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Both the junior and senior squads are playing increasingly well and looking great for future fixtures.

Bastille Society: Challenging preconceptions of medieval times

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On Friday 30th September, the Bastille Society was delighted to welcome Dr Carl Watkins of Magdalene College, Cambridge to speak on the topic of 'Thinking about Medieval History'.



As a pre-eminent expert on the topic who has written extensively on the medieval belief system, the School's historians were extremely interested to hear Dr Watkins' thoughts on the period.

Dr Watkins used an array of examples from the era to examine the stereotype of the savage medieval man who had little reason, and instead showed us that within the perspectives of the time the medieval thought process was remarkably scientific and reasonable.

One example used was that the removal of the system of trial by ordeal in favour of the judge and jury system was not actually due to the brutality of the ordeal, but because the theologians of the time thought it was wrong to force God to appear in order to adjudicate through the ordeal. The fact that those practices that we consider barbaric were evaluated through an often complex logical and theological framework shows that perhaps we are not as superior and enlightened as we think we are in our modern age.

It was extremely interesting to have our preconceptions of the medieval era challenged by Dr Watkins, and it left many questioning whether, given the many atrocities in today's world, we've become more barbaric since medieval times.

We would like to once again extend our thanks to Dr Watkins for taking time out of his schedule to come and deliver his lecture to us, and we look forward to the rest of the year's lectures after such a stellar start.

Ed Plant (S UVI)

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Monday 3 October 2016

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The Chatri Design Centre is named after the lead benefactor, Chatri Sophonpanich, whose son Chali and wife Celia travelled from Thailand to open the Centre. Opening speeches were delivered by the Headmaster Mark Turner, and former Chairman of Governors Richard Burbidge. By all accounts the purpose built Chatri Design Centre is a huge hit with teachers and pupils alike.

Darwin Society: The psychology of addiction

Monday 3 October 2016

For the second lecture in this year's series on the theme of 'Persuasion', we were delighted to welcome back Professor Marcus Munafò from the School of Experimental Psychology at the University of Bristol and Director of the Tobacco and Alcohol Research Group.

Professor Munafò spoke to a completely full Ashton Theatre and delivered an informative and very interesting lecture on 'Choice and Corporations'.



He explained how our behaviour can be deliberately influenced by the tobacco, food and alcohol industries who devise strategies to shape our subconscious decisions in order to maximize sales and hence profits. He used a fascinating example of how wine and beer glass sizes and shapes can influence both perceptions of portion size and the amount poured. Larger wine glasses increase consumption even when unit size is identical to that in smaller glasses and a curved beer glass creates a false lower perception of the amount being consumed.

Professor Munafò also discussed how tobacco continues to be the single greatest preventable cause of death in developed countries, but despite this people continue to smoke. He explained that it is known that most schizophrenic patients smoke cigarettes and that there could be a relationship between this illness and nicotine dependency.

Talking about the food industry, he used the example of supermarkets placing heavy fruit and vegetables close to the entrance to encourage a customer to swap their basket for a trolley. There is then a temptation for the customer to fill this vast space in their trolley.

We are most grateful to Professor Munafò for delivering such a thought-provoking and engaging lecture.

Lucy Price (EDH UVI), President of the Darwin Society



Shrewsbury Royal Marines are runners-up in the Pringle Trophy

Monday 3 October 2016

Congratulations to the Shrewsbury School CCF Royal Marine Detachment, who gave a tremendous performance last weekend in defence of the prestigious Pringle Trophy that they won last year.



The two-day competition is held each year at the Royal Marines Commando Training Centre in Lympstone, Devon and aims to bring together all the Royal Marine Detachments in the country from 18 schools, including Charterhouse, Harrow, Rugby, Winchester College, Pangbourne and Canford. It is a gruelling competition: the teams are treated as if they are in their 28th week of recruit training and are assessed across 12 stances, including Battle Exercises, Section Attacks, Battle First Aid, Endurance and Drill.

2nd Lt Tom Corbett reports:

We set off to take part in the Pringle Trophy after four weeks of intensive training totalling about 12 hours per week. The squad was young, containing four Fifth Formers, who all performed extremely well.



Our first night was barely a cat-nap as we bivvied up on Woodbury Common. We were lucky that we had the early shift on sentry duty, but we still had barely five hours of sleep.

We had a poor start. Our first stance was the Section Attack, an event we have always seen as one of our strengths. However, we were using borrowed rifles from another school and they were not in the best condition. We should have checked them thoroughly beforehand, but they jammed as we launched our heroic charge on the enemy, rendering us rather impotent in front of a brace of burly Commandos!

Having resuscitated the 'deceased' members of the team for the second stance, we bounced back to win the Observation and Camouflaged and Concealment stances. At the end of day 1, we found ourselves in second place overall and knew we had to pull out a huge score to be in with a shot of coming first.

We spent the second night in the Gym at CTC Lympstone and were forced out onto a late-night PT run around camp as some of the lads (from other schools!) were messing around. Then the fire alarm went off at 0330, so any rest was short-lived.

On Sunday we did well in Drill and won the Endurance Course by a clear minute. We knew it was going to be close between us and King's College Taunton, but unfortunately the result went against us and we finished as runners-up by 40 points out of 1100.

The whole team should be very proud of themselves and I am sure they will be hungry to go back and challenge for the title next year.

Top Schools Weekend in Hong Kong

Tuesday 4 October 2016

Every year, Shrewsbury School takes part in the 'Top Schools Weekend' organised by education consultants Academic Asia, when representatives from schools across the UK travel to Hong Kong to interview prospective students for admission in the next academic year. A huge thank you to the Friends of Shrewsbury School Hong Kong for their wonderful support - and for this report on a very successful successful weekend.



This year, the three-day event took place at the Excelsior Hotel from 17th – 19th September and the Shrewsbury delegation included: Martin Cropper, Director of Admissions; Giles Bell, Admissions Tutor; and John Moore, Director of Music. Between them, they conducted well over 100 interviews with many budding young musicians, sportsmen/sportswomen and high achievers.

A big thank you to all the parents, Old Salopians and Exco members of the Friends of Shrewsbury School Hong Kong (FSSHK) for their participation at the event. Thanks in particular to Florence Kwok, Honorary Secretary, who had once again tirelessly rallied support from all the parent year representatives and Exco members to organise a roster with parents and Old Salopians in attendance throughout all six interview sessions. In addition, lunch reservations were made to ensure the three gentlemen and the helpers had time to grab a bite in between the morning and afternoon interviews.

Prospective parents, together with their sons and daughters, had the opportunity to find out more about the School 'from the horse's mouth', so to speak, and were able to talk to Old Salopians about life as a boarder. It was also very pleasing to see a number of new parent helpers, who had benefited from these interactive exchanges themselves in the past, volunteering

to help out this year. Thus we had a total of 19 parents and five Old Salopians to ‘man the ship’ throughout the three days.



On the evening of 17th September, after a very long day of interviews, the Shrewsbury delegation hosted a dinner with FSSHK members, parent helpers and Old Salopian helpers at the Craigenower Cricket Club for a ‘get to know each other’ session.



Upper Sixth Biology Field Course at Dale Fort, Pembrokeshire

Wednesday 5 October 2016

The Pre-U Biology syllabus places great emphasis on the planning and analysis of properly controlled scientific investigations, and there can be no more engaging way of developing these skills than collecting one's own data and working it up under expert guidance.



