

Moser's: Summer Results

Saturday 1 September 2012

All fifteen University applicants from the departing U6th successfully secured their University places - phew! We last saw them *en masse* on Speech Day, proudly wearing their Moser's bow ties and ready to see off their final day at School in style at the Leavers' Ball - see photo. Most will already have started their new lives as University students.

There was also a great deal else to be proud of on "results day" in both AS and GCSE results - hard work well rewarded. My in-tray is already full of personal statement drafts for this year's applications, but I have high hopes...



GCSE and Lower Sixth Awards 2012

Monday 3 September 2012

After a record-breaking year for GCSE results (for the second year in succession), Shrewsbury School is delighted to be in the position of awarding 45 honorary scholarships, exhibitions and exam prizes to pupils entering the Lower Sixth this term.

Honorary Scholarships have been awarded to the following 7 pupils:

H.R Fox (PH)
R.I.C Fraser (Ch)
M.Y.T Huang (S)
H.C Law (O)
S Pelling (EDH)
A.H Walker (O)
T.Y Wong (MSH)



and **Honorary Exhibitions** have been awarded to:

J Anderson (EDH)
E.W.J Harrison (I)
J.S.R Hodges (G)
T.F Lansdell (PH)
T.E.C Rowe (M)
H.M.E.W Scott (Rt)
Y.L.A Yu (M)



GCSE Examination prizes have been awarded to candidates with an outstanding number of A* grades:





L.W Arnold (M)
A.M Blandford (EDH)
G.W Bradshaw (S)
S.N Chandler (Rb)
C.L Chane (I)
J Cherukat (PH)
E.M Collins (MSH)
H.C.N Dashwood (SH)
E.A.M Dolphin (MSH)
D.B Hart (Rt)
T.E.H Harvey-Scholes (R)
K.T Hau (SH)
R.O Homden (Rb)
L.M Jeffcoate (Ch)
T.R.B Lloyd (Rt)
B.C.W Lyster-Binns (Ch)

E Osade (MSH)
C.J Papaioannou (PH)
T.J Price (G)
B.J Quirk (PH)
I.C Richardson (MSH)
J.W.J Shaw (Ch)
E.C Shawe-Taylor (O)
I.J Tenison-Collins (MSH)
A.Y.C Tsim (R)
I.M Turney (EDH)
R. St. C Wade (Rb)
J.W.D Warburg (PH)
H.L.G Warner (EDH)
H.L Wheeler (I)
E.D Williams (EDH)

Lower Sixth Examination prizes have been awarded to candidates with outstanding scores in their AS and Pre-U subjects:

T Bland (Rt)
H.J Cox (Rb)
E.J Elcock (Rb)
A Jin (EDH)
M Lawley (S)
R.M Parr (EDH)
H.C Partington (MSH)
E.J Pollock (I)
R Suemanothom (G)
K Vanich (MSH)
M.E Whittingham (MSH)





Summer Lets mooving on at SH!

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Fencing at Shrewsbury: A review of 2011-2012

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

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

The following boys and girls represented the School during the 2011-12 year:

Ameena Alderazi (MSH); Chris Williams (I); Stephen Li (Rt); Harry Cox (Rb); Jack Viljoen (M); Ollie Marshall (Rb); Charlie Godman (M); Ross Viljoen (PH); Marco Lee (I); Arthur Cheng (SH); Christian Ferrigno (SH)

Highlights of the year include the following results:

SHROPSHIRE OPEN 2011

Men's Foil: 10th Marco Lee, 17th Stephen Li, 25th Charlie Godman, 31st Chris Williams
Men's Sabre: 35th Harry Cox, 36th Jack Viljoen, 37th Christian Ferrigno
Men's Epée: 33rd Arthur Cheng, 42nd Charlie Godman, 50th Ollie Marshall
Ladies' Foil: 18th Ameena Alderazi

HEREFORD AND WORCESTER OPEN 2011

Men's Foil: 17th Marco Lee, 32nd Charlie Godman, 39th Chris Williams, 41st Stephen Li
Men's Epée: 47th Arthur Cheng, 49th Charlie Godman, 65th Ollie Marshall
Men's Sabre: 26th Harry Cox, 28th Ross Viljoen, 30th Christian Ferrigno
Ladies' Foil: 33rd Ameena Alderazi

MERSEYSIDE OPEN 2012

Men's Foil: 51st Chris Williams

BIRMINGHAM INTERNATIONAL 2012

Men's Foil: 91st Chris Williams

WEST MIDLANDS BYC QUALIFIERS 2012

Under 16 Boys' Epée: 1st Arthur Cheng 2nd Charlie Godman
Under 16 Boys' Foil: 3rd Charlie Godman
Under 18 Boys' Sabre: 3rd Harry Cox

PUBLIC SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2012

Boys' Senior Foil: 24th Chris Williams, 37th Stephen Li
Girls' Senior Foil: 23rd Ameena Alderazi
Boys' Senior Epée: 35th Jack Viljoen, 45th Chris Williams, 72nd Stephen Li, 94th Ollie Marshall



Boys' Senior Sabre: 23rd Harry Cox, 39th Chris Williams, 47th Jack Viljoen
Boys' Junior Foil: 3rd Marco Lee (outstanding performance) 27th Charlie Godman,
Boys' Junior Epée: 12th Charlie Godman (outstanding performance) 27th Marco Lee,
55th Arthur Cheng
Boys' Junior Sabre: 30th Ross Viljoen, 39th Charlie Godman, 41st Arthur Cheng

In order to see the results above in the correct perspective, it is important to understand that Salopians fence most of their contests against experienced, adult opponents. Results at the Public Schools' Championships show how successful the School's fencers are with regard to their equals and contemporaries.

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

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

MASW



Old Salopian Golfing Society President gets off to a 'purple' start

Tuesday 4 September 2012

OS Golfing Society's new President **Anthony Smith (I 54-59)** won the Champion Trophy at Royal Birkdale Golf Club on 1st August to become the OSGS Matchplay Champion, defeating James Shaw (R 64-68) 4x3.



Pictured, Anthony Smith, the runner-up James Shaw and in the middle Will Champion who refereed the match and presented the Champion Trophy. This is in memory of Will's father, the late Ian Champion, and donated to the Society to mark Ian's years as President and the contribution of the Champion family over many years at the highest levels to Old Salopian golf.

More golfing news on the OSGS website pages: <http://www.shrewsbury.org.uk/page/os-golfing-society>

Top Pre-U mark in the country in French

Tuesday 4 September 2012

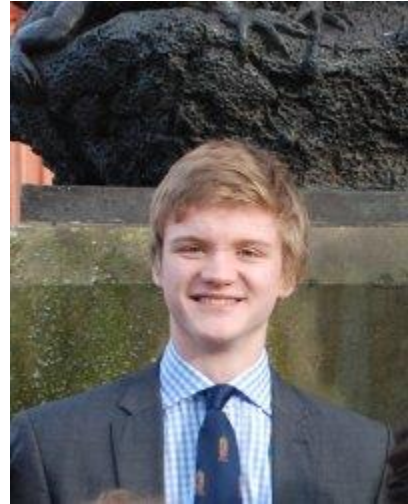
Jack Flowers (I, 2007-2012) not only managed to get 2 A* A-Level grades and a distinction in his Pre-U exams this summer, but it has now emerged that Jack had the highest mark nationally in the Cambridge French Pre-U Principal Course - for which the exam board are giving him an award, plus a useful Amazon voucher to support his studies.

The Board's oral examiner also sent an email to congratulate the school, in which he remembered fondly Jack's Chanson de Geste medieval French in the oral exam!

Jack was an exceptional student with a wide range of talents that included debating, acting, cricket, football and fives. He directed the 2011 Ingram's house play (and rewrote the 2010 and 2009 house plays), had the lead part of Henry Bolingbroke in the 2011 School Play 'Henry IV', and in August 2010 Jack went up to the Edinburgh Festival to perform in the David Hare's 'Racing Demon', the 2009 School Play.

Jack will be continuing his French studies at Brasenose College, Oxford.

In addition, the Cambridge Pre-U Board acknowledged the achievement of Mark Li (SH 2008-2012), who was awarded the top grade of D1 in Pre-U Physics. Mark has a place to read Natural Sciences at Caius College, Cambridge.





Waste Campaign at Kingsland Hall

Tuesday 4 September 2012

Kingsland Hall (KH) are committed to reducing the amount of food left on plates. Starting in Michaelmas Term 2012, they are going to be monitoring the amount of food waste that is generated each day.

Staff and pupils are encouraged only to take what they know they can eat - they are always welcome to come back for more.

The hope is that raising peoples' awareness of this waste, and their understanding of the ethical and ecological implications of food waste, will result in a significant reduction of the amount of food that is just thrown away.

All savings generated will be reinvested into a number of initiatives including sponsoring food for Medic Malawi foundation children, special treats and school equipment.

Fantastic new KH servery areas

Tuesday 4 September 2012



The start of the new Michaelmas term sees a brand new layout to the Kingsland Hall servery areas. Gone are the dated counters, to be replaced with state of the art servery counters, a 'Theatre Kitchen' section which will have a chef cooking speciality dishes at lunch & supper, a specific salad island & a range of lights that can change at each meal time to suit the time of day.

By redesigning the production space in the kitchen and making it more ergonomically efficient for the kitchen brigade we have created a serving area that is now 30% larger than it was previously. This will ensure that the pupils and teaching staff have more space to move around the counters when choosing their meal.

The new term sees a [new menu](#) as well, many of the popular favourite dishes remain but there are quite a few new dishes that have been added to complement the choice.

Pre-Season Football tour to Portugal

Wednesday 5 September 2012

DAY 1

After a decent afternoon of training at Shrewsbury, followed by lasagne and chips at The Beacon Pub, both squads settled in at Ridgemount to watch a rousing Everton performance against Man Utd. A few hours sleep were managed before our 4.15am departure to Birmingham airport. The flight went very smoothly and the 15 minute transfer from Lisbon airport to the hotel was easy for the majority of the tour party. However Mr Pridgeon and Mr Hughes (in the hire car) managed to take 2 hours, blaming it on Mr Biggins faulty sat nav!

A big lunch at the hotel was followed by our first training session at the Jamor complex, set in beautiful surroundings. We then had a cool down swim in the pool before a big supper and an early night.



DAY 2

Morning training was again followed by a swim and then some "down time" in hotel rooms to charge up our batteries before our first match against the academy teams of Division 1 Estoril.

U15 Match Report 1 v Estoril – Sam Mitchell (Goal keeper)

The game started relatively evenly, both teams passing the ball well on a perfectly flat 3G surface. In the sixteenth minute the opposition scored first with a break away and a curling chip into the left side of the goal. Then in the 23rd minute the opposition struck again with a great cross and a well-timed header back across the goal.

It wasn't until the 30th minute that Max Parsonage sprung to life and scored what was to be the pick of the goals. After a misplaced goal kick Max received the ball on the turn and drilled the ball into the bottom left corner of the opposition net, this all happening just beyond the 18 yard line. At 2-1 the game tightened up again, and on the 40th minute Max Parsonage rounded the keeper and finished in style to give us the equaliser. Our goalkeeper hadn't had too much to do and neither had the opposition's with most of the game being battled in midfield and defence. It wasn't until deep into the second time that the opposition's 3rd and 4th goals were scored. The first being a cross that was deflected in of one of their strikers at the near post, and the second a well-placed shot into the bottom corner after the striker was a little too strong for one of our defenders.

