contributed well, with the man-of-the-match accolade being awarded to a different player in each game. The outstanding moment of the season was certainly Sam Gurney’s powerful 40-yard shot to secure a draw against Dunnetar.

Mr. C. Fisher

U16 C XI

P7 | W3 | D3 | L1

A very positive season for the boys, winning their first league last year as an U15 team. After some invaluable preseason training in Valencia, where they won two games, they gained confidence for another outstanding season, winning another league title – back-to-back titles. They have now gone unbeaten in the league for two seasons. This year they have grown in stature, been flexible with their formations and more gone from strength to strength. They have also impressed and had the desire to improve in training each week. Hence, they have played some seriously good football at times. Excellent wins against our nearest rivals Brighton, King’s Canterbury and Christ’s Hospital have been the standout results, along with our draw against a very good Tonbridge side outside the league fixtures. The team have operated under a rotational captancy system and have been ably led by Liam Head, Ed Hughes, Patrick McKee and Tim Whitehead. Top goal scorers were Derrin Balagon (8), Jack Pallas (7) and David Chid Fon (6). All of the players in the squad deserve high praise indeed.

Messrs S. Head and A. Wilson

SKILL LEAGUE WINNERS

P13 | W11 | D1 | L1

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Messrs S. Head and A. Wilson

U16 A XI

P11 | W8 | D1 | L2

SKILL LEAGUE WINNERS

The team enjoyed an exceptional season, winning all seven of their SKILL League fixtures, with the highest goal difference of any side in the competition. Their attitude made the richly working hard for each other allowed their games to progress and put real pressure on all sides that they faced.

Starting with a draw against St. Paul’s, a side they lost to last season, they quickly got into their stride, and all boys were able to play in many positions, allowing rolling substitutions to be used and to maximise everyone’s pitch time.

Standout moments were crushing Wellington College 15–0 and securing the title against Brighton College 3–0, showing flair and resilience against a very able side.

All boys have played a significant part in this success, with most having a chance to captain and being awarded man of the match.

Mr. J. F. Stephens
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Mr N. J. Russell

U15 D XI
P7 | W3 | D1 | L3

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Mr N. J. Russell

U15 E XI
P1 | L1

The U15 E squad was strengthened every Saturday with those not needed for the U15 D team. The strengthened squad of 18 fought well against a strong St. Paul’s side. Denis Zinchuk, in goal, provided many de Gaa moments to keep the score at 0–3 at half-time. Ben Man ran tirelessly, and was easily the best outfield player, but our passing let us down, and the strike force of Ebube Anyanechi and Guy Pappiart were starved of possession. The second half saw mass substitutions as the remaining eight players entered the fray. Despite the fresh legs, we were soon 0–4 down, but the pace of Ian Tong, Slavik Melnyk, Gleb Kovalev, Milan Oku-Williams, Jonathan Innsidle and Joe Araqi soon had the scoreline at 2–4, with goals from Jonathan and Joe. Sadly, there was a cost to this magnificent effort, as we tried and St. Paul’s passing game allowed them to net twice more in the dying minutes, despite the courageous efforts of Denis Zinchuk, Benjamin Man, Finlay Price, Pak Lam, Albert Wong, Richard Kapland, Jonathan Gamble, Will Ludlow, Grigory Kolpakov and Anton Beloussov.

Mr M. D. Hobbs

U15 INTER-HOUSE COMPETITION: REPORT

The team played with impressive cohesion and spirit throughout the season. They won all their fixtures and scored 46 goals in the process, conceding just 1 goal in the process, which just so happened to be the last kick of the season. Will Curwen, in goal, made countless terrific saves, including a penalty against Sevenoaks. In front of him was what one parent described as “The Wall”, with Toby Hanley, Nilesh RagHAVan, Thomas Fagan, Will Howse and Max Smeby. With Max Tracey and Danny Barlow in midfield, we always controlled the games up front, Griff Greaks, A.J. Grillo and MJ Movsumov provided the goals, and the creativity came from Lewis Brown and Ahmad Kamaluddin. They were great fun to train with, and played outstandingly all season.

Mr M. P. Hynd

U14 A XI
P10 | W7 D1 L2

UNDEFEATED SKIL LEAGUE WINNERS:
P6 | W5 | D1

A fantastic season for a team that was crowned champions of the SKIL league. The boys, led by the ever-focused Weanne, have put together a great team ethos that has really paid dividends. They have managed games well and always look to find the ingredients needed to win the game. They have gained in confidence, and each player has made real progress in terms of understanding their own position, as well as that of their teammates. They dominated most league games, and the win at Sevenoaks was probably the crucial game that would eventually prove telling. The lads were disappointed not to have won at Brighton, but this should be seen as a good result on a 2G pitch in gale-force conditions. The highlight of the season was the ruthlessly efficient performance against an excellent St. John’s side, who were dispatched 4–1. It would be very unfair to go into individuals in the team, as every single player has contributed and deserves a mention. However, goal machine (and our top scorer) Dignum earns the player-of-the-season trophy, with 11 strikes to his name.

Player of the Season: George Dignum

Mr P. J. Gilmore

U14 B XI
P10 | W7 L2

This season has been all about progression. The squad was slow to gel, and we found ourselves lucky to win the early fixtures, having to come back from behind to win some very close matches. The middle of our season looked more promising, yet inconsistent. However, by the end of the season we looked very strong and beat the overall league winners, Brighton, 4–0 and King’s Canterbury 2–1 in the final league games of the season. We had started to play much better as a team and held our shape through better communication and a more developed understanding of the game. Whilst there were many contenders for player of the season – Zac Middleton, James Webster and Charlie Richardson – Max Fryer has consistently managed the back line and cut out many goal-scoring opportunities, keeping us in some of the early games. He has been supportive of his team and shown an excellent work ethic in training and during the matches. To lose the league on goal difference is disappointing, but many lessons have been learned, and the team we put out at the end of the season were a credit to themselves and the school.

Mr J. Styles

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P8 | W8

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Mr M. P. Hynd

U14 D XI
P9 | W7 L2

A really encouraging season, where 26 players represented the team at one team or another. Key players throughout were captain Jamie Hughes, whose never-say-die attitude typified his battling midfield performances. Josh Ray and Dan Marriott, who were sold at the back, Alex Nicol and Charlie Mapp, who were determined in multiple positions; flar from Lucas Connolly, Max Hunt and Max Rogers; and a team of strikers who collectively chipped in with goals. Keeper Oliver Healy-Millett showed increasing confidence and ceaseless bravery too. The boys really appreciated having so many matches and competed well throughout, only outclassed by a Sevenoaks C team and Hampton.

Mr A. J. Bustard

The U14 Es enjoyed three competitive matches, drawing away at Sevenoaks before falling to a narrow 3–2 defeat to St. Paul’s and battling hard against a Sevenoaks’ D team that showed them how to finish. Twenty two players represented the E team in these three matches, and all contributed energy and enthusiasm. Several, such as Brian Cleary and Freddie Mills, earned deserved call-ups to the D team, and many of these players will work their way into higher teams in the years to come.

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Mr M. P. Hynd
RUGBY 7S

1ST VII

The pre-season warm-up tournament at Wellington College was a chance for the squad to showcase its skills after several weeks of well-attended training sessions, despite the competing pressures of soccer training and matches. The first game against Cranleigh saw some sublime rugby, as the team scored 4 unanswered tries in the first half. Sadly, long-term injuries to James Gulliver and Gareth Stephens, who had both shown outstanding form, was a heavy price to pay.

Reigate Charity 7s was the first major tournament of the season, and brought wins over Reed’s and Christ’s Hospital, in the group which saw the team go through to the quarter-finals, where they put in a spirited performance before losing 29–10 to a talented Harrow side, who went on to win the tournament.

At the nationals, the 1st VII won three out of four games in their pool by 40 points or more, but lost narrowly to The Oratory School 7–10, to a try scored in the final minute, just missing out on the second day for the first time in many years. Given the number of injuries to key players before the tournament and the absence of captain Niall Saunders through international training commitments, the side showed real character, but it was a step too far to reach the final stages on this occasion.

Mr A. Wolstenholme

FULL COLOURS:
William Kibblewhite
Callum Mullett
Peter O’Brien
William Onslow-Wyld
No Slot
Callum Torpey
Oscar Warke
Jamie Palmer
Harry Cooke

COLTS VII

Hampered by injury and with a number of key players missing, the Colts had a challenging season. At RGS they came third in their group, beating London Oratory 24–0, but they lost out to a well-organised Wellington team and a very skilful Brighton side. At the Surrey 7s, the squad battled atrocious conditions, but they played with great spirit and commitment. They were competitive in all of their matches and learned some valuable lessons in organisation and game management, which they were able to carry forward into the nationals. This proved invaluable, and their performances showed this, winning three out of their four pool games and missing out narrowly on qualifying for the second day by conceding a try in the last minute to Preseli (cup semi-finalists) 19–12. Wins against King’s Macclesfield (19–7) and Dwr-y-Felin (28–0) meant that we finished second in our group, but with only group winners progressing our tournament was over. A worthy mention must go to the four U4s: Riley Milson, Andrew Palmer, Theo Alexis and Luke Laughton, who were called upon to play due to injuries – all played their part in what was an encouraging end to the 7s season.

Mr T. A. Stone

U15 VII BOYS’ 7S

The U15s had only the Surrey 7s to compete in this year. In glorious sunshine they played some tremendous 7s, winning six out of their seven games and progressing through to the cup semi-finals, losing only to the eventual cup winners John Fisher (19–17), to an agonising last-second drop goal. Excellent wins against Gordon’s School, 22–0; Reigate Grammar, 20–0; Dunottar School, 43–0; Whitgift, 19–7; Wimbledon College, 19–14, and Graveney School, 7–0, underline the talent and potential that is amongst this group, and I am sure they will relish the opportunity of competing at the nationals next year.
The girls’ 7s team competed in two tournaments this year. First up was the Reigate 7s, and this provided the perfect warm-up for the nationals. The girls played with tremendous spirit and commitment in all their games, scoring some excellent tries along the way. Having won two of their three pool matches, beating Wisbech Grammar School 30–5, St. John’s 15–0 and losing to a very strong Worthing College side 19–7, the girls progressed through to the plate semi-finals, where they were beaten by the overall winners of the plate, Blessed Hugh Faringdon Catholic School. Next up for the girls was the nationals. The girls were drawn in a very tough group, but played some tremendous rugby. Despite losing to Perins (15–5), Christ’s Hospital (runners-up) (24–10) and Reigate (15–10), the win against Strade (31–5) in their final game was a fitting send-off to all the U6th girls, who have contributed so much to girls’ rugby here at the College. I would like to say a big thank you to all of them for their commitment, and a special mention must go to the girls’ captain, Ekaterina Borisova, for all her hard work, both on and off the field.

