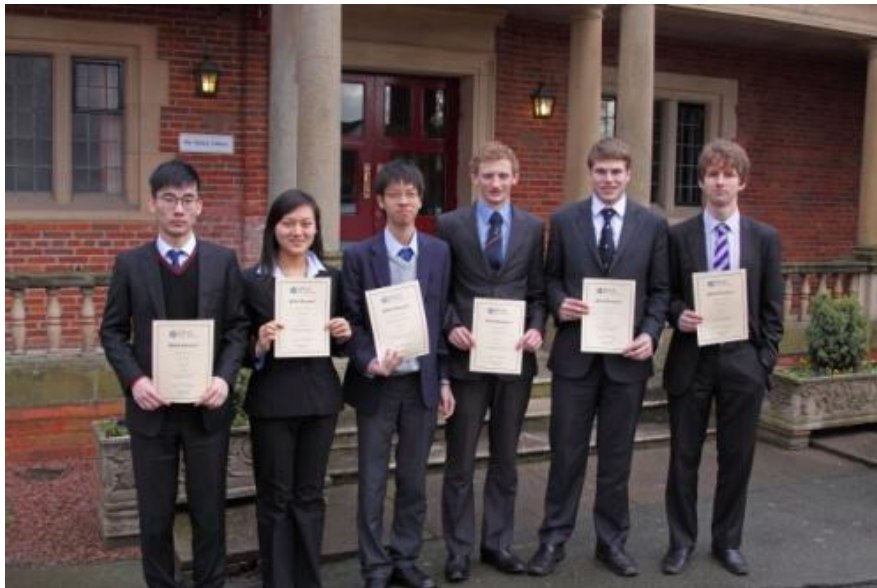


Two Gold Awards from the British Physics Olympiad

Wednesday 2 January 2013

Four of our medal-winning Physicists have since received conditional offers from either Oxford or Cambridge; Ed Elcock has the offer of a place to read Natural Sciences at Emmanuel College, Cambridge, Non Suemanothom and Judah Rand both have offers to read Engineering at Oxford (Hertford and Oriel Colleges respectively), and Sherry Jin has an offer to read Chemistry at Wadham College, Oxford.



Olympiad medal winners L-R:

Peter Zhan, Sherry Jin, Non Suemanothom, Edward Wilson, Judah Rand and Ed Elcock

The British Physics Olympiad is designed to stretch and challenge the top young physicists in the country in a national competition, with more than 1800 entrants.

We were delighted to hear that two Salopians had received the top Gold Award - Edward Elcock and Ratanon Suemanothom. Peter Zhan won a Silver, and Judah Rand, Edward Wilson and Sherry Jin were all awarded a Bronze.



Both Edward Elcock (Rb UVI) and Ratanon Suemanothom (G UVI) were part of our team who were chosen to represent the UK in the International Young Physicists Tournament (IYPT) in Germany last summer.

Further information on this competition can be found on www.physics.ox.ac.uk/olympiad/.

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National Pool Lifeguard Course

Wednesday 2 January 2013

Shrewsbury School and the Royal Life Saving Society are running a 6-day intensive Lifeguarding course over three consecutive weekends in February 2013 - ideal for those aged 16+ looking for casual work while studying, or interested in a career in the sport and leisure industry.

The course will run over 3 consecutive weekends: 2nd/3rd February, 9th/10th February, and 16th/17th February.

Applicants are required to:

Be aged 16+

Swim 50 metres in 1 minute or less

Swim 100 metres continuously on the front then on the back

Tread water in deep water for 30 seconds

Surface dive to the deepest part (2 metres) of the pool

Climb out of the pool unaided, without using steps or ladder.

The cost of the course is £240

For further information, please contact Ed Moore on 01743 280 625

or ejmoore@shrewsbury.org.uk



RSSBC: The boathouse on New Year's Day

Wednesday 2 January 2013



Cricket: 1st XI and U15 XI South African tour 11th - 24th December 2012

Wednesday 2 January 2013

Please find below the match results; a full report will be available here shortly.



Our 1st XI and U15 XI squads went on a highly successful tour in Cape Town at the end of the Michaelmas Term, swapping our cold, wet climate for something rather different.

The 1st XI won 7 of their 9 matches, and were particularly delighted to have won all of their T20 matches; the U15s were disappointed to have lost their final match, but won 5 out of their 8 matches overall.

A Facebook page was set up for the tour, which was updated daily with match reports and photos: www.facebook.com/ShrewsburyinCapeTown2012. They also sent regular updates to Twitter: [@ShrewsburySport](https://twitter.com/ShrewsburySport).

Please note: you do not need to be a member of Facebook to view the tour pages, but you will need to have a Twitter account in order to 'follow us' there.

Summary of results:

MATCH DAY EIGHT: 1st XI vs All Rounder Academy (T20s) and also vs Bishops College Invitation XI; U15 XI vs Western Province CC U15 XI

Shrewsbury 1st XI won by 3 wickets vs All Rounder Academy
Shrewsbury 1st XI won by 8 wickets vs Bishops College Invitation XI
Western Province U15 XI won by 46 runs



Robben Island

MATCH DAY SEVEN: 1st XI vs Western Province Cricket Club; U15 XI vs Curro Langebaan U15 (T20s)
Shrewsbury 1st won by 6 wickets
Shrewsbury U15 XI won by 24 runs

MATCH DAY SIX: 1st XI vs Hermanus High School 1st XI; U15 XI vs South Boland U15 XI (T20s)
Shrewsbury 1st won by 5 wickets
South Boland U15 XI won by 23 runs

19 December - second day off - a trip to

MATCH DAY FIVE: 1st XI vs University of Cape Town Colts (UCT) Colts; U15 XI vs Western Province CC
Shrewsbury 1st XI won by 49 runs
WPCC U15 XI won by 92 runs - our U15's first lost match on this tour

MATCH DAY FOUR: 1st XI vs Wynberg High School; U15 XI vs United Cricket Club
Wynberg High Boys 1st XI won by 3 wickets with 2 balls remaining
Shrewsbury U15 XI won by 6 wickets



15 December - the first day day off (cloudless)'checking out Table Mountain and the beaches'

MATCH DAY THREE: vs Pinelands High School
Shrewsbury 1st XI won by 4 wickets
Shrewsbury U15 XI won by 7 wickets

MATCH DAY TWO: vs Bishops College
Bishops College 1st XI won by 8 wickets
Shrewsbury U15 XI won by 68 runs

MATCH DAY ONE: vs Bergvliet High School
Shrewsbury 1st XI won by 74 runs
Shrewsbury U15 XI won by 261 runs
Highlights were Joe Carrasco's 102* for the 1st XI and Harry Adair's 127* for the U15 XI.



RSSH: Back in Ethiopia, Coach is spotted on CNN sporting his Shrewsbury jacket

Thursday 3 January 2013

CNN Sport ran a feature on Ethiopia's triple Olympic champion Tirunesh Dibaba on 2nd January, in which much coverage was given to her 'legendary' local coach, Sentayehu Eshetu - known to all as 'Coach'.



Thanks to the support and generosity of an Old Salopian former Huntsman, 'Coach' became the RSSH's first Coach in Residence here in October 2012. For one hectic week, our Hunt runners and their coaches were given the same training as Coach's own athletes in the small town of Bekoji receive. In addition to a tough regime that involved a 5.30am speedwork session, the BBC and local radio and newspapers were also filming and conducting interviews with Coach and his new

pupils.

There is no doubt that Coach's visit has made a lasting impression on both pupils and staff, but we were delighted to see that he is still wearing one of the jackets that the Hunt gave him now that he is back in Bekoji!

Please see the [CNN article](#) for more information, and also Peter Middleton's [summary of the Coach in Residence Week](#) written for the Salopian.



RSSH: The annual inter-house Paperchases competition

Thursday 3 January 2013

As ever, The Paperchases provided a suitable finale to the running term, and provided excitement and inspiration to all who came to support and watch.



The winners: Senior boys, Girls, Junior boys

Senior Boys L-R: Seb Blake (S); Ed Mallett (S); and Rory Fraser (Ch)

Senior Girls L-R: Rosie Parr (EDH); Amy Stockdale (EDH); and Alice Sykes-Waller (MSH).

U15 Boys L-R: Oscar Dickins (R); Freddie Huxley-Fielding (R); and Ben Remnant (Ch).

At the end of a busy, action-packed and exhausting term, what better way to conclude the twelve weeks of the Michaelmas term with an energy-sapping, mud-bogged cross-country race? As ever, the annual Paperchases Inter-House competition was eagerly anticipated (well, perhaps not eagerly...) as an opportunity for the top runners and Houses to battle it out over the testing terrain of the school campus, and perhaps gain revenge for some of the battles fought out on the fields of Farmer Tucks's fields earlier in the term.



Following his 'kill' in The Tucks, Severn Hill's Ed Mallett was of course the natural favourite, and he sought to control the race from the outset, stretching out a comfortable lead from the chasing pack in the early stages, easily spotted from afar in the traditional red top of The Huntsman. Severn Hill were looking to scoop up the team trophy having won The Tucks comfortably, and in the first few kilometres, their runners were packing well and indeed at least half of the top ten runners were from Severn Hill. Indeed, the chasing pack included Senior Whip Seb Blake from Severn Hill, with Otto Clarke from the same house also not far behind.

Over the course of the gruelling 5.5km, Clarke faded a little, eventually pushed out into 5th place, but an excellent battle over the last few kilometres between Blake, Churchill's Rory Fraser and rising star Ralph Wade made for exciting viewing. In the end, the podium included exactly the same runners as last year, though with a slight change in order. Ed Mallett retained his title won last year in the absence of his older brother and then-Huntsman George, though Seb Blake was pushed into 3rd place with Rory Fraser favouring the stamina demands of the course to take runner-up spot. Ralph Wade was only four seconds behind Blake, a superb achievement from an athlete who is destined to have his breakthrough season in the Lent term of 2013.



In the Senior Girls race over the shorter distance, Emma Darwin Hall's Amy Stockdale was another Tucks champion looking to notch another 'kill', and like Ed, she did not disappoint with a commanding performance and a comfortable margin of thirty seconds over her rivals. The medal podium (as with the Senior Boys) included the same athletes as in The Tucks, with Rosie Parr (also of Emma Darwin Hall) taking the runner-up spot and Mary Sidney Hall getting their first athlete through the finish line in 3rd place with Alice Sykes-Waller. The team event was very close with both houses fielding strong squads, though Emma Darwin Hall took the trophy after the results were verified, winning by just 11 points.



If the Senior Boys race was dominated by one house with Severn Hill being crowned clear champions, the U15 House race was also dominated by a single house, though this time with Rigg's Hall taking the honours of team champions. As Severn Hill had done, Rigg's brought home five runners in the top ten, and the team result never looked in doubt (in the end, the margin of victory was 80 points). Fresh from placing in the top 10 of the English Schools' Cross-Country Cup, Third Former Freddie Huxley-Fielding was once again in imperious form, graceful and fluent as he was led through the course by the race 'hare' IPH. Having broken the course record in winning the New Boys' Race at the start of the year (and placing 4th in the whole-school Tucks Race in October), Freddie was able to add the U15 House Paperchases to his list of 'kills', which will no doubt grow

considerably over the years. The chasing pack also demonstrated the promise and depth of talent in our Juniors, and again, the race made for exciting viewing, with four runners battling it out for the final two medal spots. In the end, Churchill's Ben Remnant kicked with a kilometre to go and stretched a significant enough gap that he was able to hold right until the end, winning a well-deserved silver medal and demonstrating again the significant promise he has shown this term. Oscar Dickins (Rigg's) left his final kick quite late into the race, though impressed with his strength to come from fifth place to third place, taking a well-deserved bronze medal, with Third Former Charlie Tait-Harris (Radbrook) unfortunately just missing out on a podium spot, though he will of course get another chance next year.

PJM

TEAM RESULTS:

1st House	Severn Hill 48 points
	Churchill's 105 points
	Oldham's 184 points
2nd House	Port Hill 396 points
Senior Girls	Emma Darwin Hall 446 points
	Mary Sidney Hall 457 points
U15 House	Rigg's Hall 39 points
	Radbrook 119 points
	Port Hill 133 points



INDIVIDUAL RESULTS:

1st House	E Mallett (S) 20.04
	R Fraser (Ch) 20.28
	S Blake (S) 21.29
	R Wade (Rb) 21.33
	O Clarke (S) 21.47
	E Lloyd (Rt) 21.54
	T Atkins (M) 22.04
	G Carver (S) 22.17
	M Lawley (S) 22.26
	A Hayward (Ch) 22.36
Senior Girls	A Stockdale (EDH) 11.02
	R Parr (EDH) 11.32
	A Sykes-Waller (MSH) 11.48
	L Cromwell Lee (MSH) 11.50
	B Home (MSH) 12.24
	I Diment (EDH) 12.30
	A Thompson (MSH) 12.31
	L Nightingale (MSH) 12.37
	I Tennison Collins 12.44
	I Turney (EDH) 12.59
U15 House	F Huxley-Fielding (R) 8.33
	B Remnant (Ch) 8.54
	O Dickins (R) 8.58
	C Tait-Harris (Rb) 9.01
	W Hayward (R) 9.04
	J Schofield (R) 9.34
	T Sykes (PH) 9.39
	A Seager (R) 9.47
	L Lloyd-Jones (Rb) 9.47
	D Orchard (PH) 9.52



Report on the TH & H Annual Alumni Race, Wimbledon on 15 December, 2012

Friday 4 January 2013



At 2.30pm, some 130 “Boys and Girls” from all from all ages stretched across “The Richardson Evans Memorial Playing Fields” for the start of the 60th Thames Hare & Hound Alumni Race (for all Old Boys and Girls of Schools) which is held on part of Wimbledon Common, in London.

So, there was just time for our injured Hon. Treasurer, David Thomas (Rt. 1971-75), to take The Old Salopian Hunt “Team Photo” of Simon Pickles (M. 1971-76) and his Son, Sam (aged 12), along with Chairman Peter Birch (Db. 1966-71), before the unheard “Start”!



Once away from the fast start across the playing fields, Sam, Simon and Peter eventually settled down to a good running pace through the woods and along the undulating muddy tracks. This grouping together helped support each other, as log jumps and boggy dips tried to through all off-balance. There was the first

steep path which started to stretch out the field, so there was less jostling on some of the narrower paths that followed. The mud continued to appear, climbing as well as descending, including some variations of composition that included the aroma and consistency of cow dung, which is very good for the complexion! Young Sam, despite his young age, was a valuable team member for the day, running with a strength that his father must be proud of, never faltering and light of foot on this difficult course. Traversing across a top plateau, where the track was firmer under foot, saw the importance of maintaining a good breathing pattern, so that strength could be gathered before once again dropping down into the variant conditions amongst the woods.

The course was cleverly planned to make the runner think it was nearing its end, and at certain points, David encouraged and took pictures. But, eventually the finish was seen around the perimeter of the playing fields, in front of The Club House.

The OSH Team had stuck together fairly well, and even though a runner from Clifton completed the course in just under 28 minutes, our first time member, Simon, completed in 40 minutes,

followed by Sam 8 seconds behind. Peter was pleased with his time of 41 minutes, since this was a return to Wimbledon after 38 years!

It was a good day and course for Cross Country Running, and despite the small OSH team this year, it can be recommended, especially by The Chairman, as an excellent event to return to next year.

A note to add here is that, while in London that morning, David & Peter took the opportunity to visit Godfrey Goolden (R.1957-62), who is now being well cared for in a Nursing Home, and looking well. He has many happy memories of Shrewsbury and The Hunt, and asked to send his good wishes to all that remembered him.



Oldham's inaugural Old Folks' Christmas Tea Party

Friday 4 January 2013



Pictured are guests from two local homes for the elderly enjoying their tea after a welcome from the Housemaster and Headmaster.

The event was hosted by the boys, Matrons and Tutors, with music supplied by Ed Shawe-Taylor, Ollie Pumphrey and friends. (Picture: MFW)



Football: U15 House Final Oldham's v Rigg's

Saturday 5 January 2013

Gene Ratanadaros (O IV) reviews the match at the end of last term that will be etched in the memory of all the players.



Oldham's U15 House Football Cup Winners 2012 for the first time in over 20 years (1988), beating Rigg's Hall 5-3 in the final.

Back row L-R K.A.Crabtree, C.H.Cheung, R.W.R.Davies, G.N.A.Lechmere, H.J.Foden, G.Ratanadaros, B.Gilliat-Smith, G.F.J.Young (Manager)
Front row L-R O.J.A.Clarke, A.D.Drummond, H.J.Schofield (Captain), A.C.F.Koch de Gooreynd, T.Atkin, R.A.Arkwright (Not pictured P.Purepaswong, injured in semi-final)



The game started with 2 quick goals from our main threat Calvin Cheung. Captain Harry Schofield playing in midfield with Anthony Koch de Gooreynd and Angus Drummond keeping the game in our control. After a terrible foul Captain Harry stepped up and took an astonishing free kick that gave Oldham's a 3-0 lead. Gene Ratanadaros and George Lechmere were also creating massive threats down the wings, with both assisting goals from deadly crosses. The defenders during the first half were Bertie Gilliat-Smith, Kit Crabtree, Rory Davies and Tom Atkin along with Hamish Foden in goal, who together prevented any opposition score and also retained the formation extremely well. Hamish our goalkeeper made some seemingly impossible saves and never allowed the ball to cross the line. However, after an exhausting first half, the team started to relax during the second. Rigg's Hall managed to get themselves back into the game making it 3 all. After making a few adjustments, the Oldham's team regained its energy and snapped back into action. Gene playing on the left wing, was able to break the defense line and scored making it 4-3 to Oldham's. Finally George Lechmere scored another to secure the Oldham's victory.

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After the final whistle blew the whole Oldham's team including the House and Mr. Johnson (who later offered pizza on the House) were cheering. It was the greatest 15-House game yet. From the start to the finish everyone put their hearts and effort into a win. Following the game both teams shook hands to show great sportsmanship. However, there is no doubt - Oldham's has won the 15-House tournament for the first time in many years.

Gene Ratanadaros (O IV)



Fabulous prizes to be won in the 2012 Christmas Raffle

Wednesday 5 December 2012

We are extremely grateful for all the prizes that we have been offered for this year's Christmas Raffle, helping to raise funds for The Shewsy, Hope House Children's Hospice and Cystic Fibrosis Research.

Tickets are available until lunchtime on Monday through Dawn Dunn in Reception (and the Common Room and House Charity Reps) for 50p each, or £2.50 a book - perhaps you could give a book or two of tickets as an early Christmas present? Any prizes won by parents will be collected by their son/daughter at the Christmas Dinner on the last day of term, when the draw is made.

