

Chemistry: Top marks awarded to two pupils in Chemistry Olympiad

Monday 4 January 2010

RSC L6 Chemistry Olympiad 2009

Both Azim Daud (Ch) and Roland Poh (M) achieved 100 % in the recent RSC competition. Only 17 pupils of the several thousand taking part in this event managed this incredible feat.

They have been rewarded with a Certificate of Achievement, £25 prize and two RSC chemistry books.

3rd Form cellist gets a place in the National Children's Orchestra

Monday 11 January 2010

Jacob Owen (Ch, 3rd form) has won a place as a cellist in the National Children's Orchestra. He is a Burney (top) music scholar here at Shrewsbury.

Maths: Two through to 2nd round of the British Mathematical Olympiad

Monday 11 January 2010

Stephen Lilico and Jack Zhang (SH, LVI) both came joint 109th nationally out of over 1300 candidates in the first round of the British Mathematical Olympiad. They have qualified for the gruelling second round later this month which also lasts 3½ hours, but consists of only four (nearly) impossible questions.



The Hunt: Adam's Dash

Wednesday 13 January 2010

The Hunt's season got off to a very positive start on Wednesday with the three-way clash between RSSH, Wrekin, and Adam's Grammar. The course - in the picturesque woodland of Adam's grounds - proved challenging, with deep snow sapping energy out of all the runners. RSSH fielded a total of 20 runners from across the age-groups, all glad of the new squad kit to keep warm! There were some strong performances from our up-and-coming juniors, but it was in the Seniors that we showed our strength in depth. First home was Kris Blake in 4th place, then Cal Winwood in 5th place, gaining valuable team points in the absence of Huntsman Alex Mackay who was sitting an exam that day. The RSSH had a total of 6 runners in the top 10 (including Huw Vaughan-Jackson, Aubrey Higgin, Kit Schutzer-Weissman, and 4th former Alessandro Rebecchi). As such, it proved a comfortable victory, with a team total of 43 (second place were Wrekin with over 70 points), and the race therefore was a good statement of intent for the season ahead.

PJM



Fencing

Monday 18 January 2010

Some boys went to the West Midlands BYC Qualifiers this weekend and made it through to the nationals.

The results:

U18 BOYS FOIL - 3rd place Chris Williams

U18 BOYS SABRE - 3rd place Stephen Lilico

U18 BOYS EPEE - 2nd place George Lane-Fox (lost 13-12 in final)

All qualify for the nationals Sheffield in May. Many congratulations to them!

Also taking part but did not quite qualify:

Ali Webb (U16 Foil) & Jack Viljoen (U16 Epee - 5th place/ U16 Foil)



Football

Monday 18 January 2010

The Under 15A XI played two matches last week in preparation for their RS ISFA Semi-final against Repton School this Wednesday. They played the WBA Satellite Centre Under 16 team at the Sports Village and unfortunately lost 2-0, but this was good preparation against a strong outfit. They also played Thomas Telford School on drew 3-3. Two good matches to prepare them for next week.

The 1st XI enjoyed a comfortable 7-1 victory against RGS Worcester even after going a goal down in the second minute! Then followed an excellent match against Wrexham FC Under 16's on Saturday drawing 1-1. The Wrexham game was a very skilful affair and played at a tempo far greater than the 1st XI have been used to. These matches have again been very important as the 1st XI have a Boodles Semi-final match against Millfield on February 3rd.



Girls' Netball

Monday 18 January 2010

Home v. Moreton Hall

1st Team Won 23-11

From very little training, Shrewsbury dominated in their first match of the season. It took a little time to get going, with Shrewsbury two goals down in the first two minutes, but they soon found their stride and ended the 1st quarter 7-4 up. The 2nd quarter was outstanding, with Hannah Blofield and Lindsay Albutt scoring the majority of their shots, Shrewsbury were 16-7 up at half time. We continued to push ahead in the 3rd and 4th quarters and finished the game well. The defence were also strong and Annabel Brentnall was player of the match.

2nd Team Lost 4-24

Shrewsbury has never been able to put out a 2nd netball team before, so this was a first. With no team training and no recognised shooter, it was always going to be difficult and by half time we were unfortunately down 0-15. The team started to work better together in the 2nd half, and actually won the last quarter 4-3. The final score of 4-24 was disappointing, but it was good to see such an improvement as the game went on and so things can only get better!



Rugby

Monday 18 January 2010

In the first block fixture of the term, there was a set of mixed results against KES Birmingham. The 1st XV under-performed a little in a 26-3 loss, the penalty coming from the boot of fly-half Steven Barnard. It was a fairly tight affair throughout, however, KES scored two crucial tries during a sin-bin period in the second half. The 2nd XV, U16A & B, and U15A & B all lost. However, the U14A & B teams started the term well with good victories. Match summaries are below:

U16A

16As performed very well considering that this was their first outing and that they were up against a big powerful pack and some talented runners in the backs. We had some good spells and spent a good deal of time in their 22. A courageous first game and plenty of encouraging signs

U16B

KES 24 Shrewsbury 7. The 16Bs, a side which included many players who had never trained together, showed great character in their 24-7 defeat against a King Edward's side who had been playing together since September. After conceding two first half tries they made a storming start to the second half, scoring a converted try and threatening a second but unfortunately could not sustain the pressure. An encouraging performance all round, with Will Halliwell and Ed Thomason particularly standing out.

U15A

KES 25 Shrewsbury 5. Lack of game time was the key difference between the teams. The longer the game went on the stronger and more confident Shrewsbury became. Initially the forwards were out rucked and the backs out thought but gradually the tables turned; indeed the Shrewsbury scrum was dominant from the start and took a number of balls against the head. With a little more of the 'rub of the green' the game would have been much closer. However a positive start against a team that has only lost 2 of its games this season.

U15B

KES 30 Shrewsbury 5. Even 1st half but failed to secure much possession in the 2nd half and were continually on the defensive.

U14A

KES 0 Shrewsbury 17. The U14 A got their season off to a fantastic start, with an impelling victory over KES Birmingham. It was impossible to tell that the opposition had been playing for a whole term, as the Shrewsbury boys came out firing on all cylinders, displaying fantastic attacking play that KES just could not keep up with. Indeed, running, flowing rugby was the order of the day for the Shrewsbury boys, and if it had not been for some end of move handling errors, the score-line would have been even higher. As it was, the forwards worked tirelessly in the loose to drive the opposition off the ball and gain plenty of possession for the backs to work with. With a superb half-back combination working well together, the linkage was superb, allowing the backs to play with flair. A great start to the year, then, certainly we will look for more promising results throughout the season.

U14B

KES 0 Shrewsbury 21

Scorers: Tries-Harrison, Bedson 2. Conversions: Bedson(3)

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Sportswear deal signed for September 2010

Monday 18 January 2010

Shrewsbury School have agreed to use Kukri Sports as our main sport and teamwear supplier from September 2010 onwards. This agreement has been reached following a lengthy tendering process involving many of the leading teamwear suppliers in the UK. Shrewsbury School feels that Kukri Sports will help us to take Shrewsbury sport from strength to strength, ensuring that our pupils look smart, feel prepared and professional from training pitch to fixtures. Shrewsbury School Kukri sportswear will be available in the School Shop from May / June 2010 onwards.

19 Oxbridge offers for 2010

Monday 18 January 2010

University offers are coming in thick and fast at the moment, but we are delighted to report that we already have 19 Oxbridge offers, 5 from Cambridge and 14 from Oxford.

The first intake of girls into our Sixth Form in 2008 account for six of these places, on courses as diverse as Engineering and Experimental Psychology.

Each candidate is assessed on their GCSE and AS Level results, their predicted A Level results, and they all undergo a pretty rigorous interview as well, so it is a huge achievement to win the offer of a place.



RSSH: - Success at the County Championships in all our races!

Saturday 23 January 2010

Shropshire Schools Cross-Country Championships

Thirty-two runners were selected to represent the Hunt at the annual County Championships, this year held in Oswestry, and for the first time in its history, a girls team donned the RSSH vest, breaking with over 175 years of tradition! Last year, we returned with the Junior Boy's trophy, and so were looking to emulate the successes of that performance, and hopefully improve upon them.

In the Senior Girls race, Alice Brett, Annabel Brentnall and Lucy Birt led the team from the front, with Alice finishing the race in 5th, thereby earning automatic County selection. The team did themselves proud, and it was a delight for all when they found out they were runners-up in the team event, taking home silver medals in this, their first ever outing. The future looks promising for The Girls Hunt.

Our intermediates were up next, and without team captain Simon Jones (chest infection), it was going to be a tough race, and we were going to have to rely on the younger runners to step up to the mark. Yet what a performance it was from the team, with 5th former George Mallett putting in a gutsy performance to finish 6th, again earning himself county selection. Our three other counters (Alessandro Rebecchi, Alun Vaughan-Jackson, and Seb Pope, all 4th formers), fended off the opposition with grim determination, finishing in 7th, 9th and 12th respectively. Our team total of 34 was a comfortable enough margin to ensure a quite clear team victory, and for the first time since 2004 the boys lifted the Intermediate County Champions trophy.

The Senior Boys event was one of the most exciting races seen in recent years, with a lead pack of six runners coming through the first two laps with nothing between them (including three RSSH runners). For a long time, it looked very tight in the team event, with Adam's Grammar's four counters looking strong. However, those Hunt vests kept pushing forward through the positions, and by the end of the race, we had 6 runners in the top 10 (and our next four runners all in the top 16). With Huntsman Alex Mackay taking the individual silver medal, and our next counters coming in with 4th (Cal Winwood), 5th (Kris Blake), and 8th (Guy Vernon), a team total of 19 was a margin of victory that demonstrated sheer dominance in the end, and the team lifted the Seniors County Champions trophy, with all four of our counters having gained county selection.

It looked good for a treble, with a strong group of young RSSH Junior runners. However, just 200m into the race, one of our runners was 'spiked', and had to retire from the race in agony. One lap in, another of our runners (winner of the New Boys' Race no less), was also forced to retire after jarring his knee going down one of the hills. As such, it was always going to be a tough ask to try and retain the trophy, though the boys gave it their very best efforts. Particular commendation must go to Otto Clarke (whose 5th place earned him county selection) Freddie Hill (11th) and Toby Harvey-Scholes (13th). Unfortunately, our team total of 63 was only enough to earn bronze medals (in itself a fine achievement). Frustratingly, however, the winning

total was 62, just one point away! A disappointment in many respects, but you can be sure we'll be back to win that trophy next year.

The Hunt looked a dominant force today, and returning with two team trophies, one team silver, and one team bronze (and let's not forget the five runners selected for the county on the basis of their performance), it is quite clear that the RSSH is a force to be reckoned with.

My thanks go to the other team managers on the day (TRF; JMS; JMMB), and for all their support in the preparation of these runners for this event, and the rest of the races this season.

[PJM]



Fives: vs Wolverhampton GS

Saturday 23 January 2010

vs Wolverhampton GS - SATURDAY 23rd JANUARY

WALKER (cpt) & BLOFIELD 12-5 WON

L.RANDS & C.RANDS 6-12 LOST

BLOFIELD & L.RANDS 12-6 WON

WALKER & C.RANDS 6-12 LOST

RESULT 2-2 DRAW

U15 Pairs

Pair 1 MILLER & CHRISTIE 12-14,12-6,12-3 WON 2-1

RESULT 1-0

U14 Pairs

Pair 1 JACKSON & BLOFIELD 12-2,9-12,12-8 WON 2-1

Pair 2 GITTINS & SHAW- TAYLOR 12-1,12-1 WON 2-0

Pair 3 COLLINGS & ROBINSON 12-0,12-3 WON 2-0

Pair 4 HOLROYD & PLATT 12-3,12-5 WON 2-0

RESULT WON 4-0

RESULT - PLAYED 9 WON 7 LOST 2

vs Monday Club (7 pairs) – SATURDAY 23rd JANUARY

Pair 1 THOMASON & HUDSON-WILLIAMS 3-12, 3-12, 6-12 LOST 0-3

Pair 2 TSE & SALMON 7-12, 3-12, 12-7, 7-12 LOST 1-3

Pair 3 B.JONES & N. MORJARIA 5-12, 4-12, 7-12 LOST 0-3

Pair 4 WANG & WELTI 4-12, 5-12,14-12, 12-5, 9-12 LOST 3-2

Pair 5 LEWIS & LEACH 12-3, 12-7, 12-9 WON 3-0

PAIR 6 COLLINGS & DRUMMOND-MORAY 12-14, 12-14, 12-14 LOST 0-3

Pair 7 K.MORJARIA & FLOWERS 12-5, 12-7, 12-6 WON 3-0

RESULT - PLAYED 7 WON 2 LOST 5



Rugby

Monday 25 January 2010

Shrewsbury 1st XV vs Wirrall Grammar School 1st XV
5-10 LOST

An improvement on Saturday's underachievement against KES Birmingham, however there is still a lot more to come from this talented side. The loose and tackle area was very "loose" all game, and it was apparent early on that the back rows were going to have a huge bearing on the game. Wirrall unfortunately won that battle, getting their hands on the ball or spoiling what could have been good possession for Shrewsbury. All too often Shrewsbury turned over the ball to Wirrall in promising positions, and worryingly from scrummage too. James Barlow scored Shrewsbury try (a charge down); he was outstanding all game as was hooker Eoin Bentick.

Shrewsbury 1st XV vs Adams Grammar School 1st XV
8-16 LOST

In Adams' final 15-a-side match of the season, Shrewsbury were keen to avenge the two defeats in the previous seven days. On a beautiful crisp afternoon, both sides produced an excellent game of schoolboy rugby, commented on by spectators, both neutral and more partisan! The game swung one way and another in the first half, finishing 6-3 to Adams at the break. Shrewsbury continued their excellent defensive organisation from where they left off on Wednesday, but started to win more and more ball as the game went on. Tom Ledingham scored Shrewsbury's try to get the score to 11-8, though soon after Adams' hit back with a second of their own to seal a hard fought win. A performance to be more proud of, and a win is surely around the corner, injuries permitting.

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Trinity College of Music awards a distinction in pupil's saxophone Diploma

Monday 25 January 2010

William Shaw of Churchill's Hall, a music scholar in the Lower Sixth, has been awarded a distinction in his saxophone Diploma from Trinity College of Music. He is aiming to take his Diploma exam on the trumpet later this year. William is hoping to study music at Cambridge.



Badminton

Monday 25 January 2010

Shrewsbury vs Concord College

Concord College rather caught us napping on the day that the gym became available again, and consequently gave us a very stiff test. Strong in all four doubles partnerships, they won the match by 10 games to 6, with their top boys' pair and top mixed pair both winning all 4 of their games. Our first pair of Roland and Nikhil did well to win two of their games confidently, and narrowly lost the other two, whilst the pairings of Azim and Kieran, and Jirapas and Lela, also recorded two good wins from their 4 games. Jirat and Fon played well but couldn't quite get to 21 points before their opponents..! Overall it was a well-fought match, and we are looking forward to the return - when we are less rusty...!

Shrewsbury vs Wrekin College

The badminton team had another very enjoyable and satisfying match against Wrekin College, with the two boys pairs all scoring straight victories, and the mixed pairs coming away with an honourable draw. Led by Roland Poh, the team showed good desire and played some sensible and skilful badminton. Jirat and Jirapas were impressive as a pair and in the consequent singles, and Roland and Azim prove equally compelling to watch. Lela and Chanon played comfortably and with real (uncharacteristic?) aggression at times, and Fon and Awin showed real determination to also come away with one win and one loss. Altogether it was a good afternoon.

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Squash

Monday 25 January 2010

1st V vs Bromsgrove School

Won 4-1

Victories for Rupert Salmon, Will Briggs, Ambrose Cheng and Ed Green against Bromsgrove School.

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Success in the Royal Society of Chemistry's Quiz Competition

Monday 25 January 2010

Four boys (two each from the fourth and fifth forms) Chris Williams (I), Dan Hurcomb (I), Matt Davies (M), Sam Watts (SH), came out victors in a closely fought battle against Ellesmere College in the 1st round of the Royal Society of Chemistry's Chemistry Quiz Competition. The final score ended 36-31 to Shrewsbury.

Our opponents in the next round are Sir Graham Balfour School, Stafford on Tuesday 23rd February in the SLT at 1800 hrs (timing approx.) with the same team. Success in this round would secure our place in the regional West Midlands final at the University of Birmingham in mid-March.

The Royal Society of Chemistry's Quiz is the largest academic competition for lower school chemists in the country.



RSSH

Monday 25 January 2010

The Hunt continued in their winning ways with a strong performance at Saturday's East Midlands Independent Schools League meet at Oundle. We were only able to field six runners on the day due to the coach weekend, the minimum number of 'counters' required, but it was a strong six who took to the field for the 5 mile race. Whilst a number of our runners had an off-day (two due to illness, one due to dislocating his toe just moments before the race), all 6 counters positioned in the top 20 (out of 60 runners from some of the top schools in the country), with Alex Mackay leading the way in 5th place. Our team total of 72 points puts us at the top of the league (with two more fixtures to come), though only 3 points ahead of Uppingham (local rivals Wrekin scored 157...)

Alex Mackay (I, U6th) 5th place

Kris Blake (S, L6th) 6th place

Kitt Schutzer-Weissman (PH, U6th) 13th place

Pete Schutzer-Weissman (PH, U6th) 14th place

Huw Vaughan-Jackson (Ch, U6th) 16th place

Cal Winwood (I, L6th) 18th place

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Netball

Monday 25 January 2010

Shrewsbury 1st Team vs Kings Chester - Won 23-22

After a good win last week, Shrewsbury were feeling confident going into the game. However, an early injury to Lindsay Albutt left the team short of a shooter, so things weren't as easy as originally thought. It took a while for Shrewsbury to get going and the score was 4-4 at the end of the first quarter. Shrewsbury managed to pull away a little in the 2nd quarter, but Kings came back strong in the 3rd and had an outstanding final quarter. A very close match, and not a particularly great performance, but still a win for the 1st team - 23-22. Becky Corkill was player of the match.

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Fives

Monday 25 January 2010

vs KES Birmingham

U16 Morris & Bunting LOST 12-14 & 9-12

U15 Bromley Davenport & Richards LOST 7-12

Stott & Jackson LOST 1-12

U14 Gittins & Harvey Scholes LOST 11-12, 11-12

Warburg & Marques LOST 8-12, 12-9, 10-12

Peel & Hulse WON 12-6, 12-3

Holroyd & Quirk WON 11-14, 12-8, 12-11

Robinson & H-Scholes WON 12-1, 12-0



Football

Monday 25 January 2010

U15 ISFA Cup Semi-Final

Our under 15 team played Repton in the semi-final of the Rensburg Sheppards ISFA Cup. The game was fiercely contested and very evenly balanced. The score at full time was 1-1, Max Pragnell equalising for Shrewsbury after Repton had taken the lead. The game went into extra time but no further goals were scored. Unfortunately Shrewsbury lost on penalties and Repton go onto the final next month. A good game but Repton were the stronger team having two very experienced central midfield players.

The 1st XI played Codsall Academy on Wednesday 27th January. Their Academy team is made up of several boys who were previously at professional clubs. They were capable of playing good football but the Shrewsbury School side were too quick and generally too strong. We took the lead after 15 minutes and from there on we controlled the game without pressing too hard in order to score more goals. George Curtis scored the only goal of the game from an Ed White cross.

Oxbridge French

Monday 25 January 2010

We are delighted with the success of two of our French pupils who have gained places at Oxford and Cambridge:

Frank Collings has a conditional offer to read French at St. Edmund's Hall, Oxford.

Sam Lawley has a place to read French and Italian (Modern and Medieval Languages) at Homerton College, Cambridge.

French: The Cambridge Pre-U

Monday 25 January 2010

It is particularly pleasing to note our first university places since the introduction of the Cambridge Pre-U, which is much liked by staff and pupils, offering the proper study of Literature and culture and grades above those available at A Level.

Cricket: U15s presentation of The John Beswick Team of the Year Award

Tuesday 26 January 2010

Shire Hall, Shrewsbury

Shrewsbury School's U15 team were awarded The John Beswick Team of the Year Award for becoming the National 20 20 champions at Headingley in September 2009.



RSSH: Wrekin Dash

RSSH vs Wrekin/Bedstone/Lucton

Fresh off the successes of Saturday's County Championships, the RSSH were out again in force this Wednesday at a low-key meet in the grounds of Wrekin College. Adopting a Chelsea-esque squad rotation system (!), we decided to rest a number of our runners (including 7 out of our 1st VIII) due to forthcoming important fixtures.

However, the 2nd VIII and Development Squad runners stepped up to the challenge, and wore the Hunt vest with pride, putting in some strong demonstrations of grit and determination. Particular mention must go to 4th former Alessandro Rebecchi (Ch), who was our first counter in, placing 3rd. With five of our six counters in the top 10, the Hunt emerged comfortable victors once again, scoring 36 points (10 points ahead of 2nd place Wrekin). [PJM]

- 3rd Alessandro Rebecchi (4th, Ch)
- 4th Aubrey Higgin (L6th, O)
- 5th Kit Schutzer-Weissman (U6th, PH)
- 6th Alun Vaughan-Jackson (4th, Ch)
- 7th Pete Schutzer-Weissman (U6th, PH)
- 11th Tom Cousins (5th, PH)
- 14th Will Spencer-Jones (5th, PH)
- 15th Freddie Hill (3rd, Rt)
- 16th Hugh Nugent (4th, SH)
- 17th Toby Harvey-Scholes (3rd, R)
- 30th Ken Ma (3rd, SH)



Creative Writing: Visit of Janice Galloway

Friday 29 January 2010

On Friday 29th January eight Salopian writers attended a creative writing master class with highly-respected Scottish novelist, Janice Galloway.

Janice Galloway has published several award-winning novels. Her most recent book, the autobiographical *This Is Not About Me*, was the Scottish Mortgage Trust Book of the Year (non-fiction) and was serialised on BBC Radio 4.

The previous evening, the author held an evening of words and music at the Ashton Theatre, where she read excerpts from her book 'Clara' on the lives of one of classical music's most fascinating couples, Robert and Clara Schumann. Her readings were interspersed with the Schumanns' music, performed by Iliana Grosse-Buening (MSH) and John Moore with bass-baritone Jonathan May, a widely-experienced international concert and operatic soloist.



RSSH: East Midlands Independent Schools Cross-Country League

Saturday 30 January 2010

Oundle

The EMISCC League may not be one of the Hunt's key targets for this season, but nevertheless, we felt it important to put out a strong team in this, the first of the three league fixtures. Falling on the coach weekend, however, our options were somewhat limited, and as such, we were reliant on the boys giving up their own free time to race.

Nevertheless, we were able to field a strong six runners for the 5 mile race, though without the depth of non-counting runners that normally can be relied upon. Huntsman Alex Mackay led our group of RSSH runners with his usual quiet determination, and came home in 5th, closely followed by Kris Blake. Cal Winwood had been in the lead group of six, but following illness this week, dropped back in the final lap to place 18th, our final counter. Huw Vaughan-Jackson also had a bad run, with a painful Achilles injury hampering his race progress (though his 16th place out of a field of around 100 runners was certainly commendable). A similar injury problem nearly arose when Kit Schutzer-Weissman managed to dislocate his toe on the morning of the race, and even five minutes before the race got underway looked doubtful whether he would get to the start line, let alone make it around the course. However, he battled on, and came home in a very strong 13th position, one place ahead of his brother Pete.

With all six counters placed within the top 20, our team total of 72 places us at the top of the league, though only 3 points ahead of Uppingham. We aim to come back hard this Saturday in Welbeck, where we hope to flood the field with our strength in depth. [PJM]



Ex-Shrewsbury Student writes and conducts his first opera!

Monday 1 February 2010

Ben Cox (M 2002-2007), who is currently in his final year at St Catharine's College Cambridge as Organ Scholar, has just conducted the world premiere in Cambridge of his brilliant first opera based on the life and death of St Catharine, entitled *Sursum Corda*. It was a wonderful occasion, very well attended and extremely well received and represents a huge achievement by Ben.

As well as Ben conducting, the evening also was directed by **Matt Lim** (SH 2002-2007), the lighting designer was **Sam Grainger** (SH 2004-2009) and the central piece of scenery, the dreaded Catharine Wheel itself, was constructed and made by **Gareth Jenkins**, a dear friend to the school who has helped with magical illusions and staging in our musicals at Shrewsbury since the mid 1990's. A truly Salopian occasion in Cambridge.

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Rugby: 1st XV vs Altrincham Grammar School

Monday 1 February 2010

Won 13-0

At times, Shrewsbury produced some of their most attacking and promising play of the season in this match. James Gregson scored a brace, one in each corner in the first half, and despite lots of pressure in the second half, and Altrincham not really entering Shrewsbury's half, the XV failed to capitalise with unforced errors common. Nonetheless, the XV are an improving side with more 15's and 7's to come after half term.



Fives: Shrewsbury U16s winners of The Northern Festival Competition

Monday 1 February 2010

The Northern Festival Competition at Shrewsbury School Sunday 7th February

The highlight of a great weekend of fives at Shrewsbury School's renovated and updated courts was the U16 pair of Henry Lewis & Stephen Leach (Sam Welti substituted in the Final) winning the Festival Competition.

For the first time in recent history the school entered 14 pairs of boys from the U6th, L6th, 5th & 4th forms. The experienced gained from playing in this adult tournament is invaluable in our preparation for the National Schools Tournament at Highgate in late March.

In the 'Main' event 6 pairs of senior boys went head to head with the best players in the country. 1st Pair- George Thomason (Capt) & Jack Hudson Williams together with 2nd Pair Jason Tse & Rupert Salmon both progressed to the last 16 , each falling at this stage. Both pairs played well but the first pair caught the eye of many experienced supporters when they took a set off the nationally rated 5th pair. All pairs were a credit to the school.

In the 'Festival' our boys excelled; here we entered 8 pairs and, of those, 5 progressed to the last 16. After that 4 pairs progressed to the quarter finals - Pair 1: Henry Lewis and Stephen Leach, Pair 2: Connor Jones & Matthew Lam, Pair 3: Max Pragnall (Subs Dudson & Stykes) & Kieran Morjaria & Pair 4: G.Ellery & Will Miller. Pairs 1 & 4 then made it to the semi finals where Henry Lewis and Stephen Leach stormed into the final with a 3 sets to nil victory. In the final against a strong and experienced adult pair (Welti substituted Leach) they fell one set down but played strongly to eventually win 2-1 and cap off a great weekend of fives.

Detailed results to follow.



Old Salopian musician appears in "An Education"

Monday 1 February 2010

Tom Rees-Roberts (M 1992-1994) has just appeared in a Cameo role as a musician in the Bafta nominated film "*An Education*", with screenplay by Nick Hornby. Tom was a sixth form Music Scholar here at Shrewsbury, before going to the Royal Northern College of Music and then on to a post-graduate course at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama. He has played in many West End Shows as a trumpeter, including *Gerry Springer The Opera* and *Billy Elliott*, as well as frequent appearances on TV shows in the orchestras for programmes such as *Strictly Come Dancing*. Tom is also a member of the Guy Barker Big Band and is much in demand as a session player in London and further afield.

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Netball: 1st V vs Wrekin

Monday 1 February 2010

Lost 33-5

This was always going to be a difficult match. Wrekin went through to represent Shropshire in the West Midlands and reached the final earlier this year. Shrewsbury were a little off the ball in the first quarter as Wrekin dominated, but they soon found their stride and made Wrekin work hard in the 2nd half, with Shrewsbury actually outscoring Wrekin in the first half of the 3rd quarter. A really good performance (certainly an improvement on the previous week's performance), but against superb opposition it was only ever going to go in one direction. Player of the match: Hannah Blofield.



Hampton Head - J14

Monday 1 February 2010

The J14 squad had to switch plans and head to London in order to find strong opponents for their first competitive race in octuples. Two crews travelled to Hampton to race on the Thames against 23 crews from many of the top rowing schools in the country - truly a term's worth of fixtures in one day! The trip turned out to be well worth while. Both crews raced brilliantly with our heavier crew winning the event 12 seconds clear of runners-up Borlase, and our lightweight octo finishing in 10th place - ahead of many 'A' crews and just 30 seconds off the winning time. Both crews were also singled out for praise by the organisers for their boat-handling skills, on and off the water.

With the National Junior Sculling Head (sculling equivalent of the Schools' Head) just a few weeks away, Saturday's results provide a welcome boost to our preparations.



Two Old Salopians are rowing across the Atlantic

Monday 1 February 2010

Two Riggites - Charlie Marlow (1995-2000) and Matthew Mackaness (1994-1999) - are taking part in a transatlantic rowing challenge. They are one of 30 teams competing in the challenge and are currently almost halfway across the 3,000 mile Atlantic route from the Canary Islands to Antigua in the West Indies, having set off on 9th December 2009.

Chartered Surveyor Matthew (28), who lives in London, rowed for our first VIII and has considerable experience in the sport. Charlie (27), is now a solicitor based in the capital, and has participated in various charity events before, but none as demanding as rowing the Atlantic Ocean. *"This is a once in a lifetime that will really test us. The whole project will be something that we will always remember as being a great adventure,"* he commented.

The duo have been preparing for the event since 2007 and are rowing a specially-constructed 23-ft fibre glass boat which has been designed to withstand waves of up to 40ft and carries all their supplies on board. Money raised from their adventure will go to Brain Tumour UK and Shrewsbury House, a community and youth centre in Liverpool which has been supported by Shrewsbury School for over 100 years. See '[Riggs to Rule the Waves...](#)' for more information. Their former housemaster at Shrewsbury School, David Aston, commented: *"They were young men who could be completely focused on and committed to demanding activities and they both had a vision for the world outside - visits to Shrewsbury House would certainly have helped this. So it is perhaps not such a surprise to find that they are prepared to tackle an immense physical challenge to raise money for these two important charities."* Matthew and Charlie are still in urgent need of donations to reach their target. Donations can be made through their website, www.atlanticrow.com, where their progress can be viewed and they can be contacted via satellite text messaging.

