



Cricket: 1st XI continue their winning streak vs Uppingham

Friday 1 July 2011

Congratulations to the 1st XI who achieved fantastic victories over Affies School, Pretoria on Tuesday, and then a comprehensive win over Uppingham in a two-day match on Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th June, bowling the opposition out for a staggering 41 in the second innings – Steven Barnard taking five wickets. Senior has never seen such an impressive slip cordon!

Shrewsbury 147(S Leach 50), Uppingham 163-7 dec(A Pollock 4-42)

Shrewsbury 197-3 dec (H Lewis 61, S Leach 92), Uppingham 41 (R Smith 4-18, S Barnard 5-17)

Shrewsbury School continued to show good form going into the Silk Trophy next week @ Oundle.

After a poor showing in their first innings, Shrewsbury came back strongly with bat and ball. In the final innings Shrewsbury set Uppingham 182 in 40 overs but a high class, devastating and aggressive opening spell by Stephen Barnard (5-17) & Ruaidhri Smith (4-18) blew away the Uppingham batsmen and Shrewsbury won by 140 runs with 25 overs to spare.

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Old Salopians gather at Henley to cheer on School v Winchester

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On Wednesday 28th June the School's 1st VIII rowed successfully against Winchester, getting their Princess Elizabeth Cup campaign at the Henley Royal Regatta off to a brilliant start.

The crew were cheered on by a large contingent of parents, friends, staff and Old Salopians as they crossed the finish line just under 3 lengths ahead of their opponents.



During the lunch interval, 1st VIII oarsmen mingled with the hundred or so supporters that had gathered at the Sabrina Tent in the Butler Field car park. Many former Old Salopian oarsmen were present including members of the victorious 1961 Princess Elizabeth Cup crew, as well as a sprinkling of Oxford and Cambridge rowing blues. The '61 crew has been invited to row the course again on Saturday 2nd July, to mark 50 years after their famous triumph.



Outdoor Week 2011

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There is now a stretch of dry stone wall on the Welsh border built by boys from the Third Form. As the organiser of Outdoor Week this fact gives me great satisfaction, especially as it was started by pupils from the previous year. Outdoor Week was conceived just four few years ago and has now developed into an integral part of the Third Form calendar.

The Third Form is the only year when pupils do not sit public examinations, and we developed Outdoor Week as a six day outdoor education package to combine Duke of Edinburgh Award expeditions and a parallel educational package with (naturally) the Shropshire countryside as the venue. This year 106 boys completed their Bronze DofE expeditions but also undertook a range of activities to include working with Shropshire Wildlife Trust on a local reserve, a day long competition package at a local military training area and a team based 'wet day' on the River Dee. Ben Smith comments separately on his Outdoor Week experience in his recent ['Week in the Life of article'](#) but feedback from other participants has been highly positive too:

Boys commented: *'really good fun with lots of hard challenges to face'* and *'a really good week where we didn't get a chance to catch our breath - it was great to be camping with your friends and to have independence'*.



BLUE CHAIRS ON OUTDOOR WEEK

Blue Chair ventures continue – Toby Thomas and Brendan Parsons, both of School House (of course) carried a blue chair each on their recent DofE Bronze expedition. They managed to manfully carry these plastic and metal monstrosities around the two day 35 kilometre route – taking photographs of the chairs in various locations along the way. Some sponsorship in aid of The Leukaemia Trust was collected from friendly glider pilots along the way. The expedition took place over the Long Mynd, a well known Shropshire landmark and gliding venue.

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Polo: Success in the SUPA final, to round off a good summer season

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The admittedly abbreviated summer polo season came to a close at the annual Schools & Universities Polo Association (SUPA) Tournament for Senior Schools held at Longdole Polo Club, Birdlip, on Sunday 26 June.



Up to that point we had played matches against Cheltenham, Marlborough, Stowe and Eton as well as chukkas with Uppingham and Oakham. In the course of these school-to-school matches at Longdole PC, Kirtlington PC near Oxford and at Ranksboro PC in Rutland we got as near as causing our opposition a degree of anxiety, even surging ahead on the scoreboard for a few hopeful - but illusory - moments. Such losses as we recorded were never less than respectable even as we gained more experience and co-ordination.

This pattern prevailed at the SUPA Intermediates on the 19th of June at Longdole. Led by veteran Alexander Montgomery (O LVI), rising hopefuls Henry Kennedy and goal-scoring Max Hulse (both I IV) along with some help from our friends fought hard and with growing effectiveness against unfavourable odds. These losses sustained were also no disgrace.



At last, however, the horsey gods smiled in our direction at the SUPA Final. Under the able captaincy of Archie Smyth-Osbourne (Rt LVI), his minions William Hunter (Rt LVI), Cecily Higham (MSH LVI) and that rising star of the future, Sebastian Heywood (S III), the Shrewsbury team victoriously battled its way up the divisional roster against Dean Close and Wycliffe before facing Sherborne in an exciting two chukka final. Despite the fact that our opponents were stronger in terms of handicapping, Smyth-Osbourne dominated the first chukka no less than those played earlier in the day and scored and scored and scored again (sometimes with a little well co-ordinated help from his comrades). Such was his aristeia that his adversaries sensibly concentrated their fire on him in the second, denying us that

tantalisingly near final victory over all. Even so a second place was gratifying enough as it recorded a new high water mark in the history of our participation in this event.

That Archie Smyth-Osbourne was honoured with the cup for the most promising player in the whole tournament came as little surprise. He had had an altogether pleasing day.

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Fencing: Two second places in the Shropshire Closed Fencing Championships

Friday 1 July 2011

Congratulations to Chris Williams and Stephen Lillico who finished 2nd in the Men's Foil and 2nd in the Men's Sabre respectively at last week's Shropshire Closed Fencing Championships.

Tennis: 1st and 2nd teams defeat Cheltenham College

Friday 1 July 2011

Congratulations to the 1st & 2nd VI's who beat Cheltenham College 5-4 and 6-3 respectively in fixtures last Saturday. Terrific result.

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Cricket: U15A XI crowned Midlands T20 Champions

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National Finals Day in September.

Shrewsbury U15A XI played Loughborough Grammar School in the ESCA Midlands T20 Final (National 1/4 Final) on 30th June, and in doing so, qualified for the National Finals Day at Arundel on September 8th.

Shrewsbury won a thriller by two runs - Loughborough needing eleven from the final over to win, and only achieving nine.

Two turning points in the match were a blast of 14 runs from Rob Treasure in the final over of Shrewsbury's innings, and then a hat-trick from skipper Henry Blofield in the Loughborough innings. The finals day is on 8th September at Arundel – opponents to be confirmed.

Scores were:

Shrewsbury 134 for 9 (20 overs)

Loughborough GS 132 for 7 (20 overs)

The U15's also defeated Rugby School on Monday in the same competition by four wickets.





Inter-House Quarter-Mile and Sidney - Darwin Dash

Friday 1 July 2011

On Thursday 30th June, a unique set of races were held on Central to compete over the quarter-mile and a flat sprint from the Sidney Statue to the Darwin Statue.

The inspiration behind the event came from a recent discovery in a Shrewsbury attic of the top of a trophy presented in 1869 to a certain 'W Hughes' for victory in the quarter-mile at The Schools. We felt it would be a nice idea to give the trophy a new plinth and award it (for the second time in 140 years!) to the winning Senior boy in the quarter-mile.

The course took the boys around Central and the Alington Hall and proved a terrifically exciting spectacle. Each House entered two boys in the Senior Quarter-Mile and two in the Junior Quarter-Mile, and four Heats were held, with the winners progressing to the finals along with the four fastest losers.

The 1869 Quarter-Mile trophy was won in dominant style by sixth form entrant Howard Stringer, with the Junior race being won by The Grove's Stuart Brown.

