



## OFSTED Inspection November 2010: 'Outstanding'

Sunday 2 January 2011

### *OFSTED rates Shrewsbury as 'outstanding' in all areas!*

Shrewsbury School was visited by three OFSTED inspectors over four days in November 2010, who undertook an inspection of our boarding and pastoral care. They also went through over 500 questionnaires that had been returned to them from our pupils and parents

For this inspection, OFSTED look at six criteria – 'Being Healthy', 'Staying Safe', 'Enjoying and Achieving', 'Making a Positive Contribution', 'Economic Well-being' and 'Organisation and Management' – and the School was rated as 'Outstanding' for each of them.

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- The report on OFSTED's website: [www.ofsted.gov.uk/oxcare\\_providers/full/\(urn\)/SC020779](http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/oxcare_providers/full/(urn)/SC020779)
- A copy of the full report: [OFSTED Report November 2010](#)



## Cricket Tour December 2010: Dubai and Perth

Wednesday 5 January 2011

The 2010 Cricket Tour to Dubai and then Perth started with a very early departure of thirty two boys from School on Thursday 9th December. The tour report and full match reports are below, and the boys were updating their facebook page with further photos and videos throughout their time away: [www.facebook.com/shrewsburychoolcrickettour2010](http://www.facebook.com/shrewsburychoolcrickettour2010).

### TOUR REPORT:

On December 9th, 32 boys and 4 staff from Shrewsbury School set off on a 16 day, two centre, tour to Dubai and Australia. It was the sixth school tour in the past 12 years, since the first tour to Barbados in 1998. The squad had a great number of local Shropshire players (19) including no fewer than 12 Shrewsbury Cricket Club players: Stephen Leach, Stephen Barnard, Mark Prescott, Matthew Gregson, Jack Hudson-Williams, Charlie Farquhar, Alex Styles (Senior Squad) and Marcus Bedson, Henry Blofield, James Hulton-Harrup, James Warburg, Henry Gittins in the Juniors.

The tour was lead by Andy Barnard (Master i/c Cricket and Chairman Shrewsbury CC) and supported by the very experienced and well qualified staff including Paul Pridgeon (1st XI Coach and Shropshire U15 Coach), Paul Greetham (Director of Sport and U15 Manager) and Edward Foster (Captain of Shropshire CCC, Shrewsbury CC and U15 Coach).

The senior squad had a very successful tour and won all seven matches (see match reports below) against a variety of schools, districts and academies, while the U15 squad (which included three promising U14's) didn't do quite so well, but nevertheless certainly developed well and improved their skills during the sixteen days of exciting and arduous travel and cricket.

The trip fulfilled all our expectations and provided all the boys with the opportunity to develop their skills in preparation for another challenging school season from April to July. Clearly we were delighted that the seniors remained unbeaten (a first for a school tour) throughout the whole tour and that we won the three very tight matches that all went to the last over. The senior squad were all excellent, and a number of the younger players in the squad did very well together with the three 'new boys' (6th Form Entrants). The only disappointment came at the end of the tour when unseasonal rain in Perth forced the cancellation of our last fixture against the very strong SW Emerging Warriors, that would have included six state players.

Traditionally our junior teams have struggled to adapt to the alien conditions and new surroundings (even teams containing the likes of James Taylor), and this trip was very much like past ones; undoubtedly the lessons the boys have learnt and what we have learnt about the boys will make for better performances and results in the coming years. The challenge for this group of boys will be to see if they can make the trip as seniors in 2012.

As well as providing a great cricketing experience the boys broadened their horizons, saw new sights and tasted cultural differences that will only serve them well in the future lives. In Dubai and Abu Dhabi they witnessed the massive construction programmes in the desert, learnt about

the growth of a technological society in under 70 years from simple nomadic origins, visited the second biggest mosque in Asia outside of Mecca, were instructed about the Muslim religion and beliefs, ate at a Lebanese restaurant, and found out about the complex state of commerce in the United Arab Emirates.

In Brunei we all experienced the equatorial climate, took a river trip into a mangrove swamp, learnt about the very recent evolvement of land development, saw river settlements jutting out of the waters, and saw Proboscis monkeys in the wild instructed by a local guide known as 'Jungle Dave'!

In Perth we stayed in the wonderful grounds of Christ Church Grammar School (CCGS) perched on the shore of the Swan river, spent a day at the Ashes Test amongst the throng of Barmy Army faithful, (singing and clapping for all we were worth), were escorted (by OS Tim Ward (Ingrams) up the tallest building in the CBD, shopped in the old port of Fremantle and the sparkling malls of Perth, rode the coastal light railway, spent time at the wonderful Cottesloe beach and finally ate kangaroo at the end of tour dinner.

The tour also highlighted the strong links between Shrewsbury School, Shrewsbury CC, and cricket around the globe. In Dubai, Jason Brown (SCC 1999-2001), called in to see us. Jason played for the club in the early years of the BDPL and taught at Prestfelde. He now teaches in Dubai and is contemplating a move to Perth.

