

Cricket: 1st XI win SSSAA Award

Wednesday 1 February 2012



*Back L-R: Jack Bailey, James Aston, Jack Hudson-Williams, Rhnaudri Smith, Will Mason, Alistair Pollock
Front L-R: Andy Barnard (Master IC Cricket), Stephen Leach, Henry Lewis (Captain), Jamie Board, Mark Prescott, Charlie Farquhar*

Shropshire Schools' Sports & Athletics Association (SSSAA) Awards Presentation

As a result of our team winning the HMC National T20 competition in September 2011, the 1st XI were invited to the John Beswick International Awards Presentation Evening on 31st January at the Council Chamber in the Shirehall.

This is the fourth time that Shrewsbury School have won the Team Award since its inception in 1988:

2004 Shrewsbury School U15 XI - Winning the ECB Lord Taverners Trophy

2008 Shrewsbury School 1st VIII - Winning the Princess Elizabeth Challenge Cup at Henley

2010 Shrewsbury School U15 XI - Winning the ESCA National T20

2011 was an outstanding year for cricket, for both our 1st XI and U15 teams. Remarkably, last year's 1st XI squad contained only one U18 player, so our 2012 squad will start with 10 players who already have a year's experience at this level. Two members played for the ECB U17 Development XI last summer, and two members played for Shrewsbury CC when they won the ECB National Club Championship.



A Week in the Life of Jack Flowers (I UVI)

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Jack Flowers (once described as a 'young Peter Fanning') was the Director of the Ingram's House Play 'The Quare Fellow' that was performed in the Ashton Theatre last week, to tremendous acclaim. Jack heard recently that he was one of our successful Oxbridge candidates this year, with an offer from Brasenose College, Oxford.



Monday 23rd January

Having got back late from Fives at Eton and Highgate on Sunday followed by directing the house play rehearsal (Brendan Behan's, *The Quare Fellow*) in the evening, it was, in all honesty, a struggle to get up on Monday morning for a meeting with the headmaster alongside Will and Henry, the head and co-deputy head of school, (8:15 really does feel like the small hours when it's still dark outside). Inconveniently I do have a PR (either Private Reading, or Personal Relaxation, depending on how you look at it) so a lie-in was lost. However, the free time meant that I could catch up on some of the work that I hadn't done because of play rehearsals which extended late into the night, and the further time spent building the set (something I'm sure west-end directors, or Mr Fanning for that matter, don't have to do). On Monday afternoon I conducted an experiment: Was it possible to go from Shrewsbury to Wolverhampton and back on the train

between lunch and period 6, and pick up costumes as well? The answer was a resounding 'no'. I found the costume warehouse (with a little help from my Mum, who works with my Dad in Wolverhampton) and arrived at the train station just in time, but it turned out that carrying it all back from the station on my own was hardly convenient. I arrived very late for period 6 (French) and hadn't quite done the essay either... Monday evening brought the tech rehearsal for the play, an affair which was as stressful as expected, and apparently taught Mr Portier a few new words! We left the theatre at 1 am, very worried, because the wood for the other two Prison cells we were building for our set had not turned up!

Tuesday 24th January

A slightly more subdued day. The snooze button on the alarm clock took a serious beating, and at 20 to 9, I got up, quickly performed some running repairs on my bike, and got to period one just in time. After a quick game of fives that afternoon, I went to the theatre to arrange everything for our proto-dress rehearsal that night. It was still very worrying; would the actors have learnt their lines? Did we have all the props and costumes? Were the lights and sound sorted? And, most worryingly, would our 'prisoners' turn up? (You know who you are.) As it was, the rehearsal went well; the only major culprit, who has yet to pay his £3.50 fine, was my younger brother Tom. His entrance came. His entrance went. His character remained ethereally



non-existent. I found him tucked in a corner backstage watching a film on his laptop, and promptly abused some power in order to confiscate the laptop from him. Finished that evening with further set construction, and a stint with Adam Foster, editing photos for the poster. Things were beginning to look promising.

Wednesday 25th January

The morning of the dress rehearsal proper. I can honestly say that I've never been so nervous about a play, but yet again the cast pulled it off. I spent the morning first doing a chapel duty, and then created more excuses for not handing in work! The only real concern afterwards was the exhaustion of the cast, which I hoped that an early (10:30 ish) night would rectify. Oh, and the fact that the stage was still not finished! I stayed in the theatre with a conscript of painters from the fifth form (amongst whom was my younger brother, who seemed more interested in painting 'D.R.F.C' onto everything, than painting a door bright red as I had asked him!) Despite a titanic effort, the stage however, was not done by the time we went to bed, at about 2 am!

Thursday and Friday

Unusually for a house play, neither of our performances let us down (it really was a relief to not spend the second night trying to make up for the first). Obviously, there were a few hitches, considering that the play had been put together in only two and a half weeks, but there were some good performances: Arthur Fearnall was confident and flamboyant as the patriarchal prisoner, Dunlavin, his younger brother Stamos, along with Ed Harrison, both making their Ingram's stage debuts were terrific, and worryingly convincing as two more prisoners. Kiran Morjaria gave an authoritative performance as Warder Regan, helped by another newcomer, Rob Treasure. Regan's 'Meths-rubbing' scene with Dunlavin was a real highlight! The two young prisoners also were as irritating as intended, and both Tom Flowers and Joe Bell ought to be looking to perform more in the years to come. Peter Evans, as the snappy Prison chief, despite his confessed stage fright, left no doubt as to the 'bloody stupidity' of the warders, and, in the end, seemed far more confident than he himself had forecast. There were naturally a few negatives (probably more from my point of view than the audience's) audibility was sometimes an issue, and occasionally, perhaps due to such a short rehearsal period, people seemed slightly uncomfortable in their presence on stage. The star-performance, however, must go to Joe Bell, (sorry Dimitri – the cameo chef falls into second place!) who was incredibly funny and energetic in his portrayal of Dunlavin's elderly Neighbour; a furious poking walking stick accompanied him round the stage, and he seemed very at ease with what was going on elsewhere. Two other prisoners deserve a mention; Sam Welti and Max Mason, both playing prisoners whom we first meet out in the exercise yard, who, in the end, proved both funny, and moving as the play descended into its darker finale, despite having been 'economical' on attending rehearsals! Technically, the play was difficult to pull together; the final bars went up on the cell walls about an hour before Thursday's performance, and the stage was painted again with about half an hour to go. Huge credit therefore must go to Dan Hurcomb, and Bruce Maitland, who drilled about 300 metres of wood together (when you include all the bars etc) in order to construct our four 3m x 2m x 2m prison cells). As with last year's Ingram's production Calvin Chan's lighting provided some stylish touches and helped to lower the mood, as the final scene approached. As a final point, it is worth noting that Ed Grant, who played Holy Healey, was in bed suffering with a migraine for most of Friday, and, despite my request to the san to kindly 'sort him out', things did not look completely positive. Yet the show must go on, and Ed ('Lid' to his mates) was just as amusing as ever as the bumbling prison inspector. Described by one critic as a 'cool show', this production of *The Quare Fellow* has been a pleasure to be in charge of, and, as my



last play in the Ashton theatre, also quite emotional. The after play pizza, which went on even longer than the stage painting sessions (!) was richly deserved by all.

Saturday 28th January

Coach Weekend, and thank god for that! I slept straight through, and nearly missed my first lesson, quickly ran over to Quod to hand out some posters for the sixth form options fair, and then dashed back to the Alington Hall to watch a lecture by John Hoskinson, a former pro golfer who unfortunately killed a cyclist whilst drink-driving and served three years in prison. It was a very moving lecture, which brought a poignant end to the week. As I left for home, I grabbed my Fives gloves, ready for a trip down to Eton the next day to play in the Under 21s tournament. God I need some sleep!

The McEachran Prize 2012

Wednesday 1 February 2012

Sparkling talks on 'spells' ranging from Juvenal ('mens sana in corpore sano') to Nabokov, via Coleridge and e.e cummings were given by fourteen competitors for the coveted and ever esoteric 2012 McEachran Prize on Tuesday 31 January, commemorating this extraordinary and inspirational teacher. The judge was Dr Mark Archer, who in addition to his work in the City, is an occasional arts journalist for *The Spectator*, *Wall Street Journal*, *FT* and *Daily Telegraph*.

The winner of the junior section was fourth former Theo Simmons, talking about one of his own poems 'Soulweight'. In second place was fellow fourth former John Dempsey, who gave an impassioned social analysis of William Blake's 'Holy Thursday'. Guy Cabral's fascinating talk on changing perceptions of the Latin tag 'mens sana in corpore sano' (the motto of his former prep school Summer Fields) was highly commended. All three boys are in Churchill's Hall.

Xavier Greenwood (Rt) shared the senior prize with Ralph Wade (Rb). Xavier gave an astonishingly accomplished reflection on the challenging opening and closing words of Nabokov's 'Lolita', but Ralph's polished and witty meditation on lines from 'The Rime of the Ancient Mariner' made it impossible to choose an outright winner for this title. Second prize went to Rory Fraser (Ch), for his talk on Magee's 'High Flight', and James Humpish (SH) was highly commended for his deconstructionist analysis of an e.e.cummings poem.

RTH



McEachran winners Theo Simmons and Xavier Greenwood



RSSH: National Relays at Coventry - SECOND PLACE!

Thursday 2 February 2012

The national Coventry Relays on February 1st was a terrific day for the Hunt runners, both boys and girls, with some incredibly exciting racing. The boys were thrilled with their 2nd place, particularly as we only eventually got there in the final lap, with Ed Mallett hunting down St Alban's final leg runner. All members of staff lost their voices and probably embarrassed themselves with their excitement!



L-R: Tom Cousins, Senior Whip (PH); Seb Blake (S); Otto Clarke (S); George Mallett, Huntsman (S);
Ed Mallett (S); Rory Fraser (Ch)

Having placed third in the national long run at Knole Park at the start of term, there was real optimism going into the annual Coventry Relays, effectively the national schools' relay event, and certainly the most significant event on the schools' running calendar. Past athletes at the event have included Seb Coe, and World Triathlon Champion Jon Brownlee, and the standard is always extremely high. The Hunt have twice taken the national title - in 1995 and 1996, though we have not placed within the top three in the past 10 years. However, as the race programme intimated, our recent rise up the placings in the past few years was "ominous". Indeed, having placed 24th in 2009, we won the John Vickers Cup for Most Improved Team in 2010 having risen to 11th, then last year (despite being without Huntsman Cal Winwood), we placed 6th, the first time since 2003 that we had featured amongst the top 10 schools.



Third-leg runner Seb Blake who took the team up from 8th to 3rd with his 12.08 lap

In what is a large-scale relay event (indeed over 50 six-man relay squads compete in the boys' race, with a total of over 300 runners), it is always important to secure a solid start, and we knew we could rely on 5th form speedster Otto Clarke to get us out of trouble early on. A 12.37 leg for the 2.3 mile course was pretty much bang on what we had asked him to do, and though we were only in 8th position after the first leg, this was to be expected, with many teams placing their top runners first and second if they do not possess a consistently strong squad. Indeed, at the close of the first leg, past-winners Manchester Grammar School were in the lead, though later they would fade to 7th overall, and they were tailed by QEGS Penrith, who could not match their strong opening leg and faded to 22nd. Our second leg runner - Senior Whip Tom Cousins - ran a similarly solid 12.39, and despite dropping down to 9th position during his leg, by the close of his lap he was able to regain position. Our tactics were to attack hard in the middle of the race and follow it up with a strong final lap, and it was during the course of the third lap that our strength

in depth began to show. Seb Blake ran a blinding 12.08 lap (narrowly just outside the top 10 times for the day out of all athletes), and with typical boldness, he picked off the athletes one by one, eventually taking us through the middle stage of the course into 3rd position, our target placing for this year. We had spoken for many weeks about our prospects of reaching the top three and medalling at the event, and having done our research into our competitors, we were sure we had the quality and depth to achieve this.

