

Senior Mathematics Team Challenge: Second place

Wednesday 1 December 2010

Tom Elcock (Rb, UVI), Stephen Lilico (SH, UVI), Ellie Moodey (MSH, LVI) and Sylvia Cheng (MSH, LVI) were chosen to represent the school in the regional heat of the UK Senior Mathematics Team Challenge, which took place at the end of November. They finished in second place, and are among ten pupils taking part in the British Mathematical Olympiad in December.

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Inter-house Paperchase races

Thursday 2 December 2010

It has been decided to shift Paperchases (scheduled for Tuesday 7th December) to the afternoon of Friday 3rd December, in order to free up slots in the final week of term to mop up the remaining fixtures of the First House matches etc. that were postponed due to snow.

Junior Paperchases: Friday 3rd December 2pm (meet Darwin Statue)

Teams of 8 with 6 to score (to come from 3rd & 4th Forms)

House kit or RSSH vests

You may enter as many teams as you like

Course: shortened cross-country course (averaging 20 minutes of running)

Senior Paperchases: Friday 3rd December 3pm (meet Darwin Statue)

Teams of 8 with 6 to score (to come from 5th & 6th Forms)

House kit or RSSH vests

You may enter as many teams as you like

Course: school cross-country course- 1x bottom common, then 1x bank & bottom common (averaging 26 minutes running time)

SCORING: 1 point for winner, 2 points for 2nd, 3 points for 3rd etc...

(with lowest team score winning)

PRIZES: Presentation of trophies for winning house in both Junior & Senior events will take place at the whole-school Christmas Dinner on Friday 10th December. Prizes will be awarded to individuals at House Dix (1st-3rd Juniors; 1st-3rd Seniors; 1st-3rd Girls).

National Geographical Association awards and presentations

Thursday 2 December 2010

Prior to last night's Geographical Association lecture on natural hazards in the Caribbean, two presentations were made.

The President of the National Geographical Association Dr. John Hopkin presented three Salopians with a trophy for winning the regional round of the Worldwise Quiz a few weeks ago. The team of Rob Homden (Rb 4), Stephen Chandler (Rb 4) and Oliver Beressi (SH 4) beat 10 other teams from 4 local schools, with the four teams from Shrewsbury finishing in the first four places.

The Worldwise Quiz is an annual quiz organised by the Geographical Association and sponsored by the Field Studies Council. Pupils in the 3rd and 4th years from all over the UK take part in local rounds in branches - the Shropshire round was held here at Shrewsbury on the 17th November. Selected winners of the local rounds are invited to attend the Worldwise Challenge weekend at a Field Studies Centre. In September 2009, six of our Worldwise Quiz winning Fifth Form boys were invited to spend a weekend at the Juniper Hall Field Studies Centre at Mickleham near Dorking, where they undertook an 'Apprentice' style challenge then put together a presentation.

A cheque for £1,908 was then presented to the CEO of the Field Studies Council Mr. Rob Lucas for the Darwin Scholarship by Tom Harrison (Rb) and James Gregson (Rb), both Upper Sixth geographers. The money was half of the proceeds from the lecture given by Michael Palin at Shrewsbury in October 2009.

The Darwin Scholarship is a programme led by the Field Studies Council at Preston Montford Field Centre, Shrewsbury every August. The scholarship programme is aimed at young scientists from around the world with an aim to develop "better naturalists" in the spirit of Darwin's love of nature and observing the natural world. The Scholarship focuses on three areas: skills of observation and identification, skills of recording biodiversity and skills of communicating biodiversity to different target groups.

The money raised will allow a number of students from Less Economically Developed Countries where Biodiversity is under threat to obtain travel grants to come to Shrewsbury. While in the UK, they visit Shrewsbury School as part of the course.



Senior House Debating: The Final

Thursday 2 December 2010

This article was originally published in the students' newspaper 'The Public Nose' on 2nd December 2010

Not since Ali fought Foreman in the Rumble in the Jungle has there been such anticipation for a heavy weight contest of the world. Severn Hill, a track record of success, against the determined challengers of Rigg's Hall: all was set for a brutal showdown of neat arguments, cutting quips, bravado, and Tory propaganda.

Dealing with whether to ban alcohol or not, the teams delved into the subject with some aplomb. Detail was high; arguments strong; rebuttal enthralling. Leslie, Ellis and Milligan-Manby had proposed many key reasons for the banning of alcohol, with its serious social impacts. Lawley, Collins and Cooper linked failed past efforts to ban alcohol, illustrating America's prohibition era.

The slug-fest was fantastic to watch, with the teams displaying superb style and wit to attack each others arguments, and the crowd waited with baited breath for the eventual outcome. The esteemed judges of Mr Turner, Mr Fanning and Mr Percival disappeared to discuss their views, and returned with their verdict... Severn Hill had won, but only by a whisker. Congratulations to both teams, though, for what was a superb contest.



Heseltine Society visited by the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland

Saturday 4 December 2010

The Rt Hon. Owen Paterson MP, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland came to speak to the Heseltine Society in Quod on the evening of Friday 3rd December. The Heseltine Society is Shrewsbury School's political society that meets weekly throughout the year.

Mr Paterson had been asked if he would come and speak here by one of the members of the Heseltine Society, Guy Cooper (UVI S). He has two Old Salopian sons - Felix (2000-2005) and Ned (2002-2007), both in Ridgemount - and was always very involved with the School during their time here.