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Debating: Cambridge Union Schools' Debating Championship

Wednesday 3 February 2010

Charlie Straw (S, 5) and Nick Lawley (S, L6), took part in the second round of the Cambridge Union Schools' Debating Championship. They had qualified for this by winning the West Midlands round last term. They unfortunately did not qualify, but acquitted themselves well against competition from schools in the whole Midlands area.

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Rugby: 1st XV vs King Henry VIII School, Coventry

Wednesday 3 February 2010

Lost 14-18

On a very gloomy Wednesday afternoon in Coventry, the 1st XV produced a lacklustre display, pipped by a dogged, yet limited, Henry's outfit. Shrewsbury failed to fire all afternoon, and despite two well taken tries from blind-side flanker James Barlow, Henry's fly-half particularly pinned Shrewsbury back either with kicks from hand, or from the floor with some fine place-kicking (taking advantage of Shrewsbury's rising penalty count). Unfortunately, this slowed down the XV's encouraging season, where one felt a win was very much around the corner.



Boodles ISFA Semi-Final

Wednesday 3 February 2010

Shrewsbury v Millfield WON 7-6

Shrewsbury School 1st XI football team travelled to Millfield School for the semi-final of the Boodles Cup. After drawing 3-3 with Millfield last term, the Shrewsbury team were not daunted by the prospect of playing a side with a fine record in recent seasons (3 finals in 4 years). On a wet but decent surface, we started the game very brightly, playing at a high tempo and having the better chances in the first half. In the second half Millfield changed personnel and their formation – it was effective and we took time to adjust. Millfield had greater possession of the ball but they failed to cause our defence any real problems.

Chances were few and far between and the game moved into and out of extra time.

Penalty shoot outs are very cruel and indeed an unsatisfactory method of resolving an important game of football. Shrewsbury won the shoot out 7-6. George Barker saved and David Lloyd scored the winner, to spark the celebrations of both players and travelling supporters.

It was a fantastic day for our players and supporters and we now look forward to the final against our friends Repton on Thursday 11th March at MK Dons.

Please see our announcement on 23rd February for details of travel and tickets to see the game.



RSSH: King Henry VIII Relays 2010, Coventry

Wednesday 3 February 2010

The biggest race of the RSSH season is always the annual Coventry Relays, which is essentially the Nationals as far as schoolboy running is concerned, with over 40 of the country's top schools entering teams into the 6x 2.3mile race.

Having finished a disappointing 23rd last year (albeit with a young and inexperienced squad), our target this year was to reach the top 10, and Severn Hill flyer Kris Blake got us off to an excellent start by placing us in 11th by the end of the first leg. Over the course of the race, we flirted with the top 10, at one point even soaring into 8th position at the end of Cal Winwood's leg (our fastest of the day). Unfortunately, we couldn't quite hang on in the final stages of the race, and finished in 11th position at the end, tantalisingly close to our target. However, this was a significant improvement from the previous year, and in fact led to the squad being awarded the John Vickers' Cup for Most Improved Team, our third trophy of the season thus far. Indeed, the team also beat a number of top schools (including local rivals Adams Grammar, Millfield, Harrow, Uppingham, and Rugby), and certainly did the Hunt proud. [PJM]

Leg 1 Kris Blake 12.48

Leg 2 Huw Vaughan-Jackson 13.05

Leg 3 Cal Winwood 12.43

Leg 4 Alex Mackay 12.55

Leg 5 Alessandro Rebecchi 13.29

Leg 6 George Mallett 13.44

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Debating: English Speaking Union's Public Speaking Competition at Moreton Hall

Friday 5 February 2010

Arman Shrinayan (SH, 3), Henry Dashwood (SH, 3) and Lawrence Arnold (M, 3) took part in the English Speaking Union's Public Speaking Competition at Moreton Hall. This is the first time that Shrewsbury have entered the competition and they spoke very well on the topic "This House believes that the public should opt-out of organ donation rather than opt-in."

Senior Team Mathematics Challenge - national final

Friday 5 February 2010

David Kell (SH, U6), Galane Luo (S, U6), Jack Zhang (SH, L6) and Stephen Lilico (SH, L6) represented the school in the national final of the Senior Team Mathematics Challenge, which took place in London in early February. The boys finished 8th among the 70 participating teams! Over 900 schools had previously entered the regional heats.



Football: 1st XI and 2nd/BXI matches vs Liverpool Ramblers

Saturday 6 February 2010

The 1st/A XI travelled to Liverpool on Saturday to play the Ramblers - arguably the oldest amateur football team in the country. We played very well on a narrow pitch and were unlucky to concede 2 goals in the first half. The first was one of the best own goals I have seen and the other followed some very indecisive and generous defending. We did have 80% of the possession and we scored two well constructed goals to draw the match 2-2.

The 2nd/B XI were comfortable 6-2 winners! The scoreline was slightly flattering however and many more goals could have been conceded in what was a very open game.



RSSH: East Midlands Independent Schools League- Welbeck

Saturday 6 February 2010

After being presented the John Vickers Cup for Most Improved team at the Coventry Relays on the Wednesday (essentially the Nationals as far as XC relays are concerned), a slightly depleted squad went to Welbeck on Saturday for the third in the series of the East Midlands Independent Schools League. At Oundle in our previous outing we had placed 1st Senior team, three points ahead of Uppingham, though we were unable to attend the first event at Wellinborough (where a strong Welbeck team laid a solid foundation in their campaign) due to a clash with the County Champs.

Our seniors ran strongly, working together to secure low points for the team, with Cal Winwood heading the team finishing in 4th place. Unfortunately, Huntsman Alex Mackay had to drop out on the morning of the race due to a sickness bug, and would have undoubtedly lowered the team's total even further. However, the team did enough to win the Seniors event on the day, though again only three points ahead of second place (Welbeck in this instance). Uppingham were 7 points behind the Hunt.

The final event of the league takes place the first Saturday back after half-term and looks set to be a clash of the titans between the Hunt and Welbeck.

We also entered a Colts team this time round, and despite two of our best runners unavailable, the four counters placed 3rd with 34 points, with Alun Vaughan-Jackson finishing in 3rd place overall. Particular commendation must go to 3rd formers Otto Clarke (7th place) and Freddie Hill (14th place), competing in a race against very strong 5th formers. Seb Pope was our other counter, finishing in a strong 10th place.

[PJM]



RSSBC: Maiden Victory for the Women's Novice Eight

Saturday 6 February 2010

Wycliffe Big Head

The Girls approached their first race with high expectations, a degree of excitement and a bag of nerves. Having only rowed together for 2 weeks as a selected crew, a commitment to each session was evident. Significant progress at each session was noted by the coaches, as was a developing crew personality.

It is fair to say that the girls executed their best efforts. From the evening before where they came together for a crew supper, and impeccably turned out kit on race morning. The crew took the challenge head on. A hugely significant event for a completely novice crew! The task? Simply to put into practice a rhythm, and sustain a pace, for up to 20 minutes. Exactly that. Each and every crew member pushed their personal boundaries (a personal highlight for me) to cross the line a mere 2 seconds ahead of their much more experienced opposition. They fought for every stroke, commanded entirely by the Cox, Polly Richardson, and did not give an inch. It is this quality I believe will enable the girls to achieve great things over the coming years, and one in which cannot be 'trained' so easily.

Congratulations go to the crew of (from Left to Right in above photo): Helena Smye, Sarah Birt, Alice Brett, Eila Purvis, Molly Derbyshire, Aislin Currie-Jordan, Polly Richardson (cox), Lucy Birt, Abi Miller.



RSSBC: Wycliffe Head

Saturday 6 February 2010

Due to the cancellation of both major events last term the Wycliffe head last Saturday, became an important event in this years Rowing calendar. All the boys and coaches were ready for a good hard duel to set out our stall for the racing season. As it turned out everyone was happy with the results.

Starting second in the field our 1st VIII, with three J16's on board, quickly came through Kings School Worcester and with a clear run of the course romped home to finish first in the event. Although we would have expected to win the event, the 42 second margin of victory over Radley even bought a smile to the Head Coach's face!

The 2nd VIII too put in an impressive race only being beaten by Radley 1, they came well in front of all the other 1st VIII's to win their event.

The 3rd VIII also won their event, beating Radley 2nd VIII. The J15's had a good row to come 4th from eight.

In the afternoon the J16's had a run for the first time and were disappointed to be behind Radley 1st VIII; they did however, manage to beat all of the other first VIII's, a fine effort.

All in all a very satisfactory day!

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Debating: The International Competition for Young Debaters at Solihull School

Sunday 7 February 2010

Two teams from Shrewsbury competed in the first round of the International Competition for Young Debaters at Solihull School. Shrewsbury A team was James Halliday (G, 4) and James Humpish (SH, 4). Shrewsbury B team was Alex Moore (G, 4) and Ben Gould (G, 4). The teams took part in three debates on topics as varied as the war in Afghanistan and civil disobedience. Both teams did well, and Shrewsbury A qualified for the ICYD Final to be held at the Oxford Union next term. In qualifying they are following in the footsteps of Xavier Greenwood (Rt, 5) and Charlie Straw (S, 5) who also qualified for the final round last year, which was held at the Cambridge Union.



Girls' Hockey - an overview of last season

Monday 8 February 2010

It has been a fantastic season for girls' hockey. They made it through two rounds of the county cup to represent Shropshire in the Midlands and compete against some of the top schools in the area, many of which have had established girls' squads for a number of years. To do this in only our 2nd year is a phenomenal achievement.

We started the season well with a warm up 7 a-side game against Shrewsbury High School which we won 4-1. This positive and determined start continued throughout the season and the 1st XI were unbeaten in all school fixtures, thus demonstrating their strength throughout the county. This included wins against Moreton Hall, Oswestry and Ellesmere College.

We also have pupils selected for the Shropshire County Hockey Team in Lois Davis and Annabel Brentnall. This involves representing their county in a number of fixtures including Midlands tournaments, which is obviously on top of all their school commitments. It is actually the 6th year running that both girls have been chosen for the county team - a fantastic achievement. Well done.

For a great, unbeaten season and continued effort and high quality performances, School 1st's are awarded to:

Alice Walker
Elle Gurden
Ellie Hill
Portia Hibbert
Kelly Berber

NJT



Fives: v Westminster

Wednesday 10 February 2010

Overall result: Shrewsbury WON 18-3

Seniors Pairs

Won 2-1

J.Tse & L.Wang 15-11 12-6 12-6 WON 3-0

S.Leach & H.Lewis 12-15 9-12 12-4 12-4 12-13 LOST 2-3

M.Lam & C.Jones 12-4 9-12 13-14 12-7 14-10 WON 3-2

Under 16 Pair

Won 3-0

R.Mucklow & K.Morjaria 12-4 12-6 13-12 WON 3-0

G.Williams & W.Miller 12-4 12-4 12-7 WON 3-0

S.Bunting & E.Grant (& Ellery) 12-5 7-12 12-4 13-11 WON 3-1

Under 15 Pairs

Won 6-1

E.Lloyd & E.Christie 12-11 9-12 11-12 8-12 LOST 1-3

H.Bramley Davenport & J.Doyle 12-0 12-0 12-1 WON 3-0

D.Wells & C.Pearce(& Chirayus) 12-6 12-8 9-12 9-12 12-10 WON 3-2

A.Jackson & H.Flowers 8-12 12-10 12-1 12-1 WON 2-1

H.Blofield & C.White 12-2 12-1 WON 2-0

12-13 12-5 12-5 WON 2-1

Robinson & Marques 12-0 12-1 WON 2-0

Under 14 pairs

Won 7-1

Gittins & Warburg 12-6 12-9 WON 2-0

12-8 12-1 WON 2-0

Peel (Brown) & Harvey-Scholes 12-10 12-0 WON 2-0

10-12 12-6 12-9 WON 2-1

Hulse & Shaw Taylor 13-14 12-8 7-12 LOST 1-2

Collings & Holryd 13-14 12-4 12-4 WON 2-1

Kidson & Owens 12-2 12-0 WON 2-0

12-10 12-7 WON 2-0



Fives: Ladies Championship Eton College

Sunday 21 February 2010

The Upper & Lower Sixth girls took part in the Open Ladies Championship at Eton on Sunday 21st February. Dressed in their new fives shirts all the girls performed admirably and made great progress during a very busy day.

Competing in these championships is a major part of the girls' development towards the National Schools at Highgate in late March.

The 1st pair of Alice Walker & Hanna Blofield were outstanding in their group matches. A notable victory over a strong Cambridge University pair took them to within a victory of a quarter-final place. But a narrow defeat to another Cambridge pair saw them play in the 3rd place group where they were eventually placed 2nd placing them 10th overall.

Lucy Rands and Alice Brett played with great enthusiasm throughout the very long day and improved beyond recognition. The cut with skill and success but could not get enough cuts up to compete with the more experienced women's pairs.

Caz Rands and Lyndsey Albutt won their final match after 7 previous defeats and in winning that match illustrated the improvements that they had made throughout the day.

All the girls were a great credit to themselves and the school for their spirit, tenacity and effort.

1st Pair A.Walker (US) & H.Blofield (LS) 10th

2nd Pair L.Rands (L6) & A.Brett (L6) 15th

3rd Pair L.Albutt (U6)& C.Rands(U6) 19th

All the girls are now charged with practicing hard in the build up the Schools National on March 25th.

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Netball

Monday 22 February 2010

1st Team: Shrewsbury 14 - Bromsgrove 37

Shrewsbury we beaten by are well practiced Bromsgrove team. The game started evenly with Bromsgrove winning the first quarter narrowly 9-5. From here though Bromsgrove went from strength to strength, using a zone marking technique that Shrewsbury found difficult to deal with. With this, Bromsgrove were able to extend their lead. Shrewsbury kept fighting until the final whistle, but unfortunately were beaten by a better, well-trained team. Player of the match was Lois Davis.



Football: w/c Monday 22nd February

Monday 22 February 2010

The 1st XI had a comfortable 6-1 victory over Liverpool College on Wednesday. Robbie Williams and Roy Chatterjee both scored hat-tricks as we returned after the half term break fit and confident. The win could have been by a far greater margin had it not been for the Liverpool goalkeeper who made several outstanding saves.

The 2nd XI drew 3-3 with Idsall in a Shropshire Schools League match.

On Saturday the 1st XI played against Wrexham FC under 16's, this is a repeat of the match played just over a month ago. We lost the match 4-2 but it was just the test we needed in preparation for our forthcoming Cup Final. The game was played in an excellent spirit and at a far greater tempo than we are used to. We played well, created many chances and were a little unlucky not to score more goals.

The second XI played against the Old Salopian Vets and drew 1-1, a tough game for both sides.



Rugby

Monday 22 February 2010

1st XV

Shrewsbury 18 Bablake School 17

A tight affair from start to finish, unfortunately disrupted by a nasty rib injury to James Barlow, the Shrewsbury blind-side, which subsequently meant that a change of pitch was necessary. Late on in the second half, excellent continuity and subtle hands from the Shrewsbury centres led to a well-finished Alex Collins try to seal the one point victory.

Shrewsbury 5 OSH 17

Three lapses cost Shrewsbury in an otherwise tense and stop/start match, against a well-drilled OSH XV who have enjoyed a good season. OSH seized upon a ball shooting out of the back of the scrum, as well as one moment of ill-disciplined defence to go 17-0 up at the break.

Shrewsbury then defended resolutely in the second half and took one of the few chances from either side to win the second half by a score, with a fine individual

U16a

Shrewsbury 10 OSH 15

An excellent game of rugby, played in great spirit throughout. Shrewsbury took the lead through a Will Mason penalty, but then conceded a sloppy try. Will Mason then intercepted in the centre and ran 60 metres to score under the posts to give us a 10 - 5 lead. Poor tackling led to Swinford's second try and the levelling of scores. There then followed a period of 20 minutes of hard fought and entertaining rugby from both sides before Swinford finally broke through to score, but missed the kick. Shrewsbury fought back well and spent the final 5 minutes camped on the Swinford line but frustratingly could not get the final break through. By far and away our best performance of the season and every member of the side played well.

U15a

Shrewsbury 8 OSH 15

After a slow start when Shrewsbury conceded two early tries the home team picked up the pace and responded with a try from Max Pragnall. Shrewsbury gave a committed and determined performance and despite conceding a third try, they continued to up the pace. Matt Gregson kicked a penalty from the half way line to put more pressure on OSH.

The final result was disappointing as Shrewsbury looked to play the more expansive rugby and certainly showed the better defence in the second half.

There is better to come from a physically small yet highly effective team; several of whom are looking to extract some revenge on Repton this Saturday.

U15b

Shrewsbury 19 OSH 5

After a tough match mid-week, numbers were somewhat depleted through injury for what was billed as the toughest match of the season. With regular skipper Alex Norman on crutches, Oliver Kemp made a stirring effort in leading by example. Shrewsbury dominated the play from the off, playing cohesively and effectively in defence. The forwards were quick to take the



momentum, driving the ball closer and closer to the opposition's try line. Any OSH play was quickly closed down, though it took 10 minutes for Pete Sittichaivijit to cross the line and put the first points on the scorecard. Expert kicking from Jonny Morgan added the conversion. By the end of the first half, the forwards had again won every scrum and ruck, giving John Andre the chance to take the ball over the try line.

The second half saw a more composed OSH, which put Shrewsbury on the back foot. Too many unforced errors resulted in three penalties in quick succession, with the inevitable opposition try coming shortly afterwards. Shrewsbury then started making use of width, with some inspired play from Oscar Heap and Ken Barnett. When their handling met the mark, Shrewsbury were unstoppable; Alex Styles added the last score of the game with a fantastic break that demonstrated the great support work done by Rob Cross and Oliver Kemp. A well deserved win.

U14a

Shrewsbury 19 OSH 24

As a traditionally tough fixture, against a very well drilled outfit, I was extremely impressed by the performance from the U14s last weekend. It is always difficult playing teams that have played rugby since September, with their extra training and match practice, but each boy in the U14s showed heart and commitment to push Old Swinford all the way to the end whistle.

The first half was very tight affair, real end-to-end stuff as each side battled for supremacy. Shrewsbury were very composed, however, and started to link an excellent running game together. This resulted in a fantastic flowing move, which sent Stuart Brown over for a try – half time, we were 5-0 up.

The start of the second half, though, was where the game was lost. Whilst Old Swinford came back all guns blazing, Shrewsbury were left to count the cost of sloppy defence, with weak tackling enabling the opposition to rack up four tries in quick succession. Staring down the barrel at 24-5, however, the Shrewsbury boys pulled together, and woke up. This was the first time that they had faced a determined opposition all season, certainly a team with a potent attacking force, and it is down to great leaders throughout the team that we started to claw our way back into the game.

Stuart Brown scored a fantastic try from an interception, timing his run perfectly to score under the posts; followed quickly by Ivan Sanin, who no-one will stop with a one-on-one situation! The score quickly 24-19.

With one try between the teams, a real scrap emerged to the end of the game, but with tired bodies, it was difficult to put enough clean phases of play together to reach the try lines.

A real epic encounter ended in defeat, but there is no doubt that the boys will have learnt a huge amount from this weekends game – not the least that an organised defence is vital.

U14b

Shrewsbury 36 Oswestry School 25; Shrewsbury 37 OSH 5

The U14B team had 2 games this week. On Wednesday they faced a physically very strong Oswestry team. Although Oswestry scored first Shrewsbury came out on top with a very good

36-25 win. On Saturday the U14B's had a much more comprehensive and convincing win, 37-5, against Old Swinford Hospital with B Dobbs (RT) scoring three tries and L Arnold(M) with two.



Fives: The Kinnaird Cup

Monday 22 February 2010

The Kinnaird Cup is the Open Adult Fives Championships and attracts all the best players in the country.

The highlight of a very successful & busy weekend of Fives at Eton College was the progress of George Thomason & Jack Hudson (1st pair) to the last 16 in the country. They eventually lost to the 2nd seeded pair in the country (H.Wiseman & J.Troop) but took 12 points off them in the process. This is a significant result and illustrates the progress they have made this year.

In addition Rupert Salmon & Jason Tse, Ben Jones & Sam Welti, Stephen Leach & Henry Lewis all had good 1st round wins against established adult pairs.

The two days' play will hopefully prove to be very beneficial to the boys in their preparation towards the Williams Team Cup at Eton and The Schools National Championships at Highgate.

Rank Pairs Order:

G.Thomason (Capt) 12-2,12-1,12-1 (Won 3-0) 6-12,11-12,12-3,12-9,12-6 (Won 3-2)

J.Hudson Williams 6-12,5-12,1-12 (Lost 0-3)

RSalmon 12-2,12-2,12-3 (Won 3-0) 9-12,1-12,7-12 (Lost 0-3) 4-12,13-15,2-12 (Lost Tse 0-3)

B.Jones 12-7,12-4,12-2 (Won 3-0) 7-12,0-12,0-12 (Lost 0-3) 4-12,10-12,6-12 (Lost S.Welti 0-3)

F.Collings 4-12,6-12,9-12 (lost 0-3) 12-3,12-2,12-0 (Won 3-0) 6-12,9-12,12-10,11-13

J.Drummond-Moray (Lost 1-3)

N.Morjaria 11-13,8-12,7-12 (lost 0-3) 13-11,12-8,12-7 (Won 3-0) 15-12,6-12,10-12 (Lost 1-3)

Plate C Semi Won 15-4 Final Won 12 – 11 PLATE C WINNERS

S.Leach 2-12,4-12,12-10,12-8,12-4 (Won 3-2) 5-12,3-12,4-12 (Lost 0-3) 13-12,7-12,10-12,8-12,9-12 (Lost 2-3)

J.Flowers 3-12,5-12,3-12 (Lost 0-3) 7-12,7-12,9-12 (Lost 0-3) 4-12,8-12,4-12 (Lost R.Mucklow 0-3)

W.Miller 6-12,4-12,2-12 (Lost 0-3) 12-13,12-11,12-8,12-6 (Won 3-1) 6-12,9-12,3-

G.Williams 12 (lost 0-3)

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Chemistry: 2nd round of Royal Society of Chemistry's Quiz Competition

Monday 22 February 2010

After a closely fought battle against Sir Graham Balfour School, Stafford, we narrowly went down by two points. Our boys are looking forward to next year's competition and hope to get past this hurdle so they make the regional final held at Birmingham University.



Hockey

Monday 22 February 2010

U16 Hockey vs Sir John Talbot (County Cup) - Drew 4-4

Despite five of our best U16 players playing for the 1st XI again, this was an even contest. Sir John Talbot School had a few skilled players, particularly in attack, and a quick first goal from them was a worrying sign. We then scored a truly bizarre goal - a cross from Xavier Greenwood wasn't cleared initially and when their defender did hit it, it bounced off the back of their goalkeepers legs into the goal (it counted since Xavier's cross was from inside the D). After that it was end-to-end stuff – their other three goals being cancelled out by two goals from Jamie Bradshaw and one from Will Leigh-Bramwell.

U15 Hockey vs Rossall - Lost 6-1

A 6-1 scoreline was an excellent achievement given the undoubted strength of the opposition. Everyone played their socks off, putting in a huge effort and never giving up. Particular mention must go to Andrew Jackson, Ben Gould and Timmy Bird who were outstanding, and to Harry Yeoward who, in his first match in goal, made some truly excellent saves.



RSSH: w/c Monday 22nd February

Monday 22 February 2010

Another successful week for the Hunt saw the boys add two more trophies to the four already won this year. On Wednesday we hosted the Shrewsbury Relays (see the full report in this bulletin), which since being run on home turf the Hunt had yet to win. However, the team were headed up by a strong performance from Huntsman Alex Mackay (whose time was third fastest of the day), and in particular a storming run from George Mallett (whose penultimate lap saw us take the lead in the race with Wrekin having led for the first four laps, with a lead of a minute at one point). Kris Blake took the team home in first place, holding off a strong final surge from last year's winners Loughborough Grammar, and the team were able to lift the trophy for the first time.

Saturday saw 10 Senior runners, and 13 Colts runners travel to Nottingham for the final fixture of the Midlands Independent Schools League. Out of the three previous events, we had won two, though were lying 7 points behind Welbeck going into Saturday as we hadn't been able to attend the first fixture. However, the boys dominated the race, and put together a gap of over 50 points over Welbeck, to take the League trophy for the first time. Three boys in the seniors were in the top 10 in a field of over 120 (Alex Mackay-4th, Kris Blake-6th, Cal Winwood- 8th) and in the Colts, George Mallett came home in 2nd place, with Alun Vaughan-Jackson and Simon Jones also in the top 10.



Boodles ISFA Cup Final - 11th March at 7pm - Further information

Tuesday 23 February 2010

As many of you will know, the School 1st XI has fought its way into the Boodles ISFA Cup Final. This competition is open to every independent school in the country. The final match takes place on Thursday 11th March at the Stadium MK (Home of the MK Dons FC), Milton Keynes. The opposition is Repton School, a team well known to us. The last time that we made it to the Final was in 2000 against Charterhouse, when we won 1-0.

The match promises to be a fantastic occasion between two great Midlands football rivals. We hope to enjoy a superb evening's sport with our friends at Repton.

Pupils

All current pupils are now able to sign up with their Housemaster to support the 1st XI at the Final. Transport is provided and will leave the School site at approximately 3pm on the afternoon of 11th March.

Parents & Supporters

We would love to see as many supporters as possible cheer on the XI. Tickets can be bought online at www.osclub.org.uk or via the ISFA website at www.isfa.org.uk (postal requests only). £5 (standard) and £25 (VIP + hospitality) tickets are available. But please note that the closing date for purchasing VIP/Hospitality tickets is 6th March.

Transport

Any parents or supporters who would like to take advantage of school transport, can book seats by calling Vicki Moeller on 01743 280697 to reserve. The cost is £10 return per person, and cheques should be made out to 'Shrewsbury School'.

The Venue & Directions

For details of the Stadium MK, its amenities and directions to the venue, then please go to www.mkdons.com.

We very much hope that a number of you will be able to join us on this occasion,

Yours sincerely,

Peter Fanning



RSSH: Shrewsbury Relays

Wednesday 24 February 2010

Success: The trophy comes home at last!

Since 2001, Shrewsbury School has hosted the annual Shrewsbury Relays, although in its ten-year history, the Hunt had yet to win the trophy going into Wednesday's race. Whilst not at full-strength (indeed one of our 'A' team runners had to pull out just half an hour before the race due to illness), we were nevertheless able to field three teams of 6 runners, and were also able to enter a girls team for the first time in the competition's history.

The girls did admirably, with Ellie Hill posting the seventh fastest time of the day for a girl. We were not able to hold off the force of a dominant brace of teams from Wrekin College, having to settle for third girl's team, but nevertheless, this was a solid performance by our girls.

The boys race proved a much closer affair, particularly in its final stages. After the first lap, our A team were lying in 3rd place, behind Wrekin and Loughborough Grammar (the winners of last year's event), though Huntsman Alex Mackay was able to pull us up into 2nd place after the next leg. However, Wrekin dominated the early stages of the race, holding the lead up until the end of the fourth leg, and going into the penultimate leg had the advantage of almost a full minute. Then came a blistering run from George Mallett, who not only made up this gap, but managed to provide our final leg runner Kris Blake (like George, a Severn Hill boarder) with a 20-second lead. Kris was able to hold onto this lead, despite a storming run from Loughborough's final runner (the fastest lap of the day in fact), and the RSSH crossed the line in first place, lifting the trophy for the first time. This is the club's fifth trophy of the season, and is further indication of the strength in depth of the current runners, and the strong prospects for the future. Next stop is Nottingham on Saturday, where we hope to emerge as winners of the East Midlands Independent Schools League. [PJM]

RSSH Fastest Laps (Seniors):

Alex Mackay (I) 8.12

George Mallett (S) 8.13

Huw Vaughan-Jackson (Ch) 8.16

Elliot Bevan (SH) 8.17

Kris Blake (S) 8.19

RSSH Fastest Laps (Inters):

Alessandro Rebecchi (Ch) 8.44

Seb Pope (PH) 8.56

Otto Clarke (S) 9.00

Tom Cousins (PH) 9.07

John Au-Yeung (SH) 9.16



RSSH win Independent Schools Cross-Country League

Saturday 27 February 2010

Saturday saw another important victory for the Hunt at Nottingham in Woolaton Park, the final league fixture of the Midlands Independent Schools League. Going into the race after three events, the RSSH were 7 points behind the leaders, Welbeck College. However, on the back of the confidence of winning the Shrewsbury Relays trophy for the first time on home soil the previous Wednesday, we were confident of causing an upset, and ensuring that twice-winners of the trophy Welbeck would not make lift the trophy a third time. With three runners in the top ten, out of a field of 100 (Huntsman Alex Mackay in 4th, Kris Blake in 6th, Cal Winwood in 8th), our runners not only managed to turn around the deficit, but managed to win on the day by 44 points, ensuring that for the first time Shrewsbury School won the league trophy, with a considerable distance of 37 points between ourselves and Welbeck. In so doing, we also saw off competition from Uppingham and the previous winners Oundle, amongst other top independent schools. Our Colts runners, whilst not in contention for the League, having only been to two of the four fixtures, nevertheless won on the day, with some similarly strong performances seeing four of our runners in the top 10 (George Mallett home in 2nd place, Alun Vaughan-Jackson in 6th, Simon Jones in 9th, and Alessandro Rebecchi in 10th).

The Hunt's trophy cabinet is now positively glistening, with six pieces of silverware this year already - RSSH are certainly back on the map, and moving towards becoming a dominant force on the national cross-country circuit. [PJM]



Fives: Shrewsbury win the National Schools Williams Cup

Monday 1 March 2010

Shrewsbury School claimed the National Schools Eton Fives Williams Team Cup for a record 8th time on Sunday 7th March at Eton College. Shrewsbury beat all the leading schools in the country and overturned the formbook to pass Highgate and secure the cup for the 7th time in the last decade. The young team (four of whom will be available next season) led by 1st pair Captain, George Thomason, held their nerve in some very tight matches.