Indeed, over the course of the fourth lap, despite facing pressure from Manchester Grammar's Ryan Ganose, Huntsman George Mallett broke the 12-minute barrier with an impressive 11.53, which we would later learn was the joint third fastest time of the day (with only seven athletes dipping under 12 minutes). We held position in 3rd, and handed over to 5th former Rory Fraser, who had been briefed the previous evening at our pre-race pasta dinner about his role in the squad. We thought we would be in touching distance of St Albans who by this point were in 2nd position behind Judd, leaders of the race since lap two and eventual winners. Rory's task was not only to hold position but to try and keep us within sight of St Albans, who we believed were beatable, despite their squad having been selected to represent England U16 at the World Schools' in Malta later this year. Rory ran a hard 12.27, which was important as it was three seconds quicker than the St Albans runner. And so Ed Mallett took over in the final leg, with a distance of 20 seconds between the two teams, but certainly still in sight. Despite being up against St Alban's Joe Redwood (winner of the 2011 King's Cup in Wimbledon), Ed was determined to run the race of his life and try and do all he could to close the gap. As the two runners approached 'The Garden Section' of the course with just over 1.5km to go, Ed had unbelievably closed the gap to a mere matter of seconds, prompting Hunt coaches PJM, IPH and OKT to (almost) lose composure completely in their excitement! Later, Ed would reflect that it was at this moment in the leg that he knew he could take Redwood, and to do so, he knew he would have to kick hard for 20-30m to get past him and put distance between them. That he did, and as he sprinted down the final section and towards the finish in Memorial Park, the result was not in doubt, and Ed eventually finished 10 seconds ahead of St Albans, turning over the 20 second deficit, and in the process running the second-fastest leg of all athletes on the day, an incredible 11.49, improving over 1 minute 20 seconds on his time from last year. In the end,

despite their lead of over a minute and a half in the opening stages, the gap between Shrewsbury and winners Judd was a mere 30 seconds.

Next year (6th February 2013), it is our belief that we can challenge to take the National title for the first time in 17 years. Whilst we will lose both George Mallett and Tom Cousins, we need only look at our 'B' team's fabulous 12th position at the relays to see the depth coming through. It was only two years ago that our 'A' team placed 11th, so this result was almost as impressive as our 2nd place, with the team (3rd former Oscar Dickins, Junior Whip Will Spencer Jones; George Nugee; Ed Lloyd; Angus Hayward; and Toby Lansdell) beating over 20 schools' 'A' teams, including past winners St Anselm's and King Henry VIII.

Further encouragement came from the girls' team of Becky Home, Imola Atkins, Libby Naylor and Anna Thompson, who were hoping to build on their excellent performance at January's Knole Run. Following a solid opening lap of 16.44 from Becky Home, Imola Atkins's time of 15.37 pushed the team up the placings, and following further strong performances from Libby Naylor and Anna Thompson (17.47 and 15.46 respectively), the Hunt came home in 15th place overall out of 28 teams, an excellent achievement, particularly since last year we placed 24th. There is a really strong sense of cohesion within the group, and they go into Saturday's County Championships full of optimism as we attempt to take the team trophy there for the very first time.

BOYS' TEAM RESULTS (out of 51 teams):

1st Judd 73.01
2nd Shrewsbury School 73.33
3rd St Albans School 73.43
4th Sedbergh School 76.20
5th Abingdon 76.26
12th Shrewsbury School 'B' 79.02

GIRLS' TEAM RESULTS (out of 28 teams):

1st Loreto Grammar School 58.21
2nd Loughborough High School 58.22
3rd St Aidan's School 59.45
15th Shrewsbury School 65.54

INDIVIDUAL FASTEST TIMES (out of 306 runners):

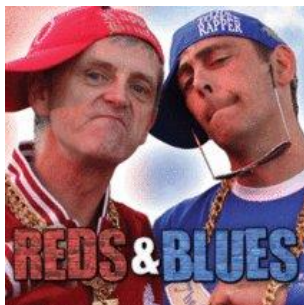
1st Tom Purnell (Marling School) 10.56
2nd Ed Mallett (Shrewsbury School) 11.49
3rd=George Mallett (Shrewsbury School) 11.53
3rd=Ryan Ganose (Manchester Grammar) 11.53
3rd=Beau Smith (Lancaster Grammar) 11.53
6th= Adam Thorpe (St Albans) 11.59
6th= Robbie Lightowler (St Albans) 11.59
8th= Alistair Duff (Abingdon) 12.02
8th= Alex King (The Judd School) 12.02
10th Tom Devlin (The Judd School) 12.03



Three-day visit to The Shewsy

Thursday 2 February 2012

Last week's visit to the Shewsy was fascinating for all those who went. The days were full and stimulating, and, as usual, the main focus was helping at the Youth Club from 3pm until 10pm, acting as 'big brothers and sisters' to primary-aged children, and then spending time with the older musicians, as they prepared for their next gig. Sienna Holmes (EDH LVI) writes about one of her highlights:



Reds and Blues

On our second day at the Shewsy our group was lucky enough to find that our visit coincided with a talk being held at the Youth Club by Andrew Schofield, Paul Duckworth and Dave Kirby. Together they had been involved in the creation of the film, 'Reds & Blues' a comedy about the deep-set rivalry between Liverpool FC and Everton FC fans in the area. Andrew and Paul played the two leading roles – Andrew being red and Paul being blue – which helped ensure numerous laughs throughout the film, while Dave Kirby wrote the mischievous script.

All three of them are originally from Liverpool and grew up in areas not dissimilar from Everton, where we were staying, and it seemed very apparent that this had a real effect on many of the kids watching.

Andrew Schofield explained that he had only become interested in acting through his own local youth-work organisation, and was therefore living proof of the amazing work they do. Dave Kirby talked about his past and how writing comedies had helped him to branch away from his clashes with the police as a teenager. I found this was really poignant for many of the audience, now listening to an adult who they had full respect for and who they could empathise with.

After half an hour or so of question and answers, mostly along the lines of, 'what was the funniest moment on the set?' which led to many tales of mishaps with trampolines, we came to the final question where one member asked, 'if you could go back and tell your 15 year old self one piece of advice what would it be?' I found that really their response was not just about how to make it into the world of acting, but rather how to make it into the world, full stop. Their message was pretty clear, that perseverance and an open mind always led to success and respect. Or, in the words of Dave Kirby, '*Shut up, listen to what people around you are saying and for God's sake take notice!*'





Netball: 1st & 2nd VII wins v King's Chester School

Thursday 2 February 2012

The 1st VII started soundly from the first quarter, but not playing to their full potential. Shrewsbury were dead level with Kings Chester until the third quarter where the girls in blue took the lead 14-13 in this very tight contest. The game was evenly matched with concise passing skills and communication evident from both sides, however in the fourth quarter Shrewsbury raised their levels and eventually pulled away winning 24-14, with some unstoppable shooting and passing skills on show. Player of the match was awarded to Lucy Emms (GS).

The 2nd VII played extremely well from the first whistle against their Kings opponents, demonstrating their strength in all elements of the game. This was illustrated in the score line at the first quarter, with Shrewsbury going in with an 8-2 lead. The girls built upon this to finish with a resounding 28-8 win. Shrewsbury 2nd VII have demonstrated confidence across all elements of netball from concise passing, accurate shooting, tight marking and fluency of ball up and down the court. The player of the match was awarded to both Holly Free (WD) and Izzy Barber (WA).

Miss A. Hartsborne



Rugby: w/c 23rd January 2012

Thursday 2 February 2012

Once again, Adams GS have reached the latter stages of the Daily Mail U18 Cup this season, so the 1st XV knew it was going to be a tough match on Saturday. However, the 1st XV put together a very creditable performance, and although the score line might not suggest as much, the Shrewsbury defence dealt with most things Adams threw at it, particularly in midfield and around the fringes. Adams' tries tended to be scored from broken play and spilt ball when the Shrewsbury defence was at it's most disorganised and struggling to shape itself from offence to defence. Oliver Hughes was impressive at No.8 and Paddy Lynch-Staunton a terrific target and example as captain. Will Mason kicked Shrewsbury's points.

In other results, the 2nd XV had a pleasing 30-5 victory against Kings Chester 1st XV. This was a most encouraging performance and some good team tries were scored. Saturday's opponents Adams were a different proposition and they were more streetwise and battle hardened. Several basic mistakes lead to avoidable tries being conceded but the team battled bravely to the final whistle and will have learnt from the experience.

The 3rd XV suffered a heavy defeat against their Adams Grammar opponents (0-43), while the U15 A's also suffered defeat, losing out 7-40. Results continued in a similar vein, with both the U14 A and B sides losing out to their Adams counterparts, 12-36 and 5-17 respectively. However, despite the defeat, a patched up U14 B side came away with huge credit, after dominating large spells of the game. Regardless of the results, many of the sides produced positive performances, and they will learn to cut out the costly errors that are being made across the board.

Mr D. Kirkby

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Football: 1st XI vs Wolverhampton Grammar

Thursday 2 February 2012

Wolverhampton Grammar were the visitors to Senior on Wednesday to face a Shrewsbury A XI. The first half ended goalless, however a solid second half performance from the Shrewsbury A XI saw Max Pragnell score twice, once from the penalty spot, to give Shrewsbury a convincing win.

Several players were making their debut in the school A XI and gave positive performances, providing much food for thought.

Mr S. Biggins



RSSH: Second place in Coventry Relays

Thursday 2 February 2012

Great news from the RSSH from yesterday: Our boys took 2nd place and won the JB Vent Cup in the Coventry Relays - the national schools' relay event and the biggest race of the running calendar. This was our best result since 1998.

Ed Mallett (S LVI) and George Mallett (S UVI) ran the 2nd and 3rd fastest times of the day (out of over 300 runners) in an event that has in the past included such notable athletes as Seb Coe and World Triathlon Champion Jon Brownlee.



Sports results: w/c 23rd January 2012

Friday 3 February 2012

Week Beginning 23rd January 2012

Date	Sport	Opposition	Team	H/ A	Result	Score (Shrewsbury's score is first)
Tue 24 th January	Netball	Harper Adams League	2 nd VII	A	L	15-18
Wed 25 th January	Boys Hockey	Shrewsbury Sixth Form College	1 st XI	H	L	See Bulletin
	Netball	Kings School Chester	1 st VII	H	W	24-14
			2 nd VII	H	W	28-8
	Rugby	Kings School Chester	2 nd XV	H	W	30-5
	Football	Wolverhampton Grammar	1 st XI	H	W	2-0
Sat 28 th January	RSSH	Midlands League, Wellingborough	Squad	A		See Bulletin
	Rugby	Adams Grammar School	1 st XV	A	L	See Bulletin
			2 nd XV	A	L	See Bulletin
			3 rd XV	H	L	0-43
			U15A XV	H	L	7-40
			U14A XV	H	L	12-36
			U14B XV	H	L	5-17
Sun 29 th January	Fives	Eton College	U21	A	W	See Bulletin

Webb to thrill the crowds on both sides of the Atlantic in 2012

Friday 3 February 2012

Ahead of making his full season debut in the Firestone Indy Lights Championship, British racing driver Oliver "Olly" Webb (S 2004-09) has confirmed that he will continue his involvement with supercar manufacturer BAC, including demonstrating Mono at both the Cholmondeley Pageant of Power (15-17 June) and the Goodwood Festival of Speed (28 June-1 July).

Webb (on the right of the photo), who has now settled in the USA with the Sam Schmidt Motorsport (SSM) team is also a member of the prestigious MSA Elite Team UK. He has been involved with BAC as test driver throughout the development of the 280 bhp single-seat Mono and he will return to the Pageant of Power after an impressive show last year, where he was among the top runners. He will also make his debut on the famous Hill route at the Goodwood Festival of Speed, which will again see some of the greatest names in motorsport behind the wheels of a wide variety of modern and historic supercars and racing cars, from around the world.



Olly says: 'It has been a really great experience working with the team at BAC, and being involved with the testing of the Mono throughout the various stages of development. It will be fantastic to demonstrate the car over the summer, and it's a real honour to return to the Pageant of Power and to have the opportunity to take part in the Goodwood Festival of Speed alongside some of motorsport's greatest names.'

For information on Oliver Webb, visit <http://www.oliwebbracing.com/> or follow him on twitter www.twitter.com/oliverjameswebb.

Additional information can be found at: <http://www.indycar.com/indylights/> and also www.bac-mono.com

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Football: CHANGE OF VENUE: OS XI v Haileybury Old Boys in quarter final of Arthur Dunn Cup

Friday 3 February 2012

This match will take place after all on Saturday 4 February, but the venue has now been transferred to the Maccabi sports ground in Borehamwood (Rowley Lane Sports Ground, Arkley, Barnet, Herts, EN5 3HW)

Please note that the kick-off is now 1pm.