During the tour in Perth we came across no fewer than six present and former players who have played for Shrewsbury CC and/or had a strong association with the school. Dan Rees, known well at Shrewsbury CC and Shelton CC, played for the club for two years and spent a year as a gap student at Shrewsbury School, popped in to see us at Claremont-Nedlands; Campbell Robertson played at the club in 2003-3 and came to the end of tour dinner; Wes Robinson, presently scoring heavily for Western Australia, played in 2009 and presented the senior awards at the end of tour dinner; Paul Donaldson enjoyed a BBQ with us at Christ Church Grammar School; Alex Blofield, last year's SS 1st XI Captain presently working at CCGS; James Taylor, SCC 2007/8, joined us for an afternoon in between his England Lions commitments. The end of tour dinner, staged in the dining hall of our host school Christ Church Grammar School, provided the tour group with the opportunity to thank a great number of people who made the trip so exciting and memorable and say goodbye to a number of new friends. Andy Barnard thanked: CCGS representatives including Christy Dangerfield and (Chef) Colin Firth and in particular Jon Turner for facilitating the tour in Perth; Chris Brabazon, local Cricket Development Officer for helping with fixtures and venues; Ross Stephen, for his tireless work throughout the year and during December in Perth for overseeing the tour itinerary and troubleshooting.

AB also thanked the Old Salopian Community that had supported the tour throughout from the communications of Tony Walters back at HQ to the kind donations from the Saracens and the Foundation and for the support on the ground from a number of Old Salopians in Dubai and Australia.

- In Dubai: James Craig, Rupert Connor and Robbie Williams
- In Australia: Martyn Thompson, Tim Ward (Carol, Zoe and Harriet), James Taylor, Alex Blofield and Ben Jones



And finally to the parents and grandparents that had travelled with and supported the team. Richard and Caroline Prescott, Penny and Tom Bailey, and Geoff, Hilda and Debbie Leach. The tour ended with a number of cricketing and non-cricketing awards, and four special cricket awards were made for outstanding batting and bowling on tour:

Stephen Leach (Senior) (101 n.o. v Southern Cricket Academy @ Willetton CC) and Freddie Earlham (Junior) (135 v Christ Church Grammar School @ Mt Claremont Playing Fields) both received awards for scoring hundreds on tour. Alex Styles (Senior) (5 for 16 v Dubai College @ IRB Sevens Ground) and Henry Lewis (Senior) (5 for 16 v Christ Church Grammar School @ Mt Claremont) received awards for outstanding bowling.

## SENIOR SQUAD MATCH ANALYSIS

Dubai Australia Match Analysis

PLAYED 7 WON 7 DREW 0 LOST 0

MATCH 1

v Zayed Academy @ Zayed Cricket Stadium 10th December 2010 (35 over match)

Shrewsbury School 154 for 9 (35 overs) J. Bailey 34, J. Board 24, M. Prescott 25, A. Pollock 24 n.o.

Zayed Academy 148 all out (35 overs) C. Farquhar 2 for 12, R. Smith 4 for 26, J. Hudson-Williams 1 for 1

SHREWSBURY WON BY 6 RUNS

MOM AWARD R. Smith

MATCH 2

V British School Abu Dhabi @ Emirates Palace 13th December 2010 (20 over match)

BSAD 80 all out J. Hudson-Williams 2 for 3

Shrewsbury School 81 for 0 M. Gregson 33 n.o., W. Mason 34 n.o.

SHREWSBURY WON BY 10 WICKETS

MOM AWARD W. Mason

MATCH 3

V Dubai College @ IRB Sevens Ground 14th December 2010 (40 over match)

Shrewsbury School 192 for 7 (40 overs) R. Smith 78, S. Barnard 22, J. Hudson-Williams 32 n.o.

Dubai College 109 all out A. Styles 5 for 16

SHREWSBURY WON BY 83 RUNS

MOM AWARD A. Styles and R. Smith

MATCH 4

V Christ Church Grammar School @ Mt Claremont Playing Fields 13th December 2010 (50 over match)

CCGS 102 all out H. Lewis 5 for 16, M. Prescott 2 for 17

Shrewsbury School 106 for 9 A. Styles 32 n.o., M. Prescott 17

SHREWSBURY WON BY 1 WICKET

MOM AWARD M. Prescott

MATCH 5

V John Forrest High School @ JFHS (50 over match)

JFHS 85 all out M. Prescott 3 for 3, A. Pollock 2 for 18, W. Mason 2 for 1

Shrewsbury School 86 for 1 S. Leach 38 n.o., H. Lewis 42 n.o.  
SHREWSBURY WON BY 9 WICKETS  
MOM AWARD H. Lewis

#### MATCH 6

V Southern Cricket Academy @ Willetton CC (50 over match)  
Shrewsbury School 269 for 7 S. Leach 101 n.o., J. Bailey 43, H. Lewis 39  
SCA 174 all out A. Styles 2 for 29 , G. Hanmer 2 for 24 A. Pollock 2 for 35  
SHREWSBURY WON BY 95 RUNS  
MOM AWARD S. Leach

#### MATCH 7

V Claremont Nedlands @ Claremont-Nedlands CC (20 over match)  
Claremont 123 for 5 C. Farquhar 2 for 20 , S. Barnard 1 for 22  
Shrewsbury School 124 for 6 J. H-Williams 57, S. Barnard 26  
SHREWSBURY WON BY 4 wickets  
MOM AWARD J. Hudson-Williams and S. Barnard

### MATCH REPORTS

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Sunday 19 December 2010

#### **Cricket Tour: Match reports Days 2 to 7**

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

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

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

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

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

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



Mark Prescott

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dubai conquered!