The prizes include:

- One week in a four bedroomed flat (sleeps 8) in Aberdovey during 2013 - kindly donated by Mr & Mrs Robin Morris
- 2 tickets to watch a Liverpool Football Club match at Anfield - kindly donated by Mr & Mrs James Clarke
- One night for 2 in a premier room at Hambrook House (Luxury B&B), Kingsland Road, Shrewsbury SY3 7AD - kindly donated by Mr & Mrs Lawson
- 2 tickets to see "Jessie J" in concert at the Sheffield Arena on 3rd March 2013
- A food hamper and a cold meat selection from KH
- A magnum of claret from Tanners
- Candles - kindly donated by Mrs Manser
- Cash prizes of 4 x £25 & 2 x £50 - kindly donated by Mr Arzumanyan
- Vouchers from Toni & Guy
- Pizza from Dominoes
- Voucher from Zizzi's restaurant - kindly donated by Mr Russell
- Overnight stay with full English breakfast at The Inn at Grinshall
- A Jo Malone gift pack - kindly donated by Mrs Codron
- Call of Duty PS3 game
- A chocolate pizza by Mrs Cooke
- 2 yoga classes with 'Yoga Spirit'
- 5 hours of gardening + a consultation from 'Garden Designs'
- A packet of Percy Pig sweets, ...
- ...and a hug from Santa when you go up to claim your prize.



A short Week in the Life of Seb Blake (S UVI)

Monday 7 January 2013

Seb Blake, Senior Whip for The Hunt, was asked to write up the RSSH Pre-Season training in Lanzarote just before the beginning of term.



Thursday 3rd January 2013

After camping out at Birmingham Airport, waiting for the team to arrive following on from a late flight the night/morning before, my first contact of a fellow Salopian was the sighting of teammate RICF indulging in a modest lunch of belini topped with caviar. Together we then found the rest of the Hunt, whilst OJC managed to lose his boarding card and passport mere moments after receiving it. To put things in perspective, this was not the start of an ordinary school week at

Shrewsbury, but the start of the Hunt training camp to Lanzarote. The flight out was cursed due to its great length while still being classified as short haul; therefore no in-seat TVs were to be seen, despite the many hours spent on board.

Upon arrival at Club La Santa, we were greeted by a Moroccan style Olympic Village, with spandex and trackie clad athletes being our new neighbours. (Sadly... limited amounts of Kukri kit was to be seen). Despite their youthful appearance, they did not seem to approve of the muffled tunes of DJ Clarke's music coming from the Huntsman and Senior Whips' room, resulting in the first complaint of the trip.

Friday 4th January

The first run started at 8 am. However, some runners had already undertaken a hill workout at school before heading to the airport. Interestingly, upon sighting the hill in question Freddie Hill Esq. promptly threw up. This could have been due to a number of reasons: ranging from a lack of promised training over the winter break, an evening out the night before, or the story he spun about a recent full English breakfast, although this seems significantly less likely.

Back to the first run of the trip; although intended to be a light 10km to get everyone up to speed, it resulted with the last few kilometres turning into a typical Hunt "Run In" at full pelt as the competitive spirit overwhelmed everyone. After breakfast IPH and PJM gave us the freedom to do as we wished. This time therefore, was usefully invested in improving the beach volleyball skills of the team; a sport that school does not yet offer, but I can safely conclude that neither of the school's first pair would originate from the infamously uncoordinated Hunt team.

The afternoon run was on the track and involved a pyramid session; which as the name indicates involves progressively longer efforts before reducing back to the shorter, faster sprints. The team managed to survive this, despite running on a painfully firm Spanish track. Hence afterwards an ice bath equivalent was required to ease the pain experienced by everybody's legs, with the



outside-unheated pool providing the venue. After finding the adult's pool too cold, we practised our improving volleyball skills in the waters of the children's pool. Before being forcibly ejected by an angry, non-English speaking security guard.



Saturday 5th January

Fortunately today was not started with a morning run so a lie in was in order before an unusual event occurred, this being runners working out in a gym. Naturally the weights had to be reduced considerably from their former levels to ensure stamina rather than strength much to the relief of Angus Heyward who found his upper body strength letting him down... Following this to loosen off we headed to the 50m pool where sadly many found themselves considerably out of their depth resulting in an exceedingly low average number of lengths swam by the team.

As might be expected IPH and PJM's decision of to have a lighter morning was not entirely with our best interests at heart. Instead the aim was to allow sufficient recovery to participate in a 10k road race that took place to the nearest village and back. PJM was disappointed to be beaten by

Huntsman Ed Mallett despite tactically sitting out the previous day's track workout to ensure he was suitably rested. Otto Clarke, Angus Hayward and Tim Atkins came first, second and third respectively in the 5k race – a truly unbelievable result considering the stiff competition from women and children.

In the evening the team, after a series of decisive pool victories to PJM's team which confirmed the many hours spent alone in Rigg's Hall practising during the holidays, we ended up participating in a Karaoke aided by Dutch courage, the hunt budget clearly having no limits. The only notable rising star to report was that of Tim Atkins in his rendition of superstitious, although the barmaid did later turn him down in his offer of a duet.

Sunday 6th January

Another loosening run took place in the morning but the strain of the camp was clearly evident with the pace dropping severely and many not making it to the third lap of site. The morning then followed with a highlight of the 5 aside football match. This was always going to be interesting due to the abilities ranging from 1st XI standard at the top end down to occasional 2nd league players at the other.

Following on from this the team relocated to a private room with curtains drawn in order to talk over and plan the up and coming season. The primary aim that has been set for 2013 is to regain for the first time in fifteen years the National Coventry Relays. Further details are unfortunately not available in the public domain.

The last workout of the trip took place again on the track and took the form of 8x600m. Tim's singing had clearly worn him out and he had to drop out after one and it was a very small group that managed to finish all eight.

In conclusion, the total mileage was 47km with an average of over 15 per day, not to mention the biathlon element of the mighty 200m swim and the athletic 5-aside football match. Sporting

wise our biggest improvements where made on the volleyball court but the running training that was completed on the trip put us in good stead for the National Krole run on Saturday.





Phil Phillips awarded a Diamond Jubilee medal for services to rowing

Monday 7 January 2013



Phil Phillips (pictured left at the opening of the new landing stage at Derby Rowing Club), has recently been awarded a Jubilee Medal by British Rowing - Malcolm Davies reports:

'Phil (DB 1951-56) was an active multilane umpire until enforced retirement on age and he has been awarded a Jubilee Medal by British Rowing. There were 60 such medals (one for each year of the Queen's Jubilee) and his citation reads:

'Philip Phillips of Derby Rowing Club. Phillip is described as a major catalyst at Derby RC. 'His enthusiasm, dedication and sheer hard work as a club official and coach over the last fifty years leaves a legacy clearly identified. Without his input the club would not be what it is today.'

More information at:

<http://www.britishrowing.org/news/2012/october/25/volunteer-and-coach-year-awards>

<http://www.britishrowing.org/sites/default/files/pages/29557/DJM%20Citations.pdf>

Malcolm goes on to say: *'Phil was a member of the winning PE crew in 1955 – the first time RSSBC had won anything for approximately a long time.*

He went on to be a highly successful oarsman winning e.g. Wyfolds Cup & Stewards Cup at HRR and possibly others. He rowed in a well known four from Derby rowing club (including Mike Sweeney, current Chairman of HRR) and they won enough to meet the requirements for the Olympics but were not selected. He became a GB selector and a highly successful coach, in which position he received the 'Coach of the Year' award at Nottingham University in 2010 or 11. He has at various times been Captain, Chairman & President of Derby RC and probably other positions as well.'



Focus on Fencing at Shrewsbury

Monday 7 January 2013

Mike Schützer-Weissman, Master i/c of Fencing, has written in detail about the success of the Shrewsbury School Fencing Club. Extracts from his full report for 2011-2012 are included here, which give an insight into the enthusiasm and dedication that our Fencing Club members have, under the expert guidance of Ken and Andrew Holding. Fencing is another of our sports that is growing in popularity, and last term we fielded two teams of 22 fencers - our largest turnout in the history of Shrewsbury Fencing - in a fixture against the Wrekin Sword.

A keen riposte has always been a noted feature of the Salopian character, but not everyone is aware of how sharp it can be. The steely conversation of parry and thrust has echoed across the salle d'armes under the expert gaze of Ken and Andrew Holding for many generations.

A fencer's forte is found in action rather than in words, but we feel that the world at large should know a little bit more about the activities and success of the Shrewsbury School Fencing Club.

Salopians fence most of their contests against experienced, adult opponents. However, results at the 2012 Public Schools' Championships (copied below) show how successful the School's fencers are with regard to their equals and contemporaries.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS' CHAMPIONSHIPS 2012

Boys' Senior

Foil:

24th Chris Williams, 37th Stephen Li

Girls' Senior

23rd Ameena Alderazi

Foil:

35th Jack Viljoen, 45th Chris Williams, 72nd Stephen Li, 94th Ollie Marshall

Boys' Senior Epée:

23rd Harry Cox, 39th Chris Williams, 47th Jack Viljoen

Boys' Senior

Sabre:

Boys' Junior Foil: 3rd Marco Lee (outstanding performance) 27th Charlie Godman,

Boys' Junior 12th Charlie Godman (outstanding performance) 27th Marco Lee, 55th Arthur

Epée:

Cheng

Boys' Junior Sabre: 30th Ross Viljoen, 39th Charlie Godman, 41st Arthur Cheng

Salopian fencers do more than fight among themselves and against others. They also learn to referee matches and, as in the days of chivalry, to become their own armourers.

Particular thanks are due to Ken and Andrew Holding for their time, expertise and commitment in training our fencers. They are also due to Chris Williams, who, in leading his group of musketeers with courtesy, efficiency and dashing courage, has been a model d'Artagnan. Especial mention must also be made of Ameena Alderazi, who goes down in history as the first Salopian escrimeuse.

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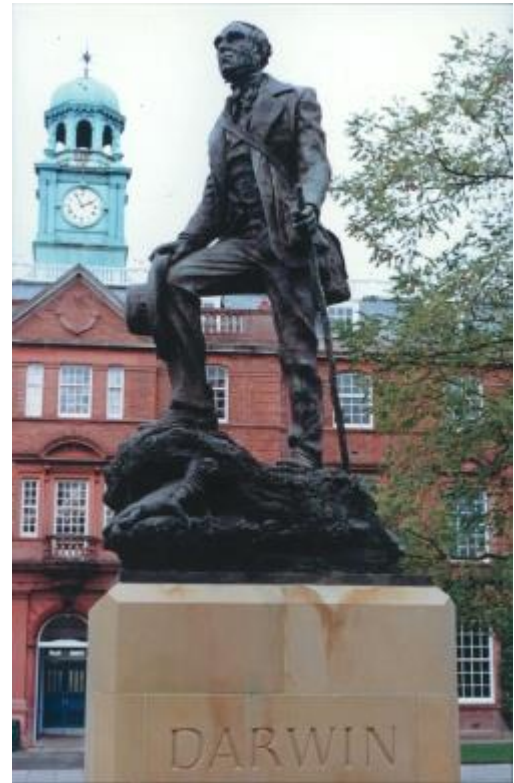
Focus on Shrewsbury School Darwin sculptor - Jemma Pearson

Tuesday 8 January 2013

The artist who sculpted Shrewsbury School's iconic Darwin Statue, local sculptor Jemma Pearson, has recently had her work featured in several Shropshire magazines.

Jemma has also produced other notable pieces of public art in the last few years including statues of Elgar and Gladstone. Her Darwin-themed work includes miniatures of the Shrewsbury School Darwin Statue (in which he is depicted as a young man) as well as a series of bronzes themed on Darwin's travels to the Galapagos Islands.

More information can be found on [Jemma's website](#).





Old Salopian Entrepreneur: James Street's Destination

Tuesday 8 January 2013

James Street (I 1997-02) abandoned his business studies course at Bath University to start up a travel guide for Marbella in Spain, with a friend, Neil Waller.

From a modest start and after some initial staffing problems, James says, 'after a beer or two, we came up with the idea of franchising the site. We built a new site with an easy to use admin system and developed a team to support our franchise network.'

Today, My Destination can be found in 35 holiday resorts with a large staff in London and abroad including franchisees.



This picture of James and Neil is from 'Young Guns' 2012 - a list of the top 30 entrepreneurs under the age of 35. James is on the left.

<http://www.growingbusiness.co.uk/james-street-and-neil-waller.html>

The firm recently won a Euronews and Google competition for Going International with a parody of Dr Evil ('Dr Destination' as he was re-christened!)

The winning footage can be viewed here:

<http://www.youtube.com/user/euronewsbusiness>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jejR04spFEk>

And James' site can be found at: www.mydestination.com



Ollie Webb joins Fortec Motorsports for 2013 FR3.5 Championship

Tuesday 8 January 2013

Ollie Webb (S 2004-09) will join Fortec Motorsports to compete in the World Series by Renault FR3.5 championship in 2013, it was confirmed this week.

The Cheshire-born racer and BRDC member joins 2012 Formula Renault 2.0 Eurocup champion, Belgian Stoffel Vandoorne, to complete a competitive driver pairing for the British-based team.



“I couldn't be happier to be coming back to Fortec after having completed two seasons in Formula Renault and a season in Formula 3 very successfully with the team,” said Webb.

More

at: http://www.crash.net/renault+ws/news/187054/1/webb_signs_with_fortec.html



Laurence Jeffcoate (Ch LVI) wins place in the National Youth Choir of Great Britain

Wednesday 9 January 2013

Laurence Jeffcoate (Ch LVI) has gained a place in the main choir of the National Youth Choirs of Great Britain.

Laurence has worked his way through the ranks over the years. He started in the Junior Boys' Choir when he was just 9, then moved into the Cambiata Choir for boys with changing voices. Last year he auditioned successfully for the Training Choir and, after an audition in November, was delighted to hear just before Christmas that he had achieved a place in the tenor section of the main National Youth Choir for 16-22 year olds.

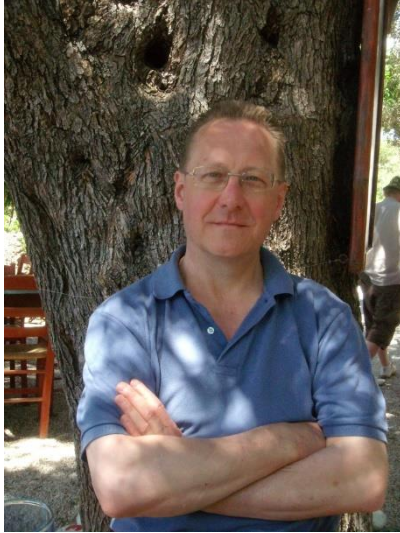


Laurence is really looking forward to what the NYC has in store for him this year. At Easter he will be in the NYCGB 30th Anniversary Concert with all sections of the choir at the Royal Albert Hall and in the summer he will be taking part in the main choir's three week tour, which will include a collaboration with the National Youth Orchestra, Codetta and the Ulster and Irish Chamber Choirs in Derry, a BBC Prom at the Royal Albert Hall, performances in Cardiff and at the Edinburgh Fringe and finally a concert in Aldeburgh as part of the Snape Proms.



Aunt Severe is back in action and meets with critical approval

Wednesday 9 January 2013



Aunt Severe and the Toy Thieves, the second 'Aunt Severe' story by Nick Garlick (SH 1967-72), will be published by Andersen Press on March 7th, 2013. It is a story for 7 year olds and up, in what the author hopes will develop into a series.

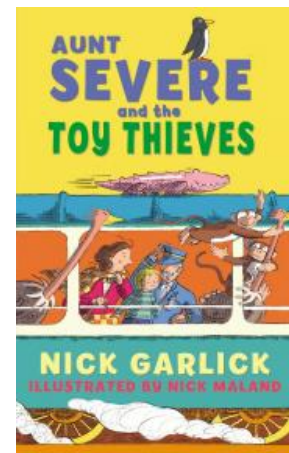
The book has already been chosen as one of March's best children books by an independent panel in December's edition of 'Bookseller' magazine.

A precis of the book can be seen on [the cover](#):

'Daniel gets more than he bargained for when he visits his Great Aunt Emily one day. She's grumpy and extremely severe because her fiancé, the Colonel, has

vanished. Into thin air. And it looks as though two evil toy thieves were responsible.

Soon Daniel is in hot pursuit. But he's not alone. Along for the ride are his aunt, two clumsy ostriches, three even clumsier monkeys and a penguin who never stops talking. Not to mention a very, very sad pink crocodile . . . !



Tom Morris will appear in 'Junior Doctors' (BBC3) from 17 January

Wednesday 9 January 2013

Tom Morris (PH 2001-06) has been chosen to be filmed for the next series of Junior Doctors on BBC3.

The BBC has been filming him along with 6 other Doctors for the last 9 months, including graduation and his first few months in his new job at Liverpool Royal Hospital. The show will be aired early evening on BBC3 on 17 January and thereafter weekly.





Old Salopian Comedian, Nick Hancock, wins BBC's Celebrity Mastermind

Thursday 10 January 2013



Nick Hancock (I 1976 - 80) won BBC's Celebrity Mastermind on 4th January. Competing against T'Pau singer Carol Decker, TV presenter Michael Underwood and rugby player-turned-commentator Austin Healey, Nick only passed on 1 general knowledge question, gaining 18 points and scored 12 on his specialist subject round - The Great Gatsby by F Scott Fitzgerald.

Contestants on Celebrity Mastermind donate their appearance fee to charities of their choice. Nick's was

Burton-based charity The Douglas Macmillan after his close friend James Bartlam was cared for at the hospice last January.

Read the [full report by Lucy Roue](#) for further information.

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Rugby: Three Salopians play for Shropshire U15s

Thursday 10 January 2013

At the end of the first week of the holidays, Alexander Goode (Ch IV), Alexander Seager (R IV) and Barnabas Seager (Ch IV) headed to Telford Rugby Club to represent Shropshire County against Herefordshire in the U15's.

Play commenced at 8pm on Wednesday 19th December, Herefordshire took advantage of the driving horizontal rain and poor visibility, and 10 minutes into the match they were leading by 17 points.

Soaked, frozen and covered in mud, Shropshire pulled together to win 34 - 17 in what can only be described as a spectacular come back, with Alex Goode scoring one try.



RSSH Pre-Season Training Camp in Lanzarote, January 2013

Friday 11 January 2013

A detailed report from Peter Middleton that highlights the enormous amount of hard work and training that our Hunt coaches and runners go through - and helps to explain how we have made our way into the top tier of cross-country running schools in recent years.

If you have not already seen it, it is worth also reading Seb Blake's 'Week in the Life' article that covers this pre-season training too: www.shrewsbury.org.uk/news/week-life-seb-blake.

With the National Knole Run in Kent the first fixture in The Hunt's competitive calendar each year, it has become increasingly important to maintain fitness levels over the winter break in order to compete with the very top teams in the country. As such, a short pre-season tour in the warm-weather climes of Lanzarote in the Canary Islands was proposed to add a period of sharpening training to the winter training programmes given to our senior runners. Having broken into the top 3 in the UK last year with bronze medals in the Knole Run and silver medals in the national relays in Coventry (our best results in over a decade), we are looking this year to consolidate our position as one of the very top schools in the country for cross-country running, and indeed hopefully improve upon that position, targeting the national relays in particular.