Team: G.Thomason (Captain), Jack Hudson-Williams (5th), Jason Tse (U6th), Rupert Salmon (U6th), Sam Welti (5th), Alex Blofield (U6th) and Henry Lewis (5th)

The win came on the back of success on Saturday 6th March when an U16, U15 and U14 team combined to beat Highgate at home. The highlights of these matches were the dominance of our U16 pairs and the excellent victory by Guy Williams & William Millar in a five set marathon against an excellent Highgate U15 pair.

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Squash: w/c 1st March 2010

Monday 1 March 2010

Shrewsbury 1st VI vs Malvern College

Shrewsbury were victorious 4-2 vs Malvern College. Team was Pete Schutzer-Weissmann, Will Briggs, Ambrose Cheng, Roland Poh, Ed Green, Ossie Knight.

Malvern's No.1 is ranked very highly nationally and beat the master in charge as well as Shrewsbury's number one - much to the boys' amusement!

Afterwards there was an excellent match vs the club in which twelve Shrewsbury boys took part - with the club winning 8-4. It was very worthwhile and two matches will be scheduled against them next year.

Football: w/c 1st March 2010

Monday 1 March 2010

The 1st XI played their last match before the Boodles ISFA Cup Final against St Mary's, Crosby. They won 4-0 with goals from George Curtis, Pat White, Robbie Williams and Roy Chatterjee. Shrewsbury's third goal was a joy to watch - all one-touch passing and a volley to finish!

The 2nd XI played a Shropshire League game against Much Wenlock and won 5-0; and our 3rd/B XI also played against St Mary's and won 1-0.



Golf: w/c 1st March 2010

Monday 1 March 2010

Shrewsbury School vs Monmouth School

In cold, but otherwise perfect conditions a Shrewsbury Golf Team went to play Monmouth School in the Final of the ISGA Regional Plate Final at Little Aston Golf Club. The three man team of James Mainwaring (Captain), Stefan Hindmarsh, and Nick Memminger, fought a tough contest against a team which will later go on to represent Wales in the home counties match at The Berkshire later this month. The result sadly for Shrewsbury was a loss, with James Mainwaring winning his match, Stefan Hindmarsh drawing his match with a win on the final hole, and Nick Memminger unfortunately losing his match, meaning the match was decided on points and therefore Monmouth narrowly edged it. However despite the loss there was some great golf and the team goes on to play Malvern next in an organised friendly.



Rugby: w/c 1st March 2010

Monday 1 March 2010

Shrewsbury 1st XV 22 – Shrewsbury 6th Form College 0

Shrewsbury 2nd XV 15 – King Henry VIII School 7

Repton 1st XV 15 - Shrewsbury U16A 17

A nail-biting game of rugby and a fantastic result for the Under 16's, who showed great character to beat an extremely physical 1st XV side with the last kick of the match.

Shrewsbury conceded early but led 14-10 at half time thanks to two converted tries and, despite a number of opportunities for either side, the score remained the same until the dying moments of the game.

With two minutes left, Repton's power in the forwards finally proved too much and they scored a try in the corner which they failed to convert. Repton now led 15-14 with time on the clock for only for one further play.

From the kick off the Shrewsbury pack swamped the Repton catcher and forced him to concede a penalty just outside the twenty-two. Will Mason (who had already scored an intercepted try and two excellent conversions) stepped up and slotted the ball between the posts to secure a well-deserved victory.

Shrewsbury U15A 17 - Church Stretton U15A 0

A good competitive game between two organised and determined sides. A smaller Shrewsbury pack dominated and gave plenty of ball to the backs who were well-marshalled by a good Stretton defence. Shrewsbury should have scored more tries but the two scored by Max Pragnall, both converted by Matthew Gregson, took the score away from Stretton before halftime. A Gregson penalty, from the halfway line, was the only additional score. As usual a good fixture and a well-deserved win.

Shrewsbury U15A 60 – Repton School U15A 5

A mixed U15 side took on Repton and won comfortably. Shrewsbury were far too quick in thought and deed and easily overcame a spirited Repton. For the record the try scorers were: Cross, Steele, Fisher, Heap (2), Ellery (2), Kirkby, Rand and Farquhar with Gregson kicking five conversions.

Shrewsbury U14B 38 – King Henry VIII 0

The U14B team played King Henry VIII and won 38-0. A really fine team performance with 3 tries for Laurence Arnold on the wing. The team continues to be lead excellently well by James Moulson.

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Swimming: w/c 1st March 2010

Monday 1 March 2010

Shrewsbury School vs Wrekin College

Although we were beaten on points, we had a very good turn out from the team (18 altogether) with some excellent swimming. Some of the races were one by the length of a fingernail - they were incredibly close finishes with debate on who did actually touch first. Some of the Shrewsbury team were swimming in their first competition and showed incredible spirit. It was great to see such tenacity from these swimmers as they were up against some Wrekin swimmers who had just returned from an event where they gained national entry times. So although Wrekin had a very strong side with their club swimmers, we showed a great willingness to produce some exciting and well fought for races.

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Fives: against Wolverhampton GS (away)

Wednesday 3 March 2010

Played 6 Won 6

GIRLS PAIR

L.Rands & A.Brett & 12-8,12-4,12-7 WON 3-0

U15

1st PAIR E.Christie & K.Morjaria 12-5,12-7 WON 2-0 U15

2nd PAIR E.Lloyd & J.Dudson 12-5, 12-6 WON 2-0

U14

1st PAIR Shawe-Taylor & Hulse 12-1,12-1 WON 2-0 U14

2nd PAIR Holroyd & Hulton Harrup 12-0,12-4 WON 2-0

3rd PAIR Green & Riddle 12-10,12-9 WON 2-0

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Chemistry: Flash-Bang Lecture/Demonstration Professor Jonathan Agger, Manchester University

Wednesday 3 March 2010

Dr Jonathan Agger of Manchester University performed a spectacular lecture/demonstration tonight.

There were some interesting anecdotes with magic, bright colours, flashes and bangs galore. A number of demos that Julian Walton, Peter Cann and Philip Lapage would be proud of and keen to replicate.

Firing rockets up the SLT, fireworks, gun cotton, exploding balloons and tins (H_2/O_2) and eppendorfs (solid CO_2). In addition, the extraordinary power of liquid nitrogen and liquid oxygen was demonstrated. What a spectacle!

Andrew Briggs

Fives: vs KES

Wednesday 3 March 2010

Played 6 Won 6

Senior

Welti/Lewis - Won 3-0 (12-0,12-0,12-1)

U16

Miller/Williams - Won 2-0 (12-3,12-8)

U15

B-Davenport/Doyle - Won 2-0 (12-2,12-1)

U14

Jackson/Blofield - Won 3-0 (12-2,12-4,12-4)

White/Flowers - Won 3-0 (12-0,12-2,12-0)

Robinson/Marques - Won 2-0 (12-2,12-1)



CCF: Field Day - Inspection

Thursday 4 March 2010

On 4th March the CCF ran a Field Day with a difference. The reason was that this was the chosen day for the MOD to inspect Shrewsbury School CCF - with a senior officer appointed to visit the Contingent and comment. So it was that Lt Col Guy Chambers from HQ 143 (WM) Brigade spent the day with us - accompanied also by our headmaster elect, Mr Mark Turner, currently head of Abingdon School.

For the cadets the activities started the day before with the senior boys deploying on 'Exercise Marching Powder' - where they were seeking information on a 'drugs cartel' operating in the area. The cadets had been briefed by members of the West Mercia Police Drugs Squad as preparation and the exercise included a visit from two of their sniffer dogs. Thanks to careful and innovative planning the exercise was a great success with some cadets making a dawn 'insertion' on to Nesscliff Training Area by canoe (down the River Severn). In the end the cartel were all rounded up successfully.

The 4th form cadets took part in an 'Inter Section Competition' for the Kemp Trophy, a rather impressive bit of silver owned by the CCF. This competition saw boys shooting on live and electronic ranges, climbing, running on the obstacle (assault) course and patrolling into 'terrorist camps' to seek information. A highlight was a paintball skirmish between Mark Turner (a rather fine shot) and our VIP inspecting officer. The competition was won by cadets from Shrewsbury's Royal Marine Section.

At the time of writing we are still awaiting our written report, but we expect it to show the CCF in excellent health.

NPD



Ornithology: Field Day trip to Titchwell Nature Reserve

Thursday 4 March 2010

As the aim of the ornithological society is to scour the county in search of birdlife, a Field day is not for us an opportunity to escape from school - we do this every week - but it is an opportunity for us to travel much further afield.

Leaving on the Wednesday afternoon, we made our way to the East coast of England, specifically Titchwell Nature Reserve in Norfolk, with the intention of spotting some rare waders and coastal birds that land-locked Shropshire would not give us the opportunity to view. The journey was planned so that we arrived just in time to do slot in a period of 'twitching' before sunset, and this plan paid dividends when we spotted a Barn Owl before the car had even been parked, giving us an excellent start to the trip. A hearty pub meal followed this excursion, before we retired for an early start the following morning.

After a satisfying morning meal, we headed down to Holme reserve to be met by our guide for the day, none other than the deputy warden of the nature reserve. Her excellent knowledge of the local area, added to her ability to instantaneously identify any bird in view, meant that we saw many more species of birds than we would have done on our own. Indeed, there were moments where she already had identified all of the birds in a particular area before the rest of us had even managed to set up telescopes or focus binoculars! Birding highlights of the day include Corn Buntings, Scoter, Grey Plover and Red-Throated diver, all high profile names to be added to our list of Bird species seen. After this trip, the list looks destined to be larger this year than ever before, already topping 125 species!

Our journey back to school did not run as smoothly as the initial journey had done, but a few precarious sandwich- and satnav-related moments did nothing to deflect from what was an extremely worthwhile and enjoyable Field Day.

Ieuan Fenton (Rb)



Field Day: School House Third Form visit to Coventry

Thursday 4 March 2010

Having braved a very early start in order to sample the cultural delights of London last term, we (the Housemaster) decided to venture nearer home this Field Day and so it was that the restricted speed minibus pointed its nose towards Coventry, unable to add to the coffers of those in charge of motorway speeding fines. Arriving in Coventry, I was able to park near the university and point to an academic institution ready to open its doors to those who do not work hard enough here, perhaps all students should visit it! Opposite this centre of cerebral mediocrity is an interesting Cathedral housing the world's largest tapestry designed by Graham Sutherland and resounding with messages of peace and reconciliation.

Reconciliation became the word and the theme of the day and you cannot escape from it if you have your eyes and wits about you in this most modern of cities owing to the number of bombs dropped on it on November 14th/15th 1940. The Cathedral is beautiful in a modern manner and has plenty of interesting things to look at, including as it turned out, an exhibition on major figures in the world wide quest for peace. On leaving the modern Cathedral, we went into the ruins of the mediaeval Cathedral and ascended the 181 steps of the belltower where the views of Coventry would be spectacular if the tower were situated in Florence, although you can see the Ricoh Arena. We then clambered down the steps, wandered through the pedestrianised shopping centre on our way to Spon Street which I had misread as Spoon Street, which amused a couple of people as I asked them the way. In Spon Street you will find a number of attractive mediaeval buildings that were missed by the bombs. One or two of them have been moved from other areas of the city and, nestling amongst them, is Turmeric Gold, a fine Indian restaurant. We were treated to an 'educational' lunch as we had a selection of curries and Charles Bibby and Henry Dashwood now know that eating green chillies is not a very clever idea and that only Henry Young is capable of nonchalantly munching on such fodder. After lunch we walked back through the shopping centre, casually grazing in the Pound Shop and tripling the business of a doughnut stall. We also bumped into an anti-smoking campaign and obviously gave it our fullest support. The Blue Chairs were particularly keen to pose with someone dressed up as a cigarette; I think his name was Ash! The Blue Chairs then saw the Lady Godiva statue and obviously wanted a picture with her. Our last stop was the Art Gallery which houses an interesting collection of modern clothing, some of which one was allowed to model as Will Merison is, in the photograph below. There was also a Lady Godiva gallery full of different representations of this heroic figure who was prepared to take her clothes off in an effort to prevent tax rises. Is this something our modern politicians should consider? We also saw George Eliot's piano and were able to buy bouncy putty in the Museum Shop. We returned to Shrewsbury culturally enhanced and having had a good day out in Coventry; something I have never been able to say before!

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Music: Wind Quartet through to the final of the Pro Corda National Chamber Music Competition

Saturday 6 March 2010

Shrewsbury School's Senior Wind Quartet has for the second year running reached the final of the prestigious Pro Corda National Chamber Music Competition after performing at the Royal Northern College, Manchester on Saturday 6th March.

The final will take place next Saturday (13th March) at the Birmingham Conservatoire. Members of the Quartet, which is coached by Shrewsbury's Head of Wind, Maria Curtis, are Rob Collins, Alex Collins, Eugene To and Edward Wynne.



Fives: Shrewsbury v Highgate

Saturday 6 March 2010

Shrewsbury beat Highgate 8½ to 6½

Girls Pairs Drew 1-1

A.Walker & H.Blofield Court No 14 WON 12-

L.Rands & A.Brett Court No 13 LOST 7-12

Under 16 Pairs Won 4-0

J.H-Williams & S.Welti Court No 6 WON 12-0,12-1

S.Leach & H.Lewis Court No 7 WON 12-7,12-2 v 2nd Pair

WON 12-7,12-1 v 1st Pair

R.Mucklow & C.Jones Court No 12 WON 12-3,12-1 v 2nd Pair

Under 15 Pairs Won 3 ½ to ½

G.Williams & W.Miller Court No 3 WON 10-12,13-10,4-12,12-7,12-8

M.Praghnall & K.Morjaria Court No 10 WON 12-4

H.B-Davenport & J.Doyle Court No 9 WON 12-8

A Styles & E.Lloyd Court No 11 DREW 5-12, 12-4

Under 14 Pairs Lost 0-5

H.Blofield & C.White Court No 1 LOST 12-8,4-12, 6-12

A.Jackson & H.Flowers Court No 2 LOST 5-12, 8-12

C.Robinson & C.Marques Court No 4 LOST 3-12, 9-12

H.Gittins & J.Warburg Court No 4 LOST 1-12, 4-12

A.Peel & T. H-Scholes Court No 5 LOST 1-12, 4-12

Fives: Shrewsbury wins the National Schools Eton Fives Williams Team Cup

Sunday 7 March 2010

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Shrewsbury beat all the leading schools in the country and overturned the formbook to pass Highgate and secure the cup for the 7th time in the last decade. The young team (five will be available next season) led by 1st pair Captain, George Thomason, held their nerve in some very tight matches. Four of the team, George Thomason, Jack Hudson-Williams, Sam Welti and Alex Blofield, live in Shrewsbury and regularly attend the Monday Fives Club



'Everest Climb' by Ingram's and Oldham's Halls raises money for Help for Heroes

Sunday 7 March 2010

Over 100 boys, house tutors and some parents from Ingram's and Oldham's Halls climbed the equivalent of Mount Everest to raise around £5,000 for Help for Heroes, a cause that is close the heart of many Salopians.

The largest peak in the world stands at just over 29,000 feet high and in order to equal this figure the participants went up and down the three flights of stairs in MSB (the main school building) at least 10 times each.

Ian Sawers, regional representative of Help for Heroes, visited the school earlier in the year and introduced the pupils to local SAS veteran Stuart Trow. Stuart spoke inspirationally about his military career, and the challenge of climbing Kilimanjaro despite having lost a leg below the knee after being shot in Afghanistan, when he came and talked to the school in January. He also visited the boys to talk to before their 'climb' and even helped to take part in it.

Girls' Hockey: Invitation 6's Away at Leominster

Monday 8 March 2010

Due to the netball match taking place at the same time and a few injuries, Shrewsbury's hockey numbers were down and it was an under-practiced team that went to Leominster. The first few games took us a little by surprise and we were comfortably beaten by Hereford School who went on to win the tournament. We gradually found our feet and beat both 6th Form college teams and produced a good performance to draw 3-3 with Moreton Hall. Final results were; won 2, drew 1, lost 3.

Volleyball: Vs Shrewsbury High School

Monday 8 March 2010

The team were enthusiastic and determined. Shrewsbury played four games and unfortunately lost all four, but a number of the games were close, with the scores being 25-19, 25-22, 25-18, 25-14. An enjoyable afternoon.

Hockey: U16 vs Adams' Grammar

Monday 8 March 2010

The match was played on the Astroturf at Lilleshall, which was a much bouncier surface than we were used to, but that was no excuse for losing 4-1 in a match we could have won. Lessons were learnt in ball control, passing earlier and with pace and not to give the ball away so easily.

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Netball: Vs King's Chester

Monday 8 March 2010

Won 24-6

Our game against King's Chester earlier in the season resulted in a win for Shrewsbury by one goal. Our performance on that day was just enough to win, but below par in the most part so we were keen to prove we could put in a better performance. Unfortunately, the first quarter was poor all round, finishing 2-2, but Shrewsbury stepped things up in the 2nd quarter and never looked back, finishing the half 9-3 up and going from strength to strength to finish the game easy winners 24-6.



RSSH: Club Championships

Wednesday 10 March 2010

On Wednesday afternoon, Hunt runners took part in the annual Club Championships, a race that has a long and esteemed history. The course this year was the Paperchases Route, a total distance of around 5.5km. Both Seniors and Juniors were out in force, and the race proved an exciting affair, with 5th Former George Mallett (S) the surprise winner with a time of 19.56. Second place was Cal Winwood (Lower Sixth, I) with a time of 20.15, and third place was newcomer Elliot Bevan (Upper Sixth, SH), clocking 20.38. In the Junior race, Alessandro Rebecchi (4th Form, Ch) emerged comfortable victor with his time 21.24 good enough to take the Junior Club Trophy. Second place was Alun Vaughan-Jackson (4th Form, Ch), with Hugh Nugent (4th Form, SH) taking 3rd place.

Newman Society talk from Old Salopian

Wednesday 10 March 2010

Following publication of several articles in the Economist on his recent experiences in Afghanistan, **Michael Webb** (OS - Severn Hill) gave a talk on behalf of the Newman Society - 'Dining with the Taleban' in the Moser Library. Michael left Shrewsbury in 2008 and is now studying PPE at Balliol College, Oxford.

Golf: Vs Malvern College

Wednesday 10 March 2010

On Wednesday 10th March, a team of six, James Mainwaring (Captain), Stefan Hindmarsh, Charlie Lacey, Harry Hensman, Rory Gittins, and Max Lilley went to The Worcester Golf Club to play Malvern College. Against tough opposition, some Malvern players representing the county regularly, the match was quite close. However Shrewsbury came out the losing team 2-1. In the match Shrewsbury won, James Mainwaring and Stefan Hindmarsh managed to win quite convincingly 5 & 4.

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OS elected next President of the Oxford Union

Thursday 11 March 2010

James Kingston (G 2004) has just been elected President of the Oxford Union for the Michaelmas Term, winning 669 votes over his opponent's 521.

James is well remembered at Shrewsbury for his debating skills. He was a member of the School's debating team and a keen participant at the Monday evening Heseltine Society meetings, where the Master I/C described him as "Shrewsbury School's Boris Johnson."

James is now in his Final year at Christ Church where he is studying History and Politics; somehow, we don't expect this to be the last that we'll hear of him. We're very much looking forward to him coming to talk to Salopians at the Heseltine Society meeting on Monday 17th May.



Football: Record win at Boodles ISFA cup final

Thursday 11 March 2010

Shrewsbury School 1st XI Football team won the ISFA Boodles Cup final on Thursday 11th March at MK Dons Stadium defeating Repton 3-0. A hat-trick from Roy Chatterjee sealed the win - the biggest in the history of the ISFA Cup and the first hat-trick to be scored in the final.

The game started very nervously from both sides and an indifferent playing surface did not help the Shrewsbury team play their normal attractive passing game. Shrewsbury had to battle through the first 25 minutes before they penetrated the tight Repton defence. A long kick from goalkeeper George Barker was latched upon by Roy Chatterjee who advanced to the edge of the penalty area before drilling a low shot into the bottom corner.

After the break Shrewsbury showed greater confidence and more composure on the ball and were rarely troubled by the Repton attack. They played some neat, accurate football to score two more goals through Roy Chatterjee as they became 3-0 winners.

The Shrewsbury team was very well supported on the night by over 600 pupils, plus a large crowd of parents, staff and friends, who cheered on the 1st XI players throughout the match.



RSSBC: Gold, Silver and Bronze at the Schools' Head 2010

Thursday 11 March 2010

Three crews in the top 21 at this national event is rarely achieved by any school, a fact made the more remarkable by the extreme youth of this group as a whole. Then, gold, silver and bronze from within one squad is an enviable set of medals and one which many schools can only wish for. The third eight - gold medal - won its event by more than a minute over Eton, in the process beating 27 school first eights (41 entered) and 11 other second eights (14 entered). A remarkable achievement. The second eight - silver - encountered a lot of congestion as it wove through slower first eights ahead, losing some ground in the process through being four-abreast on several stages on the narrow stream of the wide looping tideway; they beat 31 first eights. The first eight beat everyone but two crews on the day, and it is a measure of the not unreasonable expectations that these boys put upon themselves that they are disappointed with that.

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CCF Dinner Night

Thursday 11 March 2010

One of the most important events in the CCF Calendar for the Upper Sixth cadets in particular, is the Annual CCF Regimental Dinner Night. The dinner is always a huge success and is a great way to thank the many people that have helped the contingent throughout the year for their continued support. It's also a great way to thank the senior cadets who have committed themselves to this activity over a number of year, and it's a great privilege for them to be able to attend. Not only is it a very enjoyable evening, but the senior cadets learn a little about the many years of service history and tradition in each of the three services, and additionally it puts into place all the lessons of etiquette and good manners that Shrewsbury School is so keen to instill.



RSSBC: Double gold for J14 Squad

Friday 12 March 2010

National Junior Sculling Head at Dorney Lake

Shrewsbury sent a team of three J14 octuples to the National Junior Sculling Head (the sculling equivalent of the Schools' Head), contested over two lengths of the Olympic regatta course at Dorney Lake. Having already notched up an impressive win at Hampton Head earlier in the term, the Shrewsbury A crew were given 'pole position', leading off the field. Conditions were good for the first race, and the J14A crew rowed powerfully away from the rest of the opposition, setting an unofficial J14 course record in the process. A few minutes later, the J14B crew made good use of their start position by catching and passing the St Edward's crew ahead – noisily encouraged by the enthusiastic 'fan club' of parents on the lakeside. Not to be outdone, the J14C crew produced a crowd-pleasing display of determination and guts as they raced past in what was the first external race for many of this rapidly improving crew.

With the light fading and a stiffening breeze, all three Shrewsbury coxes showed real maturity to deal with the difficult conditions for the second run. Starting first again, the J14A crew had to work hard to maintain the advantage they had built up from the first run, but never lost their rhythm and power. The J14B crew produced another spirited row, and caught St Edward's B octo again before overhauling the Borlase B crew as well. The J14C crew continued their magnificent progress, and did not let the wind get the better of them while racing hard to open up a sizeable gap between themselves and the crews behind.

The results were not confirmed until we were well on our way home, but definitely worth the wait. First place overall and the gold medal for Shrewsbury, with the gold medal for the fastest 2nd crew (finishing in 11th place overall) also coming our way. The J14C crew can also be very proud of a 3rd place finish within their category - ahead of many B crews and even one A crew. A fabulous performance from the whole squad. Well done.

Two Old Salopians have rowed across the Atlantic

Saturday 13 March 2010

Two Riggites - Charlie Marlow (1995-2000) and Matthew Mackaness (1994-1999) have just completed a transatlantic rowing challenge. They were one of about 30 teams rowing 3,000 miles across the Atlantic from the Canary Islands to Antigua in the West Indies. They set off on 9th December 2009, and arrived in Antigua's English Harbour 68 days later on Saturday 13th March 2010.

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Fives: First ever National School Mixed Pairs Event

Sunday 14 March 2010

Shrewsbury Pair Runners Up

Three mixed pairs travelled to Eton College on Sunday 14th March to take part in this inaugural event. All three pairs finished well in their groups of six - Welti (I) & Blofield (MSH) topped their group unbeaten in five matches, Thomason (G) & Brett (MSH) finishing second behind them, losing just one match. In the other group Jones (PH) and Rands (MSH) lost just one group match to the eventual winners, to finish second in the pool. So all three pairs progressed beyond the group stages but it was just down to two of them to battle out an all-Shrewsbury semi-final. Welti & Blofield came out winners 12-9, 12-10 over Jones & Rands. Unfortunately, Welti & Blofield then lost out 12-5, 12-7 to a solid Harrow pair in the Final. All Shrewsbury pairs finished in the top half of the field, and look forward to an expanded event next year.

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Football w/c 15th March

Wednesday 17 March 2010

1st XI Football v Shrewsbury 6th Form College.

Too many changes caught up with the 1st XI this week and Shrewsbury ended up losing 5-3 to Shrewsbury 6th Form College. It was a competitive match where many defensive errors cost us dearly. Goals from Chatterjee, Pilkington and Taylor kept us in the game, until a lack of concentration handed the match to the 6th Form College.

The 2nd XI drew their final Shropshire Schools League match 0-0 with Thomas Telford; this leaves them in the top half of the table.



Rugby: w/c 15th March

Wednesday 17 March 2010

Stonyhurst Sevens (1st VII and U16 VII) 17 March

The 1st VII squad had a mixed day in this prestigious tournament involving all of the major rugby playing schools in the North of England, plus a few more besides. Despite playing some very pleasing sevens, the 1st VII did not qualify from their group, but looked forward to learning from the tournament in time for Rosslyn Park next week.

The 16 VII started brightly with a good win over Rydal 19-0. There then followed two tough games against Audenshaw and Bradford Grammar in which we played some good 7s, but defensive mistakes let us down and we lost both matches. A steep learning curve at a tough tournament.

Matches vs King Edward's Stratford

The 1st XV had plenty of chances to secure a victory against KES Stratford on Saturday. Unforced errors in the final third of the pitch was again their undoing - final score 26-12 to KES.

The U14A XV enjoyed a 55-0 win over a KES Stratford side who have won more than they have lost this season (please see CEC match report at the bottom of this bulletin). Despite opposition cry offs and weather causing abandonments, this team have played superbly well throughout, and it bodes well for Shrewsbury rugby.

The 14B team finished their season with just one loss from 10 games. Their last two games were a convincing win against Corbet School and an unfortunate draw against King Edward School Stratford. The team for most of the season was led excellently by James Moulson. The whole team should be very proud of themselves and should already be looking forward to more of the same next season.

U14a XV vs KES Stratford

It has been unfortunate that this set of boys have not had more matches this season. It has obviously frustrated the players throughout the term and it will be great to get more match practice next season, when we will finish off the two years together with a rugby tour.

That said, this final game was nigh on the perfect example of how a team can develop in what little time we have together. Everything that we had worked on in practice over the term came together in a rout of what was a very decent Stratford team, who had played over 20 games, and won many of those. The full team effort was a wonder to behold, and those parents who turned up on the touchline watched in admiration as the boys put on a spectacle of 'total rugby', in which the strong team spirit was on full display, and tries came aplenty.

The forward effort in the first 5 mins totally blew away the opposition, who could gain little possession, as our lads hit every breakdown as if their lives depended on it. It was great to see those hours on the training pitch paying off as we got low in the rucks, and drove hard in the mauls to dominate Stratford who could not get any quick ball. This ended perfectly with a forwards try in the corner as the pack drove Cian Mackenzie-Needham over – no-one was going to stop Cian from close range!



Following this try Stratford attempted to get back into the game, and showed experience with a tidy kicking game that nearly led to a try, but in the end a fabulous piece of strong defensive work from Ivan Sanin and Henry Young held the Stratford 8 over the line, and from then on they offered little threat to our line.

It was then that the back line really started to turn on the style, with Oli Brown and Henry Waterworth combining imperiously at 10 and 12 to rip open hole after hole in the Stratford defence. It was not long before the flood gates started to open, with Ivan Sanin running in a try from distance; Harry Tomkinson demonstrating his devastating speed to finish off in style down the left to score 2 more; and before we knew it the half time scoreline was 29-0 to Shrewsbury.

The second half started with greater impetus from Stratford, and with the breakdown becoming a messy affair with some interesting refereeing decisions, the game started to slow down. But just as it did, our back line started to rip open holes in the counter attack, and further tries from Oli Brown, Henry Waterworth and Harry Tomkinson ended the game 55-0 to Shrewsbury. Indeed, the final try, a cross-field chip from Waterworth to Tomkinson was a fantastic way to finish the season.

One player, in particular deserves further praise, as man of the match, and that was Nugee, who tackled like a man possessed, never took a step backwards, supported runners and won plenty of ball in the loose.

Well, there goes the season. A great season despite our lack of games, in which the boys have developed into a team that will push the best, and most probably come out on top.

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Music: 3rd Former through to Final of European Piano Teachers' Association Competition

Wednesday 17 March 2010

George Fowler (SH) took part in the qualifying round of the European Piano Teachers' Association Competition 2010 last weekend, and is now through to the Final which will be held on 16th May in London's Bluthner Piano Studio.

George came joint first in the Intermediate 2 Class, and played Prelude in G (Bach), Song Without Words (Wagner), Lowside Blues, (Johanna Mcgreagor) and his own composition, Sea Breeze. The adjudicator was William Fong, head of keyboards at the Purcell School of Music.