Ali Pollock

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

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

We battled hard in the field with a sharp run out in the first over but we were punished by an excellent opening batsman who went on to score 86. Poor line and length allowed him and the



other batsmen to knock off the runs after just 20 overs. Blofield took two wickets, a good stumping from Humes off the bowling of Bibby, and a run out were the only wickets taken in a disappointing bowling and fielding display that also featured some dropped catches. Hopefully in Perth we can win most of our games and show improvements to take into the season in England.

Charles Kidson

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

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

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

Henry Blofield

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

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

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

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

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

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

Freddie Cox

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

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

Knowing that the only way to win the game would be taking wickets an attacking field was set. This chance paid off when Blofield and Bedson both bowled good opening spells with Blofield getting the two openers out very cheaply before the lunch break; he finished with figures of 10 overs, 2 maidens, 2 wickets for 32 runs. Wickets also for Hayward, after a brilliant leg side stumping from keeper Humes, and Lewis who also picked up a wicket at the end of the Willetton innings, but their number three stuck out the overs and batted well, eventually finishing on 48\*.

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

James Warburg

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

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

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

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

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

This gave entrance to the also inform Henry Lewis, who batted confidently with Leachy and he ended up on 39, after being caught near the end going for a big shot with aim to quicken the run





rate. Alasdair Pollock and Jamie Board supplied support for Leachy towards the end and we ended up on 269 off 48 overs.

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

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

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

Jack Hudson-Williams

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

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

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

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

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

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

R.Smith

Sunday 12 December 2010

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

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



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

*Harry Flowers & Charlie White*  
Saturday 11 December 2010

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

### **1st XI v Zayed Academy**

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

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

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

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

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

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

*Henry Lewis*

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### **U15 vs Zayed Cricket Academy**

Playing at a ground named the Zayed Cricket Stadium where only very recently Pakistan played South Africa in ODI's and a Test Match, was definitely a good enough reason to be up for a game vs their academy. After a long journey from the Airport to the hotel resulting in a late night and then an early start, tiredness proved to be a major factor towards the end of their innings. There were a couple of positives which we could take from the game such as not losing our first wicket till the ninth over and some good fielding displays from everyone helped in keeping them under 200 runs. We could tell that it was going to be a tough match when their two openers took full advantage of the poor bowling lengths for a pitch of that quality. We started off our batting

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at a healthy run rate, but unfortunately this seemed to slow down and wickets started to fall due to the pressure of their bowling. Towards the end off the innings Kidson started to put up a fight but this couldn't win us the game. He made 27 in only a few overs. We ended up losing the match by 88 runs. This proved to us that we needed to up the levels of energy and concentration or we would go back to a cold England losing the majority of the games.

*Harry Flowers & Charlie White*

# OS announces the amalgamation of Fairbridge with The Prince's Trust

Sunday 9 January 2011

**Andrew Purvis** (Rt 1975-80), Chief Executive of the Fairbridge charity recently announced the amalgamation of Fairbridge with The Prince's Trust, thus creating a major force in the support given to disadvantaged young people across the United Kingdom.

# Faculty Focus: The Science Faculty

Wednesday 12 January 2011

## **Astronomy link with Mary Webb School**

During the past academic year we had several meetings with teachers and curriculum planners from Mary Webb School in Pontesbury, who were planning to begin teaching GCSE Astronomy from September 2010. In the Lent Term 2010 we invited them to bring prospective students to a series of teacher-led presentations showing how we deliver the GCSE and introducing them to the range of telescopes and software packages that we use. We also took small groups up to the Observatory on top of the Science lecture Theatre.

This was followed up in December 2010 when we invited the teachers and students from Mary Webb to an evening of student presentations and observing here at the Schools. Unfortunately the forecast of clear skies was wrong and uniform cloud cover meant that we spent the evening in the Science Lecture Theatre where four presentations took place:

We also had an opportunity to demonstrate the new orrery constructed by the physics technician Mr Doyle.

Overall this was a very pleasant evening which was well-received by our visitors. We hope to continue this link with joint observing events and lectures both here and at Mary Webb School.

## **Spaceguard visits**

This January our 4th and 5th Form astronomers will visit the Spaceguard Centre in Powys where they will learn about comets, asteroids and meteors and the formation of the solar system. Jay Tate, who runs the observatory is passionate about the need to watch the skies for NEOs (Near Earth Objects) that might be a threat to life on this planet. He will give a tour of the observatory, an introduction to NEOs and run a short planetarium presentation.

## **UKYPT**

John Balcombe visited Iran during the May half term in his role as a member of the executive Committee of the International Young Physicists' Tournament. He also has the task of selecting a team to represent the UK in Iran in July. In the meantime a group of about 10 Shrewsbury sixth form physicists has begun to tackle this year's problems and a team of five of them will represent Shrewsbury in the UK Final some time in February. If we are successful we will spend just over a week in Iran in late July competing against teams of able physicists from about 30 other countries. Shrewsbury has an excellent record in this competition and last represented the UK in the summer of 2009 in China where we came 5th overall and shared the bronze medal.