Junior Quarter-Mile Final:

- 1st S Brown (G) 53.67
- 2nd L Arnold (M) 55.35
- 3rd O Clarke (S) 56.55
- 4th A Shaw (Ch) 57.62
- 5th K Ma (SH) 59.1
- 6th J Dempsey (Ch) 1.01.58

Senior Quarter-Mile Final:

- 1st H Stringer (PH) 51.35
- 2nd R Cross (S) 52.95
- 3rd G Mallett (S) 54.75
- 4th S Pope (PH) 55.31
- 5th A Vaughan-Jackson (Ch) 55.63
- 6th E Wynn (M) 55.85
- 7th J Au-Yeung (SH) 56.26
- 8th E Lloyd (Rt) 57.32

The Sidney-Darwin Dash provided further excitement, with some particularly hard-fought battles in what was a top-quality field. The Junior event was won convincingly by star athlete Chike Kandi, and in the Seniors, incredibly, Howard Stringer managed to do the double, just holding off the charging pack behind. This particular race proved especially close, and there was some question mark over the bronze-medal position. However, one of the boys was on hand to provide photo-finish analysis, producing a video he had taken of the race!

Junior Sidney-Darwin Dash:

- 1st C Kandi (M) 13.24
- 2nd J Plaut (S) 13.72
- 3rd H Tomkinson (R) 13.97

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4th O Roberts (Rb) 14.28
5th R Litchfield (I) 14.51
6th M Lepekhov (M) 14.77
7th S Yick (G) 15.01

Senior Sidney-Darwin Dash:

1st H Stringer (PH) 12.94
2nd C Jones (PH) 13.23
3rd J Cameron (M) 13.44
4th M Davies (M) 13.68
5th O Heap (I) 13.95
6th N Douglas (R) 14.17
7th J Steele (O) 14.57
8th P Kenyon (G) 14.83

Argentinian Exchange 2011 part 1: San Bartolomé School at Shrewsbury

Friday 1 July 2011



Shrewsbury School has once again had the pleasure of the company of staff and students from San Bartolomé School in Rosario, Argentina - our exchange partner. In an action-packed week, courtesy of the brilliant organisation of Paola Wright and the hospitality of our Lower Sixth Hispanists in particular, our guests were busily and happily involved in Salopian life and had trips out to Chester and Manchester as well as more locally in and around town and to Ironbridge.

At Shrewsbury there were social opportunities centred on Ingram's and Quod, presentations by San Bartolomé and Shrewsbury students in classes, special interest in Darwin (Dr Morrrough in the Ancient Library and Mr Allott in a lecture), full involvement in the Challenge of Management conference (thank you to Mr Kealy) and the now traditional football match (on the 25th anniversary of Maradona's hand of God goal) which happily resulted



in a 2-0 home victory !



As San Bartolomé headed off to London for the second part of their visit we wished them well and now look forward to keeping in touch via Skype and to meeting them for the return leg in October.

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Grove photos from 2010/2011

Saturday 2 July 2011



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A Week in the Life of Howard Stringer (PH LVI)

Sunday 3 July 2011

Phew, what a climactic penultimate week to end my first year at Shrewsbury School! But that's not surprising – life at Shrewsbury School is fast and full – luckily it suits my personality!



Saturday saw me travel to the massive pool complex in Malvern, which almost rivaled our own Gemini pool as it had a Starbucks in the foyer, but it lacked atmosphere as the only seating for supporters was behind glass. I won the breaststroke for the county and moved closer to my aim to break 1 minute for 100m freestyle for myself - just a quarter of a second too slow!! It would be great to have some more Salopians on the coach to tri-counties next year and with the extra squad

sessions planned next year we could do that - I find it's an excellent sport to go with my athletics and football.

Sunday 26th June

Following a busy week, I set about some preparation for a 'Stop Salopians Smoking' lunch which we planned for Tuesday lunch. I took the rest of the day off so I would be ready for the eventful, but as usual, enjoyable week ahead.

Monday 27th June

Monday began as all Mondays do; a house full of drowsy boys recovering from their weekends' activities. The post-AS level courses ensure that the lower sixth pupils are kept busy and not allowed out to roam around and cause trouble! That aside, we have learnt a considerable amount for the A2 courses even though we'll probably have to recap next term.

Immediately after lunch all the lower sixth filled Quod to have a short talk on sport options for next year and the introduction of a minimum of two sports sessions per week for everyone in sixth form. Naturally, I put a mark next to all the football sessions and the squad swimming too.

I left Quod quickly with the aim of arriving at the Bee Keeping Society on time. Once there, Mr. Allott who had already put on one of the 'spaceman-like' suits welcomed me. I followed his lead, and we all headed off to the orchard where the colonies are kept to examine the bees.

Two more lessons in the afternoon were followed by athletics in which I suffered a slight strain – I hope this doesn't hinder me in the exciting new races later in the week!

Tuesday 28th June

An early arrival at school gave me enough time to gather books and stationary together before all the Lower Sixth went to listen to an interesting talk by the Headmaster on 'The interview'. He gave valuable advice about appearance, approach and avoiding rejection. The talk finished with a few minutes to spare to walk to main school building for the Tuesday morning double period of maths.

After lunch, all the Praeposters gathered in Kingsland House around the big table to discuss any issues and talk with the Headmaster and Mr. Tonks. This meeting received plenty of interest as everyone was being measured up for the impressive Praeposter waistcoats. I had to be excused from the meeting early to rush up to the Moser library to attend the launch of 'Stop Salopians



Smoking' group. This event was aimed at all years, to promote awareness of the project which will see regular meetings next term. Although everyone will be welcome, third formers in particular will be encouraged to attend this student-led group so that they can learn about the adverse effects of smoking, how they might stop, or how they might avoid starting.

Lessons, social tennis and swim squad training kept me busy until the tutor meal, which saw many of Mr. Allott's home grown vegetables come together to form a wonderful dish, with added protein in the form of salmon and king prawns.

Wednesday 29th June

PSHE in the morning was useful as we learned about safety on the roads (important as many of us can now drive!), e-safety and an insight into OCD. We were reminded it is wise to Google our name from time to time to discover what the internet tells others about you! This relaxed day ensured I had plenty of energy for the inter-house triathlon event. Porthill dominated the Senior categories with wins in both the A and B strings. I enjoyed encouraging the junior teams and vocally supporting them in their various stages (as many will have heard)! I was the swimmer for the 'Senior B' event and was able to jump out of the pool to give our rower (Ben Jones, UVI) a healthy lead. I stood behind him cheering him on with a bottle of water as a reward once he had finished. I was impressed with the rowers: it looks like hard work! After the rowing I chased our runner (Seb Pope, V) a short distance urging him to go faster.

I was then able to head back to the pool and admire James Morris' amicable annihilation of the competition in the swimming component of the 'Senior A' race. Clearly those early morning training sessions have paid off!

Thursday 30th June

I woke up early to head off to the school gym to see a personal fitness trainer with other 1st XI football members. This was so that we could be advised on a weights programme to follow over the summer holidays and next year's football season: hopefully we will be able to reap the benefits. I can't wait to be in my boots and on the high quality pitches the school is able to provide again.

I had a short time to change and reach chemistry. When I arrived the classroom was full of fellow students in lab coats and the 'stylish' (some may disagree!) glasses. Physics followed chemistry, which meant I had to make full use of break and lunch time to fluid load in preparation for the races in the afternoon.

Mr. Middleton created a challenging, yet for some irresistible, pair of summer races this year, undoubtedly inspired by Chariots of Fire.

I had to be focused for these events, as there was high expectation of my achievement on the basis of my county athletics activity. I also had to pace myself with heats and finals all in the same afternoon: a total of 1km racing: the equivalent of a long distance race for me!

The quarter mile race, otherwise known as 400 metres to track fanatics, was run around Alington Hall, the Pentagon and Central. Rob Cross completed a tenth of a second faster heat time than me so I had to up the pace and use tactics on corners in the final to secure my claim to the trophy which had last been won in 1869, by H. Hughes; it was recently found in an attic.