Mr P. Burke
**GIRLS’ TENNIS**

**SENIORS**

**1ST VI**

P7 | W6 | L1

**2ND VI**

P3 | W2 | L1

The girls’ 1st VI had a most impressive season. Team triumphs against King’s Canterbury, Brighton and St. John’s all went to the last round, with all pairs contributing well. Other matches saw more emphatic victories. Bella Daldais and Izzy Reid were the dream 1st pair; they have now played 1st-team tennis for four years, and their game experience overwhelmed all school opposition. Throughout the season they were ably supported by the accomplished Charlotte Marquand and Natalie Olsen at 2nd pair. Gabby Francis, Tamzin Melville, Rachel Soobiah and Emma Morgan also featured in this stylish and successful side.

The 2nd VI played fewer matches but also had a winning season, with many girls participating. The most memorable victory was the narrow 5–4 against a determined, but ultimately doomed, St. John’s. was the narrow 5–4 against a determined, participating; the most memorable victory had a winning season, with many girls

**DOUBLE MAJOR COLOURS**

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**INTER-HOUSE SENIOR TROPHY:**

White House

**SENIOR TROPHY:**

Bella Daldais

**SENIOR MIXED DOUBLES TROPHY:**

Bella Daldais

Nick Whitehead

The girls enjoyed an impressive, but short, season this year. Within only three weeks, the girls managed to win one fixture as a team. They were able to team quickly and were easily motivated. In the first matches of the season, the As managed to win some of their games against King’s Canterbury; however, it was not enough to beat a very strong opposition. The Bs played impressively for their first matches; however, they were also narrowly defeated.

The next weekend proved to be a huge success, with the As beating Hurstpierpoint 7–2, with Megan McCormack and Jessica Liebenberg winning all three of their games with an impressive 6–1, 6–0, 6–0. The Bs also won three of their four games with equally impressive results: 6–1, 6–3, 6–0. For the last fixtures, the girls merged with the seniors to form new teams. There were some excellent results for the U16 players, with some winning two out of their three matches.

**Mrs F. C. Drinkall and Mr N. J. Russell**

**COLTS COLOURS**

Natalie Olsen

Jessica Liebenberg

Megan McCormack

Anna Muir

Emilia Walsh

Chira Fontaine

**5TH FORM INTER-HOUSE TROPHY:**

Rosebery

For the A side, victories came against Hurstpierpoint and Brighton; in the latter we remained determined throughout to secure a very close 5–4 win. The most frustrating loss came in the last week against St. Mary’s, 1–8, proving the exam week took its toll on the girls’ energy levels. The most successful and consistent pair of the season has been Cecilia Sacklen and Hanna Alflah, and most improved players Chrissy Hancock and Anastasia Grant. Training has been so much fun, as the girls have listened attentively, improved their serving and increased their confidence enormously. Killer volleys at the net from Lara Watson have been hard for opponents to handle.

In the B side, the victory against St. John’s Leatherhead was particularly exciting, and definitely the highlight of the season. The most frustrating loss was against King’s School Canterbury, which was our closest match by far. The most successful and consistent pair of the season has been Bianka Toneva and Yana Stoitchkova, the most improved players Issy O’Donnell and Lu Jeong. Training has been really rewarding, as the girls have shown strong teamwork and collaboration throughout the season. They’ve improved their volleys and increased their confidence and sportsmanship enormously. Lauren Cole deserves a special mention for her leadership and positive attitude.

In the mixed matches, forceful, attacking tramline winners from Anneke Butt and Harry Milne against Cranleigh were very impressive and graceful, fluid play from Lally Cole and James Mummy was a delight to watch.

**Mrs H. E. Keevil**

**U14A MIXED**

P2 | W1 | L1

**U14BCD MIXED**

P2 | L2

**U14A**

P7 | W3 | L4

**U15**

P7 | W2 | L5

**U15B**

P6 | W1 | L5

The U14 A were strong this year and competed well on the circuit. Emily Vandacrow and Ayah Shehata paired up well and became a formidable 1st pair; Jennifer and Elisabeth Phizackerley worked well together as our 2nd pair, with the 3rd pair changing to include Alka Taylor, Tasy Williams, Seraphina Mann and India Binnie. We dominated St. John’s and Sutton Valence, where we won 8–1, and St. Mary’s Ascot, where we won 5–4. We had very narrow losses against Hurstpierpoint and Brighton, where we only just lost 4–5. The B side had a great season too, with dominant wins against Hurstpierpoint and St. John’s, 9–0, Sutton Valence, 7–2, and St. Mary’s Ascot, 6–3. Annie Hindley and Meena Ziskill played well as our strong 2nd pair, with the rest of the team changing partners around them! We saw some great games in the mixed doubles. The boys’ standard increased as they had something to prove to the girls, and the girls never let themselves down! It was good to see the maturity of both genders grow when they were on court.

**Mrs S. L. Church-Jones**

**U15 ABCD MIXED**

P2 | W1 | L1

**U4 INTER-HOUSE COMPETITION:**

Rosebery

**M4 INTER-HOUSE COMPETITION:**

Crawfurd
The early arrival of GCSE examinations meant that this talented squad of tennis players only played a handful of matches as a year group this season. However, several players for the senior teams during the term, most notably Brian Mabbutt, who established himself as a mainstay of the 1st team, performing with distinction at this elevated level and earning Half Colours as well as Colts Colours. Others who continued their development towards the senior side next year were Josh Costain, Tim Whitehead, Greg Hunt, Charlie Taylor, Justin Hurst, Ben Kellett and James Johnson.

The team have endured a tough season with good sports and determination. Some very difficult fixtures proved too much for all the teams, much of the time playing against far more experienced and familiar pairs. There has been a lot of movement within the team, with some excellent progress made by players working to improve. Of note, Jack Roberts and Iacopo Di-Rico have been solid in their role as 1st pair, both working hard, particularly on the serving aspects of their game. In the face of adversity, this group of boys have played all their matches to the best of their ability, with a smile and a sense of humour, and have been fine ambassadors for the College.

The standout player was obviously Matt Green, but for work rate, determination and consistent progression, the pick of the bunch was Harry Milne.

There was some great support play from Cameron Ewins throughout the term, and if there were a prize for the player with the most potential it would be Theo Alexis. Charles Dalton deserves a special mention, since he rose from the C team to the A team, and he is clearly another player to watch for the future. All those who played for the lower teams played with enthusiasm and a sense of fun, and there is no doubt that they have all enjoyed their tennis season.
### CRICKET

**1ST XI**

**P17 | W7 | D2 | L5**

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Next, the annual fixture against the MCC produced a wonderful game which ebbed and flowed throughout the day. Bowling first, the 1st XI had the MCC 117 for 7, but an 8th-wicket partnership of 67 saw the visitors set a gettable 184. Another 3 wickets for Onslow-Wyld, well supported by Oscar Waite and Head, were the highlights of the bowling effort. Our reply started disastrously, and at 46/7 the 64/8 defeat was not far away. Only Head, with 21, batted resolutely. Then a wonderful partnership of 58, between O’Brien and Friay Savill, followed by Onslow-Wyld and Savill adding another 44, saw the target getting closer. Some outstanding bowling was repelled and the College ended up drawing the match 18 runs short, with Savill unbeaten on 44. For this determined performance he was announced player of the match by the MCC. Thoroughly deserved!

The following day saw a resounding victory for the College in the annual Founder’s Day fixture against the OEs. Batting first, the old boys were dismissed in record time for 52. Liam Head recorded the astonishing figures of 3-2-1-4. The winning runs were scored in the 15th over for the loss of 3 wickets. Tiffin posted a challenging 200, with O’Brien, Lawrence, Holder and Williams amongst the wickets. A really positive response saw the College achieve victory in the 28th over for the loss of 2 wickets. Braithwaite gave us a final glimpse of the player we know he can be. Williams with 86 and Ed Hughes’ 58* combined in a century partnership of 88 balls to take the XI to victory.

The Final three 50-over matches all finished incomplete due to the weather. The fixture at Trinity was abandoned without a ball being bowled. Rain the next weekend saved Epsom from defeat at the hands of Lancing College. Dismissed for 51 in a shambolic batting performance on a difficult pitch, the thunderstorm that appeared prevented a humiliating loss. Eastbourne posted 193 with Lawrence achieving his best
The final match of the season saw The Forty Club score 235 in 60 overs. Debutant Tom Usher was the pick of the bowlers, with figures of 7-1-35-2. Head also took 2 wickets in an excellent spell of 13 overs. Consistent batting throughout the innings, despite having 15 overs less batting, saw an exciting finish looming. Captain Brathwaite and Will Jenkins played positively, compiling a 65-run 8th-wicket partnership to get within 6 runs of winning. It was a thrilling draw, and an excellent way to finish the season.

To our leavers Harry Williams, Peter O’Brien, Isaac Brathwaite, Will Onslow-Wyld, Oscar Waite and Harry Roberts, a big thank you for all your support over the past three seasons. You will take some replacing! Many thanks to Matt Homes and Rob Young, who have helped me enormously with coaching and preparing the boys throughout the season. Thanks also must go to the ground staff, for producing consistently excellent pitches, and to the catering staff, who provide food that is the envy of every school that visits us.

Finally, many thanks to all of the parents who supported their sons at the weekends - we all greatly appreciate your presence at matches.