## **Olympiad**

1. We got the results from the British Physics Olympiad just before Christmas and they are quite pleasing. The students qualified for this paper back in October and sat the final competition paper in November. Any medal is good and a silver medal on the Physics Olympiad is really good, the standard is well above A-level:

SILVER MEDALS: Harris Karim, Stephen Lilico, Yanan Zhang,

BRONZE CLASS 1 MEDALS: Lucy Rands, Benjamin Jones, Mohamed Janahi, Thomas Elcock

BRONZE CLASS 2 MEDALS: Boris Tang

COMMENDATION: Sireethorn Satchatippavarn, Jonathan Poon

2. It has also been a pleasing year in terms of success at Oxbridge on the science side. So far four engineers have offers and one is in the pool. Two more have offers to read Biological Sciences. One has an offer to read Biochemistry. There is also one Nat Sci / Physics candidate in the pool.

*Steve Adams (SFA), Head of Science*  
*11th January 2011*



## Music: Fourth Former nominated for prestigious piano competition

Wednesday 12 January 2011

Fourth Former George Fowler (SH) has been nominated by the Organising Committee of the Oundle Music Festival for the **Emanuel Trophy Piano Competition** which is held in North London on Saturday 30th April, just after the Summer Term begins.

This is one of the most prestigious competitions within the Festival Movement. It was established in 1985 and is named after Emanuel Cedar (1926 – 2000) who entered the North London Music Festival piano competitions as a young pianist, became a Festival Council Member in 1960 and Festival Chairman in 1975. Competitors have to be nominated to enter, and it is open to the winner of the top senior award at any Music Festival during a qualifying period. The contestant must have received a mark of 88 or more, or be in the “Outstanding Category” if that system is used. At this year’s Oundle Festival, George won his class with a mark of 91 in the “Outstanding Category” and was awarded the Duchess of Gloucester Award for his outstanding solo piano performance.

Last May, George won the Intermediate II Class of the Final of The European Piano Teachers' Association Piano Competition, beating 18 other Finalists from all over the UK (including a couple from Chetham's School of Music in Manchester). George played a varied programme of J.S. Bach, Wagner, Joanna Macgregor and one of his own compositions, "Sea Breeze". George also starred in last summer's Junior School play, Tom Stoppard's *'On the Razzle'*, as the bombastic Zangler, 'purveyor of high class provisions'. George plays the cello in the School's orchestra, but is increasingly showing his talent as a gifted young pianist.

George will have taken part in the preliminary round of the 2011 EPTA Competition, shortly before he competes for the Emanuel Trophy.



## A Week in the Life of Jack Hudson-Williams (PH LVI)

Thursday 13 January 2011

*Jack agreed to write this article at short notice. As term only began a few days ago, he was asked to mention the School cricket tour that he went on during the holidays, to Dubai and Perth.*

The cricket tour to Dubai and Australia over the Christmas period of 2010 was a huge success in many ways. We learnt where we were at with our cricket and we experienced a completely different and new lifestyle.

The outward journey was easy, everyone was pumped full of adrenalin as we were about to encounter a whole different way of life for the next two weeks. Having the weather determine the day, early starts and early finishes so the heat of the day can be avoided. Yet the journey back was not so simple, knowing that we were leaving thirty five degree heat to be welcomed by cold and rainy England.

Getting back into school routine is hard enough after a holiday, especially after a holiday spent in such a place as Perth, Western Australia, when all one can think about is how nice it would be to be back in the sun.

The idea that we had just spent two weeks in one of the most beautiful parts of the world, so to then come back to a dismal England is a hard concept to get over. Yes, okay, England does portray many wonders, but it is in serious competition with that special place that we have been to.

To motivate ourselves to get back into the school routine after being where we were, with the people we were with, doing the things we were doing, takes some serious effort. Especially knowing that from now until July, it is heads down and hard work. However when all the hard work is behind us, we know that paradise is now obtainable, that is motivation in itself.

*Jack Hudson-Williams*



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## da Vinci Society: Talk from Paul Vick, Architect

Friday 14 January 2011

As an increasing number of boys and girls are showing an interest in architecture as a degree course and possibly a career, we invited Paul Vick, an architect with a practice in London to address the Society about the reality of being an architect in the 21st century global economy.

Paul was trained at Cambridge, Oxford Brookes and Beijing Universities with a stint in Washington DC. He has lectured at MIT and University College, London. He has worked on many projects in London, including the British Museum and has just completed a Sixth Form Centre for Brentwood Girls School (see photo).

Paul talked about the complexity of designing a building, and all the people involved in decision making from the client through to the architect. He talked passionately about the impact a good building can have on the environment and all those who use it.

After the talk 6 boys and girls joined the art faculty and Paul in the Hardy Room for dinner – this provided a marvellous forum for a wide ranging discussion about architecture and studying the subject at university.

*PNW*



## Football: Mixed results w/c 10th January

Monday 17 January 2011

The 1st XI Football team played Shrewsbury Sixth Form College on Wednesday and scored a convincing 5-1 win. Goals from Roy Chatterjee (2), Jack Hudson-Williams, Max Pragnell and Sam Welti gave the 1st XI the perfect start to the new term.

Unfortunately the success was short lived as we crashed out of the ESFA Cup losing 0-1 to Thomas Telford. Very little quality football was played on a wet, bobbly pitch and we conceded from a free kick when we failed to stay with our players.

On Wednesday the 2nd XI drew with Idsall School in a Shropshire League match.