Final of Senior Team Mathematics Challenge 2012

Saturday 4 February 2012

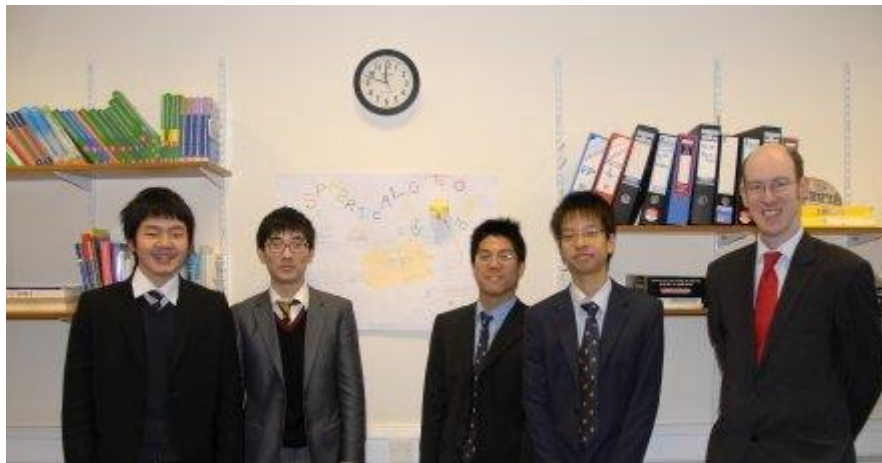
Over 1000 schools took part in the 2011/2012 Senior Team Mathematics Challenge, and once again the Shrewsbury team - this time comprising four boys from the Lower Sixth - made it through to the final round when they came first in the regional heat last term with a score of 169/176.

Win Chirayus (I), Martin Chow (SH), Non Suemanothom (G) and Peter Zhan (R), accompanied by Charlie Oakley, made an early start on Wednesday 1st February to travel down to London to take part in the Final. They finished a highly creditable 20th out of 63, with a score of 162/186.

The Senior Team Maths Challenge is organised by the United Kingdom Mathematics Trust for pupils aged between 16 and 18, and aims to promote mathematical dexterity, team working, and communication skills, giving pupils the opportunity to compete against pupils from other schools in their region.

Our regional contest took place at Keele last term, when Martin Hansen accompanied the boys. There were three rounds at this stage - Round One required teams to work together to solve 10 problems in 40 minutes. Round Two involved a 'cross-number', like a crossword but with numeric clues and answers. The team split into two, one pair answered the 'across' clues and the other the 'down' clues, without consultation between the pairs. The final round was a relay, again in pairs. The first pair was set a problem - the answer for which was the clue for the second pair's question and so on. There were four problems for the pairs to solve in eight minutes.

Please see the [2011-2012 STMC Entry Form](#) for more information.



Netball: Silver medal at the annual Malvern St James Tournament

Sunday 5 February 2012

With our larger cohort of Sixth Form girls this year, we were able to enter two teams into the Malvern St James netball tournament for the first time. Our A team were runners-up in their pool, winning Silver medals - our first-ever Netball medal win! Our B team were also runners-up in their pool, and came 4th overall. This was the culmination of an outstanding week for our netball teams - they continue to perform superbly in the Tuesday evening Harper Adams League – another win last Tuesday night, and both the 1st & 2nd VII defeated Adams Grammar School on Wednesday afternoon.

Shrewsbury travelled to the Malvern St James netball tournament on Saturday 4th February. Previous years the tournament has always been competitive, but very enjoyable. With encouraging results from netball fixtures so far this term and the continuation of Tuesday evening league, we were looking forward to the challenge, and for the first time we had 2 teams in the tournament. The tournament was divided into 2 pools; Division A and Division B, each game lasting 8 minutes in length, with 2 minute change over. The winners of Division A played the runners up of Division B and then the winners of Division B played the Runners up of Division A which lead to the final.



Photo - Katy Mason-Jones, Elen Murphy, Eli Palje Rhys-Davies, Lucy Emms, Alice Paul, Hannah Pritchard, Rebecca Haynes.

In the A division, Shrewsbury 1st VII came up against a very high standard, quick moving Christ College netball team and had fought back to a 4-4 score until Christ College pulled away to win 7-4. However, we came back with strength against Edgbaston High School and played to our full potential demonstrating clean, clear passing and excellent movement around court to win 7-5. The confidence of the team grew when it came to playing Malvern St James 2 and the excellent playing continued with beautiful movement of the ball from centre third into the goal third, and very tight marking by defence provided Shrewsbury with an 11-0 win. Our final game in Division A was against a strong Kings School; there were slight mistakes on both sides, however an evenly matched game to finish 5-5.

Shrewsbury 1st VII came Runners up in Division A and had to meet Malvern St James 1 (Winners of Division B). Shrewsbury started off unsteadily, making unnecessary mistakes and forcing the ball which resulted in Shrewsbury trailing by 0-3. However Shrewsbury regained their confidence and played outstandingly well, passing the ball elegantly around the court, with beautiful finishing from the attackers to win 6-3.



Shrewsbury 1st VII then met Christ College School who are renowned as a netball school in the final. Shrewsbury played amazingly, they picked up their game and their movement around the court was effortless. There was sharp passing down the wings to our fast moving attacking players who scored time and time again, which was further aided by our defence that blocked and zoned extremely well. The game was very intense and ended in a 5-5 score which resulted in 5 minutes extra time being played. Christ College in extra time brought their game up and went on to score 3 consecutive goals, however Shrewsbury fought back breaking their centre twice to come back, with the game finishing 7-8 to Christ College.

An amazing game played by both teams, with Shrewsbury School walking away with Runners-Up.

In the B Division, Shrewsbury 2nd VII also came up against Christ College 2nd as their first match. Once again a high tempo game, with quick movement around court and sharp passing skills, Shrewsbury were drawing level 4-4; however Christ College came back with strength and ended the game 4-7. Shrewsbury 2nd VII came back full of confidence against Hanley Castle and demonstrated their ability and experience with some excellent defending but also good movement of the ball from the centre third into the goal third, Shrewsbury dominated the game to win 8-2. This continued into the final game within division B against Malvern St James 1, Shrewsbury played well kept tight when marking and finished off most shots on goal they had. Shrewsbury demonstrated their skilful play and it was a very evenly matched game but Shrewsbury ensured that the finish was theirs, winning 5-4.

Shrewsbury 2nd VII came runners up in division B, which meant playing Christ College 1st team. Shrewsbury were stretched against such a fast team, however played extremely well and fought for each and every pass and shot, unfortunately Christ College were too fast and played effortlessly to win 2-9.

Shrewsbury then came up against Malvern St James 2 to decide who would take 3rd and 4th place. Shrewsbury started very well and demonstrated their ability on court, however the result of playing two consecutive matches took its toll and Shrewsbury became tired. Malvern St James 2nd took their lead and just kept the lead to win 9-5 and take 3rd place. Shrewsbury 2nd VII then took 4th position out of 9 very high standard teams.

Overall it was a great morning of netball and to see Shrewsbury 1st VII come away with runners up and Shrewsbury 2nd VII to come 4th against very high standard netball teams was excellent.

Congratulations Girls.

Miss Hartshorne and Miss Woo

RSSH: Clean sweep of trophies at the County Championships

Monday 6 February 2012

Shropshire Schools' Cross-Country Championships Saturday 4th February - an historic day for The Hunt with a clean sweep of trophies, including a first ever trophy for the Girls' Hunt!



The victorious Senior Girls team with coach OKT, proudly holding the first ever trophy won by the Girls' Hunt

Following their best performance at the Coventry national relays since 1998 with a second place on Wednesday, the Hunt went into Saturday's County Championships brimming with confidence, and looking to defend their Senior and Intermediate Boys titles, and hopefully challenge for the Junior Boys and Senior Girls trophies as well. Despite the cold weather, over 20 Hunt athletes took to the start-line of the various races at Oswestry, with a number of other Hunt athletes due to compete in a Midlands League fixture in Worksop.



Rory Fraser (Ch): Intermediate Boys County Champion

In the first race of the day, our Intermediate boys packed in well in the opening stages, with Rory Fraser, Otto Clarke and Toby Lansdell all tucking in to the lead pack. The pace was relatively conservative, with none of the runners prepared to push on the pace in the opening lap of the race. Indeed, these were the tactics for our lead runners, who were instructed to take things easy in the first lap then push hard in the final lap. An earlier than expected challenge was mounted, however, by the 2010 Junior Boys' Champion Ben Ashcroft from The Grange, though Rory Fraser sensed the danger and kept on Ashcroft's heels. Going into the final lap, Rory pushed hard and secured a lead, eventually finishing the race in some



The early stages of the Intermediate Boys race: l-r Rory Fraser (225), Toby Lansdell (229), and Otto Clarke (222) compete in the lead pack. Rory would eventually win the race, with Otto taking bronze, and Toby just outside the medals in 4th.

style with a win by a comfortable margin, winning the championship individual title and following in the footsteps of last year's winner Ed Mallett (and becoming only the third ever Hunt runner to have won the county champs in this age-group since the competition was begun in 1978). With Otto Clarke coming home in 3rd, Toby Lansdell just outside the medals in 4th, and final 'counter' Angus Hayward in 13th, the team total of 21 points was more than enough to win the trophy for the third year running, the 16th time in 34 years the Hunt have brought the title home. Fraser, Clarke and Lansdell have all earned county selection for the Nationals on the back of their performance.

In the Senior Girls' race, we brought a quartet whom we believed could really challenge this year in a championship race that we have never won since entering it in 2010. However, following a strong performance at the national relays mid-week, the squad spirit amongst the girls was running high, and there was real confidence in them all. The race proved an exciting affair, with our girls starting the race modestly, but over the course of the distance, their training kicked in



and their superior stamina told. Imola Atkins pushed through the field, and despite being off the pace in the first lap, she eventually ran through the positions to take home the individual bronze medal, adding to the silver she won last year. However, this year, Imola was backed up by a talented group of L6th formers, and with Anna Thompson coming home in 4th, Becky Home in 5th, and Libby Naylor in 6th, our team total was convincing and meant that for the very first time, the girls lifted the Senior Girls' County Championship trophy, a proud day for all concerned, and a significant and historic one, for this was the very first trophy won by the Girls' Hunt - the first of many we hope! All four girls will travel to the Nationals in March at Taunton as part of the Shropshire team.



Ed Mallett (S): Senior Boys County
Champion

With two trophies already won, our talented Seniors took to the field knowing that the squad was a strong one, despite being without Huntsman George Mallett (the 2011 individual County Champion), who was left at home struggling with an injury. Tactically, we were hoping for a similar race to the Intermediate boys, but Ed Mallett found himself breaking free in the opening stages and pushed clear of the lead pack, isolating himself as a front-runner. It was a move that would later cause problems, for in the second lap, Ed was chased down by last year's silver medalist Ryan Heath from Telford AC, who strode past him and took a lead of around 15m. Yet Ed did not give up, and in a spirited fight back, by the time the runners moved into the final lap, Ed was within 5m of Heath, eventually pulling past him and restoring his early lead. By the close of the race, the distance between the two was significant, possibly as much as 200m, and Ed was able to come home as Senior County Champion, a title he will be able to defend next

year. He follows in the footsteps of not only his elder brother George, but five other Hunt individual champions at this level, including Tim Bedell in the very first championships in 1978. In the team event, Ed's performance was matched by a very impressive bronze-medal from the rapidly-improving Seb Blake, 5th place for Tom Cousins, and 6th place for Ed Lloyd. A score of 15 (10 points is the 'perfect score') meant that the Hunt easily retained the team trophy for the third year running, and all four 'counters' have earned county-selection for the Nationals.

In the final race of the day, the Junior Boys took as strong a squad as we have had in a number of years, and it was our hope that they would return the trophy that we last won in 2009, and come home with the fourth trophy of the day. We weren't to be disappointed, with New Boys' Race winner Oscar Dickins in fine form, coming over the finish line in 4th place in what was a very talented field (including winner of Shrewsbury Schools' recent Prep Schools' XC Champs, Packwood's Freddie Fielding- very much a star of the future!). Our four counters came home with an impressive score of 29, with Oscar's performance added to by Tom Sykes in 6th, 9th place for Gene Ratanadaros, and Barnaby Seager in 10th place. The fourth trophy of the day was won by our Junior Boys, making this an historic clean-sweep of trophies! Both Oscar and Tom will join the twelve other Hunt runners who have been selected for the Nationals, and we look forward to seeing some strong performances from them all.

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RSSH: Extraordinary run of success

Monday 6 February 2012

The RSSH's success in the just the first half of this term has been staggering.

On 14th January we entered three teams in the annual Knole Run at Sevenoaks - one of the toughest and longest races the Hunt competes in. Our goal was to improve on our 2011 ranking of fourth place, and we were delighted when our 'A' team came third in the country.

The following Wednesday, with most of our 'A' team staying at home for training, we took top place in the Adams' Dash against Adams' Grammar and Wrekin College.

On 21st January, we took our Colts and Senior teams over to Uppingham to compete in the Midlands League fixture. Our Colts won their race with an 8-point victory over Rugby (2nd) and Uppingham (3rd); the Senior race saw Salopians in all top three places, helping Shrewsbury to a staggering 91 point win over Wellingborough (2nd) and Oundle (3rd).