Basketball: w/c 15th March

Wednesday 17 March 2010

In one of our regular and always popular fixtures against Wrekin College, we took a team of 4 boys and 4 girls, led (in his final match for Shrewsbury after five years) by Chanon Wonsatayanont. Roland Poh, who has been an excellent and inspirational captain throughout this season, gracefully accepted the vice-captaincy for the day - and Lela was the honorary Girls' Captain, after a loyal and committed two years in the sport. The match was very evenly contested, not only in the boys' and girls' doubles, but also in the mixed doubles. In the end Wrekin won more games than us, but astonishingly only two points decided the majority of those games, and each game was played in a competitive and good-humoured spirit. The 'informal' but fierce singles games afterwards showed the degree of friendly rivalry present, even between individuals.

Finally, we are inevitably sad to be losing a group of popular and talented Upper Sixth formers, but we know that the years below contain significant numbers of enthusiastic and highly able players. My huge thanks to those who are moving on, including Azim Daud and Nicholas Tong.



Netball: w/c 15th March

Wednesday 17 March 2010

vs Old Swinford Hospital - Won 31-14

We were due to have a triangular fixture with OSH and Oswestry (as we did last year), but unfortunately Oswestry never arrived. However, this gave us an opportunity to play a full game against OSH, whom we narrowly lost to last year. The game started well for both teams, with Shrewsbury just up in the first quarter 10-7. Hannah Blofield had an exceptional 2nd quarter and we extended our lead to 20-10. The second half of the match was a little less organised, but Shrewsbury played well as a team, and deservedly won 31-14.

vs Abbotsholme - Won 41-5

Abbotsholme came to Shrewsbury on 'mini tour' and had played both Wrekin and SHS before coming to us on Saturday afternoon. It was clear from the outset, that Shrewsbury were the stronger team and it was very pleasing to see them working well together. The first quarter ended with Shrewsbury 16-2 up. We continued to dominate from this point and despite moving a number of players around to unfamiliar positions, Shrewsbury won the game easily, 41-5. The Abbotsholme team remained positive throughout and gave gifts to each member of the Shrewsbury team as well as a pennant to signify their trip.



RSSH: w/c 15th March

Wednesday 17 March 2010

In the Hunt's final fixture of the season this Wednesday, we travelled to Birmingham's Sutton Park for the Worcester Relays. We haven't fared too well in relay events this season, performing better in the mass races, so this was always going to be a big challenge. Nevertheless, our Inter team (albeit a young and inexperienced one) performed well, and going into the final lap were holding 3rd position. Unfortunately, we couldn't hold off the strong opposition of Abingdon, and were just pushed into 4th place. A 'B' team of new Hunt runners also performed well, even seeing off a couple of other schools' A teams.

The Seniors likewise had mixed fortunes, and at one point in the race our A team were lying in 2nd place (following exceptional runs from 5th former George Mallett and U6th former Elliot Bevan), with our B team in 3rd (following a purposeful opening leg from Kit Schutzer-Weissmann). However, again it was Abingdon who pushed through towards the final legs, and our A team had to settle for 3rd place, with the B team in 6th.

On Saturday, eight Hunt runners gained representative Honours by running for Shropshire in the English Schools' National Cross-Country Championships at Heaton Park, Manchester. Ellie Hill can claim the honours for being the first ever girl to run in County colours following her selection. The conditions were wet and muddy, and the course extremely challenging (described by one of our lads as "the most hellish thing I have ever done!"). Nevertheless, the Hunt were well-represented by their performances, including the following boys who were Shropshire's Second 'Counters' (out of 8 county runners selected):

Juniors- Otto Clarke (3rd, S) 130th/336

Inters- George Mallett (5th, S) 147th/324

Seniors- Guy Vernon (L6th, M) 159th/304

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UK Physics Olympiad... selection beckons!

Thursday 18 March 2010

David Kell recently won a Gold Medal on the British Physics Olympiad and was invited, as one of the top 50 students in the country, to take part in an extra round of the competition to select the squad from which the UK Physics Olympiad team will be drawn. He performed brilliantly and will now attend a Physics camp at Easter to try to become one of 5 students who will travel to Croatia in July to represent the UK. This is a remarkable achievement and one that has not been matched in over 10 years at Shrewsbury.



RSSH: Eight runners selected for the county

Friday 19 March 2010

Eight Shrewsbury School runners have been selected to represent their county on Saturday at the English National Schools' Cross-Country Championships, held at Hetton Park, Manchester. On the basis of their performance at the county championships (held earlier this season in Oswestry, where the Hunt picked up two team trophies), the runners will compete in Saturday's event wearing the Shropshire vest, many for the first time. In the Juniors, Severn Hill 3rd former Otto Clarke will aim to add to what has been a tremendously successful season for him, whilst both George Mallett (also a boarder in Severn Hill) and Churchillian Alessandro Rebecchi will be part of the county Intermediate squad. Out of the 8 Shropshire runners in the Senior event, the Hunt are strongly represented, with Huntsman Alex Mackay heading the way alongside fellow Ingrimite Cal Winwood, Moserite Guy Vernon, and yet another Severn Hill runner, Kris Blake. For the first time in the school's history, we are also very proud that a girl has earned her Shropshire vest - Upper Sixth former Ellie Hill.

We wish all the runners the best of luck, and congratulate them on this fine achievement. [PJM]



RSSBC: Chester Head

Saturday 20 March 2010

Saturday 20th March

Wet and windy conditions met the 3 Top Squad crews upon arrival in Chester for the Annual Head of the River race.

Traditionally this is one of the biggest heads for the North of England, although RSSBC have not competed there for several years, it was the last head of the year for us and a chance to compete against the other premier School in the North - Kings Chester.

The 1st 8 came home in overall 2nd position, being beaten by a slick Durham University Crew, they won their event and concreted our Schools Head victory over Kings School by a satisfactory margin. It is easy to forget that this crew has four J16's on board.

The 2nd 8 came 2nd from 13 in their event, again a young crew, with five J16's they were beaten by a good Manchester University Crew. In the process beating a crew from St Hild and St Bede College Durham, with 5 Old Salopians on board, one of whom was in our 2nd 8 of 2009 and is now in the cox's seat! Two of them were in our fine 2007 PE winning crew.

The 3rd 8 also came 2nd in their event, being beaten only by a School 1st 8 by 4 seconds. They came home ahead of 14 University crews. A fine effort.

All in all a good day, our next race will be in Washington DC in two weeks time!

PM



RSSBC: West Midlands JIRR team time trial, Worcester

Sunday 21 March 2010

One gold and two silvers; J14 quad to represent West Midlands

In April, each region of the UK selects a team of J14, J15 and J16 rowers to compete at the Junior Inter-Regional Regatta in Nottingham. This weekend's race served as the selection event for the West Midlands team. Shrewsbury sent 3 J14 quadruple sculls and a J15 coxed four. The J14s came in 1st, 2nd and 4th (collecting gold and silver medals), with all of our crews finishing ahead of others who have been sculling for much longer. By coming 1st, Shrewsbury has been asked to provide the West Midlands J14 quad for the regatta in April. It is very likely that the line-up of this boat will change in the intervening period as competition for places in the squad is very high.

The J15s claimed a silver medal in their event, but were pipped to the qualifying spot by Evesham Rowing Club. A great day's racing by all the boys.



Shrewsbury in Concert at Birmingham Town Hall

Monday 22 March 2010

Returning to Birmingham Town Hall for the first time since the refurbishment of that historic venue, the Music Department fielded the largest contingent in the 25-year history of its 'out of town' concerts. Some 350 singers and instrumentalists travelled, and twice that number were present to witness a series of memorable performances.

The Hall has not only been restored in a manner pleasing to the eye; the acoustics have likewise been enhanced, as was immediately apparent in the spirited performance of Philip Spark's *Yorkshire Overture*. Under the direction of Maria Curtis, the Wind Orchestra communicated the rhythmic vitality of the piece, which was an excellent choice of starter. It is impressive indeed to see a platform filled with pupils capable of playing with such confidence in a complex work.

The mood of the second item could scarcely have been more different. "Sad and sombre" ran the description of the opening of Fauré's *Élégie* for cello and orchestra, and the same programme notes contained a characteristically self-deprecating comment from the soloist, none other than the soon-to-retire Headmaster, Jeremy Goulding. He need not have worried. His intense and eloquent playing was warmly received, a fitting tribute to one who has given so much support to School music in his ten years in office. A constant presence at events large and small, he has from time to time been seen in the ranks of the cello section, but only at the last could he be persuaded to step forward to allow his distinguished background to be acknowledged.

In contrast, Iliana Grosse-Buening (Mary Sidney Hall, UVI) is in the foothills of her career as a pianist, though her talent has already been recognised in Shrewsbury and beyond. Choosing to play Tchaikovsky, the most popular concerto in the repertoire, she set herself the double challenge of bringing off a hugely demanding work that everyone would know. She succeeded triumphantly, the power and security with which she handled the famous introduction assuring her listeners of a treat in store. Passages of immense technical difficulty were conquered with ease and grace; she never seemed in any danger of falling off the tightrope. In lyrical episodes, too, the familiar strains were renewed in her profound identification with the music. Not surprisingly, the audience rose to acclaim an outstanding soloist.

The second half of the concert was devoted to Carl Orff's *Carmina Burana*, for which the platform and choir stalls were filled to overflowing. The Shrewsbury Community Choir, founded by Andrew Auster in the 1980s, is an established force and has given many fine concerts down the years, but I have never heard them perform with quite such zest as they did here. From the primitive energy of the opening chorus through to the shattering climax, there was abundant evidence of enjoyment – and of preparation. It is no reflection on their superb contribution if I confess to finding the work too long for what it has to offer musically and dramatically, but the highlights are compelling and the strengths of the composition are what remain in the memory.

It was good to see a greater than usual number of students from Shrewsbury and other schools taking part. That the adult section flourishes is not in doubt, but the full extent of the 'community' concept is only complete when the young are present in such force. The extra effort to 'sell' the *Carmina* as fun to sing – and within the range of more than just the specialists – paid off handsomely, for the participants, as much as for their energetic Director.



John Moore has a gift for unifying large forces and the impact of the choir was matched by the playing of the School orchestra, in tremendous form here. Their playing in the first half had been uneven, I felt, rousing in the 'big tunes', but flawed in exposed passages. An honourable exception must be made in respect of the flute solo in the Tchaikovsky, and Eugene To was again conspicuous in the Orff, as was Dominic Byron-Chance on timpani. The whole percussion section (very busy!) deserved their bow, and I must mention the roof-raising trombones, rich-toned and secure. The soprano, Nicola Mills, and the bass, Stephen Garner, sharing the bulk of the solos, sang with impeccable diction, and Daniel Norman (OS) sidled onto the stage only for long enough to give a suitably chilling account of the one tenor number, his acting enhancing the effect of these disturbing verses.

Let the last word go to a member of the public, not in any way connected with Shrewsbury. He knew the Carmina only from recordings and had come to the Town Hall for what was for him a special 'première'. He was ecstatic in his praise and in gratitude for a dream fulfilled.

Martin Knox



MUN team picks up awards in Edinburgh

Monday 22 March 2010

There was some success at the weekend at the Edinburgh Model United Nations hosted by George Watson's College.

4 Salopians were named BEST DELEGATE in their committees of 40 delegates: Oliver Lyman, Alex Beaumont, Oliver Wray and Nick Lawley.

5 boys were HIGHLY COMMENDED: George Huntley, Henry Brereton, Will Shindell, Nick Thompson and Philip Lackner.

David Kell, who had to leave early on Saturday evening to perform in Birmingham, managed to win a Commended Delegate award despite his early departure.

And Oliver Wray made Shrewsbury School MUN history by becoming the first delegate to win an award in 2 separate committees at the same conference.

As a representative of Afghanistan he was called to the Security Council to contribute to a crisis discussion on Afghanistan. He so impressed the President of the Council in the short time that he was present that he won a Commended Delegate award here, too.

OS awarded Military Cross

Monday 22 March 2010

Will Hignett (SH 97-02, and cousin of Jack McLean (O)) has just been awarded the Military Cross for gallantry in Afghanistan with 2nd Bn The Rifles. The citation mentions his "inspiring leadership" of a platoon that discovered over 44 IEDs in 3 months, yet hardly suffered a casualty.

This is the second Military Cross awarded to an OS in recent operations, the other being to Tom Orde-Powlett, Irish Guards (Oldham's 92-97) in Basra in 2003.

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Primary Schools' Football Championships 2010

Wednesday 24 March 2010

Shrewsbury is the lead sponsor of all primary school football in Shropshire, and is proud to host the semi-finals

In the last few weeks of March each year, Shrewsbury sees a flurry of activity on our football pitches with numerous 7-a-side matches being played by local youngsters who have made it through to the semi-final of their county championships.

The finals will be played at Shrewsbury Town's Pro-Star Stadium in May.



Fives: U14, U15 & U16 winners at National Schools' Championships at Highgate!

Wednesday 24 March 2010

Saturday 20th - Thursday 25th March 2010

Shrewsbury School entered 47 pairs into the National Schools' Eton Fives Association Championships at Highgate - 45 pairs of boys and 2 pairs of girls.

Shrewsbury won the **Under 15s** tournament, having started playing on Saturday. Max Pragnall (G) and Alex Styles (S) defeated Eton's 1st pair 3-1 in the final on Tuesday. Shrewsbury have now won the U15 title four times in the last five years.

We knew we were going to win the **Under 16s** tournament when two of our pairs won their semi-final matches. In the first semi-final on Tuesday, Henry Lewis (I) and Stephen Leach (M) overturned the top seeds - St. Olave's 1; the second semi-final was played on Wednesday, and Jack Hudson-Williams (PH) and Sam Welti (I) defeated the Highgate pair. The all-Shrewsbury final was played on Thursday, and Jack Hudson-Williams and Sam Welti emerged as the winners. This is only the second time in the National Tournament's history that Shrewsbury has won the U16 trophy.

In the **Open Tournament** (for Seniors) Rupert Salmon (I) and Jason Tse (I) won a thrilling encounter 3-2 with the Harrow 1st Pair in the semi-finals on Wednesday, but unfortunately they were defeated 3-1 in the final on Thursday. George Thomason and Jack Hudson-Williams made it to the semi-finals, but were then knocked out by Highgate's 1st Pair on Wednesday – who then went on to win the tournament.

The **girls** left Shrewsbury on Wednesday afternoon, to play in the Open Tournament on Thursday. Unfortunately, our top player Alice Walker was injured and unable to compete, so the remaining two pairs were not playing with their usual partners. Despite this setback, Hannah Blofield and Alice Brett still managed to reach the quarter final of the Girls' Competition.

The 12 pairs of **Under 14s** started playing on Tuesday, and Andrew Jackson (G) and Henry Blofield (PH) walked away with the trophy from the **Beginners' Tournament** on Thursday, and the same pair also got as far as the semi-final of the Main Under 14 Tournament.

A fantastic week for Shrewsbury Fives!



Interhouse Hockey, Rugby and Steeplechase on the last day of term

Friday 26 March 2010

On the last day of term, after Assembly, virtually everyone turned out onto the sports pitches either to play or support their house teams in Hockey and Rugby.

The Hockey was organised by Jeremy Lucas, and the eventual winners were The Grove. Dan Nicholas writes:

The Grove displayed considerable hockey talent led ably by School Captain Jamie Bird and supported by his younger brother, Timmy, captain of the 16 Hockey team. They enjoyed the benefit of having several school players although without the support of Nick Thompson who was at MUN. They beat Churchills in the quarters (8-0), Riggs in the semis (1-0) and went on to beat Severn Hill in the Final (1-0). It was a great competition and special thanks to JVL for organising it. The first of many we all hope.

Rugby

1st House Rugby Sevens took place on Friday 26th March with two pools containing five Houses each - each House to play each other in a 'round robin' format.

At the end of the pool stages, The Grove and Oldham's were the only unbeaten teams; Oldham's met the Radbrook team in the first semi-final. Despite being two scores ahead, Oldham's took the ball in to contact too often and were turned over by a more physical Radbrook side which eventually went on to win well.

In the second semi final, Moser's played The Grove, who were strong but lacked the ability to substitute players which took its toll. Moser's came through as winners to meet Radbrook in the final. Moser's played intelligent sevens when in possession, directed by Sam Wilson, and worked hard in defence when they did not. Their side was well balanced with pace, sound decision makers and some real power and they ran out eventual winners. James Davies was strong and full of running, even in this last game, and playmakers Wilson and Walton consistently chose the right option. Fifth Formers Wynne and Darroch especially looked as though they had been playing some sevens lately too and made a great contribution.

The standard of the competition was high and it was a credit to all those Fifth, Lower and Upper Sixth Form boys who turned out as eligible players. Mr. Johnson thanked all referees (WAH, CEC, Mr. Canney, Mr. Robinson), gappers (Jack, Will, Ben) and RNRJ for his supervision. Mr. Greetham handed the trophy to a worthy James Davies and the end of a well spirited and successful tournament.

Winning Moser's Hall team: Davies J (c), Wilson, Walton, Putnam, Barrow, Cameron, Eickhoff, Darroch, Wynne, Davies M.

Steeplechase

The final Friday of term saw the annual Interhouse Steeplechases, a 5x 2km relay run around the school campus. After a strong start from last year's champions Severn Hill, it was Churchill's who eventually emerged victors, with their strength in depth proving the vital factor. Their team consisted of Angus Hayward, Alun Vaughan-Jackson, Alasdair Bird, Huw Vaughan-Jackson, Alessandro Rebecchi. The fastest time of the day was Ingramite Cal Winwood's 7.56.



Model United Nations: Best Delegation Award

Monday 29 March 2010

Haberdashers' Askes' Conference

From March 26th-28th 2010, 3 country delegations from Shrewsbury (France, Iran and the Czech Republic) joined 75 other delegations from 25 schools at Haberdashers' Askes' 2nd Model United Nations conference.

After a weekend of debate and discussion, awards were presented to the Best Delegation, 3 Distinguished Delegations and 5 Highly Commended Delegations.

Shrewsbury's A team, France, was awarded the highly coveted Best Delegation Award and our second team, Iran, won a Highly Commended Award.

In each of the 7 committees (of 40 delegates), there was one best delegate, 3 'distinguished' delegates and 5 'highly commended' delegates.

Ollie Wray continued his astonishing run of success with a Best Delegate Award in the Security Council.

George Huntley, Alex Beaumont, Calum Harvey-Scholes and Jack Flowers won Distinguished Delegate Awards.

George Kimberley, Will Whitaker, Freddie Ellery and Sam Ansloos were Highly Commended.

As a result of this momentum, HRWP is now in the early stages of planning an MUN at Shrewsbury School, which he hopes to put on in summer 2011.

Schools present: Abingdon, Aldenham, Brighton School, Channing, Cheadle Hulme, John Warner, King Edward VI Grammar, Kingsbury, Lady Eleanor Holles, Manchester High, Merchant Taylors', HABS Boys, Oakham, Queen Elizabeth Barnet, Royal Russell, St Helen's, St Margaret's, Thomas Hardy, UCS, Westminster, Wilmslow, Withington, Woodbridge.

Shrewsbury Teams

France:

Political 1: George Huntley (ambassador)

Political 2: Nick Thompson

Economic and Social: Calum Harvey-Scholes

Human Rights: Jack Flowers

Security Council: Oliver Wray

Disarmament: Alex Beaumont

Iran:

Disarmament: George Kimberley (ambassador)

Political 1: Sam Ansloos

Ecology and Environment: Will Whitaker

Political 2: Freddie Ellery
Human Rights: Bertie Mayo

Czech Republic
Human Rights: Toby Free (ambassador)
Political 2: Henry Dashwood
Disarmament: Angus Thompson
Economic and Social: Matthew Cull
Ecology and Environment: Ben Jones

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Jimmy Anderson (England Fast Bowler) visits Shrewsbury in the holidays

Tuesday 30 March 2010

Andrew Flintoff Cricket Academy: Non-residential cricket coaching for boys and girls aged 5-16 years 29th March to 1st April 2010

During the Easter holidays, we once again hosted the Andrew Flintoff Cricket Academy course in our cricket centre.

Jimmy Anderson, the current England fast bowler, joined the children for an afternoon. The coaching was given by ECG qualified coaches, whose aim is to make the coaching fun, innovative and age appropriate.

The fun, innovative and age appropriate coaching is based on the fundamentals that made Freddie Flintoff the great player he is; all coaches are ECB qualified.



Cricket: a tough pre season tour to start the season

Thursday 1 April 2010

Wed 14th April v MCC at Shrewsbury School 11.30am HOME

Thursday 15th April v Millfield at Killfield 11.30am AWAY

Friday 16th April v Kings Taunton School 11.30am AWAY (2 day match)

Saturday 17th April v Kings Taunton School 11.30am AWAY (2 day match)

Sunday 18th April v RGS Worcester 11.30am HOME

A squad of 17 boys lead by Master I/C Cricket Andy Barnard and Cricket professional Paul Pridgeon will be used. The squad includes a large number of the U15 team that won the ESCA/ECB Under 15 National 20-20 in 2009.

The school look forward to a very busy nine months as they prepare to compete in the newly formed HMC National 20-20 and Silk Trophy this Summer. Following that a 3 week December tour takes the squad to Dubai and Perth for eight challenging fixtures.

OS strokes the Cambridge crew to victory in the Boat Race

Sunday 4 April 2010

The Boat Race: Saturday 3rd April 4.30pm

OS Fred Gill (SH 2000-2004) stroked Cambridge to an incredible victory in the 2010 Boat Race. In one of the most exciting races ever, Cambridge managed to get past the Oxford boat at the St. Paul's bend and row on to win the race by over a length. A quite remarkable achievement. Fred is now in his second and final year of a post-graduate degree at Hughes Hall.



CCF Talargerwyn CAMP 2010

Wednesday 7 April 2010

Nine 4th form CCF cadets took part in our annual Outward Bound Camp at Talargerwyn during the first few (wet and snowy!) days of the Easter holidays. What follows is the boys' day-by-day account of their experiences:

Saturday, 27th March

We drove to Snowdonia and arrived at Llanrwst at lunchtime and were put straight into action. Andy, our instructor, got us into our gorge walking gear and quickly got us cold and wet. It was clear to see a split between the sections, where the Royal Marines and the Army boys dived straight into the water, most of the RAF cadets were struggling to avoid the stream over the slippery rocks, but the brain freeze eventually got to us all. Then it was off to Talargerwyn (or Tally) the school lodge in North Wales, and after a delicious curry, we were taken to an old 19th century slate mine at Blaenau Ffestiniog, where Andy showed us a few of the many chambers where the miners worked for almost all their lives. Apart from some loose slates on the floor and some freaky screams from other explorers it was a highly enjoyable trip, followed by a well needed sleep.

Sunday, 28th March

We woke to our first full day experience of Tally. The day looked good; with mountain biking and a high ropes course planned. We were briefed about what to wear and pack, and then we were off. We started at Tally and had to cycle to the high ropes course, actually quite a long way but nearly the entire route was downhill, thankfully. En route we stopped in the town of Betws-y-Coed, where everyone stocked up on 'grot' for the next few days. When we arrived at the high rope course the group's knees began to shake uncontrollably at the height of the obstacles. We started with some team building exercises and then moved on to the main course which was suspended a terrifying 50ft from the floor; Despite the height of the course nearly all the group completed it with varying degrees of success. It was a brilliant day and we were absolutely knackered by the end of it.

Monday, 29th March

Monday dawned cold and wet and I think put everyone but the keen marines off. The freezing rain did not do any help to the anticipation of canoeing in an arctic lake. We started and the water's temperature took everyone by surprise and our Instructor, Andy and his friend Ian gave us all aims not to fall in the water. Clearly the Marines would not listen. We played a game called Pirates where the aim was to capture the treasure that was thrown out of the instructor's canoe. The Marines faced off against the RAF and Army but it was clearly a one sided battle. As the Army and RAF complained about cold wet legs from splashing, the marines seemed energetic and fearless as they undressed from their soaking kit. We were then due to climb at a crag site but the weather prevented us. Instead we visited an indoor climbing wall called The Beacon - this was a great success. It appeared that many had conquered their fear of heights from the day before. There was quite some success at climbing the most challenging and difficult routes.

Tuesday, 30th March

Again the day started off wet and pretty dismal. We all faced the challenge of climbing the highest mountain in England and Wales – Snowdon. At 10.10 in the morning we started our ascent by following the Watkin path up the South-East side, planning to descend on the SW side,



on the Rhyd-Ddu Path, which would be a total distance of just over 13km. The atmosphere was clear but wet at the beginning of the walk, and we saw some great scenery up until we reached 900m above sea level, when it began to snow and hail as we ascended into the clouds. After scrambling up the last 250m we eventually arriving at the summit (1085m) and discovered to our horror that the Café was closed until May. Everyone complained about the Welsh! We had a quick lunch break, (where Major David's lunch was partially devoured by Tiger, Major Francis' dog), and then descended along the Rhyd-Ddu Path, which was a lot easier than the way up, and arrived at the car park at roughly 5.30pm , 7 hours and 10 minutes after we set off. With aching limbs and freezing hands and feet, almost everyone slept on the way back and had an early(ish) night. It was a great day and for many the first real summit achievement.

Wednesday 31st March

The final day of the camp dawned as we woke to serious blizzards. This dented our plans, to everyone's annoyance, of having the pleasure of walking back to Tally from a drop of point 15Km away - life is tough sometimes! Major David with his brilliant connections also managed to book us into an Electric Mountain (Hydro Scheme) but attempts failed at reaching the place due to severe snow fall on the roads. Yet again thanks to 2Lt Till's brilliance we managed to book into a last minute climbing wall just like on Monday. It was a huge success as we all had a great time. Back at Tally we finished the day with beautifully cooked steaks and potatoes wedges (cooked by Major Francis) and a big snow ball fight in the garden. It was a fitting end to a great week. Thanks to the staff for making it all possible.

Cadets: Will Heyes, Elliott Christie, James Kynaston, Ed Seymour, Dominic Craven, Tom Thornhill, Peter Gadsden, James Kynaston, Max Kimpton-Smith.



A SALOPIAN MISCELLANY

Thursday 8 April 2010

Taken from the programme for the Friends and Foundation Concert to celebrate the life of Emma Darwin and to launch the creation of Emma Darwin Hall. The concert is being held in the Maidment Building on Sunday 16th May 2010.

Charles Burney (1726-1814) is Shrewsbury School's most eminent musician. He was born at Condover and attended Shrewsbury School (then "the Free School at Shrewsbury") from 1737. Organist, composer, music historian and man of letters, Burney composed for Rousseau, was painted by Reynolds and befriended Edmund Burke. He is commemorated in Westminster Abbey.

Burney was a Salopian born and bred and in August 1797 he returned to his home town where, according to his diary on 3rd August *"I set off alone, at seven o'clock, to visit the new church, St Chad's; which is a very fine one but so irreverently secular that it would make a very handsome theatre. I then walked in that most beautiful of public parks, in the world, called the Quarry; formed in verdant and flower-enamelled fields, by the Severn side with the boldest and most lovely opposite shore imaginable ... we all adjourned to breakfast with Dr Darwin, who is newly married to a daughter of Mr Wedgewood's. They are very intelligent, agreeable and shrewd folks."*

This Dr Darwin was Dr Robert Darwin (1766-1848), Charles' father who had bought a house on the Mount the previous year. Charles Darwin (1809-1882) was born in the same house and was at Shrewsbury School 1818-1825. Charles' wife Emma (née Wedgewood) was a member of the renowned pottery dynasty.

Emma was a talented pianist (she studied with Frederick Chopin in Paris), an assiduous diarist, philanthropist, schoolteacher and nurse. A non-conformist, she was tolerant of her husband's scepticism and respected his openness and intellectual courage. She married our most revolutionary Old Salopian in 1839 and raised ten children with him, in what one historian has described as "in a distinctly non-authoritarian manner". Liberal, loyal, strong and loving, Emma Darwin's name will now live on at Shrewsbury School and will, in a small but important way, symbolise the education of generations of Salopian women.

RSSBC: US Tour Report

Monday 19 April 2010

The RSSBC trip to the USA was enjoyed hugely; it provided plenty of quality training and racing experience in unusual conditions and circumstances. The second priority, of revision, was also well attended, together with a decent amount of sightseeing - including malls, art galleries, the Statue of Liberty and plenty more.



Chemistry Olympiad 2010: Six Bronze Medals and Two Commendations

Monday 19 April 2010

Once again eight students took part in Round 1 of the International Chemistry Olympiad in February. This year, there were four students from each of the Lower and Upper Sixth. The paper itself is based on the core of the chemistry A-level specifications, so that students taking any of the different exam board A-levels can compete fairly. The exam lasts two hours and is composed of a series of structured questions designed to stretch able students by making them apply the principles they have learnt to new and often more complex situations than they would meet in their A-level course. Thus, in order to score marks, it is essential to have a very sound base of knowledge and understanding, but also have the ability to think and reason - often "outside the box" - at a high level.

The students concerned had worked at this with a weekly session going back to the previous June. Initially taking the on-line LVI Chemistry Olympiad, and then beginning intensive preparation for the more demanding Olympiad itself. The results were pleasing, six Bronze Medals and two Commendations were awarded and the students can be very proud of their efforts and achievements, especially the Lower Sixth students.

Bronze Medals were awarded to:

Lower Sixth: Faiz Kipli (O), Boris Tang (SH) and Jonathan Tau (Rt)

Upper Sixth: Azim Daud (Ch), Roland Poh (M) [following up the full marks they obtained in the on-line LVI Olympiad] and Tom Wallbridge (Rb)

Commendations: Marianne Shawe-Taylor (MSH, L6) and Norlela Puasa (MSH, U6).

Andrew Briggs



Shrewsbury quiz team on BBC2's 'Eggheads'

Tuesday 20 April 2010

Five Shrewsbury masters took part in the BBC quiz show 'Eggheads', where amateur quiz teams take on the programme's professional team and are tested in four subjects of the quiz master's choosing, and general knowledge. The programme was filmed in June 2009, and it was shown on BBC2 at 6pm on Monday 19th April.