The highlights of the match were undoubtedly Max's goal, a crafty chipped pass by the captain, Jake Morris, and a certain amount of skill shown by our keeper to outwit an opposition striker.



Overall, the game was a success and the team worked very hard, especially considering a lot of the players were playing out of their favoured positions.

1st XI Match Report v Estoril – *Matt Gregson*

On a fine August evening in Estoril, the 1st XI kicked off against an academy team. Shrewsbury were dominant from the start with Max Pragnell smartly heading home in the 3rd minute after an Adrian Tong assist. We passed the ball around fairly well on the flat 3G surface after our hard training sessions on the previous days of the tour. However, the other team kept the ball well and kept Shrewsbury chasing the game. We pressed the ball well and kept them playing the game in the middle of the pitch which meant that they were not a threat on goal and our keeper Ben Gould didn't have to make a save in the first half.

After a prolonged spell of pressure from the hosts, Elliott Christie picked out Max Pragnell in the 27th with a superb through ball which Max finished well, rounding the keeper and slotting home with expert precision. At half time we made a couple of changes and found ourselves on the back foot from the outset. However, we defended very well and didn't let their slippery salmon of a striker have any real chances on goal. We held out for the second half and neither of our goal keepers conceded a goal.

Overall this was a very good start to the tour and the shape of the team and how we defended was very encouraging as we kept a clean sheet against a decent outfit. Hopefully there will be more wins to follow throughout the tour and the season! The low point was losing Matthew Gregson with a nasty ankle ligament injury which means he will miss the rest of the matches.

Match 2

U15 Match Report v Castelo Forte – *Harry Schofield*

The match kicked off at 5 o'clock in the Jamor training ground. To begin with, our performance was reasonably composed, however around 15 minutes into the match, the opposition managed to secure a cross into the box, leaving a man unmarked on the back post, who tapped it into the back of the net. We returned to our match facing an opposition hungry for another goal. A small lad holding the number 10 shirt was dominating our midfield along with a talented number 6 creating opportunities from central defence. These players caused our defence to drift to the right; exposing our left flank. This led to a one-on-one and then another goal. It was late in the first half, when a corner for us led to Jake Morris placing a volley into the net.

After the half, we held them off for a while but then once again they struck in about the 55th minute with a header to potentially seal their victory. We did however, have other chances to score again but all were put to waste. We really should have won this match but at the end of the day our efforts were left aside. The match finished with a 3-1 defeat.

1st XI Match Report v Castelo Forte – *George Ellery*

We kicked off at around 6:30pm. The first 10 or 15 minutes of the game was very poor, we didn't get any good passages of play and we couldn't keep the ball for more than a few minutes. We kept losing it with mistakes. However, after the first 15 minutes we gradually started playing, but it wasn't up to our usual high standards.

At half time, Mr Biggins and Mr Hughes said a few words and got us focused again. The second half we were a lot better. We wanted the ball a lot more and we worked a lot harder to keep the ball and to get the ball back. However the match turned with 10 minutes to go. They scored.... But then our striker, Max Pragnell was fouled in the area and earned us a penalty which he scored. The final result was 1-1 but we should have won!



Match 3

1st XI Match report v Oreiras Academy

After a tiring week of intense physical preparation for the upcoming season, the 1st XI arrived at St Julian's School where we were greeted by a younger opposition than we expected. Max Pragnell came to a very premature conclusion we were not playing them because we dwarfed them in stature and physique. Our warm up was sharp and crisp; we passed the ball quickly and fluently and everyone was in the right frame of mind to start the final match. Our younger opponents were a very talented team, organised and not scared to put challenges in. In the first half we battled well against them, winning headers and challenges as we should but just couldn't keep possession well. The turning point of the first half was when Shrewsbury conceded a soft penalty, when Alex Styles (Centre Half) chested the ball down, but the referee thought he had handled. Luckily Ben Gould saved the penalty very confidently and justice was done. We quickly went down the other end and Adrian Tong (Midfield) cut in from the right flank and slotted one in the bottom right corner. Our lead did not last long and their superior fitness and ability to keep hold of the ball proved to be our undoing.

The game ended up 3-1 against a very impressive opposition.

U15 Match Report v Oreiras Academy - *Ben Sansom (Midfield)*

After our last disappointing performance, we arrived at St Julian's school with a burning desire to perform at the best of our ability. As it was the final match, many of us felt as if we needed to win this match to regain our reputation and confidence. It was a good temperature to play in and we were excited to play on the completely flat 3G pitch.

The game started, and we passed the ball around crisply and accurately. After a miss from the opposition because of a goalkeeping mistake, Max Parsonage was played through and was fouled, resulting in a penalty. He calmly placed it in the corner, putting us in the lead.

Our confidence levels grew and Jack Fox was played through twice scoring both times with great composure. However both were offside and so at halftime we only lead by one. We had played well, creating waves and waves of attack, mainly run by Ben Jones and Toby Mason in the middle. Ed Dolphin had defended well as a centre half and Max Parsonage continued to threaten their defence.

In the first ten minutes of the second half, we continued to play well. Anton Nelson scored a great header to give us a 2-0 lead, but then everything turned upside-down. They scored two free kicks, to level the scores. We then took a 3 -2 lead, which did not last long and the final nail in our coffin came in the last minute and we were devastated to go 4-3 down in a game we certainly should have won. The matches were all very even however and provided us with great experience before the season.

CCF Summer Camp 2012

Thursday 6 September 2012

28 cadets (mainly 4th formers) went to Nesscliff Camp in Shropshire for the annual CCF Summer Camp during the first week of the summer holidays.

Lt Col Nick David reports that all went well and that the cadets were a real credit to the school. He writes: 'we had our usual all action week - only stymied by quite a lot of rain (that theme again) which put paid to the River Severn canoe phase of our exercise. The cadets shot various weapons live and blank, did signals work, first aid, hostage rescue, abseiled, navigated and undertook a 36 hour exercise. On this were soldiers from 11 EOD based in Gloucester (bomb disposal) who came along and did an 'in field' lecture, then taking part in the exercise to add realism. The cadets were very interested to hear about their role in provided security cover for the Olympics.

Overall this was another successful annual camp for Shrewsbury School CCF. Our two senior NCOs - Sgts Oli Pattison-Appleton and Henry Young - did a fine job at being bosses for the week.'



L-R: Olly Pattison-Appleton and John Dempsey show off their camouflage; a cadet hiding in the bomb disposal suit; a pensive Sam Kandi; survival cooking with mackerel and chips



Old Salopian musician wins prestigious conducting fellowship

Thursday 6 September 2012

Fergus Macleod (Rt 2001-2006) has won the coveted [Conducting Fellowship at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland](#), which he will be taking up later this month.

Fergus was a violinist in the National Children's Orchestra of Great Britain during his time at Shrewsbury, and it was here that he began his conducting studies. He went on to Cambridge to further his music studies after Shrewsbury, and his professional conducting debut was in 2009 with the Tokyo Philharmonic Orchestra.

Fergus called in to the Maidment Building today to visit Head of Music, John Moore (pictured with Fergus, right). He says he is excited about the prospect of studying in Glasgow and he expects the Fellowship to compliment his growing reputation as a conductor.

He remembers his time at Shrewsbury with great affection and values the great resource that the Maidment Building provided to him. He said he 'practically lived there' when he was at Shrewsbury.





Housemaster competes in the Roseland Triathlon

Friday 7 September 2012



Marcus (on the right, feeling the pace rather) and his Old Salopian cousin James Wharrie (Oldham's 1992-97) are pictured here, having completed the Roseland Triathlon in August 2012.

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Cricket: U17 National Cup - semi-final win

Sunday 9 September 2012

Shrewsbury School 204 for 7; Richmond School 170 all out. Shrewsbury won by 34.
Full report to follow!

After an exciting and very close fought semi final Shrewsbury School are very much looking forward to the Final of the School Sport Magazine Competition at Cumnor CC, near Oxford. We will be up against Gillingham School.

"The very young side have done well to play through the rounds to date and without any standout performers the team really have pulled together when the pressure has been on.

Win or lose on Wednesday next, this squad have thoroughly enjoyed the competition."

ASB



Harry Lonergan (O, UVI) rows for England in the Junior World Championships

Monday 10 September 2012



Pictured second from right, Harry Lonergan, Oldham's U6th, had a great series of seat races at GB final trials at the end of the summer term, putting him into the top GB boat for the Junior World Championships in Plovdiv, Bulgaria in August. His crew came 4th in the final behind Italy, Romania and Germany.

Harry still has another year to win that World Medal. He will be a "veteran" junior, having represented his country at both World and European level.

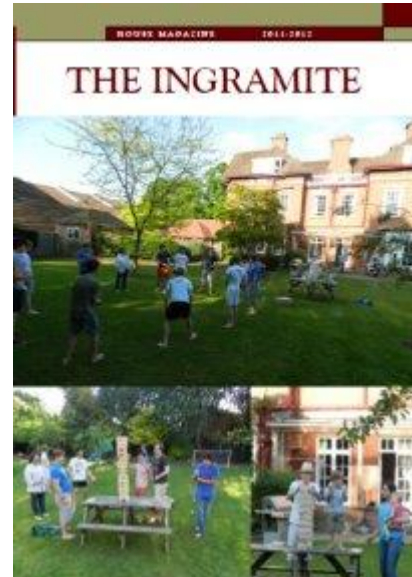
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The 2012 edition includes various pupil-written reviews and reports, and a number of interviews - including one of Dimitri Portier, Assistant Housemaster.

If anyone ever doubted the strength of house loyalties, the tug-of-war photo from Sports Day will change their mind!

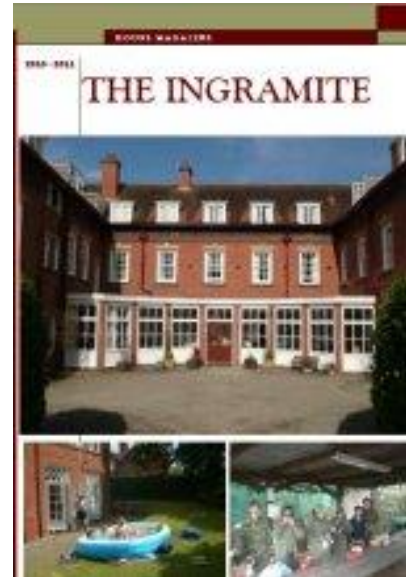


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Stepping Up

Monday 10 September 2012

Fourth former Finn McCormack is writing a blog on life as a Churchillian, as part of his DofE Bronze award. In this, his opening piece for 2012-13, Finn reflects on what it feels like no longer to be a Third Former, starting out at a new school. All Finn's entries can be found on the Churchill's news and photos page, but some - like this one - are of interest to a wider audience and get included in the school weekly eNewsletters.



It's very strange how being in the fourth form feels no different from last year, except for all the new, small faces that now surround me. It is hard to get used to the fact that we are actually in the shoes of this year's fifth form; the boys that seemed so intimidating, more to some than others, so big and so used to the place are now us. Of course we don't realise how much some of the new boys were trying to hold in their fear, or fighting the urge to cry in front of the cynical judges that are the pupils of Shrewsbury School, or longing to just run away from the place back to their warm, snugly, and ever welcoming homes. Some, of course, naturally fitted in. Soon, though, even those who thought they wanted to escape from the prison of top schools and "laddishness", will soon slip into the habit, adapt to the habitat and learn to spring clean their dorms on Thursdays, Dr Law's duty night.