My main rival for the Sidney-Darwin dash was a talented 4th former (Chike Kandi). However I wouldn't be racing against him afternoon as he was in the junior category but we both knew that who ever ran the fastest time could claim 'fastest man on site'. Watching him jog his heat in a



respectable time left me knowing I had a tough race ahead. I came through to break 13 seconds, not an impressive time for 100m but without spikes and starting blocks I was happy nonetheless and secured the victory.

Later that afternoon, after collecting my trophies and medals I went to see the Headmaster (whilst dressed in my signature athletics' orange shorts!) to receive a Headmaster's distinction for work completed on the biology field trip to Dale Fort where we studied ecology as part of the A2 course.

Friday 1st July

Friday began at 6 a.m. with a quick shower and a lift to town to catch a train to an open day. I was on a mission to find out if this university would be the one at which I would most like to pursue my dream of becoming a doctor. It allowed me to explore in depth the aspects of the various medical courses available at different universities, which might be important to me.



After another train journey back to sunny Shropshire, I went home to collect my trunks and a towel before returning to school for my second swim of the week. Being the last session before breaking up for the summer, some would think it would be an easy, wind down swim. They would be mistaken. A hard swim working on sprint times was the reality, with the coach being pleased with our efforts.

After building up a large appetite, I went with my brothers to my grandparents' house on the outskirts of Shrewsbury. The purpose was to give my brother Rowan a chance to say farewell as he was leaving the following morning having secured a job in Paris for a year as part of his French Degree. Fish and chips, followed by some cake: I can't say I would mind if my brother got a new job every week!

Luckily that has fuelled me up for another grueling week ahead - my Duke of Edinburgh's expedition starts on Sunday – 4 days walking over mountains!

Now, where is that low-volume sleeping bag...



Cricket: U14A XI Lord's Taverners County Winners

Sunday 3 July 2011

Shrewsbury School U14's overcame a strong Thomas Telford XI in the county final of the Lord's Taverners tournament with a comprehensive win. A solid batting performance, based around the mature batting of George Lewis (50) & Freddie Adair (49), and some strong bowling led by opening bowler Yutaro Sato (3 for 7), saw Shrewsbury win by 112 runs.
Shrewsbury 165 for 7 - George Lewis 50, Freddie Adair 49, Nick Pearce 25no
Thomas Telford 53 all out - Y Sato 3 for 7
Shrewsbury won by 112 runs

The team will now go on to represent the county in the national U15 tournament in Summer 2012.



U14A team at Lord's Taverners L-R:

Back row - Nick Pearce, Yutaro Sato, Rufus Litchfield, George Birt, Freddie Adair, Reiss Rashid
Front row - Freddie Rowley, Jamie Humes, George Lewis, Freddie Earham, Charlie Adams

Cricket: U15s win the Nat West Club Final

Monday 4 July 2011

The final of this year's Nat West Under 15 Club Final was played at Shrewsbury against Wellington.

The visitors batted first and scored 87-8 off their 20 overs. Ross Aucott with a beligerent 25 and Tim Dean 17 were the main run scorers for Wellington. All the Shrewsbury bowlers performed well and were backed up by some excellent fielding.

In reply, Shrewsbury lost Marcus Bedson to the first ball of their innings bowled by Ross Aucott but that brought captain Ed Barnard and Henry Blofield together. They comfortably Shrewsbury to their target for the loss of just the one wicket with Barnard scoring an undefeated 42 to follow on from his 2 for 19 with the ball. Blofield finished on 33 n.o.

Shrewsbury now represent Shropshire in the National competition receiving a bye in the first round before entertaining either the Warwickshire or Northamptonshire champions in the second round.



U15 Winning team L-R:

Back row - Marcus Bedson, George Hughes, Tom Ellis, Sam Green, James Hudson-Harrop, James Geritsc
Front row - Lawrence Fletcher, Steve Pym, Henry Blofield, Ed Barnard, Paddy Townsend, James Warberg

Sabrina Reunion – Henley Regatta, Sat 2nd July 2011

Monday 4 July 2011



click on this picture (above) to see a slideshow of Old and Current Salopians at Henley 2011.

The excellent spell of hot summer weather continued into Saturday at Henley. At about 12.20pm the successful 1961 Shrewsbury School crew proudly took to the water once more and “rowed through” in front of the packed, noisy stands at the edge of the Thames.



A little later a large group gathered at the Sabrina Tent in Butlers Field to celebrate this happy anniversary.

The current School crew proved excellent hosts, engaging charmingly with oarsmen of yesteryear, while ensuring that guests champagne glasses remained topped up. Sadly the

School boat had lost narrowly to Radley in a very fast quarter final on the previous afternoon. However, with 7 members of this year's 1st VIII available for next year's crew, the future bodes well. Following a good-natured and animated lunch party, Old Salopians and their guests drifted away in the warm afternoon sunshine to catch the remaining races.

This year's Henley event proved to be a highly successful occasion and amongst the better Old Salopian gatherings in recent years.



Indonesia preparations continue as pupils complete their diving course

Tuesday 5 July 2011



In preparation for their expedition to Sulawesi in Indonesia this August with the Biology department, eight Fifth and Sixth Form pupils recently completed their PADI Open Water qualification in the chilly waters of Dosthill Quarry. Please see our [Expedition bulletin](#) for more information.

They will put their training to good use on a reef ecology course during which they will be taught how to identify corals, fish and invertebrates before undertaking survey work to help monitor human impacts in an area described as the World's epicentre of marine biodiversity. As well as exploring reefs, the team will dive in mangroves and seagrass beds and learn about threats to the survival of reef ecosystems and management strategies for conservation.

Masanori Asai
Imola Atkins
Luke Koch de Gooyrend
James Morris
Alessandro Rebecchi
Alistair Wager
David Williams
Freddie Lechmere

Tim Green also qualified with us though he is not coming to Indonesia.



Henley Royal Regatta: Our cox's view

Wednesday 6 July 2011

Camilla Aylwin (UVI MSH) is the first Salopian girl to have coxed our 1st VIII, a role that she took on only a few weeks earlier....



After an intense couple of weeks of training, on Friday 24th June, the 1st VIII made the 2 hour journey down to Henley. As the first girl to cox the boat, not to mention the fact that this was the world's oldest regatta, it was with a mixture of excitement and trepidation that I got onto the mini bus to make the short trip down south.

We arrived at the 'Henley House' in the late evening and were welcomed by a lovely family who were clearly prepared for us with fully stocked cupboards of malt loaf and snacks. From day one they made every effort to make us feel at home and we could not be more grateful to them for having us to stay for the week. From Saturday to Tuesday we trained on the course every day to get used to the setting of the over populated river. Slowly the river traffic became more and more dense, and it was all too clear that the regatta was approaching very quickly. The draw was released on Saturday, and for a non-selected crew we managed to get a pretty fair draw yet it was still going to be a tough couple of days.

On the Wednesday we had drawn Winchester College. As our race was at 10:40, we were up at 6:45 to have breakfast, yet the adrenaline was pumping, especially for those who had not raced at the regatta before - Ollie Antcliffe, Max Kimpton-Smith, Rob Morgan, Kris Blake and myself - so the thought of going back to bed to make up for the early breakfast didn't seem to cross any of our minds. We were glad to have a comfortable win, setting us in good stead for the next day and adding a bit more confidence to the crew.

On Thursday we drew St. Joe's Prep, an American school who, it had been commented, could be the 'dark horses' of the competition. For us, we were determined not to let them kick us out on the second day of the competition so a focussed shrewsbury crew sat on the start line, ready to kick out a crew that had been selected over us. A gritty performance from the boys earned us a win by $\frac{3}{4}$ of a length, and it is a race that I will never forget as St. Joe's most certainly didn't go down without a fight.

On Friday we raced Radley, a crew that we had knocked out on exactly the same day the previous year. The determination of the boys was clear on the start line, yet unfortunately despite everyone's best efforts, Radley proved too strong and the final verdict was a length to Radley.