Shrewsbury's team comprised Louis Dunne (French), Toby Percival (Classics), Chris Minns (German), Ben Evans (Chemistry) and Paul Hamm (History). Our resident quiz expert, Charlie Oakley, was ineligible due to his setting questions for University Challenge in his spare time. The four subjects that the teams had to answer questions on were History, Music, Arts and Books, and Sport.

Our team acquitted themselves well and with good humour, but unfortunately they failed to defeat the Eggheads.

Cricket: 2nd XI v Thomas Telford (20/20)

Wednesday 21 April 2010

Lost by 7 wickets

Shrewsbury 2nd XI 107-8 (20 overs) George Curtis 24

Thomas Telford Technology College 1st XI 108-3 (16.3 overs)

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Tennis: Girls Aberdare Cup Round 1 v Shrewsbury High School

Wednesday 21 April 2010

Won 4-2

It was straight into fixtures the first week back and more importantly, it was the first round of the Aberdare Cup. We were drawn against the High School, so it was always going to be a tight contest. The format is 4 singles and 2 doubles matches. In doubles Elle Gurden and Maddy Fisher played really well together and won their match 6-3. Annabel Brentnall and Lois Davis had to work a little harder and just lost out in their doubles on a tiebreak.

In singles, Elle did well again winning 6-3 as did Annabel. Maddy Fisher pushed hard to win her singles on a tiebreak and Lois Davis just missed out losing her match 6-3. Final score, a 4-2 win and on to the next round!

Cricket: 1st XI v Shropshire U17's

Wednesday 21 April 2010

Shrewsbury WON by 134 runs

Shrewsbury School (45 overs) 259 for 4 (S.Leach 60,M.Cull 63 , J H-Williams 70 M.Bailey 36)

Shropshire U17's (45 overs) 125 for 5 (F.Cox 2 for 8)



Repercussions of volcanic ash

Thursday 22 April 2010

A significant minority of Salopians was unable to return to the UK in time for the start of term, due to air travel suspensions. As all pupils in the Fifth and Sixth Forms were due to sit internal exams this week and public exams are looming, it has been quite an anxious time for the stranded pupils and their parents.

The Director of Studies contacted all affected parents to outline the School's arrangements for their offspring to be able to continue their studies, and to sit trial exam papers during their absence. Faculty Heads then co-ordinated arrangements for teachers to correspond personally with their stranded pupils, many of whom are expecting to return either today or tomorrow.

In the meantime, life at School continued as normal for the rest of us, with only a handful of teaching staff unable to get back to the UK until yesterday. It was extremely fortunate that all of our school trips had returned to the UK before the flight ban was imposed.



Tennis: 1st, 2nd, U16A, U16B, U15A, U15B, U15C, U15D & U15E VIs v Radley

Saturday 24 April 2010

Radley 2nd VI beat our 1st VI 6-3 in doubles and 5-1 in singles. Will Briggs and Ben Jones won all 3 sets of doubles. Will also won his singles. The efforts of our players across the age groups could not be faulted despite the following outcomes:

U16A lost 8.5-0.5

U16B lost 9-0

U15A lost 9-0

U15B lost 8-1

U15C lost 8-1

U15D lost 9-0

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RSSBC: Girls' at the Birmingham Regatta

Saturday 24 April 2010

A steep learning curve this weekend for the girls racing at Birmingham Regatta. Although St Edwards proved just too much for the crews, it was nonetheless a worthwhile day with many lessons learnt at what was their first regatta. A surprise victory, for what was the B boat, has thrown the cat amongst the pigeons and will undoubtedly raise the level of fight amongst the girls as we move forward this term.



Cricket: Clean sweep of victories over King Edward's School, Birmingham

Saturday 24 April 2010

1st, 2nd, 3rd, U16b, U15a, U15b, U14a, U14b all enjoyed victories on Saturday.

1st XI

Shrewsbury 1st XI – **190 for 9**

KES 1st XI – **77 all out**

Shrewsbury 1st won by 113 runs

2nd XI

Shrewsbury 2nd XI – **177 for 7** (Hanmer 54, Barrow 39*, Curtis 31)

KES 2nd XI – **148 for 8** (P Schutzer-Weissmann 3 for 26, Curtis 2 for 32)

Shrewsbury 2nd XI won by 29 runs

3rd XI

Shrewsbury 3rd XI - **346 for 2** (C Bevan 166*, Bozman 56, E Bevan 51*)

KES 3rd XI – **322 all out** (Leslie 3 for 39, Bozman 2 for 34)

Shrewsbury 3rd XI won by 24 runs

U16b

KES 4th XI - **167 all out** (Bird 2 for 32, Leslie 2 for 11)

Shrewsbury U16b - **172 for 3** (Thompson 34, Bozman 52, Mucklow 34*, Lynch-Staunton 25*)

Shrewsbury U16b won by 7 wickets

U15a

KES U15a - **110 all out** (Farquhar 3 for 2, Ellery 3 for 14, Moore 2 for 17)

Shrewsbury U15a - **112 for 3** (Gregson 36, Farquhar 29, Bird 24)

Shrewsbury U15a won by 7 wickets

U15b

Shrewsbury U15b – **265 for 2** (Dudson 155*, Halliday 36, Cross 34*)

KES U15b – **62 all out** (Lloyd 3 for 6, Scott 3 for 8, Heap 2 for 6)

Shrewsbury U15b won by 203 runs

U14a

KES U14a – 174 all out (Blofield 3 for 24, Flowers 3 for 33, White 2 for 26)

Shrewsbury U14a – 175 for 9 (White 49, Crawford 39, Kidson 23)

Shrewsbury won by 1 wicket

U14b

KES U14b – **35 all out** (Shaw-Taylor 3 for 12, Hayward 2 for 0, Moulson 2 for 4, Green 2 for 5)

Shrewsbury U14b – **36 for 4**

Shrewsbury won by 6 wickets



Athletics match at Redditch Stadium: a full squad

Saturday 24 April 2010

vs. Bromsgrove, Rugby, Clifton College, Solihull and King's School Worcester

Saturday saw the return of Shrewsbury School to the athletics track with a squad of 30 boys taking part in first meeting of the season hosted by Bromsgrove School. This was the first time a full squad has been competing for as long as 12 years!

The boys acquitted themselves well, particularly considering we were up against schools with firmly-established athletics programmes. The Seniors finished in 5th place, with strong performances from Huw Vaughan-Jackson (3rd, 1500m) and Roy Chatterjee (3rd, 200m). The Intermediates (largely a young team of 4th formers) also finished 5th, assisted in their efforts in particular by George Mallett (2nd, 800m and 3rd, 1500m). Particular success came in the Juniors (4th overall), with Chike Kandi as the standout athlete of the day. His time of 11.9 in the 100m won the event, and is an extremely fast time for a 3rd former. Chike also came 2nd in the High Jump, and was part of the 4x100m team who crossed the line first in the relay event (only to subsequently be disqualified for lane infringement!). Also worthy of commendation is Oliver Roberts who had a busy day coming 2nd in the shot (9.95), 3rd in the discus (22.13), and ran the 80m hurdles in 15.00.

Everyone enjoyed the experience, and we look forward to building on this experience throughout the rest of the season, and in the years ahead.



RSSBC: J14 at the Junior International Regatta, Nottingham

Sunday 25 April 2010

Everything conspired against us, but we emerged triumphant!

This was the J14 squad's first multi-lane regatta, being selected as the West Midlands J14 quad. In a last minute switch due to illness as we arrived at the course, cox - Freddie Hill - stepped in as an oarsman, and Ross RC kindly supplied us with a replacement cox.

In the semi-final the crew rowed well but, their time placed them 7th fastest, one place short of making the A final. The boys were determined to put things right in the B final, and in (what was described by the commentator) as one of the best races of the day, that is what they set about doing. Of the start there was nothing between the 3 three leading crews: Shrewsbury, Monmouth School and Norwich School. This remained the case until the 500m mark when Monmouth began to fade, and Norwich took a half length lead. At the 1000m point Shrewsbury had maintained the gap at half a length, and began to move, they pushed through Norwich, and once in the lead steadily extended the margin much to the delight of their supporters on the bank. A superb race! (in fact, their time would have been fast enough to place them 5th out of 6 in the A final).

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Cricket: Denstone College 20/20 Tournament

Sunday 25 April 2010

On Sunday 25th April, a Shrewsbury XI played in a 20/20 tournament hosted by Denstone College. This development XI played against other School's 1st XI's and did exceptionally well to push the hosts in a close final. Freddie Cox (O) took a fantastic hat-trick in the semi-final before unfortunately dislocating his shoulder - we wish him a speedy recovery.

Semi Final

Shrewsbury XI - **182-4** (Lewis 81, James 54)

Giggleswick School 1st XI - **103 all out** (Cox 4-6 inc. a hat-trick to finish the innings)

Shrewsbury won by 79 runs

Final

Shrewsbury XI - **154-8** (Bailey 35, Gregson 29, Lewis 25)

Denstone College 1st XI - **155-7** (Hudson-Williams 3 for 23)

Shrewsbury lost by 3 wickets

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Cricket: 2nd XI v Denstone College 20/20 Tournament

Sunday 25 April 2010

Semi-final

Shrewsbury 2nd XI 182-4 (20 overs) Henry Lewis 81, Jacob James 54

Giggleswick School 1st XI 103-10 (18.3 overs) Freddie Cox 4-6 inc. a hat-trick to finish the innings

Won by 79 runs

Final

Shrewsbury 2nd XI 154-8 (20 overs) Jack Bailey 35, Matthew Gregson 29, Henry Lewis 25

Denstone College 1st XI 155-7 (19.4 overs) Jack Hudson-Williams 3-23

Lost by 3 wickets



Golf w/c 19th April 2010

Monday 26 April 2010

Boys & Staff vs Old Salopians

Last week was busy for golfers. On Thursday a joint team of seven pupils and three masters (PRV, WAH and DMJ) travelled to Hawkstone for the annual match against The Old Salopians. During a perfect afternoon under cloudless skies both sides played some impressive golf shots. The outcome was a draw after DWJ (paying for the Old Salopians), who had played appalling golf all afternoon, carelessly managed to sink a twelve foot putt on the 18th green to square the match.

Boys vs Stowe School

On Sunday the first team travelled to Little Aston to take on Stowe School. Stowe, who have their own golf course in the school grounds, always field a strong side and this year was no exception. Accordingly Stefan Hindmarsh found himself playing against a 14 year old who had, the previous day, come 4th in the junior open championship at St. Andrews. Stefan was gracious in defeat! The other two matches involving James Mainwaring and Ben Jones were played in excellent spirit but unfortunately the outcome was a 3 - 0 defeat for Shrewsbury. All good experience!

Salopian in the UK team for the International Physics Olympiad

Wednesday 28 April 2010

David Kell (SH, Upper VI) has made it through all the stages of the British Physics Olympiad, culminating in an intense few days at a Physics camp at Abingdon School during the Easter holidays. He now goes on to represent the UK in the International Physics Olympiad in Croatia this July. This is a truly remarkable achievement, as there are only 5 students in the team, and the total number competing in the British Olympiad was over 1,000.

If one adds to this the fact that David was part of the Shrewsbury School team that represented the UK in last year's International Young Physicists' Tournament in China, and the fact that he won a Gold medal on the AS Olympiad last year (as one of the top 5 students in the country) you can see that he is an outstanding young physicist and one who consistently performs at the highest level.

David is making a habit of visiting the Royal Society. Last year he was invited there to receive his medal and today he made a return trip for another presentation ceremony. It is hardly surprising that Oxford have made him an offer to read Physics and Philosophy next year and I am sure he will go on to even greater things. In the meantime he is busy writing up his dissertation on 'Quantum Theory and Free Will' for the Cambridge Pre-U Global Perspectives course and looking forward to sitting trial papers for the Pre-U Physics examination - two courses he chose because he wanted to stretch himself. In his spare time he debates Model M.U.N., is President of the Darwin Society and a bit of a musician.....

The photo shows the UK team at the Royal Society today. L-R: Sergei Patiakin, Dame Alice Owen's School; Matthew Donora, Tonbridge School; Professor David Mackay, Department of Energy and Climate Change; **David Kell, Shrewsbury School**; Gareth Wilkes, The Grange School; Andrew Hyer, Westminster School.



Athletics: Wrekin Pentathlon

Wednesday 28 April 2010

Five boys and four girls competed in the Wrekin Pentathlon last Wednesday, an Open competition involving the multi-event disciplines of 100m, 200m, 400m, Javelin and Long Jump. A separate 4x200m also take place, where our 3rd form team (Ivan Sanin, Ollie Roberts, Kosta Manser, Chike Kandi) finished 2nd, particularly impressive considering they were competing against Sixth formers.

BOYS:

Tom Bozman (5th/21 overall) 2nd in Javelin- 31.83m

Roy Chatterjee (7th/21 overall) 4th in 100m- 11.6

James Steele (8th/21 overall) 2nd in 400m- 57.6

Chike Kandi (12th/21 overall) 4th in 100m- 11.6

James Hancocks (13th/21 overall) 8th in 200m- 26.2

Shrewsbury School-2nd place (326 points)

GIRLS:

Ellie Hill (2nd/15 overall) 1st in Javelin- 29.84m

Ellie Gurden (5th/15 overall) 4th in 100m- 14.1

Alice Brett (8th/15 overall) 6th in Long Jump- 3.33m

Jess Heydel (14th/15 overall) 9th in Javelin- 12.93m

Shrewsbury School- 2nd place (173 1/2 points)



Second girls' house to be opened in September 2011

Thursday 29 April 2010

Emma Darwin Hall opens in September 2011 and will accommodate approximately 60 Sixth Form girls, thus becoming the second girls' house at Shrewsbury School. Our first girls' house, Mary Sidney Hall, was also purpose-built and opened its doors to girls in September 2008 when Shrewsbury's Sixth Form became co-educational.

Needless to say, the arrival of the first cohort of girls was eagerly anticipated by Salopians, staff and friends of Shrewsbury, not all of whom were convinced that co-education would be a success. However, within the first term of the girls' arrival the dissenting voices became silent as the girls' assimilation into Salopian life was seen to be both smooth and complete.

A second girls' house was always part of our plan, but we wanted first to be sure that we had got the formula right. After our second cohort of girls arrived in September 2009 and their integration seemed to be as seamless and successful as their predecessors had been, we set the wheels in motion for a second girls' house to be built. All staff members were invited to suggest names for the new girls' house, and 'Emma Darwin Hall' emerged as the winner.

Emma Darwin (1808-1886) was the wife of Charles Darwin, our most celebrated Old Salopian. Born into the Wedgewood family, she was a talented pianist (she studied with Frederick Chopin in Paris), an assiduous diarist, philanthropist, schoolteacher and nurse. A non-conformist, Emma was tolerant of her husband's scepticism and respected his openness and intellectual courage. She and Charles Darwin married in 1839 and raised ten children together, in what one historian has described as "*in a distinctly non-authoritarian manner*". Liberal, loyal, strong and loving, Emma Darwin's name will now live on at Shrewsbury and will, in a small but important way, symbolise the education of generations of Salopian women.

Emma Darwin Hall will provide superb accommodation for Sixth Form girls. Sara Hankin, the Housemistress of Mary Sidney, has been integrally involved in the design and specification. The accommodation will be light and airy yet cosy. The social spaces are generous and the House will be modern in every sense. The girls will enjoy their own courtyard and gardens. As well as the Housemistress, the design will provide for a resident tutor and matron. All the lessons learned over the last two years have been taken on board to create an exceptional environment for living and learning. It is fitting that a house named after such an accomplished pianist should have the Maidment Music School as its neighbour.

The founding Housemistress of Emma Darwin Hall will be Kait Weston. Kait was educated at Taunton School and Cardiff, Newcastle and Oxford Universities. At Oxford she rowed in the Womens' Boat Race, and won. Kait has taught Biology at Shrewsbury since 2004 and has been Assistant Housemaster in Port Hill since 2008. Married to Andrew, they have two sons: Charlie and Bertie.

Outside the classroom, Kait enjoys gardening, walking, running and rowing. Less energetic pursuits include entertaining and knitting. The prototype Emma Darwin Hall house scarf is already underway! Before the first Emma Darwin girls arrive in 2011, Kait will be recruiting a tutor team for the house and making sure that every last detail of building, finish, routines (and everything else) is seen to.

School House take on the girls from Malvern - at croquet!

Thursday 29 April 2010

Last Sunday, a team of girls from Malvern St James turned up at School House (with their own croquet set) for an informal event organised by Giles Bell, the housemaster, followed by a barbecue.

The girls later commented that "The boys at Shrewsbury were very chivalrous and the staff were particularly welcoming" - although they did also mention that there had been some creative interpretations of the rules!



Cricket: various matches v Oundle

Saturday 1 May 2010

1st XI

Oundle School 1st XI - **210 for 9 dec.**

Shrewsbury 1st XI - **187 all out** (Williams 52)

Shrewsbury 1st XI lost by 23 runs

2nd XI

Oundle School 2nd XI - **116 all out** (Shukla 5 for 21, Barker 3-12)

Shrewsbury 2nd XI - **117-4** (Curtis 46*)

Shrewsbury won by 6 wkts

4th XI

Shrewsbury 4th XI - **131 all out** (Inglis 62, Wood 19, Weston 19*)

Oundle School 4th XI - **132 for 5**

Oundle won by 5 wkts

U16a

Shrewsbury U16a - **233-6** (Mason 66, Lynch-Staunton 79*)

Oundle School U16a - **197-9** (Croft 2 for 38, Lynch-Staunton 3 for 10)

Shrewsbury U16a won by 36 runs

U16b

Oundle School U16b - **193 for 5** (Grant 3 for 28)

Shrewsbury U16b - **195 for 7** (Mucklow 41, Flowers 30*)

Shrewsbury U16b won by 3 wkts

U15a

Oundle School U15a - **108 all out** (Farquhar 5 for 7)

Shrewsbury U15a - **109 for 3** (Bird 54*, Ellery 27*)

Shrewsbury U15a won by 7 wkts

U15b

Shrewsbury U15b - **121 all out**

Oundle School U15b - **122 for 7** (Scott 4 for 27)

Oundle won by 3 wkts

U15c

Shrewsbury U15c - **95 all out** (Thornhill 25)

Oundle School U15c - **98-9** (Jackson 2 for 9, Morgan 3 for 11)

Oundle won by 1 wkt

U14a

Oundle School U14a - **81 for 8**

Shrewsbury U14a - **82 for 3**

Shrewsbury won by 7 wkts

U14b

Shrewsbury U14b - **170 for 5** (Lyster-Binns 46, James Warburg 36, Charlie Bibby 33)

Oundle School U14b - **46 for 3**

Match Abandoned

U14c

Oundle School U14c - **34 all out** (Aitken 3 for 11, Quirk 2 for 8)

Shrewsbury U14c - **35 for 4**

Shrewsbury won by 6 wickets



RSSBC: Wallingford Regatta

Sunday 2 May 2010

Top Squad

Sunday's Wallingford Regatta was the first of the season's major events and a time to start predictions for National Schools and Henley. All our top three VIII's made the journey south to Dorney ready and prepared for their first competitive 2000 metre race of the season.

First to race were the third VIII, racing in a senior event, they came up against two School first 8's who proved too strong for us. One of these crews however, only beat us by a length. Proving that this crew has a real chance of winning gold in their category at the end of May.

The 2nd VIII had a fantastic race to win the J18B VIII's, an event where both 1st and 2nd 8's are allowed to race thus making it a stiff challenge. Edging into the lead fairly early we managed to hold on by less than a second. Great credit to the crew for holding off Kings College School, Wimbledon 1st VIII who had beaten them at Schools Head. It would seem from these results that the gold at National Schools is within reach.

The 1st VIII competed in an event that was not completed, the result based on times achieved in the two heats. In our heat we won, rowing down the crew who came 4th at Schools Head, Latymer Upper. Unfortunately Radley, in the previous heat had posted a slightly faster time and so were deemed to have won. Allowing for fluctuations in the strong wind this was unsatisfactory. Although it certainly proves that our young guns are mixing it with all the other top School crews, National Schools is going to be an exciting regatta!!

Junior Crews

On a challenging day in wet and windy conditions at Dorney Lake, the J14A octuple looked to continue their run of good form. The vast majority of the major rowing schools were present, so a dress rehearsal for the National Schools Regatta was in prospect (although the race distance in 4 weeks will only be 1000m, rather than Wallingford's 2000m).

The wind caused many of the octuples a great deal of difficulty on their way up to the start for the time trial, but cox James Eardley (O) coped superbly keeping his crew warm and out of serious trouble. When they eventually set off for the time trial the crew rowed strongly, in the second fastest time; enough to make the final, but slower than Hampton School by 6 seconds.

Drawn alongside major rivals Hampton and Sir William Borlase in the final, Shrewsbury were going to have their work cut out. Off the start there was little between the crews, but Hampton and Shrewsbury began to pull clear after 500m. The tussle remained close, but a well-timed push saw the Shrewsbury crew start to edge ahead. Just as it looked as though they had "sealed the deal", the crew caught a major crab and the boat stopped dead in the water. When they got going again Hampton had taken a one length lead. This obviously spurred them on, and the Shrewsbury boys pushed on with length and power to regain the lead, and extend out to win by one length. Even more impressive that they survived for the final 200m without a rudder in a strong crosswind.

Another day of important lessons on the way to the National Schools Regatta on Friday 28th May. Next up though is Shrewsbury Regatta on Saturday 15th May.

Tennis: w/c 26th April

Monday 3 May 2010

Shrewsbury lost 8-1 at both 1st and 2nd VI level vs Magdalen College School, Oxford but more encouraging results from 16A winning 5.5-3.5 and U15A winning 4.5-4.5.

On Thursday we lost 4-2 to Ellesmere in the Glanville Cup. A great effort from the team in difficult conditions with Will Briggs playing outstandingly well to lose on a match tiebreak against a very good Ellesmere No. 1.

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The Heseltine Society

Tuesday 4 May 2010

The Heseltine Society, where we discuss politics and occasionally philosophy, has flourished this year. Past members include James Kingston, President elect of the Oxford Union, and Michael Webb, whose recent articles on Afghanistan have been published in the Spectator. We have regularly had around 10 boys and girls, discussing contemporary issues on Monday evenings at 8.00 p.m.

Last term, we staged a well attended parliamentary debate with around 20 members. The mock Conservative government managed to overturn the Hunting Ban, with Liberal Democrat support, before being defeated on a confidence motion.

This week the Heseltine Society will be helping to organise our mock election and staging our leaders debate.

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Ingram's represent Shrewsbury at the ifs Student Investor Challenge 2010

Wednesday 5 May 2010

The ifs Student Investor Challenge is an annual UK wide portfolio competition where teams of students from around the country have the opportunity to invest a virtual £100,000 in portfolio of stocks.

This year over 7,500 teams entered and a team from Shrewsbury School did excellently well coming in 12th place in the North Wales and English Midlands division and 85th place overall in the national competition. The team was Max Hulse, Will Speed, Harry Flowers and Edward Harrison, all from Ingram's Hall.

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Cricket: Group winners of the HMC Schools 20-20

Wednesday 5 May 2010

Shrewsbury School's 1st XI won through a tough group in the North West Region of the newly organised HMC Schools 20-20. A squad of 15 boys overcame teams from Ellesmere College, Wrekin College and Denstone College on a drizzly day to book a regional quarter-final spot.

Shrewsbury School v Ellesmere College

Shrewsbury School 162 for 6 (B.Williams 67, S.Barnard 46)

Ellesmere College 90 for 4

Shrewsbury win by 72 runs

Shrewsbury School v Wrekin College

Shrewsbury School 134 for 6 (M.Cull 57)

Wrekin College 79 for 9 (J.Aston 4 for 16/ B.Williams 3 for 9)

Shrewsbury win by 55 runs

Shrewsbury School v Denstone College

Shrewsbury School 179 for 5 (B.Williams 42, D.Lloyd 40)

Denstone College 136 for 6

Shrewsbury win by 43 runs



Fencing British Youth Championships

Wednesday 5 May 2010

Held at the England Institute of Sport in Sheffield, the event attracted fencers from all over the UK who had qualified from their various regional finals.

In the U18 Boy's Epee there were forty one competitors. In his first round **George Lane Fox** (RT) won four out of his six fights giving him a ranking of 12th. His first direct elimination fight gave him a 15-11 victory over Andrew Ho (South East). His next D/E against Andrew Dixon (North East) was a tense affair but a stunning last hit gave George Victory at 15-14. In the quarter finals George came up against Tom Edwards (South East) and in a tough fight eventually was knocked out 15-8. This gave George a final ranking of 8th in the country at his age group - a great result to be proud of.

In the U18 Boy's Foil **Christopher Williams** (I) finished a credible 35th in a very strong field of fencers and this being his first time at this age group bodes well for the future. This also applies to **Stephen Lilico** (SH) who finished 33rd in the Boys' Sabre.



Shrewsbury holds its own mock election

Thursday 6 May 2010

On Thursday 6th May, Shrewsbury held its own mock election.

Our Leaders' debate took place the previous Tuesday at the weekly Heseltine Society meeting. We had a lively discussion and all the candidates presented themselves well. Manifestos were then submitted and were posted around the site by the candidates.

Voting took place on Thursday in breakfast and lunch. With 9 candidates and all pupils eligible to vote, it promised to be an exciting contest. The votes were counted this evening; 356 pupils voted, and the Conservative Party emerged triumphant. How well that reflects the nation's voting patterns remains to be seen.

Labour	George Huntley (Ch)	21 votes
Conservative	Guy Cooper (S)	75 votes
Liberal Democrat	Nick Lawley (S)	47 votes
UKIP	Jack Flowers (I)	62 votes
Scottish National Party	Bertie Mayo (G)	10 votes
Plaid Cymru	Matthew Cull (I)	20 votes
Green	Stephen Lillicoe (SH)	18 votes
Anarcho-Capitalist Libertarian	Callum Harvey-Scholes (R)	43 votes
Monster Raving Looney	Archie Milligan Mamby (Rt)	60 votes



OS teams up with arch rival from Eton to row for Harvard

Thursday 6 May 2010

OS Patrick Lapage (Riggs 2003-2008), former Captain of Boats and currently studying at Harvard University, is now stroking the heavyweight Varsity crew this year, while still in his second (of four) years there. While he is not the only sophomore in the crew, this is certainly a considerable achievement. The crew races a series of matches against one or two other universities at a time on a weekly basis; so far they have won all but one race by very good margins; their only defeat was by one second, over 2k.

The deciding race to select one East Coast university crew to come to Henley is the 'Eastern Sprints Regatta' (on the same weekend as Shrewsbury Regatta!), for which they remain buoyant. The annual Harvard Yale match is at the end of the season.

By a huge coincidence, another crew member is Nicholas Jordan, former Captain of Boats at Eton. As rival schools, the two Captains knew each other's reputation well, but would never for one moment have imagined that they might one day be racing on the same side. Their presence in the Heavyweight crew has caused quite a stir, no doubt partly due to the Americans' fascination with our public schools. The following article appeared in 'The Crimson' - Harvard's rowing magazine - on 29th April 2010. To view the original article, please

see www.thecrimson.com

High School Rivals Become Teammates By Molly E. Kelly

Here's an interesting hypothetical situation: after spending your high school years cultivating a bitter dislike for your biggest rival, you're suddenly forced to spend multiple hours a day with him in a narrow, compact space. It could have the potential to be a little awkward, right?

As it turns out, this situation is anything but hypothetical - this was the reality sophomores Patrick Lapage and Nicholas Jordan faced when they joined the Harvard men's heavyweight crew teams after competing against each other throughout high school.

Lapage, now stroking for the Crimson varsity eight, rowed for Britain's Shrewsbury School while Jordan, currently sitting six seat of the same crew, rowed for Eton College a few hours south.

"[Competition] was pretty much as intense as you can get for my two years on varsity," Jordan explained. "For those two years, there weren't really other crews of a similar speed...They [Shrewsbury] were constantly our focus of training."

When asked about Eton's crew program, Lapage had a similar response.

"It was a pretty serious rivalry," he said. "From my point of view, Eton was the main competition. I certainly think that in our junior and senior years, [Eton and Shrewsbury] were the two fastest crews in the country."

Indeed, the Eton and Shrewsbury crews proved quite elite in their skill, and in their junior and senior years, Lapage and Jordan faced each other as their crews competed in the national championships.



"My junior year, we beat Shrewsbury and won the national championship," Jordan said. "But my senior year, they beat us. Both of these races were within half of a length - maybe a second or two."

But the competition between the two wasn't limited to the national stage.

In their junior year, both Jordan and Lapage participated in the U-19 World Championships in Beijing. Lapage rowed for Britain while Jordan suited up for his native U.S.A.

Lapage first became aware of his rival's presence in Beijing after seeing Jordan's crew practice before the big race.

"I saw the American eight training, and I saw Nick Jordan in the opposite seat. It was pretty funny," he recalled with a laugh. "I rowed with a couple guys from Eton doing the junior national team, so I knew who [Jordan] was although I never met him. They all spoke highly of him. It was hard to ignore the threat of such a big guy."

Likewise, Jordan knew of Lapage's strength on the water.

"I knew about him, and I knew him through mutual friends who did junior nationals," Jordan said. "[Lapage] was always the competition."

The scene entering the day of the race posed an unexpected - yet appropriate - way for the competitors to face off: the American and British crews were assigned adjacent lanes. With Jordan and Lapage pitted against each other so closely once more, the lane assignments seemed too fitting to be real.

The American eight ultimately beat the British crew, finishing second to China with a time of 05:59.47. Lapage and his eight crossed the 2000m mark to capture fifth place with a time of 06:01.30, less than two seconds after the U.S.A.

The rivalry between the pair took an interesting turn, though, when both Lapage and Jordan accepted spots in Harvard's class of 2012 and on the heavyweight crew.