During his fascinating talk, Mr Paterson explained his experiences in the last few months as Secretary of State for Northern Ireland. He described how he joined the cabinet and the huge changes this has meant to his lifestyle. He outlined his vision for the future of Northern Ireland and set out how he hopes to encourage the expansion of the private sector in the province. He gave a moving account of how he helped the Prime Minister to prepare for his presentation and response to the Saville Enquiry into the events of Bloody Sunday in 1972. He also gave an eloquent defence of the government policy of offering support to the Irish economy in the British national interest without insisting on preconditions, such as a reduction in the Irish rate of corporation tax.

There were a number of excellent questions from the Shrewsbury pupils, covering such topics as the coalition's new policy on tuition fees and Mr Paterson's view of the European Union. Mr Paterson gave a series of detailed and enlightening answers, which rounded off an excellent discussion of some important and wide ranging issues.

MDHC

3rd December 2010



da Vinci Society welcomes the world famous photographer, Martin Parr

Monday 6 December 2010

The world famous and much sought after photographer, Martin Parr visited the school on Friday, to spend a day photographing around the site for his 'Secondary Education' project, and to give the evening da Vinci Society lecture in the Art School. The lecture room was full – boys, girls, staff and Headmaster – all heard a wonderfully entertaining, amusing but thoughtful account of his career so far as a photographer. Parr's work is subversive, thought provoking and often extremely funny – but never negative or cruel; his subject matter is always invested with humanity and compassion. The subversive element is a challenge to see the world differently – to undercut convention – and bring back the richness of all that we have around us.

While at Shrewsbury he photographed a wide variety of activities and parts of the school – the Main School Buildings, Quod, KH, the Fives Courts, Ingrams – the Junior and Senior Paperchases, rowing and finally a Biology lesson (Darwin – of course!) and the Art School.

He is letting the school have all the photographs to use – but hopes to return to photograph the whole school annual St Mary's service in Shrewsbury centre, Bumps and Speech Day. The end product of Martin Parr's projects are books of his photographs that are sold and collected worldwide.

PNW

House Fives: The girls made history!

Monday 6 December 2010

The first two rounds of the First and Second House Fives competitions kicked off in the snow on Saturday 4th December. The girls from Mary Sidney fielded just two pairs, but nonetheless have made into the semi-finals by defeating both Oldham's and Moser's.

The two final rounds will be played next term.

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Ali Webb (S 5) interviewed live and has his song played on radio

Tuesday 7 December 2010

On Sunday morning, Ali Webb made his way to the Radio Shropshire studios, where the song that he wrote and recorded for charity 'A Child is Crying' was played. During the live interview that followed, Ali talks about his time at Shrewsbury, and describes his experience of boarding here as 'absolutely brilliant'. Ali was then interviewed over the phone by BBC Hereford and Worcester, in which he describes the music department here as 'fantastic'.

Please listen to the song and Ali's interview - the links below will work until Sunday 12th December.

Ali will be playing at Caffe Nero in Alton, on 16th December 5 - 7pm, if anyone is in the Hampshire area then!



House Play review: The Grove's 'How to Disappear Completely and Never Be Found'

Tuesday 7 December 2010

Following last year's darkly comic production of Dario Fo's 'The Open Couple', The Grove, once more under the artistic stewardship of Peter Middleton, again packed considerable dramatic punch with their production of 'How to Disappear Completely and Never Be Found'.

Finn Kennedy's play was performed as recently as 2006 and addresses the very contemporary theme of the individual in today's 'Surveillance State'. The protagonist, Charlie, portrayed with great poise and sensitivity by James Halliday, is a London marketing executive who, riddled with debt and close to mental breakdown, decided to 'disappear', assuming an entirely new identity with the help of petty criminal Mike (David Pritchard). However Charlie quickly discovers that he cannot escape his demons simply by leaving his name behind.

The Ashton Theatre was transformed into an unusual 'thrust' stage configuration with seats surrounding the actors on three sides and this, combined with the strikingly stark set, consisting simply of a platform above white-painted filing cabinets and an eerily coffin-like white box, helped create a particularly intimate and powerful atmosphere. The play's darkly humorous nature allowed the commanding performances from James Halliday and Polly Bingham (as James's ghostly pathologist, talking to him from beyond the grave) to combine with some brilliantly comic cameos including Nick Thompson's brash city slicker, Bertie Mayo's Polish fortune-teller, and Ben Smith's ghoulish lost-property attendant – not to mention the Housemaster as the voice of the shipping forecast.

NPW



Football: House Finals at Sundorne

Wednesday 8 December 2010

After much disruption, the Under 15 and 1st House finals were played today on the 3-G pitch at Sundorne Sports Village. Brave supporters, determined not to be beaten by the weather, were ferried out to Sundorne in coaches.

The Under 15s final was won 1-0 by Ridgemount, in a seven-a-side match against The Grove with a clean goal by Charlie Marques (4).

The 1st House final between The Grove (again) and Radbrook was won 2-0 by Radbrook, with one goal in each half scored by Jonathan Morgan (5) and Jack Stacey (LVI). This was a really good, competitive game in very difficult conditions, and Charlie Pilkington (UVI) for The Grove made the difference between two very strong teams.