Although we were distraught at having our Henley dream crushed for this year, the crew stuck together and we were determined to not let it get in the way of the fun of a barbeque we had that night back at the house with parents.

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Despite the regrettable end to the regatta, Henley was probably one of the best rowing experiences I could ever have had. The boys welcomed me into the boat straight away despite the late swap of coxes and, apologies for the cliché, but I could not have felt more honoured to be part of the crew.

So one week, three races, no crashes up the course and some very memorable moments both on and off the water, I feel sums up Henley pretty well - oh, and the pot of Ben and Jerry's each every night, of course!



Old Salopians return to Edinburgh Fringe with 'All the King's Men'

Wednesday 6 July 2011

Chris Jamieson (G 2009) and Henry Southern (G 2008), both now in their second year at King's College London, are part of an all-male a cappella band 'All the King's Men' that was formed when they were Freshers in 2009. Having both twice been to the Fringe during their time at Shrewsbury School with 'Harry!' and 'The Bubble', they returned to the Fringe in 2010 with their new band to tremendous acclaim.

In their own words:

Fresh from a successful USA tour, Voice Festival UK award winners *All the King's Men* is back! Following their sell-out 2010 Fringe debut, King's College London's premier a cappella group return with a show of boundless energy, a diverse selection of music and entertaining choreography, all seasoned with humour and mischief. This is a regal performance fit for a king!



All the King's Men has always been more than just a student group. They consistently dazzle audiences fueling their passion and confidence at venues such as the Indigo2 Arena, the Royal Festival Hall, super-club SEOne, the BT Tower and New York's Time Square.

"Strikingly flawless entertainment. An amazing show from the kings of King's!" (Roar – King's College London Student Paper)

A year on from their highly successful Edinburgh Fringe debut with 'All the King's Men – Picking up the Pieces', these Men have achieved national and international acclaim – most notably during their sensational East Coast USA Tour this Spring and winning performances at the Voice Festival-UK 2011 student a cappella competition (National Finalists and "Best Performance" award winners) – establishing themselves as one of the UK's top a cappella groups.

"Picking up the Pieces' is an hour of unrelentingly energetic, feel good performance." (BroadwayBaby.com) Proving themselves on the international stage, *All the King's Men* are ready to entertain and charm the discerning Edinburgh audiences once again. This is not your normal a cappella show! *All the King's Men* skillfully combine musical excellence and infectious energy into their performances. They perform their own musical arrangements of a wide variety of popular tunes ranging from Stevie Wonder and Coldplay to Aerosmith and the Spice Girls. One thing is guaranteed: the audience will leave smiling and totally entertained.

"I'm a new woman after today's performance!" (LoveFringe.com)

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Listings information:

The Grand Theatre, theSpaces@Surgeons Hall (Venue 53) Nicolson Street, Edinburgh, EH8 9DW

15th-27th August (not 22nd August) at 3.10pm for 45 minutes

Tickets: £5 -£7

Box Office: 0845 508 8515 www.thespaceuk.com email: bookings@thespaceuk.com

Email: contact@all-the-kings-men.com

Website: www.all-the-kings-men.com



Cricket News: An incredible run of wins this week

Thursday 7 July 2011

There has been so much good cricket news during this last week, that this eNewsletter risks getting completely swamped by it all! Full reports - and some photos - are on the Cricket section of the website: www.shrewsbury.org.uk/page/latest-cricket-news, but in summary...

1st XI

The 1st XI are currently playing (rain permitting) Eton in the third and final day of the Silk Cup Trophy, which this year is being held at Oundle. At lunchtime, Eton were 271 for 7, and Shrewsbury were about to bat. Our boys have so far won both their other Silk Trophy matches, having beaten Greys from South Africa yesterday quite decisively, and Oundle's 1st XI on Tuesday.

Last Sunday, the 1st XI won the regional final of the HMC T20, overcoming Worksop College and Felsted in a three-way match; they now go on to play at Lords tomorrow (Friday 8th July) in the Finals Day. Their Semi Final match will be against Wellington at 1.30pm. If they win, they will then play either Portsmouth GS or Sedbergh in the Final at 4.45pm. This will be the third successive year that our 1st XI have made it to the Finals Day.

These success follow on from the winning streak that started last week when they first defeated the mighty Affies School from Pretoria, and then had a comprehensive win over Uppingham in a two-day match on Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th June.

Under 15s

The U15s won the Nat West Under 15 Club Final at the weekend, and now go on to represent Shropshire in the National competition. They have a bye in the first round, before playing either the Warwickshire or Northamptonshire champions in the second round.

The U15s also became the ESCA Midlands T20 champions when they defeated Loughborough GS by just two runs. They will play in the finals day at Arundle on September 8th.

Under 14s

The U14s have become the county champions in the Lord's Taverners tournament, having overcome a strong Thomas Telford XI with a comprehensive win. They will now represent Shropshire in the national U15 tournament in Summer 2012.

Old Salopians

Last year's Head Boy, Ben Williams, is currently playing for Oxford University vs Cambridge University in the Varsity Match. He played against the same opponents at Lords two weeks ago in a one-day game, scoring 49.



Recollections of the Dale Fort Biology Field Trip

Thursday 7 July 2011



A Lower Sixth four day visit to Dale Fort Field Studies Centre in Pembrokeshire takes place immediately after AS exams in June. It gives students an ideal opportunity explore the coastal habitats and to study much of the ecology sections of the A2 course.

Many thanks to Emerald Storey, Isabella Barber, Kate Harrison and Howard Stringer for their recollections of the June 2011 field trip.

Dale Fort – Saturday 11th June

Having arrived at Dale Fort in the height of Welsh rain on Friday afternoon, most of us were pleased to wake up to the clear skies, but slightly chilly bay. Although I myself, and many others, were rudely awoken by the incessant gulls parading around the fort.

On our first session with our tutor, we discussed Succession. Now here I could tell you a 'techy' definition of succession but all it is, is the progression of how organisms colonise and survive on an area of land from nothing or recover from a fire for example. To illustrate this perfectly we went out onto a Salt Marsh to show how the plants and competition increased in density and complexity. A great experience which definitely put what we had learnt in the morning into practice!

The afternoon we got to go out on a powerboat, the excuse being to collect Plankton samples; good one Dale Fort! A great experience to some of us who had never experienced being flung off a boat: nobody went overboard, much to the teacher's annoyance!

Dale Fort – Sunday 12th June

Waking up around 7am to the torrential rain pounding against the window did not surprise us considering we were in Wales!

We had breakfast and made our sandwiches for lunch then made our way to the classroom dressed in complete waterproofs and wellies and then to Jetty Beach to count common shore crabs, brown seaweed and periwinkles to investigate the trophic relationships between the three species on a rocky shore, and also to count three different types of periwinkles (flat, edible and rough) to find out their preferred habitat and to examine competitive exclusion.

After lunch, the rain stopped so we made our way to a field near the centre. Here we did an investigation to determine the minimum number of samples required to obtain an accurate



representation of ribwort plantain density. We used random sampling and counted the number of plantain inside and metre quadrat three times. Dr Case learnt to play the quadrat – a quadraphone, a new wind instrument perhaps?

In the evening, we played a (very competitive) game of monopoly which lasted nearly 2 hours! We had to be forced by the teachers to go to bed, much to our reluctance.

Dale Fort – Monday 13th June

Our working day began with a trip to the nearby Jetty Beach. After a hard time of counting limpets the tutors at Dale Fort thought they'd treat us to a spot of crabbing - after writing up our findings on intraspecific competition that was!

We caught crabs within minutes of arriving; the teachers ran around checking them out and took pictures. This was followed by some more limpet counting to allow our marked crabs to have time to settle before we tempted them with the glorious scent of bacon again.

After another short stint in the classroom completing the write up of our day's investigations, everybody wound down and headed to bedrooms to pack for the long journey ahead the following day.



Cricket: 1st XI in HMC T20 Final at Lords on Friday 8th July

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7th July 2011 - Silk Trophy update from Oundle

At lunchtime today, Eton are 271 for 7, and Shrewsbury are about to bat.