Mr S J Biggins



## Netball: Two match reports w/c 10th January 2011

Monday 17 January 2011

### **Wednesday 12th January – against 6th Form College – Lost 23-7**

A very mixed week for Shrewsbury resulted in a big loss and a convincing win. Our first game of the season was against a strong 6th Form College team who went through to the Midlands competition earlier in the year. We were a few players down and struggled to get ourselves going and were 5-1 down at quarter time. Shrewsbury started to come together much more as a team after this, but found it very difficult to get past the 6th Form's tall defenders to get the ball into the circle.

Player of the match – Annie Brentnall.

### **Saturday 15th January – against Bedstone College – Won 24-3**

On Saturday Shrewsbury were at full strength and looking forward to the game against Bedstone. It was obvious from the first quarter that Shrewsbury had learnt a lot from the match earlier in the week and we took charge from the beginning going in 14-2 at half time. In the final two quarters, Bedstone were only able to score one more goal due to a strong defensive effort and Shrewsbury came away winners. Player of the match - Katy Mason-Jones.

Mrs N J Bradburne



## Fives: 40 matches w/c 10th January 2011

Monday 17 January 2011

The first weekend of term was very busy for the Fives community. Shrewsbury School boys & girls hosted **four** visiting teams and played a total of 40 matches across all age groups.

The opposition were 'THE MONDAY CLUB' and ST OLAVES on Saturday, and BERKHAMSTED, ST OLAVES & KING EDWARDS BIRMINGHAM on Sunday.

### SATURDAY RESULTS

Against the Monday Club adults the Seniors lost 3-2 in a series of very close matches but notably, the 1st Pair of George Thomason & Jack Hudson- Williams won a marathon (3hr 30 mins) match 3-2.

The U15's showed great promise and skill in a 3-0 win against St Olaves whilst the U14's were overwhelmed 0-6, by the more experienced St Olaves pairs.

### SUNDAY RESULTS

In the morning Henry Lewis & Sam Welti had an impressive 3-1 win against St Olaves 1st. In the afternoon the U16 pairing of Alex Styles & Harry Bromley-Davenport lost 3-0 to the same pair but took a great number of points from their opponents in a very promising performance.

Jack Flowers & Simon Bunting marked up a draw and a win against Berkhamsted & KES 1st Pairs whilst Alex Richards & Adam Morris worked well together to pull off two wins against the same opponents 2nd pair.

The growth of the girls' interest meant that 8 girls (Alice Brett, Izzy Barber, Sophie Walker, Polly Bingham, Cecily Higham, Katy Mason-Jones, Imogen Atkins & Alice Long) turned out to play against Berkhamsted and eventually won the tie 3-2.

Further successes were recorded in the 22 matches played during the six hours of play against all three schools - these will be published in due course.

Mr A S Barnard



## Ali Webb sings on Radio 2

Monday 17 January 2011

Ali Webb (5 S) was asked by Radio 2 to go to their studios earlier in January where he recorded two songs - his own charity song '*A Child is Crying*' and also, at the request of the show's producer, Elton John's '*Your Song*'. Both songs were recorded with one take - there was no time for anything else - but fortunately they both went well.

On Sunday morning, Radio 2 played '*Your Song*' on their Good Morning Sunday programme with Aled Jones. Ali's story of talent, commitment, dedication to music and success was talked about as an example to young choristers of what they might be able to achieve. After the song was played, Aled Jones said that 'this is not the last time that we'll hear from Ali' and asks listeners to write in and 'say what song you would like Ali sing next for us' - so we're expecting more appearances!

The clip from Radio 2 is available on their website until Sunday 23rd January ([follow this link](#) and scroll to minute 31), and it will soon also be available on Ali's website: [www.aliwebbofficial.co.uk](http://www.aliwebbofficial.co.uk)



## Fifth Former gets into Welsh National Youth Opera

Tuesday 18 January 2011

Sam Ansloos (Rb V) has won a place in the Welsh National Youth Opera (WNYO) for 16 to 25-year-olds, and will perform in the world premiere of 'The Sleeper' with them in July.

Sam heard about the auditions for the WNYO after going to see the Welsh National Opera's 'Tosca' in Birmingham with the School's Chamber Choir. He auditioned in Wrexham in November, when he sang 'Somewhere' from West Side Story (which he had previously sung when the School had performed at The Tabernacle in Machynlleth). As part of the WNYO, Sam will be working with experienced theatre professionals - music directors, directors, designers, vocal specialists and musicians - and will get to know the renowned Welsh National Opera company and rehearse in the surroundings of the Millennium Centre. Please see [www.wno.org.uk/wnyo](http://www.wno.org.uk/wnyo) for more information.

Sam was in last year's Junior School Play 'On the Razzle', and was unforgettable as Malvolio in this year's School Musical 'What You Will', which will be going up to Edinburgh in August. He has also taken part in several MUN conferences, sings with the Chapel and Chamber Choirs, is Junior House Debating Captain and also sits on the Junior Council.

This is a quite remarkable achievement for a 16-year-old boy, who has made the most of the opportunities on offer at Shrewsbury and has had the confidence to push himself even further. Sam clearly has a great future ahead of him.



## A Week in the Life of Ellie Hudson (MSH UVI)

Wednesday 19 January 2011

Unfortunately for me, my new term kick-started with a flashback from the summer: retakes. Welcoming me into the new term was my Historical Music exam on the Monday, History on the Thursday and English the following Monday, three tests that would hopefully boost my marks and loosen the pressure for A levels.