Jordan admitted that at first, there was definitely a strange dynamic between the two.

"It was a little bit weird," he said. "I remember one time he had three Shrewsbury vests which he lent to a couple of guys our freshman year. One time I went out and saw that three or four guys were wearing Shrewsbury vests. That raised a few red flags in my mind subconsciously, since it gets burned in your mind after so many races," Jordan explained.

Lapage also needed time to adjust to the concept of a former competitor as a teammate.

"It was weird...flipping straight over from racing against and almost developing a hatred - not based on character but because of Eton - to rowing with him and having him on my side," Lapage noted.

Nevertheless, Lapage and Jordan rowed a very successful season. Their freshman eight turned out a 7-0 record in dual racing, and the crew captured silver at the Eastern Sprints and IRA National Championships.

This year, the two have not slowed their pace, and most recently they helped the No. 4 heavyweights win the Adams Cup versus No. 16 Navy and No. 18 Princeton. Their old high school rivalry has given way to an easy rapport.



"[Rowing in the 1V] is a reflection of both the talent and the hard work they've put in and the fact that they came to us with good experience," Crimson coach Harry Parker said. "They row well together, and they get along well together."



Cricket: Shrewsbury wins XL Club West Midlands Region School of the Year award for 2009

Thursday 6 May 2010

Fair play and sportsmanship get recognition

Before their match against the XL Club yesterday at Shrewsbury CC, the school were awarded the XL Club West Midlands Region School of the Year award for 2009.

The photograph shows 2nd XI captain Ramith Abrol (G) accepting the award from XL Club West Midlands Regional Chairman, Roger Wickson.

The XL Club was founded in 1936 for cricketers over the age of 40. They have over 5000 members in 12 regions around the UK and play over 300 games a season mainly against schools extolling the virtues of fair play and sportsmanship.



Fives Annual Dinner Awards

Saturday 8 May 2010

Shrewsbury School Fives Club held their Annual Dinner in Kingsland Hall on Saturday 8th May and celebrated a season of outstanding success. A gathering of over 60 pupils, staff, parents and guests listened to speeches from (Senior School Coach) Grant Williams, (Old Salopian SH 1975-80) Mike Hughes, (Age Group Managers) Dr Torin Morgan, Matthew Barrett, Chris Conway and (Master IC Fives) Andy Barnard.

Following the speeches a number of individuals received awards for their efforts throughout the year.

The outstanding success was put down to the hard work of all concerned and with a great number of the players available again in 2011 the school can look forward to producing many more high quality performers.

Most importantly the school have been roundly congratulated by the EFA tournament organisers and opposition alike for the way in which we have conducted ourselves both, on, and off court.

The growing number of girls playing fives and the ongoing excellent refurbishment of the 14 courts are two notable developments in a year in which standards have been very high.

During the evening Alice Walker accepted an invitation to join the Committee of the OS Fives Club and therefore become the first female member on any OS sports committee.

The very enjoyable evening ended with a vote of thanks for all supporting staff and coaches from George Thomason (Captain of Fives) and Alice Walker (Captain of Girls' Fives)

SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS 2010

Williams Team Cup Winners

National Schools Beginners' Winners

(Henry Blofield (PH) & Andrew Jackson (G))

National Schools Under 15 Winners

(Alex Styles (S) & M.Praggnall (G))

National Schools Under 16 Winners

(Jack Hudson-Williams (PH) & Sam Welti (I))

National Schools Open Runners Up

(Rupert Salmon (I) & Jason Tse (I))

EFA Schools Mixed Pairs Runners Up

(Hannah Blofield MSH & Sam Welti (I))

COLOURS AWARDED (or reawarded)

G.Thomason (G), R.Salmon (I), A.Blofield (PH), J.Tse (I), J.Hudson-Williams (PH),

S.Welti (I),

H.Lewis (I), S.Leach (M), A.Walker (MSH)

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

Award winners L-R: Alice Brett, Hannah Blofield, Harry Bromley-Davenport, Jack Doyle, Henry Blofield, Will Miller, Guy Williams



U14 Top Performers

Henry Blofield (PH) & Andrew Jackson (G)

U14 Most Reliable Players

Charlie White (G) & Harry Flowers (I)

U15 Top Performers

Will Miller (Rb) & Guy Williams (Rb)

U15 Most Reliable Players

Jack Doyle (SH) & Harry Bromley-Davenport (SH)

U16 Top Performers

Jack Hudson-Williams (PH) & Henry Lewis (I)

U16 Most Reliable Performers

Jack Flowers (I) & Sam Welti (I)

Senior Top Performers

Rupert Salmon (I) & George Thomason (G)

Senior Most Reliable

Performers

Jammie Drummond-Moray (S) & Jason Tse (I)

Girls Top Performer

Alice Walker (MSH)

Girls Most Improved Player

Hannah Blofield (MSH)

Girls Most Determined Player

Alice Brett (MSH)

Williams Team Cup Winners

George Thomason (G), Jack Hudson-Williams (PH), Jason Tse (I), Rupert Salmon (I), Sam Welti (I), Alex Blofield (PH), Henry Lewis (I).

Captain of Fives

George Thomason (G)

Captain of Girls' Fives

Alice Walker (MSH)



House Plays: 2009-2010 Season Review

Sunday 9 May 2010

Remarkably, and for the second time in three years, every single house managed to stage a play this year. The season had everything: serious political drama, short experimental drama, the absurd, farce and, back this year, the panto. The Ashton Theatre and a variety of overspill venues in all corners of Shrewsbury School had their hands (and seats) full again this year!

Fresh modern direction - Peter Middleton in the director's chair - came in the form of Dario Fo's *The Open Couple* staged by **The Grove** and **Mary Sidney Hall**. The nuances of jealousy and suspicion were laid bare (as it were) in and around a symbolic loo, which formed the centre-piece of the set. Originally a two-hander, Middleton cleverly split the roles into three male and three female parts, with the commanding and dissembling role played by Amy Storrs leading this taut battle of the sexes.

More short experimental drama - David Mamet's *Duck Variations* courtesy of **Ridgemount** - gave audiences a thoughtful glimpse into the absurdity of aging. Ollie Monckton, Henry Brereton and Jacob James led this accomplished cast - blustering and squabbling like the birds of the play's title. The wonderfully off-beat tai-chi sequence, led by Ben Williams, was typical of the understated and at times poignant humour of the production.

The Dayboys continued their foray into the world of absurd theatre, presenting an ambitious fusion of three short one act plays, Albee's *The Sandbox*, Arrabel's *The Two Executioners* and Adamov's *Professor Taranne*. Eoin Bentick and Beth Sparks were frighteningly watchable as the core of this uneasy mix of power and subterfuge and shifting moral sands.

The hot ticket of the year was undoubtedly *Moulin Rouge*, with standing room only for a three night run. **Rigg's Hall** teamed up with **Mary Sidney Hall** to perform the energetic musical, directed by Chris Cook, an amazingly ambitious project for a house play. The penniless Christian, superbly acted by Joe Allan arrives at the lush Moulin Rouge nightclub in Paris, falls head over poetry in love with the house cabaret singer, played and sung wonderfully by Edwina Coward. The wealthy Duke, the upright Charlie Lacey, however, has other plans... The nightclub was a hotbed (sometimes literally) of Bohemian activity - Hebe Dickins was fantastic in her comic role as the leader of a motley troupe of players. Cook has announced himself and we look forward to future offerings!

Panto was back at Christmas and who better to put on *Snow White* than Giles Bell's incorrigible **School House!** Ben Howarth's performance in the title role will change your vision of this innocent fairy tale, possibly for all time.

Meanwhile **Moser's Hall** countered with a zany fairy-tale fantasy in the form of *The Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon*. This witty mélange of Freudian fiction, led by a latter-day Ant and Dec in the form of Dan Bradshaw and Harry Putnam, crashed through the canon a Grimms' fairy-tales, ending with a *tour de force* from Will Shindell, who played every single character in Cinderella and ended with a wedding, where he married himself and lived happily ever after.

Two very accomplished farces were also enthusiastically received. *Daisy Pulls it Off* was **Mary Sidney Hall's** hugely entertaining and energetic in-house production. Fresh direction by Charlotte Finley and tongue-in-cheek comic performances by Amy Storrs, Maddy Fisher and



Arabella Midwood dipped audiences into the off-kilter world of Grangewood School for Young Ladies.

Michael Frayn's *Donkey's Years*, skilfully directed by James Brown, showed the continued breadth of young thespian talent in **Oldham's** - Gus Haynes, Freddie Fullerton, Dominic Gibbons and Johnny Wood, to mention but a few. Farce depends upon discipline, sharp technique and quick-fire timing. And it was a real credit to those involved that a show of such relentless pace was presented in Quod with so much effortless energy and style.

Ingram's *Map of the World* was an interesting and successful move away from comedy for the house and the third David Hare play to be put on at the school in two years. Tom Elliott, under the watchful eye of Dmitri Portier, took the helm, directing this taut dialectic between the liberal journalist, played with wonderful economy by Jack Flowers and the conservative novelist played with cool detachment by both Nikhil Morjaria (young man) and Seb Shukla (old man). I would love to see another Hare in the coming season!

But that steady old war horse *Incident at Vichy* was proof that Arthur Miller can still pack a political punch. A random group of citizens have been hauled off the streets of wartime Vichy and now await an inquisition about their Zionist forebears. There were impressive performances from many of the **Churchill's** cast, not least from Oliver Lyman and Oli Carter-Esdale. But this was an ensemble piece, with a plenty of talent in prospect for the future.

The final hit in a vintage year of plays was **Severn Hill's** *Dealer's Choice* - a dark comedy, set in a restaurant, where the emphasis is not so much on the food as on the gambling that follows. Performed in the Alington Hall upon an imaginative double set, the cast of dodgy dealers featured Charlie Straw, Rob Cross and the hilarious Charlie Farquhar. Proof, if any were needed, that the coming generation of Salopian actors promises to fill the boots of their predecessors with just as much style and *joie de vivre*.

Des Hann and Peter Fanning

House Cricket

Monday 10 May 2010

Last Friday saw some exciting quarter final matches (results below); the semi-finals will take place at 4pm on Thursday 13th May, Port Hill v Ingram's, and Radbrook v Rigg's. All are very welcome to watch / support.

PH 193 for 1

I 158

Rt 135 for 7

G 119

SH 120 for 6

O 147

Rb 136 for 6

R 125 for 3

Grove photos from 2009/2010

Monday 10 May 2010





Annual visit from 'the Shewsy' - Shrewsbury House, Liverpool

Wednesday 12 May 2010

Every year in May a large group of young people, staff and volunteers from Shrewsbury House ('The Shewsy'), a youth and community centre in Liverpool, spend a weekend at the school. This follows on from the visits that Lower Sixth pupils made earlier in the year to Liverpool, working with the young people and learning about life in the inner city, social care, crime and Liverpool's great maritime tradition.

Shrewsbury House is unique in being the only institution of its kind in the UK, and Shrewsbury School is also unique in offering social studies courses in its own youth and community centre.

The group of 22 from the Shewsy arrived last Saturday, in pretty miserable weather. After lunch in the Ashton Theatre, they all went off in various minibuses to take part in either horseriding at Prestcott (very popular), mountain biking in East Ridge Woods or canoeing from Pentre, before returning to school to have a swim.

In the evening the whole group travelled out and walked over the Stiperstones (thankfully with clear views and no rain). Everyone took part in very good spirits and ended at The Horseshoe Inn for a sausage and chip supper.

On Sunday morning, the group all came into chapel, where the chaplain of Shrewsbury House church, Henry Corbett, and the Youth Leader Dave Brereton, spoke to everyone about the Shewsy. Following brunch they all went on tours of the boarding houses, being hosted by our pupils who had been to the Shewsy earlier this year on social studies courses. Cricket in the cricket school with Ross was then followed by the Shewsy v Shrewsbury School football match (6-1 to Shrewsbury school - but this year the Shewsy had brought far fewer players and were all ages). After some more swimming and supper in KH, the Shewsy then left, tired and happy after a very enjoyable and successful weekend.

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Classics and History trip to Rome and the Bay of Naples - Lent half term 2011

Wednesday 12 May 2010

Following a highly successful trip in 2009, the Classics and History faculties are running a Sixth Form trip to Rome and the Bay of Naples in the Lent Term of 2011.

The trip is open to anyone in the Sixth Form, and will include visits to the Colosseum, the Roman Forum, the Vatican Museums, the Villa Borghese, Pompeii, Herculaneum and Mount Vesuvius. The trip runs from Friday 19th February to Thursday 24th. We will fly into Rome and fly back from Naples. The cost of the trip will be £600, which includes all meals, accommodation and entrance fees.



Open Day - not quite what we expected...

Thursday 13 May 2010

When we asked Robin Case, the Registrar, to write about our last Open Day we had expected a brief response to indicate that despite a particularly wet and windy day, 30 or so families came along last Saturday, and a good time was had by all.

We should have known better. The piece he wrote gives a wonderful flavour of our Open Days and what Shrewsbury has to offer, but as it's slightly too long for one of our news bulletins, we have given it a new page under Admissions/Open Day; please follow the link: [A typical Open Day](#)



Swimming: w/c 10th May 2010

Monday 17 May 2010

Shropshire Secondary Schools Gala

A team of 11 boys attended the Shropshire Schools gala on Wednesday and produced some outstanding results. In terms of importance, this gala ranks as just two levels below National Schools' standard. They all had to submit a qualifying time and all managed to reduce their times by a few seconds.

The outstanding swim of the evening came from Martin Kinvig (team captain). He was pipped into 4th place in the 100m breaststroke by 3/100 of a second, (2nd place time 1.17.46 and Martin's time 1.17.49); in his 100m freestyle he went below 60 seconds to produce a personnel best of 59.68, the first in the school for a long while to break the one-minute barrier for 100m freestyle. The other outstanding swim of the evening was James Morris who claimed 1st place in the 200m individual medley with a time of 2.28.27.

It was a first county schools gala for many of the team; they all put in a tremendous effort and the team spirit was second to none.



Tennis: w/c 10th May 2010

Monday 17 May 2010

Match vs Uppingham School

1st VI Lost 6.5-2.5 (Briggs and Jones winning 3 out of 4 sets).

U16A Lost 8-1

U16B Lost 5.5-3.5

U15A Won 5.5-3.5 (Bromley-Davenport and Carver winning all 4 sets - regarded by coach MDHC as some of the best 4th form tennis he has seen in his 15 years here)

U15B Won 5.5-3.5

U14A Won 6.6-2.5 (Nick Memminger & Harry Tomkinson winning all 4 sets and Jack Franklin & Ollie Brown winning 3

out of 4 sets. Memminger and Tomkinson were praised by the Uppingham coach for their sense of adventure.

U14B Lost 8-1

Overall 27.5 to 35.5 with Uppingham coming out on top in a good fixture.



RSSBC: week commencing 10th May 2010

Monday 17 May 2010

Great results for the Top squad over the weekend at the Shrewsbury Regatta with wins for all three 8's. Saturday included an invitation to Kings School Chester to come and race in a series of races against our top 2 boats. The results were all in our favour and a good omen for National Schools in two weeks time. Sunday saw wins for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd 8's and also for two fours and a pair. All in all a strong performance.

J14 SHREWSBURY REGATTA - Saturday 15th May 2010

A mixed day at our home regatta. The highlight was a win for the J14B octo against Kings Chester, in a tight and tough race. In the J14A octo the result was reversed, and should provide the motivation needed to keep training hard over the next two weeks before the National Schools Regatta. The J14C octo lost out to Kings Chester B, but rowed well and showed promise for the future.

For the rest of the day we had entered 7 quads - named after the 7 dwarfs. In the J14A quad category, the A octo was split into two matched quads ('Dopey' and 'Grumpy'), 'Dopey' overcame Kings Chester A, whilst 'Grumpy' beat Runcorn to set up an all Shrewsbury final - 'Dopey' coming away with the pots. The A octo also raced up an age category in J15A quad and J14B quad categories - although both were knocked out in the semi-finals, both quads pushed their older opponents hard, including a loss by 2 feet to Royal Chester's J15s. Three quads from the J14B and J14C octos raced in the J14B quads, 'Happy' lost a tight first round race against the Grange School (put then went on to win the plate competition), 'Sleepy' beat RGS Worcester to set up an all Shrewsbury quarter final against 'Sneezy' - 'Sleepy' took the semi-final berth. Their excellent progress was then halted by a strong Kings Chester quad.

J14 SHREWSBURY SPRINT REGATTA - Sunday 16th May 2010

Some of the squad volunteered to race on the shortened sprint course on Sunday in singles and doubles. James Laishley (M) raced in J15B singles, and unfortunately lost out to an experienced sculler from Hereford. In the J14B single cox James Eardley (O) raced valiantly, but lost out to a much larger opponent, he has vowed to return next year and try again. The J14A single ended up being a straight final between Charlie Clarke (O) and Josh Barnard (R) - Barnard the victor. Three of the four J14A doubles were racing as RSSBC, so the prospects were good. In the first semi-final Clarke pairing up with Will Dodson-Wells (SH) lost out to a powerful Burton Leander crew. The second semi-final saw Laishley team up with George Day (R) to race against James Aitken (R) and Charlie Lane Fox (Rt) - some interesting steering from both boats made for an entertaining race with Aitken and Lane Fox booking their place in the final; they then went on to beat Burton Leander by a healthy distance to record the squads fifth and final win of the weekend.



Astronomers' Dinner 2010

Monday 17 May 2010

The most spectacular success of the Astronomy Society in recent years has been the winning of a competition run by the UK Government to design an application to be put on board a satellite. With the satellite launched in 2009, the project, POISE, is active, currently orbiting the earth and sending back valuable data.

The guest at last week's annual Astronomy Society dinner was Peter Shah, the well-known astrophotographer. His work has been published in many international newspapers and he has recently developed a telescopic imaging system. His talk was particularly helpful for 4th and 5th formers currently studying the subject for GCSE. Pupils were delighted to have many of their queries answered as their coursework includes astrophotography. The School and pupils found his advice helpful as it also applies to equipment which is relatively affordable by pupils.

Peter Shah has also agreed to advise on the renovation of the School's observatory which would improve the observation experience for the pupils and further enhance the Astronomy Society and department.

Erk Angpanitcharoen (Ch UVI)



RSSBC: Girls' rowing w/c 10th May 2010

Monday 17 May 2010

The girls tackled their 2nd regatta with a degree of maturity and a wealth of fight. This weekend for them was as much about gaining race experience as it was about racing on their home turf. Saturday saw the 8+ lose to Royal Chester-a bigger more experienced crew. Doubled up into coxed 4s, the 1st 4+ commanded their first race to win comfortably. Their second round happened a mere 30 minutes later against a fresh crew, and just happened to be on the wrong side of a 2 ft verdict. A fantastic race opportunity which enabled the girls to race under pressure.

Molly Derbyshire and Camilla Aylwin offered themselves up to race in a 2x. Unfortunately they found themselves 1ft down on the line. A valuable lesson learnt.

A second day of racing saw a much grittier 8+ arrive at the start line. Their opposition: Queens College, Oxford had to fight to gain a marginal lead in the first 250m, finishing a mere length and a quarter up on the Girls. The final of WNovice 8+s was won by more than 2 lengths, inferring that RSSBC girls crew were the 2nd fastest 8+ out of 5 .

The girls race this weekend at Nottingham for some valuable multi lane experience!



CCF: An outstanding inspection report - well worth reading!

Monday 17 May 2010

We have recently received the CCF Biennial Inspection Report, that was carried out in March 2010.

The report is absolutely outstanding, and as the Reviewing Officer himself (Lt Col Guy Chambers) notes, this is a reflection on the strength of the school.

The text of his review is reproduced in full here. Our Master in Charge of CCF, Major Nick David, says it 'makes really pleasing reading', and we feel its praise and support is something that we can all feel proud to be associated with.

"I was very privileged to be invited to be the Reviewing Officer for the 2010 Biennial Review of Shrewsbury School CCF. The programme was varied, interesting, and extremely well executed by Major David and his staff and cadets. There was plenty of opportunity to speak to the staff and cadets and see the variety that this very dynamic CCF has to offer. A splendid military competition was being run at Nesscliffe Training Area and the CCF was very ably supported by the School staff, RM, RAF, CTT, and other volunteers. The enthusiasm of the cadets and the mentoring of the staff were clearly apparent and noteworthy. This, combined with the support the School staff, and the outstanding facilities, offered the impression of a well motivated, well prepared, and effective CCF that offers excellent opportunities for the development of young people. The current Headmaster obviously supports the CCF well and most impressive was the attendance of the new Headmaster who gave up half a day of his handover to attend. The new Headmaster is clearly a firm supporter of the CCF.

"The facilities at Shrewsbury School are unrivalled and the availability of local private land and training areas is excellent. The Army section is the largest and well recruited and all detachments have impressive number of high quality 6th Form pupils. There was a range of excellent military activities shown on the day and all demonstrated a high degree of military professionalism, ingenuity, and specialisation; this was particularly so of RM detachment and the Army innovative overnight exercise.

"All elements of the CCF conduct frequent visits to military establishments and particularly impressive is the use of military and other adventurous training opportunities.

"It is noteworthy and pleasing that this CCF has a number of pupils from overseas and it is testament to the cohesion of the Schools that not only are common room staff instructing but also other School support staff. They will shortly receive their first females in the CCF and this will further enhance the Contingent.

"In summary, the Review allowed me to witness and extremely well run, well supported, well resourced, enthusiastic and efficient CCF that is providing exactly the leadership and development opportunities for which the CCF is mandated. Major David and his staff are to be congratulated on the organisation of the day, but more particularly for their dedication throughout the year and on the visits to establishments. The enthusiasm and professionalism of the cadets was a reflection on the excellence of the staff and in particular of Maj David who

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shows great leadership and encouragement. The CCF staff, the Headmaster, and School staff have all played their part in supporting the CCF and the result is very impressive. I have conducted a number of CCF and ACF visits and this CCF is one of the most impressive I have seen. This is an outstanding CCF.”

*Lieutenant Colonel GP Chambers
Joint Regional Liaison Officer
HQ 143 Brigade
19 March 2010*

Cricket: Radbrook win the new 1st League Championships

Monday 17 May 2010

Radbrook (57) defeated Mosers (24) in the final of the new 1st Leagues Championships. They will try to make it a League & Cup double next week in the 1st House Final.

Every Tuesday boys (5th/L6th & U6th) not involved in A squads play in teams of 8 for their House during the first 5 weeks of the summer term, and boys in the Third and Fourth Forms play in the A Leagues on Mondays for 10 weeks. The House League structure has for many years underpinned the cricket at Shrewsbury School and has been a proving ground for many fine players as well as providing recreational cricket for many many boys.

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Golf: w/c 10th May 2010

Monday 17 May 2010

1st vs Malvern College

Last week, Shrewsbury hosted a return golf match against Malvern at Shifnal Golf Club. The team consisted of 6 players; Rory Gittins, Max Lilley, Will Moorcroft, Ben Jones, Stefan Hindmarsh and James Mainwaring. Although the weather was changeable there was some excellent golf to be played and in the end Shrewsbury came out 3-0 winners, the golf team's first match win of the year and a complete clean sweep too!



2010 Scholarships

Tuesday 18 May 2010

*The following **Scholarships** have been awarded by Shrewsbury School*

Butler Scholarships:

D.R. Edwards (Birchfield School)
O.H.B. Hope (Abberley Hall)
A.K.Z. Koh (The Elms, Colwall)
R. Viljoen (Shrewsbury High Prep School)

Kennedy Scholarships:

E.D. Carroll (Packwood Haugh)
B.T. Smith (Cargilfield)
J. Sobol (Birchfield School)

Moss Scholarships:

W.G. Hargreaves (The Ryleys)
S. Kandi (St John's-on-the-Hill)

Alington Scholarships:

C.E. Adams (Packwood Haugh)
G.R. Evans (Shrewsbury High Prep School)
A.C. Haspel (Shrewsbury High Prep School)
E.J. Robinson-Boulton (Packwood Haugh)
A.T.T. Shaw (The Ryleys)
T.J.J. Simmons (Lancaster Royal Grammar School)

All-Rounder Scholarships:

E.D. Carroll (Packwood Haugh)
J.A. Dempsey (The Ryleys)
B.T. Smith (Cargilfield)
J. Sobol (Birchfield)

Art Scholarships:

T.P. McHugh (St Bede's School)
F.W.B. Thomson (Packwood Haugh)
C.W. Gillow (Dragon School)

Burney Music Scholarship:

G. Ganchev (National School of Arts, Varna, Bulgaria)

Music Scholarships:

A.W.C. Bird (Foremarke Hall)
G. Birt (Prestfelde)
H. Craig (Lichfield Cathedral School)
J.A. Dempsey (The Ryleys)
C.R. Davis (Shrewsbury High School Prep)
B. Parsons (Winterfold House)

Sports Scholarships:

J.O. Humes (Packwood Haugh)
G.P.G. Lewis (St John's-on-the-Hill)
F. Wynn (Winterfold House)

Sixth Form Scholarships:

- Academic Scholarships:

C.M.C. Higham (Cheltenham Ladies College)
E.R. Moodey (Brampton College)
M.E. Cherrington (The Priory School, Shrewsbury)
W.J. Nolan (Sedbergh School)
A.W. Pollock (The Royal Grammar School, Worcester)



- Music Scholarship: T.F. Price (Shrewsbury High School)
- Art Scholarship: H.J. Stringer (Corbet School, Baschurch)
- Sports Scholarship: C. Gittins (Llanfyllin High School)
- Margaret Cassidy Scholarship: M.K. Clive (Wrekin College)
- Martin Rees Scholarship: J.C. Board (Burton Borough School, Newport, Shropshire)
- Gemini Scholarship: R.A.J. Smith (The Cathedral School, Llandaff)
- Gemini Scholarship: E.R. Storey (The Priory School, Shrewsbury)
- Gemini Scholarship: D. Chirita (Moldova)



Cricket: week beginning 17th May 2010

Monday 24 May 2010

The second clean sweep of the season to report! The first against KES Birmingham, this time against Sedbergh School in a new block fixture – congratulations to all! Well done also to the 1st XI – see below for news of their win in the National Schools 20/20. Good luck to the U15A XI who play Rugby School in the Lord Taverners National Competition on Thursday.

National 20-20 Competition

Shrewsbury 1st XI - **213 for 7** (Price 101)

Kings Macclesfield 1st XI - **155 for 9** (Lewis 3 for 28)

Shrewsbury 1st XI won by 58 runs

Matches vs Sedbergh

Shrewsbury 1st XI - **254 all out**

Sedbergh School 1st XI - **191 all out**

Shrewsbury 1st XI won by 63 runs

Sedbergh School 2nd XI – **159 for 9** (Darroch 2 for 18, W Mason 2 for 23, P Schutzer-Weissmann 2 for 32)

Shrewsbury 1st XI – **160 for 6** (Hanmer 35, K Schutzer-Weissmann 30)

Shrewsbury 2nd XI won by 4 wickets

Sedbergh School 3rd XI - **184 all out.** (Khan 3 for 35, C Bevan 3 for 3, Inglis 1-6)

Shrewsbury 3rd XI - **186 for 9** (Thompson 33, Leslie 33, Lechmere 28)

Shrewsbury 3rd XI won by 1 wicket

Shrewsbury U15a - **165 for 8** (Doyle 38, Gregson 29, Gould 28)

Sedbergh School U15a - **115 all out** (Moore 3 for 27, Gregson 2 for 11, Styles 2 for 12)

Shrewsbury U15a won by 50 runs

Sedbergh School U14a - **140 for 4** (Hulton-Harrop 2 for 30)

Shrewsbury U14a - **141 for 1** (Gittins 58, Bedson 58*)

Shrewsbury U14a won by 9 wickets

Sedbergh School U14b - **174 for 7** (Robert Treasure 6 overs 2 for 13)

Shrewsbury U14b - **175 for 2** (Ben Lyster-Binns 56*, James Moulson 68*)

Shrewsbury U14b won by 8 wickets

Other matches

Shrewsbury U16b - **206 for 9** (Mucklow 40, Kolleth 30)

Bromsgrove School 3rd XI - **179 All Out** (Wells 4 for 51, Bird 2 for 15)

Shrewsbury U16b won by 27 Runs

North East Wales U14 - **160 for 7** (Hayward 4 for 16, including a hat-trick!)

Shrewsbury U14a - **161 for 5** (Crawford 44, White 24)

Shrewsbury U14a won by 5 wickets



Athletics: w/c 17th May 2010

Monday 24 May 2010

Meeting at Repton School

Shrewsbury had a full squad out again for an inter-school fixture hosted by Repton, with 6 schools taking part in total. The Senior Girls, with a full team out for the first time, managed a credible 5th, with strong performances from Ellie Hill and Ellie Gurden in the javelin and hurdles respectively. The Senior boys came 3rd overall, with standout performances from Roy Chatterjee (100m) and Harry Putnam (triple jump). The U17s, despite fielding a young team (including a number of 3rd formers), stormed to take home overall victory, concluding with yet another blistering 4x100m performance. The outstanding achievement of the day, however, was 3rd former Chike Kandi's 100m performance, where, without starting blocks, he recorded 11.07, a time that is simply breathtaking for an athlete his age, and one that should prove competitive when he competes at the Nationals in July.

County Championships – Combined Events

This week also has seen Shrewsbury athletes compete at the County Combined Events Championships, and there were further individual medal successes. Tom Bozman, competing in a Decathlon for the first time, was crowned County champion, with fellow U6th former Ellie Hill securing bronze in the Senior Girls heptathlon. Athlete of the championships, however, was 3rd former Ivan Sanin, who simply dominated the U15 Pentathlon, with top scores in 3 out of the 5 events. His total of 2107 points was 250 points ahead of 2nd place. All three will now represent Shropshire at an inter-counties Regional fixture at the end of June, where they will hope to progress onto the Nationals in September.