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Shrewsbury through to the Finals Day of the HMC T20 at Lords (for the third year running)

Shrewsbury School 1st XI advanced to the semi finals of the HMC T20 for the third year running when

overcoming Worksop College & Felsted in a 3 way Quarter Final @ Worksop on Sunday 3rd July

Worksop Coll 151-9 (20) (H Lewis 6-19)

Shrewsbury 152-6 (19.3) (S Barnard 25, J H-Williams 26, J Bailey 42 no)

Shrewsbury 176-6 (20) (S. Leach 41, S Barnard 26, R Smith 32, J H-Williams 40)

Felsted 111 all out (18.2) (H Lewis 2-15) (R Smith 2-24)

Shrewsbury now meet Wellington College, Berks in the 2nd Semi Final at Lords on Friday 8th July. starting at 1.30pm. If they win, they will then play either Portsmouth GS or Sedbergh in the Final at 4.45pm.





Galin Ganchev (M 3) wows the audience in the Alington

Thursday 7 July 2011

Advance publicity stated that there had been an earlier performance of the Grieg piano concerto in the Tuesday lunchtime series – and that I had reviewed it. How could I have forgotten? In fact, the confusion was not mine, the work in question, still fresh in the memory, being by Beethoven.

Nor am I likely to forget the impact of this, the final concert of the season.

Those who have already heard Galin Ganchev play will have been prepared for his sure-fingered command of the notes, though it remains a thing of wonder, but to the majority of the larger than usual audience, the first encounter with this prodigious talent was overwhelming. From first to last, this was an awesome demonstration of the power of music, for it is Galin's way to shift the emphasis to what he is playing, and not that he is playing it. Devoid of extraneous gesture, his poise at the keyboard is reminiscent of the great Artur Rubinstein, and like Rubinstein, he played a Chopin encore as if he had just composed it.

In his concerto, Grieg had a wonderful tale to tell, and in Galin Ganchev, we have an inspiring narrator, whose intuitive sense of where he is and where he is going at any moment leads to climaxes which are beautifully anticipated and gloriously brought off. Paradoxically, the greater the difficulty, the more he appears to be at ease, his hands floating across the keys with seemingly effortless precision. His reserves of power are phenomenal, too, and just when one thinks that he has reached full volume, he finds another level and floods the hall with sound.



And what of the orchestra? Well, there wasn't one. In its place was John Moore, playing the second part of a two-piano version, a task to which this boundlessly resourceful musician proved more than equal. It is not easy to reproduce on a percussive instrument the sustained lines composed for strings and wind, but John had given much thought to matching the orchestral colours as best he could, and the result was a credit to both the arranger and the exponent. Such skilful and sympathetic accompaniment justifies this format, in spite of its limitations.

The reception at the end was rapturous, and as the soloist sat down to give an encore, it briefly crossed my mind that anti-climax might follow. No danger of that, however, for the choice and the execution of Chopin's "Winter Wind" Etude

only added lustre to the occasion.



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This young artist clearly loves his music and it is his and our good fortune that he is blessed with the means of bringing it to life in the way he does. He plays for us, not at us, and seasoned concert-goers recognised something very special in last Tuesday's offering.

There will be another chance to hear the concerto at the St. Cecilia concerts in November, this time with the School orchestra, but if that is not convenient, Galin is playing it this summer in his native Bulgaria. Worth considering.

MWK



Obituary: Miles Clark (S 1974-78)

Friday 8 July 2011

The following obituary was printed in the May 1993 Newsletter.

Miles Clark (S 1974-78) died tragically in April 1993.

A Praepostor and a member of the 1st VIII at Shrewsbury, he was selected, at the age of 17, to join Operation Drake in the Panamanian rain-forest. There he became dangerously ill from heat exhaustion and had to be evacuated from the dense jungle by helicopter. He read Geography at Downing College, Cambridge, won his rowing blue, became president of the University Travellers' and Explorers Club and led a small college expedition to climb the volcanoes on Atka, a remote island in the Aleutian archipelago. For this he was awarded the Scientific Exploration Society's medal for the Young Explorer of the Year. Leaving Cambridge in 1982, he joined the army, but was subsequently to abandon his proposed military career in favour of travel journalism. In 1983, with the explorer Tim Severin, Miles retraced the Golden Fleece voyage of Jason and the Argonauts, an adventure which became the subject of a television series on BBC 1. As features editor of Yachting Monthly he was able to contribute articles to this and a number of other journals, newspapers and magazines. In 1991 he and his father jointly reconstructed a sixteenth century war galley and sailed it from Ireland to Scotland, through the Hebrides in a "Lord of the Isles" expedition. His last enterprise made him the first westerner since the Vikings to make the voyage from the Arctic to the Black Sea through Russia. In the family's sailing boat, the Wild Goose, he completed the journey via the White Sea Canal, the strategic waterway built by slave labour under Stalin. His achievement was recognized by the annual award of the Ocean Cruising Club. In 1991 he had published High Endeavours: The Extraordinary Life and Adventures of Miles and Beryl Smeeton. Brigadier Miles Smeeton, also a distinguished explorer, was Miles Clark's godfather and one of the inspirations of his life.



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Cricket: HMC T20 Final postponed to September

Friday 8 July 2011

Our 1st XI were poised to play in the Finals Day of the HMC T20 at Lords (for the third year running) on Friday 8th July, but due to the heavy rain, their match has now been postponed to September.



Cricket: Silk Trophy goes to Eton

Friday 8 July 2011

8th July 2011

Further details to follow, but unfortunately we lost our match with Eton. All teams won 2 out of their 3 matches, but Eton won the trophy, with the highest number of runs overall.

We're hoping for a better outcome next year, when the three-day match will be played at Shrewsbury!

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Oldham's: "The Happiest of Centenaries"

Friday 8 July 2011

Basil Oldham opened the doors of Oldham's Hall in 1911. On Sunday 19th June 2011, Oldham's boys of all generations celebrated the centenary of this momentous occasion. Please click on the photo below to view a brief slideshow of images.



Despite the cloudy start, the weather did little to dampen the spirit of those gathered to celebrate the Oldham's Hall centenary. It is testament to those that organised the event that over 300 guests (please see the [guest list](#)) attended this happy event. Proceedings started with a Chapel Service presided over

by the Reverend Garry Dobbie. The service also featured musical pieces by Head of Music, John Moore and stunning solos by Freddie Fullerton and Gus Haynes, both Lower Sixth Oldham's boys. The address was given by the Reverend Michael Price (O 1975-80), who spoke about Basil Oldham's generosity of spirit, his trust in others and how he had wrestled with many challenges during his teaching career.

Afterwards former Oldham's men, many accompanied by their families, mingled with current and former members of staff beside a giant white marquee, festooned with chocolate and white bunting, on Top Common. Champagne and canapés were served while former school friends caught up with one another in an atmosphere of jovial merriment. Eventually the gathering was invited to enter the marquee, where Marcus Johnson, the current Oldham's Housemaster, welcomed everyone, noting with pride how well the event had been attended. After a few "parish notices" he introduced the Headmaster, Mr Mark Turner. Mark's address praised Basil Oldham's incredible achievement of building and running a state-of-the-art school boarding house, funded through a personal bank loan. He commented that a thirteenth House will join its illustrious predecessors, when Emma Darwin Hall is completed by September 2011.

The gathering was then able to enjoy a superb buffet lunch, served by the School's catering team. At the conclusion of the meal, Mr Jeremy Goulding, former Oldham's Housemaster (1983-89) and Headmaster (2001-10) provided a delightful and insightful speech on the life and times of "JBO". The enthusiastic Oldham, aged 29, built the House and financed it through a £17,000 bank loan, before running "No 8 the Schools" from 1911 to 1932. The project left him in debt for the rest of his life. Following his enforced retirement as housemaster through ill

health, the house that he had so carefully designed and constructed became known as “Oldham’s Hall”. Basil Oldham continued to work at Shrewsbury as the School Librarian, a position he had held since 1911. During this latter period his interest in armorial covers and bindings flowered. He became a world expert in the field and was awarded a prestigious gold medal by the Bibliographical Society. A much respected and admired individual Basil Oldham died in 1962, having seen his House celebrate its 50th anniversary.