11 boys travelled with PJM and IPH from Birmingham airport on the afternoon of Thursday 3rd January, by which point a few of the squad had already completed their first session of the trip, a hill session on Cannonbury in Shrewsbury that morning. Thankfully, none of us cramped up in the tight seating areas on the four hour flight, and miraculously, everyone (just about) managed not to lose their passport.



By the time we arrived at the resort of Club La Santa (a resort specifically designed for sports groups, and widely regarded as one of the best of its sort), it was time for a buffet dinner and a briefing from PJM about the schedule for the following day. First up on the Friday was an early morning 'loosener' of around 10km, with the party splitting into two groups. PJM took a group of runners who had run the previous morning's hill session and one or two of our more junior runners on a loop around the resort and the lagoon, whilst IPH took the remaining runners for a slightly more gruelling and undulating 'out and back' run out beyond the local town of La Santa. Having experienced the bleak and dismal deluge of the winter months, it was rather pleasant to be running in a vest at 8am and enjoying the warming rays of the morning sun! Breakfast followed, after which there was a period of free time in which the boys decided to hire out the beach volleyball court. This would become one of their favourite activities at

the resort (even at one point leading to a challenge of a match from a rather burly and intimidating duo from Germany!). Alas, I suspect an Olympic appearance in this particular event is unlikely for any of the Hunt athletes, with some particularly embarrassing examples of ineptitude and lack of co-ordination (no names



mentioned!). The key session on Friday was the afternoon track session, which took place in the resort's own track stadium. Following the warm-up, the group undertook a pyramid session of the following 'efforts'.

(200m; 300m; 600m; 800m; 600m; 300m; 200m) These were run at pace, with times for the top runners (Seb Blake, Ed Mallett, Rory Fraser) hitting 27secs for the 200m, 45 secs for the 300m, 1min42 for the 600m, and 2min22 for the 800m. Pleasingly, the group ran the final 'descent' of the pyramid quicker than the first half. A tough session, and a cool down in the swimming pool after the run was welcomed for the tired legs! We were, I am afraid to report, later evicted by the resort's security guard for playing volleyball in the kids pool (it was late- there were no kids there!) as it was generally agreed it was a nicer and warmer pool! In the evening, following a hearty refueling at dinner, we sat down to watch a Michael McIntyre comedy DVD which had us all in floods of tears.

Saturday morning was a more relaxed morning in anticipation of the evening race at 5pm. There was a chance for revision for those with exams in January, whilst others hired bikes or partook in an intensive game of Giant Chess. The first session of the day was gym work late morning, where the group did some light weights with PJM, followed by a core strength session with IPH. Afterwards, we utilised the Olympic-sized 50m swimming pool as a cool down, though as with the beach volleyball, it was soon revealed that the majority of the Hunt runners- whilst like gazelles as they run- are more like elephants when they swim. The afternoon afforded the opportunity for PJM to have individual 'appraisals' with the runners and a chance to look ahead to the season to set individual goals.

The group then congregated at the track just before 5pm for the Saturday evening races, held every week at Club La Santa, a race that is even chip-timed! The majority of the runners took on the 10km challenge as this would be excellent preparation for the Knole Run on Saturday 12th January (a gruelling and hilly 9km), though some of the group tested themselves over 5km, being a distance more suited to their speed. In the latter race, Otto Clarke as expected stormed to victory, and he looks promising ahead of the national relays, where he will look to again run in our top A squad. He was followed by Angus Hayward and Tim Atkins, both also members of the school's football 1st XI, and no doubt their pace and fitness will be an asset on the football field as well as the running track this term. The 10km race was won by a considerable margin by IPH, who is coming back to form after a lengthy and frustrating injury. Seb Blake, Ed Mallett, PJM and Rory Fraser formed the chasing pack, though Blake and Mallett pushed the pace on after the half-way mark leaving PJM and Fraser to work alongside each other behind (though later, PJM did concede that he didn't exactly take his fair share of wind-breaking!). Blake eventually made a push that Mallett couldn't match, and he took home second place, with Mallett taking third having fought off a late attack from PJM (fresh from some good training in the Scottish mountains and a diet of haggis and malt whisky). At the time of writing, the times have not yet been sent through from the resort, though Blake stopped the clock on 35.12, an astonishing time for a runner at that age, particularly given the windy conditions and the track session the day before.

Saturday evening was an excellent bonding experience for the group, with lots of pool (the dry variety) and some fierce rivalry ensuing between the pairs of Mallett and Lansdell and Middleton and Haworth. The latter, as one would expect, exerted their dominance in the end, with Haworth astonishing onlookers with his ability to unleash in successive games 'The Double Pot'. No fluke there, then. Others preferred a game of darts, and having avoided injury on the



oche, we relocated to the evening entertainment of karaoke, which we surprised to see was in fact a big hit with the Hunt lads. There was no hesitation in coming forward (partly because there was no-one there when we arrived other than the DJ and the barmaid), with Henry Dashwood taking the lead and getting things off to a strong start. Highlights included IPH's slick rendition of Bob Dylan's 'Subterranean Homesick Blues' (one suspected rather too much time was spent practising this number over the Christmas break) and Tim Atkins's ability to hit the high notes in Stevie Wonder's 'Superstitious'. Frank Sinatra was well-represented with PJM's 'New York, New York' which led to Rory Fraser taking up the theme and soon following it with Sinatra's 'Chicago' (possibly the first time this has been a song choice in the history of karaoke). After the exhaustions of a busy day, the group headed to bed just after 11pm with a busy final day ahead of them.

Sunday morning saw another 'loosener' run, which for the majority of the runners was around 5-6km, though some of the older runners pushed on till 10km, though the pace was considerably slower than we are used to. After packing of bags and breakfast, the eagerly anticipated 5-a-side football game commenced, with the ability range quite considerable (two 1st XI standards, down to the standard of 2nd Leagues subs!) However, considerable fun was had in the match, with the notable highlight being 1st XI supremo Tim Atkins being tackled and humiliated by a robust Rory Fraser who was having none of Atkins's trickery and promptly outwitted him to take the ball. Following lunch we met in the conference room for a briefing on the Knole Run, the season ahead, and the unveiling of the master plan for the national relays. Windows were drawn, the room was de-bugged, and PJM's scribbles and diagrams were all promptly destroyed and wiped off by the time we left, just in case our competitors were so serious about beating us that they had paid Club La Santa employees to spy on us. A final session on the track took place in the afternoon for those still with energy, with IPH leading an extremely tough 8x600m session with 200m walk/jog recovery. Seb Blake led from the front averaging 1min 48s for the 600m efforts, and clearly he will be a formidable force this season alongside Huntsman Ed Mallett and in-form Lower Sixth former Rory Fraser.

A final opportunity to catch some Lanzarote rays as we waited for the bus to the airport, and then it was back home to the cold and rain of Birmingham, where we were due to arrive just after midnight. It was a terrific trip and greatly enjoyed by all, with some excellent training sessions, and a real bond strengthened amongst all the runners. It will no doubt set us all up well for the season ahead, and we look forward to reporting on numerous successes this term!

PJM





Cricket: Ed Barnard (PH LVI) selected for England U19 squad

Sunday 13 January 2013

Ed Barnard (PH LVI) has been selected as one of 15 players in the England U19 Development Squad, and will be touring with them in South Africa for a month at the end of January.

Ed, who joined our Sixth Form last term, has already represented England at the Under 17 level. He and his two brothers Michael (Rb 2006-2008) Stephen (Rb 2009-2011) all play for Shrewsbury Cricket Club's 1st XI, and Ed is also a member of Worcestershire's Academy and has been in the England Development Programme for the past two years.

Having only returned from the Shrewsbury School cricket tour to Cape Town just before Christmas, Ed is at least familiar with the conditions he will be playing in when he returns there later this month. The England U19 squad are scheduled to play two four-day Tests and five one-day internationals against South Africa U19s, as part of the build-up for the Under 19 World Cup in February 2014.

Worcestershire's Director of Cricket, Steve Rhodes, commented "Ed is a talented all-rounder with an old head on young shoulders" and Shrewsbury Cricket Club's Captain Rob Foster concurs "he's an outstanding talent... he's equally as good at each of the three disciplines: batting, bowling and fielding."

Ed has just this weekend signed his first professional contract with Worcestershire CCC, and will be playing for them over the next two summers.



RSSH: Bronze medals from the national Knole Park 9km run

Sunday 13 January 2013

At the National Long Run at Knole Park on Saturday 12th January, the boys repeated their bronze medal success of 2012, again behind winners Judd School and St. Alban's. This is a huge achievement and testament to the hard work of the squad during the Michaelmas term and their pre-season training in Lanzarote. Top finisher was Huntsman Ed Mallett (S UVI) in 8th position, with Rory Fraser (Ch LVI) two seconds behind in 9th, and Seb Blake (S UVI) 16th. The girls' squad finished in 24th place.



Start Line, Rory Fraser and Ed Mallett survey the course ahead

Following the Hunt's pre-season training camp in Lanzarote, our team were well prepared for the rigours of the challenging, undulating course of the 9km Knole Run on the first weekend of term. With over sixty teams taking part and over just under 500 runners taking part in the boys and girls events, this event is widely considered to be one of the key national events, with all the top schools in the country competing, including this year George Heriot's from Scotland. Having broken in to the top three last year with a terrific third place, our aim this year was consolidate that position and to gain

further experience at the very top level.

With a light snowfall that morning and damp conditions, the race looked to be a tough slog, but as anticipated, our three key runners of Ed Mallett (S), Seb Blake (S) and Rory Fraser (Ch) all got off to a strong start and were in the lead pack before the first bottleneck of the course. In fact, all 14 of our runners in the A and B squad managed to get out of the blocks well and settled into their rhythm as the course veered down into the valley of Knole Park.

This year's Huntsman Ed Mallett was looking to improve upon his excellent top 10 place last year, and was amongst the chasing pack following the first main hill of the two-lap course. Ardingly College's Will Durkin had opened up a considerable gap in the lead by the halfway mark, and he looked to be in a class of his own (slightly at an advantage given that he is 19!) At halfway Ed was just within the top 10, with Lower Sixth Former Rory Fraser not far behind. Seb Blake was a little adrift of our lead pair, with the hills and distance not entirely suited to his own running. Seb is in terrific form at the moment (indeed he ran a 35.14 10km in Lanzarote a week before Knole, and that was after a hard track session the day before!), and will



Ed Mallett on course for another top 10 finish

be in a strong position when we come to the short flat course of the national relays. At the Knole, Seb came home in a still impressive 16th place, and his performance was backed up by excellent runs from Rory Fraser who came through a few places to eventually finish 9th, just behind Ed Mallett in 8th. First time Knole runner Ralph Wade (Rb) had a superb second half eventually storming home in 33rd, with Toby Lansdell (PH) improving on last year's 58th with his 43rd this year. Our final 'counter' Mark Lawley (S) was also a first timer, and he completed the team's point score with his 88th place.

Our team score of 197 points ensured we retained our place in the top three schools in the country and the team were deserved recipients of the bronze medals, particularly since we were without two of our key runners for this race.

The 'B' team also demonstrated our depth of talent with their 21st position overall, two places higher than last year, beating many notable schools' 'A' teams such as Brighton College,

George Heriot's, Radley College and The Royal Hospital School. Oscar Dickins (R) ran bravely to place inside the top 100, and particular mention must go to Will Hayward (R) who as a Third Former should be very proud of such a high position at this stage in his running career.

BOYS RESULTS (out of 307):

'A' Team

- 8th Ed Mallett 35:31
- 9th Rory Fraser 35:33
- 16th Seb Blake 36:30
- 33rd Ralph Wade 37:33
- 43rd Toby Lansdell 37:54
- 88th Mark Lawley 39:53
- 159th Henry Dashwood 42:13
- 176th Ben Remnant 42:58

'B' Team

- 72nd Oscar Dickins 39:06
- 110th Will Hayward 40:36
- 120th John Dempsey 40:52
- 132nd Freddie Hill 41:14
- 194th Jake Samuel 43:53
- 217th Charlie Davis 45:01



Rory Fraser on his way home to 9th position



TEAM RESULTS (out of 40 teams)

- 1st The Judd School 87 points
- 2nd St Albans School 112 points
- 3rd RSSH 197 points
- 4th Sevenoaks School 227 points
- 5th Abingdon 287 points
- 6th Winchester College 362 points
- 7th Highgate School 407 points
- 8th Harrow School 416 points
- 9th Wellington College 450 points
- 10th Westminster School 496 points

- 21st RSSH 'B' team 845 points

The girls team were all new to the event, and found the initial pace in the shorter 3.6km route somewhat surprising. Having placed a superb 6th last year in their first appearance in the event, it was always going to be a tough ask to compete with that result, particularly with an inexperienced team. However, Lucie Cornwell-Lee dipped into the top 100, and all the girls will have found the race valuable experience, particularly as they all have another year at the school.



Seb Blake

Interestingly, Tudor Hall School's Victoria Mobley, who placed 5th individually, will be joining Shrewsbury School in the sixth form next year, so we will have a very strong runner in our team for next year!

GIRLS RESULTS (out of 134):

- 90th Lucie Cornwell-Lee 16:28
- 101st Alice Sykes-Waller 17:13
- 127th Laura Nightingale 19:33
- 131st Jasmine Douglas 20:03

Team: 24th/25

PJM



Sports results w/e 13th January 2013

Monday 14 January 2013

Week 1: 7th – 13th January 2013

Date	Sport	Team	Opposition	H/A	Result	Score
Wed 9 th Jan	Football	2 nd XI	Madeley Academy	A	L	3-4
Sat 12 th Jan	Rugby	1 st XV	Repton School	H	W	25-7
	Football	1 st XI	Shrewsbury Town FC U16 XI	H	D	1-1
	Netball	1 st XII	Concord College	H	W	32-10
		2 nd XII		H	W	24-4
	Hunt	Seniors	Knole Run	A	Placed 3 rd overall	
		Seniors (Girls)	Knole Run	A	Placed 24 th overall	
	Fencing		Wrekin College	Epee	A	W
		Foil		A	L	12-14

Oxbridge offers 2013

Monday 14 January 2013



Oxbridge offers 2013:

Back: Mark Lawley, Ratanon Suemanothom, Judah Rand, The Headmaster - Mark Turner, Ed Elcock, Ed Mallett, James Steele

Front: Chris Williams, Sherry Jin, Seren Kell, Hannah Partington, Anna Olerinyova, Hannah Pritchard, Rosie Parr

Shrewsbury School is celebrating another very successful year, with 15 pupils gaining offers from Oxford and Cambridge universities. 12 offers from Oxford University is the highest number the school has enjoyed for many years.

This was a year-group that is particularly strong in science, and this is borne out by 10 pupils receiving offers across a range of science subjects.

The school is already starting to prepare for July 2014 when it will play host to around 150 of the top young scientists in the world who will be taking part in the International Young Physicists Tournament. This annual event has recently taken place in countries such as Germany, China and Korea, but it has never before been held in the UK. Salopian pupils have been selected to represent the UK in the tournament in six of the last ten years.

Tom Bland (Rt)**	Cambridge	Magdalene	Natural Sciences
Ed Elcock (Rb)	Cambridge	Emmanuel	Natural Sciences
Xavier Greenwood* (Rt)	Oxford	Balliol	Classics
Sherry Jin (EDH)	Oxford	Wadham	Chemistry
Seren Kell (MSH)	Oxford	Open	Biochemistry
Mark Lawley (S)	Oxford	Jesus	Psychology & Linguistics
Ed Mallett (S)	Oxford	Open	Chemistry
Anna Olerinyova (MSH)	Oxford	St John's	Biomedical Science



Rosie Parr (EDH)	Oxford	Christ Church	Classics
Hannah Partington (MSH)	Oxford	New College	Biomedical Science
Hannah Pritchard (EDH)	Oxford	Queen's	French & English
Judah Rand (R)	Oxford	Oriel	Engineering Science
James Steele (O)	Cambridge	Jesus	Computer Science
Ratanon Suemanothom (G)	Oxford	Hertford	Engineering
Chris Williams* (I)	Oxford	St John's	Human Sciences

** Tom Bland's offer came through 10 days later than the others, taking our total number of Oxbridge offers up to 15.

* Xavier and Chris both have confirmed places, having taken their A Levels in 2012.

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Please sign up for Shrewsbury's first-ever marathon, going right past the School

Tuesday 15 January 2013

Shrewsbury is hosting its inaugural marathon on Sunday 23rd June, and the course (two laps for half marathon, four laps for the marathon) will be following the perimeter of the school site along the Ashton Road all the way from the Gorswen tennis courts to the top of Butler Road at Rigg's.

We are thinking about entering a 'Team Shrewsbury School' if there are enough people interested - a number of staff have already signed up to enter, but we'd particularly like to have some parents and possibly some of our more experienced pupil runners too.

With the event taking place right outside the school, there is likely to be a real buzz around the site that morning, and we should be able to rely on some stirring support running along Ashton Road!

Please see the [Shropshire Star's article on the marathon](#), which is being organised by 'In the Running' from Market Drayton.



A short Week in the Life of Andrew Spicer (M LVI)

Tuesday 15 January 2013

Tuesday 8th January

It couldn't have been more obvious to me that Christmas was well and truly behind me, as I began the lengthy process of moving residences from quiet, country Herefordshire to the hustle and bustle of Shrewsbury School life. Memories of turkey and presents seemed ever more distant as I sat at my laptop finishing off some holiday work due for the next morning, and finally the faint embers of the Christmas fire was suffocated by the gruelling monotony of schoolwork.

Wednesday 9th January

As per usual, the term lurched into its unrelenting rhythm with a gruelling 7:00am start as the school flopped out of bed onto the floor and proceeded to make its merry way towards breakfast in KH. The number of faces, however, that graced the dining halls of Kingsland between 7:15 and 8:00 proved that many had failed to make the transition between floor and food. I certainly cannot blame them. Significantly freshened-up and showered sixth formers then had the usual headmaster's sixth form assembly, which reiterated yet again the importance of coming months and that the emphasis now was on the constricted teaching-time of the Lent term. And so, after many weeks of stone-cold nothing over Christmas, we were thrown headlong into lessons, and quite a shock it was too. For me, double Latin, physics and double biology filled the morning, yet the prospect of a free afternoon on the horizon kept my spirits high and therefore when lunch came I welcomed the unpressured chat and holiday catch-up with friends and staff. The prospect of my 'free afternoon' was somewhat shattered when I learnt that a 1:20 Jazz Piano lesson had been scheduled, however this did not dampen my spirits as aside from academics, music is another huge part of my life at school and this lesson heralded the arrival of another musically busy term. I have been playing the piano since the age of about six, yet I have only fairly recently switched to the world of jazz. Jazz is similar to the classical piano as the keyboard can be used to create melodies, rhythms and chords, yet the difficulty lies not in the exact reading of printed music and playing to a defined pattern of individual notes, it lies in the theoretical understanding of complex chord patterns and modal theory. The final product of learning and practising these is that one can provide a chord sequence in the left hand whilst simultaneously improvising (make stuff up/doodling) with the right (over the chords) written to a tune or song. It is great fun if you can do it, and despite having not quite grasped the theory quite yet, I am putting all my confidence in the phrase 'practice makes perfect' and also my teacher, the incredible Mr Taylor. Following that, I had the pleasure of Mrs Turpin's company for my first singing lesson of the term. Aside from bellowing carols at a local church and yelling support for the Stanford American Football team, my voice had seen little action over the holiday so the first lesson is always an important one as it slowly grinds back into gear. At the end of last term I had just finished my grade 7 exam, so I began the new term with the plethora of new and potential repertoire at my fingertips; which is always fun.