Few habitats present a greater range of conditions and biodiversity for study than the sea shore, and so we took our Upper Sixth Pre-U biologists off to the Field Studies Council's famous station at Dale Fort in Pembrokeshire for three days of 'full immersion' in coastal marine ecology.

Dale Fort is a destination for schools and universities from around the world because it harbours an unusually diverse marine community both at the southern extreme of more polar species and the northerly extreme of more tropical species.

After a series of classroom lessons on sampling methods and on the use of analytical statistics, each new concept supported by a dedicated piece of fieldwork, our pupils chose individual project titles and were let loose on the rocky shore to plan, carry out and analyse their own investigations.

This resulted in some truly excellent poster displays and a quick-fire series of spoken presentations by the pupils in front of their peers on the Sunday evening. It was some of the best biology they had ever done and close in feel to university-level science.



In the words of some of our students:

Anastassiya Saulidi (MSH): “The trip to Dale Fort was a perfect combination of learning and fun: all the lectures were taught in an enjoyable way and straightforward to understand, while the field work provided us with lots of experience and pleasant time-spending. Overall, I am very happy we had an opportunity to have a trip like this. I believe it was extremely useful for the course. I felt like a true scientist at times!”

Nick Miller (SH): “At first the idea of losing my weekend to spend it working in Wales was daunting to me, but once I arrived I found the staff to be very friendly (special shout-out to Joe) and I was pleasantly surprised to find it a lot of fun. The combination of Fieldwork and Statistical theory made it an overall enjoyable experience while learning a lot of necessary skills for our course that would have taken a long time to learn in the classroom. I think I will remember what I learnt and the experiences I had there for the foreseeable future.”



Dr Morgan



'Shrewsbury School SparkPoint' - a new weekly micro-magazine

Wednesday 5 October 2016

'SparkPoint', produced by our new Deputy Head (Academic), Maurice Walters, offers an opportunity for pupils and staff to spend a few moments each week exploring areas of knowledge, culture and experience that are off the beaten track and which might not necessarily form part of the formal curriculum.

The weekly micro-magazine explores all areas of human endeavour from pioneering exploration to ground-breaking literature. Its objective is to provide an opportunity for reflection and inspiration and an encouragement to engage in creativity as part of a balanced educational diet.

To read this week's edition on the theme of 'Hope in Dark Places', please click on the image below:

SHREWSBURY SCHOOL | SPARKPOINT

Hope in Dark Places

This week in the Michaelmas term is a notoriously difficult one to pull through. We're just too far from the Coach Weekend to be feeling the benefit and not yet close enough to Exost to be able to see it as anything other than a pleasant dream. It can be hard to stay motivated and even harder to be enthused and excited.

Throughout history, however, geniuses, explorers and artists have worked to their best in difficult situations; finding the hope in the darkness when all other lights have gone out! This week's SparkPoint, therefore, focuses on those who have taken sadness and made it beautiful, those who have looked adversity squarely in the face and conquered it and those who have shown extraordinary courage and resourcefulness in the darkest of times.

Key to this ability to stay afloat is your ability to see progress in what you are doing. The road to those rooms can be a long one – so this week try setting some smaller objectives and keep a note of when you meet them.

Lectures this Week

Sometimes if you're getting bogged down by the nitty-gritty, it can be good to take a wider perspective on the world. This week there are a number of opportunities for you to do that – but two key ones come in the form of visiting lecturers.

On Wednesday Night, the Geographical Association will host Professor Richard Walker in the Ashton Theatre for a talk on glacial processes. While this will be directly relevant to anyone doing Geography in the Sixth Form, it will also be of general interest to all. The talk begins at 7.30.

If you prefer your water in liquid form, then why not come along to the Science Lecture Theatre on Friday night at 7.30 to hear a Cambridge chemist, Dr Ben Pilgrims, offer his thoughts on the Curious Chemistry of Water in a thought-provoking and entertaining lecture.

Mr Walters | Deputy Head (Academic) | October 2016

SP10 – Poetry from Exile - Ovid

Click [here](#) to read an extract from the work of Ovid, the celebrated Roman – just of the Augustan age who was exiled from Rome, probably on the basis of his slightly liberal views and behaviour. The poetry is sad – but there is an undeniable beauty about it as he sees echoes of his homeland everywhere in a new world.

5 Minutes

SP11 – Dance of Life – Munch

Working predominantly in the last nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, Munch's childhood was not an altogether happy one. Often falling out with his impoverished family, he was also deeply moved by the plight of those around him. His interesting views on life itself found their chief expression in

5 Minutes

SP12 – The Government Inspector – Gogol

Like Ovid, Gogol was exiled – but this time from Russia. His radical beliefs and willingness to draw attention to the failings of government made him a political outcast. Nonetheless, he continued to write and his brilliantly funny satire arguably reached a peak in *The Government Inspector* – in which corruption gets its comeuppance. Click [here](#) to read a quick synopsis.

5 Minutes



Sports news round-up

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News and results from some of last week's sports fixtures.

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Rugby

The 1st XV lost to St Mary's, Walsall in the Natwest Plate competition and will now enter the bowl. The boys produced a super performance to come from 0-15 down to 12-15 and had a (certain!) try turned down in the closing minutes that would have won the match.

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The Hunt (Cross-Country)

The RSSH had a good result against Wellingborough and Bromsgrove on Saturday, with individual and team golds in all three categories - girls, junior boys, and senior boys. Francesca Harris (EDH) won the girls race by some distance, with Lilian Wilcox (EDH) 2nd and Immie Evans (G) 3rd. Tom Jackson (R) 1st in junior boys, followed by Toby Pegge (PH) and Sam Watts (S) in 2nd and 3rd. In the seniors, Freddie Huxley-Fielding (R) won easily, with Cameron Anwyl (S) in 3rd and Seb Ingram (S) 4th. All three teams won.

Golf

The golf team have got off to a good start this year. Last week in the ISGA Schools Cup in Oxfordshire they came 6th/18 in the Gross comp and 5th/18 in the Nett comp. And in the ISGA regional knock-out they beat Oswestry 2-1 and will now play Rydal Penrhos in the next round. On Wednesday 27th September they played a match against Ellesmere College, winning 3-0 (3 and 2; 10 and 8; 3 and 1).

Basketball

The U18 basketball team 'The Sharks' have picked up where they left off last season, with three wins from five games and two narrow losses that could have gone their way if they had taken their chances. Excellent performances from all players, and the new entrants are settling in well.