Then on Wednesday 1st February we were absolutely thrilled to be placed second in the National Relays at Coventry after one of the most exciting races of several years.

This was swiftly followed by the County Championships on 4th February, in which we came away with four trophies under our arms, having triumphed in all four races - Seniors, Intermediates, Juniors and Girls.

RSSBC: Silver medal win at Hampton Head - Saturday 4th February 2012

Monday 6 February 2012



On a day when other races around the country succumbed to the icy weather, Hampton Head remained on, and 18 third formers headed to London to brave the River Thames for the very first time.

Racing in two matched octuples named "Lennon" and "McCartney", all of the boys raced with great control and power. "Lennon" benefitted from its members spending more time on the water in the last few weeks, and came away with a fantastic silver medal, just 5 seconds behind King's Chester. A number of the rowers in "McCartney" share their time this term between rowing and other sports, so 11th place out of the 30 crews competing shows the potential that they have as oarsmen. The combined times of our two crews made Shrewsbury the fastest team on the water.

We will now begin the process of starting to construct A, B, C (and potentially D) octos for the National Junior Sculling Head in March on Dorney Lake (just 4 months before it plays host to the Olympic Games!).



Churchill's House Play: Rehearsal shots

Monday 6 February 2012



Rehearsal shots from Churchill's 2012 House Play 'Noises Off'

On Thursday 9th and Friday 10th February at 8 pm in the Ashton Theatre an all-star cast from Churchill's Hall with help from Shrewsbury High School for Girls will be producing Michael Frayn's 'Noises Off', a play which has been dubbed by one well-known critic as 'the funniest farce ever'. It's actually two plays rolled into one. You will split your sides with mirth as our hapless actors stumble their way through a technical rehearsal of a dreadful comedy of sexual misunderstanding entitled 'Nothing On'.

No tickets are required - the smart seats will be reserved for visitors. We are performing Michael Frayn's one act original version, lasting under an hour. Our [programme](#) has a number of other pre-performance photos - do please take a look at it.

Rumours of a connection between this production and the one currently running in The Old Vic in the West End are strenuously denied.

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OS Football: Arthur Dunn Cup quarter final v Haileybury - a 2-1 win for Shrewsbury

Tuesday 7 February 2012

The re-scheduled quarter-final of the Arthur Dunn Cup took place at Borehamwood last Saturday. A quick double from Hamish McKenzie (O 2000-2005) and some world class saves from Richard McGarry (Ch 2001-2006) put Shrewsbury into the semi-final with a 2-1 win over Haileybury.

The semi finalists are Tonbridge, Winchester, Shrewsbury, and either Charterhouse or Repton. Fingers crossed for a home draw! The venue and draw details should be made later this week.



Sports results: w/c 30th January 2012

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Week Beginning 30th January 2012

Date	Sport	Opposition	Team	H/A	Result	Score (Shrewsbury's score is first)	
Tue 31 st January	Netball	Harper Adams League	1 st VII	A	W	29-19	
	Netball	Adams Grammar School	1 st VII	H	W	20-15	
			2 nd VII	H	W	29-13	
	Rugby	King Henry VIII School, Coventry	1 st XV	H	W	15-15	
			2 nd XV	H	W	51-5	
			UI 6A XV	H		Cancelled	
	Football	Bromsgrove School	UI 4A XV	A		Cancelled	
			2 nd XI	A		Cancelled	
				3 rd XI	A		Cancelled
	Squash	Wrekin College	1 st V	A	W	4-1	
	Basketball	Old Swinford Hospital	U19	H	L	54-37	
	RSSH	Coventry Relays	Girls/Boys	A		See Bulletin	
Fives	Rydal Penrhos	Juniors	A		See Bulletin		
Sat 4 th February	RSSH	County Championship	Squad & Girls	A	W	See Bulletin	
Midlands League, Workeop		Squad	A		See Bulletin		
Rugby	Stonyhurst College	1 st XV	A		Cancelled		
		2 nd XV	A		Cancelled		
		UI 5A XV	H		Cancelled		
		UI 4A XV	H		Cancelled		
Football	Liverpool Ramblers	2 nd XI	A		Cancelled		
RSSBC	Hampton Head	J14	A		See Bulletin		
	Wycliffe Head	J15, Girls	A		Cancelled		
Fives	Northern Championships, Shrewsbury School	Girls, Seniors, Juniors	H		See Bulletin		
Netball	Malvern St James Netbal Tournament	1 st VII	A	W	Runners-Up		
		2 nd VII	A	W	4 th Position		
Swimming	Stonyhurst College	Squad	H		Cancelled		
Squash	Malvern College	1 st V	H	L	2-3		
		2 nd V	H	W	3-2		
Sun 5 th February	Fives	Northern Championships, Shrewsbury School	Girls, Seniors, Juniors	H		See Bulletin	



A Week in the Life of Ralph Wade (Rb 5)

Wednesday 8 February 2012

Tuesday 31st January

The customary tutor period was followed by lessons, pizza and chips and lying on a sofa in Dayboys feeling slightly unwell. Mr Hann kindly undertook to listen to my speech for the McEachran prize that night, and graciously said that he liked it. I spent the remaining few minutes on his computer, trying to find an appropriate picture of a “slimy thing..with legs”, as specified by Coleridge, but was rewarded at the cost of cutting it pretty fine to RS that afternoon. Gradually getting a bit nervous, I duly turned up to the Moser Library that evening, determined to simply try to enjoy the experience. I was slightly daunted by the standard set – there was not one person who spoke who, in my opinion, was unworthy of the prize. My speech went well, and I felt that whatever happened, I had genuinely done the best that I was capable of. It was, however, rather nice to find later that I had won – sharing the prize with Xavier Greenwood. I did miss Debating Society though– which I would have like to have gone to.



Wednesday 1st February

A half day of lessons, followed by recreational swimming and recreational squash. Taking my crossword to squash, as is generally my wont, I ended up spending an extra hour trying to fathom the cryptic one, whilst Dr Brydon struggled kindly and valiantly to instil some sort of competence in this respect. Such was my engagement that I missed Model United Nations, and was late for tea! I spent the evening doing battle with top schools deferred from Tuesday, and a group of us ended the day with our Christian Discussion Group.

Thursday 2nd February

I had cornflakes for breakfast. I also went to the Barber Institute for Fine Art in Birmingham with the other members of the Art History group, hurrying to the Art Building after French, and from there to the station. The collection was surprisingly good. Mr Reid talked on various pieces and my concentration wavered slightly – especially when I noticed the institute's Canaletto. When it came to “evaluating” I wrote on this and a work by Ingres – a neo-classical painting in which two people who are kissing are being crept up upon by a rather disturbing-looking chap with a dagger. Trains being as they are, we were late back. This meant not only that I missed a play rehearsal, but also that I had to forsake my dinner to get to Chapel Choir on time. This is one of the greater sacrifices I can make, as all who know me will testify. Having overdosed on toast at the house, there was just time to do some top schools, before Christian Forum – at which there was a lot of Nachos and a fairly lively discussion.

Friday 3rd February

A group of dedicated, albeit slightly tired, Salopians arrived at the Maidment Building at 8:30 for a chorus rehearsal for the Magic Flute. I sang bass, Mr Mason was enthusiastic and I tootled off to Physics. My spirits were slightly sapped when I discovered we were drawing graphs for a Skills Assignment, but am pleased to report a full recovery. Break saw the traditional Grot-Shop foray,



followed by RS and my organ lesson. My teacher having tactfully declined to hear my noisy rendition of Tu Es Petrus, we worked on a more reflective piece, and with commendable restraint, the news that I had not practised my Elgar was met level-headedly by my teacher.

Saturday 4th February

I awoke to the disconcerting knowledge that I had been, albeit semi-humorously, press-ganged into a Hunt race. Arriving just after break with a group of dragooned, monosyllabic and Haribo-eating Salopians, we discovered that a series of unforeseen circumstances meant that our participation in this event had to be cancelled, which was rather a mixed blessing. On the one hand, an epic victory would have been good material for this piece, on the other, it was getting rather cold and wet. In compensation Dr Foulger took us out after lunch for a short run, which despite my initial misgivings, I felt much the better for. I spent the afternoon eating a friend's food, listening to his novel and watching *Brideshead Revisited*. On the way to tea, I had a loud improvise on the chapel organ, and afterwards snuck off in the vain hope of getting some work done. I finished the day with the Grove's house play, and an icy ride home on Rory Fraser's bicycle.

Sunday 5th February

I lay in and was slightly late for church. After lunch the Parental Department plotted a "Post Prandial Perambulation", and my brother and sister were rapidly conscripted. I returned home sufficiently refreshed to tackle my English top-schools and then spent a leisurely evening reading *Northanger Abbey* by the fire in the living room, listening afterwards to my mother reading the Wade Family choice – *Great Expectations*. We were all most disturbed to hear about the attack on Mrs Joe.

Monday 6th February

Having survived the exertion of cycling up Kingsland Hill, I was greeted with a Whole School Assembly and a timed essay in English. There was some success for my Junior Debating apprentices in Societies' Hour, and then for myself - with a personal best of 8:26 in Benjies afterwards. That evening, we managed to get everyone together for a rehearsal for the Dayboys' Play. It is called *Art*, and is very French - unsurprising given that it was written by a French playwright. It seems, however, that we'll pull it off. It only remains for me to discharge my solemn duty as a true-born Dayboy to recommend very highly that you all come and see it!



Fives: w/c 30th January 2012

Wednesday 8 February 2012

U14's v Rhydal

The U14's travelled to Rhydal on Wednesday and faced stiff opposition. The pair Breese and Fox came away victorious, winning 2-1; however there were no more victories. The pair of Mason and White lost 0-3, while Cooke and Lechmere were defeated 1-3. Despite the results, improvements are being made.

vs St Olaves

On the eve of the Northern Championships the Seniors had a good 2-1 win over St Olaves in a tough and well contested fixture. Henry Lewis and Sam Welti recorded a pleasing 2-1 victory, as did Henry Blofield and Harry Flowers, winning 2-0. The only defeat was involving Guy Williams and Elliott Christie, who were unfortunate to lose 0-2.



4/5th Feb Northern Open Championships

The majority of our Senior, U16 and U15 squads gained excellent experience playing against the best adult players in the country. A notable achievement was Sansom Yick and Jamie Humes getting to the final of the Northern Festival. They lost 1-2 in the final to players with at least 10 years more experience. James Dusdon and Win Chirayus also put in fantastic performances in reaching the festival semi final losing 1-2 to Yick and Humes.

Jack Hudson-Williams and Henry Lewis were the only pair to qualify out of the main tournament, however they came up against the second seeds in the quarter finals and were defeated 0-2. Edward Holroyd and Max Hulse who played until nearly 6pm on Sunday won the Festival Plate.

Seb Cooley (Maths and Physics Master) took the title for the second year running, with his partner Tom Dunbar. Please see [Shrewsbury Master wins](#)

[Northern Championship](#) for more information.

Well done to all involved in a very good weekend of Fives here at Shrewsbury School.

Mr A. Barnard



The Grove House Play 2012: 'Ten o'clock Angel'

Wednesday 8 February 2012



The Grove House Play 'Ten o'clock Angel' - rehearsal shots. Please also see slideshow below

The Grove House Play was a tale of the eternal battle of good against evil, with some light touches and a good dose of comedy - most of it intentional! 'The Ten o'clock Angel' told the story of a not so good angel and a goody-goody demon coming back to earth for retraining at a remote abbey, and their antics with the members of that holy order. Set against this, the backdrop of a game show filming there with a special prize of an angel's blessing, and you have something of the plot.

All the actors and actresses delivered on the two night run; Jak Hannaby made a suitably impish angel, complemented well by an ethereally calm Jack Hodges playing the demon.

Good support came from girls from MSH and EDH - Amy Stockdale, Grace Pillsbury and Emma Pring proving great foils to the boys. Ben Smith was worryingly convincing as a sadistic abbot, and Sam Ansloos camped it up as the saccharine-sweet gameshow host Nause Gleamworld.

One of the great strengths of this play was that it was really an all - pupil effort, with Ben Gould proving a talented and energetic director. With more than 30 pupils involved, this was what a house play should be!

PGF

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Rugby: 1st XV v KH VIII School Coventry

Thursday 9 February 2012

In a game of contrasting styles, the result was decided by some poor decision making rather than quality of overall play in the last few minutes of the match. King Henry's led until the beginning of the 2nd half, when Shrewsbury went up a gear and finished off two smooth passages of play involving many pairs of hands. This was in contrast to King Henry's typically limited forwards based game which only came into its own inside Shrewsbury's 22. Shrewsbury led 15-10 entering the last ten minutes, and when losing possession of the ball when playing inside their own 22 twice, King Henry's capitalized upon basic handling errors. The result did not reflect Shrewsbury's superiority and flair.