We are planning some five-a-side matches at the Power Leagues tomorrow afternoon

DofE Bronze for 3rd formers

Thursday 9 December 2010

Over 100 of our third formers have now successfully registered to start the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Bronze level.

As long as their application has been approved, they can begin their chosen activity - some of which can take place over the holidays - and this can count towards their award. Record Books will not be issued until they return to school after the Christmas break, (due to warehouse delays) but participants can start nonetheless.

As ever, all queries about DofE Bronze to Nick David on npd@shrewsbury.org.uk



House Rowing: The Hope Simpson Ergo Championships

Thursday 9 December 2010

Over 200 competitors were entered into this year's indoor rowing championships yesterday. Held in the school gym with the ergos connected together to provide live racing on a big screen, this, combined with loud music produced an electric atmosphere. There were individual events for the school rowing squads, and house relay events where a team of 4 uses one ergo to cover a set distance by making quick changeovers between the team.

Overall **Rigg's Hall** took the Hope-Simpson cup for the 2nd year running, with superb performances in all of the events; including a win for their Senior House relay team. In the Junior House relay, **Ingram's** produced a big charge for the line to take the win.

The top 8 finishers in each event score points for their house towards the Leadbitter Cup - the overall house rowing trophy.

RMW

Selected results:

Top Squad individual - 2000m

- 1 Sam Lapage (R)
- 2 Fred Day (R)
- 3 Ollie Antcliff (M)
- 4 Tom Marshall (SH)
- 5 Rupert Chitty (M)
- 6 Kris Blake (S)
- 7 Fiennes Davey (G)
- 8 Chris Rhodes-Bell (SH)

J15 Squad individual - 2000m

- 1 Will Angell-James (R)
- 2 Henry Young (SH)
- 3 Rob Homden (Rb)
- 4 Oli Pattison-Appleton (Ch)
- 5 Baramée Dobbs (Rt)
- 6 Henry Rassmuss (I)
- 7 Charlie Lane-Fox (Rt)
- 8 Will Minshall (R)

J14 Squad individual - 4 min

- 1 Peter Hammond (PH)
- 2 Charlie Adams (S)
- 3 Toby Thomas (SH)
- 4 Rufus Lichfield (I)
- 5 Hamish Neill (Rt)
- 6 Jacob Rumble (PH)



7 Oliver Murray (M)

8 Hugo Morgan (R)

Girls squad individual - 1000m

1 Eila Purvis MSH

2 Becky Haynes MSH

3 Georgia Leece-Drinkwater MSH

4 Issy Barber MSH

5 Laura Hustwick-Wilkes MSH

6 Kate Harrison MSH

7 Helena Smye MSH

8 Molly Derbyshire MSH

Senior House relay - 3000m

1 Rigg's

2 Ingram's

3 Grove

4 Moser's

5 Oldham's

6 Severn Hill

7 School House

8 Churchill's

Junior House relay - 2000m

1 Ingram's

2 Severn Hill

3 Rigg's

4 Radbrook

5 Port Hill

6 School House

7 Churchill's

8 Moser's



A Week in the Life of Freddie Ellery, Postor (PH)

Thursday 9 December 2010

My week began with Postor duty at the Sunday Carol Service in the School Chapel. The most nerve wracking part is perhaps the walking down the aisle for beginning of the service where one's only thoughts are "Don't trip. Don't trip. Don't trip!". For me, the highlights were the choir and the mass lighting of the candles, creating a thoroughly splendid occasion. Once home I set about finishing off my top schools for the coming week and then fell gratefully into bed.

Then, Monday and into the week proper. As a dayboy, the day begins with dragging myself reluctantly out of bed at the utterly unreasonable time of 7:00 am. Then getting ready and off to school. First was the first of our thrice weekly morning meetings with the Headmaster which allow us as students to take issues directly to the Headmaster. I get to evening and the final of the House Debating Competition, for which I acted as Chair. This didn't disappoint as we were treated to fantastic speeches, obscure references, tenuous similes and of course the occasional verbal salvo. The close fought duel saw the final prize go to Severn Hill.

On Tuesday, I was on a train and off to Birmingham with my history set to attend a series of lectures, focusing on the Russian Revolution. These lectures encouraged us to look more closely and think differently about events and factors that we previously took unquestioned. Back at school I received the call to write this piece and began it with due diligence.

Wednesday saw the second meeting with the Headmaster. On this occasion, I was alone as Alex and Tom were away at interviews for Oxbridge, as were so many others, which left many of my sets heavily depleted. Following lessons, I set about 'robustly' organising members of the house into taking part in the Hope-Simpson House Ergo Competition. The cold weather saw the eagerly anticipated 1st House Football Final moved away from the school's frozen pitches to the Sundorne Sports Village. Here I watched The Grove triumph over Radbrook. I found my loyalties painfully divided between my fellow dayboys in Radbrook and my own brother George, playing for The Grove! Like Wednesday, Thursday is a shorter day of 5 lessons and as an Upper Sixth former I am exempted from the activities that go on during a Thursday afternoon. This allowed me time to plough on with my ancient history project on the army of Alexander the Great and finish and submit this article.