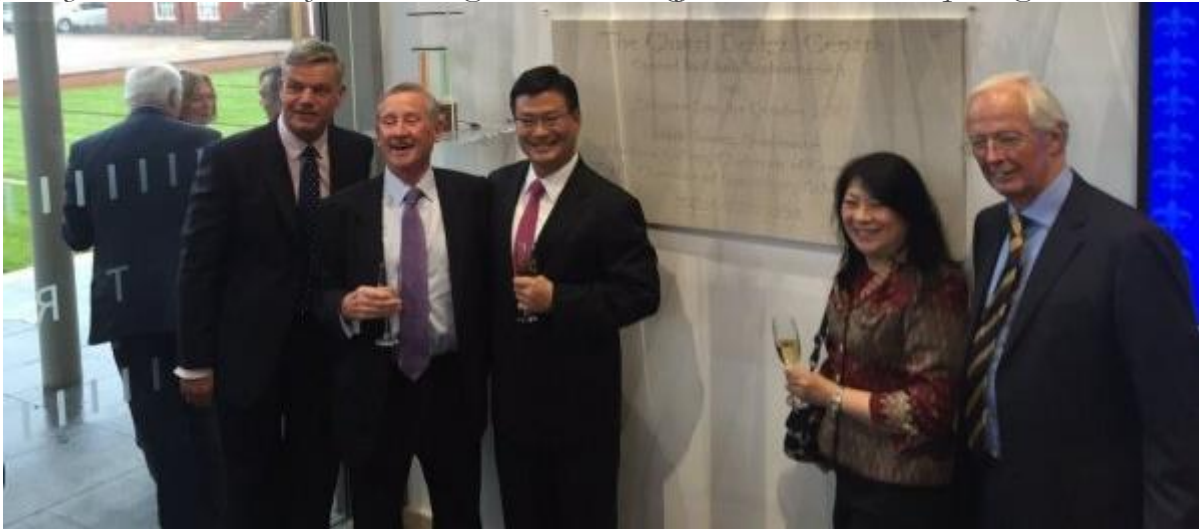
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The U18 Girls are in the County league too this season..

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"We are delighted that we can now deliver Design & Technology in a Design Centre that reflects the cutting-edge nature of our subject," said Kevin Lloyd, Head of Design & Technology. "Our students are already taking full advantage of the new working environment. With our exhibition space right at the centre of the School campus, it gives us the opportunity to celebrate the creative and innovative endeavour of our students at all levels - and on a more public stage that they can truly be proud of."





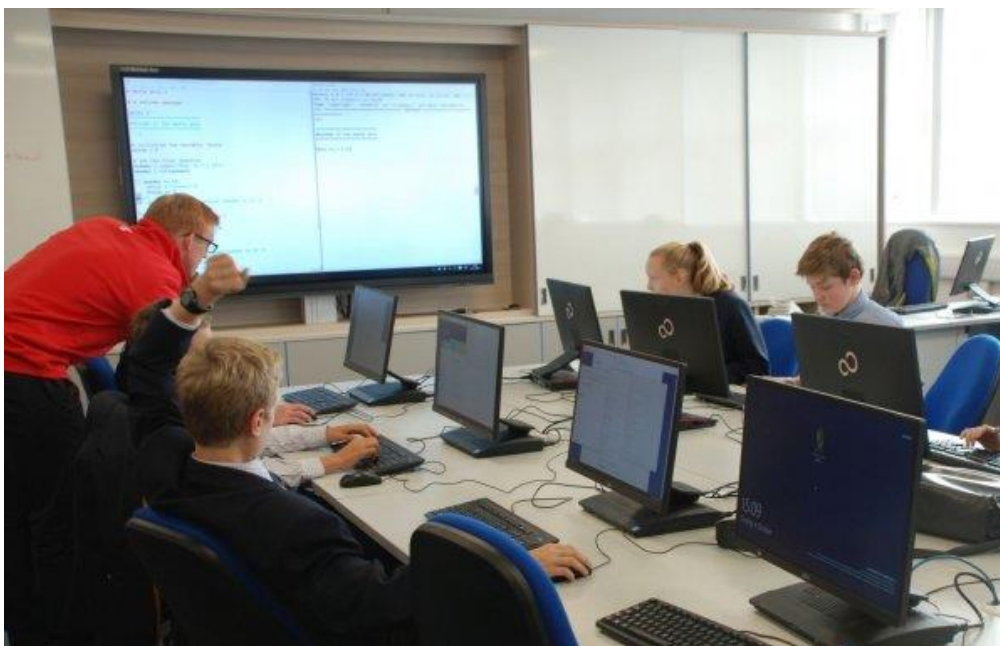
"There are three multi-media design studios and a superbly stocked multi-material workshop, including Computer-Aided Design software modelling, a CNC milling machine and lathe, laser-cutting and high quality 3D printing facilities. These wonderful spaces mean that fundamentally traditional research, drafting, sketching and material fabrication are happily residing alongside cutting-edge technologies.

"Design & Technology is a contemporary, swiftly evolving and relevant subject, and in the Chatri Design Centre we now have a facility that can take us into the future with pride."



Head of ICT and Computing Paul Kaye is equally thrilled with the new building: "The ICT and Computing Faculty is delighted to take up residence on the first floor. We have two full-sized computer rooms which are to be used within the Faculty or can be booked by any teacher for use with their class. We also have a smaller WiFi-only teaching room, where GCSE and A Level students can concentrate on their studies, utilising their own devices where appropriate, either for note-taking or coursework. We are also very fortunate in having a new generation of giant touch-screen displays at the front of each classroom to present material to pupils.

"The new building acts as a springboard to re-invigorate and stimulate interest in the subject. This year we have launched a new coding activity in Societies Hour and the high take-up, particularly amongst younger pupils, has been very encouraging."





The news this week 100 years ago: 7th - 13th October 1916

Thursday 6 October 2016

This week we remember:

Captain Philip Norman Gurdon, 14th King George's Own Ferozepore Sikhs attd. Jind Infantry.

School House, left in 1910.

Killed in action in Tanzania on 9th October 1916, aged 23.

Buried at Dar es Salaam (Upanga Road) Cemetery, Tanzania. Grave IV. B. 10.

Lieutenant John Kingsford Mylius, 1st. Bn. King's Shropshire Light Infantry.

School House, left in 1914. After passing through the Royal Military College, Sandhurst, he was gazetted to the K.S.L.I. in May 1915, and was sent to the front at once. He had been wounded three times and was mentioned in despatches. "He was the life and soul of our mess."

Died of wounds in France on 12th October 1916, aged 21.

Buried at Grove Town Cemetery, Meaulte, France. Grave I. B. 2.

Lieutenant Philip George Wolfe-Murray, H.M.S. "Alsatian." Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve.

Day Boys, left in 1899, also educated earlier in Vevey, Switzerland, and Bradford. He afterwards studied at Heidelberg University and the State School of Forestry at Eberswalde. Leaving Germany by the last train before the declaration of war by Great Britain, he obtained a commission in the R.N.V.R.. His proficiency in French and German qualified him for the post of Intelligence Officer on the Staffs of several Admirals, and he was often employed in carrying special dispatches. His fatal illness was contracted while serving afloat.

Died of enteric fever in the United Kingdom on 12th October 1916, aged 25.

Buried at Tain (St Duthus) Cemetery, Scotland. Grave O. 35.



Lacrosse: North Schools' Tournament

Sunday 9 October 2016

The U18 Lacrosse team had an excellent day on Saturday 8th October at Queen Margaret's, York, competing in the North Schools' Lacrosse Tournament.

We entered the A team Tournament for the first time, having won the B team tournament last year. Our first match was a 3-3 draw against Withington, a very established and competitive lacrosse school. We then played an extremely strong Moreton Hall team (the eventual Tournament winners); although we fought well against them, we lost 1-11.

Our next match against Bolton followed immediately after this defeat. The team were still feeling slightly demoralised, which affected their play, but they soon regrouped to catch up. Sadly they lost this match 4-5.