Mr P Greetham



MUN: Best Delegation Award

Thursday 9 February 2012

Shrewsbury School's Democratic Republic of Congo team voted Best Delegation at LEHMUN - February 3rd-5th 2012.

This is the second time that our MUN-ers have been to this small, very well-organised MUN conference at Lady Eleanor Holles in Hampton, London, mainly involving schools from the southeast such as City of London School, Royal Russell, Hampton, Wimbledon High and Wycombe Abbey.

Accompanied by HRWP and Harvard Fellow, Nils Sceery, 13 Shrewsbury boys and girls took part, representing France, South Korea and the Democratic Republic of Congo. The standard of debate was high and the Salopians – as ever – were in the thick of it.

Shrewsbury School's Democratic Republic of Congo team won the Outstanding Delegation Award, just ahead of Malvern St James, who were representing Iran.



Ed Elcock, our DRC ambassador, also won a Highly Commended Delegate award in his committee and his opening speech – a poem – was voted 'Most Entertaining Speech' by the MUN press team.

Moving around the committees, it was clear to me that every single member of the team was getting involved and making things fizz.

We are all very much looking forward to raising our performance at the George Watson's MUN in Edinburgh and the Stockport Grammar MUN (March 23-25th), when a total of 28 Salopian debaters will be representing the school.

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

Ed Elcock (Ambassador): Economic and Social

Angus Thompson : Human Rights

Daniel Edwards: Political

Theo Simmons: Ecology and Environment

FRANCE

Jack Flowers (Ambassador): Human Rights

Kiran Morjaria: Political

Will Shindell: Ecology and Environment

Emerald Storey: Security Council

Xavier Greenwood: Economic and Social

REPUBLIC OF KOREA (South Korea)

Cecily Higham: Human Rights

Anna Olerinyova: Ecology and Environment

Henry Dashwood: Political

Jack Huntley (Ambassador): Economic and Social

Hum Peach

Medic Malawi fundraising: Nighttime border crossing

Thursday 9 February 2012

As a signed-up participant of the [Medic Malawi trip](#) (9th - 27th July 2012), Will Heyes (Ch LVI) came up with a novel fundraising idea recently.

Once Saturday lessons were over, Will set off from School to walk home for the weekend - a 26-mile cross country hike across the Breidden Hills to the far side of Welshpool.

Will's plan was to avoid road travel as much as possible, and to use small footpaths - although the Severn Way would have been an option, he rejected it as its many meanders would have made it a much longer journey. As it was, the late start time meant that he would be walking in the dark for much of the way.

For general moral support, James Kynaston (Ch LVI) joined Will for the last few hours of his journey, by which time Will had tackled the Breiddens - with a few wrong turns - on his own and in the dark; James' company and humour were much needed.

The two boys eventually reached their destination at 9pm, thoroughly exhausted but much relieved, in the knowledge that Will was £400 closer to his fundraising target.





Boys Hockey: 1st XI v Adam's Grammar School

Thursday 9 February 2012

The fourth match of the season was the first of our Cup matches, and promised to be a tough one, as we have not beaten Adams Grammar School for some time. As a result, the team began the match tentatively, but after a few scares around the goalmouth, with some committed saves by Ollie Darrington, Shrewsbury settled their nerves and started to play the level of hockey to which we have aspired during training.

At half-time, despite neither side scoring, Shrewsbury felt confident we had the measure of AGS and began the second period eager to put past losses behind us.

Will Phillips, Tim Bird and Will Milligan-Mamby established some presence in midfield, finding space which was missing in the first half. With some quick interplay between these three and the front line of Jo Mason, Will Leigh-Bramwell and Ali Bird, Shrewsbury created many more chances, and despite going down by an expertly taken short-corner goal, the pressure eventually gave Will M-M a well-deserved team goal. The last fifteen minutes proved to be the best hockey of the match, despite not producing a second goal. Nevertheless, the team came away with a well-earned draw (1-1).

Mr J. Lucas



Netball: 1st & 2nd VII wins v Adam's Grammar School

Thursday 9 February 2012

The 1st VII started steadily from the 1st quarter and it became a very well matched game in ability and both sides were playing well. After the 1st quarter Shrewsbury took the lead and continued this steady improvement throughout the game. Shrewsbury demonstrated good passing, shooting and defending and moved around the court well. Adams Grammar played well however Shrewsbury's shooting was immaculate culminating in a 20-15 win.

The 2nd VII got off to an unsteady start not playing to their full potential, yet finished the 1st quarter even (5-5). However the team pulled together and demonstrated their strength in all aspects of the game to build upon their score significantly in each quarter to win 29-13.

Miss A. Hartsborne



Update on Old Salopian's work with Ugandan Street Children's Charity

Tuesday 14 February 2012

Retired Cumbrian vicar, **Christopher Jenkin** (I 1950-55) and his wife **Mary** (pictured, right, with **Mrs Margaret Sentamu**, wife of the Archbishop of York) have sent us this update of their work with their **Kasese Street Kids Charity** for street children in Western Uganda:

Hostel Opening

We have just received confirmation that the Street Kids Hostel is to be opened, and the children invited in, on Saturday 24th March. The Jenkins' are planning to be there.

Enos Kyibibi, the Project Director, is planning a day of "Sensitization Workshops" for local community leaders, church leaders, business people, and NGOs (non-government organizations), as a way of publicizing the work of SKILL to the local community. (SKILL is Street Kids Information and Learning for Life.)



Building Progress

All the internal plumbing work is now completed and the project is preparing a final budget for the expensive job of providing concrete floors

Chris says: "The money is waiting in UK banks until Alan gives us the OK to send it out. We take very seriously our responsibility to make sure that money donated is wisely spent on properly budgeted jobs!"



Fund raising activities have included a photographic Exhibition (pictured, left) in Holy Trinity Church, Kendal, in October-November, 2011. Guest speaker at the preview was **Margaret Sentamu** who spoke on the theme, 'How Much is Enough?'. The photographer, **Carol Allen Storey** also attended and spoke passionately about her concern for the helpless and voiceless of Africa. The exhibition attracted several donations and will also be displayed in **Carlisle Cathedral** during the last two weeks of March. A raffle of patchwork also raised £1300.

You can find out more about the charity at <http://kasesestreetkids.blogspot.com>

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Chemistry: Success in Round 1 of the RSC Quiz

Wednesday 15 February 2012

For the third year in a row, four Shrewsbury students have reached the second round of the Royal Society of Chemistry Midlands Chemistry Quiz Competition.

In front of an enthusiastic audience, two 5th formers: Chris Papaioannou (PH), Stephen Chandler (Rb), and two 4th formers: Charlie Davis (PH) and Oliver Hope (Ch), comfortably overcame the challenge of a weaker Ellesmere School team to win 93-46.

We move along to second round to face Wolverhampton Girls High School this coming week, after which the victors will progress to the finals at the University of Birmingham later this month.

ADB



Rugby: 1st XV and U15 XV tour to Valencia February 2012

Friday 17 February 2012

Both the 1st XV and U15 rugby squads took the skies this half term and landed in Valencia in order to test themselves against foreign opposition. While the locals wrapped up for their 'chilly' weather of 16 degrees, the Shrewsbury boys donned shorts, polos and flip flops, making sure they took advantage of their mid season sun!

In addition to excellent performances on the pitch, the boys managed also to fit in visits to the sights and sounds of Valencia's old and new towns, the impressive aquarium and arts and science museums, the Valencia vs Sporting de Gijon La Liga match, a trip to the vast city beach for touch rugby and volleyball, plus plenty of paella. This was most certainly a trip to remember. Full match reports below.

1st XV Match reports:

Despite starting the tour with a defeat (3-29) against a strong U18 regional side, the Shrewsbury boys went from strength to strength recording good victories over local club sides, Tecnidex (50-5) and CAU Rugby (46-7). Performances of the highest order were more pleasing than simply the results, with the team producing some of the best rugby Shrewsbury has seen over recent seasons.

Match 1 vs Comunidad Valencia

LOST 29-3

In a match that was always going to be the toughest on the tour, the 1st XV played well in fits and spurts but could not counter the speed and physicality of the U18 Valencian regional side who compete in the Spanish National Championships this week. This representative side pulls from around 10-12 club teams as far north as Castellon de la Plana and as far south as Alicante. A new experience for many of the team was playing on an artificial grass and rubber crumb 3G surface, and apart from a few burnt knees, it was a positive introduction. Charlie Farquhar scored Shrewsbury's three points, and many of the opposition's tries came from tight and powerful running around the fringes of the breakdown. There were enough encouraging signs and opportunities to give Shrewsbury heart for the rest of the week.

Match 2 vs Tecnidex Valencia

WON 50-5

This was without doubt one of the best performances in recent years by a Shrewsbury XV against a defensively sound club side, but one which didn't have the opportunity to threaten the Shrewsbury line that often. The tempo of play was lightening quick, the speed and aggressiveness at the breakdown outstanding, and some superb handling and back play a real feature. Most improved player of the tour Jamie Galyer really stood out in this one, carrying the ball with real determination and strength and was almost always responsible for stealing some of the opposition ball. Player's Player of the Tour Alasdair Pollock ran the show very well at fly-half and his accurate distribution set off some impressive back moves, finished with precision by Ed Wilson, Tom Fletcher-Wilson and George Ellery amongst others. The boys were on a real high after this one - they knew that the quality of their play had reached new heights.



Tries: Ellery (2), Wilson, Bridges-Webb, Fletcher-Wilson, Mason (J), Galyer

Cons: Mason (W) x 6

Pens: Mason (W)

Match 3 vs CAU Rugby Valencia

WON 46-7

It was perhaps always going to be difficult to surpass the performance of the night before, but following a good active recovery and stretch in the swimming pool, the team were determined to match the tempo and quality of play, and finish the tour on a high. Once again on a 3G surface, the game was played in an excellent spirit although the officious nature of the referee perhaps spoilt the flow of the match somewhat and there were periods of play that were very stop/start and tedious. However, once again the backs delighted the crowds with some good handling and impressive running lines, and once the scrummage started going forward, the points started to pile up in Shrewsbury's favour. The Spanish defence always threatened more than their offensive patterns or play, but they did breach the Shrewsbury defence once late on in the first half.

Captain Oliver Hughes was impressive as ever from number eight with some good ball carries from the base and in midfield. Will Mason, having recovered from a knee injury, always looked threatening with his good pace and quick step. We were treated to some excellent hospitality and a presentation after this and every match.

Tries: Mason (M) (2), Bridges-Webb, Mason (W), Wynne, Galyer, Fletcher-Wilson

Cons: Mason (W) x 4

Pens: Mason (W)

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Under 15 XV Match reports:

The tour provided the U15 squad with a chance to experience rugby outside the UK and to play, for many, on artificial pitches. Valencia is something of a rugby enclave with a number of clubs sharing facilities in and around the city. The multiple usage of pitched necessitating the switch to 3G from grass and the building of some impressive facilities.

Our touring squad was somewhat depleted because of injuries sustained in the weeks leading up to the tour and it was fortunate we didn't sustain any injuries to the backs! The standard of opposition varied somewhat as did their approach to the game and the high quality of most of the referees came as a pleasant surprise. Although the coaches did have a different interpretation of her laws at breakdowns than the referee in the last game.

Match 1 vs Comunidad Valencia

WON 22 - 12

This game was against a Valencia representative team and proved to be a difficult opening game. The opposition were well organised playing a tight forward based game; a pattern we were to see again during the course of the tour. The game was always close and well contested particularly in the early stages although fitness and general match awareness gave Shrewsbury an edge as the game progressed. Shrewsbury looked the more threatening out wide but had to defend stoutly in midfield particularly against a strong Valencia back row.

Tries: Litchfield (2) Smith

Conversions: Humes (2)

Penalties: Humes (1)

Match 2 vs Tecnidex Valencia

WON 41 - 0

A somewhat more straightforward game. The opposition was quite strong and committed in the forwards but Shrewsbury had a real advantage out wide and scored regularly throughout the first half. The lead at the break being 36 points. Whenever quick ball was won and moved with purpose a score always looked on the cards and James Plaut led the way with four tries. In the second half Shrewsbury tried to vary the play but the game became very ragged and lost much of its structure which meant the various moves which were tried often came to nothing. However a very strong first half performance had secured the win long before the interval and the game provided an opportunity to rest a number of key players in readiness for the final game.