At the beginning of every term of my first year here, I would often have to get used to my semi-familiar surroundings. It's true; living in a boarding house at Shrewsbury is like being in a different life altogether from home. The Link, the Toaster, and the whole idea of living with about sixty other people is unfamiliar to many of our young ones. But this year was different. I walked into my new dorm with my parents, unpacked all my kit and uniform, said the goodbyes and that was it. As soon as they left the house, I felt as if I had been here for ages, with no "adapting" period. So after a year, having two lives can become normal.

But those confident, omniscient fourth formers are now us. Rather than the instant transition, the sudden feeling of power I was expecting, it all feels really normal. And that's probably how the fourth form last year felt. And the fifth formers who are now in lower sixth; even, possibly, our current upper sixth.

Which shows, clearly, how time flies. Although I can barely remember arriving, nervously, with my trunk and choosing my bed it feels like yesterday. It probably will for years to come, even when we are at the top of the school. This time loop inside our heads can make decades seem like minutes. This is because our brains pick out significant moments in our lives and forget everything else, just like a filmmaker cutting his hours of footage to create an hour long film. Only the best cuts make it into the movie. Unlike a film editor, though, our brains can make a pretty big mess of things and choose the worst footage. What you really want is for your film to be on a good to bad footage ratio of about 5:2 or, if you're lucky and a very good boy, 1:0. You can't really avoid making some big bluffs but without them nothing would seem that good at all. But just one thing: make the mistakes early. Then you have five years to make up for them.



So if everything seems unfamiliar and you can't yet speak fluent Shrewsbury slang, just give it a year or two, attend Mr. Hudson's lecture on the school's famous jargon and you'll be an expert in no time.

Finn McCormack



Churchillians settling in

Tuesday 11 September 2012

A few shots from the first week of term/year:



The 15-strong Churchill's Third Form savouring the Shropshire countryside on their first Sunday; before the New Boys' Race with House Captain of Running, Rory Fraser



Churchillians enjoying a late summer House BBQ in hot September sun



EDH Lower Sixth girls: Sports sessions, Week 1

Tuesday 11 September 2012



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Shrewsbury House Charity Run - please support

Tuesday 11 September 2012

Andrew Fearn, 37, father of two, ex Shewsy club member is running the Great North Run on Sunday 16th sept and is aiming to raise funds for Shrewsbury House Youth Club. You can support Andrew by visiting <http://www.justgiving.com/fearn>. We have plans to sensationally improve our lighting in the club as a result of any funds raised.

The club is very grateful of Andrew's efforts and confident of a performance reminiscent of his sporting endeavours in the club all those years ago ! Please support.



Tom Elliott (I 2006-2011) continues to impress both at Oxford and Edinburgh

Wednesday 12 September 2012

Tom Elliott, currently studying French and English and Trinity College, Oxford, got the top marks in his first year French Literature exams, for which he was awarded a prize and £150.

Over the holidays, Tom had a very successful run directing The Trinity Players in Noël Coward's 'Tonight at 8.30' at the Edinburgh Fringe, having carried on the Salopian tradition of a one-night-only performance at the Ashton Theatre just before heading north to the Festival. His production earned several 4* reviews:



"Production values, classy accents, music, costumes, drawing room set, sound effects, (especially the ringing telephone), it's all directed by Tom Elliot with farical pace and timing. The whole cast is terrific, especially Lucinda as Piggie, and Lucy [Rands, (MSH 2008-2010)] as Clare. Absolutely spiffing!" – Vivien Devlin, Edinburghguide.com.

In the 2011 edition of The Ingramite, Ollie Nolan (then in the Third Form) said of Tom 'Surely he will go on to great things at Oxford.' Even Ollie might not have expected to have been proved right quite so quickly.



Sunday's 'Welcome to Music' concert

Wednesday 12 September 2012

It was a bold decision to lay on a substantial concert after only a week of term, but the event was highly successful, giving much pleasure to regulars and newcomers alike. Solo and chamber items were performed by members of the peripatetic music staff, before the full forces of various ensembles completed the programme.

Appropriately, Jonathan May opened proceedings with the Prologue to "I Pagliacci", leaping from his place in the front row with arresting effect to enthral us with his richly resonant baritone. Singing in English, he projected all the pathos of the number and the lyrical climax was spine-tingling. Modestly, he declined to take the second bow for which the audience was clamouring.

There followed two items involving flautist Sally Lane, the first with Jane Gleave-Pickett (guitar) and the second with Ruth Theobald (oboe) and Felicity Stubbs (bassoon). These were serene and graceful examples of music-making, creating a sense of intimacy even in the vastness of the Alington Hall. The tonal blending in the duet was marvellous to witness, as was the evident rapport in the trio.

Enter the Brass Ensemble, reveille banishing repose, popular numbers thundered out to raise the roof. This formidable line-up seems to increase at every appearance, a credit to those who teach the several instruments. Many of the players remained behind, being joined by woodwind and an augmented percussion section to form the Wind Band in "Midnight in Buenos Aires". What an evocative composition and what sensitive, vibrant playing!

More furniture-moving - to accommodate a huge orchestra - and we were away with the Lone Ranger (if you are old enough to remember him, that is). I refer, of course, to the finale of Rossini's William Tell overture, irresistible as ever, and rousingly played. The choice of piece led neatly into a selection of film scores, an area in which JFM has recently immersed himself. His enthusiasm was communicated to the players, who, in spite of limited rehearsal time, gave vivid renderings of the famous themes. I hope they will have another chance to entertain an even bigger audience. Those who were fortunate enough to be there on Sunday night will doubtless spread the word.

MWK

Our first Hispanic Fellow

Wednesday 12 September 2012

We are delighted to welcome our first Hispanic Fellow, Miss Sabrina Bottai, to the Spanish department.

Sabrina comes from Rosario in Argentina via Colegio San Bartolome, our exchange partner school. Her main duties will be helping our Sixth form students prepare for their AS and A2 oral exams, but there will be time for extra more relaxed chat, as well as regular contact with Lower School pupils as they start their Spanish careers.

SHC





Summer news in brief from the Music Department

Wednesday 12 September 2012

During the holidays, Jacob Owen (Ch V) played with the National Youth Orchestra of Wales (NYO Wales) along with two new entrants this term - Josh Himsworth (Ch 3) and Awen Blandford (EDH LVI). Josh won the award for the most promising young player in the Orchestra, which he has written about separately: [NYO Wales Award](#).

Just after the start of term, Jacob went on to audition for the highly prestigious National Youth Orchestra of Great Britain; he will have to wait several weeks to hear if he has got in, but he felt that the audition had gone as well as it could.

Henry Thomas (Ch IV) has also been playing the trumpet in the National Children's Orchestra of Great Britain, performing amongst other works, Shostakovich's 10th Symphony. Henry has written an account of his week with the NCO for our website: [Henry at the NCO](#).

Henry Kennedy (I LVI) has been accepted into the Youth Orchestra of the CBSO (City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra) to play clarinet and bass clarinet.

Christopher Hardman (SH 2007-2012) has been accepted into the Halle Youth Orchestra to play clarinet.



A Week in the Life of Rishi Trivedi (Rb V)

Wednesday 12 September 2012

Rishi bravely undertook to write the inaugural 2012-2013 'Week in the Life' article, covering his first week back at school as well as the postponed ESCA National Final of the T20 competition, held at Arundel Castle Cricket Club last weekend.



Monday

A new day of term! However, this time it was the dreaded fifth form. It was the week of the U15 20/20 National Final at Arundel and training before finals day on Sunday would be essential. I arrived at school (5 minutes late as per usual) excited to meet everyone but to my surprise the whole house was a frantic rush, all eager to get to the first whole school assembly of the year. I therefore decided to gather all my books for the first three periods and start a light jog to catch up with the rest. The whole school flowed into Alington Hall, and in a matter of seconds the building went quiet whilst everyone rose to greet the Headmaster. He delivered his opening speech, telling us how he and many others, including myself were inspired by our Great British athletes during the London 2012 Olympics. He also went onto declare how this year's GCSE and A-Level Results were the best in the recent

history of the school. 'Pressure was on,' I thought to myself, having full faith in my year to deliver even better results.

The academic year kicked off with Biology, and immediately we were right into the thick of the syllabus. No writing names on new files, no chatting about how our summer was, but instead a test on how much we had remembered of last year's work! From then on it had struck me. I knew this year would be jam packed; full of Doctor Law English essays and hour long tests each week. Great! Luckily, the first few lessons up to 1 o'clock drifted by, and the smell of fish 'n' chips drew everyone to the newly refurbished KH. I was just expecting a new drinks machine or maybe new tables, but to my great surprise, everything was new and awesome! There was a floating island with multiple salad choices, a desert bar, and a deli choice!

After a scrumptious lunch, it was society's hour which was soon followed by the last two lessons before sport. For me, sport for the term was golf and squad badminton. I had played golf many times over the summer with my dad at Henlle Park golf club, and when it came up on the sport option sheet, I could not resist not signing up! Today, we went to the driving range at Arscott, where the golf pro coached us on weight distribution. It was an amazing afternoon out as the weather was great. After sport it was time to go home and start the year's first set of Topschools.

Tuesday:

Tuesday marked the second day of term. The usual 8:20 callover at house awakened me from the early morning daze and at 8:30 sharp was our first tutor meeting with Mr Dalton. He at least managed to lighten the atmosphere with a classic pub quiz (more university challenge!) rebooting



every stiff crank in our brains. Today was the day I would meet one of my two new teachers, Miss Weatherstone, the French replacement - who was extremely nice and sympathetic. Although she expected all A*s from our set she was happy to help and give support when needed. Fortunately, all the lessons flew by, and it was soon time for our first cricket practice session for the finals. Training, as expected, was intense. A two hour session in the cricket centre lasting until 10:30 pm consisted of fielding drills followed by a net and finally a cool down whilst discussing tactics. Everyone had to perform as today, Mr Greetham (our coach) was to decide the team for the National Finals. The atmosphere seemed tense, but our coach was the best at calming us down, getting us ready for the big weekend.

Wednesday:

Wednesday, effectively a half day compared to Monday and Tuesday. The day kicked off with double chemistry and the second of my two new teachers. Miss Woo, strict yet you could tell she could get us good grades. The first lesson was sharp. We effectively revised the whole of last year's syllabus for chemistry in less than an hour! I must say I was speechless at the end of that period! At the end of the day, after surviving double history on the top floor of the Main School Building, I had to rush down what seemed a never ending flight of stairs to get ready for 2 o'clock in order to make the bus for golf at Arscott. We were to play the back nine holes in fours and the winner at the end would get a prize, probably in the usual form of a Mars bar. The course unfortunately proved tough. With what seemed like the thick rough of the British Open and the rapid greens of Augusta I managed to get around in an average six over par, two behind the winner.

On arriving back home, I immediately checked the 'intranet' to see if Mr Greetham had posted the team for the finals. There I saw it, the link to the team. My heart was racing, the biggest cricket final I had ever been in, but was I to be chosen? I could breathe, there I saw my name. Yes!

Thursday:

Another 'half day,' but this time we had a mixed practice match with the U17 later on this afternoon. The highlight of today's lessons however would have to be Reverend Dobbie's eventful PSHE lesson in which we discussed what life would be like with no limitations from parents. Many witty and creative suggestions were blurted out, followed by the Reverend's cheeky yet easily recognisable chuckle which always lightened the mood, whatever the situation. PSHE effectively acted as a well deserved break (if I may say so) from the immensely tough GCSE lessons we had got used to.