They then narrowly lost to Birkenhead 3-4 (a huge improvement on our fixture against them last week), Harrogate Ladies College 2-5 and the hosts Queen Margaret's 2-4.

Although we finished last in the field, the girls played amazing lacrosse against some really stiff opposition who have been playing together for years. MVPs of the Tournament were Phoebe Wasdell (MSH V) in attack and Clemmie Baynes (G LVI) in defence.



Rovers Expeditions

Sunday 9 October 2016

A report on the summer Rovers Expedition to Skye - and the launch of this year's expeditions.

As part of the Rovers expedition in July, a group of seven pupils joined three members of staff to sail from Largs, near Glasgow, to the Isle of Skye. Experiencing every kind of Scottish weather en route except snow or sleet failed to dampen spirits, and a combination of endless cups of tea, ample wholesome meals and strong personalities who gelled very well into a single crew meant that it was a great experience for everyone involved.



The 48-foot boat was tautly maintained (well, up to appoint: read on), though roller furling-in the main as well as the jenny did not teach the crew as much as the skipper would have wished. However, the stunning scenery as they sailed past the Mull of Kintyre, the Sound of Islay, Iona, Fingal's Cave and on to Loch Moidart and Portree more than made up for that.

The return trip via Sandaig Bay (of 'Ring of Bright Water' fame) with a different crew and a small diversion to see the puffins on Treshnish Islands was equally wonderful, until a nearly simultaneous breakage of the main track and an engine failure (neither were our fault!) necessitated taking the turbulent Corryvreckan under jenny alone before ferry-gliding to Crinan to pick up a visitor's mooring under sail. Once repaired, the journey continued through the Crinan Canal (of necessity), on via the hauntingly beautiful Kyles of Bute in the light misty rain (gusting to force 6) back to Largs. 410 miles and ten days had flown past, seemingly effortlessly, and the memory banks and photos are now providing a very satisfying re-run.

Well done to all the crew, and thanks to Jonathan Walton for his bonhomie and joint-leadership.



The walkers did not want to be out-done on the weather front and experienced a vast amount of rain and mist throughout their five days of walking. The weather could not bring their spirits down, however, and they were lifted each day by completing a classic Skye walk. The Old Man of Storr provided a spooky and misty back-drop for a day of micro-navigation. Each day provided different scenery and fantastic learning opportunities for all, staff included.





A small snippet from Tom Jackson's (R IV) novel:

Having had a previous day of 'so close, yet so far', by falling just short of the great summit that overlooked Talisker Bay, we woke up to an air of excitement and mild anxiety; sensations that were also accompanied by a lingering smell of wet, damp clothes and 'sweet' smelling socks. We then walked up through damp, humid air to one of Mark's delightful breakfasts. We enjoyed a cooked selection that fuelled us for the coming adventures.

Equipping ourselves with gaiters and waterproofs and seizing plentiful supplies of sandwiches, biscuits and mars bars, we climbed into the minibus and prepared to embark. After a set of final checks and grabbing those essential final supplies, we departed our scenic bunkhouse just outside Portnalong. We headed along to the end of Carbost Bay and began our journey inland winding down towards Sligachan, which has now been officially renamed by the Rovers as 'Slicy Chicken'. We caught sight of the striking Black Cuillins and skirted the edge of the more rounded Red Cuillins.





Thanks to Col David, Mr Kaye and Mr Lapege for providing invaluable instruction throughout the ten-day expedition, Matt Craig from Gateway Outdoors for the spectacular walking and mountain biking routes, and Mark Johnson for all the fantastic food.



This expedition is the first of many run by the Rovers. Please see below for the launch of this year's expeditions, which are open to all pupils at the School:

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[Easter 2017 Junior Camp](#) (pdf file)

[Summer 2017 Pyrenees Expedition](#) (pdf file) – 3000m+ summit and multi-activities

If you would like any more information on these trips or on the Rovers, please email Mr Reynolds wrr@shrewsbury.org.uk for more details.

To follow our adventures each Thursday please join us on Twitter - [@shrewsrovers](https://twitter.com/shrewsrovers)

William Reynolds

I/C Rovers



News from our former Deputy Head of House

Monday 10 October 2016



Will Street, who left last year, flying the flag of School House during a trip to the Lake District with Sheffield University.

It was good to hear from Will, who was our Deputy Head of House. Having survived Freshers' Week, he has joined the university fell running club, been selected for the elite performance cricket squad and plays in the History Faculty football team...

He is having a great time and even claims that he is doing some academic work as well!



Darwin Society: The Curious Properties of Water

Tuesday 11 October 2016

Dr Ben Pilgrim from the University of Cambridge gave an entertaining, inspiring and spectacular lecture to a packed Science Lecture Theatre last Friday evening.

The talk involved a plethora of audience participation opportunities illustrating the unusual properties of water. One example was the relatively high heat capacity of water, which required Otto Rothwell-Hurley (Ch) to be trusting as he held a lit candle under a partially filled balloon of water. We especially enjoyed the demonstration of the modes of vibration of the water molecule Gangnam style!

We were warned of 'loud bangs and flashes' and we were not disappointed. Dr Pilgrim included explosive demonstrations of the properties of water's constituent elements, hydrogen and oxygen.

He explained many unusual characteristics of the water molecule, such as its relatively high density, high heat capacity and high boiling point relative to molecules with similar size. The curious formation of 'hydrogen bonds' occurring between water molecules accounts for most of these unusual properties.

He explained that varying the isotopes of hydrogen in water, for example D₂O, can affect the water molecule's properties, particularly its density, toxicity and chemical properties (illustrating the kinetic isotope effect).

Dr Pilgrim went on to discredit the efficiency of homeopathic remedies that use 'highly potent' 30C dilutions of toxic compounds in water, and thereby attempt to cure common ailments. He explained that it is highly unlikely that any 'active ingredient' would be present in this solution at all and it was little more than purified water.

Finally, Dr Pilgrim spoke about his work in supra-molecular chemistry, illustrated specifically by use of a self-assembling tetrahedral molecular 'cage'. This 'cage' mimics the action of both enzymes and micelles.

Some of the Sixth Form pupils had a wonderful opportunity to chat to Dr Pilgrim over dinner, gaining an insight into studying Chemistry at Cambridge. He is also the tutor responsible for Natural Sciences admissions at Corpus Christi, so he was able to explain their application process and new entrance examination.

He is also a member of the RSC Chemistry Olympiad Committee and writes questions for the Lower Sixth Cambridge Chemistry Challenge.

We would like to thank Dr Pilgrim for delivering such a fascinating talk and we all look forward to the next Darwin Society lecture.

Dr Briggs & Andrew Kim (SH)

RSSBC: Bedford Autumn Head

Tuesday 11 October 2016

The Boat Club took four squads of pupils racing in 25 crew combinations to the Bedford Autumn Head on Sunday.



For their first race of the season, the Senior Girls raced in two combinations of double sculls in WIM3 2x and WJ18 2x. They came away with 1st, 3rd and 4th in both events out of the field of ten crews.



The J15 boys came in 1st and 2nd in the coxed quadruple sculls event out of 15 crews. In the coxed four they came 2nd and 4th and in the double sculls they came 2nd, 4th and 6th out of ten crews.