Tries: Plaut (4) Smith Peat Rowley

Conversions: Humes (3)



Match 3 vs CAU Rugby Valencia

LOST 20 – 10

Local knowledge indicated that this would be the hardest game of the tour, and so it proved to be. Returning to the 3G surface where we played the opening game, this time under lights, all was set for the final game of the tour. The opposition were well organized and played a tight aggressive game. Unfortunately the referee's liberal interpretation of laws regarding the breakdown area and players staying on their feet counted against us and Shrewsbury never really got out of third gear against a team which could, and perhaps should, have left the squad unbeaten after 6 tour matches together. However a slight lack of focus and continual changing of players meant that no real pattern of play could be established. At one stage on of the coaches licked the replacements bench as a scene from MASH!!!. Fortunately there were no serious injuries and the game ended in a mixture of frustration and disappointment. However lessons will have been learned and the experience was far from wasted.

Tries: Smith Litchfield



Rigg's News: January/February 2012

Saturday 18 February 2012

House Dance

As January's new term approached, it was with some dread that I cast my eye upon the diary before me and realised that just two weeks into the Lent term Rigg's Hall would be hosting their Sixth Form House Dance. Amongst the Housemaster fraternity, the House Dances are legendary for striking fear into even the most hardy of men and women, and as the chosen day approaches for each particular house, one can observe the poor Housemaster in question scurrying around the school site muttering to himself, lugging whole wheelbarrow-loads of Bacardi Breezers, haribo sweets and a veritable rainbow of facepaints and coloured fabrics. And then as the hour approaches and last minute frantic preparations are made, we stand at the front door of our Houses, a pained expression on our face as we welcome a further seventy-odd adolescent teenagers from other (obviously less civilized) houses. The logistics of the evening are almost military in their preparation, with corridors and staircases blocked off in scenes reminiscent of the stage version of *Les Misérables*, and a ticketing system that even the brightest of sparks cannot possibly foil.

Our theme this year was 'Around the World', which I felt was a good one, despite being open to potential political incorrectness. I had visions of boys taking a leaf out of Prince Harry's dressing-up book, but gave the lads the thumbs-up for the theme, particularly since it was far less politically-incorrect than their previous suggestion!

Over the course of the two or three days leading up to the Dance, the boys seemed to be doing less and less Top Schools, and more and more painting, papier mache work, and frantic costume purchasing on the internet. Mrs B purchased what seemed like the entire United Nations stock of countries' flags, and matron crafted a giant papier mache globe out of a punctured stability ball. Will Leigh-Bramwell and a few others created a hugely impressive 6metre wide map of the world which took pride of place in the hall, and the quod was transformed into a cosmic vista of stars and planets (well, planet) as the aforementioned globe was hoisted on string and stretched from one side of the house to another from the top floor windows. I was later to find out from the Second Master Mike Tonks that during the Saturday morning (when their Housemaster was conveniently away from the house teaching), whilst in a Senior Management meeting in the nearby 'Pentagon' with the Headmaster and Director of Studies, he couldn't help but notice two or three Riggities putting flags upon the roof of The Link. In their high spirits, they weren't exactly inconspicuous in climbing up on the roof, for they decided to hold an impromptu dance session upon the flat roof. I think the Senior management found the funny side of it, even if it goes against at least ten Health and Safety Rules and Regulations...

In the end, the evening passed by without incident, and (dare I say it) I even enjoyed it! Everyone was on best behavior, even the pair of zebras who arrived at the door looking a little chilly, unused to the January weather. The costumes were wide-ranging and imaginative, though there did seem to be an awful lot of penguins! Perhaps given that the next House Dance theme is Emma Darwin Hall's 'Baywatch' no doubt the lads are hoping to get further use out of their purchases.



Chinese New Year

With the debris from the House Dance barely cleaned up, the next event of the term was Chinese New Year, which for a number of the boys in the school is obviously a big event. Here in Rigg's too, for half a dozen of our lads this was the cause for celebration, and for their Housemaster, it was his first opportunity to wear his new Chinese silk jacket, a very generous Christmas gift from Phil Yue's family. We decided to host a dinner in the Private Side, and as it was the Lower Sixth yeargroups turn to come over (we are trying to have each of the yeargroups over for dinner at least once over the course of the year), we thought we would tie it in with Chinese New Year. Phil, Kevin and Peter helped out in the kitchen, and looked on in wonder as I prepared a veritable feast of Chinese fare (well, they watched me take off the cellophane off the Sainsbury's packaging). A brace of ducks were roasted for shredding on pancakes, seaweed was prepared, and

Jenna tried out her new rice steamer to produce a main dish of sweet and sour chicken for fourteen hungry sixth formers! An enjoyable evening was had by all - the next event will be the 3rd Formers for Pancake Day...

Art

Following the House Dance and inspired by the creative efforts of the boys, I decided that the House needed a bit of a transformation as far as its wall-hangings were concerned, so promptly approached a few of our talented young artists with a 'commission' to produce an artwork for the walls of Rigg's so we can start exhibiting some of the boys' work. With no less than three art scholars in the house, and a whole host of other talented artists, I feel that it would be good to see some of their work and in the process brighten the place up. So far I have one piece already completed and ready for hanging (Third Former Conrad Morson's 'Hare', which is really first-class), and the promise of a further two or three to come. Incidentally, Conrad recently had one of his works exhibited in the art department as part of the Third Form Drawing Exhibition, and is showing considerable promise in that regard.

Also commissioned recently was the artist Minter-Kemp, aka Claire Dickins mother of current Riggites Merlin and Oscar Dickins. Many of you will be familiar with her work and in particular her humorous cards, so for me she was the perfect artist to put together a 'vision of Rigg's life' for a set of cards I am looking to have produced. I am hoping these can be available for purchase for Rigg's parents and pupils as well, so will keep you all posted once the work is completed and the cards have been produced. I got a sneak preview of the initial sketch last week, and I can tell you that it is brilliant!

PJM



RSSBC: GB Rowing Trials - Boston

Monday 20 February 2012

Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th February

Harry Lonergan (O LVI), Tom Marshall (SH UVI) and Fred Day (R UVI) made the trek to Boston Lincs for the annual and final, 5k time trial of the season.

Hopes were high for a good set of results from our top pairing of Harry and Tom, both experienced oarsmen on this piece of the river Witham.



Saturday saw them starting 2nd out of the 42 starting pairs; a finish position of 5th place was a good result, especially after the amount of time spent training in this boat. Sunday's results were very pleasing, after some tinkering with the crew set up and a move up to third. Remembering these are the best junior oarsmen in the country this year, this result puts them in the frame for selection to compete at world level later in the year.

Fred Day had a busy week! Having just returned from an invitation from Dartmouth University in the other Boston in Massachusetts over ½ term (where he has been offered a place to study and row next year), Fred paddled with an athlete from Abingdon School. His results of 17th on Saturday and 23rd on Sunday also stand him in good stead for a GB vest this season.

P Manser



RSSBC: The new boathouse starts to rise out of the hole

Monday 20 February 2012



After a month of groundworks, the metal structure of the new boathouse started going into place today (Monday). Hopefully progress will continue rapidly with the structure in the forthcoming weeks.

It's an exciting time for those who worked so hard on the project.

P Manser

A Week in the Life of Sonny Koh (Ch 4)

Monday 20 February 2012

Monday 6th Feb

Having been pummelled the week before with multitudinous and almost continual line of prize competitions, I was not far from what would have been a thoroughly embarrassing collapse in IT revived only by Mr. Sceery strangely playing Coldplay throughout the lesson while we toiled over our worksheets. From the McEachran Prize in which my talk about Myanmar failed to impress the judges sufficiently, to the UKIMC (a horrendously luck-reliant maths challenge) in which my luck did not support me at all, to the Arnold Hagger in which I hassled Dr. Oakley to tell me my results in hopes of beating an unnamed Upper 6th Former, over whom I narrowly triumphed last year. Anyway, I hoped for a relaxing week before half term and steadily I went through the lessons with full focus on, an average morning. I thought, 'Too good to be true,' and I was correct. A chemistry lesson with Doc. Samworth on organic chemistry forced me into my full concentration mode ignoring any attempts by others to converse with me. Lunch saw the traditional Salopian style of debating preparation, in which my entire team had only prepared on Sunday which worried me a lot. I am





trying not to use the word 'annoyed'. Simultaneously I was meant to be at Kingsland House with fellow elocutionists for the Bentley preliminary rounds for Set 1. Mr. Hann put me through after initially being sceptical by my failing memory before as this was my third attempt and still I hadn't got it off by heart. Finally after a triumphant Junior House debate against Ridgemount in spite of the lack of preparation and a surprisingly good Benjies session where Mr. Middleton gave me the encouragement I needed to keep trying hard, the day was beginning to look up. The rest of the day was peaceful.

Tuesday 7th Feb

I was blessed with refreshing energy for a Tuesday, only to be met first lesson with a geography test mentioned only the day before. I had revised, but only for a dismal 20 minutes but received a decent mark. The day went on with the usual break time Grot Shop frenzy. The lessons as per usual went by rapidly. I was late for a Fives session by half an hour as I forgot it started at 2:30 for U15s and not 3:00. Whether or not it's my fault that almost every Fives session starts at half past something or ten to something and other awkward timings, you must make up your mind. After a studious session of Top Schools where I yet again have to steel myself to refuse procrastination as an option, I went to Mr. Sheppe and asked him to listen to my rendition of my poem for the Bentley. I decoded and inferred from his reply a 'no', just the way to end the penultimate night before the Bentley.

Wednesday 8th Feb

I felt the usual Salopian morning, an overwhelming sense of debilitation. It must be close to half term. I went to the ritual 4th Form chapel and spent a lot of time debating whether the Bentley was in the Maidment Building or the Ashton Theatre as I had been told both answers on many occasions. The complicated set for the Churchill's House Play 'Noises Off' is all over the Ashton, so I decided it must be the Maidment Building. I was right but Mr. Sheppe had no order for the students, leading him to choose 'randomly'. He spun, twirled and danced around pointing at students with a typical Mr. Sheppe smile. This put everyone on their toes; it was practically a game of Russian Roulette. After everyone's performance, we were greeted by Galin Ganchev's incredible and perfect performance on the piano as a filler to Angus Gordon Banks' intriguing impromptu interpretation of break dancing. Amusing enough, but not as interesting to me as the results, which showed that I had got through to the finals.

After an extended chapel choir rehearsal and Evensong at Lichfield Cathedral in which Rev. Dobbie set us additional challenges by chanting a few wrong notes, we arrived back at around 8:00, pretty happy with the performance ready to stuff ourselves with Dominos pizzas as what we considered a well-deserved reward.

Thursday 9th Feb

On my knees already, Thursday lessons for me could only be described as dispiriting. I had maths which was the lesson highlight of the day in which Ms. Pile, my maths teacher kindly reminded us, of course, about the compulsory David Harrison competition, yet another prize to work on. Lessons went past with a double organic chemistry lesson in which I could finally and proudly say that I understood the material. Skills Year was my Thursday activity - a welcome bit of exercise after an excess of brain activity. I finished my daily 15 minute revision session which I have set myself since Monday for the GCSE Religious Studies end of topic test, and ended my day on a better note with a sense of readiness.

Friday 10th Feb



Friday before half term with the routine RS Test in which unsurprisingly time was against me. Why can't I have extra time? I was a bit worried at first as a fellow anonymous student who was supposed to be marking my paper, had his nose in the textbook instead which he was finding curiously absorbing. In each successive lesson, I observed an increasing amount of jittery movement, boys impatient for half term to start. Finally after I had my session of Fives, I could relax. With Mr. Hudson relaxing the end of first half term bedtimes, I had an extremely late night which would be my undoing on the Saturday morning.

Saturday 11th Feb

Six hours of sleep later, it was Saturday and at an astonishingly sluggish pace I had a shower and got dressed and prepared for half term. I collected my bags and left, not realising how heavy folders and books were, I walked far too slowly to the back of KH, and the coach had gone, leaving me marooned at school, a massive 'chin-up' as Salopians would say. Fortunately, I was rescued by Mr. Hudson who drove me to the train station where I got myself to my destination. Sleeping (and a bit of studying) will be my main activity for this half term.

Churchill's House Play 'Noises Off' by Michael Frayn - an outstanding review

Tuesday 21 February 2012



The acting skills needed to produce an excellent farce are not to be underestimated: there is timing, of course – in and out of doors, up and down stairs – verbal dexterity – the ability to talk one's self into or out of a situation convincingly – the art of playing ignorant – left hand mustn't know what right is up to – and many other tricky techniques besides, designed to portray indulgence, innocence and tom-

foolery. Let us hope that the Churchill contingent who put on this superb farce didn't learn all their skills in house – tough on a housemaster, that sort of thing.