After lessons and lunch we had Thursday activities for which I had chosen photography, a hobby I had taken up whilst on a Kenyan safari earlier this year. The theme was wildlife and how it merged with man-made buildings around the school site. It was great fun, as after taking the photos we were able to crop and Photoshop each one, adding to an album which would be put on display at the end of the term.

At precisely 5 o'clock in the afternoon, the mixed match with the U17 had begun. After winning the toss, we opted to bat first, posting a respectable 163 in 20 overs, helped considerably by Ed Pollock's 53 not out. At the half way stage, as the sun was beginning to set, we strolled out into the field. Luckily, a few early wickets put us in a great position before I came on to bowl. I kept a tight line bowling the odd slower ball to deceive the batsmen. My patience was soon to be rewarded as the batsmen, trying to increase the run-rate scooped the ball straight into mid-wickets hands. Wickets kept on falling and just as the last glimpse of the sun disappeared, the

number eleven batsmen walked out. Thankfully, he didn't last for too long, allowing us to win by a 32 runs. Despite winning, the most important thing was to obtain a full match under our belts before the real thing on Sunday.

Friday:

During the last day before our departure for Arundel, we were told to keep things easy and most importantly to relax. For a change, I could easily obey these 'suggestions.' No Topschools or intense training, no problem at all! The day thankfully flew by, and a light bowl in the cricket centre put me in great shape for Sunday's final.

Saturday:

At 4 o'clock sharp, we departed for Arundel, Sussex. I couldn't contain my excitement of playing in a national final at a first class cricket ground! Sunday would easily be the biggest day of my cricketing career. The four hour long journey to our overnight halt in Havant, Portsmouth was lengthy, but a meal out was sure to cheer us up. Tomorrow was a big day, so it was essential we got a good night's sleep as our first match started at 10:15 against Bolton School. A last discussion of tactics in the hotel foyer and a team talk from our captain, George Lewis left us pumped for finals day.

Sunday:

Today was the day. After a light breakfast, we loaded our kit in the back of the minibus and set off for Arundel, eager to get a first glimpse of the ground. The weather was thankfully great; sun, and a slight breeze, perfect conditions for playing cricket. The drive was about a half hour away from our overnight halt, and on arriving at the ground, the late night practices and all the games played over the summer proved to be worthwhile. The picturesque setting of the ground situated in Arundel Castle's gardens was overwhelming. It sat perfectly amongst the trees and hills of Sussex, shining due to the reflection of the sunlight on the dew-covered outfield. We entered the changing rooms, got ready for a warm up and jogged out onto the ground after having our team photo. A few fielding practices and a light bowl gave us only 15 minutes before the semi-final match began. Before the toss, our coach managed to give us our last team talk of the season. He told us to have no fears. Yes it was the National Finals, but we were also here to have fun. It was an achievement on its own getting this far and anything more would be a bonus. This was the mentality we were able to maintain throughout the competition, and today we weren't going to let the occasion affect our performance.

Our captain came back, having lost the toss, but no matter as Bolton inserted us to bat, exactly what we set out to do. Our plan was to make at least 150 runs, putting pressure on Bolton who had three effective batsmen. If we could get past those three, we had a very decent chance of making the final. The wait was over, the first ball was bowled and we were underway. Our openers Freddie Adair and George Lewis had a slow first two over's but soon picked up the pace, getting us off to a flyer putting on a 120 between them, before top scorer Freddie Adair (72) was dismissed. We all however had great confidence, despite losing a wicket as pressure was still on the Bolton bowlers. Unfortunately, we lost a bit of momentum towards the end of the innings but still managed to post a competitive total of 153.

It was a quick change over and in a matter of seconds our opening bowlers, George Panayi and Max Parsonage came charging in. They baffled the opening batsmen, finding the edge and the magic yorker which was impossible to hit. Max took a blinder of a catch and by the fourth over Bolton School was 22-3. What a start! If we could keep this form up we were sure to be in a good position. From the sixth over I came on to bowl. I tried to keep things simple, just like I do



in the nets. Bowl good lines and lengths and I was sure that the batsmen would not be able to hit me. It thankfully worked. The odd single or two here or there did not matter too much as long as I kept the boundaries to a minimum. However, unfortunately things turned for the worse. Our fielding and bowling disciplines stumbled, and Bolton did not lose another wicket, passing our score with eight balls to spare. It was all over.

There was a sense of shock as we walked back to the changing rooms, heads down with disappointment. The room was silent. We didn't even have the urge to drink water. We couldn't help thinking how we faltered so easily at the last hurdle, and how we let such a good opportunity slip. The door of the changing rooms opened soon after, and in walked our coach. He could see our saddened faces, and immediately gave us a comforting talk. He expressed how proud he was of us getting so far in the competition and how each and every one of us deserved a huge well done.

The day seemed to go by too quickly. After collecting our semi-finalist medals, we found ourselves back on the bus, heading back to school. What a memorable week it proved to be. Despite not winning, we still had the great honour of saying that we were there. We were at the U15 20/20 National Finals.



Rishi (left) after winning the ESCA Midlands T20 Final at the end of last term



New third former receives prestigious National Youth Orchestra of Wales award

Thursday 13 September 2012

New Churchill's third former Joshua Himsworth, formerly of Shrewsbury High Preparatory School, holder of both a Burney music and a Butler academic scholarship, arrived at the Shrewsbury fresh from his NYOW summer tour. He had a surprise in store.

Joshua tells this story:

'At the end of the first week just before we went off touring around the English/Welsh border areas. We had an awards ceremony. Dressed in our best suits and other formal wear, this ceremony contained a large dinner with all the tutors for the week present. After everyone had eaten we had the ceremony. There were awards for each section, from 'Most Professional Brass Player' to 'Most Percussive Percussionist'. When we got to the 'Most Promising String Player' award I was amazed – I had no thought that I might be considered because I knew there were 20-year-old cellists/viola players who were going for auditions to the Halle orchestra, playing excerpts from one of the pieces from the repertoire that we played, Beethoven's Fifth Symphony. My ears tuned into the awards ceremony at just the right time, hearing the name Joshua Himsworth!

I did an actor at the Oscars thing and held my heart and said "What me?" Weaving past tables to get to the stage at the other side of the hall was the most nerve-racking part with everyone watching you and clapping. It would have been easy to have felt self conscious, but I rather enjoyed this unexpected surprise.

'After the official awards ceremony there was the unofficial awards ceremony run by the older orchestral members, where there were many funny/Michael-extracting awards, e.g. The 'Dumbest Teenager' award for a 16 year old caught drinking outside one of the pastoral staff's rooms. Again I received an award. This time it was the 'Baby Boy award' for being the youngest in the orchestra. I got handed a bib and a sash saying, 'It's a boy!' Embarrassed was an understatement. Oh, and the music on the course was good as well!

Joshua Himsworth (Cb)



A week with the National Children's Orchestra over the summer holidays

Thursday 13 September 2012

Written in the style of 'A Week in the Life', Henry Thomas (Cb IV) has given an account of his time with the NCO, at Wellington.

A Week in the Life of Henry Thomas (at NCO)

Friday 17th August

When I got up I had actually forgotten where I would be travelling later that day. I had forgotten I was going on a music course for a week and that I would be spending 7 hours a day rehearsing for the next 9 days, but as you do, I had that dawning feeling that I was supposed to be somewhere doing something. I realised that that thing was packing the car, having my breakfast, brushing my teeth, checking everything was packed and then leaving. I was in the car on my way to Wellington College 2 hours later.

When I arrived at Wellington College. I went to the reception, signed in and went to trek round the school to find my boarding house. This procedure took ages as Wellington is a very big school, but finally I found the house, put all my stuff in my room and left to go to my first rehearsal. I won't delve into the rehearsals at all because if I did it would probably make this piece of writing around 30 pages long, so for your benefit I will leave rehearsals out of this. Our conductor was Peter Stark and we were all excited about how he would conduct us on our way through the mass of music which needed playing. After all the rehearsals had finished on that first day, we all wearily (already, after only half a day) made our way to our houses and fell to sleep almost instantly.

Saturday 18th to Friday 24th August

Breakfast started at 8am. The first rehearsal was a sectional rehearsal from 9:00 until 10.30am. I enjoy sectionals the most as our tutor Denis is a very funny guy with lots of stories to tell about the old days of being a trumpeter, but he is also very clever and passed on much knowledge to us (how to warm up properly etc.....) This is followed by a full Orchestra rehearsal from 11:15 until 1:15. After lunch we have another full Orchestra rehearsal for an hour (1:30-2:30). Then we have a two hour break, one of which is "compulsory fun" which you spend OUTSIDE!

At 4.30pm there would be another 2 hours of sectional rehearsals, dinner at 6.30pm and another full Orchestra at 7:30-8:30 and then bed at 9:00(sharp!) Quite an easy going timetable compared to being at school then! Having realised I was in a single room this time, I made the mistake of complaining to my mum about going to bed so early. She immediately suggested that she could post me a book to read, to which I replied that I was not THAT desperate!

As usual there was a talent show one evening, for which all prospective performers had to audition. You could not play your NCO orchestral instrument, but any other type of performance (dance group, band, piano, singing etc...) was allowed. I usually audition for the show with a piano piece, and for the third time in a row at an NCO course I was picked to play. I played something I call "Einaudi Variations", which is a piece I had developed over the holidays by improvising around the modern classical composer Einaudi's "I Giorni" piece. Also at the talent show there was magic, singing, brass ensembles, wind ensembles and so on.....



Before arriving at Wellington College for the course I had been informed by the “Social Staff” that there would be an Olympic themed Fancy Dress competition during the week, so in a moment of madness I had decided to pack my rowing lycra and my National Schools Gold Medal. On the day of the Fancy Dress, I was not so sure that this had been such a good idea, although it was better than my mum's suggestion of wearing speedos and pretending to be Tom Daley!!! Seeing my friend Alex dressed in his Taekwondo kit, however, I thought I might as well give it a go.....and in the end I was rewarded with the prize for "Best Olympian doing a sitting down sport"!!! Alex also won a prize, for "Best Olympian doing a sport on a mat"..... (Obviously the people who made these prizes were lacking any ideas as these are pretty dire names for prizes!). The prizes were chocolate gold medals, so obviously they didn't make it home.

In the middle of the week our conductor (Peter Stark) had a surprise for us. After we got back from tea, we walked into the rehearsal venue and couldn't understand it. Everybody's instruments and music was somewhere completely random in the orchestra. We were told to sit beside where our instrument was and to wait for further instructions. I in fact was sitting in the second desk of the violas; there was a Tuba to my right, a violin behind me, an oboe in front of me, a flute to my left and some clarinets diagonally to my right. Then our conductor brought us up to play and then collapsed laughing! He said he had just realised, he wouldn't be able to cue anybody in because he didn't know where any of us were!!! After this extraordinary rehearsal he told us that the idea of that was to make us watch him as intently as we could and listen to all the other parts in the orchestra.

Saturday 25th August - Concert Day

We were all very excited and ready for the big day, and we set off around 8:30 in our coaches for the drive to Colston Hall in Bristol.

There was also before a pre-concert performance from the brass and percussion so before the concert we were already starting to feel weary! We performed a specially commissioned piece of music in the foyer during this pre-concert in honour of the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games. The piece was called "Olympic Flame", composed by Matthew Curtis, and we had the honour of being the first musicians to perform it, so it was the premier of that piece!