The J15 girls also recorded some encouraging results, with the fastest double coming in 2nd out of a field of 21 crews. In the quad, the girls came 3rd and 4th out of nine crews.

The J16 girls came 7th in their quads event.



Girls' County Hockey and Netball success

Wednesday 12 October 2016

It has been a great week for the new Third Form girls, with the U14 hockey and netball teams both putting in excellent performances in the county tournaments to qualify for the Midlands rounds. The U16s have been in fine form too and have qualified for the Midlands rounds of the U16 Schools Hockey Tournament.



Last Friday, 7th October, Shrewsbury hosted the U14 County Hockey Tournament, with 11 schools on site competing against one another. Shrewsbury got off to a solid start with a 1-0 victory over Meole Brace School.

Our next game was a great battle against Moreton Hall. After end to end hockey and chances on both sides, Shrewsbury managed to break through to win 1-0. From here, we went from strength to strength, remaining unbeaten and recording victories over Shrewsbury High School and Ellesmere College.

The team now go on to represent Shropshire at the Midlands Rounds on Wednesday 16th November.

The U14 girls had to quickly take their hockey shin pads off and get their new netball dresses on for the County Netball Tournament four days later.

Netball at Shrewsbury doesn't really get going until the Lent term, so team practice had been limited building up to the tournament. However, Shrewsbury got a great start, beating a very strong Newport Girls High team by one goal.

From here, we were unlucky only to draw with The Marches and we then had to play Shrewsbury High School, who were unbeaten all afternoon. Shrewsbury produced a good performance, but just lost out 6 goals to 10.

In order to qualify for the next round, Shrewsbury had to win their final game against Thomas Telford School. Thankfully the girls saved just enough energy and had developed as a team throughout the competition to play one of their best games of the afternoon and win 8-2. A great result for a new team who will now go on to compete in the Midlands rounds in January.



On Monday 26th September, we hosted the U16 Schools County Hockey Championships. Nine schools entered, playing two pools on both of the school astros.

Our team won all their pool matches: Shrewsbury High School 0-2, Lacon Childe 0-5, Meole Brace 0-2 and Thomas Telford 0-2. They went on to beat Ellesmere College in the semi-final but then unfortunately lost 1-0 to Moreton Hall in the final.

The girls played fantastically and worked exceptionally well as a team. Star players were Emma Graham, Ella Niblett, Mimi Ashworth and Phoebe Wasdell.

The team now progress to the Midland Regional Zone, which they will play on Monday 14th November with the hope and desire of qualifying for the Midlands Final.



Mrs Bradburne and Mrs Kelly



Cheadle Hulme Model United Nations Conference

Wednesday 12 October 2016

The MUN Conference season got off to a good start last weekend, with Shrewsbury School delegates performing well at Cheadle Hulme.



As always, our teams worked hard in committees and in General Assembly.

Three individuals picked up individual awards:

- Mil Luangamornlert (SH LVI) won a Highly Commended Delegate Award.
- Rhys Trevor (PH UVI) won a Commended Delegate Award.
- Max Yale (S UVI) won Commended Delegate Award.

The team also did a very good job spreading the word about the Shrewsbury MUN Conference, which will take place at the School on 4th – 5th March 2017.

Mr Peach

Shrewsbury School CCF win Cadet Military Skills Competition

Thursday 13 October 2016

Congratulations to the Shrewsbury School CCF Army section, led by Sgt Jack Lock (I UVI), who were overall winners at the Cadet Military Skills Competition last weekend. This is the first time the section has ever won the competition.



The three-day competition is held each year at Swynnerton Camp, near Stafford. Every year over 20 teams from ACF and CCF contingents such as Malvern College, King's Worcester and Adams' Grammar School compete in the physically and mentally exhausting event. Each team is marked firstly on their performances in stands such as first aid, building clearances, casualty extraction and section in defence. Secondly they are judged in the March and Shoot phase, which includes a gruelling speed march followed immediately by a 25m snap shoot.

To start off the competition, the team of Sgt Jack Lock, Cpl Dan Powell (Ch UVI), Cpl Rory McKirdy (PH UVI), Cpl Harry Russell (O UVI), LCpl Chad Usher (S V), LCpl Tim Lovick (Ch V), LCpl Eric Myint-Maung (Ch V), LCpl Arthur Gell (Rt V), and Cdt Pran Poshyanonda (S V) were thoroughly inspected. They did well to not drop a single point; all but one other team did. Following this, the team spent the first night in a large bunker on the training area.

Thanks to the countless hours spent training over the past month, the section set off the next day to begin the skills stands with high hopes and a sound mind-set, despite the heavy rain that

lasted the entire day and only having had five hours' sleep. Over the course of the morning, the team went from stand to stand with good performances overall. They had particular success in the first aid scenario in which the section "set the bar for the day", the navigation stand in which they broke the record of points scored and the observation stand in which they were the first to observe several well-hidden objects.



After a brief lunch, they moved on to the toughest and most physically demanding stands. Despite a slightly less successful TIBUA (training in built up areas) scenario, the team was praised for their "quickest time and best coordination" in the casualty extraction and came one point away from first in the section in defence stand. This was a great effort for a stand added at the last minute that Shrewsbury seemingly alone had not trained for. Following the final stand and supper, the team spent their second night in the bunker.



Sunday brought on the March and Shoot element of the competition, in which the team unknowingly set the fastest time of the day by a "substantial amount" and performed well in the following DCCT shoot and observation lane. Immediately after this was a quick brunch and the final parade, in which it was announced that the team had come second in the Skills Stands and had won the March and Shoot. They had also had won enough points to win the competition overall. Thus, the section brought home two sets of medals and two trophies to add to the collection they earned on summer camp.



Upon receiving the final trophy, the section was told by the Brigade Commander that Sgt Lock was one of the "best leaders of the competition" and the team was "the best Shrewsbury had ever entered and the best CCF team in a long time".

Following such a great performance, the team hopes to enter the prestigious Cambrian Patrol Competition in 2017, aiming for yet more trophies for an ever-growing cabinet.

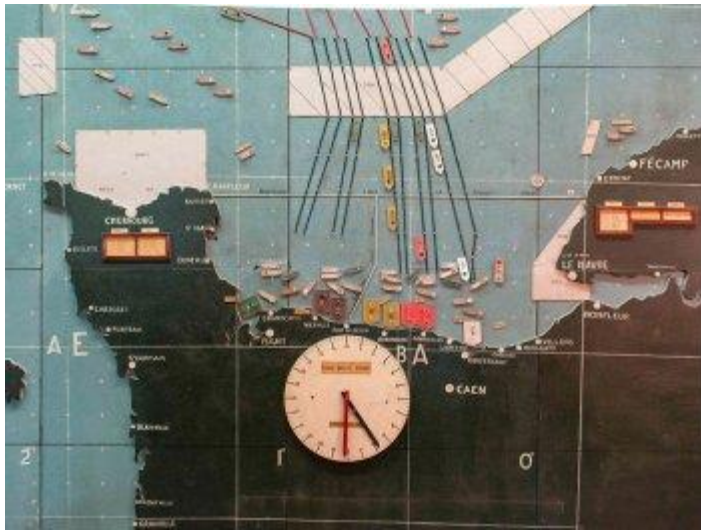
Sgt Jack Lock



Salopian Club Battlefield Tour Normandy 15-19 September 2016

Thursday 13 October 2016





D-Day 1944 and the Battle for Normandy were strongly influenced by Salopians. 21st Army Group, the invading land force, had been trained in Britain under the eye of General Sir Bernard Paget (CH 1901-1905) before Montgomery took over operational command, while command of the British Second Army on the beaches and beyond fell to Lieutenant-General Sir Miles Dempsey (I 1911-1914). Many other Salopians also took part in the operation, with some paying the ultimate price.