Mr N. R. Taylor
Director of Cricket

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COLTS COLOURS
Cam Head
Ed Hughes
Xavi Lawrence
Nial McNamara
Alex Rasmussen
Nat Rodger

2ND XI
P7 | W4 | L3

Following a very strong season in 2015 for the 2nd XI, and with a number of returning players being bolstered by players from the talented 5th Form, there were high hopes for the season. The team went off to a promising start with a 76-run win over KES Wimbledon, with Mitchell showing early season form with a barnstorming 59 and Rodger taking 4 wickets. However, against stern opposition in the next two matches, against Brighton College and Hurstpierpoint, the ineptitude of the middle order became more obvious, and both games, although competitive, were ultimately lost, despite some good batting from Turner and Savill and some accurate bowling from Knight. Epsom cruised to victory against Lord Wandsworth College in the next game, bowling the opposition out for 49 before knocking off the runs with the loss of just 1 wicket. Fine bowling again from Knight, supported by an increasingly dangerous and confident McNamara in his new role as an off-spinner, won the game for us, alongside some suicidal running between the wickets from the opposition. The somewhat erratic season continued with a narrow loss against local rivals St. John’s, where a low total proved impossible to defend despite another 3 wickets for Knight and some excellent bowling from Rasmussen. Captain Robert Davies did all he could in the field, but big hitting in the penultimate over took the game away from us. The final two games of the season were especially pleasing, with wins against Tiffin and Trinity. The Tiffin game was a real team effort, with good, accurate and dangerous bowling from McNamara (2-28) and Rasmussen (2-29), both in their first year of senior cricket, and tidy knocks from Turner with 36, Davies with 35 and Mitchell with 27 not out. The final game was a fitting end for two of the U6th boys who were playing their last game for the College. Wicketkeeper Piggot hit a sparkling 26 and captain Davies scored 27, ably supported by U6th former Turner, with 46 not out, as Epsom scored 142-6 from 20 overs. Tarbet (22-2) once again produced some effective and hostile bowling and, supported by McNamara, put Trinity on the back foot. After their top three batsmen had been removed they struggled to come close to Epsom’s score, ultimately falling 22 runs short.

Overall, there is much to be happy and optimistic about when reflecting on the season. Robert Davies captained the side very well indeed, showing a mature and thoughtful cricketing brain; he was always keen to learn and develop as a leader. The bowling attack was a great strength throughout, with all players contributing effectively. All of the main bowlers will return next year, some in the 2nd XI and some hopefully in the top side, which bodes well for the future. The batting was more erratic, and moving forward the returning players will need to aim for more consistency, and, particularly as this is quite a young side, will need to judge match situations more carefully. However, it was pleasing to see the growing maturity of the younger players as the season progressed, and it will be fascinating to see this progress next season. As for those who have played their last games for the College, we wish you well for your future, and hope that you will continue with your cricket in some capacity. It has been a hugely fun and enjoyable experience working with you this year.

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Mr. R. M. Wybertley
3RD XI
P5 | W4 | L1

This year, the 3rd team had obvious potential to do extremely well, and began encouragingly, restricting KC’s Wimbledon to 82 all out in the first match, with Harry Williams taking 3 for 11 and Giles Baker 2 for 3. After losing some early wickets in the chase, Webster steadied the ship with an unbeaten 63, but his 74 scoring 142 in 25 overs. Despite some poor running between wickets, we only needed 1 run a ball with 3 overs left and 4 wickets in hand. However, we lost our remaining wickets quickly and suffered our only defeat of the season in a game we should have won.

Away at Hurstpierpoint, we had another closely contested match. Playing 25 overs, Epsom managed to restrict Hurst to 29 for 6 off the first 10 overs with some excellent bowling from Usbor, who finished with 3 for 5 off 5 overs. But Hurst then fought back to finish with 113 runs. After losing 2 early wickets, a 34 from Toby Howarth and a 44 from Jack Candlish steered the ship. The tension mounted in the final 4 overs, with Epsom needing 25 to win. With Will Jenkins and Jonny Pollard at the crease, it went to 9 off the last 2 and then 4 off the last over. With tensions high, Pollard calmly smashed the first ball of the over for 4 – job done never in doubt.

Lord Wandsworth came next and Epsom dominated throughout, winning by 7 wickets in chasing down just 65 runs. Captain Tom Masters took 2 for 1, Williams 2 for 7 and Candlish 2 for 9 in an excellent wicket-to-wicket bowling performance. The team spirit and encouragement for each other was exceptional. In poor weather conditions, Epsom managed to smash 171-5 off 20 overs against St. John’s. Pollard scored a quick-fire 32 off 11 balls, Howarth 31, Davies 32* and Griffen also found form with 27* off only 11 balls. St. John’s had one star who made 66, but they were always off the required rate, eventually finishing on 155 for 6. The wickets were spread around, but Webster and Williams again were the pick.

The last game against Tiffin was a really great game of cricket, and the final game for the U6th – Masters, Williams and Pollard. A young Tiffin team gave it their best, but, ultimately, our strong batting line-up were able to accumulate runs too quickly. Pollard kindly offered his services as wicketkeeper for the opposition, and was particularly athletic in his effort to take a catch off a thick edge from Howarth. For Epsom, Pople starred with an impressive 50 runs from 31 balls before retiring. Williams opened the batting to have his first proper knock of the season, and managed a controlled 28 runs. Candlish then contributed a quick-fire 32 from 22 balls before retiring as well, and we finished with 182 for 4 off our 20 overs. Epsom were then equally clinical with the ball, bowling them out for 51. Candlish took 3 for 4 from 2 overs and Masters 4 for 10 from his 3 overs. It was a fantastic final match of the season, and all bodies extremely well for next season.

Mr. J. F. Stephens

U15 A
REGULAR SEASON
P7 | W4 | L3

DUBAI TOUR
P5 | W1 | L4

T20 CUP
P4 | W3 | L1

The season started with an Easter tour to Dubai, where the foundations were laid for the summer to come. There were good performances from a number of players and a victory over MCC Zayed Cricket Academy, Abu Dhabi, in what was quite a tough schedule. McCallum scored an unbeaten 79 in the high heat at Dubai College, but a slow run rate meant that the score was easily overtaken. Rumble and Fildes put on 149 for the 1st wicket in Abu Dhabi, then Townsend and Cooke took wickets between them to ensure an early finish. The rest of the tour gave the opportunity to practise, but the heat was too often a factor. McCallum, Keep, Rumble and Williams all scored 40s, and Townsend continued to take wickets.

A rainy Saturday against KC’s Wimbledon opened the summer season with a loss, but Epsom could ‘have won it. McCallum, with 77 not out, batted well, but a loss in the last over was disheartening. A loss to Brighton, due to some poor batting, followed, then the season turned. Townsend took 4 wickets against Hurst, and then Rumble (60) and Fildes (41) scored quickly to set up a win. The fielding, previously a weak area, was suddenly aggressive and determined, with good catches and stops the story of the day.

Lord Wandsworth were restricted to a low score mostly by Keep and Townsend, and Keep, with some good fielding and a good 45 runs, took man of the match. Another day at St. John’s and a tale of two Fildes – theirs scored more than ours in a tight game. Jepson and Rumble took 3 wickets each at CLFS and McCallum proved too good with 40 not out. Jepson took 3 more against Tiffin, and Keep, with 41, secured a good win.

The county T20 tournament showed the true potential of the team, and the first two rounds were negotiated comfortably. The Finals Day at Epsom put Epsom up against Trinity, Croydon, in the semi. Rumble scored an unbeaten 63 and was ably assisted by McCallum, Jepson and Williams put up 165. Tight bowling all round and some great fielding, especially by Keep and Williams, left them on 121. The final against Whgih was a tense affair, remaining close until the end. McCallum scored 51 and Rumble 25, but the 133 scored was passed in the last over.

Over the season McCallum and Rumble became more than capable all-rounders; Townsend and Jepson bowled well, and Keep, Williams and Fildes ably backed up the main bowlers. Concentration improved, and the most notable improvement was in the fielding – the tour and Friday late-afternoon sessions paying off royally. The catching of Keep, Townsend and McCallum was quite phenomenal at times.

My thanks go to Mr Neil Taylor for organising the tour, Mr Rob Young for helping on tour and, most importantly, Mr Matt Perrins for his great input throughout the season.

Batting Andy McCallum scored 490 runs at 49 average in 14 innings. Ably assisted by Lucas Fildes, Adam Keep and Elliott Rumble, who all scored at least one 50 each (Fildes 2) Bowling. Led by James Townsend, who took 27 wickets at a cost of 252 runs, an average of 9.33. Ably assisted by Anthony Jepson, Elliott Rumble and Andy McCallum.

Mr. G. R. Watson

Although only 2 victories were recorded during the season, many players developed their individual games significantly. City of London Freemens were beaten convincingly, by 9 wickets, but the highlight of the season was a hard-fought win away against Lord Wandsworth College. Having posted 117-7 from 20 overs, Epsom restricted the hosts to 98, Charlie Hodgson finished with figures of 4-1-9-2.

Ben Kelly was the highest aggregate run scorer, scoring 85 runs over the course of the season at a strike rate of 80.2. Josh Cooke and Ruairi Oliver were our top wicket takers, with 8 a piece. Finlay Price looked dangerous when he got the ball in the right areas at pace. Charlie Hodgson captained the team with increasing confidence as the season progressed and contributed regularly with both bat and ball.

Mr G. M. Hobbs and Mr M. W. D. Perrins

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EP SOMIAN 2015/16
Throughout the season the team developed into a cohesive and determined unit. The early part of the season was characterised by enthusiasm in the field but a lack of discipline with the bat. This led to us losing three of the first four fixtures. The boys responded by working hard in training to rectify weaknesses in batting technique, and, as a result, they started to bat with much more maturity in fixtures. Run totals increased, and these gave the excellent bowling attack significantly more runs to defend. Winning started to become a habit, and the team finished the season strongly, victorious in five of their last six fixtures.

Makeen Alikhan developed into an aggressive opening batsman, and he scored a superb 50 against Trinity School. Griff Grealis and James Webster were the pick of the middle-order batsmen, often scoring quickly with their powerful hitting. Charlie Richardson and Sam Kirby were a formidable opening bowling pair, bowling with pace and precision and often taking key wickets early in the innings. They were supported well by Zac Middleton, who bowled with unerring consistency, and Sam Calvert and Nilesh Raghavan, who troubled many batsmen with their spin variations. The team will, however, be remembered for their outstanding fielding displays throughout the term. Thomas Weane took a number of brilliant catches and Alex Ukrasin set the tone from behind the stumps. His lightning-quick stumpings and fantastic levels of encouragement were a highlight of every match. If this group maintain the positive attitude they have demonstrated this term, then they have the ability to achieve much success in future.

Mis-M. Auxton

Despite a mixed set of results, the season was marked by an excellent team spirit and some outstanding individual performances.