I was rather nervous just before the concert, do you know why? Because just under my seat, and my seat only, there was a trap door! And I was very scared because as you walk over it, it creaked and went down a little. Luckily it stayed shut throughout the concert, but I was left wondering during many bars of rest whether I would suddenly disappear and be replaced by Aladdin's Genie or Peter Pan!

In the concert we played the following pieces:

Malcolm Arnold's *Homage to the Queen Suite* written to celebrate the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II in 1953.

Eric Coates' *London Suite* - the three movements are meant to depict three areas of London (Covent Garden, Westminster and Knightsbridge).

Shostakovich's Symphony No. 10 (written about Stalin and Russia at that time in history). The "scherzo" movement was my favourite, because it was so fierce, chaotic and full of emotion.

At the end of the concert, when the audience gave us a standing ovation at the end of the Shostakovich Symphony, we all stamped our feet (me praying I wouldn't fall through the trap door!) in thanks to the lead violinist, Charlie Lovell-Jones, who took a bow. His name is definitely one to remember, because he is a PRODIGIOUS talent, as well as one of many friends I have made through the NCO.

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Cricket: U15s and U17s both make it through to National Finals days, but come away without trophies

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Congratulations to the U17's who qualified for the National Final of the School Sport Magazine Competition on Sunday by defeating Richmond School, Yorkshire on Friday by 34 runs. Shrewsbury posted 204 in their 40 overs thanks to a good start from Ed Pollock and an important partnership by Doyle and Farquhar. Richmond were bowled out for 170.

The final took place yesterday at Cumnor CC near Oxford, in which we played Gillingham School. A full report will be available shortly, but unfortunately we did not bring the trophy home.

Also on Sunday, the U15's were defeated in the first semi-final of the National U15 T20 Competition by Bolton School by 3 wickets.

Freddie Adair and George Lewis got Shrewsbury off to a flyer putting on a century stand, before top scorer Adair (72) was dismissed. Shrewsbury lost a bit of momentum towards the end of the innings but still posted a competitive 153 from 20 overs. Shrewsbury struck early and at 22-3 Bolton looked up against it, but Shrewsbury's fielding and bowling discipline faltered, and Bolton did not lose another wicket, passing the Shrewsbury score with eight balls to spare.



Sports results w/e 9th September 2012

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Week 3rd – 9th September 2012

Date	Sport	Team	Opposition	H/A	Result	Score
7 th September	Cricket	U17s	Richmond School – School Sport Magazine Competition, Semi-final	H	W	204/40 – 170 AO
8 th September	Football	1 st XI	Liverpool Ramblers	H	W	6-2
		2 nd XI		H	D	2-2
		3 rd XI		H	L	1-2
		4 th XI		H	D	3-3
		5 th XI		H	D	1-1
9 th September	Cricket	U15s	Bolton School – National T20 Competition, Semi-final	A	L	153/20 - declared 1.2



RSSH: New Boys' Race 2012 - full report

Thursday 13 September 2012

Congratulations to Freddie Huxley-Fielding (R, race number 90) who smashed the new boys' course record, and becomes the first ever third former to run under 8 minutes on the course.

On the first Saturday of term, the entire 3rd Form competed in the annual New Boys' Race, a tough little 2.3km cross-country route made all the more challenging this year by the hot conditions. Not only is this an opportunity for early bragging rights among the boys, but it's also very much a team event and the terrific camaraderie on display by all the new House cohorts was a real treat to witness.



After Ed Mallett, this year's Huntsman, performed his first ceremonial duties of the year by starting the event with the traditional rallying cry and toot on the ancient bugle, 120-odd boys dashed off across Central chasing the 'hare' of the event, Senior Whip Seb Blake. Both Mr Middleton and Mr Haworth were very excited about the potential of talent it was believed existed in this new collection of Salopians, and they were not disappointed. A blistering early pace was set by Freddie Huxley-Fielding which at one point may have made our hare wish he'd

done a little more pre-season training!

As the leading runners darted round Top Common and down Oldham's Gap, it was clear that this was going to be a very fast race indeed. Tension built over the next five minutes as the boys made their way round the rest of the course, only for the leader to pop up in front of Chapel for the finishing straight long before anyone (with the possible exception of Mr Middleton, though more on that shortly) had predicted.

The early pace-setter, Freddie Huxley-Fielding of Rigg's, had managed to lengthen his lead and crossed the line in an astonishing 7.59, smashing last year's record-breaking time set by Oscar Dickens by a full 17 seconds. To put this into context, the School's current fastest runner, Huntsman Ed Mallett, completed the course in the same race four years ago in a winning time of 9.01. Mr Middleton, Freddie's Housemaster, looked slightly less than dignified in punching the air several times, but then not only had he seen his charge win the race, but he had correctly predicted his time to the second!

In second position came Charlie Tait-Harris of Port Hill, in an extremely strong time of 8.39, closely followed by William Hayward of Rigg's in 8.45. Six runners managed to complete the course in under nine minutes, which is an exceptional athletic achievement at this early stage in these boys' running careers. Indeed what was perhaps most encouraging for the Hunt coaches was not just Freddie's incredibly quick time, but the strength in depth on show among this year group, promising great things in years to come.

The race was not all about the very quick, however; further down the field there were some impressively gutsy performances from boys who were not used to running, and who nevertheless gave their all in the unforgiving late-summer sunshine to do themselves and their Housemasters extremely proud. Everyone who completed the course can look back with a real sense of

achievement, and the Headmaster's words of congratulations after the race were certainly richly deserved.

To the team event: the first six finishers from each House scored points for their team, with the lowest points total winning. It was unsurprising perhaps that Rigg's, with their Housemaster also Master in Charge of the Hunt, should take the honours. Their domination, though, was less predictable; their sixth finisher placed 31st, making a team total of just 70 too strong for anyone else. In second place was Port Hill, with a very creditable 102 points, while Oldham's - something of a dark horse of a team - clutched third, with 130 points.

Well done to all who ran, and thanks to everyone who supported this hugely enjoyable event.

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School House photos from Summer 2012

Friday 14 September 2012



L-R: Bibby and Bell celebrate their hole in one (Hole 3 on the 9-hole wii course); Footy; Harry & Ivan



L-R: Mike; Tactical thinking (!); Kwaku, Ivan and Vardan



L-R: Ralph, Oladipo and James; Footy; Blame!



L-R: Sam; Harry and James; Bertie



L-R: Camel attack; Footy action



Ergos - Nifemi in the centre shot



L-R: Nifemi; James; Will Biggs Lovell



L-R: 1st time out!; Pirates; Rowing



L-R: Vardan and Antwi; Peter and Alex; Rowers



L-R: Raph and Mike; Vardan, Peter and James; Alex and Nick



L:R Third Form Fun and School House Farm



A+ Education profiles Mark Turner: 'Meet the Head'

Friday 14 September 2012

The A+ Education (Midlands & Midwest) magazine profiled our Headmaster, Mark Turner, in their Autumn 2012 edition.

The magazine has been sent out as a supplement with Shropshire Life, as well as the Life magazines for Worcestershire, Warwickshire, Herefordshire and the Cotswolds.

Please click on the image on the right to view the full article.





Cricket: School Sport Magazine National U17 Cup Final

Saturday 15 September 2012

Shrewsbury had a fantastic run in this competition beating Trent, Bromsgrove and Richmond en route to the final. This was played on the picturesque club ground of Cumnor CC in Oxfordshire.

Our opponents, Gillingham School from Dorset won the toss and elected to bat. They got off to a decent start scoring 10 off the first over, but they were quickly pegged back by Jack Doyle who struck twice in two overs. This did not seem to upset Gillingham however and they played with positive intent, happy to dispatch the friendly fare that Shrewsbury were keen to serve up. Charles Kidson was the pick of the Shrewsbury bowlers and his tight spell was crucial in restricting Gillingham to 220 for 6 from their 40 overs.

The Shrewsbury reply started well with 8 off the first over including a big six from Ed Pollock. George Lewis batted superbly for his 40 showing a maturity beyond his years, but unfortunately no-one else was able to build a decent match winning innings and far too many players got themselves in and then threw away their wickets with poor shots. Freddie Earlam, Jack Flowers and Charlie White all got starts, but could not quite get Shrewsbury over the line.

This was a fantastic cup run and great experience for this young side and there are many positives to take from the campaign.

WAH

Moser's: Foundation Fortnight

Saturday 15 September 2012



Start of Term:

The first couple of weeks are always incredibly hectic and much of our time is spent helping the new boys to settle in. The U6th form monitors therefore have to shoulder a great deal of the organisational burden during the early days of term - and they have risen to the challenge impressively. The new boys are all off to a great start - they are an energetic bunch and are already much in evidence on the back lawn football 'arena', in the grot-shop and at the pool table.

I asked a few of them to jot down a word or two about their first few weeks in Moser's to go with a few pictures I have taken:

Arthur: "First day: We gathered in the back garden of Moser's milling about saying our final goodbyes to our parents. 'It's time to go', Bertie (our Head of House) finally said. And with that we were ushered across the lawns to our meeting with Mr. Turner. Once in the theatre we were greeted by the head of third form Dr. Morgan. He talked with us for a few minutes before Mr. Turner appeared. Mr. Turner quoted Shakespeare, 'Be not afeard. The isle is full of noises, sounds and sweet airs that give delight and hurt not.'

That quote stayed with me as I fell asleep the first night in Moser's."

Adam: "I got the chance to go rowing and it was fantastic, especially the smoothness and speed."

Will: "The third form quiz is fun and you go with your tutor who might let a bit of info slip if you don't know the answer. Not cheating, but encouraging! And if you listened well in your English lessons it makes it a lot easier."

Will: "The New Boys' Concert was a very special evening. My favourite was Marvin on the violin"

Marvin: "I managed to fail the swimming test. I was a bit shocked about that!" (he passed the violin test though it seems).

Ivan: "Life in Shrewsbury School is amazing! So many sports options and you can have as many friends as you like!"

Michael: "I have got lots of commendations and now I realise that you need to believe in yourself and try hard, then you are going to find yourself ahead of the game."

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Jack Travers charity cycle-ride from Amsterdam to Berlin Friday 21 September

Monday 17 September 2012

A message from Jack Travers (I 2000-05) about his impending cycle-ride from Amsterdam to Berlin:

'Ladies and gents,

Me again! I just wanted to thank all of you who have donated to either of my two charities - it is much appreciated.

...

James Macfee and I are leaving on Friday to begin our ride from Amsterdam to Berlin before running the Berlin Marathon upon our arrival. It has crept up on us but I think I am speaking for us both when I say it is pretty exciting and we now just want to get cracking. We have both been training hard (James even travelled to Vegas to do some specialist desert training...!) so I am sure it will pay off.

Here are the links to both charity pages if you are still keen to donate.

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fundraiser-web/fundraiser/showFundraiserPage.action?userUrl=JackTravers&pageUrl=2>
<http://breakthrough.tributefunds.com/JackTravers>

James is also doing it for charities close to his heart so please follow this link if you want to donate to either of these:

http://www.facebook.com/groups/134881906653943/?bookmark_t=group

I will be emailing you all throughout the ride (you will be annoyed to hear!) so you can keep tabs on our progress. I'm also going to be on Twitter (@jsbtravers) for those of you who are into that kind of thing!

Please keep spreading the word amongst friends, family, colleagues or anyone else you think might want to donate. This is a great opportunity to make a huge difference to two amazing causes.