Under the expert guidance of OS military historian, Peter Caddick-Adams (CH 1974-1978), a party of 20 intrepid Salopians and their wives set out for the Salopian Club Battlefield Tour from Victoria Embankment for the overnight crossing from Portsmouth, calling en route at the Map Room at Southwick Park, the advance command post of the Supreme Headquarters of the Allied Expeditionary Force. Our approach to Normandy in the half light of an overcast dawn gave us some inkling of what faced that armada of warships and small boats on June 6th, 1944.

Prior to the sea-borne invasion, airborne troops had dropped, by glider and parachute, to seize vital bridges over the Caen Canal and so we enjoyed a welcome breakfast in Benouville at the Café Gondree, still run by Arlette Gondree, then a child in the first building in France to be liberated. Thereafter we followed the campaign from Sword Beach to a series of British attempts to break through an outnumbered but highly skilled adversary – Operations Perch, Epsom, and Goodwood – but the consequences (whether intended or not by Monty) were to hold down vital German formations, thus allowing the Americans finally to break out further west.

Engineers in the party were able to view the extraordinary feat of the Mulberry Harbour at Arromanches, film buffs were reminded of the opening scenes of “Saving Private Ryan” on Omaha Beach, and gourmets enjoyed a series of excellent dinners in Caen in remarkably friendly and cohesive company.

Any interested Salopian should not hesitate to embark on a battlefield tour of this nature. At different times it was fascinating, amusing, and yet poignant. No tour would be complete without visits to the immaculately kept Commonwealth Graves. From our party, Mark Howells (SH 1973-1978) was able to visit the grave of his uncle in a quiet corner of Secqueville-en-Bassin, while our party as a whole laid a wreath in the Bayeux Cemetery to all Salopians who fell in the Battle for Normandy. On the Bayeux Memorial the inscription reads: “Nos a Gulielmo victi victoris patriam liberavimus – We who were conquered by William have freed the land of our conqueror”. Let us hope – never again.



Old Salopian Day 2016

Thursday 13 October 2016



OS Day 2016 had a somewhat different feel to that of previous years, as we moved to a new format centred on a celebration black tie dinner for anniversary year groups. There were plenty of activities during the day also and these were open to all OS, ensuring that there was something for everyone.

Unfortunately the weather was uncharacteristically wet and dreary, almost unheard of over Shrewsbury of course, but this didn't seem to dampen spirits and we had excellent turnout for

the lunch time drinks reception and the grand opening of the Chatri Design Centre.

The School buildings around Quod had put together displays and exhibitions, including a display in the Moser library on the origins and history of football at the School and a science display in the Craig Building. The highlight was undoubtedly the Old Salopian Art Exhibition, which featured some wonderful pieces and was organised principally by Max Baccinello (Rt 01-06).

Unperturbed by the rain the OS footballers, who had managed to put together an impressive five teams to take on the school, won all but one of their matches before tucking in to match tea in Quod. Unfortunately the weather led to a rather soggy experience for our returning netballers, who retired to MSH a little earlier than planned for drinks and nibbles.





In a moving tribute to Bill Grant (SH 61-65), a lifelong supporter of rowing and coach at Durham university, a boat was named after him in a special ceremony down at the boat house. The honours were undertaken by Bill's widow Dr Jenny Grant and their daughter Catherine. Several members of Sabrina, some of whom probably ought to know better, then took to the river in the driving rain, to show everyone how it should be done.

The evening dinner brought back OS from the year groups 56, 66, 76, 86 and 96, as well as some who have managed to reach such a vintage as to deserve a permanent place at the table.

In true 'back to school' fashion the event was held in KH. Not the most luxurious of surroundings perhaps, but we had a little fun with the decorations and the food was top notch. There were speeches by the Salopian Club President, Sir Peter Davis (O 55-59) and from John Rowlinson (S 62-66) who had guests laughing out loud with his recollections from both his School days and his career in sports journalism and then sports media. Guests were then treated to songs by two of our talented current music scholars.

In all it was a lovely day, with a number of Old Salopians coming back to the School for the first time. With the footballers, the diners, the day group and Sabrina, over 200 Old Salopians visited the site on 1st October, from across the generations. This was great to see and we hope this will continue next year.





Sponsored Walk for the Shewsy raises over £80,000

Thursday 13 October 2016

The grand total raised by the whole-school sponsored walk for Shrewsbury House ('the Shewsy'), our Youth Club in Everton, Liverpool, is more than £80,000 - a wonderful achievement.



L-R: Tristan Lywood, Rob Hartwell, Lesley Drew, Max Morris, Dave Brereton, Mark Turner (Headmaster), Fergus David, Sergey Vartanov, Nick David. (Note: at the time of the cheque presentation, the total figure raised stood at £78,397. It increased over the next few weeks as more donations arrived.)

Senior Youth Worker Dave Brereton, who came to the School to collect the money on Wednesday and didn't stop grinning all day, said, "This is an astonishing amount of money raised and far exceeds our wildest expectations. The generosity and dedication of Shrewsbury School pupils, staff and supporters will enable us to continue to offer engaging and challenging opportunities for club members. This funding is a lifeline for the young people of Everton. Club members and staff have been completely overwhelmed by the amount raised and this has given all at the club a massive boost to morale and to what we are able to plan for the immediate future."

In her email to all pupils and staff announcing the grand total, Shrewsbury's Charities Coordinator Mrs Drew paid tribute to the whole School and the effort they had put in: "Well

done to absolutely everyone, and especially to Mr David for organising the Walk: a challenging walk, and a challenging target, all in aid of those who live in challenging circumstances.

"Well done: we walked for a better future for others, and we've made a big difference."



Dave Brereton with the Third Form



'Shrewsbury School SparkPoint' - House Singing Special Edition

Thursday 13 October 2016

This week's edition of 'SparkPoint', the new micro-magazine produced by Deputy Head (Academic) Maurice Walters, is themed around 'songs that changed the world'.

Please click on the image below to open the magazine as a pdf file:

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The Power of Song

Well the Exam is almost in touching distance now, but the week ahead still promises to be as busy as ever for all of us. We culminate, of course, in the much-celebrated House Singing competition on Friday night and, although I have never witnessed the Shrewsbury version, I know from previous experience that this competition is usually keenly fought and at an exceptionally high standard. I'm thoroughly looking forward to it.

With this in mind, I have decided to theme this week's issue of SparkPoint around 'Songs that Changed the World'. Music, and particularly song, is a powerful means of expression. It allows us to connect with text in an emotional way and communicate feelings and ideas with real power and depth. Throughout History we have seen the courses of great men, governments and empires, altered by the power of this strange medium – so I think it's worth spending just fifteen minutes this week considering one or two of those extraordinary moments.