Mr L. C. Fisher
The boys experienced a rebuilding year in many ways (I seem to write this every year), as very few of the U6th played much volleyball before last summer. Where they surprised me is in playing a lot over the holidays, and suddenly we had a team. With most of the team training with Epsom Volleyball Club, improvements were noted throughout the year, and patterns of play were ambitious.

VOLLEYBALL

The Michaelmas Term brought some excellent play, but there were losses to Rikkyo and to the OEs, where they appeared to have more teamwork! As training had an effect, revenge was had over Rikkyo, as well as some comfortable wins over St Bede’s and Battle Abbey (with mixed teams). We played some wonderful volleyball at times, usually started by David Kong’s excellent passing, but inconsistency was never far away.

The girls built on last year’s efforts, with Cordelia Ng and Samantha Yu really coming to the fore, aided by newcomer Jamie Ng, whose court coverage and serve are particularly impressive. Rikkyo proved too strong again, but we had a good win against Putney High School.

The summer outdoor volleyball did not seem to get going as much this year – summer seemed to take a while to arrive. Epsom’s own tournament was the biggest for a few years, with 13 teams in total competing on a dry, but fairly cold, summer’s day. The Lyceé won both the boys’ and girls’ competitions. Epsom girls came second, despite beating the eventual winners, but they dropped points elsewhere. The boys and girls entered Ashcombe’s 4-a-side competitions, with some good days. The boys had some very strong club opposition to overcome, and were beaten by very good teams, and the girls overcame being a player short to come second. The big disappointment of the year was the Brighton Beach tournament being cancelled due to high winds and driving rain – just when it was going to be our year!

Mr S. Hibbit

GOLF

We say farewell to a fine crop of U6th students, who have given a great deal over the past five years. Don How Teo was an ever-present ‘force’ from his U4 year, and forged a great foursomes partnership with George Piggot. George improved more than any other player, and has such a terrific temperament for the game. Proof, if it was needed, was when he scored a remarkable 3 over par on the links, in Fife. It is a true links course, with many ‘blind’ tee shots, equally difficult approaches and tough undulating greens. There is no doubt that it is a challenging course for even the seasoned member, let alone for a pupil who had never played the course before – a truly wonderful achievement. But the biggest accolade goes to Oliver Noble, who has put so much of his time and energy into Epsom golf. He has captained the side for two years with passion, and been as determined a player as I have seen.

The start of the year got off to an exciting start by beating our local rivals Reigate 3–0 and then beating Kingston Grammar School in the first round of the HMC Fouraomes competition 3–0. The second round was against Reed’s School, effectively a golf academy, played at the very end of the Michaelmas Term. In a ding-dong battle we lost the game 2–1. The top par of Daragh Monaghan and Will Noble played brilliantly, defeating their international pair 2 and 1, Oliver Noble and Harry Marchesi lost to their strong second par, which left George Piggot and Don How Teo to try and bring home the victory. They both did remarkably well to par the last to take the game down the 19th, in near darkness. What a shame, therefore, that they could not continue their match-play toughness. The first extra hole was won by a par. Perhaps it was a game we should have won, and made it all the way to the national finals.

After all the excitement of the Michaelmas Term, the Summer Term passed relatively quietly, the highlight being a draw against Wellington College. Wellington is also a golf academy, and has a large number of boys and girls with single-figure handicaps or better, so great credit to their coach, Iain Henderson, who has always selected his team to match our own as closely as possible.

We will continue to develop the talent we have at the school, with a particular emphasis on the younger age groups. Two extra fixtures are timetabled against Reigate in the Michaelmas Term, and these will be supplemented by a continuation of the coaching sessions run by the pro at Epsom Downs, use of the excellent facilities at Horton Park and a continuation of the pre-season tour at St Andrews Links. I believe we have the systems in place now to nurture the talent and be competitive against all schools, even the golf academies.

Mr B. G. MacDowel

Major Colours:
Oliver Noble
Don How Teo

Epsom 125/16
SWIMMING

This year, the swimming team have performed consistently throughout. In early September, the senior boys travelled to the Surrey schools’ relay championships, where they were placed seventh in both the 4x50m freestyle and medley relays, a commendable achievement.

Later in the year, 31 swimmers travelled to Tonbridge to compete against a host of other schools in the Weald and Downland Trophy tournament. Although we returned with no overall wins, Max Hales demolished his competition to win the U14 backstroke in 33.60 seconds and the girls’ U16 freestyle relay team wiped the field.

The highlight of the year was the Bath Cup and Otter Medley, which took place at the London Aquatics Centre. For the 10 swimmers who competed, it was an incredibly momentous day and one that few school swimmers get to experience, and everyone swam exceptionally well.

During the final term, we had a few friendly meets against a variety of schools, such as Reed’s, Glyn and Cranleigh. These were good opportunities for the swimmers to compete against local competition, and across these galas we had many successful swims.

The boys’ inter-house swimming gala was won by Carr and the girls’ inter-house swimming gala was won by Crawford. The Rosebery M4s broke the 4x25m freestyle relay record (a new record of 65.7 seconds). The Senior Individual Trophy was awarded to Bradley Lim and Georgia McGrath. The most improved swimming trophy went to Lucinda Curtis, whose backstroke has improved massively throughout the year, she won the backstroke when she stepped up and swam in the St. John’s gala.

Overall, the swimmers should be proud of their performances this year, and we look forward to another successful year of swimming to come.

Georgia McGrath

MAJOR COLOURS:
Georgia Hutchings
William Hornby
FULL COLOURS:
Seb Dudley

COLTS COLOURS:
Sam Hughes
Natalie Ho
Finlay Savill
Charlie Taylor
Mark Halsall

FENCING

Under the captancy of Philipp Tereshin, the team had a good season, with matches against Tonbridge, St. Paul’s, Charterhouse, KCS Wimbledon and Glyn School. With a young squad, and fielding a mixed team often against all-male opposition, we had some creditable performances, including a draw against Worth and a win against Glyn School.

Notable achievements came from Athene Lucie, who won a silver medal in the Surrey women’s intermediate epee and Philipp Tereshin, who received a bronze medal in the Surrey novice foil.

Nick Flynn

JOE SHACKELL AWARD:
Philipp Tereshin
FULL COLOURS:
Philipp Tereshin
COLTS COLOURS:
Tom Howard

BRITISH FENCING AWARDS:
Thomas Howard L3 Foil
Rahman Mackie L2 Foil
Adan Guthrie L1 Foil
Bill Jackson L1 Foil
Thomas Cross L1 Foil
Isaac Chow L1 Foil
Justin Li L1 Foil
Alana Seitz L1 Foil
Lucas Cave L4 Epee
The Michaelmas Term saw some exhilarating squash, with numerous U19 boys’ matches. Although the 1st V squad narrowly lost to both Eton and Harrow, in very competitive encounters, their performances in the prestigious national competition were excellent, with the team winning the last match of the group stage, defeating Whitgift 5–0.

This followed on from successes against Charterhouse, Reed’s and RCS Guildford, allowing the College to finish the group stage in first position. As we entered the next round of this significant national competition, previous victories thus ensured a home draw against the forthcoming opposition, and this was a marked bonus for the 1st-team players of Alastair Green, George Piggot, Cornelius Lee, Josh Costain and Edward Bramworth. Indeed, it was delightful to enter the New Year retaining hope for further progression in the national! It was a splendid Michaelmas Term overall, also incorporating participation in the Neil Frankland tournament, with our 1st team finishing second and the 2nd string placing third, with the added advantage of allowing James Patterson, Giles Baker and Elliott Rumble some quality time on the courts.

The Lent Term also featured a range of fixtures, from the highly competitive U19 national cup fixtures to the more relaxed friendly encounters against the RAC. After an opening match against Trinity – in which an Epsom three of Cornelius Lee, Edward Bramworth and James Patterson won their encounters, in tandem with the U15 performances of Elliott Rumble, Raphael da Silve Zieger and Alasdair Good in the same fixture – the main event of the term occurred, the national cup match against St. Paul’s. This was a keenly anticipated encounter, as the victors would secure progression into the last eight. Although St. Paul’s proved too strong, and would eventually finish fifth in the country, the College put up an excellent show, and the team of Alastair Green, George Piggot, Cornelius Lee, Josh Costain and Edward Bramworth should be commended for reaching the latter stages of this national cup. The same team were also in the frame for the annual Roehampton (Division 1) tournament in March. Excellent victories over Tonbridge and Charterhouse, combined with competitive clashes with Eton and Harrow, ensured that the squad finished strongly and retained their position in Division 1 next year. It was a tremendous team effort, by committed and conscientious players; a measure of their success is gleaned from noting that the Roehampton final featured Eton vs Harrow, both of which experienced competitive matches against Epsom.

Doubles matches at the RAC have also become a regular Lent Term occurrence, and this season did not disappoint. The third annual Sunnybank public schools’ squash tournament, in which the College pairings of Alastair Green/George Piggot, Edward Bramworth/Cornelius Lee and Josh Costain/James Patterson participated in keenly fought encounters against squads from Charterhouse, Eton and St. Paul’s. The collective performance of the boys allowed them to finish second in the overall standings, an extremely worthy endeavour against opponents of a very high level. The RAC also generously hosted our annual students vs parents match, with a range of singles and doubles matches involving our 1st V, junior players, parents and RAC members. The RAC members shone through in winning the overall doubles fixture, although the players representing the College in the singles matches managed to just sneak home. The final boys’ match of the season involved a 1st VII against St. Bede’s School. With Epsom winning the tie 4–3, and the U6th players of Alastair Green, George Piggot and Edward Bramworth supporting the team to the climax, it was an excellent way to sign off on a very promising season indeed.

In addition to thanking our coach, Neil Frankland, and Messrs Johnstone and Fisher (our captain of squash since 2014), George Piggot must be commended for his wholehearted support and encouragement of his team members. Epsom College squash remains in a very good position as we contemplate the seasons ahead.