Whilst working for these, the House Play auditions for the all female play 'Shakers' rolled around, a prospect of great excitement after the hilarious 'Daisy Pulls it Off' staged last year. After a nerve-wracking audition involving reading a monologue from the play for the House Head of Drama I was awarded one of the main parts, Adele: a single mother working in the cocktail bar 'Shakers' in order to provide for her daughter. I am extremely excited about starting work on this, as I have never had the opportunity to act in a main part before. Performing alongside MSH acting legends such as Hebe Dickins and Alex Priestley will certainly be a challenge, but under the directorship of Lucy I am sure we will produce another successful House Play!

During this week I have also had to take some important decisions regarding universities; after reaching interview stages for history at Oxford and UCL I was rejected by both, and last week by Durham, and now wait on decisions from Edinburgh and my first choice, Kings College London, whose History course is second in Britain after Oxford. So I have had to research possibilities for a gap year this week, and have been particularly interested by the possibility of taking an internship in small London record company, as well as travelling and possibly teaching in Australia or New Zealand. At this point it all depends on my Kings application, so wish me luck!

Mr Moore has decided to have weekly lunchtime concerts and I was 'volunteered' to sing a cabaret song, one of my Grade 8 pieces, in the chapel at lunchtime yesterday. The performers (Will Shaw, Rob Collins, Camilla Aylwin and I) nearly outnumbered the audience, but it went OK. I've also got to fit in string quartet rehearsal for a concert in Didsbury on Saturday morning. In addition to these tasks have been my weekly Postor duties, violin, singing and guitar lessons, and a multitude of friends 18th birthdays! Oh, and my regular lessons of course...essays, essays, essays ... and I'm sure I had some chocolate somewhere...



# Shrewsbury's first girl to get into Cambridge

Wednesday 19 January 2011

Felicity Davies, one of the pioneering girls who joined our Sixth Form when it first became co-educational in 2008, has secured a place at Jesus College, Cambridge, to read Archaeology and Anthropology. She came back to join some of our current students who were celebrating receiving offers from Oxford. We had 11 Oxbridge offers for 2011.

Now in the middle of her gap year, Felicity was asked for a few words to describe her time at Shrewsbury, her reasons for choosing to come here in the Sixth Form, and what had inspired her to go on to read Archaeology and Anthropology.

On the same day that she left England for Peru, Felicity wrote:

*"... it was a difficult decision to make to leave a school that I was so happy at, however, as soon as I took one step out of the car, upon arriving at Shrewsbury, I just fell in love with everything about the school. The first thing that really struck me about Shrewsbury was its immense sense of fun and the pride the pupils had in the school. Whilst looking around, I was struck by the beauty of its surroundings, however, it was really the buzzing and happy atmosphere at the school that really attracted me. Upon meeting Mrs Hankin, who was a brilliant housemistress during my two years at Shrewsbury, my mind was only made up further. I was under no illusions that being one of the pioneers of co-education at a boys schools with such a long history would be no mean feat, however, I loved the idea that all thirty five girls starting in September 2008 would embark on the challenge together. The decision to go to Shrewsbury was the best decision I have ever made and I shall always be eternally grateful to Mr Goulding for allowing me the opportunity to experience the magic of Shrewsbury.*

*I studied History Of Art (only at AS level), History, English and Religious Studies. I gained an A in History Of Art (AS), As in English and RS and an A\* in History. During my time at Shrewsbury, I was amongst the first girls to run in the Hunt was also founder and Editor of the Mary Sidney Hall House magazine. In addition, I formed part of the first all girl group to complete the Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award in September. I was also in numerous house plays. I was also awarded the 'Headmaster's Distinction' after my first year at Shrewsbury, was part of Salopian Ventures.*

*As part of my RS course, we studied a unit on Fundamentalism, with case studies into the Taliban and the Iranian Revolution. I found this part of the course fascinating and began to look into whether any degrees would encompass these sorts of topics. I have also always been fascinated by the past and past cultures and after partaking in an archaeological dig in Denbighshire, Wales, digging up an Iron Age Hillfort, I was further convinced that a degree in Arc and Anth was right for me. Various teachers helped with my preparation, including Mr Clark, Mrs Hankin and Mr Conway. My tutor, Mr Bell, was an invaluable source of advice and guidance during the entire process, beginning to end.*

*I am so grateful for all the opportunities that Shrewsbury has given me. I have made friends for a lifetime and I hope, through my role as girls' Old Salopian representative, I will be able to remain connected with the Shrewsbury for many years to come."*





## Emma Darwin Hall: Construction is now half-way!

Thursday 20 January 2011

We are delighted that the construction of our second girls' house, Emma Darwin Hall, is now past the half-way point. Despite the difficult conditions during December and the inevitable problems that the weather caused, the work on the house has continued and it is really beginning to take shape now.

Some of the girls from MSH took the opportunity to visit the site on Monday - sensibly wearing wellingtons on their feet (see photo below). The roof has gone on since their visit!

There are now just 5 places left for girls in Mary Sidney and Emma Darwin Halls in September 2011. Please see our page [Girls at Shrewsbury](#) to see what some of our current and former girls have said about their time here.