Get Creative – Competition Challenge

Thank you to those of you who have been sending in your responses to the material from previous issues – Shop Teas and commendations are on their way. Don't forget that you can be as creative as you would like to be with this – the aim is for you to combine your knowledge and understanding in unusual and powerful ways.

To this end, I am offering a significant, chocolatey reward to anyone who is feeling suitably inspired by this week's issue. I'm looking for a Christmas Song. The theme has long since gone out of fashion with pop artists and it's left a gap in the market. You can submit your performance as an individual or a group in any format you like: a recording, a music video, a score, a live version – but it must be with me by the final week of term ready for me to declare the winner. The theme is 'Christmas' of course – but I'll be especially interested in anyone who can give me an unusual take on that in their writing or performance.

M Walters | Deputy Head (Academic) October 2016

SP13 – Fight the Power – Public Enemy 1989

Click [here](#) to hear an unlikely genre-changer of a song. Released in 1989 it had a limited effect on its target audience, but a profound one in an unusual area. In 1991, the Serbian capital city of Belgrade was under a full lockdown with rebels against the regime forced into hiding. The transmission of propaganda was banned, so the rebels used this song to keep their cause alive.



SP14 – Change is Gonna Come – Sam Cooke 1964

Sam Cooke actually died a year before this song was released, but as someone derived from the fact that he – an artist known for sentimental ballads – decided to take up the cause of the Civil Rights Movement and deliver a song that was inspirational and optimistic, in what was actually a deeply divided age. Click [here](#) to listen.



SP15 – Ninth Symphony – Beethoven 1824

Widely considered to be not only Beethoven's very finest work, but also one of the greatest pieces of music in the Western tradition, this symphony was greeted with such jubilation and optimism, that the audience couldn't wait until it finished to applaud and broke out into an ovation well before it concluded. Click [here](#) to hear an extract.



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The news this week 100 years ago: 14th - 20th October 1916

Thursday 13 October 2016

This week we remember:

Second Lieutenant Kelyth Pierce Lloyd-Williams, 17th Bn. Welsh Regiment.

School House, left in 1912. He went up to Clare College, Cambridge, where he served in the O.T.C. until he was commissioned on 26th February 1915.

Killed in action in France, 17th October 1916, aged 21.

Buried at Maroc British Cemetery, Grenay, France. Grave I. K. 12.

House Singing 2016

Wednesday 19 October 2016



Unison

Oldham's entries this year were 'What I like about you' by The Romantics, sung by the whole House, and 'Four Chord Song' by Axis of Awesome. Our Upper Sixth shakers and movers were Jamie Chambers i/c the Unison, with Ollie Clarke as choreographer (a key role...) while Steffan Williams masterminded the Part Song with significant input from Mr David Wray.

With two great performances on the night, the House finished third overall (the highest place I can remember), second in the Unison and were outright winners of the award for 'Best Entertainment', having won it last in 2010.

The boys, all of them, will be both delighted and rightly proud of this result. A special mention for the Part Song, which despite not being given a judges' mention was clearly the best Oldham's Part Song performance I have ever seen and heard. As ever, our congratulations go to all Houses at the end of a great competition and huge thanks to all those parents who were able to support the House on the night.



Part Song



House Singing Competition

Wednesday 19 October 2016





Academic lecture series

Thursday 20 October 2016

Pupils at Shrewsbury enjoy a wide variety of academic events, societies and activities throughout the year, which support and enhance the classroom curriculum. A vibrant series of lectures take place every week, many of them given by distinguished academics and experts across a broad range of different fields.

Short reports on some of the highlights of the wide-ranging lecture programme from the first half of this term, most of them written by pupils, are included on our 'Latest Academic News' pages. They can also be found by clicking on the links below:

- Dr Ben Pilgrim from the University of Cambridge gave an entertaining and inspiring talk on [‘the curious properties of water’](#).
- Dr Carl Watkins of Magdalene College, Cambridge challenged preconceptions of medieval times in his lecture on [‘Thinking about Medieval History’](#).
- Dr Niall Livingstone, Senior Lecturer in Classics at the University of Birmingham, gave the first of this term's Academic Extension Programme lectures on the theme of 'Persuasion'. His talk focused on the [relationship between ancient and modern rhetoric](#).
- The second lecture on 'Persuasion' was given by Professor Marcus Munafo from the School of Experimental Psychology at the University of Bristol and Director of the Tobacco and Alcohol Research Group. Entitled [‘Choice and Corporations’](#), his talk explained how our behaviour can be deliberately influenced by the tobacco, food and alcohol industries and discussed the psychology of addiction.



The news this week 100 years ago: 21st - 27th October 1916

Thursday 20 October 2016

This week we remember:

Lance Corporal Bernard Nowlan Harvey, 177689, 87th Bn. Canadian Infantry.

Churchill's, left in 1902. Killed in action in France, 21st October 1916, aged 33.

Buried at Adanac Military Cemetery, Miraumont, France. Grave I. G. 19.

Captain Walter Petit Salt, 2nd Bn. Lancashire Fusiliers.

Haydon's (now Rigg's), left in 1897 having been in both Cricket and Football Elevens. He was gazetted from the Militia 2nd Lieut. Lancs. Fusiliers in 1899; Lieut., 1900 ; Capt. 1904. Retiring with this rank, he entered into business at Gibraltar. On the outbreak of the War he came to England with a view to re-joining. He thereupon joined the R.A.S.C. as Temp. Capt. in December 1914, but was eventually transferred to the 2nd Bn., Lancs. Fusiliers, in April 1915. Despite being gassed and hauled out of a dugout at the second battle of Ypres, he continued. Killed in action in France, 24th October 1916, aged 39.

Remembered on Thiepval Memorial, France. Pier and Face 3 C and 3 D.

Sergeant James William Prior Ponsford, PS/8002, 20th Bn. Royal Fusiliers.

Haydon's (now Rigg's), left in 1914. Being too young to join the Army when the War broke out, he joined an O.T.C. until he was of military age. Then he enlisted in the 20th Bn. Royal Fusiliers, became Lance-Corporal two days after joining, and Sergeant eight weeks later. He never wished for a commission, but preferred to serve in the ranks.

He was shot by a sniper when in charge of his position in France, 25th October 1916, aged 19.

Buried at A.I.F. Burial Ground, Flers, France. Grave V. F. 11.

Second Lieutenant William Thornley Stoker Woods, 62nd Bde. Royal Field Artillery.

Pickering's (now Churchill's), left in 1915. He was a Head of House, Praepostor, Choregus, Captain of the Boats and Cadet 2nd Lieut. School O.T.C. Gazetted to the R.F.A., 23rd September 1915, he joined a Battery in France after a very short training in England.

He was injured by a shell which fell on his dug-out by the Somme and died of wounds in France, 27th October 1916 aged 19.

Buried at Guards' Cemetery, Lesboeuufs, France. Grave II. E. 8

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The Tucks

Monday 24 October 2016

This year our Tucks results were better than ever; Rigg's A team won the Tucks with 128 points, followed by Severn Hill with 149. As well as this, the Rigg's was the highest placed B team with 634 points.



There were some excellent individual performances, with Freddie Huxley-Fielding coming in first with a time of 18:16, closely followed by Will Hayward in second with a time of 18:35.

In fact all of the eight A team members finished in the top 40, which was a remarkable result.