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Dr. M. A. L. Tod

MAJOR COLOURS:
Alastair Green
George Piggot

FULL COLOURS:
Alastair Green
James Patterson

COLTS COLOURS (RE-AWARDED):
Josh Costain
Cornelius Lee

BURRAGE CUP:
George Piggot

MOST IMPROVED PLAYER:
James Patterson

SENIOR CUP:
Alastair Green

JUNIOR CUP (M4/U4):
Elliott Rumble
The highlights of this season have seen impressive team wins at Sevenoaks and Epsom, and top-3 finishes in all but one match, reflecting the significant progress that has been made in this year. There have been some notable performances on both the track and in the field. Standout performers in the juniors were: Grace Crompton, in both sprints and long jump, who set a new 200m record (26.68 seconds); Isabel Evans, who set a new record of 1m 45cm in the high jump; and Melina Azizi-Ershadi, who set a new record in the 3kg shot put of 8.91m.

In the Inters, Sophie Gee ran 44.35 seconds in the 300m and Olivia Stillman set new records in all three middle distances: the 800m, 1500m and 3000m. Our jumpers had a superb season as well: in the triple jump, Ellie Cooke, Lottie Burton and Hannah Hughes consistently jumped beyond 10m, and Adahna Ekoku set a new long jump record with an impressive jump of 5m 50cm. Records continued to fall in the seniors: our captain, Portia Jennings, set new times in the sprints; as did Ella Witts in both the 400m and 800m and Lucy Marquand in the 1500m.

A total of 15 girls qualified to represent Central Surrey at the county championships, and particular mentions must go to Adahna Ekoku in the long jump and Olivia Stillman in the 3000m, who both represented Surrey at the recent inter-county championships and won their respective events, achieving national qualifying standards.

Portia Jennings, Ella Witts and Rosie Onslow-Wylde have maintained a strong presence and level of performance throughout the term, and excelled with their willingness to coach younger athletes at the competitions. Harriet Jennings must also be recognised for her commitment to athletics, despite being injured this season and unable to compete.

All four girls have contributed greatly to athletics over their time at the College, and they received their Major Colours accordingly.

Mr P. A. Burke
The boys retained both the Goddard and Gomme cups, as well as winning the Junior and Intermediate Shields at the district championships. Twenty-three boys qualified for the county championships in June. In co-ed matches, the combined boys’ & girls’ team were second in the Copenhagen meeting, at Wellington, and also the Brighton College meeting. The boys finished as the top co-ed school at the prestigious Lord Burghley meeting at Eton. Both boys’ and girls’ teams came first at the Sevenoaks’ school meeting. The boys also won the Cranleigh meeting at the K2 arena for the first time.

There have been some outstanding performances, including the senior boys’ 4x100m squad equalling the school record set in 1975, with a time of 44.3 seconds, and Jack Briggs breaking the U15 800m record.

Individuals who have caught the eye include several juniors: George Dignum in the sprints and triple jump, Gordon Chung in shot and discus, as well as Jack Briggs in the 800m. The senior team led the way, with Alex Baptiste-Wilson in the sprints, Edafe Sowole-James in triple jump, Babu Ocan in long jump, Logan Didier in javelin, and Jacky Liu in high jump, triple jump and long jump, turning in consistently impressive performances. Jacky ranked 13th in the country for triple jump after an impressive 13.85m jump at the K2 arena.

Mr M. A. Wolstenholme

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**BOYS’ ATHLETICS**

The College’s athletes have enjoyed a very successful season. Tuesday and Thursday training sessions were led by a mixture of Epsom staff and excellent external coaches, including former Great Britain internationals, and the boys responded impressively to their help and advice.

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**RESULTS FROM THE INTER-HOUSE ATHLETICS COMPETITION ON FOUNDER’S DAY.**

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**OVERALL:**

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Twenty-three boys competed for Central Surrey in the Surrey county championships at Kingsmeadow Stadium, Kingston, in June. Jack Briggs finished a close fourth, but broke the school record for the junior 800m, which had stood since 1970, setting a new time of 2 minutes, 8 seconds.

Mr M. A. Wolstenholme

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**MAJOR COLOURS:**

Will Goddard
Alex Baptiste-Wilson
Edafe Sowole-James
Babu Ocan

**FULL COLOURS:**

Harry Cooke
Will Horsey
Nick Long
Jamie Palmer
Logan Didier
Jacky Liu

**COLTS COLOURS:**

Alex Pembridge
Nikolay Paliyski
Doug McLean
Sam Gurney
Andrew Thomas
ROUNDERS

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2ND TEAM
P2 D1 L1

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The highly anticipated arrival of Lower-School students in September 2016 may have seemed to represent change for many current Upper-School students and parents; however, the existence of the 3rd and L4th Forms is not unfamiliar to the College. Interviews with Mr Pincus, an OE of the original Lower School, and Mrs Martineau, Head of the current Lower School, bring to life the history and future of the 3rd and L4th Form at Epsom.

In 1868, the school’s founding values of benevolence and excellence were to be extended to younger boys when the first Lower School was opened. Owing to the school’s success, it expanded in 1929, closing only as recently as 1966 because of financial difficulty. Mr Pincus attended the Lower School in 1955 together with about 30 other boys who were the sons of doctors. He remembers Hart-Smith, the current Art School, “was where we slept, ate and lived. Our day room, tuck room, library and dining room were on the ground floor and our dormitories on the first floor, where the Housemaster, the Rev’d Tarbet, also lived!” As all students were boarders and the teachers male, Mr Pincus’ fondest memories will differ significantly from members of the current Lower School. His nostalgia, however, for Sunday walks on The Downs or looking forward to post from family, in hope of a postal order for 10 shillings, which he could spend as pocket money in the town, nonetheless reimagine the same enjoyment and excitement the new intake will one day remember.

In 2016, the present Lower School opened in the Hart-Smith building, and although lacking a tuck room and dormitories, it is equipped with shining whiteboard desks, a fish tank and iPads. Although boasting a brand-new interior, the school is indeed rooted
in Epsom's influential past. The admirable figures of Lady Hutchinson, Glyn Hughes and Sarah Elizabeth Wardroper owe their names to the Lower School's three Houses, and will instil a motivational recognition of history in all the students. Mrs Martineau describes the Houses’ sense of identity as very strong, as students compete against other Houses in sport, competitions and in the ‘house-point race’. In this sense, the house system is very much comparable to the rest of the school, whereas pastoral care is delivered through the form tutors. There are further similarities in the Lower-School routine and the richness and variety of opportunity mirrors that of the senior school. Mrs Martineau believes the students are definitely as busy as the senior school students, and although they are based in the Hart-Smith building not a House, they still share labs and studios with the rest of the school. In fact, the role models who Year 7s have seen around school, holding doors open for them or helping them to find their way, Mrs Martineau finds really encouraging. She also believes a reason that the younger students’ introduction has gone so smoothly is a real credit to the kind of pupil Epsom produces.

In terms of competitions traditional to the Upper School, the Lower School is aiming to follow suit as well as create its own traditions. The year, the 3rd Form were in the audience of the Senior House choral competition, although they themselves do not have exactly the same competition, due to lack of preparation time and teachers who play the piano (although Mr Keat plays the trombone!). Instead, the Lower School enjoyed its inaugural Christmas Jamboree last December, which saw rich variety of talent and genre! Perhaps the most notable contrast between today’s Lower School and the school Mr Pincus attended would be the technology, in particular the students’ use of their own school iPads. Asked of the iPads’ influence on the Year 7s, Mrs Martineau preferred to describe the children as supported by their iPads in their organisation and education. Their lifestyle is made easier, she gives the example, by not having homework diaries, as everything is in one place, in addition to not having as many textbooks to carry. She said she has seen some really brilliant things in the classroom, so, educationally, the iPads have been extremely advantageous. Mrs Martineau emphasises the importance of reminding Lower-School students how to use technology professionally, and explains how mobile phones are taken from them at the beginning of the day to set the expectations of how technology is to be used.

Concerning future Lower-School events, there have inevitably been trips which were not quite possible to be introduced this year. As Mrs Martineau explained, there are plans being hatched for a trip at the end of Year 8, for the students to celebrate and reflect on what they’ve done. Mrs Martineau also confessed an aspiration to host a ‘College Crufts’ competition, which she envisioned as a charity event for Lower-School families and their beloved dogs.

Overall, Mrs Martineau was extremely pleased with the introduction of the Lower School. She expressed her enjoyment in teaching the Senior School and going from “feeling like you’re in a room with adults to returning to the 3rd Form. When you have a day dancing from one to the other, it’s a real privilege to have that kind of interaction.” This charm of the Lower School is no better expressed than through one of Mrs Martineau’s favourite Lower-School moments, when two fish-tank monitors suddenly burst into her meeting with the Headmaster, in order to exclaim, “The fish have had babies!”

Lara Wildenberg
Original interview with Mr Pincus by Sophie Rumble

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CLIMBING NEW HEIGHTS

The Geography Department is continuing to develop the provision of fieldwork both within the curriculum and as enrichment. In the M4, local fieldwork has been developed on Box Hill, the new 3rd Form will practise map skills during a mountain rescue exercise; IGCSE students will conduct several fieldwork excursions to London, the South Coast and locally; and the 6th Form will conduct a residential trip to the Jurassic Coast. Students are learning that the beauty of geography is in being able to put to the test the theories they learn in the classroom.

Twelve 6th geography students went on a week-long trip to Morocco, where they undertook a trek in the Atlas Mountains and experienced Moroccan food and culture first hand. The group spent the first day trekking from Imlil, a small village 1,740m above sea level in the Atlas Mountains, to the base camp of Jebel Toubkal, the highest peak in North Africa, at 4,167m.

After a night spent under canvas at the base camp, the next morning saw the students attempt to reach the summit of Toubkal, but, despite showing considerable grit and determination, blizzard conditions and 60 mph winds forced them to turn back just 500m from their goal.

Following their exertions on the trek, the party drove to the historic medieval city of Marrakech, where they enjoyed shopping in the souks, and then spent two days at Essaouira, a port and resort town on the Atlantic Ocean, where they were able to appreciate the fusion of Portuguese, French and Berber architecture, which frames the town’s maze-like streets. Camel riding and playing competitive games of tag rugby on the beach, and looking around the vibrant port, were the highlights of this part of the trip.

During their week in North Africa, the students learned much about the varying landscapes of Morocco – from the High Atlas fold mountains to the open Atlantic coast – and also enjoyed sampling Moroccan food, particularly tagines and the seafood, and meeting the local Berber people, the original inhabitants of Morocco. It was disappointing not to make it to the summit of Toubkal, but the conditions were against us. Many of the group are determined to go back one day and make it to North Africa’s highest peak.