## Faculty Focus: The Maths Faculty

Thursday 20 January 2011

### **The UK Senior Mathematical Challenge**

The UK Senior Mathematical Challenge took place in November. 17 gold, 21 silver and 36 bronze certificates were awarded to the 106 participants across the school. Martin Chow (SH, V) came top in the school. The four highest scoring members of Sixth Form - Tom Elcock (Rb, U6), Stephen Lilico (SH, U6), Eleanor Moodey (MSH, L6) and Sylvia Cheng (MSH, L6) - were selected to represent the school in the UK Senior Team Maths Challenge. They were runners-up in the regional heat at the end of the month.

### **The British Mathematical Olympiad**

The results of the first round of the British Mathematical Olympiad, held at the end of last term, have come through. Of the nine pupils taking part, two obtained certificates of distinction: Jack Zhang (SH, U6) and Stephen Lilico (SH, U6). Jack finished in joint 55th place out of over 1400 candidates nationally, receiving a bronze medal and book prize from the UK Maths Trust.



# Letter to The Times by Mark Turner, Headmaster

Friday 21 January 2011

On 20th January, Mark Turner wrote to The Times in response to an article published by the paper the day before which had picked up on comments made by Lord Adonis, the former Schools Minister, who accused independent schools of failing their charitable duties by refusing to play a bigger role to support state education. Lord Adonis felt that independent schools had missed an opportunity to breach the state divide between state and private education by sponsoring state academies.

The original article in The Times was based on an interview that Lord Adonis gave to the Editor of Attain, the magazine of the Independent Association of Prep Schools. In the article, the Editor - Matthew Smith - makes the point quite clearly that in his view the Labour government's own support of the academies programme changed dramatically after Gordon Brown took office and 'lost direction'.

Our Headmaster's response to the article in The Times assured Lord Adonis that most independent schools do feel their responsibilities acutely, not least their duty to their customers, fee-paying parents. In many cases, they already pay a levy to fund bursaries and scholarships, to ensure that access to the independent schools is as open as possible, to as many as possible.

Mark Turner's letter continues "Given the failure of the former Government to recognise the world-class excellence of the independent sector, Lord Adonis should not be surprised by a 'cautious response'."

## The original articles:

Attain magazine's interview with Lord Adonis: [A Failure of Responsibility?](#)

The Times Tuesday 18th January: [Lord Adonis criticises independent schools for not embracing academies](#) (*Subscription required for online access*)

## Mark Turner's letter:

The Times Thursday 20th January 2011: [Duty to parents](#) (*Subscription required for online access*)

## Ensuing correspondence:

The Times Friday 21st January 2011: [An independent school's first responsibility is to its customers - and as such should be taxed as a business](#) (*Subscription required for online access*)

The Times Monday 24th January 2011: [If the Government could raise the standard of education in state schools to that of the independent sector then envy of the private sector would disappear](#) (*Subscription required for online access*)



## Fives: Success at Highgate and Eton at the weekend

Monday 24 January 2011

Some 18 pairs of Fives players & three staff spent the weekend of 22nd/23rd January on a very busy road trip to the South.

### **SATURDAY 22nd**

The long journey to Highgate on Saturday was very worthwhile for all concerned.

The 'Seniors' pairs won their fixture convincingly 4-1 and laid down a few markers for the National Schools to be held later this term. The 1st pair of George Thomason & Jack Hudson-Williams continued their very impressive start to the season (3 straight wins) by beating Highgate 1st pair 3-0 in under an hour, whilst the 2nd pair of Jason Tse & Henry Lewis had to work a lot harder but eventually won 3-2. Sam Welti & Ben Jones, playing at 3rd pair, won comfortably 3-1.

The U16's drew 2-2 in matches but, most notably, our 1st pair of Guy Williams & Will Miller beat the Highgate 1st Pair 3-2 in a close encounter that will give the pair great confidence as they look forwards to the Nationals in March.

The U15's & U14's had a much harder day against more experienced opposition but will be the fitter and much wiser for the experience.

### **SUNDAY 23rd**

The Sunday morning match saw Shrewsbury dominate Eton in all but a few matches. The Seniors, U16's & U15's won comfortably enough whilst the U14's showed considerable improvement. The result of the day was George Lewis & Nick Pearce beating Eton 1 – by 3 to 1.

*ASB*



## Badminton: Win v. Wrekin College

Tuesday 25 January 2011

The school boys' team played Wrekin College on Wednesday 19th, and they enjoyed a comfortable win in the formal doubles side of the fixture by 15 games to 1.

The strongest pair was Pao and Faiz, who only conceded 41 points in their 4 games, but Mark Li and Taylor Tang (playing their first match for the school) were not far behind (on 44), and Nic Supornipaibul and Sean Lim also played four very good games (45). The team was led admirably once again by Ban, who formed a strong pairing with Awin. The spirit of the fixture was excellent, and the afternoon was completed with some informal but competitive singles games.

The return match in March will be a mixed fixture, which we are very much looking forward to.

*Mr A Dalton*



## Music: Fourth former wins place in National Youth Orchestra of Wales

Tuesday 25 January 2011

Jacob Owen (Ch, 4th form) has won a place as a cellist in the National Youth Orchestra of Wales, where he will be one of the youngest members.