1st Wave Riggites

Following his success in the Third Form Race earlier in the term, Oscar Hamilton-Russell came in 24th with a time of 21:02, a promising result in his first Tucks. Another spectacular performance was from Paddy Barlow who showed his terrific potential for the Hunt this year by finishing in 20th position. He was also the first wave B runner to finish.

Overall this year's Tucks has been a brilliant success for Rigg's and highlights the abundance of talented runners in the House at the moment.



Freddie Huxley-Fielding

Ollie Taylor, Hugo Compston and MWDB



The Tucks

Tuesday 25 October 2016

On the final day of the first half term, the school set out to run the ancient “Tucks”, which is a challenging cross-country race of about 5km, mostly through muddy farmland. The School House boys ran very well; our top 5 runners were:

1. George Newton (UVI) – 20:36
2. Mark Pangin (V) – 21:01
3. Artyom Kutovoy (LVI) – 21:45
4. Scott Walker (LVI) – 22:06
5. Dom Hutchinson (LVI) – 22:13



The two Cassidy Sport Scholars, Josiah Chilaka (LVI - left) and George Newton (UVI - centre) focussing on the task ahead of them. George came in first for School House for a second consecutive year and won the coveted Street Trophy for his impressive efforts!



The 1st Wave sprint up the hill at the start of the Tucks, before jostling for position over the 5km course



Will Biggs-Lovell (UVI) running in the 2nd Wave of the Tucks, just ahead of Roman Khidirbekov (IV). Will showed his housemaster how it was done; despite setting off a couple of minutes after Mr Besterman, Will overtook him well before the end of the race, a feat also achieved by Frank Coughlan (IV)!



Term ends on a high note for School House with victory in the House Singing Competition

Wednesday 26 October 2016

Having enjoyed a great deal of success in recent years, with all three major trophies to our name, School House has a big reputation to uphold when it comes to the highly competitive House Singing Competition. I'm delighted to report that the boys did not disappoint: we won the coveted Part Song trophy for the second year running!

Our a cappella group, which comprised 11 boys from Third Form up to Upper Sixth, thoroughly deserved their victory; they defended their title with a brilliant performance that left the judges in no doubt as to the worthy winners.

This year, we decided to do something a little different; we broke away from the fashion of stringing together a medley of contemporary pop songs and went for a couple of traditional numbers. The first, *My Evaline*, is a barbershop classic. The boys certainly did it justice with some beautiful close harmony and amusing choreography (see below). They followed this with a contrasting lively and technically challenging 'African Spiritual' called *Gabi Gabi*; this was an ambitious choice and they pulled it off masterfully.



The School House Part Singers are (L-R): Fred Blanchard-Butter (LVI), Llyr Heyward-Jones (LVI), Will Blanchard-Butter (LVI), Eldon Kwok (LVI), Reuben Denison (V), Nifemi Okusanya (UVI), Henri Cramsie (V), Kobay Ferdinand-Okpala (V), Douglas Kenneday (III), Fadi Masri (III) and Oscar Bourke (III).



Fadi and Nifemi enjoying their victory. Nifemi, who is our Head of House this year, did a great job of leading the group.

However, we must not forget the School House Unison performance, in which all the boys in the house did their bit. It was the strength of this, in combination with the Part Song victory, which secured School House's position as Runner-Up Overall in the competition. Almost 90 boys took to the stage in their summery outfits to sing 'The Kinks' Sunny Afternoon'. The boys sang clearly and tunefully, and even put some harmony into the performance. They were supported by a house band made up of Jonty Gould (III) and Kwaku Antwi (UVI) on sax, Peter Stanley (UVI) on guitar, Wentao He (UVI) on bass and Mrs Besterman on piano.

As always we are very grateful to Mrs Besterman for her major input: arranging the music, accompanying and helping to rehearse both the Part Song and the Unison entries.



The Alington Hall was transformed into a 'Sunny Afternoon' for the School House Unison performance.

Shrewsbury equestrians enjoy success at National and International Championships

Monday 31 October 2016

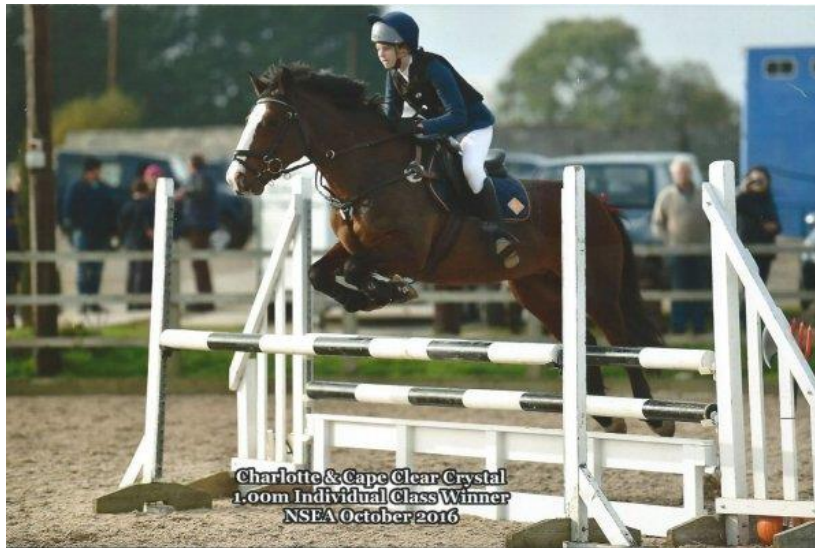
Shrewsbury equestrians enjoyed a very busy and productive half term, with a fruitful trip to the National Schools Equestrian Association NSEA Championships held at Addington Manor, Buckinghamshire and individual wins at the NSEA Somerset and Avon County Qualifiers and at the Aldon International Horse Trials.



At the NSEA Championships at Addington Manor, 21st – 24th October, Shrewsbury's 90cm Show Jumping team of Tristan Lywood (Rt UVI), Mimi Ashworth (EDH V), Paddy Barlow (R IV) and Oscar Hamilton-Russell (R III) posted four double clears in the first round to finish an excellent fifth out of 44 teams. This qualified them for the evening final where they were unlucky and eventually finished in eighth place.

The following day, Mimi Ashworth and Paddy Barlow were joined by Scott Walker (SH LVI) and Lily Freeman-Attwood (EDH IV) to make up the 1m Show Jumping team. Out of 33 teams starting, Shrewsbury were the only team to achieve four double clears in the first round. However, as only three scores per team are required, eight teams qualified for the final and Shrewsbury finished in a very good sixth place.

All the riders worked together as a team and played their part to achieve this success for Shrewsbury at the Championships.



Charlotte & Cape Clear Crystal
1.00m Individual Class Winner
NSEA October 2016

On 29th and 30th October, Charlotte Hollinshead (G III) (*pictured above*) represented Shrewsbury School as an individual in the NSEA Somerset and Avon County Qualifiers held at the KSEC Centre. Riding her pony Crystal, she came second in the 95cm class and then won the 1 metre – the highest class of the day.

Meanwhile, Thomas Tulloch (Rt UVI) (*pictured below*) enjoyed an excellent win at Aldon International Horse Trials in the CIC (International Novice) class, riding Bally Blackjack, a young horse he has been producing this year. Having already achieved great success with Team GB in international Pony Eventing Championships over the last couple of years, this is Thomas' first international win at senior level.