At the conclusion of Jeremy’s speech, with the early afternoon cloud giving way to glorious sunshine, Marcus Johnson announced that Oldham’s Hall was open. This was the cue for many Old Boys to visit their former House, to be shown around by the present-day inhabitants. A splendid display of old photographs, house

boards and other memorabilia was much admired by the many visitors.

The festivities concluded with a high tea in the marquee in the late afternoon, before the party began to break up. Oldhamites of all vintages appeared to thoroughly enjoy the experience and several were overheard making plans to meet up at the 150th anniversary! Basil Oldham would have been hugely pleased with how the day turned out and proud of the way his Hall’s centenary was celebrated.

ADMB



Leavers' Ball 2011

Friday 8 July 2011

Leavers' Ball 2011 - 'a touch of silver'

The information on this page is designed to help you in your arrangements for what promises to be a wonderful evening.

Timings

7:30pm Champagne reception in the Masters' Garden

8:30pm Dinner is served

2:00am Carriages

It is recommended that taxis are pre-booked – a useful pick-up point will be at the Moss Gates on Ashton Road.

Photography

A photographer will circulate during the reception and at the beginning of dinner; the products of which will be uploaded to this page on Monday 11th July for you to view and download at no cost.

Menu

Please contact Dawn Dunn in Reception (reception@shrewsbury.org.uk) if you have any special dietary requirements, including requests for the vegetarian meal.

Thai Prawn Cocktail

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Charred Fillet of Beef
Sauce au Poivre

or

Gratin of Asparagus, Roasted Tomatoes, Parmesan Cheese
with Chive & Mustard Cream

&

Pommes frites
Rocket Salad with Sun-soaked Cherry tomatoes,
Parmesan shavings & a Balsamic dressing

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An assiette of desserts to include:

A Chocolate Pot
Meringue Kisses and a
Summer Fruit Compote



Bumps 2011: Riggs win Head of the River for third consecutive year

Friday 8 July 2011



Thursday 7th July

On the final day of bumps the sun decided to come out, and a large crowd were treated to some high quality racing.

The bump of the day (and of the week) has to go to Ridgemount I who bumped Severn Hill I in the dying stages of their race, bumping with Severn Hill just one foot from the safety of the suspension bridge!

School House had a barn-storming final day, with 6 bumps in all 6 races - which may have made up for being the first house to be bumped by a girls' crew on day one this year.

The Head of the River was fiercely fought over between Rigg's and Moser's (1st and 2nd respectively at the start of the day). In round 3 Moser's had a strong start, initially closing on Rigg's, but ultimately Rigg's were able to squeeze away to set up a nailbiting finale. In round 4, Moser's tried a tactic not seen at Shrewsbury for a number of years - a rolling start. The risky - but perfectly legal strategy - means that two members of the crew can start rowing before the hooter sounds, as long as the cox does not let go of the rope until the start. Rigg's were not fazed, and whilst Moser's closed initially, Rigg's were able to pull away and record their 3rd consecutive year as Head of the River. A fitting tribute to the outgoing housemaster Mr Mostyn from the men of Rigg's Hall. (It is worth noting that Rigg's were without their top 2 oarsmen for the whole of bumps - Fred Day and Sam Lapage - as they were busy with GB junior trials).

In the all important Staff-Postors race, the Common Room VIII won by the narrowest of margins - 1 foot.

After racing was complete the Headmaster presented the following prizes:

Head of Division 3 medals - Rigg's III

Head of Division 2 medals - Churchill's II

Head of Division 1 medals and Head of the River Trophy - Rigg's I

3rd and 4th Bumpers Cups (tied) - Oldham's and Ridgemount

1st and 2nd Bumpers Cups (tied) - Rigg's and School House

The Leadbitter Trophy - Rigg's

Confirmed bumps were as follows; *please also see the latest [Bumps Chart](#).*

Round 3



Division One

Rt bpd S
O bpd Rb
SH bpd G
I bpd PH

Division Two

Rt bpd PH
SH bpd Rb

Division Three

Rt bpd O
SH bpd G

Round 4

Division One

O bpd S
SH bpd Rb
PH bpd I

Division Two

O bpd M
Rt bpd S
SH bpd PH

Division Three

Rt bpd PH
M bpd O
SH bpd I

Wednesday 6th July

On day two of bumps, the high quality of racing continued. Severn Hill were today's "top bumpers" moving up in all three divisions. Moser's moved within one bump of Rigg's in Division One after a controversial bump on Churchill's.

Confirmed bumps were as follows:

Division One

M bpd Ch
S bpd Rt
O bpd G
SH bpd PH

Division Two

O bpd I
S bpd PH
Rt bpd Rb

Division Three

Rt bpd M
S bpd S
SH bpd MSH

Tuesday 5th July

The 143rd Bumping Races are relatively unusual; as Henley was last week the 1st VIII are available to their houses, this not only raises the standard a little, but is also making bumps even more competitive than normal.



Notable performances on day 1 came from Oldham's who bumped up in all three divisions, and Mary Sidney II who bumped School House III to lift the girls off the bottom of the chart for the first time in their short history. Rigg's and Churchill's still occupy the top 2 positions in each division.



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Division One

M bpd Rt
Rb bpd G
O bpd PH
SH bpd I

Division Two

Ch bpd R
O bpd PH
Rt bpd SH

Division Three

R bpd Ch
O bpd M
Rb bpd I
S bpd G
MSH bpd SH





OS James Scott (M 2008-2010) wins at Henley

Sunday 10 July 2011

Having raced for the School 1st VIII at Henley in 2010, James Scott (Moser's 2008-2010) went one better to win a Henley medal racing for his new crew – University of California, Berkeley.





Speech Day Leavers' Service: Chapel address by Second Master, Mike Tonks

Monday 11 July 2011

At the request of a number of parents, Mike Tonks has kindly agreed to put the text of his memorable address at the Leavers' Service on the website.

Well – today's the day – your last ever at Shrewsbury school. Shall I say that again – your last ever day at school. Today a Salopian – tomorrow Old Salopian. No more will you hear those immortal words from the Second Master – Tuck your shirt in; Get off the grass; Get a move on you're late for chapel; Don't take food out of KH; What do you mean you haven't done your Top Schools. Anyway, today is very much your day - this is your moment to savour, to capture in your minds. A moment to pause and reflect upon time spent here in fellowship and learning and to look ahead to what we all hope will be an exciting future

Reflecting for a moment on today's readings, I chose them because I felt they encapsulated many of the emotions that both parents and leavers might be feeling.

In Ulysses Tennyson speaks of sailing beyond the sunset. The outcome is unsure. Much may be in jeopardy but much will remain, much will be constant – why – because you are who you are and you should have faith in that. Life will present challenges but formative years have put standing stones in place – firm foundations that will guide you.

That which we are we are – that inescapable message that you cannot change self – embrace it, celebrate it and live your life by and through it.

'One equal temper of heroic hearts' – what wonderful imagery to describe a group of people such as yourselves

To strive, to seek, to find – isn't that what life should be about – a journey upon which you are charged to pursue the important things.

And not to yield – the values you hold dear are non negotiable! After all, not everyone has the courage to cry out that the emperor has no clothes.