Mrs A. Venables
Sicily

Nearly 60 students enjoyed bright sunshine for the duration of their stay, with a high-pressure system over Sicily and little wind, resulting in daily temperatures in excess of 35°C. We spent the first day of the trip visiting the ancient Graeco-Roman site of Taormina and its stone-carved theatre.

The next day was the toughest on the itinerary. After a boat trip out to the island of Stromboli, the group climbed 924m to the summit of the Stromboli volcano, arriving at the top as the sun set and staying for an hour to watch several large eruptions below.

The third day saw a visit to the island of Vulcano, with a tough climb in the heat of the midday sun to the top of a smaller volcano to see the crater. Despite much complaining, the group achieved their aim and were rewarded by a dip in the Tyrrhenian Sea.

Back on the main island of Sicily, the group visited Mount Etna, Italy’s largest active volcano, and enjoyed the cooler temperatures at over 3,000m. There was no walking on this occasion, as the party took a cable car and buses to the summit; however, there was an opportunity to explore some of the lava caves on the eastern slopes of the mountain.

The final day was spent doing water sports, including canyoning, on large tubes in the Alcantara Gorge – huge basaltic river canyons carved out of an ancient lava flow – and finally a visit to the action-packed Etnaland water park.
One of the most highly anticipated events in the College calendar, the Senior Dodd offers our most experienced public speakers the chance to talk on any topic of their choosing and challenge common preconceptions. This year, a particularly strong field of speakers delivered pithy and illuminating talks to an interested and appreciative audience.

It is not often at Epsom College that the merits of singer and songwriter Kesha’s sexism case against Sony will be debated alongside a passionate diatribe against the quality of mental health treatment in the NHS, but this is what makes the Dodd such an engaging competition every year.

The evening began with Emily Shanks discussing sexism and the music industry, before Nicolai Beloussov made a compelling case for the virtues of making science compulsory for all students until the age of 18.

Despite having no personal interest in the issue, Antonia Turner argued convincingly for the legalisation of cannabis, while Andrew Kersley spoke with great maturity and force on the often taboo subject of mental health. Tom Blackburn’s engaging speech combined evisceration and praise for Donald Trump, arguing that, for all his flaws, he had at least sparked a genuine debate about politics around the globe, and the evening was brought to a close by Seb Flatau bemoaning Hollywood’s reliance on reboot/remake/sequels, rather than promoting original ideas.

The tough job of judging fell to the Head of 6th Form, Mr Nick Russell, who praised all the speakers for their poise, excellent preparation and confidence. He awarded first prize to Andrew Kersley and second to Nikolai Beloussov.

Debating Society

Epsom’s debaters entered three national competitions this year and acquitted themselves very well. In the prestigious English-Speaking Union Mace competition, they defeated strong opposition in the first round, but lost out narrowly on a difficult motion in the second round to Wallingford School. In the Croydon Unites Nations Association competition, Seb Flatau and Cristina Thornton won their first round, but lost narrowly to Nonsuch in the second round. At the fiercely contested Oxford Schools’ Debating Competition, Epsom fielded two relatively inexperienced teams, who conducted their arguments well, but, unfortunately, did not make it to the next round.

Mr W. M. A. Burn
ART

Izzy Reid U6th oil on canvas

Tiffany Tang U6th oil on canvas

Florence Foster U6th oil on canvas

Andy Thomas 5th form Gouache on paper

Lauren Jeffery U6th oil on canvas

Sofia Chachindze U6th oil on canvas

Kirsten Scott U6th oil on canvas

Hamish Bantock U6th mixed media

Lily Upton U6th mixed media

Kirsten Scott U6th oil on canvas

Izzy Hammond U6th mixed media

Bella Smiley 5th form oil on canvas

Jack Pullous 5th form oil on canvas
HANDS ON

This year has seen another bumper crop of coursework projects using a wide variety of materials and a mixture of processes combining traditional with the most up to date. High-quality lighting and furniture were created at AS level. The standard was especially high this year, with all projects worth celebrating.

Aiden Findlay used the 3-D printer to create the brackets behind his delicate walnut-veneered leaves which enabled his standard light to be adjustable. Darren McCaghy utilised the beauty of solid walnut, waxed to perfection, to contrast with the brass fixture he turned to hold his side table with storage together, also using walnut-veneered panels. Yige Yang, a newcomer to the Department, managed to successfully manufacture a chair that would allow the sitter to be suspended within the frame. All three of these students were rewarded with a Gordon Russell design award, which invests in their future.

Previous Design and Technology award winner Logan Didier’s coffee table was an interesting move away from his love of traditional form after function approach, whilst Vicky Hui’s use of an infinity mirror genuinely added an extra dimension to her coffee table. Daniella Tawee’s first foray into Design and Technology resulted in a very useful, neat and well-made table.

GCSE projects once again provided students with an opportunity to explore various interesting design proposals. Jamie Muller, Nicol Fenn and Daisy Bamber finished some creative and thoughtful small storage units, whilst Beth Bartlett and Arina Bulantseva carefully researched their intended markets prior to developing their products for children. Larger projects this year included Niall McNamara’s guitar and music stand and a well-executed bench by Oliver Steafel.

Eleven U6th leave us this year, with nine of them aiming for places at top universities to study Architecture, Design or Engineering in the future. The progress they have made through the completion of projects over the years was evident throughout. William Butterfield’s card and ply chair that can be transformed into a low table; Jason Liew’s guitar pedal box with the glow-in-the-dark resin inlays; and James Blomfield’s speaker, which combined wood turning with brass and a support generated through a 3-D scan and CNC routing, exemplified the diverse range of outcomes possible from the Department. The standard remained high, and I was particularly impressed with the commitment to achieve high standards.

It has been a pleasure to work with individuals who will undeniably achieve success in the future and remain interesting individuals to follow through the course of their careers.

Miss A. M. R. Wickham
PHOTOGRAPHY
After touching down and arriving at the famous JFK airport we were able to see New York really well from the coach. We drove past Queens and got to see the many skyscrapers from a distance – many of us stared, amazed at the sight in front of us. After resting and settling into our rooms, we went on a tour of what some may consider the main event: the Empire State Building. Trekking up the last six flights of stairs to avoid queuing for the second lift to the 86th floor was a hard task; however, as we reached the top we felt elated at the sudden feeling of euphoria. We stared in awe at the panoramic view of New York City and enjoyed seeing the skyline at night, as every building was illuminated. It was a great start to the tour and an insight into what was to come.

The second day consisted of many more amazing adventures. After breakfast, we started our explorations on the subway, heading to Central. The highlight for most of us was the famous Central Park Zoo. We enjoyed seeing the seals meander through their pool and found the conservation of snow leopards incredibly interesting. We then finished off the excursion on a rock overlooking the park before watching the highly anticipated first show. The Crucible

Arthur Miller’s The Crucible is a play about a small village and how it deals with legal matters of an ‘invisible crime’ like witchcraft. The star-studded performance was outstanding, even managing to make some of us cry. Ben Whishaw was outstanding in his role, vividly conveying the internal struggles of his character. His performance was the cause of many tears, especially at the end, when he refused to tell a lie and struggled to be honest with himself, despite the fact that the truth would consequently result in his demise. The show set a high standard for the ones to come. Perhaps the most extraordinary moment was at the start of Act 3, when a lone wolf ventured onto the empty stage and went to three different places, each time looking up at the audience, as we made a collective gasp and felt mesmerised, yet disturbed, by this unexpected visitor. Disappearing quickly of stage, the wolf’s symbolic message remained very present and haunting, as the play’s dramatic core unravelled and the community was ravaged to pieces.

Next on the agenda was shopping in Times Square, before another show. For many students, Fuerza Bruta was the best part of the whole New York trip. Simply because we had never seen anything quite like it. The actors made the show stand out, and the pure energetic manner of the actors meant they were successfully able to get everybody involved from the moment the performance began and sustain the atmosphere right the way to the end. They used lots of different theatre techniques that most of us had never witnessed before. It definitely inspired us all to find new ways to express ourselves.

On the third day, it was time for our first ever workshop: the ‘Step By Step’ dance workshop, directed by Jeff Shade. It was an hour and a half of rigorous and diverse dance styles, which really put us through our paces and challenged us. We started with dance warm-ups and stretches and then went on to practising ballet-inspired steps. We finished off by learning a salsa musical theatre dance routine to ‘Anyway You Want It’, with everyone being able to pull off the choreography perfectly and with huge smiles on our faces.

After changing, we walked to the Hudson River, where we jumped at the opportunity to take a boat tour to see the Statue of Liberty before a visit to the Museum of Modern Art. In the museum, we were able to see a myriad of amazing artists, ranging from Andy Warhol to Picasso. Some of the 5th Form spent all of their time appreciating The Persistence of Memory, which was some people’s stimulus for their devised pieces. The next show we saw was called Fun Home, at the Circle in the Square Theatre. The use of coloured lighting and funny sounds made the piece extraordinary. After the long and tiring day, we were definitely ready for bed.

The next morning, we met in the lobby of the hotel and set off for our second dance workshop of the trip. This workshop was led by the incredibly charismatic Bethany Moore, who had plenty of experience on the Broadway stage. She taught us a dance from the opening number of her first Broadway show entitled Pippen. She taught us to put meaning behind our movement and, as the time progressed, everyone began to master the tricky choreography. After the dance from Pippen we moved onto a dance around a rap of ‘Microsoft’, from a production called Nerds. We learned the words to begin with, which wasn’t too much of a task as the song was very catchy. The moves were quick and fast, but we adjusted to the quick mannerisms of the dance. Splitting into three groups, we performed to each other, with mixed reactions from laughter to outrageous cringe. Bethany coached us through the dance incredibly well and explained everything with such simplicity that even the more complex moves became easy. We all give our sincere gratitude to Bethany for teaching us the dance, and will look back on our experience with fond memories. Sadly, we said goodbye to Bethany and hopped on the subway to go to Queens.