Later that evening I was called to the term's first rehearsal for the Moser's House play, the incredible "one man, two guv'nors", I play a minor role, so the rehearsal wasn't too taxing. Up next came the first sound check and rehearsal for the upcoming concert: "Ali Webb and Friends". I was taking part in the major capacity of 'stings' on viola for six of the pieces; 'Wasted Time', 'All Kinds of Crazy', 'Lucy Grey', 'Living on the Sidelines', 'And So It Goes' and 'Your Song'. The theatre was set up, even three days before, with one of the most complex microphone configurations I could have possibly imagined for such a small theatre, and throughout the rehearsal I was convinced that one of the thousands of little pieces of equipment was going to go wrong. The rehearsal itself was fairly painless, and was an opportunity to get comfortable with the pieces and playing with a microphone less than 30cm away, and everything being far louder than normal. After this, my usual work schedule was condensed into a much smaller time; so I welcomed the sleep that evening.

Thursday 10th January

Thursdays are usually my busiest day at school, and as a result I'm usually pretty knackered by the end. Waking up at around 8:30am, I was reminded by my numerous alarms that it's chapel on Thursday. At last it was my time of the week to grace the hallowed halls of Shrewsbury Chapel, to hear the wit and wisdom of our enigmatic reverend. It was in marked contrast with his other weekday sermons, however, as Mr Dobbie actually felt impassioned and enthused by his topic; the meaning of life. He obviously needed to shock our brains back into normal synaptic rhythm, as we watched him gesticulate wildly about various philosophical and religious aspects of life and therefore the overall meaning of it, before suddenly and abruptly saying the words "forty-two" with some Dobbie-esque gusto. That small band of readers who understand this reference, I commend you; the rest...look it up.

Following this thought-provoking spiel, we again trudged off to lessons. A morning of physics, biology and chemistry passed without event which brought about lunch at about the usual time. After this, however, the 'normal' weekday afternoon at school was transformed into a hive of activity, in which various pupils engage in various activities to achieve various goals. For me: CCF. I would ordinarily describe the combined cadet force as a miniature Dad's Army, however my superiors would probably get cross. My role, as head of the RAF section, is usually to help instruct the younger cadets in military matters, and this week I was teaching marching. After two hours in the cold, we eventually managed to get about twenty cadets all marching relatively well; which was a success I believe, and far better than Captain Mainwaring ever managed. After sending the cadets away to warm up, I then attended a meeting with the other heads of section (Army and Marines) and the members of staff involved in the regular Thursday activity. It provides an interesting, and often amusing insight into the sides of the teachers we rarely see, including the inter-staff banter. It is also came to light in this meeting that resident hard-man, chemistry teacher and staff-member in charge of the Marines section 2nd Lt T.A.C Corbett still has name-tapes sewn into his trousers.

After this meeting, I got changed and went to a chapel choir rehearsal at 6:30pm that evening. After the carol services last term, we were hard-pushed to keep up to the same standard in our usual week-end chapel services. However from what I heard from my perch on the Bass 2 row near the back, the latest Mendelssohn Oratorio chorus "There shall a Star..." comes pretty close; led by the incredible Mr Mason. Then came a momentous event, the latest in a series of shock occurrences; Mr Mason let me leave from a rehearsal early!! The reason: a lower sixth assembly on 'Higher Education' which was a 45-minute lecture on everything we needed to know about UCAS, universities, courses etc. which set us in good stead for the next few months when we



begin to formulate plans for the next chapter of our lives. Following this, another half-hour sound check for Ali Webb's concert, then work and finally, sleep.

Friday 11th January

In comparison with Thursday, Friday was so relaxed it was practically Zen. I had a massive lie-in, until 8:00am (yeah, I know...wow) before heading off to lessons in the pounding rain. That afternoon and evening, I decided to catch up on work and music practice; which was helpful as it didn't mean working too late that evening as I needed my sleep for the concert on Saturday.

Saturday 12th January

Again, like Friday, Saturday was fairly empty and I could take my time over things instead of having to rush around like a headless what-not. Morning lessons passed and, deciding that I needed a break, I took a little jaunt into town to do spend some of my Christmas money and exploit some of Home Bargains' bargains. I returned just in time for yet another soundcheck at five o' clock and by six I was free to enjoy a Domino's Pizza as my special preparation for the concert that evening. Then the time finally came an hour and a half later. Probably the first of a kind that I have performed in, an hour and a half concert purely showcasing one man's talent on voice and piano. And to put it simply, it was incredible. The talent showcased that evening, not just by him but also by his fellow performers (violin I, violin II, viola, cello, trumpet, saxophone, clarinet, trombone, percussion, bass) including the great and the fantastic Daisy McConnell, Connie Osborne, Teresa Fawcett-Wood and Sienna Holmes who also helped pen some of the numbers. There were even a few stalwart 12 year old supporters from his (and my) old school, Abberley, brought along by one of the music teachers and composer of one of the pieces 'Lucy Grey' which was nice to see. Overall it was a terrific evening, complete with standing ovation and a screaming "encore"...and since then, I've heard nothing but glowing praise for the music, the performance and overall the months of toil and hard work in arranging and practicing by our talented host...wait, what was his name again, I forget?!



The 2012 Cricket Tour to South Africa: A full report

Tuesday 15 January 2013

A fascinating and detailed account of the December 2012 tour of the 1st XI and U15 XI to South Africa, by Paul Greetham and Andy Barnard.



1st XI - Played 9 Won 7 Lost 2
U15 XI - Played 8 Won 5 Lost 3

A last day of term departure on the 11th December was always going to be taxing on the tour party following a long and tiring Michaelmas term. Nevertheless, as it turned out, this group of boys responded well to the tough cricket itinerary and came out of the two week tour with many more positives than we could have all hoped for.

Tuesday 11th December

The morning coach ride to Heathrow proved uneventful, unlike the preceding 72 hours, when the late and very unfortunate withdrawal by Charlie White (L6th Grove) due to medical advice (hip and back) caused a rapid promotion of Jonty Small (L6th Moser's Hall) into the party. Unfortunately Jonty's passport was in Scotland and it took a dash of mercy by his Grandmother to deliver it on time. A further rapid bit of admin was required by our excellent Tour Agent (Andrew Russell: Cape Africa Tours) to secure his flight but after a hectic 24hrs all was well and Jonty was fully on board.

Our 6.05pm flight was slightly delayed by frost, but eventually we made our way south to Johannesburg and then Cape Town.

Wednesday 12th December

We arrived in glorious sunshine and 28 degrees of heat. A prompt pick up and transfer to our Vera School accommodation at midday was followed by afternoon training at Bishops College. The Vera School proved to be an ideal base for our first week of the tour. The school is a small boarding school for autistic children divided into three small blocks of accommodation. The living room divisions allowed our party to be split between seniors and juniors, and was ideal for team meetings, administration and preparation. A central grass area was great for recreational and social gatherings where the whole tour party mixed and played together. The homemade breakfasts and suppers were excellent and generous.

After training an early night was much needed before our first match.



Thursday 13th December

Match 1

1st XI v Bergvliet High School 9.30am 50 over match#

Bergvliet HS is a state school with excellent cricket facilities and the match proved to be an excellent first outing for us as we set about putting our many hours of preparation into practice. We won the toss and despite losing some early wickets to some fine opening bowling our debutant Cassidy Scholar, Joe Carrasco, made a steady and excellent start to his batting career. He was ably supported by Will Cook and Harry Flowers, before both Matt Gregson and Charlie Farquhar helped Joe to bolster the score in the last 10 overs. Joe received much applause as he marked his debut with an excellent 104 not out.

Steady bowling in reply saw us restrict Bergvliet to 167 for 8. Alistair Fisher made a great recovery from a poor start to finish with three wickets. Unfortunately, Harry Flowers suffered a dislocation to his thumb and despite the excellent local medical care an x-ray exposed a small bone break and Harry's tour was effectively over. It was very difficult for Harry to cope with on match day one, but the tour party rallied around him quickly and offered him some much needed support. Our first performance provided a good start to the tour with some good contributions from a variety of players.

A short trip back to our base for an evening meal and some much needed sleep catch up.

U15 XI v Bergvliet High School

Shrewsbury lost the toss and were asked to bat. However many indoor practice sessions throughout November and December will never properly prepare a squad for the first match on tour during an English winter. That said and despite modest opposition, this was a fantastic start to the trip. There were 20 overs left in the innings when the coaches decided to retire Harry Adair on 127*! Who knows what he might have achieved if he'd had the chance to carry on, however in the interest of other people getting a knock early in the tour, Harry had a rest. U14 batsman George Hargrave ably supported Harry and was disappointed to miss out on a deserved half century. Max Parsonage carried on where Harry left off, and scored his first 50 runs from an amazing 13 balls. Shrewsbury did not make use of all of their allotted 45 overs and declared at lunch.

Bergvliet were never in the match with the opening bowlers Panayi and Cooke taking 4 wickets between them. Ed Moore showed signs of what was to become a good tour for the leg spinner taking 3 wickets to wrap up the Bergvliet innings.

Shrewsbury U15 XI defeated Bergvliet High School by 261 runs

Friday 14th December

Match 2

1st XI v Bishops College 9.30am 50 over match

We arrived early on to another hot and bright day in the magnificent Bishops grounds to find a well worn pitch, played on by Sussex Academy, Charterhouse and Malvern during the previous five days.



We won the toss and immediately lost Ed Pollock to the first ball of the match, so when George Lewis was out caught with the total on twenty, we had to spend time repairing the early damage. Will Cook and Ed Barnard supplied the much needed resistance and on a slow low surface they did a great job in recovering our position by putting together a solid partnership. Unfortunately, just after drinks, Barnard

was run out at the bowlers end from a deflected drive. From this point on our innings lost momentum and some poor batting left us with a below par 174 total with only Bertie Milligan-Manby providing the team with extra runs.

In reply Bishops got off to a strong start. Dan Russell, the opposing captain, frequently punished over pitched bowling and despite using nine bowlers we failed to make the necessary inroads to unsettle their relatively comfortable chase to the total. Charlie Farquhar was the pick of our bowlers whilst Henry Blofield turned in a tidy performance in bowling his ten overs. The loss certainly served to focus our attention on the responsibility of batting and the need to improve our fielding.

U15 XI v Bishops College

Shrewsbury won the toss and elected to bat. Once again, on a sweltering day in Cape Town, Shrewsbury's batting took centre stage. Harry Adair strode out to bat, with the confidence of a tour hundred on day one behind him, and battered the Bishops bowling to all parts until a dubious waist high full toss became his downfall. Fellow opener Charlie Home batted on calmly, showing off strokes all around the wicket, even though the heat got the better of him at times towards the end of his innings. His 59 glued the innings together. Max Parsonage, George Panayi and particularly Harrison Schofield made more than useful contributions late on. Schofield struck the ball all around the beautiful Bishops oval and was unlucky to miss out on a maiden Shrewsbury fifty.

It must be said that, on a good wicket, Bishops were always up with the required rate but lost wickets on a regular basis. Between 20 and 30 overs, Bishops put themselves in a decent position to make a final 15 over assault, however George Panayi came back after drinks at 30 overs to devastate the Bishops lower order with an outstanding spell of straight and fast U15 bowling. George took 4 wickets (all bowled) and that was that.

Shrewsbury U15 XI defeated Bishops College by 68 runs

Following the match and the presentation ceremony our players were billeted with their opponents for two nights. The staff returned to base for a much needed rest.

Saturday 15th December

Match 3

1st XI v Pinelands HS 9.30am Declaration Match (Max 65 overs 1st innings)

Despite the hectic schedule it was good to see the tour party arrive for the 8.30am pick up from their overnight stays in good heart and full of interesting tales of their host houses. Another short journey followed before we arrived at Pinelands High School - another state school with good cricket facilities and a very enthusiastic Master in Charge. John Young was a saviour of state school cricket and believed in the game being played with discipline and plenty of time. After some discussion a declaration game was agreed and having lost the toss we set about bowling a maximum of 65 overs. As it happened we only needed to bowl 63.1 but that was certainly enough on a very hot and windy day. The bowling was much improved from day two and wickets fell consistently throughout our opponent's innings. Pinelands were eventually bowled out for 194 and were thankful to Clock for his interesting innings of 88. Jonty Small made a great impression with the ball in claiming four wickets and Alistair Fisher continued his improving form. Edward Barnard bowled with great authority and pace whilst Charlie Farquhar and Henry Blofield again showed improving form.

With some 60 overs left in the day a win was on the cards if we could get a good start. Milligan-Manby and Blofield provided a solid start but both fell quickly with the total on 40 and thereafter the middle order struggled before Barnard and Humes came together and built a winning partnership. Steadily, at first, the two saw off the nagging bowling of Adams and Samsodien before applying more aggression as they eased us past the total in 51 overs. The win was much celebrated after the middle order collapse and all went away smiling for another night of South African hospitality.

U15 XI v Pinelands High School

Shrewsbury won the toss and elected to field. We came across the best all-round cricketer we faced all tour against Pinelands High School. The Pinelands captain had just returned from the SA Provincial U15 tournament, and shaped up superbly well with both bat and ball. Fortunately, Max Parsonage came up with a lovely away swinging delivery that was nicked to keeper Newbould, and Shrewsbury's top order batsman were able to keep out some pretty hostile quick bowling on a surface with plenty of pace and bounce. Both leg spinners bowled very well in this game getting through 9 overs a piece, and there didn't appear to be a game plan to score against them. Following the early dismissal of Henry Newbould, Toby Mason and Max Parsonage gritted their teeth and kept out some hostile and disciplined bowling from both Pineland openers. James Harris saw Shrewsbury over the line with a patient 20*.

Shrewsbury U15 XI defeated Pinelands High School by 7 wickets

The staff comforted themselves with a Waterfront meal. After three matches in three days a much needed day of sightseeing was to follow.

Sunday 16th December

A much slower morning allowed the boys a little time to rest up and organise themselves before a short drive to Table Mountain on a glorious morning. The cable car journey ended with spectacular views across the Cape before we moved onto the beach and then the Waterfront for a hearty team meal at Steers. Our next day opponents were ranked number one in South Africa in 2012 so we all looked forward to the encounter with much relish.

Monday 17th December

Match 4

1st XI v Wynberg Boys High School Claremont Cricket Club, Constantia Sports Ground 50 over match

Claremont Cricket Club provided an excellent venue and surface for this tough match and after winning the toss we set about setting a good total on a very hot day. Another early innings failure saw Cook and Barnard again recovering our innings to a solid platform, they accumulated 110 in 131 balls. Following good contributions from Charles Kidson and Ed Pollock we managed a par total of 258 for 8 but should really have totalled 275 plus. Nevertheless, despite the early losses to score 250 plus was a good total and nearly provided us with enough runs to achieve a win.

Despite the excellent efforts of our three spinners (Pollock, Blofield & Farquhar) we could not manage to contain the stroke play of our opponents who got home with three wickets and two balls to spare. A great match that highlighted some areas of improvement for the team, and gave us all a real boost for the forthcoming matches.

U15 XI v United Cricket Club

Shrewsbury lost the toss and were asked to field. Yet again, a ground with a stunning view of Table Mountain greeted us at Claremont Cricket Club. The Gary Kirsten Academy functions



from here, and the practice facilities and pitches were immaculate. 179 for United Cricket Club never felt enough for the surface and so it proved to be. Shrewsbury started to show signs of real understanding during this innings, implementing field setting plans discussed in team meetings. Opening bowlers Panayi and Cooke once again showed why they were selected for the U15 cup squad last season, demonstrating movement with the new ball, and excellent skills in second spells. Tom Breese bowled a controlled spell of medium pace bowling with the old ball, and picked up three essential wickets.

Tom then came up trumps with the bat, batting through the innings, demonstrating excellent defense allied with particularly good front foot attacking play. George Panayi offered the necessary stability batting at four, and George Hargrave was the ideal man to finish the innings off with Breese. A solid all-round display.

Shrewsbury U15 XI defeated United Cricket Club by 6 wickets

An early evening meal back at Vera School allowed us all time to chill in preparation for our last one day match. Four matches in five days had allowed us to rotate the squad and despite some individual disappointments a great number of opportunities had been provided and a lot had been learnt about the potential of the squad. We were certainly in no doubt that this group of boys were keen to improve and work hard to achieve the standards we were demanding of them. We all slept well on Monday night.

Tuesday 18th December

Match 5

1st XI v University of Cape Town Colts at The University Ground

We won the toss and again chose to bat. For the first time on tour we got off to a good start with Joe Carrasco and Charlie Farquhar putting on 90 for the first wicket. After Farquhar fell for 42, Cook again offered Carrasco good support in adding to our total but just as we were looking like we could post another score of 250 plus a number of rash shots saw us total just 218 all out. Batting discipline again let us down with only Bertie Milligan-Manby contributing well at the death. We would now have to bowl well to restrict a side made up of much older university students.

Alistair Fisher again made a promising start but the other opening bowlers failed to hold the chasers before Blofield turned in his best bowling performance. His 4 for 26 opened up the tail for Barnard to sweep away and another hard earned victory was ours.

U15 XI v Western Province Cricket Club

Western Province won the toss and decided to bat. It was all going so well. Playing on the same surface as the previous day against United CC, it was an easy decision for WPCC when they won the toss. The pitch actually played better and against a stronger side, Shrewsbury performed admirably, with some thoughtful field settings, keeping the opposition down to just shy of five runs per over. WPCC would have been disappointed with this total only three wickets down.

The Shrewsbury innings never really got going. One of the WPCC spinners took six wickets with some naggingly accurate off spin, and batsman became frustrated leading to soft dismissals. Panayi and Parsonage looked as though they might make some inroads but Shrewsbury were already five down at this stage and their dismissals were the final nails in the coffin. James Harris chipped in with another 20 odd – becoming quite consistent.

WPCC U15 XI defeated Shrewsbury by 92 runs



As the one day section of the tour ended we reflected with some satisfaction on our results to date, played five, won three, lost two. Fair to say that in the two matches we lost we were in a strong position to secure the matches but poor batting let us down.



Wednesday 19th December

A much needed morning off was enjoyed by all and after an early lunch the group travelled by ferry to Robben Island to see where Nelson Mandela had spent his time in prison. As the great man rested in hospital it was an important reminder for the group how South Africa had changed in recent years and the underlying issues that still pervade society here. It was a great educational day for all the boys. Later that day the party enjoyed a leisurely afternoon and a visit to the Canal Wharf shopping mall before we retired for tea.