In IF, Kipling reflects upon the protestant Victorian values and what it means to be a man. The importance of trusting yourself and being able to handle both success and failure with dignity. Having the grace to be able to walk with Kings and commoners alike. The unforgiving minute serves as a reminder that time waits for no one and so fill each moment in life with something important. And of course, *'If you can dream but not make dreams your master'* – the message that a life without dreams and ambitions misses the very point of life itself. Indeed, as Thoreau observed *Do not lose hold of your dreams and aspirations. For if you do, you may still exist but you will have ceased to live.*

In The Road Not Taken – Robert Frost draws the reader to life changing decisions that we all must face. To embark as you are doing today on a journey of life beyond the familiar confines of school will result in all of you following a less familiar path. Enjoy the journey and the challenges associated with voyages into the unknown. Indeed, like education, the journey can ultimately be more significant than the eventual destination. There will be hairy, scary moments but there will also be who you are to fall back upon. That unique individual who over the last 18 years has become the person sitting here today. The road less travelled awaits you and many will be feeling a strange combination of excitement and anxiety – embrace them both with equal measure.

The brief extract from Rabbi Hillel is in many ways immensely profound. He urges us to live life for ourselves for that is surely crucial. But if our lives are only about self interest and personal

gain then what does that make us? The time for change and doing the right thing is always now – however uncomfortable that might make us feel.

Okay - A question - what have we been engaged with during your time here? Hopefully, at the heart of all our endeavours has been the pursuit of education. In its purest sense education gives you nothing but rather it teases out of you that which is dormant, that which lies hidden and asleep and our job as teachers, even in winter timetable, has been to encourage and berate you until that undoubted talent emerges - and make no mistake about it - you are a talented bunch. Genuine education cannot give you something that isn't there already – it helps you find it for yourself. As E.M.Forster observed

'Spoon feeding teaches you nothing but the shape of the spoon.'

So what is education and what are the hallmarks of an educated person?

For me, education deals in timeless values such as integrity – the smallest possible gap between what you say and what you do – honesty, commitment, friendship and love. Education provides opportunity but this is limited in value if it is not combined with the personal ambition required to make the most of such opportunities. Your education here has been based upon absorption into a community which I hope prizes relationships above all else. Teachers here are not mere deliverers of a curriculum – their responsibility is much greater than this

Teaching and learning of course are central to education. Developing a love of learning and the patience to engage wholeheartedly with the process are so important. As many of you have discovered this year, university entrance is becoming increasingly difficult particularly as the world becomes smaller and more accessible. The right study skills and approach to the learning process are vital and hopefully some of this will remain with you into the future. A Level results and subsequent degrees are of course very important. And yet, education really lies in the hearts and minds of those involved and not in the qualifications that result – it is people rather than outcomes that ultimately matter.

The Socratic maxim 'Know thyself' is a good start in life but should then be combined with the greater challenge of having worked out who you are then having the courage and fortitude to be that person – particularly when it is easier, more convenient and more popular to pretend to be something else. Ladies and gentleman don't just know yourself – be yourself. And in being yourself have faith in your judgment. Trust your instincts. You can't always wait in life for 100 % certainty. Paraphrasing Sir Stuart Rose, former chief exec of Marks and Spencers,

'If it looks like a duck and quacks like a duck, it's a duck. You don't need DNA testing.'

It also seems to me that confidence rather than arrogance lies at the heart of education. Genuine confidence is understated and it allows a person to simply be themselves and perhaps more importantly, allows others the space to be themselves. Anyone who feels the need to demonstrate their confidence is by definition not really that self-assured. Generalisations are of limited value but I'll offer one anyway. Salopians don't do arrogance, ambition yes but arrogance no - and they are much the better for it.

Your attention will undoubtedly turn in the near future to what career you might pursue. Architect, Lawyer, Scientist, Businessman are all on the horizon I'm sure. And yet, I wonder, how many of you have thought about becoming a teacher – I thought not. It's not a job for the faint hearted and you certainly don't go into it for the salary but it really does have its moments.



Part of the reason for this is that teenagers come out with the most amazing comments and I thought I might just share a few of these with you this morning.

- Marriage is an act of sacred bondage
- At this point in the service, the vicar stands up and delivers the lesson from his rectum
- Jesus was sentenced to death by Pontius the Pirate
- At the end of the Sermon Jesus and his disciples went off to mount Olive (poor Olive)
- Jesus was born by supernatural contraception
- Monotony is the state of being married to the same person all your life
- Jesus healed lots of sick people too like Lazarus – he was so sick he was dead
- God told Abraham to circumnavigate all Jewish men
- The tenth leopard, when he saw he had lost his spots went back to Jesus to say thank you
- When you get old so do your bowels and you become inter continental
- A third year boy was asked ‘Who is the devil?’ He replied ‘I don’t believe in the devil sir. It’s a bit like Santa Claus – it turns out to be your dad all the time.

Perhaps teaching is not for you - whatever path you choose to follow, all I would say is be who you are and have the courage to say what you think because, as the old adage goes

‘Those who mind don’t matter and those who matter won’t mind.’

Be questers, seekers out of truth and meaning. If we have done our job as a school you should now have the wherewithal to move on to life beyond the Moss Gates equipped with the personal apparatus that enables you to make good decisions based upon sound judgment. One of my favourite quotations is from Winston Churchill who offered the following advice to young people

‘You are needed more than ever to take your place in life. Don’t be content with things as they are. Enter upon your inheritance and accept your responsibilities. Don’t take no for an answer. Never submit to failure. You will make mistakes but as long as you are generous and true, and also fierce, you cannot hurt the world or even seriously distress her. She was made to be wooed and won by youth.’

The U6th Year can be a difficult one in that increased maturity, the desire for greater freedom and a need to escape the confines and restrictions of Shrewsbury life become more prominent in the mind. The scaffolding so carefully put in place when you first arrived has gradually been dismantled and this year has all but been removed. Understandably, your minds are currently focused at this time upon exam results, but I genuinely hope you all feel you have benefited from your time here above and beyond the confines of academic work. Indeed life here is about so much more than that – about trying to develop the whole person, encouraging independence, creativity over conformity, individuality, self-reliance, spontaneity and of course the key Salopian ingredient, a keen sense of humour – traits that I fancy will stay with you long after you have forgotten how to do integration by parts, the causes of World War 11 or even why the Ontological Argument is in fact pants. Indeed, may I suggest folks that your school days will stay with you more than you realise.

School has helped provide you with a framework for life. Not ours but yours. Many of you have kicked against ours and that’s normal and in many respects as it should be. But what is important is the process that enables you to now stand on your own two feet.

Kahlil Gibran in his famous book the Prophet offers the following thoughts on teaching and education.



*'No man can reveal to you aught but that which already lies half asleep in the dawning of your knowledge.
The teacher who walks in the shadow of the temple, among his followers, gives not of his wisdom but rather of his faith and his lovingness.*

If he is indeed wise he does not bid you enter the house of his wisdom but rather leads you to the threshold of your own mind.

The astronomer may speak to you of his understanding of space but he cannot give you his understanding.

The musician may sing to you of the rhythm, which is in all space, but he cannot give you the ear which arrests the rhythm nor the voice that echoes it.

And he who is versed in the science of numbers can tell you of the region of weights and measures but he cannot conduct you thither.

For the vision of one man lends not its wings to another.'

Finally and appropriately, what does this building represent – indoctrination I don't think so. Its role has been to prod and poke you (all in line with children act of course) to make you less comfortable in your skin, to make you thinking beings that reflect upon life and what it really means.

You have many gifts in your armoury; privilege, confidence, security, intellect. I hope that the Salopian education will always ensure that these are married to humility, decency, respect and love of your fellow man

You have had a privileged education – don't be embarrassed or apologetic about that. However, use your privilege wisely and serve the world with your gifts

Finally; - **Let your life speak – and when it does so be proud of what it says.**

Cherish your memories and come back and see us from time to time.

Good Luck.

Rabbi Hillel – If not now, when?

If I am not for myself, then who will be for me?

And if I am only for myself, then what am I?

And if not now, when?"

'Ulysses' by Alfred Lord Tennyson

Come my friends, tis not too late to seek a newer world.

For my purpose holds to sail beyond the sunset, and the baths of all the western stars until I die.

It may be that gulfs will wash us down;

It may be that we shall touch the happy Isles and see the great Achilles whom we knew.