Will Heyes can be justly proud of directing what was surely the best farce on the Ashton Stage of recent years. Laurence Jeffcoate, the actor, holds together what his character, the director Lloyd Dallas, lets fall apart; much of the play's amusement is based on how the actors gain control of his stage/asylum. Worryingly convincing as vague playboy and playgirl were Alessandro Rebecchi and Megan Hollands. The difficulty of tax-dodging has never looked so easy as in the (young) hands of Alex Shaw, who also needed to dodge his jealous spouse, played with real aplomb by Jazzy Price. Rory Fraser was excellent as Dotty, the fifth business who blithely is simply trying to eat a plate of sardines. Emilie Michell - nice to see her return to the Ashton Stage - and Ed Carroll were convincingly and wonderfully hapless, and David Vaughan-Jackson came close to stealing the show with his intermittent cameos as the burglar.

The polish and panache of this production were hugely enhanced by the ambitious set and excellent lighting. Will Allott deserves a great deal of credit – I shudder to think of the extravaganzas of which he will be capable by the sixth form!

The audience's only regret was that the show consisted only of Act One, basically Michael Frayn's original version. An insistent clamour has arisen already for Acts Two and Three and, as all of the principals will still be in school next year, this looks a distinct possibility – one feels a petition coming on. Noises Off (part the first) was bang on; now we want the rest!

Des Hann



Rehearsal shots from Churchill's 2012 House Play 'Noises Off'



Preparations for our Birmingham Concert continue apace...

Wednesday 22 February 2012

Rehearsals for the school's forthcoming concert in Birmingham Town Hall on Sunday March 4th, our third consecutive year there, are going well; it promises to be a wonderful evening of glorious music, with something for everybody. Jacob Owen, a music scholar in the Vth form from Churchill's Hall, will be performing the first movement of Brahms's towering masterpiece for piano and orchestra, his *Second Piano Concerto in B Flat Major*. This is one of the greatest of all moments for piano and orchestra, and Jacob, one of our most talented Music Scholars (he is also a very fine cellist), looks set to give the performance of a lifetime.

The Symphony Orchestra is also playing three movements of Dvorak's ever-popular *8th Symphony in G Major*, which abounds in wonderful Slavonic rhythms and colours, and is one of the composer's most popular and enduring works. To add to our Czech theme for the evening, David Joyce's String Ensemble will also be playing some wonderful string music by Dvorak.

The brass players of the school will begin the programme with Surround Sound, which promises to be a spectacular start to the evening with players placed around the glorious surroundings of the recently refurbished, and acoustically wonderful Town Hall.

The school's fine Wind Orchestra starts our second half, which concludes with one of Dvorak's choral masterpieces, his glorious and thrilling *Te Deum*, and then one of the highlights from last year's Royal Wedding, Parry's *Blest Pair of Sirens*, a majestic and moving setting of words by John Milton for Choir and orchestra. With close on 200 choristers taking part including our wonderful Chapel Choir and Community Choirs, as well as choristers from Shrewsbury High Prep, these two choral moments should be a thrilling conclusion to a wonderful evening of music-making featuring well over 300 performers in all.

We hope very much you might be able to join us on March 4th, and of course do spread the word far and wide about the concert - and do please encourage friends, family and acquaintances to come too if they can!

Parents and guests are welcome to a pre-performance reception at 6.15pm in the Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery (just by the Town Hall), but tickets for this do need to be booked in advance: [Booking Form](#).

JFM



Jacob Owen gets highest Distinction mark in Grade 8 Cello

Wednesday 22 February 2012

Jacob Owen (Ch V) has just been awarded The Sheila C Freeman cello prize and a cheque for £50 from ABRSM.

Jacob was awarded this for achieving the highest distinction mark for grade 8 cello in the Wolverhampton and neighbouring areas in the whole of 2011.

Jacob will be performing in our Gala Concert at Birmingham Town Hall on Sunday 4th March, where he will be playing the first movement of Brahm's towering masterpiece for piano and orchestra, his *Second Piano Concerto in B Flat Major*. This is one of the greatest of all moments for piano and orchestra, and Jacob, one of our most talented Music Scholars 'looks set to give the performance of a lifetime' according to our Director of Music, John Moore.





Physics: Salopian team selected to represent the UK in IYPT Final in Germany

Wednesday 22 February 2012



A team of students from Shrewsbury School have been named the best in the country, and now have the opportunity to represent the UK at the International Young Physicists' Tournament (IYPT) being held in Germany in July 2012.

Alex Facey (captain, G UVI), Stephen Li (Rt UVI), James Brent (Rb LVI), Alistair Fisher (PH LVI) and Ratanon Suemanothom (G LVI) claimed victory over the runner-up team from John Leggott College, Scunthorpe, after winning a series of 'Physics Fights' which not

only test their in-depth knowledge and problem-solving abilities in advanced physics, but also their presentational skills.

The UK Final took place at Shrewsbury in February; the adjudicators included Mark Tocknell (ex. Westminster School Physics Dept. and Second Master), John Balcombe on behalf of the UKYPT, and the team leader from John Leggott College.

All UK teams had been working on the solutions to five open-ended and challenging problems; our preparations began in September with bi-weekly meetings to research the solutions to:

- floating drawing pins – attraction to other floating objects
- a Gaussian cannon – optimal position of the magnet
- bright waves (caustics) – relation between the waves and the pattern
- a rolling bottle part filled with water – investigate its motion
- coins balancing at an angle on a magnet – explain this curious effect

The teams were tasked with presenting details of their tests and findings at the final, before being quizzed on their works both by their opponents as well as by the tournament officials.

All the international teams are now preparing their solutions these 5 and a further set of 12 problems – more information on these and the IYPT can be found on [http://iypt.org/Tournaments/Bad Saulgau](http://iypt.org/Tournaments/Bad_Saulgau).

Shrewsbury's success in this prestigious international competition has been quite extraordinary. The first year that the UK took part in the competition was in 2003, and since then Shrewsbury School's team has been judged to be the strongest team in the UK no fewer than six times! Our teams have so far travelled to Sweden, Switzerland, Slovakia, Croatia and China to take part in the International stage, and came away from China with bronze medals.

Please see [our IYPT page](#) for more information on the IYPT and Shrewsbury's success over the years.



Anna Peak is appointed housemistress for Mary Sidney Hall

Wednesday 22 February 2012

Anna Peak will be taking up her appointment as Housemistress of Mary Sidney Hall in September 2012, when Sara Hankin moves to the new post of Deputy Head (Academic Staffing).

Anna was educated at Gresham's School, Norfolk, and is a graduate of Exeter University. She is currently Head of Geography and a House Tutor at Loretto School in Edinburgh, and has 12 years' experience in boarding school education.



Anna has previously taught at Garden International School in Thailand, and at Epsom College, where she was an Assistant House Mistress. Her interests include a wide range of sports, and she has coaching experience in netball, hockey, lacrosse, basketball, athletics, volleyball, swimming and scuba diving. She is also a keen outdoor enthusiast, holds Bronze, Silver and Gold D of E awards, and enjoys music - she was a member of the National Youth Choir of Great Britain, and has Grade 8 in singing and flute.

Anna and her partner, Simon, have two young girls, Willow aged two and Clementine aged five. Anna writes from Edinburgh *"We are very excited about the move to Shrewsbury. We hope be able to meet as many people as possible before the start of the Autumn term, and have felt very welcomed by members of the school community we have met already."*

Sara comments *"I am delighted to have been invited to take up the post of Deputy Head (Academic Staffing) from September. I shall of course miss MSH very much, but I look forward to taking an active role in the planning and implementation of full co-education, bringing all our valuable experience gained in in MSH to the table."*

"Before I leave, we will be holding a Old Girls' Reunion on 16th June so that we can celebrate the first four years of co-education, and I look forward to building on the successes of Salopian girls into the future. Anna is very much looking forward to taking over the House from September. Anna is energetic, experienced, and has a fabulous sense of humour - I know that she and her young family will throw themselves into the life of the House and that all the girls and their families will enjoy meeting them. They will definitely be coming here on Sunday 1st July for the Summer Barbeque, to which next year's girls and their families will also be invited."

Shrove Tuesday: Pancakes at KH

Wednesday 22 February 2012



Tuesday was a day when the majority of the pupils at Shrewsbury School voted with their feet! Many bypassed the opportunity of pizza as a main course in the servery, opting instead for pancake desserts (as a main course) that were being served by the chefs in the main dining room, Kingsland Hall!

We served over 2,000 savoury pancakes in just 35 minutes and offered a range of toppings such as strawberry jam, hot chocolate sauce, lemon and citrus juice, fresh raspberries, chef's very own 'Shrewsbury cream' and sugar.

Some of the pupils came back for third helpings, such was the quality available (and their appetite)!!

James Bradford
Holroyd Howe

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Fencing: West Midlands British Youth Championships

Thursday 23 February 2012

Excellent results were had by the Shrewsbury boys who competed in this tough event. Finishing in a very well earned 3rd place in the Foil U16 competition was Charlie Godman, who put in some excellent displays. Coupled with this was another 3rd place finish, this time for Harry Cox in the Sabre U18 competition.

Well done to both boys on some strong performances.

Mr K. Holding

Biology Olympiad: Three medal winners from Shrewsbury

Thursday 23 February 2012

Three Salopian Upper Sixth students have won medals in the First Round of the British Biology Olympiad. Almost 4,000 of the top Biology students across the country took part in this multiple choice test that is taken online, in schools.

- Stephen Li (Rt) Gold medal
- Chris Williams (I) Silver medal
- Thomas Marshall (SH) Silver medal



The aim of the British Biology Olympiad is to challenge and stimulate gifted students with an interest in Biology to expand and extend their talents. In offering a wider syllabus than A-level, it allows gifted students to demonstrate their knowledge and to be suitably rewarded and publicly recognised by the award of medals, certificates and other prizes. It is hoped that competing in the Olympiad will encourage students already interested in this valuable, wide-ranging and rewarding subject to continue their study beyond A-level.

The top four students will go on to represent the UK at the International Biology Olympiad in Singapore, in July.

Chemists through to Finals of the Royal Society of Chemistry Midlands Competition

Thursday 23 February 2012

Four Shrewsbury school students have now reached the Finals of the Royal Society of Chemistry Midlands Chemistry Quiz Competition.

In a closely fought competition, they narrowly overcame Wolverhampton Girls High School 64-60 in a nail-biting finale. Our team consisted of two 5th formers: Stephen Chandler (Rb), Chris Papaioannou (PH), and two 4th formers: Charlie Davis (PH) and Oliver Hope (Ch).

Wolverhampton Girls High School were last year's runners-up and won this competition in 2010. A tremendous achievement by our boys.

The Chemistry Quiz is for school teams of four students - 2 in Year 10, and 2 in Year 11 (Fourth and Fifth Formers at Shrewsbury). Questions are put either to individuals or to whole teams, and Shrewsbury is one of eight schools through to the Midlands Finals, which will be held in the Haworth Building, Department of Chemistry at the University of Birmingham on Tuesday 13 March.

The winning team will go on to represent the Midlands in the National Finals.



Badminton: Silver medal for Samson Yick

Thursday 23 February 2012



Samson Yick (G IV) won a silver medal with his doubles partner in the Under 17s Open Badminton England Silver Tournament in Nottingham at the end of half term.

Samson also did well in the singles tournament, in which he got through to the Quarter Finals before being beaten by 16-14 and then 15-6.

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Old Salopian's Singing Group perform at Royal College of Music: Saturday 25 February 2012

Friday 24 February 2012

Laurie Cottam (M 2001-06) and his Oxford all-male a cappella group (and stars of 'Britain's Got Talent') will take to the stage in the Britten Theatre at the Royal College of Music on Saturday 25 February.



The evening promises 'an incredible, all-vocal evening extravaganza! Providing an internationally multi award-winning combination of vibrant vocals, outrageously unprofessional choreography, and occasionally intentional comedy, Out of the Blue guarantee to hit the right note with their blend of ardent professionalism and amateurish, boyish charm. From Stevie Wonder to Jessie J, join them as they serve up taste-defying modern mash-ups, intimate ballads and stunning solos, all with their own original twist!'

Tickets are priced at £15 and £10 for concessions.

To book please ring: 020 7591 4314 or visit <https://www.boxoffice.rcm.ac.uk>

There will also be a workshop for schools running from 16:00 before the concert, for more information regarding this please call: 07587072000 or email ootbmail@googlemail.com



Recent Fencing successes at Shrewsbury

Saturday 25 February 2012

Chris Williams (I UVI) has been fencing at the School for five years now. Although he is now too old to compete in the events below himself, he was so impressed by the recent success of some of our younger fencers that he chose to write it up for the website.

Last weekend a number of boys travelled to Birmingham to compete in the West Midlands Youth Championships. At this event two boys managed to qualify to represent the West Midlands at the National finals. They were Charlie Godman who came 3rd in the U16 Boys Foil and Harry Cox who came 3rd in the U18 Boys Sabre.