Keep up the good work all and thanks again for your generosity.

Cheers, Jack'

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Old Salopian Hunt Benjy on Old Salopian Day - Saturday 22 September

Monday 17 September 2012

The Old Salopian Hunt will be gathering beside The Darwin Statue, in front of The School Buildings, at **2.00 pm** to celebrate the day with a Benjy.

All are welcome including the dog and the kids, to join us on a run, walk or stand around the Benjy course, just for fun.

There will be tea afterwards in The New Hunt Gym, situated in The Stott Pavillion, so that memories can be swapped and the grand display of Hunt Trophies and photographs and memorabilia can be seen. If you have any Hunt related photos or articles that you may like to bring along, then do bring them to The Hunt Gym.



Cricket: Two national finals in one week

Monday 17 September 2012

Having reached the T20 Finals Day at U15 level and the School Sports Magazine National U17 Final this week, there was plenty of optimism heading into the week for more silverware for Shrewsbury cricket. However it wasn't to be on both counts, but both teams acquitted themselves well in close encounters.

The U15A XI lost by seven wickets to eventual winners Bolton School having batted first and posted a handy 153 from 20 overs. Shrewsbury had the opposition 23-3 in reply, however one of the Bolton batsman launched an attack on some occasional wayward bowling and Bolton came through as victors – Bolton went on to defeat Whitgift School in the Final by 10 wickets!

The U17 XI played Gillingham School last Wednesday in the National Final (40 overs). Gillingham won the toss and batted first, rattling along to a competitive total of 223. Shrewsbury lost wickets fairly regularly although the third wicket partnership of Harry Flowers and George Lewis threatened to make serious inroads into the Gillingham total. Unfortunately both were lost in fairly quick succession after drinks, and Shrewsbury eventually fell 25 runs short on 198 for 9. Please also see [WAH's full report](#).



Radbrook Third Form win 6-a-side tournament

Monday 17 September 2012

There was some excellent football and house spirit on show on Saturday afternoon, with many parents on the sidelines enjoying the afternoon's matches.

Radbrook, Rigg's, Oldham's and Port Hill made their way through to the semi-finals with Radbrook and Rigg's emerging as slender winners through to the Final.

A solitary Harry Gregson goal in the final meant that Radbrook picked up the trophy, with a beaming Mr Hann looking on!





Young Engineers Group win Best Engineered Car Award (and a place in the Final)

Monday 17 September 2012

2nd October update: Despite not quite achieving the requisite number of miles when racing at in the North West Heat at Aintree recently in our Greenpower car, and being unable to take part in the next qualifying round at Castle Combe last weekend due to our coach weekend, our team of Young Engineers have been offered a place in the National Finals of the Greenwood Formula 24 Competition at Goodwood later in October. The Director of Greenpower, Jeremy Way wrote "Having won the award for Best Engineered car at Aintree, and having witnessed the inspiring enthusiasm of your team of young engineers, we have great pleasure in inviting you to attend the National Finals as one of three wild card entries."

The Young Engineers Group travelled to the Liverpool Motor Club circuit on September 13th to drive the car they had built in the school's D & T department in the Greenpower Formula 24 Competition

After scrutineering and a short practice drive around the circuit they lined up on the grid to compete in the four hour endurance race. The 32 entrants brought together teams from across the north of the country including ten from last year's National Final. The five boys worked together as drivers and pit crew and consistently lapped in the top ten cars during the first three hours. In the last hour their lack of experience started to show, but they battled on. When they slowly crept into the pits with batteries drained ten minutes from the end of the race they were in 12th place, two other cars managed to continue and complete another lap pushing them down to a final placing of 14th position.



At the presentations after the race it was announced that the judge from IMechE (The Institute of Mechanical Engineering) had awarded the team the trophy for the "**Best Engineered Car**" which has raised the team's spirits. They are now looking forward to the next race at the Castle Combe circuit at the end of the month.

John Holloway

L-R: Edward Jones (M), George Whitehead (Rb), Mischa Manser (Rb), Hector Kaye (Rb) in car, and Johnny Jones (Rb) all 4th Form





Sports results w/e 16th September 2012

Tuesday 18 September 2012

Week 10th-16th September 2012

Date	Sport	Team	Opposition	H/A	Result	Score	
Mon 10 th September	Football	1 st XI	Codsall Community High School	H	W	2-0	
		2 nd XI		H	D	1-1	
Tues 11 th September	Football	2 nd XI	Idsall School	H	L	0-1	
		U16a XI		H	L	0-2	
		U15a XI		H	L	2-4	
		U14a XI		H	L	2-7	
		3 rd XI	Codsall Community High School	H	L	0-8	
		4 th XI		H	L	0-1	
Wed 12 th September	Football	1 st XI	Hulme G.S. Oldham	H	W	4-0	
		2 nd XI		H	W	3-0	
		3 rd XI		H	W	7-0	
		4 th XI	Cardinal Griffin Catholic High School	H	L	1-3	
		U14a XI		<i>cancelled</i>	H
		U16d XI	Priory, Shrewsbury	H	W	4-0	
		U15d XI	Priory U15b XI	H	D	1-1	
		U16a XI	Sandwell Academy	<i>cancelled</i>	H		
		U16b XI		<i>cancelled</i>	A		
		U15a XI		H	W	9-1	
		U15b XI		A	W	5-1	
		Swimming		Thomas Telford	H	W	103-47
	Sat 15 th September	Football	1 st XI	King's School, Chester	A	D	2-2
2 nd XI			A		D	1-1	
3 rd XI			A		W	3-1	
U15a XI			<i>cancelled</i>	A			
4 th XI			Abbeygate College	A	L	1-3	
U16a XI				A	L	0-2	
U15b XI				A	L	1-3	

Joe Carrasco (Rt LVI) - our 2012 Cassidy Scholar

Tuesday 18 September 2012

Our 2012 Cassidy Scholar, Joe Carrasco (Rt LVI) came to Shrewsbury from Llanfyllin High School.

Joe's main sport is cricket - he was Shropshire Young Player of the Year in both 2009 and 2010, and he is also in the Worcestershire CCC cricket academy. Football comes a fairly close second; Joe has been playing in his local U16 and U18 teams for some years, and has also represented Powys as a goalkeeper. His school team were the Powys champions, and he is also a member of the TNS Academy, in Oswestry. Joe has also represented his school in both tennis and rugby, and was the 80m Powys hurdles champion. Joe played for Shropshire U17s and U21s this summer. He also played for Oswestry 1st X1 in the Birmingham League and helped them win promotion to Division 2.



One of Joe's big influences growing up was his father Dave who played a few games of cricket for Shropshire and was goal keeper for English Universities – *"he is always there to provide support and advice, and keeps my feet firmly on the ground."*

"My expectations of the school before arriving were the high standard of sports facilities and coaching on offer and I certainly have not been disappointed. Although cricket is my main sport, I have enjoyed the football so far, playing for both the house and the school 2nd X1 and making an appearance as sub for the 1st X1 which was a real treat. I was also amazed by the strength in depth of house football and the enthusiasm for it from all teams."

"It is great living next door to the cricket centre and being able to get across when I want to work on my game. I am very much looking forward to the South Africa tour in December and am sure it will be an amazing experience."

"Lessons have been different to what I have been used to – there is less opportunity for chatting and fun and set sizes are a lot smaller. I am enjoying my 4 AS subjects of Maths, Economics, Business Studies and PE, and I am managing to get the work done."

"I am very grateful to the Cassidy family for this opportunity and I am certainly making the most of it. I am itching to get a bat and ball in my hand and to score my first runs and take my first wickets for the school in South Africa."

"I have enjoyed my first few weeks of boarding and Ridgemount is great house to be in."

The Margaret Cassidy Scholarship is an annual award for a boy entering the Sixth Form at Shrewsbury School with a record of outstanding sporting ability in football, cricket or rowing. A second Sixth Form sports scholarship, the Alex Wilson Scholarship, has recently been launched and goes live in September 2013. Further details of these and our other scholarship awards are on our [Scholarships and Bursaries](#) webpage.



The inaugural girls' House trip to Tally

Wednesday 19 September 2012



Last weekend 9 intrepid Lower Sixth students from EDH took part in the inaugural girls' House trip to [Talargerwyn](#) ("Tally") - Shrewsbury's cottage in the midst of Snowdonia.

Arriving on Saturday, the evening was spent eating pizza, toasting marshmallows whilst watching a DVD on the portable-cinema and a fair amount of chatting.

Sunday morning began with a morale-boosting cooked breakfast, which set the girls up for the morning's activities. The Welsh weather dealt out a proper soaking during the horse riding and a tree-top adventures. Everyone re-grouped back at Tally for a warming pasta lunch before heading back to school. Did I mention chocolate?

PAK





OS awarded Economics prizes from Oxford

Wednesday 19 September 2012

Old Salopian Michael Webb (S 2003-2008) was awarded the top First in Economics in his final exams in PPE this year at the University of Oxford, where he was at Balliol College. Michael was also awarded the Hicks and Webb Medley Prize for best overall performance in Economics Finals, and the John Hicks Foundation Prize for best performance in Quantitative Economics.



During his undergraduate years, Michael spent time in Afghanistan and Pakistan as a freelance correspondent, having previously learnt one of the local languages, Dari. His three-part series on the region was published by *The Economist* in March 2010, and he has since advised British Military Intelligence. Michael has held several other advisory and intern positions, mainly for MPs and the UK Government.

Michael was a distinguished Salopian, and during his five years here he was awarded the Quinn History Prize, the Moss Prize for Classics, the Bentley Elocution Prize, the McEachran Prize, the Miles Clark Scholarship and the Marshall Travel Prize, the Senior Debating Prize, the Burney Prize, the Senior Piano Prize, and the Graham White Organ Prize. He was a Praeposter and an active participant in numerous societies. He was also founder and editor of *The Falopian*, which no doubt was useful experience for him when he co-founded and edited the online magazine *The Alligator*, which was shortlisted for the Guardian Student Publication of the Year in 2010.

Michael is now pursuing postgraduate studies in politics and economics at MIT, which this year beat both Harvard and Cambridge to the top of the QS World University Rankings for the first time.



A Week in the Life of William Hayward (R 3)

Wednesday 19 September 2012

William's Third Form English set were given the optional task of writing up part or all of 'Foundation Fortnight' for the 'Week in the Life' slot on the website. William was the first to come up with his experiences of his first week as a pupil at Shrewsbury School. We hope to have more entries here in due course.



During the holidays I was really looking forward to going off to school but as the last few days approached, I felt them reaching out and dragging me in a bit; and it made me think about what it must be like for someone who had never been a boarder before.

Day 1: Sunday 2nd September

We arrived at about half past four; to start with I felt like a fish in the sea. Just like at prep school you get your trunk out of the car, but I didn't have to drag it all the way up stairs myself as I used to at prep school – the fourth formers came and kindly took it upstairs for me.

I met my room mate Jacob who is a thoroughly nice guy and entertaining. We then went into the private side for a cup of tea and saw the other boys and parents again – in the summer term there had

been a lunch party and we had all met each other then, which was great because we felt we knew everybody a bit.

After tea it was time to say goodbye, which was easy for me. I received a pat on the shoulder and a “work hard” from my Dad, and then things really started moving.