On Friday I can look forward to a great number of things to do. My third meeting with the Headmaster comes first and is followed by 3rd Form Chapel duty. Then lessons which are cut short at break time and the whole school moves to the Alington Hall for assembly. Here I hope to fulfil an ambition I have held since 3rd Form of walking down the aisle of the assembly and bringing the school to quiet. After this comes House Colours where the achievements of Porthill's fine men will be recognised with awards and honours. Next, is the final Carol service where I have been asked to read a lesson and, finally, the Christmas dinner, where I hope it will be my privilege to read Grace for the school. With that, my term ends and I dive into the holidays, ready to recuperate, revise and, of course, relax.

Freddie Ellery



Cricket Tour match reports day one: 1st XI and U15 v Zayed Cricket Academy

Saturday 11 December 2010

1st XI v Zayed Academy

The 1st XI kicked off the tour with a win against the Zayed academy. Having won the toss and elected to bat the start was far from ideal, with the loss of 4 wickets for less than 20 runs.

Arguably we were not helped by some of the early umpiring decisions, but it was mainly due to some lose batting that led to us finding ourselves in this position. However we then regrouped through a good partnership between Jack Bailey and Jamie Board, but it was disappointing when they both fell in the space of an over straight after the drinks break.

More wickets began to tumble and we found ourselves 7 down for 100 runs off 25 overs. We once again regrouped, this time through Mark Prescott and Alasdair Pollock, both playing very effective roles. We ended up on 154 for 9 wickets in our allotted 35 overs.

With a slightly under par score on the board we felt like it was early wickets that were going to be the key, but after an initial success, through Steve Barnard, we were unable to capitalise due to bowlers struggling to maintain a consistent line, this unfortunately allowed them to gain the upper hand reaching 50-1 off just 7 overs.

The spinners then came into the attack and managed to contain and apply consistent pressure on the batters, picking up wickets on regular occasions. However the opposition did manage to get a couple of dangerous looking players in. It was vital that Ruaidhri Smith, this year's Cassidy scholar, bowled a really effective spell which made up the six final overs from one end. Ruaidhri finished with 4 wickets to his name.

As the game closed in the intensity of the fielding drastically increased with some outstanding catches and stops being made. This was to prove decisive as the game went down to the final over, which was bowled by Jack Hudson-Williams, and they ended up 148 all out, meaning a win for Shrewsbury by 6 runs.

U15 vs Zayed Cricket Academy

Playing at a ground named the Zayed Cricket Stadium where only very recently Pakistan played South Africa in ODI's and a Test Match, was definitely a good enough reason to be up for a game vs their academy. After a long journey from the Airport to the hotel resulting in a late night and then an early start, tiredness proved to be a major factor towards the end of their innings. There were a couple of positives which we could take from the game such as not losing our first wicket till the ninth over and some good fielding displays from everyone helped in keeping them under 200 runs. We could tell that it was going to be a tough match when their two openers took full advantage of the poor bowling lengths for a pitch of that quality. We started off our batting at a healthy run rate, but unfortunately this seemed to slow down and wickets started to fall due to the pressure of their bowling. Towards the end off the innings Kidson started to put up a fight but this couldn't win us the game. He made 27 in only a few overs. We ended up losing the match by 88 runs. This proved to us that we needed to up the levels of energy and concentration or we would go back to a cold England losing the majority of the games.



Cricket Tour match reports day two: U15 vs Zayed Cricket Academy

Sunday 12 December 2010

Once again this was played on an amazing pitch on the grounds of the Emirates Palace where we were all left startled at the beauty of the surroundings. We won the toss and elected to bat. Crawford and Bedson started well, hitting frequent boundaries with one of Marcus' reaching the nearby beach! When we lost our first wicket in the 7th over they started to tumble. This dented our confidence slightly and as a result our run rate slowed down. Our top scorer made 30 runs (Bedson) and we ended up with a total of 131 which was a moderate score considering the size of the pitch and run rate to start with. Decent innings from Gittins and Bibby meant that the run rate was built up to 8 an over after a slow run rate in the middle part of the innings.

This was a much improved performance from the previous day as we were better in all the aspects of the game. Highlights in the field included Sam Green's three wickets and a neat stumping from keeper Will Waterworth. The British School closed their innings on 102 and Shrewsbury had won by 29 runs. We look forward to the challenge of Repton International School and hopefully building on this win.



CCF: Headmaster inspects CCF contingent

Tuesday 14 December 2010

During a recent visit to the CCF, the Headmaster reviewed the 110 strong contingent and awarded various prizes. Cadets of all Sections (Royal Marines, Army and Royal Air Force) presented themselves for inspection and Mr Turner, himself no stranger to military matters, was able to hand out certificates to a group of fifth form cadets who had just completed a leadership and instructional cadre course.

Before he addressed the parade on the wider leadership benefits of cadet experience, Mr Turner was able to present the following awards:

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| Cadre Leadership Award: | LCpl W J Heyes |
| Best Recruit (RM Section): | Cdt C R Clarke, Cdt H P Young (joint winners) |
| Best Recruit (Army Section): | Cdt O L C Beressi |
| Best Recruit (RAF Section): | Cdt A N K Spicer |



CCF: Training day at Nesscliffe

Tuesday 14 December 2010

The snowy weather didn't ruin the enthusiasm of the Combined Cadet Force, although the sub-zero temperatures did mean we had to cancel the overnight part of our half termly trip to Nesscliffe. 15 cadets and three staff gave up their Sunday to spend the day on the local training area at Nesscliffe. It was a beautifully crisp winter's day with snow on the ground and blue skies. The cadets spent the morning rehearsing and practising a number of Platoon level attacks before being given the ammunition to do it properly.