I would say that the Museum of the Moving Image was perhaps the most interactive and creative part of the trip. We started by looking around at exhibits of models for costume used in movies, for example, the original mould of Robbin Williams’ face, which was then turned into the mask of Mrs Doubtfire. We also did an activity where we added in our own sound effects and dialogue to scenes from famous movies, such as Jurassic Park and School of Rock, which was a lot of fun. Overall, the day was educational yet enjoyable. We then left to go and see the 9/11 memorial site, which was a deeply emotional place to visit. We arrived at the memorial site where there was a reflective atmosphere, as everyone paid their respects to those who died. We were left feeling very heavy hearted; however, it was an incredible experience.
In the evening, we were treated to a Broadway classic: An American in Paris. For those visiting New York and who love to watch talented dancers and singers, this musical is definitely worth a visit. The piece was filled with lyrical ballet dance routines which made everyone ooh and ah at the beautiful shapes the ballerinas were creating; we recognised some of the ballet and Fosse techniques we had encountered in our dance workshops, which made it more engaging for us. The use of projection to show where the scene took place was a standout feature among the group, as we felt this was a very creative way to change locations quickly and easily. The plot line kept us all on the edge of our seats in anticipation for Elise’s big decision. Overall, it was an extremely enjoyable performance.

Soon it was our last day, and some of the group were getting ready for their open call auditions. After attempting to cram every new article of clothing into our suitcases, we were ready to face our auditions. Dwayne Clark, who was in The Colour Purple, kindly offered us his professional advice. Four of us sang and six of us did monologues. The singers were given technical advice about their breathing and coached to show emotion and character through their songs. The actors were given different techniques to help understand and connect with their characters. After the advice given to each individual, he gave advice to everyone about how to approach auditions, including advising us to choose monologues and songs with characters we could relate to. Finally, an actor from The Phantom of the Opera performed a song for us, and then we had time for a Q&A session, where we discussed how they managed to get careers in acting and how they worked to achieve their goals. Although they made it clear that a career in acting requires hard work and huge dedication, the session was both helpful and inspiring.

We then made our way to Broadway to watch Jennifer Hudson in The Colour Purple. The story was heart-rending, delivered by convincing acting and extremely talented singing. Jennifer Hudson’s portrayal of her character (Shug Avery) was a standout performance, as she portrayed a confident, sassy woman, alongside Cynthia Erivo’s moving portrayal of the lead character, Celie. For many, the best character was Sofia. She was an independent, fierce woman who wasn’t afraid to stand up for herself. After the incredible show, we sadly went to the hotel to pick up our luggage and go to the airport.

However, when we exited the theatre, we were greeted with black limousines which transported us to the hotel. We all enjoyed the luxury that enveloped us, and most of us didn’t want to get out. Arriving at Newark airport was bittersweet, as many of us felt sad, but also excited, to be going back home. We were checking in our bags, and Miss Chandley surprised Anna, Sam, Fernando and Charlie with personalised birthday brownies. Each birthday girl and boy also had to do her classic three questions and speech—which were awkward yet hilarious. We had time for some last-minute shopping, and then we were on our way home from the Epsom College New York Drama Tour, the memories and friendships made from which we will savour for a long time to come.
operation wallacea

Both visitors and the resident team of scientists slept in tents on raised wooden platforms and hammocks. At the very start of our stay it was extremely wet, but the students quickly adapted to a routine that saw them accompany the scientists as they carried out their research, wading through mud on jungle transects or navigating down narrow waterways in canoes.

In the early morning, groups would set off before dawn to accompany the ornithologists as they used mist nets to catch and process some of the forest’s 550 bird species. Others would follow Sean, the mammalogist, as he searched for mammal tracks made overnight. Tracks seen included those of armadillos, giant anteaters and jaguars. In the afternoon, he would reveal the remarkable images he had captured on his carefully placed camera traps, including a stunning shot of a rare giant river otter and the first ever image captured of a jaguar in the region. We also learned which fragrance attracts big cats: Calvin Klein – Obsession!

The group also carried out four habitat surveys over the course of the week, with the data feeding into the project for applying for carbon offsetting schemes for the local Sani Indians and enabling Operation Wallacea to, alongside the scientists’ species data, lobby for conservation status for the region of Amazonian rainforest that we were working in.

There was an opportunity for a spot of fishing on the canoes in the afternoon, and various species of piranha were caught – but only when Vincent remembered the bait, of course! At dusk, groups would accompany Tamara as she caught, untangled and weighed some of the area’s 80 bat species – quite the challenge in the pitch black, knowing that a bite would mean a trip to the nearest hospital (many hours away)!

However, without doubt the most exciting excursions were led by Derek, an eccentric herpetologist, whose speciality was wrestling caiman – small crocodilians – from the water by jumping from a canoe which he manoeuvred alongside them. On an especially long walk into the forest, he also stumbled across the beautiful fringed leaf tree frog, normally found solely in the height of the canopy. This proved to be a popular candidate for photography.

After 24-hours’ continuous travel by plane and coach, 25 students and accompanying staff arrived in Quito for the night. After a further coach journey over the Andes, a speedboat journey down the Rio Napo and a canoe into the unknown, we arrived at Sani Lodge in north-eastern Ecuador – the most biologically diverse locality in the world.
After a fascinating week, we left the rainforest for the drier, warmer and far more luxurious setting of the Island of Floreana Island, in the Galapagos archipelago. This meant a long return journey to Quito, and an overnight stay in the relative luxury of a hotel, before a further onward journey by plane and boat. No one would dispute, however, that the travel was worth it!

The second week in the Galapagos was magical; the island was bursting with endemic species of giant tortoise, marine iguanas, blue-footed boobies, pelicans, sea turtles, penguins and, to everyone’s surprise, flamingos. The routine on the island was impressively organised, with land-based activities including a visit to Post Office Bay, combined with opportunities to snorkel in various locations around the coast. No dive proved disappointing, and it was a challenge to keep the prescribed distance from the wildlife. Sea turtles were everywhere as we swam, but, in addition to these remarkable creatures, both students and staff came unimaginably close to both penguins and sea lions.

As well as snorkelling, many went scuba diving, and bore witness to an extraordinary diversity of marine wildlife, with one lucky group seeing two hammerhead sharks. In the evenings, students attended lectures on topics ranging from marine biology and conservation of the Galapagos to more specific lectures by the dive scientists on their project work. Every night our group ate in the island’s restaurants, which served excellent food, and stayed in fabulous homestays; a far cry from the hardship of the jungle!

Sadly, all good things have to come to an end, and an exhausted band set off back to Heathrow via Guayaquil. Throughout the expedition the students showed an enthusiasm for the biology encountered and were a committed, adventurous and enjoyable team to take on expedition. Many thanks must be given to Dr. Rebecca Stone for giving up so much time to organise a trip of this scale and value, and to 2 i/c Mr Matthew Perrins, who accompanied us, for being such good company throughout.

Mr G. R. Watson
Keeping Good Company

Ye has certainly been an interesting and exciting endeavour. Each company member acquired a new-found understanding of the business world. We learned things that cannot be taught in the classroom, such as how to properly manage finances, lead a team, hold discussions with producers and assess the market. We were also able to learn how to properly manage our time, juggling our three weekly meetings with our A levels wasn’t easy, but allowed for a great lesson. Certainly, as managing director, I had to learn the best ways to approach the team and achieve our goals. My main target for the year was to not only achieve a substantial profit, but also leave the experience having entered some competitions, and hopefully win.

We started the year off deciding on our branding, logo and name. Despite the name Ellipsis being suggested within the first five minutes of our first meeting, after two weeks we decided that it was the one! After this initial stage, we assigned positions and weeks we decided that it was the one! After Ellipsis being suggested within the first five branding, logo and name. Despite the name profit, but also leave the experience achieve our goals. My main target for the year was to not only achieve a substantial the best ways to approach the team and achieving goals. My main target for the year was to not only achieve a substantial profit, but also leave the experience having entered some competitions, and hopefully win.

Having sold a few of the previous year’s barrel bags on Open Day, we set about creating our first product. This would be our varsity jackets, which were targeted towards the junior end of the school, after our market research team concluded that this was our target audience. These made some good sales, but definitely set our expectations in check. Around Christmas time we moved on to a Secret Santa idea, selling chocolates and delivering them to the students along with personalised messages.

These competitions were an interesting, yet also slightly stressful, experience, and I hope that Adam Cauer, Scott Davidson, Eva Smiley, Zena Gwir-Osuage, Azran Zabidi and Karman Wong know that we couldn’t have achieved our place without their assistance. Finally, came our last two products: the American football top and leavers’ hoodies. Despite months of ongoing deliberation with a producer on the correct colours and sizing of our American football top, they came out a triumph and were our most successful product. The leavers’ hoodies were a collaboration with Entity, the other YE company, and both Sophie Acción Barr and Billy Pople made great progress with their abilities to communicate with suppliers and negotiate deals.

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Company Report: Ellipsis

Led by our deputy managing director, Logan Didier, and me, Entity was able to achieve many successes throughout the year. At the start, our team found it incredibly challenging to come up with viable ideas, due to our low start-up capital of £300. The first investment we undertook was on the electronic products we sold on a pre-order basis. After doing some initial market research and negotiating a contract with our suppliers, we managed to deliver the products and earned enough profit to give us the flexibility to venture into our new ideas, which would prove pivotal to our future success. We later designed a Christmas-themed raffle and gave away an iPad and many other prizes. This was not an easy task, with many members putting in countless hours numbering the tickets and ensuring that we abided by the legislation formed by the local council.

Ably led by Lara Wildenberg and Mia Hodges, we were also able to distribute a live CD of the Epsom College Chapel Choir. We launched the CDs during the Christmas period as well, and we dedicated a part of our profits directly to UNICEF. Building on our success in the Michaelmas Term, we allocated a significant amount of time designing the College tracks. We wanted to make this product the highlight of our year. We spent several weeks contacting different suppliers until we found a supplier that matched our high expectations on the quality of the product and our detailed design requirements. The tracks ended up being our most successful product of the year, with two re-stocks needed to meet the demand. Following tradition, we finished off the year collaborating with the other YE company, Ellipsis, on the leavers’ hoodies. As before, we mainly focused on quality and design when discussing our proposals with various suppliers. The hoodies garnered very good reviews from the current U6th, which we are incredibly proud of.

Of course, all of this would not have been possible without the unparalleled support we received from our YE advisors: Mr Young, Mr Bell and Mrs Irvine, and the college staff. Mr Williams and Mrs Drinkall, throughout the course of the year. This whole experience has made us more aware of how real businesses are run and what to expect when founding or working in a company. YE has also left the entire company with many memories and experiences we will never forget throughout our lives.