It was great preparation for the remaining T20 matches at Hermanus.

Thursday 20th December

An early start was required as the U15's had a 12.15pm start whilst we would start at 2.00pm. The drive to Hermanus took us up and over the mountains for about 90 minutes before dropping down into the whale watching seaside resort. Our seafront Windsor Hotel was an ideal location.

Match 6

1st XI v Hermanus High School at Hermanus High School T20

Having watched the start of the U15 match we walked across the road to our next venue and found a well grassed surface. All appeared to be set for a high scoring game as the boundaries were very short. Hermanus HS chose to bat and despite some early successes we found ourselves on the wrong end of a 'sixes' fest. Nevertheless some of our bowlers came out of the match with good performances, Jack Doyle, Matt Gregson, Alistair Fisher and Edward Barnard bowled with a measure of control and with some great catching (Harry Flowers x 2) we just about kept the opposition in sight. A chase of 177 was not out of our reach but a good start was required.

Our tour rotation system dictated an experimental T20 batting order that eventually conquered our opponents. Despite losing five batsmen for less than 11 runs and coping with the vagaries of inconsistent boundary markers, Charles Kidson (57 no) and Ed Barnard (87 no) saw us over the line on the last ball of the match when Charles hit a boundary through mid wicket. This was a great win against opponents containing a few excellent players of greater age and experience.

U15 XI v South Boland

Shrewsbury lost the toss and were asked to field. And so to Hermanus for the T20 festival hosted by the town cricket club and high school. It was clear that the wickets were going to deteriorate quickly given the amount of cricket to be played (roughly three matches per pitch per day), and batsman never really felt 'in' on unpredictable surfaces.

South Boland took advantage of some wayward middle of the innings bowling, before being pegged back by another excellent spell from Ed Moore, and George Panayi.



It would need one of the Shrewsbury 'impact' batsman to get in to threaten the South Boland total, but alas, it was only George Hargrave who batted beautifully but at a modest strike rate who made real inroads. The innings folded somewhat following an unfortunate mix up between Panayi and Breese leading to George's run out. This was the first sub-standard performance of the tour in all three disciplines.

South Boland U15 XI defeated Shrewsbury by 23 runs

Friday 21st December

Alistair Fisher had been suffering with his breathing on Thursday night and after an uncomfortable night a trip to the doctors confirmed that he had a chest infection and he would play no further part in the tour. A great pity for Alistair but he certainly had done enough with the ball in hand to ensure that he will be a realistic option for the forthcoming season if he can improve his fielding to the required standard. Harry Flowers was continuing to struggle with his thumb injury but was keen to play his part in the tour and so played a bit part role as a specialist fielder.

Match 7

1st XI v Western Province CC at Hermanus CC

A midday start allowed us all a few hours extra rest before another tough match against a club that had already beaten our U15's. We were very much aware that during the holiday period their ranks are bolstered by a number of private school players. From the outset we knew they meant business but we were to match them in every facet of play.

We lost the toss and were asked to field. Joe Carrasco and Will Cook opened the bowling and both bowled well to restrict the Western Province side in their first 8 overs. Edward Pollock, Henry Blofield and Charlie Farquhar continued the good early work and Edward Barnard mopped up the tail to finish them off for 123 in 19.4 overs. Jamie Humes must be congratulated as he performed well behind the stumps but lapsed in concentration from time to time. Further improvements in our ground fielding and excellent catching (Jack Doyle, Jonty Small, Edward Barnard and Matt Gregson) combined with the secure bowling performance meant that we were in good order running into the final two fixtures of our tour on Saturday.

George Lewis was again asked to open the innings but, despite showing positive intent and showing great desire to chalk up a score and get the team going, he was bowled for just two. George has achieved a number of low scores to date but he has shown great application and discipline on tour and we are confident that the experience will help him en-route to an extended 1st XI career in due course. Meanwhile, Joe Carrasco continued his good form, played well, rotated the strike well and carried his bat while Edward Pollock applied pressure to our opponents by hitting frequent boundaries. A partnership of 60 in 43 balls between these two effectively won the match for us before a flurry of late wickets and controversy nearly tarnished a very good all round performance. We eventually won the match by six wickets with over 2 overs remaining. In chalking up another good T20 win we were certainly growing in confidence and despite the prospect of two matches on our final day of the tour and with energy levels very low we were sure that the spirit of the group would shine through.

U15 XI v Curro Langebaan School

Shrewsbury won the toss and elected to bat. It was pretty clear from the outset that we were facing weaker opposition, however another under-par T20 performance might have threatened



what should have been a straight forward victory. James Harris struggled in the heat of Hermanus but once again persisted, nudged and placed his way to an important 33, with some much needed mid-innings support from Harry Adair. Hargrave and Koch de Gooreynd put together a tidy partnership at the end of the innings, which ultimately put the match out of Curro Langebaan's reach. The Shrewsbury spinners took 5 wickets between them and bowled with sufficient guile and accuracy, proving too canny for the opposition. By match seven of the tour, the spinners really were getting to grips with their field settings with considerable effect.

Shrewsbury U15 XI defeated Curro Langebaan School by 24 runs

Before supper a little bit of beach time for some to finish off another hot and tiring day. As the sun set on Hermanus beach the prospect of grey skies and floods started to hit home but we still had much to do.

Saturday 22nd December

Match 8

1st XI v All Rounders Academy at Hermannus High School 9.00am

The early start against an Academy side bolstered by some Wynberg players required a great amount of concentration and application, but our early efforts were less than good and our opponents got off to a flyer. Once again we had to work hard to repair our early failings. The recovery started in the eighth over when ARA were already on 64 without loss. From the moment Henry Blofield took his first wicket (of 4) the team played better and better, but if it were not for some poor batting by our opponents we could, and should, have been chasing in excess of 200 runs. Charles Kidson, Freddie Earlam and Jonty Small all bowled well and played their part in ensuring that we were not chasing a massive first innings score. A total of 142 was certainly gettable on the ground where we had chased down 177 two days earlier.

Once again we failed to start well but Will Cook and Freddie Earlam steadied the ship and put together a solid partnership before Matt Gregson and Edward Barnard finished the job in style with an over to spare. Despite another win we did reflect on our poor starts with both bat and ball and we asked / demanded that the players respond in the afternoon with a better and more comprehensive performance.

U15 XI v Western Province Cricket Club

Shrewsbury lost the toss and were asked to field. Shrewsbury were determined to avenge the loss inflicted upon them earlier in the week by the same side in the longer format. Shrewsbury bowled and fielded superbly on a pitch which was showing signs of lots of cricket being played on it. George Panayi was superb in his two spells, as was Charlie Home bowling his off spinners with excellent fields. Western Province decided to bowl spin throughout the innings which turned out to be fairly astute. Only George Panayi made it into double figures, with many batsman finding it hard to get the ball away. A disappointing way to end the tour however, the bowling and fielding display was the culmination of much hard work and planning.

Western Province CC U15 XI defeated Shrewsbury by 46 runs

Match 9

1st XI v Bishops College Invitation XI at Hermannus CC 3.15pm

We lost the toss and were asked to field. The club pitch was showing signs of wear and tear, so keeping our opponents to a low score was vital. Charlie Farquhar and Edward Barnard made an excellent start and despite the resistance of Dan Russell (again!), wickets fell regularly as Henry



Blofield and Matt Gregson turned the screw. The final score of 104 for 8 was certainly the sort of score we would have wished to chase after losing the toss. The wicket keeping of Bertie Milligan-Manby and Jamie Humes had been satisfactory, occasionally good, to this point on tour but both left their best for last. In sharing the gloves duty on the last day both added greatly to a job well done in the field and ensured that the battle for the wicketkeeping spot will continue for the next six months. Concentration, technique, positive vocal enthusiasm, athleticism, strength and conditioning are all areas for both to develop in the months to come.

Meanwhile the batters had a difficult job to do on a difficult surface. Joe Carrasco and Edward Pollock opened the innings and quickly set about attacking our opponents. In 4 overs we had moved onto 28 before Joe decided to sweep a straight ball. Nevertheless, the die was cast and when Will Cook entered the fray the runs continued to flow, mainly from Edward Pollock. He went on to complete his 50 and the game was won in 13.4 overs. Our most comprehensive win was saved to the last and we thoroughly enjoyed the End of Tour Dinner later that evening in down town Hermanus.

The End of Tour Dinner was an alfresco do that saw the presentation of 'tour' and 'cricket' awards before Mr Greetham sang a soulful solo to bring down the curtain on a happy, harmonious and successful tour.

Sunday 23rd December

A 10.30am departure from our hotel ensured we arrived in plenty of time for our long flight home from Cape Town via Johannesburg to London Heathrow. Despite a number of passport and baggage issues, all returned home safely in time for Christmas with their families.

Senior Tour Cricket Awards

Fielder of the Tour	Harry Flowers
Batsman of the Tour	Joe Carrasco
Bowler of the Tour	Henry Blofield
Player of the Tour	Edward Barnard

Leading Tour Averages

Bowling (Av Under 20)

Charlie Farquhar	44	6	165	9	Av 18.33
Alistair Fisher	21	3	91	7	AV 13.00
Edward Barnard	38	9	152	16	Av 9.50
Henry Blofield	52	3	215	11	Av 19.55
Jonty Small	21.1	3	66	8	Av 8.25

Batting (Av Over 20)

Edward Pollock	159	Av 26.50
Edward Barnard	306	Av 76.50
Charles Kidson	98	Av 49.0
Charlie Farquhar	70	Av 23.30
Will Cook	219	Av 31.29
Jamie Humes	52	Av 52.00
Joe Carrasco	261	Av 52.20

U15 XI Tour Cricket Awards

Most Improved Player	Harrison Schofield
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Fielder of the Tour
Batsman of the Tour
Bowler of the Tour
Player of the Tour

Max Parsonage
Harry Adair
Edward Moore
George Panayi





RSSH: Success at the National Knole Run

Monday 16 January 2012

Pre-season training at Hunt HQ (Rigg's) pays off as Shrewsbury makes it into the top three schools in the UK.

The annual Knole Run in Sevenoaks always provides a suitably rigorous and challenging season opener for the cross-country campaign, and the event- now in its 38th year- is one of the toughest and longest races the Hunt competes in. Following our strong performance last year in which we moved inside the top five schools in the country, we were determined to make further strides forward this year, our primary goal in 2012 being to cement our position in the top three schools in the UK. To that end, aside from the hard training of the Michaelmas term, ten boys returned early from the Christmas break for three days pre-season training at Hunt HQ for the weekend- Rigg's Hall.

Two boys teams travelled down to Kent feeling better prepared than ever before, and we were delighted this year to take for the first time a girls squad of some promise, and indeed the girls did not disappoint. Despite having never competed on the 3.6km course, the girls looked impressive and reaped the rewards of their hard training with ARH over the winter term. Amy Stockdale (EDH) was the standout performer coming home in 19th/115, and she was backed up by Imola Atkins (MSH) in 33rd, Anna Thompson (MSH) in 34th, Becky Home (MSH) in 51st, and Libby Naylor (EDH) in 91st. With four runners 'counting', this meant that the girls were placed 6th overall out of 19 teams, a terrific result in their first outing at Knole.



Brothers George (Huntsman) and Ed Mallett in action at the Knole Run

In the boys event, a record field took to the starting line with 41 teams competing and over 320 runners competing. Our strength in depth was palpable, with 'B' team runner Toby Lansdell (PH) coming home in 58th in a time of 39.16. With further strong performances from Will Spencer Jones (PH) in 77th and Tom Fitzpatrick (R) in 144th, the 'B' squad placed 23rd overall out of the 41 teams, particularly impressive when one looks at the 'A' teams they beat from such notable schools as Brighton College, Oundle, Lancing, and Christ's Hospital.

We have high hopes for our top runners this year, and if the Knole is anything to go by, this

will prove a vintage season. Indeed, Huntsman George Mallett (S) was on typically fine form as he led our attack slotting in amongst the lead pack. Having placed just outside the top 10 last year, he was determined to push higher this year, and we were delighted when he came home in 5th position overall. His time of 34.11 would have been good enough for 2nd overall last year, a measure of just how competitive it is this season. Younger brother Ed Mallett did well to ensure he came home in the top 10, and our final four counters came home in a flurry with 33rd for Churchill's Rory Fraser, 35th for Severn Hill's Seb Blake, 27th for Port Hill's Tom Cousins, and

44th for Ridgemount's Ed Lloyd. There was a nervous wait at the presentation ceremony after the race as we knew last year's bronze medalists Abingdon would be close, but in the end, our score of 164 beat Abingdon's score by 23 points, and the team were able to go up and collect their medals for securing third spot. There were only 24 points between ourselves and second-placed St Alban's, and though the gap between ourselves and winners The Judd School (who have now won the event three in a row) is still significant, we have closed the gap from 203 points last year, to 87 this year.

It will be all to play for at the National Relays in Coventry in just over two weeks time, and the Hunt will look to match their performance at the Knole with a top-three spot there as well, and indeed we will look to challenge for top spot. Judd will be very difficult to beat, but we will certainly push them hard!



The bronze-medal winning team:

Back row l-r: Otto Clarke (S, 5th Form); Tom Cousins (PH, U6th); Huntsman George Mallett (S, U6th); Ed Mallett (S, L6th);
George Nugee (G, U6th)

Front row l-r: Ed Lloyd (Rt, L6th); Rory Fraser (Ch, 5th Form); Seb Blake (S, L6th)

Shrewsbury's success has also been written up by Kukri Sports: [Shrewsbury's Hunt for Success](#).

BOYS INDIVIDUAL POSITIONS (/323 finishers), 9km

RSSH 'A'

George Mallett	5th	34.11
Ed Mallett	10th	34.42
Rory Fraser	33rd	36.34
Seb Blake	35th	36.43
Tom Cousins	37th	36.56



Ed Lloyd	44th	37.06
George Nugee	53rd	37.39
Otto Clarke	57th	37.48

RSSH 'B'

Toby Lansdell	58th	37.49
Will Spencer Jones	77th	38.43
Tom Fitzpatrick	144th	41.33
Henry Dashwood	164th	42.09
Joe Tusting	203rd	44.24
Ivan Livingstone	218th	45.11
Toby Harvey-Scholes	269th	47.42

GIRLS INDIVIDUAL POSITIONS (/115 finishers), 3.6km

Amy Stockdale	19th	14.18
Imola Atkins	33rd	14.39
Anna Thompson	34th	14.41
Becky Home	51st	15.20
Libby Naylor	91st	16.38

Peter Bowring, CBE (Ch 1936-41) - Memorial Service announcement

Wednesday 16 January 2013

Details of the memorial service for Peter Bowring, who died on 1 December 2012, aged 89, have been announced.

The service will take place on Tuesday, 5th March at 2 p.m. at:

All Hallows by the Tower, Byward Street, London EC3R 5BJ.

Anyone wishing to write to his widow, Mrs Carole Bowring, is welcome to contact the office for her address: oldsalopian@shrewsbury.org.uk

Reflections from our Oxbridge candidates

Thursday 17 January 2013

We asked the 15 pupils who have received offers of places from Oxford and Cambridge this year, to tell us a bit about their time in Shrewsbury's Sixth Form. Their varied reflections make for interesting reading.

Tom Bland (Rt) has an offer from Magdalene College, Cambridge, to read Natural Sciences

I have thoroughly enjoyed my entire Shrewsbury career, especially life in the sixth form. Entering the sixth form I relished the opportunity to finally study the subjects I enjoy the most in greater detail, whilst saying goodbye to some that I was not so fond of. Biology, Chemistry and Maths were obvious choices for me, as I wanted to continue with my long-standing interest in those subjects. As a fourth subject I decided to have a go at the previously unknown subject of Economics, and I have enjoyed having the opportunity to pursue interests in a wide range of different subjects.

Outside of the classroom a definite highlight has been my expedition to Malawi last summer, where among other things I was given the amazing opportunity of pursuing my scientific interests in a small African hospital. I have also enjoyed representing my house on the sports pitch, being a member of the school charity committee and making the most of the wide range of lectures and trips that the school has to offer.

Ed Elcock (Rb) has an offer from Emmanuel College, Cambridge, to read Natural Sciences

Sometime around two years ago I committed to choosing my subjects to study at A level. Having decided upon physics and further maths, I noticed most people doing those subjects would choose chemistry or biology as their fourth. Therefore I took the obvious option of taking French. As a result I have found myself surrounded by both arts and sciences in my final two years at Shrewsbury, allowing me to pursue the interests I developed in both during my first years here. With the addition of Global Perspectives as my complementary study there have been a great number of times at which the workload got on top of me but in the end I think it will have been worth it.

Beyond the classroom, I used to be quite heavily involved in music, playing French horn in the orchestra and other groups, but I made the decision to phase this out through lower sixth to focus on my





work and other hobbies. Fortunately I have managed to keep involved in drama and debating, which I really enjoy. My favourite extracurricular activity at school is MUN, and I wish I'd given it a go before sixth form. I will be going on my fourth conference later this term to Edinburgh which I'm really looking forward to. Probably the most beneficial addition to my studies has been participating in the International Young Physicists' Tournament, which involves researching and building presentations on physics problems throughout the year. Going to the tournament last summer in Germany was a great experience and really useful, both for physics and public speaking skills.

Xavier Greenwood (Rt 2007-2012) has an offer from Balliol College, Oxford, to read Classics

After three years in which my enjoyment of the humanities was largely overshadowed by a somewhat troubled relationship with the Sciences, Sixth Form offered me complete academic freedom for the very first time - I took Latin, Greek, English and Economics to AS, dropping Economics at A2. Certainly, my love for Classics grew as the set sizes shrunk; a spirited four man Greek AS set taught by JAS was my first taste of the various idiosyncrasies one can extract from Classics (such as the medical basis - google at your peril - behind the luxation of Kebriones in The Iliad), and indeed tea and biscuits in our two man A2 set with Doc. Godwin brightened up even the dullest of winter timetable days.

The freedom I enjoyed in Sixth Form was not merely confined to the classroom. In the Michaelmas Term of Upper Sixth, my – eventually futile – pursuit of a place to read English at Cambridge instilled me with the flawed theory that it would be a good idea to give up almost all my non-academic interests to focus on my application. It was fortunate that my final two terms allowed me to make up for lost time, whether in MUN, in the McEachran prize, in the Hunt, or in underground journalism, as my decision to focus all my attention on a failed application stressed to me the importance of the Delphic inscription μηδὲν ἄγαν, nothing in excess – Shrewsbury offers balance and it should be sought. That being said, despite somewhat going against the archetypal Salopian's modus operandi, there is one thing I have learnt from reapplying, a decision which until I received my Oxford letter filled me with doubt; don't be afraid to be ambitious.