Girls' rowing: Nottingham City Regatta

Monday 24 May 2010

This was a run through for the up coming National Schools regatta and indeed their first 2000m race and on a multi lane course. Up against much bigger competition (two university crews) the RSSBC were first to the 250m line, demonstrating some raw strength and fight. To the 1000m line RSSBC were 1/2 length up on Warwick University, with Loughborough taking a commanding lead. A remarkable race from some feisty girls. They were eventually rowed through but the RSSBC crew made them work for it.

A perfect opportunity for the RSSBC Girls Eight to gain some valuable experience.



OS: Early season motorsport success for Oli Webb (Severn Hill, 2004-2009)

Tuesday 25 May 2010

In his first season in Formula 3, the breeding ground for the next generation of Formula 1 drivers, Oli Webb is already proving himself to be an exceptional rookie. Over the weekend of 22nd/23rd May, Oli took two wins, two fastest and a second place to take the Championship lead of the Cooper Tires British F3 International Series at Magny Cours.

In an email to his old housemaster, Paul Vicars, Oli wrote at the beginning of May "*It would be difficult to get a better start to my F3 career than the first weekend that my team, with Fortec and Mercedes, managed to achieve. To be the top-placed first year driver (rookie) in the Championship and get two second places against such a talented field including fully funded Red Bull Drivers and F1 Stars of the future alike is fantastic. I didn't have a great test at Oulton Park in my pre-season and we have managed to come away 2nd in the championship already, so I am really fired up now for Silverstone where I topped the time sheets during testing being p1 on the last official test and Media day. It is great after such a long and intense pre-season plan that includes fitness, nutrition, mind coaching, team meetings and press requirements, to finally get out there and show that all the hard work we as a team have put in has been worthwhile and will hopefully continue that way.*"

Please see www.oliwebbracing.com for further information.

Third former runs 100m in record time

Thursday 27 May 2010

Competing in the U17s category at Repton on Saturday 22nd May, Third former Chike Kandi (M) ran 100m in 11.07s - without starting blocks! This was a truly incredible time for someone of his age, and helped the team to overall victory at the inter-school fixture. Chike is one to watch out for when he competes at the Nationals in July.



Cricket: U15s in regional final of national Lord's Taverners competition

Friday 28 May 2010

Shrewsbury School advanced to the MIDLANDS REGIONAL FINAL in the Lord's Taverners U15 Colts Trophy by beating Rugby School on Thursday 27th May. They now play away at Bedford School in the final after half term.

Shrewsbury 201 for 9 (Gregson 74, Farquhar 29)

Rugby School 103 all out (Farquhar 4 for 19, Gregson 3 for 13)

Shrewsbury U15a won by 98 runs

12th May 2010:

Shrewsbury's U15 won by 10 wickets against St. Mary's High School, Herefordshire, taking them through to the second round of this prestigious national competition.

St. Mary's RC High School - 84 all out (35.2 overs)

Moore 3 for 16

Shrewsbury School - 85 for 0 (13.4 overs)

Bird 40*, Farquhar 28*



Rowing: J14 crews win National Schools' Regatta, Nottingham

Saturday 29 May 2010

The J14A crew and the J14B crew won gold and bronze in their respective divisions yesterday at the National Schools' Regatta, the A crew by a staggering seven seconds in their final. This underlined their dominance of their division throughout the Head and Regatta seasons - they have quite simply won every gold medal available.

The J14B crew missed out in a terrifically exciting and close race by around a second on gold, after leading with 100m to go. The C crew also competed brilliantly yesterday, and just missed out on qualification in the B division by two seconds - but they can be very proud.

Rob Wilson reports:

A historic victory at the National Schools Regatta. The J14A octuple romped home in a 7 second victory over the field. Shrewsbury has never won an octuple event at Nat Schools before, and our only previous J14 victory was in 1975 in J14 Eights. This underlines a tremendous year for the crew which also won the other major events for J14s: Hampton Head, the National Junior Sculling Head and Wallingford Regatta.

The J14B octuple was not to be outdone. They faced some sizable opposition, who would challenge our A octo on the height front, but fought hard with passion and with determination to capture a bronze medal in their event - only a fraction behind the winners.

The J14C octuple was racing in the J14B event, and although they missed out on qualifying for the semi-finals by about 2 seconds, they rowed superbly well - especially considering that a number of the crew only took up rowing 6 weeks ago, great prospects for the future!



OS Professor Martin Rees delivers BBC's 2010 Reith Lectures

Monday 31 May 2010

This year's BBC Radio 4 Reith lecturer is the cosmologist and astrophysicist **Professor Martin Rees**, one of our most eminent Old Salopians. Professor Rees has been President of the Royal Society since 2005 and is a member of the House of Lords. He has been Astronomer Royal since 1995, and is Master of Trinity College, Cambridge.

Professor Rees has written widely about science, including more than 500 research papers and numerous published articles, as well as eight books on the subjects of cosmology and astronomy, intended for the lay reader. Topics he has written about include the origin of cosmic microwave background radiation, galaxy clustering and formation and the distribution of quasars. He was also one of the first to propose that enormous black holes power quasars. He broadcasts and lectures widely and has held visiting professorships at many universities around the world.

His Reith Lectures will explore the role of science as a common culture and the scope and limits of our scientific understanding. Professor Rees will also discuss how science might further transform our lives in the rest of the 21st century – posing new opportunities, threats and ethical challenges. And he will consider scenarios, some optimistic, some less so, for a world in which pressures on resources and the environment will become ever more acute.

Professor Rees will be delivering four Reith lectures; the first one will be broadcast on BBC Radio 4 at 9am on Tuesday 1st June.

Radio 4 Controller Mark Damazer said: "It is wonderful that Professor Rees has agreed to be next year's Reith lecturer.

"Throughout 2010 the BBC will be placing special emphasis on its science output – 350 years after the founding of The Royal Society – and the lectures are the centrepiece for Radio 4. Professor Rees has a worldwide reputation as a brilliant theoretical scientist and has consistently believed in the need to excite lay audiences about the role of science and scientists. I look forward to a thrilling voyage of enquiry."

The Reith Lectures 2010 were recorded in May and will be broadcast on BBC Radio 4 and the BBC World Service. John Reith, the BBC's first Director-General, maintained that broadcasting should be a public service which enriches the intellectual and cultural life of the nation. It is in this spirit that the BBC each year invites a leading figure to deliver a series of lectures on radio. The aim is to advance public understanding and debate about significant issues of contemporary interest. The Reith Lectures began in 1948, the first Reith lecturer being the philosopher Bertrand Russell.



RSSBC: a record haul of medals at National Schools' Regatta 2010

Tuesday 1 June 2010

A breezy Friday, 28th May, saw the opening of this year's annual three day battle at Nottingham on the 2000m six-lane racing course. With marquees, tents, flags and banners all billowing round the perimeter, adorning the lakeside as though it was to host a medieval jousting match, the scene was set for what many in the club anticipated would be a good year. They were not disappointed.

The youngest members of the club went in to the fray first, three J14 octuple sculling crews. Previous racing had revealed that the squad was strong and the crews were fast. Such it proved again on the day; after a time trial and a semi final in which the C crew almost made it through (in the same event as the B crew), both the B and A boat emerged as finalists in their separate events. Racing strongly, both then won medals. After several years of bronze and silver (and nothing) at this level, for the first time ever the A crew won outright and brought home the Cherwell Cup (J148x+ 1) and each member now proudly wears a gold medal. The B boat scored bronze in the Dulwich Cup (J148x+ 2) - a highly creditable outcome.

Winning members of the A crew are:

G Day, C Lane Fox, R Homden, O Pattison-Appleton, B Dobbs, W Angell-James, J Laishley, J Aitken, J Eardley.

The breeze lessened on Saturday and the rain came down heavily at times, and the gauntlet was well and truly down. Through a long day of racing in which the girls' crew and the J15s fought bravely but without reward, members of the Top Squad emerged victorious and added a further three medals to the tally.

A bronze for the 1st VIII in the Queen Mother Cup for Championship Eights is set against two facts and is a very good achievement. First it represent a huge turn around from the ill-fortunes of last year's crew at this event - returning members of whom are, as of now, part of a medal winning combination. The habit of winning - and losing - is often hard to break. Confidence flows in a winning system. Secondly there are four relative youngsters in the crew, on merit, of whom more anon, competing as Davids against the opposing Goliaths.

The 3rd VIII scored a silver in the West Cup, racing hard and leading for much of the way. Bravely they battled yet were just overcome in an furiously fought race. However the battle honours of the day went to the 2nd VIII who led convincingly in their heat and - this is not to imply effortlessly, for they too raced hard - simply repeated the process in their final of the Elsenham Cup, bringing home that splendid piece of silverware richly entwined with Salopian history.

Members of the winning 2nd VIII are:

G Huntley, K Blake, T Lywood, M Pattison-Appleton, E Thomason, O Wray, C Rhodes-Bell, R Morgan, H Robertson.

Sunday was clear though the windiest yet. Indeed, had the wind been anything except pretty much a cross wind, the lake would have been near unrowable; still, there was sufficient head wind to cause difficulty, and aligning crews at the start on the stake boats caused a cumulative 40 minute delay through the day. Technical imperfections are quickly revealed in conditions like



that. The Championship coxless pair and the J16 coxless four both emerged successfully from their time trial into the semis, and the four proceeded from there to its final later in the day with an easy win. In the final itself the race was stopped after 100m as two other boats collided, one of which was disqualified, and the race re-started. It would have been easy to let the nerves get the better, but not so. They quickly established a good lead, opening out clear water before half way, which was increased and maintained to the line. Along with the Windsor Cup and a gold, they brought the medals tally to six.

*The winning J16 coxless four comprised:
F Day, S Lapage, R Chitty, T Marshall.*

The three days were truly a team effort and a great achievement for the club. One has to go back to 1994 with Mike Partridge in charge of the club to find five medals from one NSR, a year which spawned two Blue Boat oarsmen and a GB junior. One final observation: while it is not uncommon to have two brothers rowing at NSR together, even medalling in the same year, it is rare indeed to have three medalists simultaneously from one family. The Lywoods (Toby - 2nd VIII, Charlie - 3rd VIII and Archie - J14B) achieve just that.

OS received academic prize from St Hilda's, Oxford

Wednesday 9 June 2010

OS William Hedley (Ridgemount 2003-2008) has recently been awarded the Knox Memorial Prize for German from St. Hilda's College's Tutorial Committee, in recognition of his excellent work in the subject.



Cricket: All six matches v Malvern won!

Saturday 12 June 2010

SATURDAY 12th May 1st XI v Malvern (away)

Shrewsbury 1st XI - **219 for 9** (Leach 47, Lloyd 49, Price 36, Blofield 33*)

Malvern College 1st XI - **176 for 7** (Hudson-Williams 3 for 37, Lewis 3 for 27)

Shrewsbury 1st XI won by 43 runs

Malvern College 2nd XI – **83 all out**

Shrewsbury 2nd XI – **84 for 1** (Hanmer 53*)

Shrewsbury 2nd XI won by 9 wickets

Malvern College 3rd XI - **181 for 9** (Kolletth 3 for 18, E Grant 3 for 22, Leslie 2 for 16)

Shrewsbury U16b - **184 for 6** (Mucklow 41, Bozman 41)

Shrewsbury U16b won by 3 wickets

Malvern College U15a XI – **181 for 9**

Shrewsbury U15b XI – **80 all out**

Malvern College U15a won by 101 runs

Shrewsbury U14a XI - **214 for 2** (Bedson 89, White 52)

Malvern College U14a XI - **167 all out**

Shrewsbury U14a won by 47 runs

Shrewsbury U14b XI - **161 for 7** (Roberts 36, Bibby 33*)

Malvern College U14b XI - **48 all out** (Green 5 for 6)

Shrewsbury U14b won by 113 runs

Cricket: 1st XI defeat Sedbergh in regional 20-20 Final

Saturday 12 June 2010

On Friday 11th May, Shrewsbury's 1st XI won the North West Regional Final HMC National 20-20 at the Northern Cricket Club, Crosby

Shrewsbury 217-7 (20 overs) A Blofield 69, S Leach 34*

Sedbergh 145 all out (19 overs) D Lloyd 4-18, H Lewis 2-5

Shrewsbury won by 72 runs and now meet either RGS Newcastle or Worksop College in the Northern regional final. Date TBC



Athletics: 7 gold medals at County Championships

Monday 14 June 2010

17 medals - including 7 golds - at County Athletic Championships, Saturday 12th June

For the first time in many years, Shrewsbury entered a number of athletes into the County Track and Field Championships, held at the Oakengates track in Telford. Shrewsbury has a rich tradition in athletics, and indeed was the birthplace of events such as the modern-day Steeplechase. Shrewsbury still holds the individual records at County level in six separate events, including D Tinsley's 22.7 in the 200m, which still stands even though the record was set in 1965!

There were no records on Saturday for this year's crop of runners, but it was nevertheless a hugely successful day, with 19 athletes competing in a variety of events. Of these Shrewsbury athletes, 10 medalled, with our total haul in the end of 17. This means we were one of the most successful schools on the day, particularly since 7 of these medals were gold. Particular commendation must go to our double gold-winners- Ellie Hill (U6th, MSH) and Chike Kandi (3rd, M). Ellie was dominant in the field events, with wins in the shot (8.24m) and the javelin (30.48m). Chike did the 100/200m double, with times of 12.3 and 25.4.

Seven of our athletes have now been selected to represent Shropshire at the prestigious 10-county Mason Trophy at the Alexander Stadium in Birmingham this Saturday, to add to the four athletes who have gained county selection in the combined events. The medal-winning athletes were as follows:

Chike Kandi (3rd, M)	1st, Junior Boys 100m (12.3)
	1st, Junior Boys 200m (25.4)
Otto Clarke (3rd, S)	2nd, Junior Boys 1500m (4.52.1)
Ivan Sanin (3rd, G)	1st, Junior Boys Long Jump (5.54m)
	2nd, Junior Boys Javelin (33.91m)
Ollie Roberts (3rd, Rb)	2nd, Junior Boys Discus (26.02m)
Nick Douglas (4th, R)	3rd, Inter Boys High Jump (1.57m)
George Mallett (5th, S)	3rd, Inter Boys 1500m (4.46.4)
Roy Chatterjee (L6th, SH)	2nd, Senior Boys 100m (11.9)
	1st, Senior Boys 200m (24.5)
Tom Bozman (U6th, SH)	2nd, Senior Boys Javelin (33.56m)
	2nd, Senior Boys High Jump (1.60m)
Ellie Hill (U6th, MSH)	1st, Senior Girls Javelin (30.48m)
	1st, Senior Girls Shot (8.24m)
Ellie Gurden (U6th, MSH)	1st, Senior Girls 100m Hurdles (19.1)
	2nd, Senior Girls 200m (31.4)



Visit from St. Peter's, Everton

Monday 14 June 2010

On Saturday 12th June, Shrewsbury School welcomed around 40 visitors from St Peter's, Everton and other local congregation. St Peter's is the church that looks after Shrewsbury House youth club, known in Liverpool as "The Shewsy".

Many of the St Peter's congregation were Shewsy club members in their younger days and it is great to hear stories of days gone by.

We were blessed with fine weather and this gave us a chance for a full tour of the school. Some of the congregation went for a swim, others played rounders and tug of war. Above all they enjoyed the chance to look round our beautiful site.

This visit is an annual event and helps to strengthen the ties between the Shewsy and the school. This link is very important to us and the social studies trips of L6th pupils are an important part of their education here.

Many thanks to Henry Corbett and Chris Conway for their help with the visit.

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USA University Conference at Shrewsbury School

Monday 21 June 2010

Over the last few years, there has been an increasing interest in American universities from Salopians, and a corresponding (but still small) number of applicants to such universities. The destinations have included exalted institutions such as the University of North Carolina, Stanford, and from 2005 regularly Harvard. As a result of this interest, the School stepped up its approach to the idea of a university education in America. Four years ago Shrewsbury School began running formal SAT prep courses and two years became registered as an SAT test centre.

For over thirty years we have of course been in the fortunate position of having a Harvard Fellow (a Harvard graduate appointed for a one-year stint at the School). Currently we also have two Americans and two Canadians on the permanent staff, and have just held our second Annual Conference for Schools & Colleges about American Universities. This year the focus was on Practical Help for Schools and Colleges. As well as using the experience of our own staff, presentations were given by Lauren Welch of the Fulbright Commission, and Jon Tabbert – an independent consultant on universities in the United States. About twenty schools and colleges, as well as representatives from ISCO, took part in this conference, and this year we widened the scope to include a session on Canadian Universities. This is the only conference of its kind in the Midlands and North of England, and reflects the growing recognition of our expertise and experience in this field.

Next year the conference will focus on students thinking about the American experience, and their parents.



Cricket: Results for w/c 14th June

Monday 21 June 2010

HMC Schools National 20-20 (Northern Final)

Worksop College 1st XI - 167 for 9 (Blofield 2 for 28 , Lewis 2 for 20)

Shrewsbury 1st XI - 168 for 5 (Blofield 45, Williams 54, Price 40)

Shrewsbury 1st XI won by 5 wickets (The XI face either Millfield or Clifton in the National Semi-Final)

U15 ESCA 20/20 Competition (National Rounds One & Two)

Shrewsbury U15a – 159 for 6 (Gregson 33)

Bromsgrove School U15a – 100 all out

Shrewsbury U15a won by 59 runs

Shrewsbury U15a – 183 for 7 (Gregson 49, Farquhar 45*, Doyle 30)

George Farmer School U15a – 94 all out (Moore 4 for 22, Styles 3 for 5)

Shrewsbury U15a won by 89 runs (The U15a XI play either Loughborough GS or Repton in the last 16)

The U15 Lord Taverners Competition (National 1/4 Final)

Bedford School U15a – 132 all out (Ellery 3 for 30, Farquhar 3 for 21)

Shrewsbury U15a – 90 all out (Farquhar 34)

Bedford School U15a won by 42 runs

The U14 Lord Taverners Competition (County Semi-Final and Final)

Wrekin College U14a - 69 for 6 (Blofield 3 for 7)

Shrewsbury U14a - 70 for 6

Shrewsbury U14a won by 4 wickets

Ludlow School U14a – 103 for 7 (Kidson 2 for 8, Green 3 for 30)

Shrewsbury U14a – 104 for 8 (Kidson 31)

Shrewsbury U14a won the Lord Taverners Final by 2 wickets and progress to the National Rounds next year

Matches vs Manchester Grammar School

Shrewsbury 1st XI - 285 for 7 (Lloyd 115, Williams 61*, Blofield 49)

MGS 1st XI - 183 all out (Aston 3 for 32, Blofield 3 for 42)

Shrewsbury 1st XI won by 102 runs

MGS 2nd XI – 177 all out (Mason 3-27)

Shrewsbury 2nd XI – 119 all out

MGS won by 58 runs

Shrewsbury U15a – 146 for 7 (Bird 38)

MGS U15a – 150 for 9 (Gregson 3 for 11)

MGS U15a won by 1 wicket

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MGS U14a - 132 all out

Shrewsbury U14a - 134 for 3 (Flowers 38 , Blofield 29*)

Shrewsbury U14a won by 7 wickets

MGS U13a – 225 for 7

Shrewsbury U14b – 101 all out

MGS U13a won by 124 runs

Other Matches

Free Foresters - 210 all out (Lloyd 3 for 24, Aston 2 for 29, Lewis 2 for 24)

Shrewsbury 1st XI - 211 for 6 (Leach 84, Blofield 68)

Shrewsbury won by 4 wickets

Shrewsbury 2nd XI – 158 for 8 (Wells 70)

Adams Grammar School 1st XI – 121 all out (Barker 3 for 16)

Shrewsbury 2nd XI won by 37 runs

Shrewsbury U15c – 138 all out

Wrekin College U15b – 118 all out

Shrewsbury U15c won by 20 runs



Girls' Rounders

Monday 21 June 2010

Home v Old Swinford Hospital – Won 16-12½

Due to study leave we hadn't been able to practice for a number of weeks. Thankfully a number of Upper 6th played in for the fixture and the Lower 6th formers were also available. It was a lovely day and Shrewsbury started well scoring nine rounders in their first innings and they fielded well, limiting OSH to 6½. Our 2nd innings wasn't quite as good, but we still scored 7 rounders giving Shrewsbury a total of 16. Initially our fielding improved and we got 3 OSH players out in quick succession, but then fell apart a little towards the end and they scored 6 rounders, giving them a total of 12½. A successful and enjoyable afternoon.

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Cricket: U14's through to national Lord's Taverners County Final

Tuesday 22 June 2010

Shrewsbury School U14's beat Wrekin College U14's to book a place in the County Final v Ludlow at Shrewsbury School on Tuesday 22nd 12.15 on Chances . The winners qualify for the U15's National Lord's Taverners in 2011.

Wrekin College 69 for 6 (20 overs), A Blofield 3 for 7.
Shrewsbury 70 for 6 (15.2 overs)

Shrewsbury won by 4 wickets

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Cricket: 1st XI through to Final of HMC 20-20 at Lord's

Tuesday 22 June 2010

On the evening of Monday 21st June, Shrewsbury School 1st XI beat Worksop in the Northern Final of the HMC 20-20, in front of a large crowd on Senior.

Worksop 167 for 9 (20 overs) (A.Blofield 2 for 28 , H.Lewis 2 for 20)

Shrewsbury 168 for 5 (18 overs) (A.Blofield 45 ,B.Williams 54,B.Price 40)

Shrewsbury 1st XI won by 5 wickets

Shrewsbury now progress to the Finals Day (Semi & Final) to be played at the Lord's Nursery Ground Monday 28th June.



Boys' jazz quartet 'The Quarter' to play at The Big Chill and Edinburgh Festival

Wednesday 23 June 2010

The Shrewsbury jazz quartet *'The Quarter'* have been booked for the Big Chill Festival in Herefordshire the weekend of 7/8 August 2010, and will also be appearing at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe 2010 on 9, 10, 11 and 12 August 2010.

'The Quarter' consists of:

- Sam Wilson (Moser's UVI) Trumpet, Flugel Horn, Keyboards
- Cal Winwood (Ingram's LVI) Drums, Percussion
- Rob Collins (Severn Hill LVI) Saxes, Keyboards
- Alex Collins (Severn Hill LVI) Saxes, Keyboards

The Quarter plays a fusion of laid-back cool jazz and African jives. Over the last year-or-so, the boys have played in Quod, Assembly, at the 2009 Speech Day and on various other occasions within School, and intend to continue playing together after Sam's departure at the end of this term. You can hear their album 'Save the World; Eat Yourself' at www.myspace.com/thequar4er, which can be bought from Sam for £5 wilsonswg@hotmail.co.uk.

Tickets to see *The Quarter* at Edinburgh can be bought from the Fringe Box Office www.edfringe.com - they are playing at St. Cuthbert's Church at 7.30pm each night.

The Quarter will also be playing at our end-of-term outdoor pop concert, on Tuesday 29th June.

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Chemistry Workshop at Bangor University

Sunday 27 June 2010

Eight L6 chemists attended a workshop at Bangor University. This practical-based workshop was carried out in an undergraduate chemistry laboratory and students were asked to synthesise aspirin and analyse its purity using a variety of techniques, including thin-layer chromatography, and Infra-Red and NMR spectroscopy.

This was a very enjoyable day and students were given an introduction to multi-stage organic synthesis and spectroscopy, both of which are relevant to the A2 Chemistry syllabus.

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Four U16 boys to row for Britain

Monday 28 June 2010

Four boys from Shrewsbury's Fifth Form have been selected to row for Britain after their performance in Nottingham last weekend:

Tommy Marshall (5, SH), Rupert Chitty (5, M), Freddie Day (5, R) and Sam Lapage (5, R) will be wearing GB vests when they compete against France in a couple of weeks' time. The boys then went straight from Nottingham back to Henley to join the 1st VIII.

Final of RSC Chemistry Schools' Analyst Competition

Monday 28 June 2010

Shrewsbury qualified for their first-ever final after finishing 1st in the Midlands heat of the RSC Schools' Analyst Competition over the Easter holidays. The National Final was held at Huddersfield University on the 21/22 June and involved nineteen schools from across the whole of the United Kingdom.

The same team of three L6 chemists, Tom Harrison (Rb) and Harris Karim and James Thornhill (both I), performed extremely well in a closely-fought battle, but unfortunately we finished out of the top three positions.

The competition involved pupils conducting a team-based CSI-type analysis using sophisticated analytical techniques used by university research scientists.

All pupils were given a scenario about an aluminium foundry worker becoming seriously ill at work. They had to use the evidence provided and determine the likely cause of his illness: copper poisoning, aluminium poisoning or an allergic reaction to paracetamol.

They performed a series of experiments that involved determining the copper content of a solution by atomic absorption spectroscopy, the aluminium content of a solution using UV/visible spectrophotometry, and the identity of an unknown analgesic tablet by pH titration.

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Cricket: w/c 21st June 2010

Monday 28 June 2010

Matches vs Abingdon School

Abingdon School 1st XI - **82 all out** (Aston 2 for 11, Blofield 4 for 26)

Shrewsbury 1st XI - **83 for 4** (Lloyd 32)

Shrewsbury 1st XI won by 6 wickets

Shrewsbury 2nd XI - **193-8** (Cox 51)

Abingdon School 2nd XI - **93 all out**

Shrewsbury won by 100 runs

Shrewsbury U15a - **202 all out** (Richards 48, Doyle 40, Pragnell 39, Gregson 27)

Abingdon School U15a - **74 all out** (Gregson 3 for 11, Doyle 3 for 21)

Shrewsbury U15a won by 128 runs

Shrewsbury U15b - **199 for 7** (Lloyd 33, Hannaby 43, Pritchard 43)

Abingdon School U15b - **118 all out** (Scott 5 for 30)

Shrewsbury U15b won by 81 runs

Abingdon School U13a - **165 for 7** (Quirk 2 for 16, Lyster-Binns 2 for 18)

Shrewsbury U14b - **136 for 6** (Warburg 40, Quirk 28*, Robinson 21)

Shrewsbury U14b lost by 29 runs

Abingdon School U14b - **265 for 8**

Shrewsbury U14c - **58 all out**

Shrewsbury U14c lost by 207 runs

Abingdon School 14c - **175 for 8** (Scott 3 for 41, Holroyd 2 for 32, Churchill 2 for 10)

Shrewsbury 14d - **72 all out** (Collings 30*)

Shrewsbury U14d lost by 103 runs

Other Matches

Shrewsbury 2nd XI - **226-6 dec.** (James 64, Pilkington 62*, Hanmer 48)

St Francis Xavier College, Liverpool 1st XI - **160-9**

Match Drawn

Chemistry: Top marks awarded to six pupils in RSC L6 Chemistry Olympiad

Monday 28 June 2010

RSC L6 Chemistry Olympiad 2010

Tim Elderton (SH), Mohamed Janahi (I), James Morris (PH), Boris Tang (SH), Jonathan Tau (Rt) and Jack Zhang (SH) all achieved 100 % in the recent RSC competition. Each student will be rewarded with a Certificate of Achievement and a RSC chemistry prize next term. Well done!

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Summary of last weekend's rowing news from Henley and Nottingham

Monday 28 June 2010

The bare bones, for all to see: second eight missed out qualifying for the Temple Cup at Henley last Friday by an agonising second or two, and then raced at Reading Regatta. What the bare bones do not reveal is that a number of visiting coaches watching the qualifiers picked out two Temple crews as having a distinctive and effective style. One was Hilde/Bede (Durham) now including several recent OS's of the earlier Jesdale and Henderson years, who did qualify, and the other was the Shrewsbury School 2nd VIII. Both crews had that distinctive finish, gutsy drive ... but enough, one must not spill too many beans. That the list of others who did not qualify is as long and full of heavyweight university crews as it is, is a testament to the ability and determination of this crew who beat them all (bar one). All the boys are potential returnees next year (the U6 who rowed at NSR had exams at the same time as the race, preventing their participation). They gave it their all, and can keep their heads high.

Then the J16 coxless 4 went to trials for GB, necessitating a foray to Nottingham. Now I have picked up a thing or two, albeit perhaps slowly, over the years about the course at Nottingham, having raced and coached there from its inaugural year in 1973. Variations on the wind direction and speed, the relative merits of which lane in different conditions, sinkings, blue-green algae, and so on. But I have to admit to a new coaching experience this year in the form of WEED. So much of it that the outside two lanes on both sides were unrowable, and the rudder picked up and trailed metres of green slimy strands en route to the start. Hence the format of sensible side-by-side racing was replaced by a time trial, using the clearest of the lanes in the middle. Some boats performed a kind of two-step shuffle astern-ahead-astern-ahead in order to try to dislodge the offending verdure before increasing to full ahead. In these conditions the J16 4- came first in its class by a 2.5s margin, allowing second placed Radley to challenge them to a side-by-side (just the two of them. A 5s margin would have been conclusive, according to the system set up by the selectors). Eton and Borlase were effectively out of it. The crew kept their cool and raced off, never allowing Radley to gain an inch in the first 500m and under-rating them. As we started to move up first one seat, then two in the second 500, Radley gradually fell off the pace and by the finish, an original 2.5 s margin had been converted to several lengths of open water between the boats. So the crew earned their selection, and the GB-France match in Nantes, in the week after Henley, beckons. Each of this crew will become proud wearers of their first GB strip. Good luck to them.

Later in the afternoon, the crew came straight back to Henley and side by side training with other crews of the coaches choice (not, as you may imagine, any direct oppo!) including Harvard, Galway, and so on. This year's Henley, with the Rowing World Cup being so late in the season, has a larger than usual proportion of world class crews to watch and learn from.

Please see www.hrr.co.uk for more information.

PHL 28/6/10



On the Razzle' - Opening Night!

Tuesday 29 June 2010

Monday was the first night of the Junior Play, Tom Stoppard's 'On the Razzle' and what a great night at the Ashton it was, enthusiastically received by a near-full theatre.