We went off to an assembly given by the Headmaster, which had all the usual long things they always have (or so it seems to children). After that we went off to chapel for a few words from Rev. Dobbie. Then it was off to supper which was tremendous as every meal is, or maybe that is because you are so hungry after sport and hard work. That wasn't the end of the day, though, as after supper it was off back to the house to unpack my trunk.

Monday 3rd September

It was up at the early hour of seven, which was something I hadn't practised very much in the holidays and then breakfast – a lovely cooked breakfast which you get every morning, but really wakes you up. After breakfast you get a break and go back to house to brush your teeth and most important make your bed or else you'll hear matron's loud voice in your ear. We then had whole school assembly which you only get on certain days of the term, and was another of the normal. Lessons commenced straight afterwards and went on until break, when everybody goes off to the Grot Shop which is the school shop, except us! We are left hoping that our Grot Shop cards will arrive soon.

In the afternoon we had sport which was an introduction to football; football isn't my sport but I still enjoyed it.



Everything after that was the same as Sunday. Except for Top Schools, which is prep, and the let down of the evening.

Tuesday 4th September

We had the swimming test today, to see if you can swim from a boat in the middle of the river, which was a bit scary for some people.

Wednesday 5th September

Wednesday is a great day because we only have five lessons. For sport we had an introduction to rowing which I really enjoyed; we got out onto the water and it was great.

Thursday 6th September

On Thursday we have activities and a shortened sports session.

Friday 7th September

We had an introduction to fives which I enjoyed, but wasn't very good at.

Saturday 8th September

The start of the weekend and a welcome break, although we still have lessons until lunch time. We had the New Boys' Race and the record was broken by a boy in my house; I came third and our house easily won the team event.

Sunday 9th September

The whole school went to a service at St Chad's Church in town, which was the church that Darwin would have gone to as a boy. Afterwards, Mr. Middleton our housemaster took us out to lunch, and then we went round town (to Poundland and Home Bargains).

Monday 10th September

We had to choose our sports. I chose rowing and The Hunt.



School House: moving on

Thursday 20 September 2012

After 14 hugely successful years leading School House, Giles and Emily Bell have decided to step down at the end of this academic year.

I am sure that you will all wish to join us in expressing our thanks for the very valuable contribution that they have made in nurturing School House boys so successfully. School House has a unique atmosphere and a strong sense of community, which is very much the product of Giles' deft touch and strong sense of loyalty to all those in his charge. I know that all the School House boys will be wishing to round off Giles' final year in fine style.

The search now begins for a worthy and suitable successor. So keen are we to identify the right person, that we intend to launch a national, in fact international, search to try and find the best possible candidate. Although we will initiate this process with an appropriate sense of urgency, it will probably be into November before we are able to inform you of the successful candidate.

We know that Giles will be utterly committed to seeing his time in School House through to a successful conclusion, at which point there will be the opportunity for celebrations and farewells.

Mark Turner





'Surviving the Century' by OS Sir Martin Rees

Thursday 20 September 2012

Sir Martin Rees (S 1956-60), cosmologist and astrophysicist, has been Astronomer Royal since 1995, and Master of Trinity College, Cambridge since 2004. He was President of the Royal Society between 2005 and 2010. A number of Salopians attended his lecture in Ludlow on 'Surviving the Century' last weekend, which is reviewed here by the 2011 Rees Scholar, James Brent (Rb UVI).



Last Sunday, a mini bus full of Salopians including myself took the opportunity to hear a talk given by one of our most distinguished Old Salopians, Sir Martin Rees. The lecture took place in St Laurence Church in Ludlow, so it was only a short journey away from school. Packed tea was kindly provided on the journey to stave off our hungry stomachs.

When we arrived at the church, Lord Rees delivered the lecture with erudition, musing over what the world would be like in 2050, with a particular focus on the future of the human race. Although the speaker had once written a book declaring that the likelihood of the human race surviving the 21st century was only 50%, the talk was not unduly pessimistic in tone.

Lord Rees was concerned about our impact on the environment and each other, giving poignant warnings about how the developments in genetic engineering mean a single incident could lead to our extinction. However, he still had confidence in the ability of science and technology to address our problems and to advance civilisation.

At the end of the lecture, there was time for a brief question and answer session in which Lord Rees gave his views on the multiverse theory and expressed his desire that human beings should not forever be chained to this planet.

At the end of the lecture we returned back to school, feeling that our trip to Ludlow had been well worthwhile.

James Brent



The Bordeaux Fellow

Thursday 20 September 2012

Mlle. Chloé Delpy is the new Bordeaux Fellow, in the 12th year of this link with Bordeaux University. Chloé has completed a Masters degree at the IEJ, Université de Montesquieu, Bordeaux IV. She will spend the year at Shrewsbury before returning to her law college in Bordeaux. As well as teaching French conversation to pupils in most year groups, Chloé is tutoring and contributing to school life in general, though she hasn't yet had the opportunity of introducing her martial-art hobby to the school: savate: French kick boxing!

The Bordeaux Fellow scheme was set up to enhance the traditional role of language assistant, so that the post-holder could be an overseas presence to participate fully in the school's life and to encourage pupils to think beyond the confines of the school.

Our first Bordeaux Fellow, Christophe Goarant, arrived in September 2000 and stayed two years! He is a poet and a teacher. The second Bordeaux Fellow, Dimitri Portier, stayed 5 years...and is now on the permanent teaching staff! Subsequently we have had various graduates of Bordeaux Law Faculty: Soizic Toumazet, Virginie Fiorucci, Virginie Taillade, Daniel Ithurbisque and now Chloé Delpy. The many pupils of these Bordeaux Fellows have been immensely grateful for their generous help and encouragement of genuine oral fluency.

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Michael Manby, former headmaster of Prestfelde has died, aged 91

Friday 21 September 2012

Michael Manby, former Headmaster of Prestfelde School has died, peacefully, aged 91 on Wednesday 18 September at Severn Hospice.

His son, Charles Manby (DB 1971-75), informs us that the funeral will be on Monday, 1st October at noon at St Giles' Church, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury, SY2 6LY (opposite Prestfelde). Anyone who knew Michael will be welcome to attend.



RSSBC: Victoria, Sabrina and William's Sculls 2012

Sunday 23 September 2012

The Victoria Sculls trophy was presented to the School in 1897; 125 years later is it still competed for on an annual basis, now with categories across the age range: Victoria (J18 boys and girls), Sabrina (J16 boys and girls), William's (J15 boys) and Junior William's (J14 boys).

This year the honours went to lower sixth entrant Niall Barrow (O), in the girls' competition Bridget Lapage (EDH) was able to hold off the challenge from Lizzie Collins (MSH).

After winning the J15 sculls last year, Toby Thomas (SH) added the Sabrina title to his name - it is worth noting that the times of Toby and second placed Alex Powell (M) were good enough to place them third and fourth in the overall leaderboard. Dorit Hasselberg (EDH) won the Sabrina prize for girls. Harry Lane Fox (Rt) won the William's Sculls ahead of Henry Thomas (Ch) and Wilf Deacon (Rt).

We do not always hold a J14 event, but with 5 experienced new boys the category was reinstated this year, Barnaby Fox (PH) emerged as the winner of the Junior William's Sculls by over 50 seconds.

The Senior Challenge Sculls is awarded to the house with the fastest four scullers from any year group, this year the winners were Moser's Hall.

In the overall house rowing competitions, Oldham's head the Leadbitter Cup standings, whilst Emma Darwin Hall lead the Birt Trophy.

Full details of the results are below this picture of the winners...





RESULTS (top 3 positions):

Victoria Sculls (J18 boys)

- 1 N. Barrow (O)
- 2 A-A. Angpanitcharoen (Ch)
- 3 M. Bensel (SH)

Victoria Girls' Sculls (J18 girls)

- 1 B. Lapage (EDH)
- 2 L. Collins (MSH)
- 3 E. Hodgson (EDH)

Sabrina Sculls (J16 Boys)

- 1 T. Thomas (SH)
- 2 A. Powell (M)
- 3 P. Hammond (PH)

Sabrina Girls' Sculls (J16 girls)

- 1 D. Hasselberg (EDH)
- 2 N. Seager (MSH)

William's Sculls (J15 boys)

- 1 H. Lane Fox (Rt)
- 2 H. Thomas (Ch)
- 3 W. Deacon (Rt)

Junior William's Sculls (J14 boys)

- 1 B. Fox (PH)
- 2 A. Lawson (O)
- 3 H. Marshall (SH)

Senior Challenge Sculls

- 1 Moser's (A. Powell, E. Chapman, W. Hayes, P. George)
- 2 Oldham's (N. Barrow, M. Kimpton-Smith, C. Duckworth, C. Clarke)
- 3 Churchill's (A-A. Angpanitcharoen, J. Kynaston, H. Thomas, P. Gadsden)

RMW

Moser's: Senior Challenge Sculls - our first trophy of the year..

Sunday 23 September 2012

... and it's an enormous trophy. Moser's won this magnificent cup many times in the early days (see photo below of the 1914 'squad' - including J.E.Pugh far right, after whom the main school Boathouse is named) but not since 2001. A larger than usual crowd assembled to watch the VSW sculling competition - immediately after the opening of the new Boathouse. Alex Powell was our first Moser's man home in 4th place overall, closely followed by Ed Chapman, Will Hayes and Patrick George just a few more places back. Their aggregate time was the quickest quartet of day to win the team trophy.



The 2012 winning squad L-R: Patrick George, Ed Chapman, Will Hayes, Alex Powell

The grand opening of The Yale Boathouse, with the help of a few Olympic medals

Sunday 23 September 2012



Shrewsbury School's location, set high on the banks above the River Severn, is the envy of rowing schools across the country; now we have the top class facilities to match.



Saturday 22nd September was a glorious autumnal day (sandwiched between days of torrential rain) that around 300 Old Salopians, staff, pupils and parents thoroughly enjoyed, crowding around the impressive new balcony to celebrate the opening of The Yale Boathouse.

The magnificent new facility replaces the original boathouse built in the 1860s, which now gives us an extra two bays on the ground floor, capable of holding up to 20 eights.

The multi-functional Gifford Room above has space for over 40 ergometers, and its

magnificent views of the river and the town beyond are framed by the floor to ceiling windows that span the whole of the first floor and lead out to the balcony.

The design also includes a bridge to the Pugh boathouse and a refurbishment of the old club room – 'The Bowring Room' – and its associated facilities.

The Headmaster opened his remarks by thanking providence for the fine weather. He went on to praise the successful appeal by the Foundation Office and thanked all of the generous donors, including Old Salopians and Sabrina Club members, who had made the project possible.

In opening the Boathouse, Mark Yale (SH 1976-1981) challenged today's oarsmen and women to achieve the maximum potential possible, aided by the new facilities and the coaching staff. He promised that *"taking part to a high standard on the river while at school, would give replication of all the attributes required to achieve success later in life,"* and that the companionship of rowing together as part of an interdependent team would stay with them for ever.

At the conclusion of the speeches Mark Yale was asked to unveil the plaque bearing his name, and to officially hand over the facilities to the School and its pupils.



Pictured Left to

*Right with Olympic medallist Matt Langridge (centre) are Salopian rowers:
Bridget Lapage (EDH, Girls' Captain of Boats), Isobel Diment (EDH), Peter Gadsden (Cb) with Matt's silver medal, Max Kimpton-Smith (O, Captain of Boats), Cesca Molyneux (EDH) with Matt's London 2012 bronze medal, Charlotte Harris (EDH)*

One of the guests of honour at our Boathouse Opening was Matt Langridge, Olympic bronze medallist in the Men's Eight in London 2012 (and silver in Beijing 2008). Matt generously spent time with some of our current pupils, talking to them about their training and his experiences of competing at the highest level – and allowing them to handle his medals and try them on.