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The purpose of the Society is to enable students to broaden their knowledge of the subject beyond the curriculum by organising talks from prominent individuals in the world of economics and business, encouraging contributions to the Society’s blog and having regular meetings where members can discuss issues relating to the subject.

The year started off with a lecture by Andrew Haldane, the Chief Economist at the Bank of England. Having previously been named one of the 100 most influential people in the world by TIME magazine, his talk – ‘Who Scared the Rocking Horse?’ – was much anticipated. Mr Haldane focused on the causes of the global financial crisis and the extraordinary effects it has had. Instead of economic and financial systems resembling a rocking horse, with resilience and underlying stability, he spoke of how modern, complex and highly interconnected economies are better described as a group of wild horses. Students benefitted from his expert insight when he answered questions about the world economy, such as the situation in Greece and the economic slowdown of China.

The Society also welcomed Sue Rasmussen, Managing Director at the Bank of America Merrill Lynch and Peter Hillyard, a commodities trading expert. Mrs Rasmussen gave a fascinating insight into the banking world and the modern history of markets, as well as possible future trends and how markets are irrevocably interconnected. Students benefited from his expert insight when he answered questions about the world economy, such as the situation in Greece and the economic slowdown of China. The Society also welcomed Sue Rasmussen, Managing Director at the Bank of America Merrill Lynch and Peter Hillyard, a commodities trading expert. Mrs Rasmussen gave a fascinating insight into the banking world and the modern history of markets, as well as possible future trends and how markets are irrevocably interconnected. She was later joined by Mr Hillyard, who helped to conduct a trading game in which members of the audience split into groups and decided whether to buy or sell fictional stocks, with the aim of making the most money. This was enjoyed by all those who participated.

The Society was also grateful for the time of Emeritus Professor of Russian History, Geoffrey Hosking, at the School of Slavonic and East European Studies, UCL. Professor Hosking gave an informative lecture on the history of trust in economics and financial services, and explained the history of economic systems and hypothesised about the reasons for the economic crash of 2007–2008.

Additionally, there were a couple of streamed lectures this year. The first was a tutor2u webinar by the Bank of England about the role and the importance of financial markets. The second was a streamed lecture organised by the Royal Economics Society, entitled “Does Starbucks Pay Enough Tax?”

Apart from gaining invaluable knowledge about economics and business from prominent speakers, the Society began to have discussions during meetings about current issues. Issues such as Brexit, the slowdown of China and Bitcoin were debated, and these were all run by Society members. With regard to the blog, the Society has seen fantastic contributions from Society members about topics such as nominal GDP targeting by central banks (Alex Bitzakidis) and cryptocurrencies (Joseph Kendal). Another new initiative undertaken this year was the Investment Club, for M4 students, to give the younger years the opportunity to find out more about markets. This was organised by Mr Gillespie with the help of a few members of the Society, who helped to advise the M4 students on how to make investment decisions.

Notwithstanding that, the Society was invited to attend the OE Property & Financial Services Society networking event, which took place at the Lansdowne Club, in London. Society members had the opportunity to make new connections with Old Epsomians in the industry and received useful career advice.

On the whole, it has been another successful year, and the Society looks forward to the future U6th taking over for the forthcoming academic year.

Emily Tan
Academic Enrichment

LORD ROSEBERY LECTURE SERIES

Looking to the Future

The Lord Rosebery series opened this year with an address from Rt Hon Chris Grayling MP. Chris reflected on his role in the House of Commons as its then leader. Main Hall was filled to the point of overflowing with students wishing to quiz Chris on why he had supported various legislation and worked to overturn other decisions. Chris spoke about how alliances were created to pass certain motions and how timetabling was vital if a certain piece of legislation was to make it through both houses and become law. Inevitably, the talk turned to the EU and whether the UK should remain or leave.

Later in the year we returned to this topic when we hosted a Brexit debate for local schools, where Rt Hon Chris Grayling MP debated against Rt Hon Tom Brake MP. With each speaker limited to two minutes on the floor for each question, both Chris and Tom were able to address a range of concerns felt by their young audience. Questions were raised about the impact of Brexit on the economy, legislation, state security and whether it would diminish the UK standing in the world. On a more personal note, students wanted to know how it would affect studying abroad, funding for research and freedom of movement for students wishing to travel in their holidays. A vote was taken at the end that should have rung warning bells, for all in the room seemed fairly evenly split between leaving and remaining.

Our second speaker of the year encouraged us to lift our eyes to the heavens and think about space. Prof David Southwood, the immediate past president of the Royal Astronomical Society of London, space scientist at Imperial College London, and Advisory Council member of NASA, gave an awe inspiring talk on ‘Happy Landings: Huygens at Titan and Philae at Comet Churymov-Gerasimenko’. David spoke about his work at the cutting edge of space science, and the room sat in silence listening as he played recordings of sounds from space. The haunting notes of wind blowing in space remained with all for a long time after the talk.

For our final talk of the year, it was a great pleasure to welcome back OE, Lord Carlile CBE QC FRSA, who as one of the country’s foremost legal experts has been at the forefront of shaping anti-terrorism legislation. Lord Carlile explored how legislation had evolved since the Second World War, and spoke of the asymmetrical nature of the war on terrorism and, therefore, the need to keep exploring new avenues to pursue terrorists whilst also being mindful of our rights. Lord Carlile invited the audience to vote on what they regarded as an extremist statement and then to vote again on whether the person who spoke that statement should be prosecuted – highlighting the moral dilemma between supporting freedom of speech and the right to be protected from extremism. Facing tough questioning at the end of his talk, Lord Carlile explored issues such as would we be safer staying in the EU, should Apple create a back door into its iPhones and should arrest warrants remain the preserve of judges or home secretaries?

My thanks go to Connor Norris and Zoe Olsen, who chaired the Lord Rosebery talks with great aplomb.

Mrs H. Hynd
ACADEMIC PRIZES

Academic prizes awarded at prize-giving on 1st July by Mr Dej Mahoney.

Subject Prizes

MIDDLE FOURTH PRIZES

Art
Ksenia Balatoni

Biology
Elizabeth Phizackerley

Chemistry
Andrey Ivanov

Computing
Evelyn Liu

Design Technology
Gunter Convertre

Drama
Madeleine Lodges-Malins

English
Isabel Evans

French
Anne Hindley

Geography
Alice Taylor

German
Jesse Lau

History
Jennifer Phizackerley

Latin
Adam Grant

Mandarin
Caroline Luscombe

Mathematics
Gina Houston

Music
Max Fryer

Physical Education
Jack Briggs

Physical Education
Tacy Williams

Physics
Jonah Drees

Religious Studies
Emily Fanou

Spanish
Jennifer Gebremeskal

John Proctor Prize for Academic Excellence
George Dignum

Audrey Evans

Elizabeth Phizackerley

UPPER FOURTH PRIZES

Art
Sophie Rhodes

Biology
Clerys Hancock

Chemistry
Tina Desvaux

Computing
Henry Ching

Design Technology
Cecilia Suddick

Drama
Saun McGrath

English
Amy Taylor

French
Revyn Cornelius Smith

Geography
Adahna Eldon

German
Norine Agipiana

History
Mackenzie Mally

Latin
Archie Badner

Mandarin
Mackenzie Mally

Mathematics
George Wang

Music
Shanmin Chu

Photography
Ellie Jackson

Physical Education
Ellie Cook

Physical Education
Adam Kep

Physics
Through Monaghan

Religious Studies
Henry Kahr

Spanish
Yana Stishchaka

John Proctor Prize for Academic Excellence
Adahna Eldon

Mackenzie Mally

Amy Taylor

George Wang

5TH-FORM PRIZES

Art
Philippa Horsey

Biology
Zoe Jones

Chemistry
Anna Tyndall

Computing
Kesia Lee

Critical Thinking
Jacky Lau

Design Technology
Kei Weirdens

Drama
Kitty Waterson

EFL
Jacky Lau

English
Miya Ingram

French
Naomi White

Geography
Charlie Parfitt

German
Emilia Lambis

History
Hugh Smiley

Mandarin
Caroline Luscombe

Mathematics
Makay-Anston Lee

Music
Teddy Hougherty

Photography
Lee Treadale

Physical Education
Hannah Hughes

Physics
Ollie Arons

Religious Studies
Cantos Magazine

Spanish
Ben Rodriguez

John Proctor Prize for Academic Excellence
Naomi White

Anna Tyndall

LOWER SIXTH PRIZES

Art
Sophie Askin Barr

Economics
Alexander Batsikakis

Politics & Government
Thomas Blackburn

Politics & Government
Tom Bodker

French, Music
Jodie Cluney

IELTS
Shane Chung

Business Studies
Scott Davidson

Design Technology
Aidan Findlay

Religious Studies
Sebastian Flatau

Business Studies
Joshua Galley

Mathematics, Physics
Brendan Ho

Photography
Kate Kombornikova

Chemistry
John Lee

Religious Studies
Christian Lim

IELTS
Jady Liu

Geography
Edward Long

Mathematics
Lucy Marquand

History, Spanish
Emma Morgan

Mathematics
Lynne Sue Ng

Physical Education
Jenie Ng

UPPER SIXTH PRIZES

Latin
Jennie Andrews

Photography
Cherith Bailey

Extended Project
Danielle Breedon

Chemistry, Physics
Ekaterina Birotsko

Business Studies
Aron Babban

Art
Sofia Chebatadjou

Economics
Harry Cooke

Religious Studies
Tobin Delan

Chemistry, Design Technology
Thomas Egan

Physical Education
Gabby Francis

IELTS
Tilodie Hsermonsou

Biology
Nicholas Ho

Mathematics
Harvey Jennings

English, Spanish
Perfar Jennings

Physics
Rawat Karaven

History
Andrew Kendle

Mathematics
Felix Kui

Computing
Timothy Leasure

Other Prizes

Gordon Russell Design Award
Darren McGeghey

Other
Aiden Findlay

Players
Yige Tang

Friends of Epsom College
Raphael de Silva Maglor

150th Anniversary Award
Harry Goddard

National Sporting Award
Neil Sanderson

Boys' All-rounder Sports Cup
Peter O'Brien

Epsom College Service Award
Ioannis Bitzakidis

Grits' All-rounder Sports Cup
Isaac Daddo

Brandes Awards
Camper Norris

Other
Harvey Jennings

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