Though much is taken, much abides and though we are not now that strength which in the old days moved heaven and earth,

That which we are we are

One equal temper of heroic hearts

Made weak by time and fate, but strong in will to strive, to seek, to find

And not to yield.

'IF' by Rudyard Kipling

IF you can keep your head when all about you



Are losing theirs and blaming it on you,
If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you,
But make allowance for their doubting too;
If you can wait and not be tired by waiting,
Or being lied about, don't deal in lies,
Or being hated, don't give way to hating,
And yet don't look too good, nor talk too wise:
If you can dream - and not make dreams your master;
If you can think - and not make thoughts your aim;
If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster
And treat those two impostors just the same;
If you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken
Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,
Or watch the things you gave your life to, broken,
And stoop and build 'em up with worn-out tools:
If you can make one heap of all your winnings
And risk it on one turn of pitch-and-toss,
And lose, and start again at your beginnings
And never breathe a word about your loss;
If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew
To serve your turn long after they are gone,
And so hold on when there is nothing in you
Except the Will which says to them: 'Hold on!'
If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,
' Or walk with Kings - nor lose the common touch,
if neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you,
If all men count with you, but none too much;
If you can fill the unforgiving minute
With sixty seconds' worth of distance run,
Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,
And - which is more - you'll be a Man, my son!

'The Road less travelled' by Robert Frost

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveller, long I stood
And looked down one as far as I could
To where it bent in the undergrowth.

Then took the other, as just as fair
And having perhaps the better claim
Because it was grassy and wanted wear
Though as for that the passing there
Had worn them really about the same.

And both that morning equally lay
In leaves no step had trodden black
Oh, I kept the first for another day!

Yet knowing how way leads on to way
I doubted if I should ever come back.

I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I-
I took the one less travelled by,
And that has made all the difference.

Chike Kandi (M IV) signs with Chelsea FC Academy

Monday 11 July 2011

Sporting success stories continue from Moser's; Chike Kandi also took a significant stride towards a career in professional sport by signing for the Chelsea FC academy after a terrific year at Birmingham City and several international matches for Wales U16.



Cricket: Grove win the U15 House Final

Tuesday 12 July 2011

U15 House Final Result 2011

INGRAMS 154 for 7 (Speed 85no) 20 overs

GROVE 155 for 4 (Kidson 75no, Brown 41) 16 overs

GROVE WON BY 3 wickets

Shrewsbury Saracens Devon Cricket and Golf Tour: 7 - 11 August 2011

Thursday 14 July 2011

The Shrewsbury Saracens' Devon Cricket and Golf Tour will take place between Sunday 7 and Thursday 11 August this year.

More details can be found on the Tour fasti - please click [here](#).

Please contact Paul Nichols, the Club Secretary for more information.



Salopian selected for Midlands U15 team at Bunbury English Schools' Cricket Festival

Wednesday 20 July 2011

Henry Blofield (4, PH) has made the U15 ESCA Midlands squad for the Bunbury English Schools' Cricket Festival, which this year is being held at Monmouth School from Monday 25th - Friday 29th July.

Fourteen boys have been selected across the nine Midlands counties to compete against the North, West and London/South East regions in the annual U15 Festival, supported by David English, The Bunbury Charity and the ECB. 189 boys who have played at the Bunbury Festival have so far gone on to play first class cricket and 60 have represented their country in one form or another.

Henry took 35 wickets with his off spinners during the school season, playing for the 1st XI on occasions as well as captaining the successful U15a XI who have reached the National U15 T20 Finals.

We wish him well next week.

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CCF Summer Camp 2011 report

Tuesday 26 July 2011

A group of 34 Shrewsbury Cadets and 4 staff visited the 160 (Wales) Brigade Central Camp during the first week of the Summer holidays. The camp is held at Penally, just outside Tenby on the Pembrokeshire coast. Good weather and an excellent programme of centrally organized and 'home made' activities made this one of our best camps ever.

After an early start on the 'morning after' Speech Day the group and a four drive to South West Wales we were thrown straight into a 24 hour fieldcraft exercise involving a beach ambush and company attack. Sgts Georgie Leece- Drinkwater and Miles Pattison- Appleton did very well in swapping roles as Platoon Commander and Platoon Sergeant (with Georgie as joint winner of the 'Best NCO on Exercise Award') - it was an ambitious yet successful start to what was going to be a week of full on activity.

The next day involved a sea cliff climb followed by a visit to the Castlemartin Tank ranges as guests of the Royal Dragoon Guards. Challenger 2 tanks live firing and the chance to clamber over tanks, reconnaissance vehicles and the high tech Panther patrol vehicle were highlights of this day and we are very grateful to the officers and soldiers of the RDG for hosting us so well. By now we were well into the swing of things. The next day, Tuesday, was organized as a range day - where all cadets fired the cadet rifle and the Light Support Weapon - with Cpl Alex Richardson scoring highest overall on the day shoot but with Recruit Peter Thompson showing his country roots by winning the evening clay shoot. Day five involved the building of a giant raft followed by a raft race - with smaller crews doing well as less weight equaled more speed aboard the ungainly craft of lashed drums and planks. Our film clips of this show a huge amount of fun and shouting.

A navigation and orienteering day on Thursday was a good warm up for our finale - the Contingent run 'Exercise Water Tank'. This competition based exercise pitched four sections of 8 cadets against each other in a test of skills - as well as the ability to cope with the unexpected. Groups navigated over the Pembrokeshire countryside completing various tasks as they went, but had to start with coastering. Recruits Harrison Steeple and Archie David impressed all with their nerve to complete the biggest jumps. After drying off the groups moved off on their 15k routes where along the way they had to cope with a 'random' scavenger hunt, drive Segway 2 wheelers, a challenge canoe, drive a model tank, answer a first aid test and conduct a radio exercise.

The day finished with a hog roast at a riverside pub and the presentation of prizes to the members of Section Delta as the winning group. Cpl James Kynaston should be awarded the 'frustration prize' for carrying a large rock for the largest distance! During the presentation of prizes a gift was given to Lt Jason Stanley - affectionately known as 'Stanners' - who is sadly leaving the school for another post.

All in all it was a hugely enjoyable and successful camp - and well done to all cadets who represented Shrewsbury School CCF with such enthusiasm and vigour!



Cricket: OS James Taylor (R 2003-2008) captains England Lions team against Sri Lanka

Tuesday 26 July 2011

Old Salopian James Taylor (R 2003-2008) been named as Captain of the England Lions team in their four-day match against Sri Lanka A team starting on 2nd August in Scarborough, having scored 76 for the Lions against Sri Lanka in May. James will also be captaining the Lions in their three-match, one-day series that starts on 12th August 2011.

James was a prolific batsman in his time at Shrewsbury and started receiving awards almost as soon as he entered the professional world; he was named as Wisden's Schoolboy Cricketer of the Year for 2008.

More information is available on the BBC and ECB websites:

- BBC: <http://news.bbc.co.uk/sport1/hi/cricket/14277492.stm>
- ECB: <http://www.ecb.co.uk/news/england/england-lions/taylor-to-lead-lions,315144,EN.html>



Cricket: Stephen Leach (M UVI) captains England U17 side to victory

Saturday 30 July 2011

Steve Aston, of Shropshire County Cricket Club, wrote the following report on Stephen Leach's captaincy of the England U17 Invitation XI at the end of July:



"Shropshire Under 17 captain Steve Leach made a big impression at Loughborough's National Performance Centre on Sunday & Monday. He captained an England U17 Invitation XI to victory both days against an England U17 Development XI. Not only did he impress England National Performance Manager David Graveney with his captaincy skills, he also excelled with the bat. On Sunday he scored 127 out of his team's 298-6 off their 50 overs helping his side to a 65 run victory. Yesterday, the development XI batted 1st scoring 218 all out.

"The Invitation XI replied with 189-5 winning by 5 wickets under the Duckworth Lewis system with Steve, batting at 5, scoring an undefeated 45."