Jacob auditioned for the place last November, and is 'absolutely thrilled' to have been offered a position. At the start of the summer holidays, he will be going on a two-week course with the Orchestra in Lampeter near Aberystwyth, which finishes with a concert tour going to The Royal Northern College of Music in Manchester, The Sage in Gateshead and St David's Hall in Cardiff.

Jacob has been a leading light for some years in the National Children's Orchestra of Great Britain, and will be playing with the School at the Wigmore Hall in London on Tuesday 15th February. He will also be performing in our 10th Anniversary Concert for the Maidment Building on Friday 18th February, where he will be playing the same concerto that was played 10 years ago at the opening of the Maidment Building by Prince Charles.



## Netball: Two matches - won one, lost one - w/c 17th January 2011

Tuesday 25 January 2011

### **Wednesday 19th January – against Moreton Hall – Won 21-10**

Shrewsbury only had the minimum number of players against Moreton and so had to work hard throughout. They started fantastically well, with Becky Corkill making the most of her chances in the circle. The first half finished 13-3. From here, Shrewsbury continued to play well, but just took their foot off the gas a little and allowed Moreton to come back into it, with only 1 goal difference in the 2nd half. A good team performance though meant a 21-10 victory. Players of the match were Becky Corkill and Alice Long.

### **Saturday 22nd January – against Chasers Netball Club – Lost 27-14**

On Saturday, Shrewsbury had an extra game added to the fasti against Chasers netball club. It was approached with slightly less determination than usual, perhaps due to the nature of the game, and this allowed Chasers to take an early lead. Shrewsbury fought much harder in the 2nd half, but it was too much to catch up and lost 14-27. Player of the match was Lois Davis.

*Mrs N J Bradburne*

# Fives: Results v Wolverhampton GS (away) Wednesday 26th January

Thursday 27 January 2011

## U16's

Bromley-Davenport (SH) & Christie (PH) WON 2-1

Richards (SH) & Sansom (PH) LOST 1-3

## U14's

Yick (G) & Lafferty (PH) DREW 2-2

Richardson (SH) & Dootson D (M) WON 3-0

## Girls

Lim & Kramer (MSH) DREW 2-2





# Football: 1st XI and 2nd XI matches, Wednesday 26th March

Thursday 27 January 2011

## **Wednesday 26th January: 1st XI v Wolverhampton Grammar School**

The 1st XI football team had a comfortable 5-1 win against Wolverhampton Grammar School. Max Pragnell scored an impressive first half hat-trick; one left foot, one right foot (penalty) and a header. Roy Chatterjee and Mark Prescott completed the scoring.

## **Wednesday 26th January: 2nd XI v Walford College**

The 2nd XI played Walford College in a Shropshire League match and, like the first eleven were impressive 5-0 winners. Alex Bould scored twice, James Pullicino (1), Connor Jones (1) and an own goal completed the scoring.

*Mr S J Biggins*



## A Week in the Life of Oliver Hunter (Rt 3)

Thursday 27 January 2011

*Mr. Fanning asked Oliver if he would write a short account of his experiences in the first few weeks of term*

The term started off much better than I had expected, with a good dorm and well rested, unpacking wasn't as tedious as it normally was. Monday morning came around and I was feeling as good as ever. The first three lessons whizzed by leaving me dumbfounded. Before I knew it I was on my way to rugby. As the team gathered I began to question my ability. Do I really have a chance against all these others? As the session went on, I gathered momentum. My ball skills started to flow, my tackles getting harder, and more precise.

After rugby, one thing panged in the back of my mind. My whole body language changed... WINTER TIMETABLE! I didn't mind the lessons, but having to go to them in the dark! That was the thing that I couldn't bear.

As ever I was impressed by the school's catering abilities. Cooking for seven hundred hungry teenagers and producing a high quality of food never fails to amaze me! Top schools came and went. And soon I was tucked up in bed ready to go to sleep. I woke up to my favourite meal of the day; breakfast. After a good big breakfast it was back to work. My concentration levels in class were high. The work I was doing was at a high standard.

Almost two weeks later and I was still feeling the same. I had been chosen for the under fourteen A rugby team and I had a feeling that this was going to be a good term!

Now into the third week of term, I am right back into the swing of things. At the weekend a small group of us headed off to the cinema to see Gulliver's Travels - not a film that any of us were particularly keen on, but it was the best on offer and we felt in need of some time in front of a big screen.

We had a fantastic match yesterday against the U15B XV's; we lost, but the match was really close and the four tries were all very good. Both teams were playing well, and we had improved dramatically since last week.



## Sports: Highlights and results w/c 24th January 2011

Monday 31 January 2011

Full details of the matches for individual sports will be published on the website as soon as they are available. However, a summary of the highlights is below, and the full results table can be downloaded as a Word document: [Sports results w/c 24 January 2011](#).

News just through of yet another outstanding day for our runners at the Midlands League meeting at Welbeck College. Cal Winwood finished second in the senior race with George Mallett fourth. Our colts team totally dominated, with Rory Fraser winning the race - superb! Toby Lansdell was sixth, Tom McHugh seventh and Henry Dashwood tenth.

The rugby teams faced a tough day against good Adams Grammar XV's. The U16a and U14b XV's came away with positive results - well done to them. Alas, the 1st XV went down 35-7, a scoreline which flattered the opposition. With fifteen minutes to go, the match was delicately balanced at 14-7 following a comeback try from Jack Angell-James.