Memorable comic performances were turned in by the whole cast. The principles were on top form: George Fowler (SH) as the bombastic Zangler, 'purveyor of high class provisions'; Sam Ansloos (Rb) and Laurence Jeffcoate (Ch) as the put upon clerks who disappear to Vienna for a night 'on the razzle'. Chaos ensues as they hide and sneak their way through the evening, courting elegant women and avoiding Fowler's servant, finely played by James Halliday (G).

There is a band, there is romance, there are shiny uniforms and disguises - in the words of Zangler, 'one false move and we could have a farce on our hands.'

After last night's success, tickets are being snapped up from reception for the final two nights. Make reservations as soon as possible from Reception 01743 280 500. Hope to see you there.

DMH 29/6/10



Cricket: 1st XI edged out by Millfield in National 20-20 Final at Lord's

Tuesday 29 June 2010

Shrewsbury 181 for 7 (A.Blofield 47 , S.Barnard 36, J Hudson-Williams 28, D.Lloyd 21 , J.Bailey 20 no)

Millfield 183 for 7 (B.Williams 1 for 21, J Huson Williams 2 for 39)

Shrewsbury lost by 3 wickets

For the second year running Millfield beat Shrewsbury in the National 20-20 semi final . In a high quality encounter on a small Lord's Nursery pitch both sides batted with great maturity and authority. Alex Blofield (47- Captain) was in outstanding form but early wickets stopped the momentum and a total of 181 was good but perhaps 20 short. Millfield started strongly, slowly Shrewsbury started to eat away at their batsmen with some good bowling and excellent fielding. With one over to go Millfield passed the total and progressed into the final which they won comfortably against Bedford.

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Bumps: Round 1

Tuesday 29 June 2010

Some great racing on day one, with a lot of bumps, and some that took place in front of the boathouse much to the delight of the crowds. Rigg's are still perched at the top of each division, but Churchill's appear to be making a charge. The dark horses seem to be Severn Hill who bumped up in all three divisions.

Please see the latest Bumps Chart and Programme:

- [Bumps Chart 2010 Round 1](#)
- [Bumps Programme 2010 for Round 2](#)

Confirmed bumps were as follows:

Division One

M bpd G

Ch bpd PH

S bpd SH

Rb bpd I

Division Two

Ch bpd M

I bpd PH

O bpd G

S bpd Rt

Division Three

Ch bpd M

S bpd G

Rt bpd O

Rb bpd SH



Henley today, leading up to tomorrow evening's race

Tuesday 29 June 2010

Tomorrow's race is at 6.40pm, against Pangbourne College

Of the 32 crews left in the draw - some having been eliminated in the qualifiers last Friday - 8 are known as 'selected' crews; the selection by the Stewards is based on the performance of the crews so far this season, and it is a local variation of the seeding system in, say, Wimbledon tennis.

Four selected crews are overseas entrants - effectively the national schoolboy champions or near challengers of America (3 crews) and Australia. The other four are all British, Shrewsbury among them. The structure of the draw is such as to ensure that the selected crews do not meet each other until Friday at the earliest. What is unique this year is the preponderance of overseas crews in the top half of the draw and the dearth of them in the lower - which more or less guarantees an international final on Sunday, assuming that the selectors have done their job properly.

Shrewsbury have drawn Pangbourne College at 6.40pm.

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Cricket: U15 ESCA 20/20 Competition (National Rounds - Last 16)

Tuesday 29 June 2010

At the culmination of an impressive season, the U15's didn't hold their nerve at crucial moments in a tense affair at home against Repton.

Shrewsbury U15a – **135 for 5** (Ellery 39*, Gregson 39)

Repton School U15a – **137 for 5**

Repton U15a won by 5 wickets



Bumps: Round 2

Wednesday 30 June 2010

Another exciting day of racing including an overbump in Division 3. Rigg's are still top of all three divisions as we go into the rounds 3 and 4 (both on Thursday).

Please see the latest Bumps Chart and Programme:

- [Bumps Chart 2010 Round 2](#)
- [Bumps Programme 2010 for Rounds 3 and 4](#)

Confirmed bumps were as follows:

Division One

Ch bpd G
Rt bpd PH
Rb bpd SH
O bpd I

Division Two

PH bpd I
O bpd SH
S bpd G

Division Three

PH bpd M
Rt bpd G
O bpd S (overbump)



Henley: 1st VIII defeat Pangbourne College comfortably

Wednesday 30 June 2010

Thursday's race vs. St Paul's at 12.05pm

It's Wednesday. Race day. Time to go. The preparation's over. It takes courage to put yourself on a start line, in the knowledge that this is not a game of 2 halves, nor is there any time to re-group half way through. It has to work, first time. You have to rely on the training you have done to weave together any of many different elements, and trust in each other to race, from start to finish in one go, responsively. Who knows what will happen as the race unfolds, or how big a response will be necessary, or how much it will hurt to win this race? Beware the anaerobic threshold. One thing is certain: the pain of losing is far more intense than the pain of winning. Only a fool has no fear; yet courage is born of fear, and the ecstasy follows as the pain recedes.

In the event it was relatively easy - certainly the verdict at the finish was 'easy', though that word is employed to preserve what dignity is left to the vanquished after they have been beaten by more than 5 lengths. In this case quite a lot more than 5 lengths.

By the end of the Island (about 35 seconds from the start) Shrewsbury led Pangbourne by a length. By the barrier, a length of open water, and the rating already coming down. Passing Remenham (about half way) the dry and intentionally emotionless voice of the commentary, displaying perhaps the slightest sense of humour, announced "Shrewsbury - rating 24. Pangbourne - rating 34. Shrewsbury continue to draw ahead"

It was a sweet moment for the returnees from last year, who, then, went down to Pangbourne. It was also a moment to savour for the new members of the crew: their inaugural Henley race was a mature interpretation.

Thursday race time 12.05, vs St Paul's.



Bumps: Final rounds

Thursday 1 July 2010

On the final day of racing in the 142nd Bumping Races it was once more a tale of Rigg's ruling the roost in almost every corner; but Churchill's III spoilt their party by taking the Head of Division 3. Churchill's I put in a valiant effort to depose Rigg's from the Head of the River, but in the end Rigg's I was too strong.

The all important Staff v Postors race finished in a win for the Staff with an official verdict of 1/3 length.

At the prize-giving after racing the following awards were made:

Head of the River - Rigg's
1st Bumpers Cup - Rigg's
2nd Bumpers Cup - Churchill's
3rd and 4th Bumpers Cups - Severn Hill/Ridgemount (tied)
Leadbitter Trophy - Rigg's

The 143rd Bumping Races in 2011 will be quite special as term is due to finish a week after Henley Royal Regatta, meaning that the 1st VIII will be available to their houses. It promises to be quite a spectacle.

Confirmed bumps were as follows:

Round 3

Division One

Ch bpd M
Rt bpd G
S bpd PH
O bt SH

Division Two

O bpd Rb
S bt SH
Rt bpd G

Division Three

Ch bpd R
M bpd PH
O bpd I
Rb bpd S

Round 4

Division One

Rt bpd M
S bpd G
Rb bpd PH
I bpd SH

Division Two

I bpd PH
S bpd Rb

Division Three

PH bpd M

Rt bpd I

Rb bpd G

Please see the latest Bumps Chart and the Final Results:

- [Bumps Chart 2010](#)
- [Bumpers Final Results](#)

Polo: w/c 21st June

Thursday 1 July 2010

Shrewsbury 0 - Marlborough 3

Shrewsbury 1 - Radley 0

Stowe 3 - Shrewsbury 1

Shrewsbury were placed 6/8 in First Division with a lot of nationally ranked players on show.

Tennis: w/c 21st June

Thursday 1 July 2010

1st VI lost 8-1

U15A vs Cheltenham 2nd VI won 6.5-2.5

U15B vs Cheltenham U15A won 6.5-2.5

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Henley: 1st VIII beat St Paul's and race Radley tomorrow

Thursday 1 July 2010

14.00hrs

St Paul's were beaten by a decisive 3.25 lengths today, and we go on to race Radley in the Quarter Finals on Friday 2nd July.



Henley: 1st VIII got as far as the semi-final!

Friday 2 July 2010

The 1st VIII made it through to Friday's semi-final of the Princess Elizabeth Challenge Cup, where they were defeated by Eton by 1¼ lengths. Eton then went on to win the Cup with a decisive 4 length lead over their opponents Kent School, USA.

Summary of the racing over Thursday and Friday

A windy Thursday saw the race against St Paul's School, with the light (the crew would suggest strong) headwind favouring the style coached into the Shrewsbury crew over the long weeks and months leading up to the racing. Flags were out almost straight on Henley church at the finish, visible all down the course from the start, pointing almost straight at the crews waiting to begin their battle.

The crew had gained in stature from Wednesday's race, and certainly showed it today. A quick start saw them with a lead of a length by the barrier (about a minute and fifty five seconds into the race) which they extended gradually all down the course, needing no particular pushes or 10s or take-home; 2 lengths plus at the finish. The wind had made the race last a bit longer but kept the crews that much cooler due to the increased airflow over them. St Paul's always put up a strong fight but ... job done.

Radley on the Friday were altogether a different kettle of fish, though. Silver medalists at National Schools' Regatta in late May, they certainly expected to establish an early lead and pull away. However there were clues all along that this might not quite be so easy for them. On previous days, the times to the barrier. The demeanour in both boats lining up. Quite a contrast this latter point - with the Shrewsbury crew calm, controlling nerves, not looking out of the boat during the long wait (nearly 8 minutes) on the start line, in contrast to the Radley crew. On the bank it seemed interminable. Then...1min 52 to the barrier is quick, and Shrewsbury had caught Radley by surprise - in the lead by half a length. What happened then was even more of a surprise: Shrewsbury pulled the rate down to a measured 34, contrasting with Radley's 37 or 8, thus setting the foundations in place for a long haul if need be. And they continued to move away, despite taking fewer strokes per minute, opening up a length and a half by Fawley. The months of preparation and coaching the hardest part of the stroke - the catch - were paying handsome dividends. At that point I suspect that some of the lights went out in the Radley boat, for the distance then increased quite quickly to 2 lengths and then 3 at the finish. Once again, no special 10s were necessary. While the result itself was not that much of a surprise to some, the margin was unexpected but entirely welcome.

The crew had demonstrated that they are, as of this point, no longer only the third fastest schoolboy crew in the UK. That single race marks them out as a very special unit. It was a vintage performance which will stay in the memory well beyond many other races.

So to race Eton at 2.20 on Saturday.



DofE Bronze Award Assessment Week 2010

Saturday 3 July 2010

With so many students signing up for the challenge of the Bronze DofE Award, it has become necessary to allocate a whole week to the expedition section and outdoor learning. This year some 120 students from the third form were involved with what has become known as 'Outdoor Week'

The week is split into two parts. The Bronze Expedition assessment part, involving a planning day and a two day expedition in open country, and the school based programme.

This year the school-based programme consisted of three extremely valuable, worthwhile and fun activities. Firstly there was the Activity Day at Nesscliffe Army training camp. The activities were wide ranging and kindly supported by members of the CCF and ACF. Take a look at the photos to get a feel for the day.

The second part of this package was 'Leadership Day'. Based on the school site the students were divided into smaller groups and were set problem solving activities to test their leadership, teamwork and planning. For example, one such task involved building a tower using only jelly babies and dried spaghetti. It may seem a little odd, but it proved too much for some groups who couldn't quite get to grips with the task in hand.

The final day of the package was the 'Conservation Day'. Students were hosted by Shropshire Wildlife Trust and taught the dying art of dry stone walling, whittling a spoon from a branch, hedge laying and other traditional countryside skills.

The week was a huge success with some 75 students completing all parts of the Bronze Expedition Section (which included a project).



Cricket: Silk Cup - Final Results

Tuesday 6 July 2010

Monday:

Shrewsbury 303-8 (David Lloyd 114)

Oundle 234 all out (Henry Lewis 4 for 43)

Shrewsbury won by 69 runs

Tuesday:

Hilton College (South Africa) 239 all out (James Aston 3-20, David Lloyd 3-43, Stephen Barnard 2-22, Henry Lewis 2-37)

Shrewsbury 241-4 (Ben Williams 68*, Ben Price 87*)

Shrewsbury win by 4 wickets

Wednesday:

Shrewsbury 209 all out (B. Price 62, S.Barnard 39, J Hudson Williams 26)

Eton College 211 for 4

Shrewsbury lost by 6 wickets

Shrewsbury fell just short of retaining the Silk Trophy at Eton College this week. Despite winning their first two matches comfortably Shrewsbury did not bat well enough to win the trophy on the final day but can still be congratulated on a very successful season.



CCF: Looking back over the past year

Thursday 8 July 2010

Well it's been an exciting year for the CCF, The Field Day in June in particular had a very Adventurous edge. The fourth form cadets were split into three groups, each group undertaking a different activity. Cadets could choose which activity they wanted to participate in.

The choices included a Long Mynd hike, A Mountain summit in Snowdonia, and finally an overnight camp on the Isle of Anglesey, followed by a day of Coasteering and Sea Kayaking in the sun.

The day started with a group trip to Morrisons in Holyhead, where we could get our pre-ordered breakfast, and fill up ready for an active day ahead. The group were split into two, and each given an allowance to purchase a 'picnic' for the beach stop later.

A five minute drive away, and the cadets were soon dressing in wetsuits and trainers ready for some journeying on and along the sea.

Coasteering is the sport of using the rocky coastline to traverse. It may involve scrambles, jumps off large rocks and even swims between bits of rocky coast. The cadets particularly enjoyed this activity which challenged their love or fear of heights and swimming in the deep blue sea. The photos speak for themselves.

Sea kayaking is another journeying sport. The cadets were each given a paddle and a 'sit on top' kayak which is like a cross between a sea kayak and surf board. They were very stable which meant capsizing wasn't too much of an issue.

The whole day was a huge success, and certainly a day we hope to repeat in the future.



Biology: Student Summit at the Natural History Museum

Friday 9 July 2010

Four sixth form students, accompanied by Head of Biology Andrew Allott, attended the Student Summit at the Natural History Museum just after the end of our Summer Term.

With International Biodiversity Year as the theme, the boys all contributed well to the discussions and video sessions that took place over the four days, and they were given two excellent tours around the Darwin Centre.

Andrew Allott writes "the highlight for me was a talk on Antarctic ice cores and what they tell us about carbon dioxide concentrations and temperatures on Earth over the last eight hundred thousand years. The lecturer passed around pieces of 4000 year old ice which was crystal clear and contained beautiful gas bubbles which you could hear bursting as the ice melted in our hands -releasing air trapped in about 2000 B.C.!"



Rowing: J16 four represent GB and defeat France in Nantes

Monday 12 July 2010

The historic town of Nantes on the River Loire was the setting for this year's match between the young guns of Great Britain and France.

This 30 year old event is usually the first time that the athletes gather to compete on an international level, and has been the starting point for many of our Olympians' and World Champions' rowing careers.

Shrewsbury's J16 Coxless four came to the event as national champions, having defeated all the other competitors at National Schools and previous trials. After 2 days' pre-race practice, the word in the team was that the Shrewsbury Crew was the strongest crew in the team.

On the day this was proved to be correct with the four, (L to R in the medals picture) Rupert Chitty (M), Fred Day (R), Sam Lapage (R) and Tommy Marshall (SH). being much too strong for their French opposition. The win of over 3 lengths was the most comprehensive victory by the British team and helped the boys' team to a 5/2 victory!

Congratulations to all!



Rowing: Three gold medals over two weekends

Monday 19 July 2010

Last weekend saw the coxless J16 four (Fred Day (R), Sam Lapage (R), Rupert Chitty (M) and Tommy Marshall (SH)) in action at Nantes as part of the GB Junior Rowing team in the match against France, accompanied by Paul Manser. In a straight final, rowed on a wide river on a hot morning over about 1500m, they led the French from the start, opening out a commanding 3 length lead as they crossed the line. It was a convincing win. Sadly, though, the overall 'team' prize went to France.

They then returned to Shrewsbury for a day or two of rest, before being joined by the remainder of the first VIII; rowing as two IVs they had elected to enter the GB Rowing National Championships Regatta, this year held at Strathclyde and accompanied by Philip Lapage. The crews were kindly assisted by Robin Fletcher (Monmouth School, Wales junior rowing co-ordinator) in the transport of boats going north. The same four that went to France in the J16 event competed in the Open Junior 4 event (taking on others up to 18 years of age), for which they had an easy win in the semifinal on Saturday, and a tough race in the final. Shrewsbury won the final by 4 seconds, having been pushed hard all the way by - Monmouth (the faster half of their first VIII), though they were in fact down off the start by half a length, and had to battle back inch by inch, a seat at a time, to break out to clear water by the 1000m. Monmouth then raced for home from 300m to go, but RSSBC upped their game and responded handsomely. For them it was "one of the toughest races we have had all season - Monmouth never gave up".

The coxed four (Richard Hawley-Jones (G), James Scott (M), Ben Spencer Jones (PH) and Fiennes Davey (G)) were joined by Holly (a Monmouth cox) and they had a straight final in the Open Junior coxed fours event. What a different race they had! The opposition never even saw them; from a half length lead after the first 21 strokes they opened out length after length, rowing at a steady but immensely effective 32 strokes a minute in a strong tailwind, and they crossed the line a full 23 seconds ahead of their nearest rival.

So, double gold for the J16 coxless over two weekends, and another gold for the J18 coxed boat.

Most of the boys have a Welsh connection sufficient to qualify them to row for Wales next weekend at the Home Countries International, in Cork (England vs Ireland, Scotland, Wales).



Old Salopians return to Edinburgh Fringe

Monday 26 July 2010

Chris Jamieson (G 2009) and Henry Southern (G 2008), both now studying at King's College London, are now part of an all-male band there 'All the King's Men'. Having twice been to the Fringe during their time at the School with 'Harry!' and 'The Bubble', they are now returning with their new group from 16th-21st August.

In their own words:

A collaboration of 14 distinctive young men, infectious tunes, fun choreography and a tight rhythm section. With no instruments or backing track this wonderful performance is produced with voices only.

A dynamic a cappella group from London are making their Edinburgh Fringe Festival début in August with their compelling show 'Picking up the Pieces'. All the King's Men were only established in September last year by freshers at King's College London who wanted to have fun with music. But this is more than just a student group, as their varied yet accessible repertoire, seasoned with humour and mischief, promises a regal performance fit for any king!

The musical range of this energetic and hilarious all-male singing group stretches from the Bee Gees to the Black Eyed Peas, and they have recently released their début eponymous album.

Venue: [theSpace@Surgeons](#) Hall (Venue 53), Grand Theatre, Nicolson Street, Edinburgh, EH8 9DW

Dates: 16-21 August Time: 3:30pm (45 minutes) Tickets: £6.50 (£5)

Bookings: [The Space UK](#) and [Fringe Box Office](#)

They have proved incredibly popular, impressing audiences ranging from teenagers to business groups and have already performed at high profile events and venues including the BT Tower and one of London's biggest clubs, SEOne. Each performance has received amazing audience reactions, serving to fuel the group's passion and confidence. One thing is guaranteed: the audience will leave smiling and totally entertained.

Henry Southern, Founder of All the King's Men, says, "*We are thoroughly looking forward to performing at the Edinburgh Festival for the first time. There is nothing like the Fringe for groups like us and we cannot wait to be involved!*"

We would love to have you as our guests at one of our performances.

Kind Regards,

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Rowing: Holiday haul of gold medals now totals six!

Monday 26 July 2010

Home International Regatta, 24th July, Cork

Following on from the previous successes this holidays in France and at Strathclyde, four boys from our 1st VIII joined up with some of the 1st VIII crew from Monmouth School, and finding some rather tenuous Welsh connections, they represented Wales at the Home International Regatta

The Home International Regatta is an annual event between the four countries of the British Isles. Each country takes it in turns to host the event (which may be held on water outside the country), and this year it was held on the picturesque lake at Inniscarra, in Cork. Events are held for both men and women at junior (under 18) and senior levels.

The Shrewsbury four of Richard Hawley-Jones, James Scott, Ben Spencer Jones and Fiennes Davey, joined by cox Holly from Monmouth, made up half of the junior men's team for Wales with the other half of the team coming from Monmouth School. The Shrewsbury part of the team provided two fours, a single scull and a quad, and ended up with another three gold medals and a second place. The boys from Monmouth provided an eight, a pair and a double scull, adding a further gold and two second places. Together they put the Welsh team onto the winners' scoresheet for the first time since the regatta started in 1962.

Wales selector Robin Fletcher said "I am delighted with the result. What started as quite serious rivalry between them last weekend at Strathclyde turned into a close knit and effective team. It was a very exciting weekend."



CCF: Royal Marines Summer Camp – Gairloch Head July 2010

Wednesday 4 August 2010

Annually, the Royal Marine Cadets are invited to a Summer Camp at Gairloch Head on the West Coast of Scotland. The camp is organised and run by regular serving Royal Marine Officers and Senior Non Commissioned Officers. Places are limited to thirty cadets from the 19 Royal Marine Sections around the county so competition is fierce.

This year, Shrewsbury School was represented by Chris Randall and Simon Jones. The camp is spread over two weeks, the first week focusing on Military Skills and the second week on Adventurous Training. The camp is mentally and physically challenging, but excellent experience for anyone wanting a career in leading or managing other people.

The highlight of week one has got to be the survival package. Cadets are taught the skills of collecting water, building traps and snares, fire making & shelter building and all with improvised materials. Once the training element is complete the cadets are bussed out to a small wood where they are left as a team to fend for themselves. The cadets obviously have plenty of time for building and also time for reflection.

The second highlight is the 48 hour exercise. The exercise starts with a deployment on rigid raiders, followed by a beach landing, yomp across the hills, assault and finally move into a safe harbour area. The exercise is a great test of leadership for those young cadets placed in command positions.

The following week is a more civilianised experience. The cadets tackle a couple of Munros on the first day carrying 10kg of personal equipment, they also get to kayak on Loch Lomond. Not so civilised is the 5.45 am physical training session every day!

The week is a fantastic opportunity, and great fun. Cadets get to build relationships with students from other schools, and get a real taste of military life.



CCF: Summer Camp at Nesscliffe

Friday 6 August 2010

This year's CCF Summer Camp, in the first week of the holidays, was more local than normal. Nesscliffe was the venue for the 30 cadets in attendance. It was a packed week with rock climbing, hill walking, orienteering, navigation, land management training, military skills, the obstacle course - to name just a few of the activities.

The week also included a range day where all the cadets were able to fire the new cadet rifle; however the highlight of the week was the two-day exercise package. This started with a helicopter deployment to Long Mountain, followed by a tactical advance on foot, using bikes, canoes and more helicopters. The exercise became fully tactical when the cadets reached their objective on the training area.

It was a hugely successful and enjoyable week.

OS honoured by Durham University

Friday 6 August 2010

Dr Robin Brooke-Smith (S 1961-66) has been elected to the Sidney Holgate Fellowship at Durham University.

OS cycling to Sydney

Friday 6 August 2010

Henry Brydon (PH 1997-2002) has just embarked on a 25,000km charity bicycle ride from London to Sydney, which will take roughly 18 months. He will be raising money for Brain Tumour Research. You can follow his progress on [www.The BlazingSaddles.com](http://www.TheBlazingSaddles.com) and make a donation via www.justgiving.com/henrybrydon.



Salopian wins Bronze at the International Physics Olympiad

Monday 9 August 2010

David Kell (leaver 2010, SH) made it right the way through the rigorous selection process to be one of the team of five to represent the UK in the International Physics Olympiad in Croatia in July. He is the first Salopian ever to represent the UK at this prestigious competition, and came away with a Bronze medal.

Each national delegation is made up of at most five student competitors plus two leaders, selected on a national level. The students compete as individuals, and must sit intensive theoretical and laboratory examinations. For their efforts the students can be awarded gold, silver, or bronze medals or an honourable mention.

The theoretical examination lasts 5 hours and consists of three questions. Usually these questions involve more than one part. The practical examination may consist of one laboratory examination of five hours, or two, which together take up the full five hours.



Press coverage: Rowing - rival schools pull together

Friday 13 August 2010

Salopian rowers notched up a total of six gold medals over the holidays, competing in France, Strathclyde and Cork. We worked together with Monmouth School over the logistics of getting boys and boats to Strathclyde and Cork, and even borrowed their cox who helped our boys row to victory - representing Wales.

- Daily Telegraph 13th August 2010: '*Teamwork helps Wales strike gold*'
- Shropshire Star 4th August 2010: '*Six golds as school rowers shine*'
- Monmouthshire Beacon 11th August 2010: '*Rival schools pull together*'

Excellent A Level results

Thursday 19 August 2010

There were 167 candidates this year, including 31 pioneering girls who joined our new co-educational Sixth Form in 2008 and who have made a significant contribution to our excellent A-Level results.

This year, for the first time, our candidates in some subjects have taken the Cambridge Pre-U examinations. The Pre-U grades score a higher points tariff than A Levels in UCAS, which makes direct comparisons hard to make (hence the decision Shrewsbury made to opt out of the press league tables for the first time this year). All candidates studying French and Global Perspectives have been following the Pre-U syllabus; Physics candidates were split with some following the Cambridge Pre-U syllabus and others the OCR Advancing Physics course.

The most meaningful way to compare results across all boards is by the UCAS points; Shrewsbury School's average UCAS points per candidate this year is a highly creditable 351.6

2010 A Level results in detail

	A*	A	B	C	D	E	U	Candidates	Ave. UCAS points
Art (Fine Art)	3	8	2	3	0	0	0	16	113.8
Art (Ceramics)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	120
Art (Photography)	3	5	5	3	0	0	0	16	110
Biology	6	16	11	4	1	0	2	40	106
Business Studies	0	5	11	3	4	1	0	24	92.5
Chemistry	6	19	12	7	1	2	0	47	106.8
Classical Civilisation	1	5	7	2	0	0	0	15	106.7
Design	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	3	93.3
Economics	4	10	5	1	1	0	0	21	114.3
English	4	21	17	7	1	1	0	51	106.7
French	Please see the Pre-U results below							21	117.8
Further Maths	10	5	2	1	0	0	0	18	126.7
Geography	4	9	8	2	1	0	1	25	106.4
German	2	4	3	1	0	0	0	10	114
Global Perspectives	Please see the Pre-U results below							8	120.8
Greek	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	120
History	7	16	5	0	0	0	0	28	121.4
History of Art	1	4	2	2	1	0	0	10	104
ICT	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	130
Languages (misc.)	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	5	120
Latin	2	6	3	1	0	0	0	12	115
Maths	21	24	10	6	2	1	0	64	116.6
Music	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	5	124
P.E.	2	0	0	3	3	3	0	11	74.5
Physics	Please see the Pre-U results below							37	111.3
Religious Studies	0	5	8	7	3	2	2	27	82.2
Spanish	0	7	6	3	1	0	1	18	96.7
Theatre Studies	1	1	3	1	0	0	0	6	106.7

Pre-U Subjects:		D1	D2	D3	M1	M2	M3	P1	P2	P3	Candidates	UCAS points
French		2	5	3	3	4	3	0	1	0	21	117.8
Global Perspectives (GPR)		0	1	4	2	1	0	0	0	0	8	120.8
Physics	Pre-U	3	3	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	11	111.3
	OCR	A*: 4		A: 8		B: 7		C: 4		D: 2 E: 1		

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Darwin Scholarship Programme visits Shrewsbury

Tuesday 24 August 2010

We had a visit on Friday 20th August from the Darwin Scholarship Programme. This is a scheme run by the Field Studies Council, for adult participants from throughout the world. Those attending were all working in the field of Nature Conservation. The theme of their week-long programme was Monitoring and Communicating Biodiversity.

The group spent a morning in school, being shown the Darwin collection in the library by Dr Morrough and the Biology Department by Mr Allott.

Sue Townsend, Director of Preston Montford Field Studies Centre reported afterwards that the group were very appreciative, and a date has been provisionally fixed for a repeat visit next summer.

Outstanding GCSE results

Tuesday 24 August 2010

2010 has been one of our best in recent years for GCSEs, with a highly creditable 32% at A*. Eight boys got an outstanding 10 straight A*s.

Summary of results

No. of pupils	138
A*	32%
A* + A	63%
A* to B	86%
A* to C	97%

GCSE results in detail

	A*	A	B	C	Below C	Total
Art	8	9	3	1	0	21
Astronomy						
Biology	39	28	13	10	0	90
Chemistry	43	24	19	3	0	89
Design	10	10	13	4	1	38
Double Science - Science	4	11	20	12	1	48
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English Language	33	61	37	5	1	137
English Literature	41	37	29	16	0	123
French	25	39	32	21	9	126
Geography	14	32	28	11	4	89
German	2	9	16	6	4	37
Greek	4	0	1	0	0	5
History	31	30	3	2	3	69
Languages (misc.)	15	0	0	0	0	15
Latin	8	9	6	2	3	28
Maths	49	26	35	20	8	138
Music	5	4	1	0	1	11

Physics	46	25	14	5	0	90
Religious Studies	23	26	17	8	1	75
Spanish	19	18	6	2	0	45

FSMQ - Additional Mathematics

Additional Maths	N/A	12	2	2	0	16
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Racing Demon receives tremendous reviews at Edinburgh Festival

Thursday 26 August 2010

The [School Play 'Racing Demon'](#) by David Hare was first performed, in school, in February 2010. Then in August, after an intensive week of rehearsals and a one-off performance at The Ashton Theatre, the cast took the play to Edinburgh from 23rd to 28th August 2010.

The official review in Fringe Report enthused '**Tight production, beautifully played**'.

See www.fringereport.wordpress.com for the full review.

Alasdair Richardson was also fulsome in his praise for the production: '**The acting from this young cast is phenomenal ... student drama which puts the professionals to shame**'.