It was a great day, enjoyed thoroughly by all, and the hot curry lunch in the fields and spicy apple juice definitely tasted better after a whole morning of running about in the snow.

Major J Billington

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Cricket: Sports coach Steve Gale on ECB's first-class umpires list

Tuesday 14 December 2010

The England and Wales Cricket Board today announced the appointment of Shrewsbury School's sports coach Steve Gale to the first-class umpires list for 2011. Steve had spent three seasons on the reserve list, where his 'commitment and attitude have been outstanding'. In addition to coaching cricket and taking bookings at our Cricket Centre, Steve also coaches football and fives.

Please see the ECB website for more information on this appointment: [Steve Gale promoted](#).



Music: 4th Form pupil in the National Youth Wind Ensemble

Tuesday 14 December 2010

One of our top young Music Scholars, Henry Kennedy (I IV), has won a place in the prestigious National Youth Wind Ensemble, playing the saxophone and clarinet.

He will be spending a week with the orchestra in the Easter holidays at Queenswood School in Hatfield, during which time he will be performing in two concerts. He will then be touring with the orchestra in the Far East, with performances in Taiwan, Hong Kong and Macau.

Last year, Henry made it into The National Children's Wind Orchestra, competing with children across the country for the one place for a baritone saxophone in the orchestra.

Henry has also recently been part of the band of talented pupils who were the instrumentalists for 'What you Will', Shrewsbury School's latest home-grown musical.



House challenge: Ready, Steady, Cook!

Wednesday 15 December 2010

Our first ever inter-house Ready, Steady, Cook challenge took place in KH on Sunday afternoon, sponsored by Avenance, our award-winning contract catering firm.

Mark Johnson, Head Chef, marked the teams on their preparation and cooking skills, and the panel of judges, consisting of various senior members of school staff and of Avenance, assessed the teams on presentation, menu and taste.

The winning team were Will Heyes (5) and Alasdair Bird (L) from Churchill's, who each received a trophy and a signed copy of Sophie Wright's 'Easy Peasy Cook Book' for their menu of chicken wrapped in bacon, with cabbage. Avenance will give a BBQ for Churchill's in the summer, and provide all the food and soft drinks - at a time to be agreed with Richard Hudson, and Sophie Wright! Runners up were Mary Sidney Hall, with School House in third place.

The event was a huge success and was thoroughly enjoyed by staff and pupils alike; Mark Johnson's comment was that it should certainly become an annual event that needs to get into the Fasti!



Cricket Tour: Match reports Days 2 to 7

Sunday 19 December 2010

13 Dec: Match Day 2 – Shrewsbury School 1st XI vs British School Abu Dhabi

After a narrow win against the Zayed Academy under lights on the previous night, we now faced the challenge of the British School Abu Dhabi played at the Emirates Palace, quite possibly the most picturesque and spectacular ground in Abu Dhabi (see ‘Facebook’ pictures). The toss was made and controversially our opponents decided to bat first. We planned to bat first as this was an ideal opportunity to use as many batsmen as possible in this 20-20 format.

Nevertheless we stayed professional and it was vital that we limited the amount of runs scored by the opposition and took as many wickets as possible. We did exactly this and by the end of the first innings we had the upper hand. The British School Abu Dhabi were bowled out for just 80.

Aston, Mason, Styles, Hanmer and Prescott all bowled well to collect a wicket a piece and Jack Hudson-Williams took two wickets including a sublime reaction catch with his first ball. A very good spell from George Hanmer followed, he took one wicket and bowled very economically.

Our innings then commenced with Matthew Gregson and William Mason opening the batting. They took full advantage of the small boundary and ill directed bowling, knocking off the runs in the space of only 5.4 overs including hitting two sixes and fifteen fours.

Matthew Gregson finished on 33 no and Mason 34 no, both carrying their bats, two very well played innings, to seal a very comfortable win. The team then had a victory swim in the serene waters of the vastly impressive Emirates Palace to top off the day.

Mark Prescott

13 Dec: Match Day 3 - Shrewsbury School 1st XI v Dubai College

With two wins already under our belt, we woke bright and early in search of a third victory to complete the set. The coach journey back to Dubai went a lot smoother than on the way 3 days previously, as this time the coach driver didn't get lost and require a taxi to follow!

The journey to the Dubai 7's complex took one and a half hours, however we were amazed by the outstanding variety of sky scrapers in Dubai including the world famous 7* ‘Burj Al Arab’ hotel.

On reaching the ground, most of us pretty shattered already, we won the toss and elected to bat. Steve Leach and Charlie Farquhar set out to commence the innings, our 3rd different opening partnership this tour, which shows the depth and talent of our batting line up. After Steve was bowled early on Charlie and Ruaidhri Smith set about laying a solid platform on a difficult surface.

After Charlie departed in the 17th over Freddie Cox came to the crease and with Ruaidhri started to increase the run rate until Freddie was unluckily run out, just as he was starting to look solid. Ruaidhri finally departed for a well made 78, then after a couple more quick wickets Steve Barnard and Jack Hudson-Williams resurrected the innings with some hard running and powerful shots. We finished the innings on 192-8.