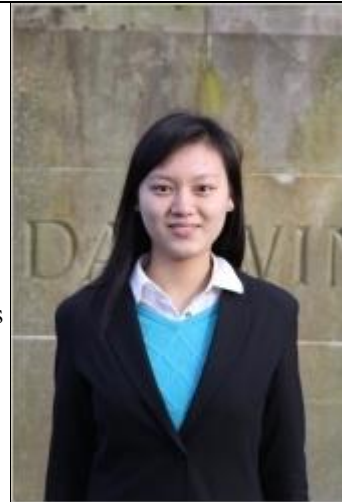


Sherry Jin (EDH) has an offer from Wadham College, Oxford, to read Chemistry

I am so pleased that I came to Shrewsbury School for my Sixth Form, since the school has provided me with the best academic support and comprehensive extracurricular activities.

I applied for Chemistry in Wadham College, Oxford. Chemistry has always captivated me, that's why I am a 'regular customer' for the School Library. Reading through those valuable Chemistry Books has not only enabled me to acquire as much beyond-A Level knowledge as I can, but also gave me the opportunity to get a place in Wadham College successfully. Moreover, I love challenging myself, so I took part in the School Chemistry Olympiad Training last year and have also participated in several British Chemistry Olympiad Competitions. My other A Level subjects are double Maths and Pre-U Physics, which is an excellent combination for studying Chemistry further; double Maths reinforces my capacity for dealing with high standard calculation and Pre-U Physics builds up my ability to get a thorough understanding for some abstract chemistry theory.

The Sports which I have enjoyed most so far at Shrewsbury are badminton and squash. I got a lot of superb training for squash last year, and have gradually fallen in love with such a creative and fabulous activity. I played it almost every single day when I went back to my country this Christmas holiday.



Seren Kell (MSH) has an open offer from Oxford, to read Biochemistry

Outside of lesson time (for my AS levels I took English, GPR, Biology and Chemistry) I have found myself most often in the music department. I play violin and piano and, as a member of a wildly ambitious yet spectacular orchestra, a string ensemble and chamber choir, I have been unfortunately forced to neglect the other two members of Shrewsbury's holy trinity - drama and sport. Meanwhile I've taken the opportunity to attend regular lectures (mainly scientific and literary) and a couple of societies (philosophical and political). Participation in MUN has allowed me to benefit from conferences in both Edinburgh and Paris.

However, all these things will seem dry in the context of any Salopian's sixth form career; what I genuinely most value from my time at this school have been some good, albeit occasionally eccentric, company, and most of all a persistent sense of fun.





Mark Lawley (S) has an offer from Jesus College, Oxford, to read Psychology & Linguistics

I have very much enjoyed all aspects of life at school in the sixth form, especially. Academically, I have really appreciated studying fewer subjects in greater detail, as that has really allowed for my interests in those subjects (French, Maths and Physics) to flourish, which then sparked my interest in Psychology and Linguistics which wouldn't have been possible without the mix of science and languages, as well as some great teaching and support from my teachers at school.

As far as extracurricular activities go, I have been able to relax and enjoy my self greatly with my admittedly recreational level of sport, such as house football leagues, and have expanded my horizons with the great selection of talks, lectures and trips that the school has provided.



Ed Mallett (S) has an open offer from Oxford, to read Chemistry

I have been at Shrewsbury since the third form and since the first weekend I have been known as a runner. I trained hard throughout third form but an injury in fourth form diverted my attention elsewhere and the new aim was an honorary scholarship after my GCSEs. I flew through GCSEs, picking up the targeted honorary scholarship and arrived in the sixth form thinking life would be simple.

At the start of the Sixth Form, the change was clear, new people in classes, complicated concepts which didn't float so easily into the mind and, like many, it took me longer than I expected to acclimatise. My AS mocks came around and I achieved one A, which, with a little help from PRV, reminded me that I had a bit of work to do. I got my act together and the final exams passed safely by.

The Upper Sixth saw me take on the mantle of Huntsman and hopefully many successes will follow this season with the main aim being to regain the National Relay's title. While working hard in the classroom I also believe that it is very important to have other targets, such as my running. *"To give anything but your best is to sacrifice the gift."*





Anna Olerinyova (MSH) has an offer from St John's College, Oxford, to read Biomedical Science

I got the opportunity to study at the Shrewsbury School two years ago thanks to a scholarship from HMC and a great school funding system. Coming from a small school in Slovakia, I was very excited and scared, but soon I became a part of the school and started loving it. Being more of an academic person, I devote a lot of time to studying in lesson time as well as lectures and various societies. My personal favourites are the student-run philosophy club which we established with my friend last year and MUN – a society where we discuss current issues in the style of United Nations and prepare for many conferences. I also enjoy taking part in many school or national competitions, such as the Chemistry Olympiad or Maths Challenge.

The best thing about the school though is that it gives me the opportunity for development in every direction. I regularly go to gym and play squash and last year's Art and Design classes pushed my artistic skills way beyond what I thought were my limits. It is a great experience and I really enjoy my time here, and am excited now about pursuing my interests further at Oxford!

Rosie Parr (EDH) has an offer from Christ Church College, Oxford, to read Classics

Throughout my time here, I always knew my goal was to try to get into Oxford. After hard toil I have finally achieved this aim and now know that one day I will reach the Elysian Fields. The teachers have been incredibly supportive – in fact 'teacher' is not good enough, as they reach the same pinnacle of wisdom as the philosopher kings.

Alongside my academic pursuits, I try to play as much sport as possible. I enjoy fives and hockey, both of which can get rather aggressive; remind anyone of Nero with the Christians in the Circus Maximus?

All in all I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at Shrewsbury, and to quote Cicero, *'cultivation for the mind is as important as food for the body'*.





Hannah Partington (MSH) has an offer from New College College, Oxford, to read Biomedical Science

My time at Shrewsbury has been a positive experience. I have been presented with opportunities I would not have had elsewhere including my upcoming expedition to Madagascar, which I am really looking forward to. Also, the diverse community of Shrewsbury has allowed me to meet people from all corners of the world with whom I have made lifelong friends.

Though I have participated in the sport side of the school my primary focus has been academics. I have enjoyed my subjects and all my teachers have been enthusiastic and helpful, especially in regards to my application to Oxford and my Extended Project Qualification (EPQ). Completing an EPQ on stem cell research helped to consolidate my interest in Biomedical Sciences and was also of considerable benefit in connection with my University application, particularly at interview.

My one piece of advice to any new comers to the Sixth Form at Shrewsbury is the more you put in the more you will get out of your time here.



Hannah Pritchard (EDH) has an offer from Queen's College, Oxford, to read French & English

Reading has been my passion at Shrewsbury and I have dedicated most of my time to pursuing this interest and studying in the library. Albeit that such a busy school can provide many distractions, choosing books over a trip to Starbucks or watching a film in house with your closest friends is always extremely satisfying... To work in the midst of some of the world's most treasured writers, favourites of mine including Camus and Baudelaire, provides comfort even on the coldest December afternoon, (alongside the eagerly anticipated Grot breaks I am prone to taking with my Grot-obsessed contemporary, Rosie Parr).

So as to avoid falling into the occasionally obsessive and one-dimensional life of an Oxbridge applicant, I have indulged in many of the activities which Shrewsbury has to offer outside of the classroom. Sport is my preferred pastime for the channelling of any academic pressures and stresses, thus hockey, fives and netball have dominated my school afternoons. I have particularly enjoyed fives and I would like to add that this is because of the exceptionally strenuous nature of girls' fives... rather than the (potentially edible and potentially chocolate) gifts that come from the wonderful white car making its way to the courts from the Day Boys direction...





Judah Rand (R) has an offer from Oriel College, Oxford, to read Engineering Science

It was a bit of a surprise to find myself a Riggite at Shrewsbury School in the Third Form as I'd planned to go to Adams Grammar. I soon realised what a lucky break I'd had. From the first, Shrewsbury has been a happy place to live and learn.

At the beginning of my Fifth Form I reached a crossroad in sports and left rugby to give all my efforts to rowing. It is no coincidence that my excellent tutor (who is also my chemistry teacher) is one of the rowing coaches, Mr Lapage. My biggest focus in the Sixth Form has been my rowing, no matter how much my academics have mattered. Traipsing through the cold and the wet in order to spend my afternoons at the boathouse every day has kept me sane and focused in my busy Salopian life. Some of my fondest memories will be of racing, and winning, in a yellow Empacher racing shell with 7 other oarsmen and a coxswain.

My academics in the Sixth Form have largely involved solving problems in double Maths and Physics, which is mostly entertaining and definitely less work than Humanities. All my teachers deserve credit for my Oxford offer, as does my Housemaster, Mr Middleton.

At Oxford I hope to continue with both problem-solving and rowing and whatever I do in future years, my happy Shrewsbury years will guide me.



James Steele (O) has an offer from Jesus College, Cambridge, to read Computer Science

James's reflections will be added to this page in due course.





Ratanon Suemanothom (G) has an offer from Hertford College, Oxford, to read Engineering

Looking back at the things I have been involved in surprises me. I think I did a lot. The list goes from Maths, Physics and Chemistry competitions to MUN and debating, as well as music, fencing and DofE Gold. Most were fun. Some a bit less fun, but still much better than if I sat around doing nothing. One required travelling to Germany during the summer, another means a trip to London in February, and others just a walk to nearby school buildings. All of them took some time and effort (in varying levels). So, yes, I believe I was involved, learning life's lessons along the way. I look forward to doing the same at Oxford.

Now for more intellectual matters. What's important about learning is not to learn to do textbook questions correctly but to learn to 1) understand and 2) like learning about your subject (I know this is very clichéd but it is quite true). Then things will fall into place. Also, it's good to know, in 2012, that Einstein was still right...



Chris Williams (I 2007-2012) has an offer from St John's College, Oxford, to read Human Sciences

My sixth form started with a new housemaster and a new headmaster, but one thing in Ingram's did not change. We continued to succeed in a large variety of academic and extra curricular activities. My involvement in these extra curricular successes included captaining the winning house debating team, captaining the school fencing team and gaining 2nd most improved at the Public Schools tournament, being a member of the winning 1st League team two years in a row, acting in two successful house plays, playing the guitar and enrolling in a music tech course. As well as being involved in all these activities I also managed to find time for my academic work. I got involved in Maths, Chemistry and Biology competitions including the Biology Olympiad in which I won a Silver Medal.

Since leaving school I have worked at a Nuclear Engineering firm and have enrolled in Point Blank Music College London before I depart for Biarritz to complete an 8 week French Language course. I very much miss the camaraderie in Ingrams and around the school. I certainly enjoyed my time at Shrewsbury and feel very privileged to have attended for five years. I fully intend to keep in touch with the school and hope to contribute to its long term future success.



Shropshire Concerto Competition: Two pupils through to the Final in March

Friday 18 January 2013

On Tuesday 16th January, Dorit Hasselberg (EDH UVI) and Henry Kennedy (I LVI) were among the 8 remaining musicians who were competing in the penultimate round of this year's Shropshire Concerto Competition. This event gives the opportunity for musicians from schools and colleges all over the county to aspire to the highest level of youth music.



Both Dorit (Clarinet) and Henry (Saxophone) were chosen to go through to the final, in which they will each be performing a concerto with the Shropshire Sinfonia in the Alington Hall on Wednesday 27th March. Dorit will be playing Concerto No. 2 in Eb major Op. 57 by Spohr and Henry will be playing Tableau de Provence by Paule Maurice. The evening will be recorded by BBC Radio Shropshire and will be broadcast in April.

Tickets for the final will be available from the Shropshire Music Service (address below), at a cost of £12, and £7 concessions (senior citizens/under 16's). Please include your name, address, tel. number/email address plus a stamped addressed envelope. Cheques need to be made payable to 'SYMPHO'.

Shropshire Music Service
Music & Art Centre
Long Meadow
Bayston Hill
Shrewsbury
SY3 0NU



George Holder (Ch 3) experiences a week at top racehorse trainer's yard

Monday 21 January 2013

'Pretty good' was the comment offered by ex-Aysgarthian George Holder when describing an extraordinary week over the Christmas holidays spent at racehorse trainer Lucinda Russell's training yard. George was staying with eight times National Hunt champion jockey Peter Scudamore, the whole venture arranged by family friend Neil Doughty, 1984 Grand National Winner (on Hallo Dandy). George's job was to gallop up to six racehorses per day.



One of his main memories seems to have been the weather. 'In Scotland', he remarks drily, 'rain hurts a lot on your face. There wasn't a day when I was warm. I had to sleep under three duvets'. Nevertheless he admits to having found the equine equivalent of being given a Ferrari to play round with 'very enjoyable'. Not all the horses were as unruffled as their young jockey, though, 'some spent too much time mucking around'.

George was the 2011 winner of the Horse of the Year show in the Under 14 133WHP class. He tells me that he wants to work with horses as a career, most likely as a jockey like his father before him.

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Sports results w/e 20th January 2013

Monday 21 January 2013

Week 2: 14th – 20th January

Date	Sport	Team	Opposition	H/A	Result	Score
Wed 16 th Jan	Football	1 st XI	Walsall FC Youth Team	A	L	0-4
	Netball	1 st XII	Moreton Hall	A	W	32-26
		2 nd XII		A	W	22-10
	Squash	Top Squad	Concord College	A	L	1-4



Senior Singing Prize: "A Jolly Good Show" by Guy Cabral (Ch IV)

Monday 21 January 2013

Guy's enthusiasm for the Singing Prizes (in which he competed himself in the Junior Section) shines through his review of the Senior Section.

On Sunday night, I had the great pleasure of attending the senior singing competition. The usual hustle and bustle of the event was compounded by the fact that it had been snowing and so people crammed in to get out of the cold or as was the case for me, out of the way of rampant snowballers.

The competition was started by the usual convivial speech by Mr Moore introducing the Judges. After Mr Moore vacated the stage his space was soon filled by the figure of George Fowler who gave a confident introduction to his song and proceeded to sing said song with a most expressive face. His song *Les Roses d'Ispahan* was sang well and from the gut. However I am encroaching on the judge's territory and I'm sure no one will want to hear the same thing twice so I shall move on to Tom Lloyd who sang Schubert's 'Du bist die Ruh'. This was interesting as I thought that he was a little constrained on the closed notes but my word when he opened up an incredibly rich voice flew from his lips; this was especially evident at the two crescendos which were just as climactic as the composer meant them to be. Well done. After that we were subjected to a roundabout turn by Andrew Spicer as he certainly didn't sing anything "high brow" as had the other two. Instead Andrew sang "I got plenty of nothing" from *Porgy and Bess*. This piece is very funny if sung right and Andrew pulled it off. He certainly had me giggling away in my seat at least. I was impressed specifically however by the fact that he managed to keep a fast and difficult piece very clear and easy to understand. Then back we were with the German theme as Moritz Bensele sang Schumann's "Du bist wie eine Blume." This is an emotional piece and suited Moritz's voice perfectly. It was a good effort by Moritz and although he thought he had sung 'rubbishly', I can tell him now that I enjoyed it immensely.

One of the highlights for me was Ed Chapman's 'O Isis and Osiris' from 'The Magic Flute'. This piece had some mind-blowingly low notes which Ed sang strongly and straight from the gut. Next on was Leonard Ma who sang J S Bach's "Qui mihi fecit Magna" with a rich and impeccable Anglo-Latin accent. My only piece of advice to Leonard would be keep your eyes open as for much of the time they were closed. This damaged the effect of really what was quite a marvellous baritone voice. Now on the subject of surprises the next singer was Jonty Binns who sang "If Music be the food of Love." I don't mean to say that his being there was a surprise, not in the slightest, no; the surprise came from the fact that he sang the song with a high alto voice. I must say I was astounded by his ability to reach those high notes and keep strong all the way through. A very impressive talent and I hope he uses it to good effect in the school choir.

The next on my list was Rob Cross who sang "Fear No More The Heat of the Sun." A magnificently rich voice carried along by crystal clear enunciation. The judge said of Rob, when he was later talking about each performance, that he "drew me on to a sword" in that he started quietly drawing in the audience and then whipped out a quick crescendo and impaled the judge to his desk (metaphorically only, of course). There was a slight pause in the proceedings when Teresa Fawcett-Wood wasn't around, and surprisingly there was no frantic flap, but the show coolly went on. In loco Teresae, the next contender descended the stairs. This was James Aitken



who sang a piece which was, some might think, a little too near the cusp of his range for it to be carried off. However, I thought he managed it. It was a jolly good effort, well done James. Following that Sam Ansloos sang “Not While I’m Around” from “Sweeny Todd.” He gave a jolly introduction which instantly created a favourable atmosphere, and then leapt straight into the piece. From time to time, Sam threw a little bit of Cockney colouring in to add some atmosphere to his song. There were points where the song went very high, and Sam was forced to a falsetto. However, luckily for him he has a strong falsetto voice and so it worked well. With a flourish Sam was done and the next singer descended to run the gauntlet. This was Meredith Lloyd who sang “Speak, Music”. All I can say is well done Meredith, as not everyone always hit the notes perfectly, but for Meredith, the notes were clear cut and of 24 carat [sic] quality.

The judges must have been hoping it would be over now, as it was already hard enough to decide on a winner, but there was no rest for the *wicked* (they hadn’t given me a prize in the junior section, not that I’m biased or anything), and the next singer took their turn in the limelight. This singer had some real operatic qualities and sang her Song “Ach, Ich Fuhls” (from Mozart’s Magic Flute) beautifully. This was, of course, Sienna Holmes, who, as I’m sure no one has forgotten, sang that very song at the concert version of The Magic Flute, performed in the Allington Hall last year. (Yours truly was a member of the chorus.) A very well known Churchillian was next to rise to the challenge: Laurence Jeffcoate sang Schubert’s “Widmung” which means dedication. Now I’ve had much to say about most people so far but as far as I was concerned Laurence was at the top of the league. He has a superb voice which carried right through the auditorium, pitch and tune completely mastered. With said voice Laurence pulled off both a difficult introduction and ending to the song. So, very well done: I enjoyed it tremendously. In truth I think the Judges were wrong not to give him a higher prize but “C’est la vie.” The next singer was a worthy contestant in the higher bar that my expectation had set after Laurence’s song: Ali Webb was that contestant and his jump was Gershwin’s “By Strauss”. (I’m going to stop the metaphor now as it’s getting out of hand.) I was suitably impressed. Not only did he make a nice sound but it was also the correct sound as he hit all the notes well. Expressive, would be a good way of describing his singing, although not necessarily what one might associate with the piece: one judge said that he “sang with a hint of flirting.” Well, that’s one way to win them over! I was excited about the next song as it was the song that I had sang in the Junior Competition; also I had helped the singer prepare, so I had a personal interest too. The singer himself was none other than Rory Fraser, who sang “A Nightingale Sang In Berkeley Square.” The introduction given to song brought a chuckle to the audience. In true Fraser style, a joke was thrown in. The joke being an apology to the judges for being the third person to sing his chosen song and as such it might turn into a “Sunny Boy” episode. (Devotees of P.G. Woodhouse will know what I mean.) Anyway the actual singing bit was great as well. He had a most pleasant voice which carried of the romantic felling of the piece nicely. To spice it up he included an exhibition of his waltzing talent on the line “For we were dancing cheek to cheek.” A great effort and a magnificent performance. I’m only sorry that he didn’t win a prize as, in my view, he jolly well deserved it. At what I thought was to be the end, another Churchillian took up the challenge and also carried on the theme of comedy, as his song was “Have some Madeira M’Dear.” It was a very funny song made all the more funny by Will Heyes who managed to be two completely different characters during the song. It was said of Will by the Judges that his “ability to switch between comical and sinister was great, even worrying.”