This win follows on from last month's success in the Epee qualifiers at Packwood, in which Arthur Cheng came first and Charlie Godman came second. Charlie will therefore, remarkably, be competing in both the epee and the foil West Midlands Youth Championships.



I've been fencing at the school for 5 years and am now too old to compete but I think this is one of the best results we've had in a long time. I imagine that with these boys being much younger than me that there will be future successes still to come.

Chris Williams
RSSFC



Moser's go-karting trip - February 2012

Monday 27 February 2012



The morning rain did at least melt the ice on the track! The weather cheered up by the time we arrived but still there was more than enough moisture left in the track to give us plenty of thrills and spills. Archie Darroch paced his drive to perfection to win the U6th race despite some ferocious driving from Rupert Chitty catching up quickly after an early spin. A similar story unfolded in the L6th race with Matt Davies staying ahead of Nikolai Heydel despite Nikolai setting the best times of the day. The younger boys raced in time trial format, but entertained the crowd with some impressive slides off the track (longest of the day was Tim Atkins) and the mid-race withdrawal in clouds of smoke of Dan Norman after destroying his clutch.

More pictures are available for pupils on the intranet photo album, as well as another excellent in-car action video from Nikolai.

RSSBC: Encouraging results from the Trent Head on Sunday 26th February

Monday 27 February 2012



Sunday was the start of the build up to the Schools' Head on 20th March.

Our 1st and 2nd 8's started their campaign of build-up races at the The Head of the Trent, in Nottingham on Sunday.

On a beautiful, still February morning our 1st boat had an excellent paddle over the 6K course, winning their event by 16 seconds over Nottingham University 1st 8. They also achieved a very creditable 2nd place overall, beaten only by a slick unit from Star Club, Bedford, by just 2 seconds - presumably the crew who reached the final of the Thames Cup at Henley in 2011.

The 2nd eight again had a good paddle, with 4 J16's on board. They rowed effectively to finish third in their senior event, racing against adult club and university crews. A very creditable 3rd place from 20 starters sets them up well for a good result on the Tideway in a few weeks' time.

Both crews head off to the Tideway and Hammersmith Head next Sunday, where they will be racing over the first part of the Schools' Head course. This will be a great practice, not only for the crews, but even more importantly for the coxes.

PM





Severn Hill: Leadership skills and Paintballing at The Great Escape Company

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A few shots...





RSSH: Shrewsbury Relays 2012: Gold, Silver and Bronze medals

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22nd February 2012



L-R: Joe Tusting (LVI Rt), Ivan Livingstone (LVI PH), Rory Fraser (5 Ch), Anna Thompson (LVI MSH)

Having won this event the previous two years, the Hunt went into the home-hosted event with some confidence, and a squad that looked very difficult to beat. Indeed, after Otto Clarke's opening leg of the 2.5km course, our 'A' team had stretched out a 30 second lead over the chasing pack of Adams' Grammar, Wrekin College, and King Henry VIII school. Seb Blake's 8.13 further stretched the lead, and after Angus Hayward had run the second of our two Colts legs, the Hunt were nearly two minutes ahead. By this point in the race, through some strong running from Tim Atkins and Will Spencer Jones in particular, the RSSH 'B' squad had moved up the ranks and were now placed in 2nd overall. These positions would continue for the remainder of the race, with excellent sub-8 minute laps from the Mallett brothers, and a robust fifth leg from 5th former Rory Fraser. The overall time of 49.15 was one of the fastest ever on the course, and there are rumours that it may in fact have been a course record (yet to be verified!). The time was four minutes ahead of the second-placed Hunt 'B' team following an excellent final lap from the Grove's George Nugee for the 'B's, with Wrekin College taking the bronze medal in a time of 53.56.

In the girls race, our team was decimated on the day through a combination of injury and sporting clashes, so our six-runner relays squad soon had become a three-runner squad, though each of the three girls were more than happy to run two legs each, which was quite an ask! Nevertheless, the girls got off to a strong start with Anna Thompson running a 10.15 lap to push the Hunt into second-place, and impressively, Anna would later run a 10.26 in leg four. Becky Home and Libby Naylor completed the trio, and with the girls knocking out relatively consistent lap times, they were able to come home in 1 hour and 6 minutes 49 seconds. Whilst we were three minutes behind winners Wrekin, the effort from the girls was highly commendable, and they should be well-placed with the bronze-medals that will sit nicely alongside their winners' medals from the County Championships.

RSSH Fastest Laps:



- 1) E Mallett (S) 7.51
- 2) G Mallett (S) 7.59
- 3) O Clarke (S) 8.11
- 4) S Blake (S) 8.13
- 5) R Fraser (Ch) 8.22
- 6) G Nugee (G) 8.25
- 7) T Cousins (PH) 8.35
- 8) A Hayward (Ch) 8.36
- 9) W Spencer Jones (PH) 8.46
- 10) T Atkins (M) 8.46
- 11) J Tusting (Rt) 8.58 first lap; 9.01 second lap
- 12) T Harvey-Scholes (R) 9.04
- 13) H Dashwood (SH) 9.15
- 14) T Sykes (PH) 9.22
- 15) C Godman (M) 9.24
- 16) I Livingstone (PH) 9.27
- 17) M Huang (S) 10.03

- 1) A Thompson (MSH) 10.15/10.26
- 2) L Naylor (EDH) 11.04/11.44
- 3) B Home (MSH) 11.27/11.51



RSSH: Midlands League, Burghley Park - Wins for both the Seniors and Juniors

Monday 27 February 2012

The Senior and Junior teams dominated the Midlands Independent Schools League match at Burghley Park. The seniors secured 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 7th, 8th and 9th places, whilst the juniors managed 1st, 2nd, 4th and 10th. George Mallett, Ed Mallett and Seb Blake were a Severn Hill top three in the senior race, whilst Rory Fraser beat Otto Clarke into second in the junior race.

Saturday 25th February saw another commanding performance by the Hunt in the third round of the Midlands League races.

Both Junior and Senior teams won easily, and in the case of the latter, it seemed at one point in the race that we would fill the first six places of the finishers. However, a strong trio of runners from other schools broke up our team, but nevertheless all six Hunt counters finished in the top nine places. George and Ed Mallett crossed the line together, in a comfortable joint first place; third place went to Seb Blake, who continued his impressive return to form; and our next three runners, Tom Cousins, Will Spencer-Jones and George Nugee, took places 7th, 8th and 9th in a great display of pack running.

In the Junior race, the enthralling rivalry between Rory Fraser and Otto Clarke continued, who took first and second places respectively, while Angus Hayward came an impressive fourth. Tim Atkins is another who has improved dramatically in recent weeks, and was our last counter in 10th place. The Junior team beat their closest rivals Uppingham by 19 points, while the Senior team destroyed the opposition, with victory over second-placed Wellingborough by 85 points.

Well done to all who competed.

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The Bentley Elocution Prize 2012

Monday 27 February 2012

Poems by Edgar Allan Poe, T S Eliot, Thomas Hardy and Philip Larkin carried the field in this year's Bentley Elocution Prize, Shrewsbury School's ancient elocution (irreverently and long known as 'electrocution') competition dating from the mid 19th century.

The poems chosen by the twenty-five finalists included two by pupils themselves. Martin Thorpe, formerly the Headmaster of the Priory School and the Shrewsbury Sixth Form College, brought the linguistic and literary sensitivities of the experienced schoolmaster, Open University lecturer and professional Classicist to bear on his adjudication. He also achieved that rarest of things, a near full agreement with his verdicts among the members of the English Department, and a record for the rapidity of his decisions.



The Bentley Prizewinners 2012 L-R:

Oliver Landsell, Ralph Wade, Ed Carroll, Rob Cross

- Oliver Landsell (3 PH) with lines from Poe's *The Raven*
- Edward Carroll (4 Ch) with T S Eliot's *The Hollow Men*
- Ralph Wade (5 Rb) with Hardy's *The Voice*
- Robert Cross (L6 S) with Larkin's *Anbade*.

That so many pupils are prepared to step up to the mark and recite in front of their peers, in an educational climate where memorising lines other than for acting purposes is no longer given the priority it once was, is truly heartening. Mr. Thorpe paid warm tribute to all the contestants, seasoning his praise with some sound advice, not least to resist the temptation to distract the audience by

gesticulating or moving around the stage while reciting.

RTH / JAS



Sports results: w/c 20th February 2012

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Week Beginning 20th February 2012

Date	Sport	Opposition	Team	H/ A	Result	Score (Shrewsbury's score is first)
Wed 22 nd February	Netball	Royal Grammar School, Worcester	1 st VII	A	L	19-35
			2 nd VII	A	L	22-31
	Rugby	Solihull 6 th Form College	1 st XV	A	W	39-0
		New College Telford	2 nd XV	H	W	14-12
	Football	Wolverhampton Grammar School	1 st XV	A	W	6-1
	Hockey	Sir John Talbot School, Whitchurch	1 st XI	H	W	3-1
	RSSH	Shrewsbury Relays	Girls/Boys	H		See Bulletin
Fives	Berkhamsted School and St Olaves	Seniors /Juniors	A		See Bulletin	
Fri 24 th February	Netball	Shrewsbury High School	1 st VII	A	W	28-18
Sat 25 th February	RSSH	Midlands League, Burghley Park	Squad	A	W	See Bulletin
	Rugby	Old Swinford Hospital	1 st XV	H	W	20-14
			2 nd XV	H	W	44-5
			U14A XV	H	W	36-12
			U14B XV	H	W	55-10
			U15A XV	A	L	0-15
	Football	Repton School	A XI	H	L	0-1
	RSSBC	Reading Head	Girls, J15	A		See Bulletin
Fives	Kinnaird Cup at Eton College	Sen, U15, U16	A		See Bulletin	
Squash	Repton School	Top Squad	H	W	7-1	
Sun 26 th February	Fives	KES, Birmingham	Juniors	A		See Bulletin
	RSSBC	Head of Trent	Top Squad	A	W	See Bulletin
	Fencing	West Midlands British Youth Championships, Birmingham	Squad	A		See Bulletin



RSSBC: Girls at Reading University Head

Tuesday 28 February 2012

The girls had a fantastic day out at Reading, in what was their first race this term, and the first in the 8.



Reading University Head is a final testing venue ahead of the London Heads over the coming weeks, and so it attracts a national level of competition. This was to be a tough event for the crew, but one in which their focus was to 'race their own race'. However their preparation in the week leading up to the race was faultless.

Not in anyway slighted by the 5:30am start, the girls executed the perfect race establishing their race rhythm early on and responding well to the excellent coxing from Amy Steventon. The crew rowed in a 'vacuum' with little contact with other crews, allowing them to concentrate on their boat without distraction. They completed the course in a time of 18:20.14 and finished 4th/8, seeing off two university crews in the process.

The crew now turn their attention to the Womens' Head, London next Saturday where they will have the opportunity to further develop their race skills against no fewer than 50 other crews.

The Crew: Amy Steventon, Amy Stockdale, Libby Wood, Bridget Lapage, Katie Williams, Rainbow Satchatippavarn, Eliza Hodgson, Georgia Bustin, Liv Levy.

CHLW

Medic Malawi: Theoretical and Practical Preparations...

Wednesday 29 February 2012



On Sunday, the volunteers who will be going to Malawi in July paid for themselves to have an afternoon out to get to know each other better.

They had a 'high old time' on the High Ropes at 'Get Wet' in Bala, crossing rope bridges 30 foot in the air, and returning to solid ground, with a loud 'ouch' in a couple of cases, by zip wire. The weather was appropriate for Malawi in the winter - sunny but cold.

On Monday, the weekly preparation meeting was a stimulating introduction by Mr Fox to some of the theories about why some countries are rich, and some are poor, and

what can be done about it.

LJD



Scholars' Dinner 2012: 'Brain Attack'

Wednesday 29 February 2012



This year the speaker for the annual scholars' lecture and dinner was the eminent neurologist Professor Tom Solomon, Chair of Neurological Science and Honorary Consultant Neurologist at the University of Liverpool. His fascinating talk was entitled 'Brain Attack' and gave us graphic information about the workings of the healthy brain and the ways in which this vital organ comes under attack from viruses.

The scholars took an interactive part of the session as guinea-pigs, being in one case armed with a doctor's hammer and in another case asked to taste a jelly.

The question-and-answer session at the end was full of fascinating queries – why do we sleep? How does the brain create consciousness? What is déjà-vu? – and our speaker was still being button-holed by the curious scholars until late in the evening.

Kingsland Hall excelled even their own high standards with the superb quality and service of the meal, and it was truly an evening of food for thought and thought for food!

Dr J Godwin