We were confident that this would be a competitive score, however the opposition got off to a flying start due to some wayward bowling and good batting from the Dubai openers.

Steve Barnard bowled consistently well and picked up a well deserved wicket in his 4th over. With the game still in the balance on came the spinners whom immediately reduced the run rate.

Henry Lewis picked up 2 wickets, but more crucially Alex Styles took 5 wickets including a hat trick! With his first wicket he dismissed the opposition's best batsmen who looked well set with a tactical long hop hit straight down Matt Gregson's throat at deep-square who took a quality catch on the second attempt. Charlie picked up 1 wicket and a good piece of fielding by Will Mason resulting in a run out finished the innings.

Shrewsbury came out winners by 85 runs. This brought to an end an exciting first leg of the tour and puts us in a great position for Australia.

Dubai conquered!

Ali Pollock

13 Dec: Match Day 3 - Shrewsbury School U15 vs Repton International School 1st XI

We travelled back to Dubai from Abu Dhabi for our third game of the tour versus Repton. Another good ground and the wicket wasn't bad either. We lost the toss and were put into bat. An early wicket wasn't what we wanted but with a decent run rate we were giving ourselves a good chance to post a good total. Wickets began to fall though and after 10 overs we were 47 for 4. A solid partnership from Blofield (23) and Crawford (10) sent us up to 87 but again wickets fell. We plummeted to 117 for 9 after 23 overs but Flowers (40) and Lewis took us up to 164 with a very good 10th wicket partnership.

We battled hard in the field with a sharp run out in the first over but we were punished by an excellent opening batsman who went on to score 86. Poor line and length allowed him and the other batsmen to knock off the runs after just 20 overs. Blofield took two wickets, a good stumping from Humes off the bowling of Bibby, and a run out were the only wickets taken in a disappointing bowling and fielding display that also featured some dropped catches. Hopefully in Perth we can win most of our games and show improvements to take into the season in England.

Charles Kidson

16 Dec: Match Day 4 - Shrewsbury School U15 vs Christ Church Grammar School U15

We won the toss and elected to bat on a hard, flat wicket. Humes and Warburg opened the batting, however we were quickly one down after four overs. Crawford came in at three and hit a good 20 (all in fours). Earlam came in seven overs before drinks and smashed his way to 50. At drinks, we found ourselves with a healthy run-rate, but losing too many wickets (75 for 4). Flowers and Earlam made a solid partnership of about 90 with Flowers playing a mature innings of 30. Earlam made Christ Church pay by dropping him first ball to go on to hit a magnificent 123 off roughly 90 balls. White came in at number seven and hit 20, but we lost wickets too quickly in the latter stages of the innings. We were bowled out for 236 with five overs remaining. Considering the good wicket and the fast outfield we thought this might be slightly under par.

Flowers and Bedson opened the bowling and both got the ball to swing away nicely from the right hander. In the fourth over, Bedson bowled a teasing ball outside off stump and the



batsman played a slip drive straight to Blofield at first slip. At the first drinks break they were 63-2. Hayward came on to bowl and kept it tight, taking two wickets in the process. Flowers took a magnificent catch on the boundary off the bowling of Green, which gave the whole team a lift. We took the last drinks break and got some advice from Old Salopian and England 'A' cricketer Jimmy Taylor - 'get a tan like me!' They needed 66 off the last ten overs with four wickets in hand. Bibby came on in the 43rd over and he was rewarded for his good lines and lengths with three wickets in an over. Their run-rate slowed up and we then looked like definite winners. We ended up bowling them out for 199 and winners by 37 runs. This performance should give us confidence heading into the next match.

Henry Blofield

17 Dec: Match Day 5 - Shrewsbury School 1st XI v John Forrest Senior High School Cricket Academy

After our tight win versus Christ Church, we faced the John Forrest senior high school which is a part cricket academy. It was an exciting pitch which provided a good contest between bat and ball.

As the heat was increasing, John Forrest won the toss and elected to bat. Soon Steve Barnard and James Aston were steaming in but it proved to be the change of bowler to Jack Hudson-Williams, which brought the first breakthrough in the 9th over.

Thereafter it was Shrewsbury dominance with Pollock and Mason, while the other seamers also bowled well. The spinners also bowled tightly with Henry Lewis bowling very economically and the infamous DJ Sparky ending with figures of 3 for 3 off 3.

With the opposition bowled out for the modest total of 85, things would seem relatively straightforward. However the heat just continued to soar, with rumours circling that it touched 34 degrees, thus the run chase would not be easy.

This point was hammered home when DJ Sparky received a short ball which just skidded low across the deck, trapping him plum in front. With our man of the moment gone, hard graft would be the doctor's orders, and that was exactly what we got. Steve Leach and Henry Lewis were calm and collected and slowly started to knock off the total, playing the spinners with particular ease and by the 18th over we had knocked off their total with Henry and Steve ending on scores of 42 and 38 respectively. Another victory, 5 wins from 5, dare we dream of an unbeaten tour.....?