Just as we all thought it was over and the judges were preparing to slog it out with each other as to who should win. Teresa arrived and was ushered to the stage. Carried on by her dramatic arrival she boldly announced her song, “Mattinata”, and dived into it. This piece was incredibly

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fast with some really high notes and yet she kept up and hit each one. She really did sing the song very well right up to its climactic ending after a huge crescendo. Jolly good show Teresa!

Whew, this has been a lot of writing, but there was so much to write about. It was a really enjoyable competition and the Judges had a hard choice on their hands. I would like to finish with a quote by John Lennon, in honour of music and my house master, a former publisher (I'm a Churchillian, in case you haven't guessed): "Music is everybody's possession. It's only the publishers who think that people own it." With that I bid you all a good day and may music grant you pleasure wherever you go.

Guy Cabral



A Week in the Life of Emily Wood (MSH LVI)

Tuesday 22 January 2013

Emily Wood was chosen to write this piece as she studies both Art and Art History at A level. Her week hopefully hints at the breadth of activities that take place within Shrewsbury's Art Faculty, and her painting (pictured below) is currently on display as part of the current Lower Sixth exhibition. All exhibits can be viewed on the school website following the Art Faculty link: www.shrewsbury.org.uk/page/art-exhibitions.



Monday 14th January

Alarm set for 7:00am wake-up – but pressing the snooze button repeatedly until 7.30 seemed a much better idea. After a warm shower to wake me up, stepping outside to 0° to I was too late for Danish pastries in breakfast; obviously not so many pupils pressing snooze in the other houses.

After getting through my 5 periods of History, double History of Art and then double Business Studies it was time for Lunch, followed by Art in societies hour. Walking out of Art and back to house in the miserable rain and hail I thought to myself ‘Am I actually going to have to play netball in this weather?’ – The answer of course was yes! MSH managed to pay well despite the weather, and actually beat EDH! The rest of the evening was spent doing Topschools and there was an exciting event in MSH – but that’s a whole other story that Ms Peak says will only be revealed with bribery.

Tuesday 15th January

Tuesday is my favourite day. History of Art with Mr Woolley followed my double study period. Before starting Shrewsbury I’d never done anything remotely to do with the History of Art, and so it was a whole new subject, a nice change from my GCSE subjects. Personally I can’t think of anything worse than settling down to some nice maths equations. History of Art is much more my kind of a subject!

Next was break where I had my daily crème egg and hot chocolate! After Lunch I had rowing, a sport I never thought I’d participate in, but there I was at 3 o’clock sat in a rowing boat which had managed to get stuck in the bank praying that I wouldn’t end up in the water. Thankfully we made it back dry! In Topschools I settled down to my History of Art essay – in for the next day, as usual I’d left it to the last minute!

Wednesday 16th January

Wednesday, like Tuesday is another good day for me. Double History of Art was first, in which one of the boys questioned Mr Gabbitas as to why I’d been picked to write “a week in the life” and commented it was a good job there was spell check – rude.

At 4 we had Art, to which I took not only my sketch book with me, but a huge tin of biscuits for both me and everyone else! After having made our printing plates last week, today we were printing! Turning the wheel for the press I realised Mr Gabbitas had made it look far too easy – of course I couldn’t manage to turn it myself and had to get help! By the end of the lesson I’d



managed to produce 3 prints, of course I'd had a biscuit break in between finishing each one.



Thursday 17th January

Alarm set for 7.00am. It was chapel this morning; meaning I had to be ready for 8.20. Walking to breakfast even earlier than usual always feels unnatural – getting there to find Danish pastries though, I knew it would be a good day!

The morning lessons began with double Business, where we made paper aeroplanes for half the lesson to show the importance in the production and quality of a product – yes! This day actually was turning out well.

For most people in L6 their afternoons are spent doing different activities however, being an art student, my afternoon was spent in the art building.

Today I did some work in my sketch book, showing how I'd made my etchings and sticking in my best print and the plate itself. Of course in between this there was a trip to Grot (our school shop) where surprisingly I only got a hot chocolate and a chocolate bar; usually I end up buying nearly everything in there!

Friday 18th January

SNOW!!!!!!! After lunch fives was cancelled. So we decided to venture outside and into the snow. Ten girls took on the boys with snowballs. It was honestly the funniest thing I've ever seen. Coming back into house and drinking hot chocolate certainly warmed me up. I loved History of Art today. With Mr Reid we learnt about paintings made in the French Revolution, and with Mr Gabbitas paintings produced by Hogarth.

After a day which turned out to be more tiring than I'd anticipated, bed was actually very welcoming.

Saturday 19th January

Mum phoned me to tell me the bad news that my goat, Charlie, had keeled over and died! Poor Charlie. This afternoon Matron agreed to drive us to 'es and bargin' as she called it, to cheer us up and to get some extra accessories for our costumes for the 70s and 80s themed house dance tonight. After returning back to house we quickly got ready – of course when I say quickly it took about 2 hours! Ready in our neon outfits we walked to Rigg's for the dance, it was a very good night! We returned back to MSH where Ms Peak had made us all nachos which were very much appreciated by all.

Sunday 20th January

After last night the last thing any one really wanted to do was go to chapel for the 10 o'clock service! However the service passed quickly, and after we all headed down to KH for the much needed brunch.

The rest of the day was spent on catching up on Topschools, and a trip to Art to get on with some of my coursework. One of the best things about the Art facilities is not only the high level of teaching, which is a drastic change from my previous schools, but also that the Art Building is open pretty much all the time, so you can always go in. Of course, another bonus is that Grot is nearby, so once again an essential trip took place.



Finn's blog: 'Snow joy'

Tuesday 22 January 2013

Fourth former Finn McCormack keeps a blog on life as a Churchillian, as part of his DofE Bronze award.



With the release of *The Hobbit* late last year, fantasy epics seem to be becoming more popular. But no book, no matter how much Dr. Elliot likes it, will ever describe something as hard-fought as the yet-unnamed war which took place on Sunday, 20 January. I am writing this about half an hour after the main battle, and minor skirmishes continue as I speak. When the carnage will stop I don't know, but the night is sure to continue with small black figures running across the orange tainted whiteness.

Never, since I came to Shrewsbury, has there been such a buzz in the winter. Under normal circumstances, people stay inside, make toast, watch *How I Met Your Mother* or *South Park* or whatever's on, and do top schools. It is only in the safe warmth and light of the summer that anyone dares to go out for any reason other than to get to another building or collect a pizza. But now that the white blanket over Top and Bottom Common lights up the night, there is the chance to do something constructive or, even better, destructive. Rugby tackling snowmen, diving through the walls of an igloo are all activities that the less creative of us get up to. Wait, here's the best one: Some Ingram's geniuses rolled up for us a huge snowball which they then rolled down the Bank, blocking off the path way for cars to get from Oldham's to the Maidment Building. Luckily I think it melted away fairly quickly.

But the highlight of this term is the snowballing. I thought it reached its climax with the lunchtime battle on Lower Common, but last night something bigger hit the school. It started off with Riggs' and School House having a fight, while Churchill's and Moser's were having a small game too. It was fairly low-key until Ingram's, Riggs' and the Scallies joined forces against us (us being the newly allied Churchill's and Moser's). The general behaviour of large-scale snowball fights, I have learned, begins with a chaotic mess of friendly fire, followed by a retreat, a rally, a charge where one side chases the other away, screaming, before getting tired, retreating, then starting the cycle again. After some fun with that we united and named ourselves, imaginatively, Upper Common. One problem: there was nobody to attack. Over 150 psyched warriors were waiting for a worthy enemy and the rest of the school was in their houses. So we made our own enemies.

"Grove! Grove! Grove!"

"Everybody get together, we're going to take the Grove!"

The mass of disorganised barbarians glided over the fields like a huge, black jellyfish; its tendrils trailing behind it. Some jogged, some walked, and some made soft snowballs and tossed them around in jest, until we got to the border between the two rival states of Upper and Lower: the Bank. Down we slid; like lemmings off a cliff we went over the edge of the hill and arrived in the territory of Severn Hill, Oldham's, Ridgemount and the Grove. As you can imagine for a group with no leader, different shouts and commands were being thrown about by various people.



“Come on, make a line and head for the Grove!”

“No, let’s get Ridgemount!”

The Grove was an increasingly small house, but they had their strengths; they were all sixth form, and they had some good cricketers. We headed for Ridgemount.

Standing on their lawn, we shouted at them to come out and fight. Eventually around ten arrived and, after a short skirmish, we had won them over. We headed to Oldham’s. Down the road, however, Severn Hill and a few of Ridgemount were approaching, their intimidating black figures emerging from the shadows. It was snowing heavily. We managed to get Oldham’s on our side. The biggest battle yet was that with the lurking army steadily making their way up the road. This time they had the high ground; a bank separated us from them. We pushed them back, and then they sent us sliding back down the hill. Snowballs whizzed past my head, hissing before thumping on contact with either the ground or a person. As this continued, the army decided (I have concluded that Upper Common was a thinking organism in its own, having no particular leader, rather like an ant colony) to split. One half kept the Lower Common fighters held back, while the other (including me) headed for our original objective: the Grove. In a dramatic change of events, some of the Grove ran past us. Leaderless, we gave chase. And we ended up... back in the Ridgemount/Severn Hill/Grove battle. An epic finale followed. Slowly, the once victorious Upper Common was pushed back by the aggressive power of the outnumbered but better built Lower Common army. Pushed back, in fact, to KH. And it happened to be ten past six.

Tea didn’t go by as if nothing happened. We veterans talked about our experiences, and boasted of our bravery, dodges and headshots. A few aftershock battles with a small Oldham’s gang, and Churchill’s was safely back at the house. Who knows what’s going on outside now? I’m just glad that I can rest after a hard Sunday’s work.





Detox Day at KH

Tuesday 22 January 2013

What is the first thing you think of when you hear the word “Detox”? Do you have images of drinking gallons of water and sucking on a carrot stick? Well, perhaps you could be forgiven for thinking that. But allow us to blow that misconception completely out of the water!

Detoxing our bodies is not only a way of getting rid of any spare, unwanted pounds that we inevitably accumulate over the Christmas festive season, but it is also an ideal opportunity for us to flush out any toxins that would make us look and feel sluggish. Flushing our bodies of toxins and replacing them with vitamin-packed foods not only boosts brain power (ideal if you are about to tackle some challenging examinations) but also helps to keep our bodies protected against any pesky winter bugs that would try to attack our immune system. And studies have shown that if we top up our immune system with vital vitamins, we automatically increase the body’s chances of fighting off colds. So, detoxing is just like a spring-clean for your body! Best of all, it can taste yummy too!

Proof of this was on display at lunchtime today in Kingsland Hall, where a huge fruity display was put together by our ever talented staff. Chilled carrot juice was poured along with a truly delicious juice made up of watermelon, cucumber, kiwi & apple. Also on offer was a sumptuous banana, oat & honey smoothie. The home made granola bars went down a treat but they competed neck & neck with the platter of freshly baked fat-free Tuscan Grape Cake! Detoxing has never looked so scrumptious! As always the chefs were on hand to give students information on energy-boosting foods while they sampled the healthy snacks.

Our dedicated chefs are not only passionate about producing the freshest, healthiest food, but they also delight in conjuring up delicious treats, so today’s Detox day was a brilliant opportunity for them to produce treats that were not only healthy, but tasted wonderful too.

Detoxing has never tasted so good!

Carrie Zeiler

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The Singing Prizes 2013

Thursday 24 January 2013

A wonderful review from Richard Hudson; Guy Cabral (Ch IV) – one of the 45 contestants taking part last Sunday – will be writing his own account of the Senior section, which his housemaster says is a 'lovely and quirky piece of writing, but unfinished'. It will also be on the website in due course.

That singing is in rude, not to say refined, good health at Shrewsbury School is abundantly clear from the 45 boys and girls who entered the Singing Prize competitions held last Sunday, accompanied by Susie Allen and John Moore. With the school, like much of the rest of the country, bound fast in winter snow and ice, there was some doubt until the last moment whether the judges Dan Ludford-Thomas and Rebecca Ledgard would be able to get to the school, but they were not to be deterred, and the small but appreciative audiences for the three sections of the competition were treated not only to a feast of song but masterclass adjudication of the highest order, as so many styles of song were included in the programme. What mesmerises this reviewer when seeing young people sing, is how innate musicality 'will out'. Boys and girls who would never normally be seen dead listening to Finzi, Elgar and Schubert songs sing them with intense feeling and evident enjoyment. This is of course partly the genius of our superb singing teachers, Kathryn Turpin and Jonathan May whose inspirational teaching is more than anything else responsible for the astonishing number of young singers at the school.

It was clear from the moment the **Junior Section** started that we were in for a feast. Appropriately enough, Ned Pring started us off with the 'The lads in their hundreds' from Butterworth's poignant setting of poems from A E Housman's 'A Shropshire Lad' and we proceeded via nightingales in Berkeley Square (of which we heard three during the course of the evening), Fauré, traditional English folksong ('O Waly, Waly' – sung unaccompanied with courage and aplomb by Ben Higgins) to Daniel Powter's 'Bad Day' beautifully sung by Erika Osade, which rounded off this section. The 13 singers waited for the judges to reach a decision, and after a judicial tour de force in which each singer was given the succinctest possible mini-masterclass, prizes went as follows:

Ist prize – George Holder (Ch)
 2nd prize - Daniel Powell (Ch)
 3rd prize – Alfred Mitchell (SH)
 Highly commended: Imogen Richardson (MSH),
 Tammy Wong (MSH)
 Commended: Ned Pring (SH)



A break for lunch for the judges and the **Intermediate Section** followed in the early afternoon. Sixteen singers in this section. The first singer, Poppy Crowe set the standard with a wonderfully fresh and moving performance of 'Homeward Bound', which had my eyes pricking for one. An even greater range of styles was represented in this section: songs from musicals by Lloyd Webber and Sondheim interpreted by Katie Williams, Harry Al Adwani and Rob Shone, Jamie Nugent singing Mumford and Sons' 'Lover's eyes', a marvellous and smoky performance of 'Misty' by Connie Osborne, Will Hargreaves accompanying himself with competent cool, totally absorbed by his song, Nick Entwisle with a beautifully shaped and passionate



performance of 'On the street where you live' from the evergreen 'My Fair Lady', the whole section winding up with Ed Carroll singing a traditional American folk song 'The Erie Canal'.

An even more difficult adjudication this one, but after much deliberation the judges announced the following prizes, accompanied by much nodding of heads in the audience:

1st prize – Nick Entwisle (SH)

2nd prize – Harry Al Adwani (SH)

3rd prize – Henry Craig (M)

Highly commended – Awen Blandford (EDH), Jamie Nugent (SH)

Commended – Will Hargreaves (SH), Connie Osborne (MSH), Isabelle Codron (EDH)

And finally to the **Senior Section**, where once again an impressive range of styles and voices was on offer, including promising young counter-tenor Jonti Binns in Purcell's 'If music be the food of love'. We were treated to Italian Lyricism by Teresa Fawcett-Wood, classical opera by Sienna Holmes, Lieder by Laurence Jeffcoate, Tom Lloyd and Moritz Bense, more Sondheim, Gershwin – an astonishing tour de force by Ali Webb, this time unprotected by his piano but as always totally in command of his audience, and much else. The evening finished in lighter mood with Rory Fraser's calculatedly self-deprecating Berkeley Square nightingale and Will Heyes's decidedly sinister Madeira-fuelled dinner-and-afters as immortalised by Flanders and Swann.

More difficult deliberation resulted in prizes being awarded as follows:

1st prize – Sam Ansloos (G)

2nd prize – Teresa Fawcett Wood (EDH)

3rd prize – Ali Webb (S)

Highly commended – Rob Cross (S), Sienna Holmes (EDH), Will Heyes (Ch)

Commended - Laurence Jeffcoate (Ch)

Most entertaining performer (boy) – Will Heyes (Ch)

Most entertaining performer (girl) – Sienna Holmes (EDH)



RSSH: friendly vs Adams' Grammar

Thursday 24 January 2013

With most sport at Shrewsbury struggling to continue in any meaningful form with all the snow, The Hunt, of course, are pretty much carrying on regardless. A little bit of snow and the cold aren't enough to stop this hardy bunch of intrepid athletes! Indeed, in preparation for this week's friendly fixture against Adams' Grammar, a minibus-load of Hunt runners took to the hills at East Ridge near Pontesbury for a fairly unorthodox trudge through the snow, preceded by a mass 20-man attempt to push PJM's truculent Renault up the icy hill to the car park.



Hunt Training Run- East Ridge, Pontesbury

With 24 hours to recover, 16 Hunt runners travelled to Newport the following day to take on an Adams' team somewhat lacking in the depth of numbers that The Hunt enjoys. Having dodged the volley of snowballs from the troglodyte rugby players emerging from the shadows, our runners surveyed the blanket of snow before them on what looked to be a pretty tough 5km. Nevertheless, the Hunt immediately established a strong pack of runners at the front of the race following the gun, with the expected trio of Huntsman Ed Mallett, Senior Whip Seb Blake and Lower Sixth Former Rory Fraser quickly putting together a lead from the chasing pack.

Ralph Wade took on the responsibility of heading up the chasing pack, and indeed he did well to hold 4th position for the rest of the race, despite being pushed hard by the Adams' captain and



Ed Mallett, Seb Blake and Rory Fraser take it home to the finish, all crossing the line together

their first 'counter' who placed 5th. A flurry of Hunt runners followed, with all Shrewsbury from position 6-11, including third former Will Hayward in 8th, and fourth formers Oscar Dickins and Ben Remnant (6th and 10th respectively).

Whilst the win was never in any doubt, it was nevertheless a useful run-out for our lads ahead of the County Champs at the start of February, and this will certainly have been a confidence boost.

1=E Mallett	RSSH	18.19
1= S Blake	RSSH	18.19
1= R Fraser	RSSH	18.19
4 R Wade	RSSH	19.21
5 A Charlesworth	Adams'	19.36
6 O Dickins	RSSH	19.55
7 T Lansdell	RSSH	19.56
8 W Hayward	RSSH	20.03
9 M Lawley	RSSH	20.07
10 B Remnant	RSSH	20.29
11 S Watts	RSSH	21.51
12 J Turner	Adams'	22.10
13 C Davis	RSSH	22.12
14 T Clarke	Adams'	22.17
15 P Sivakumar	Adams'	22.23
16 C Papaioannou	RSSH	22.27
17 C Godman	RSSH	22.31
18 J Humpish	RSSH	22.36
19 T Harvey-Scholes	RSSH	22.41
20 S Sawyer	RSSH	22.46
21 E Morris	Adams'	23.02
22 W Griffiths	Adams'	25.01
23 R Haycock	Adams'	26.34

1st RSSH 23 points
 2nd Adams' Grammar 112 points



Ralph Wade tackles the Ha-Ha

Success in RSC Chemistry Schools' Quiz

Thursday 24 January 2013

Four Shrewsbury school students have reached the 2nd Round of the Royal Society of Chemistry Midlands Chemistry Quiz Competition.

In a closely fought competition, they narrowly overcame Kings High School for Girls, Warwick 53-46 in the 1st Round.

Our team consisted of two 5th formers: Oliver Hope (Ch), Sonny Koh (Ch), and two 4th formers: Sasha Arridge (Rb), Hector Kaye (Rb).

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.

ADB

Concert review: Ali Webb and Friends

Thursday 24 January 2013

Seb Constantine (S UVI) – exams now behind him – reviews the extraordinary night of 'Ali Webb and Friends' in concert that was held in the Ashton Theatre a few weeks ago. We are still expecting to get some more (and better) photos.



Ali Webb is a force of nature in the world of the Music Department of Shrewsbury School – you'd be hard pressed to find any student who contributes more, or who spends more time there. In that, he is much akin to his great idol and inspiration, John Moore, Shrewsbury's Director of Music. So, to reward Ali's huge contribution to the musical life of Shrewsbury, and to publicise his own work as a singer/songwriter, it was decided that he would host his very own concert, playing both solo and with a wide array of talented guests.



Ali setting up

It could never be said of Ali that he was in any way slap-dash about the preparation for what was potentially his biggest gig to date – along with his marketing team, he set about spreading word of the concert, through both social media and his well-co-ordinated poster campaign, as they started appearing all over the school. So dedicated he was, that he even gave up some of his holiday time to hold rehearsals for his band at school, and the intensity of these rehearsals only mounted after the return to school, as it became virtually impossible to catch a glimpse of the man at work.

But finally, the big night was here, and everything was prepared; lighting, sound and staging were all in place, and the doors opened at 7pm. While the audience took their places, there was frenzied preparation going on backstage, as Ali's backstage team busied themselves and the performers warmed up. When the audience were seated comfortably (and some, not: the seats were sold out, and some people were willing to either stand or sit), John Moore began his customary welcoming speech: Mr Moore's speeches are widely reputed

for their succinct but inspirational nature. Ali did not have to wait long at all before he was on stage, completing the quartet of Henry Thomas (Trumpet), Henry Kennedy (Saxophone), Josh Smout (Drums) and Will Heyes (Bass).

The first three songs flew by, and the band kept the audience well entertained, particularly with an original, 'Blue Skies', opening the night in uplifting fashion. But soon, it was time to welcome

on the string section, comprising Awen Blandford (Cello), Andrew Spicer (Viola), Michael Cheng and Calvin Chan (Violins), as Ali gave his latest iTunes single, 'Wasted Time' <https://itunes.apple.com/gb/album/wasted-time-single/id590681055>), its live debut. Beforehand, Ali enlightened the audience about how the song had come into being during his five week course at Berklee over the Summer, where he met and collaborated with similar minded and talented individuals, writing and recording songs. In fact, virtually all of his songs was prefaced with a concise and fluent explanation of its place in his set. 'Wasted Time' was a huge hit with the audience.



But it was arguably his arrangement of the Wordsworth poem, 'Lucy Gray', that had the biggest emotional response from the audience. Having been handed the poem by his music teacher from Abberley Hall, Jane Whittle, where his love of music was initially kindled, Ali had finally decided to arrange it for a full ten-piece band, as his completed horn section (Richard Hudson and Henry Newbould) joined his trio and string section on stage. He successfully brought his typical combination of sultry Jazz piano and smooth vocals to the song. What's more, he directed his pre-song talk to said music teacher, who was in the audience that night: she was delighted, praised Ali and agreed with the audience that 'Lucy Gray is in very safe hands'.

It was time to add the 'friends' to 'Ali Webb': the first guest was to be Connie Osborne, singing (and playing ukulele) on a Johnny Flynn and Laura Marling duet, and Awen Blandford providing a beautiful performance on the cello. Despite interrupting Ali's pre-speech by prematurely marching onstage, the song was a triumph, and Connie left the stage to a rousing round of applause. She was soon followed by Sienna Holmes, providing the audience with another original, 'All Kinds of Crazy', with Ali's soft piano intertwining with her soaring vocals, literally stunning the audience into a split second of silence at the end. A short while later, Daisy McConnel provided the audience with a moving rendition of 'Living on the Sidelines', a fitting homage to Freddy Tempest, building on the success that Daisy and Ali have already had with Freddy's 'Windows in My Heart'. Daisy's intricate guitar work and breathtaking voice moved at least several of the audience to tears, as she was reinforced by the combination of strings and piano, in a performance that will live in the memory of audience members and performers alike for a long time yet. It was bound to be a hard act to follow, but Teresa Fawcett-Wood roused the audience from the emotion of Daisy's performance with 'Care Free', yet another premiere of one of Ali's originals. 'Care Free', which is arranged for both trio and horns, seems sure to be one of his songs that will stand him in good stead for his pop career.



By now, the set was drawing to a close, and soon Ali came to his last song, once again featuring the wonderful Sienna Holmes. ‘Oh Wanda’ was the last of Ali’s originals to be played on the night, and featured not only the trio, but also the choir of Awen Blandford, Tom Lloyd, Daisy McConnel, Teresa Fawcett-Wood, and Connie Osborne. The song was a fitting end to the official set, which had opened on the jubilant tone of ‘Blue Skies’, found solemnity in ‘Living on the Sidelines’, before finishing on the note it started on. The passionate, almost gospel-like effect of Sienna and Ali’s vocals,

echoed by the choir, really upped the pulse of the night, and was rightly followed by an enormous round of cheering and applause, as the audience celebrated the collaboration of so many talented young artists.

Ali left the stage, somewhat reluctantly, but after such a performance, it seemed inevitable that the night couldn’t be over yet. An encore was demanded by the audience, and he gratefully took to the stage one last time, to perform the cover he is perhaps most well-known for: Elton John’s ‘Your Song’. Ali’s performance put all other covers to shame, as he took the well-known piano tune and interpreted in a completely unique way. There was a standing ovation as the final note of the night died away, as the audience seemingly refused to let the experience end.

Ali, though, is not one to hog all the glory, and reeled off a lengthy list of thank yous. As the audience eventually filtered reluctantly out of the doors, Ali’s team breathed a sigh of relief backstage. Ali was even visited by his fan club – a group of Abberley Hall children who were keen to hear all about his life after prep school. Being the consummate professional he is, Ali was very happy to listen and respond to all their questions, and thanked all of them for coming.

As the night wound down, the conversation at the after-concert drinks turned to Ali’s future, and what he planned to do with such talent. He certainly won’t be resting on his laurels, as he’ll continue to make music, reaching an increasingly widespread audience. Whatever the future holds, it is sure to be bright.

Seb Constantine



Moser's House Play: "The Servant of Two Masters"

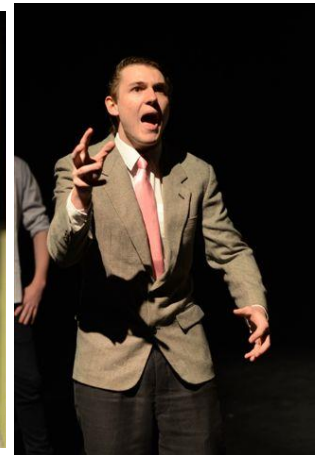
Friday 25 January 2013

The 2013 House Play season kicked off with Moser's Hall in the Ashton Theatre on Thursday 24th & Friday 25th January - a modern adaptation of Goldoni's "The Servant of Two Masters."

Satire, slapstick and farce in abundance! The Moser's Hall team, with a touch of class added by the girls of Emma Darwin Hall, had to work hard to be ready so early in the term. Nonetheless, opportunities for Houses to perform in the busy Ashton Theatre are increasingly hard to come by and so the third Moser's Hall play in just seven terms was quickly prepared - our next chance may not come until 2015!

This was an entirely pupil-led project that tested the organisation, commitment and particularly the courage of all involved. Even with just hours to go before the first performance, crucial props were still being hunted, stage-paint was drying, costumes were 'evolving' and perhaps one or two lines were still being learned. Lead Actors/Directors Ed Wilson and Jack Viljoen pulled it all together admirably and by the final performance on Friday, a very full and appreciative Ashton Theatre audience were left well-entertained. Congratulations to cast and crew!

PP





Churchill's boys win 1st and 2nd place in Junior Singing Prize

Saturday 26 January 2013



George Holder (he of the racehorses, two articles below!) and Daniel Powell, two Churchill's third formers who won 1st and 2nd prize respectively in the junior singing prize last week. George sang 'I'll be home for Chrstmas' and Daniel sang 'Memory'.



RSSBC: J14 team Gold and an individual Bronze from the English Indoor Rowing Championships

Sunday 27 January 2013

At the English Indoor Rowing Championships in the Manchester Velodrome on Sunday 27th January, four J14 oarsmen won gold medals and one, Jacob Rand, got an individual bronze.

The U14 team - consisting of Jacob Rand (R), Charlie Speed (I), Angus Inglis-Jones (Rb) and Rory McKirdy (PH) - covered 3000m in 10'00.1", beating The Grange School into second (10'13.8") and Northwich Rowing Club into third place (10'21.7"). One measure of the emphatic nature of their victory is that their time was quick enough to have beaten no fewer than six of the thirteen U16 teams that had entered!



Pictured L-R: Angus Inglis-Jones, Rory McKirdy, Charlie Speed & Jacob Rand.

Having beaten the existing school record to win the Hope-Simpson before Christmas, Jacob was known to be a strong contender in the individual U14 event but he had to push himself very hard against tough opposition from twenty four other schools and clubs to finish third behind oarsmen from Hereford and Durham. In the process of moving up through the field, however, he smashed his own Personal Best, travelling the equivalent of 1168m in

4 minutes.

We were also delighted that two of the girls competing in (and winning) other events in these Championships are due to join our Sixth Form in September, which bodes well for RSSBC Girls' Rowing in the future!

SAAF



Sports results w/e 27th January 2013

Monday 28 January 2013

Week 3: 21st January – 27th January 2013

Date	Sport	Team	Opposition	H/A	Result	Score
Tuesday 22 nd Jan	Netball	1 st VII	Harper Adams League (<u>Freshers</u>)	A	W	32-11
Wednesday 23 rd Jan	Hunt	Seniors	Adams' Dash	A	Team took 9 out of the top 10 places	
	Squash	Top squad	Bromsgrove School	A	W	3-2
Saturday 26 th Jan	Fives	U15 Pairs	Edward VI School	H	W	2-0
		U14 Pairs		H	W	2-0
Sunday 27 th Jan	Rowing	J14	English Rowing Indoor Rowing Championships	A	Team Gold and an individual bronze medal to Jacob Rand	



Fencing: Fourth Former becomes regional U18 Foil champion

Tuesday 29 January 2013

British Youth Championships - Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th January.



Congratulations to Marco Lee (I IV) who won the West Midlands U18 Senior Boys Foil Title on Sunday.

In other categories, Jonty Small (M LVI) finished third in the U18 Boys Sabre, whilst Ross Viljoen (PH V) went one better in the U16 Boys Sabre claiming second place.

In the U16 Boys Foil, Scot Reynolds (Rb IV) finished third. In the same event Matty Owen-Sinclair (M IV) and Alec Barnes (PH 3) all finished in the last 16.





A short Week in the Life of Charlie Adams (S V)

Wednesday 30 January 2013

Monday 21st January

After an energetic weekend in the snow, Monday morning hit me with a jolt. Heaving myself out of bed at an ungodly hour and making the cold trudge to breakfast seemed even more impossible than usual. Nevertheless, a cooked breakfast later, I got ready for lessons. The morning passed without incident, apart from the occasional volleys of snowballs between classes. Lessons involved reviewing our marks for our GCSE mocks which we completed straight after the Christmas holidays – a harsh shock to the system at the time! After lunch, societies hour brought some much needed time for relaxation watching the first round of the junior house debating. Due to the amount of snow, sport for the afternoon was disrupted, leaving us, instead of rugby training, to complete a few laps of bottom common. Hopefully all this fitness work will pay off when the snow finally begins to thaw!

Tuesday 22nd January

Today was an average day. We had tutor period before lessons with Mrs Hankin and caught up on what had happened to us all over Christmas and during our mocks. Lessons all morning passed by without disruption. After lunch, all of the 5, L6 and U6 rugby players took part in a touch rugby tournament in the snow. It was good fun despite the cold. It was then back to lessons, tea and then topschools for the rest of the night.

Wednesday 23rd January

We had chapel with the 4th form in the morning in which Mr Middleton showed us the inspirational and poignant artwork of his young daughter. After a heavy morning of lessons, we were greeted in KH by a tasty but cold lunch – a lovely surprise! The still thick snow meant that all of the afternoon's rugby matches were cancelled, and frustratingly more fitness for us indoors. The snow was starting to get annoying. This time we did circuits in the cricket centre and then later on in the afternoon I had cricket training.

Thursday 24th January

Thursday morning was a welcome sight, being a morning when the 5th form has no commitments before lessons start, giving you a very brief but welcome lie in. We had 5 lessons, lunch and then activities for the afternoon. My activity this year is cricket. It goes on for 2 hours, starting at 2. This Thursday was slightly different, being the night for the scholars' dinner. Nick Ostler, a renowned linguist with "a working knowledge of 26 languages", presented an interesting talk on the future of the English Language and its predicted decline in importance. We then had a good meal in KH laid on especially for us.

Friday 25th January

It was another normal day. There were five lessons and then lunch. The 1st XI's ISFA semi final match had to be postponed so that meant that sport carried on as usual. All the pitches were still unplayable so we went to the gym for rugby.

Saturday 26th January

Today was the A level options fair which meant that the 5th form, plus all next September's new 6th form entrants, attended a morning dedicated to deciding which A levels to study. We had to attend 4 subject presentations. I chose Economics, Latin, Biology and Physics. The talks were informative and interesting in most cases and went a long way to helping me finalise my choices. Then at last, after this had all finished, it was home time, for a weekend of well earned idleness and relaxation.



Scholars' Talk and Dinner 2013

Wednesday 30 January 2013

*This year's Scholars' Talk took place on Thursday 24th January in the Science Lecture Theatre, and was followed by dinner in Kingsland Hall. The guest speaker was **Dr Nick Ostler** (<http://www.nicholasostler.com/>) and his topic was 'English as a sluggish responder in a world of global languages'.*



Dr Ostler treated us to a wonderfully wide-ranging illustrated talk on how languages grow and die and how the dominant lingua franca moves with the development of global economies and world politics. He questioned the assumption that English will be the world language in a few years' time, and raised the interesting question of how we will continue to communicate in the future when technology will have united the world with the internet.

JG



More information on 'Team Shrewsbury School' for the Marathon / Half Marathon in June

Thursday 31 January 2013



Further to the recent announcement that Shrewsbury will host its first ever marathon and half-marathon, already significant numbers of staff have signed up for the event on Sunday 23rd June 2013. A number of parents have also expressed an interest in joining team Shrewsbury School, so the team is fast growing. In fact, we are aiming for 100 runners in total to be part of the school team, from staff, parents and pupils, with the majority likely to be tackling the shorter distance of the half marathon.

If parents wish to enter the half-marathon or marathon, please can you enter via the event website (www.intherunning.net) but also let the school know that you have entered so we can add you to our team list (e-mail pjm@shrewsbury.org.uk). When entering your details on the website, please put 'Shrewsbury School' under the team name.

A few more pieces of information for you:

1) The school will be hosting a pre-race 'Pasta Party' the night before the race in The Quod. This will be an opportunity for staff, parents and pupils to get together as a team and to get down a few bowls of those all-important carbs! We will also hopefully have a speaker at the event to get everyone inspired and geared up for the race the next day.



2) We will be getting vests made up for those in the school team, and these will also include the 'Medic Malawi' logo, the charity that the school will be supporting in its fundraising for the event. Do feel free to raise money for the charity of your own choice, but if you are looking around for a worthwhile charity to support, then we would certainly recommend Medic Malawi. A group of Shrewsbury students will be visiting the project in summer 2014 and will see for themselves how the money is being spent. The school are currently raising money for the 'Shrewsbury Eye Clinic' in one of the seven poorest countries in the world, and we hope that the marathon will raise further substantial funds for this project. We would also welcome the support of businesses or companies in our fundraising.

3) We will arrange a training run prior to the race in various different pacing groups in order that the team have the opportunity to run one lap of the course (just over 10km). This will likely be on a Sunday a few weeks before the race itself, and will be a good opportunity to meet others from the team and prepare for the race itself.

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New Drama scholarships for 2013

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This is the first year that Shrewsbury School has offered Drama Scholarships for Third Form (13+) entrants, which our Admissions team are particularly excited about. Drama will be included in our GCSE curriculum from 2014, so will be an option for any pupil joining the Third Form this September.

Our 13+ Art and Drama scholarship assessments will be taking place on Monday 4th March 2013.

Please contact Verity in the Admissions Office on 01743 280552 if you are interested in applying.



Ed Barnard named England U19 Player of the Match in first Test v South Africa U19

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England Under-19s 277 for 7 (Barnard 107, Williams 4-61) v South Africa Under-19s*

Ed Barnard (PH LVI) is training with the England U19 Development Squad, who are currently on tour in South Africa where they are scheduled to play two four-day Tests and five one-day internationals against South Africa U19s, as part of the build-up for the Under 19 World Cup in February 2014.

When Ed came in to bat on the first day of the first Test, England were deep in trouble in their first innings on 89 for 5. By the end of the day, Ed had scored his first international century and was unbeaten at 107. Ed finished on Day 2 with a score of 114 off 294 balls, including 12 fours, and England eventually won the Test by 107 runs.

Ed took the final catch to secure victory, and was duly named Player of the Match. As Director of Sport Paul Greetham commented, this is a *'stunning international debut, in possibly the most stunning ground [Newlands]'* - and that was only on Day 2.

The full report is on the CricInfo

website: www.espncricinfo.com/ci/engine/match/593029.html

The 2nd Youth Test match (3rd - 6th February at Paarl) wasn't quite so successful - South Africa won by 67 runs!

Ed, who joined our Sixth Form last term, has already represented England at the Under 17 level. He and his two brothers Michael (Rb 2006-2008) Stephen (Rb 2009-2011) all play for Shrewsbury Cricket Club's 1st XI, and Ed is also a member of Worcestershire's Academy and has been in the England Development Programme for the past two years.

Worcestershire's Director of Cricket, Steve Rhodes, commented "Ed is a talented all-rounder with an old head on young shoulders" and Shrewsbury Cricket Club's Captain Rob Foster concurs "he's an outstanding talent... he's equally as good at each of the three disciplines: batting, bowling and fielding."

Ed has recently signed his first professional contract with Worcestershire CCC, and will be playing for them over the next two summers.