Freddie Cox

17 Dec: Match Day 6 - Shrewsbury School U15 XI vs Willetton Cricket Club U15's

After captain Blofield won the toss and elected to bat, it was clear that the pitch would be very flat and great to bat on. Lewis and White (on his birthday) opened the batting hoping to score runs, but unfortunately good bowling from the Willetton opening bowlers saw the opening partnership broken and another quickly followed. When White departed after 15 overs Humes came in at number five and top scored with 19. Flowers and Waterworth both made 14, but we finished on a score, which we felt would be hard to defend, of 84 all out.

Knowing that the only way to win the game would be taking wickets an attacking field was set. This chance paid off when Blofield and Bedson both bowled good opening spells with Blofield getting the two openers out very cheaply before the lunch break; he finished with figures of 10

overs, 2 maidens, 2 wickets for 32 runs. Wickets also for Hayward, after a brilliant leg side stumping from keeper Humes, and Lewis who also picked up a wicket at the end of the Willetton innings, but their number three stuck out the overs and batted well, eventually finishing on 48*.

A disappointing result, but a game that we hope to learn from.

James Warburg

17 Dec: Match Day 6 - Shrewsbury School 1st XI v Southern Cricket Academy

After winning five matches out of five, the first team embarked on the challenge of facing the Southern Cricket Academy at Willerton Cricket Club which possessed a beautiful deck, the best we have played on so far, and the first pitch that was not in the bowlers favour.

After winning the first toss of the tour, skipper Henry Lewis inevitably decided to bat first, sending Will Mason and Freddie Cox in to open the batting, who demonstrated what a good batting deck this was, getting off to a good start but losing the wicket of Coxy in the seventh over, top edging one to mid on.

Mason carried on well with Ruaidhri Smith until Mase was run out after a confusion between the two of them for 16. Ruaidhri batted well and ended up on 15 off just 11 balls after being run out with yet another confusion between the batsmen, this time with Jack Bailey.

This gave entrance to the inform Steve Leach who batted well with Jack Bailey until Bails got clean ripped for 43. Leachy batted magnificently and carried his bat to end up on an awesome 101 not out. Stylo came in after JB and thought he was still in the last match, trying to clear the boundary rope of cow corner, to unfortunately miss the ball and listen to the crunching sound of his castle being knocked over.

This gave entrance to the also inform Henry Lewis, who batted confidently with Leachy and he ended up on 39, after being caught near the end going for a big shot with aim to quicken the run rate. Alasdair Pollock and Jamie Board supplied support for Leachy towards the end and we ended up on 269 off 48 overs.

This was a par score for the pitch produced and possessed a challenge for our bowlers, especially seamers. A quality opening partnership of James Aston and Alasdair Pollock saw the opposition only scoring 34 of the first 12 overs.

Charlie Farqhar and Alex Styles then bowled in a good partnership, both coming on first change and keeping the run rate to a bare minimum. Henry Lewis and George Hanmer continued this theme and pinned their batsmen down to a low run rate. Will Mason also had a bowl who has a knack of cleaning up the tail which he successfully did. Wickets were shared round, with Pollock, Styles and Hanmer all picking up 2 each.

The fielding on a whole was tidy, including a great catch from Ruaidhri in the deep. On the whole, a good win which we all hope that the habit shall continue!

Jack Hudson-Williams

19 Dec: Match Day 7 - Shrewsbury School 1st XI v Claremont-Nedlands Under 17s

We had an early start for the 20/20 match against Claremont-Nedlands. After a sluggish warm-up, we started well in the field with our opening bowlers, Jack Hudson-Williams and Henry Lewis, being very economic, restricting the opposition to less than 5 an over during the powerplay.



Claremont then came back slightly during the middle overs and towards the end, but our bowlers continued to bowl well and we managed to restrict the opposition to 123.

Opening the batting, Will Mason and Matt Gregson, started well but then after a few quick wickets, Jack Hudson-Williams (57) and Steve Barnard (24) steadied the ship, batting with aggression and calm heads, took us to within 20 runs of victory.

After these two fell in quick succession, it was then down to George Hanmer and Mark Prescott to take us home. After a few shaky overs, we finally sneaked home with 4 balls to spare.

This was a good fielding performance, but should have been finished off sooner and much easier than it finally was.

R.Smith



Girls' sports: Overview of Michaelmas Term 2010

Monday 20 December 2010

Girls' Hockey

The girls have had another positive hockey season this year, with more fixtures than ever before, despite the recent cancellations due to weather. We just missed out on qualifying for the Midlands tournament, but performed well throughout the competition. The season finished with a great win over Ellesmere and a fantastic performance against Moreton resulting in a 2-2 draw. All in all, a good season, with things to build on next year.

School Firsts are awarded to :

Hannah Blofield
Lois Davis
Annabel Brentnall
Becky Corkill
Hebe Dickins

Netball

Netball is the main team sport played in the Lent term; however the county tournament took place in November. It's a difficult tournament, with many strong teams entering and obviously our training doesn't fully kick in until after Christmas. However, the team played exceptionally well and went through to the semi finals for the very first time. Our only other netball fixture was against QEGS Blackburn which we won convincingly 40-20.

Rowing

Girls have competed in 2 major events this year and been successful at both, which is particularly impressive considering the experience of the team. At Agecroft in October, the girls secured a victory over two local crews with a winning margin of 90 seconds. In November, at Northwich the coxed 4 came 2nd out of 8 crews.



OSH news from 2010

Friday 31 December 2010

OSH v RSSH v Staff 27 November 2010



The annual OSH race against the RSSH and the Staff took place on Saturday 27 November in arctic conditions. Hardy members of the OSH team are seen above. Unfortunately despite their hardiness the RSSH won - congratulations! - and the Staff team was second. RSSH were 27 points ahead of the Staff with 87 points and the OSH with 110 points. The race was followed by tea in the Stott pavilion where the Headmaster presented the trophies and unveiled the Hunt honours board. This was followed by the AGM and dinner in Kingsland House, where Dr David Gee was Guest of Honour in recognition of his completing 51 Tucks.



Back row: Ed Bolland, Damien Scott, Robin Brooke-Smith, Charles Tongue, Richard Hudson, Anthony Hickson, Cliff Simpkin, Peter Howells, Nigel Miller, Will Painter, Tony Power
Front row: Tim Bedell, David Thomas, Peter Birch, Ian Young
Ian Howarth (Staff) was the overall winner in 20 mins 50.3 secs, closely followed by Cal Winwood (RSSH). The first OSH runner home was Tony Power in eighth place, and Charles Tongue was our second scorer in eleventh.

Special congratulations go to Annabel Brenthall and Lucy Birt who were the first 2 girls ever to compete in and finish an OSH v RSSH race.

The official results are at the bottom of this report. They exclude approx 20 runners who were not counted as finishing as they took a wrong turning towards the end of the course - so apologies if you ran and your name is not there!

A selection of race photos are shown below. They also show the Headmaster officially unveiling

the RSSH honours board located in the Hunt Gym, in the Stott Pavilion, and Peter Birch (OSH Chairman) responding.



Also reaching the finish line but via alternative routes were David Thomas, Tim Bedell, Damien Scott, Robin Brooke-Smith, Richard Hudson, Peter Howells, Nigel Miller, Will Painter!



Official results

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| 1.Ian Howarth | Staff | 20.50.3 |
| 2.Cal Winwood | RSSH | 20.52.3 |
| 3.Pete Middleton | Staff | 21.05.5 |
| 4.George Mallett | RSSH | 21.18.9 |
| 5.Guy Vernon | RSSH | 21.38.8 |
| 6.Aubrey Higgins | RSSH | 22.08.9 |
| 7.Ed Mallett | RSSH | 22.45.1 |
| 8.Tony Power | OSH | 22.52.9 |
| 9.Simon Jones | RSSH | 23.20.9 |
| 10.Alun Vaughan-Jackson | RSSH | 23.57.8 |
| 11.Charles Tongue | OSH | 24.05.5 |
| 12.Tom Cousins | RSSH | 24.11.1 |
| 13.Jason Stanley | Staff | 24.14.6 |
| 14.Ed Bolland | OSH | 24.20.6 |
| 15.Hugh Nugent | RSSH | 24.25.6 |
| 16.Toby Harvey-Scholes | RSSH | 24.35.0 |
| 17.Myles Harding | Staff | 24.47.4 |
| 18.Ed Spencer-Jones | RSSH | 24.50.2 |
| 19.Jack Ahmed | RSSH | 24.56.8 |
| 20.Ian Young | OSH | 25.20.6 |
| 21.Will Heyes | RSSH | 28.29.2 |
| 22.James Kynaston | RSSH | 28.46.5 |
| 23.Nick David | Staff | 28.47.2 |
| 24.Jonathan Tau | RSSH | 28.59.3 |
| 25.James Humpish | RSSH | 29.37.3 |
| 26.Peter Birch | OSH | 30.17.1 |
| 27.Annabel Brenthall | RSSHG | 30.59.7 |
| 28.Lucy Birt | RSSHG | 31.00.1 |
| 29.Georgia Drinkwater | RSSHG | 31.38.4 |
| 30.Jenny Burge | Staff | 32.19.5 |
| 31.Kait Weston | Staff | 32.19.5 |
| 32.Lois Davis | RSSHG | 32.24.5 |
| 33.Anthony Hickson | OSH | 34.03.1 |

OSH return to Thames H&H Alumni race 11 December, 2010

On 11 December the OSH fielded a team in the annual Thames Hare & Hounds alumni race for the first time this century. The race is held over an undulating and muddy 5 miles on Wimbledon Common, and attracts teams from over 20 public schools.



It was a successful return with the V50 team finishing 3rd of 11 closing teams and the open team 7th of 20. Many congratulations to all taking part, shown above from left to right Anthony Hickson, Michael Johnson, David Thomas, and front row Charles Tongue and Ben Hebblethwaite. In the open competition our scoring team of Ben Hebblethwaite, Charles Tongue and David Thomas came 7th out of 20 finishers, with Ben finishing 1 place and two seconds ahead of Charles, in 17th position. In the V50 our team came in 3rd of 11 closing teams, a remarkable feat given the average age of our team was 65. Many congratulations to David Thomas and, in particular, Michael Johnson and Anthony Hickson.



Results were as follows:

| Position | Name | Time |
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| 1 | Simon Wurr (Warwick) | 26.58 |
| 17 | Ben Hebblethwaite | 30.21 |
| 18 | Charles Tongue | 30.23 |
| 61 | David Thomas | 34.04 |
| 77 | Michael Johnson | 38.21 |
| 99 | Anthony Hickson | 46.24 |