In the words of our newly appointed Director of Rowing, Athol Hundermark: *“With the Boat Club reaching record numbers of around a 150 boys and 30 girls training on a day-to-day basis, the new boathouse has come at an excellent time to provide world-class facilities to meet the ambitions of the club and the athletes.”*



Old Salopian Hunt - Report on the Old Salopian Day Benjy

Monday 24 September 2012

The Salopian Day event, on Saturday 22nd September, 2012, was blessed with warm sunny weather and a small select band of "old hounds", for the celebration of The Benjy, along with the New Huntsman, **Ed Mallett (UVI S)** and Master in Charge, **Peter Middleton** and Athletics Master, **Ian Haworth**, as well as a group of able Hunt Members.

Former Benjy Record Holder, **Tim Bedell (S 1974-78)**, tested the course with determination and The Hon. Treasurer, **David Thomas (Rt 1971-75)**, relished the run as training for his next Triathlon competition. The Chairman, **Peter Birch (DB 1966-71)**, decided it was prudent to be "Whipper-in" at the rear !

After the Benjy, it was felt that there was still enough energy to run to The English Bridge and then to Port Hill Bridge and back to The Drum, which certainly made the perspiration flow from the brow !

Thanks go to **Bob Parker (Hon OS)** for his encouragement and also to **Tim Morgan-Owen (I 1974-79)**, who kindly presented a wonderful collection of his Grandfathers's 19th Century Hunt memorabilia to The History of The Hunt display in The New Hunt Gym (within the Stott Pavillion).

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OS awarded Linguistics prize from Cambridge

Monday 24 September 2012

OS Calum Harvey Scholes (R 2005-2010), who was awarded a scholarship by Magdalen College Cambridge, has now also been awarded a prize for his first year achievements in Linguistics.

In his second term at Cambridge, Calum set up and captained the Cambridge dodgeball team in the inaugural Dodgeball Varsity Match. Taking on a well-established Oxford side, Calum's fledgling Cambridge team (whose training consisted of a couple of screenings of the 2004 film 'Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story') put up a remarkable fight and eventually lost the match by 3 games to 4.

Calum's determination to win the return match next year clearly hasn't interfered with his academic studies.



A Week in the Life of Harry Lane Fox (Rt 4)

Monday 24 September 2012

Harry is the fourth - and final - Lane Fox brother at Ridgemount; we knew that his week would include an account of his journey home to act as a waiter for a reception that we held for a number of prospective parents and prep school heads in Yorkshire, but his winning of the J15 William's Sculls on Saturday in front of a record crowd (and an Olympic medallist) who had just attended the formal opening of our new Boathouse was a bonus.

My name is Harry Lane Fox and I am a Fourth Form pupil in Ridgemount. Welcome to a week in my life.



Wednesday morning made for an interesting start to my week in question. I was woken by our Sixth Form monitor in Ridgemount who made sure that everyone in our room and indeed our corridor made it to breakfast. I then attended chapel where Reverend Dobbie showed us a picture of Napoleon which he felt made Napoleon look ridiculous. I had five normal lessons in the morning but was really looking forward to my rowing session at 2pm in the afternoon. The session was great fun if not exhausting as we rowed up stream in two 8's and raced each other with our coach Mr Manser. We worked on basic technique and we are looking at improving techniques in 4's in the coming days. There is a great atmosphere at the boathouse at the moment, tougher training regimes yet still an excellent team atmosphere and lots of boats afloat on the water.

On Thursday I had double History with Mr Clarke, which is my favourite lesson. We looked at The Treaty of Versailles and how it had been too harsh on the Germans. This was followed by Maths with Miss Burge which I also enjoyed and then Physics with Mr Balcombe who told us some very interesting stories! On Thursday afternoon instead of my normal activity of basic year I boarded a coach with some fellow Ridgemount boys and Emma Darwin girls and a string quartet and a number of housemasters and school staff and we headed off up north to a place called Bramham Park for a parents' reception. This was particularly poignant for me as Bramham is my family home. It felt slightly strange travelling on a coach for three hours to then act as a waiter for people I had never met before in my own home and then travel back and go to bed back at school. It was nevertheless an excellent occasion and I thoroughly enjoyed being able to go home and catch up with my parents, my dog and my xbox albeit for a short space of time. I enjoyed catching up with my older brothers Freddie and George and my sister Sophie, who was getting very excited about her 21st birthday at the weekend. It was a good occasion and I think people enjoyed it. I certainly felt very proud to be able to help host the event. It would have been nice however to have stayed the night in my own comfy bed!

On Friday I was a little jaded as I went to lessons but thoroughly enjoyed them and also my rowing session in the afternoon which gave me a chance to practice for the Victoria Sabrina sculls at the weekend, which I hope I am able to do well in.

Saturday lessons went well as normal periods 1 to 5 and then I waited nervously for my sculling race to start at 4.50pm. I was delighted to post a time of 7 minutes 25 seconds, which turned out to be the winning time by 8 seconds. It was a huge occasion down at the boathouse with many



important people down there, who had given money to the boathouse project and had assembled to see the boathouse officially opened. For me to win my division on such a big occasion was a real thrill and it was a great way to end an incredibly busy week.

On Sunday Ridgemount Third and Fourth Form went with Churchill's Third Form to the Great Escape Outdoor Centre near Market Drayton. In spite of the rain this was great fun as we performed some team building exercises and then ended up with a large game of Paintball. I took great delight in peppering my opponents with pellets and it was good to see Mr Corbett pretending to be in the Marines again! We had sausages and baked beans by the camp fire and then managed to fit in another supper at KH on our return! I slept incredibly well on the Sunday night after the rowing and the outdoor activities with a little bit of school work thrown in!

We woke up on Monday morning to yet more rain with a forecast of rain all day today and most of tomorrow. This meant that the river would be incredibly high by Wednesday or Thursday. It should make for some interesting conditions for the Boat Club.

I supported Ridgemount in the Senior House Debating competition in Societies Hour and then made my way to the river for a very long session upstream in two eights. The rain had eased off by this stage, which made for better conditions than expected. Monday night involved a good bout of Top Schools followed by some "Family Guy" before bed!

On Tuesday, after a hearty KH breakfast, I had tutor period with Mr Cooley which turned into a heated debate about the probability of picking the winner of the Grand National. Safe to say that Mr Cooley won in the end!

7 enjoyable lessons followed before the dreaded ergo session at the Boathouse. We had to do 2 x 2 kilometre sessions as fast as we could. I was pleased to beat my personal best and get the lowest average in the squad. An early night tonight as I need my beauty sleep before the Boat Club assembly tomorrow lunchtime where I will collect my trophy.

I hope you have enjoyed reading about my week. As you may have guessed, rowing is a big part of my life! The new facilities and the new regime have already made a big impact on me and I have thoroughly enjoyed the sport since day one in the 3rd form. I would love to row for Great Britain one day and I was inspired by the Olympics this summer. I am conscious of not letting my school work slip behind and this allows me to enjoy my rowing even more. I enjoy being in Ridgemount, where there are some fun characters in my year group and a lively and positive atmosphere most of the time.



Sports results w/e 23rd September 2012

Tuesday 25 September 2012

Week 3: 17th – 23rd September

Date	Sport	Team	Opposition	H/A	Result	Score	
Monday 17 th Sept	Football	U16 XI	Rhyn Park (ESFA U16 Cup Rd 1)	H	L	0-1	
Tuesday 18 th Sept	Football	U16a XI	Mary Webb	H	D	0-0	
		U16d XI		H	L	0-3	
Wednesday 19 th Sept	Football	1 st XI	Highgate (ISFA Boodles Cup Rd 1)	H	W	1-0	
		U15a XI	Bolton (ISFA Cup Rd 1)	H	W	7-1	
		2 nd XI	Shrewsbury Sixth Form College	H	W	4-0	
		3 rd XI		H	W	3-2	
		4 th XI		H	W	8-1	
		5 th XI		H	W	5-3	
		U16b		Ludlow School (U16a)	H	L	3-4
		U15c	H		L	7-0	
		U14b	H		W	4-1	
		U14a XI	King's School, Chester	A	D	3-3	
	Girls Hockey	1 st XI	King's School, Chester	H	D	1-1	
Thursday 20 th Sept	Netball	1 st VII	Lauriston Girls' School, Australia	H	L	18-32	
		2 nd VII		H	L	24-28	
Friday 21 st Sept	Football	U16c XI	Thomas Telford	H	L	0-6	
		U15c XI		H	L	0-3	
		U14c		H	L	0-2	
Saturday 22 nd Sept	Football	1 st	Old Salopians	H	L	2-4	
		2 nd		H	L	1-3	
		3 rd		H	D	1-1	
		4 th		H	L	1-2	
		7 th		H	L	11-1	
		5 th	Repton School	H	D	1-1	
		6 th		H	W	6-0	
		U16b		A	W	2-0	
		U15b		A	W	5-3	
		U15c		A	W	5-2	
		U14b		A	L	6-1	
		U14c		H	W	5-2	
		U14a		West Bromich Albion	H	W	8-2
		U14d		Shrewsbury High Prep School	A	W	5-2



Life as a Third Former during 'Foundation Fortnight'

Tuesday 25 September 2012

A group of Third Formers have chosen a day (or more) during 'Foundation Fortnight' to write about.

Please also see [William Hayward's 'Week in the Life'](#) account of his first week at Shrewsbury.

Ed Plaut (S)

On arrival at Severn Hill for my first day at Shrewsbury, I felt a bit anxious as everything seemed so big and a little intimidating, but quite excited as well. As soon as I arrived I was greeted by a very friendly group of older boys who helped me carry all my things up to my dorm, and helped me unpack. I was soon whisked off to a 3rd form assembly where Dr Morgan tried to ground us in the basics of life at Shrewsbury, before we were taken to KH for supper, and then had our photos taken for the school database. Another stop on our whirlwind first day was a chapel service with Rev. Dobbie and then a meeting with Mr Nicholas, our housemaster. By the time this meeting had finished, I think we were all feeling a bit overloaded by all the information being fed to us. I finished unpacking and went to bed, ready for my first school day at Shrewsbury.

My first week consisted a lot of getting new books, forgetting what books were for what subjects, getting hugely lost (like ending up in the Latin buildings when I was looking for Art), and generally settling in. The first week went by very slowly and by the end it felt like I had been here for months.

By the second week I had settled in and was getting into the groove of a boarder's life. We still had a really busy timetable, with taster sessions in loads of sports I had never tried, like Fives.

At the end of the first fortnight we had a weekend with our parents, who came up to visit and attend a chapel service on the Sunday morning. The Foundation Fortnight had finished and now we were through the first small stage of our 5 years at Shrewsbury.

Ed Chapman (Rb)

Saturday 8th September

When I woke up on Saturday I was shocked when I remembered that it was a school day like any other. At my prep school there had only been optional activities on a Saturday and I was not used to going to school. Once we were in school it was fine and I just slipped back into the normal routine. That was until we saw the 8 and 9 year olds having a football camp on the Astroturf and I was reminded that many people were having a day off!

Monday 10th September

On the first day of our second week at Shrewsbury it was time to choose our sports options. Previously we had been doing introductions to the sports on offer at Shrewsbury. I had particularly loved the rowing and fives and I planned to have a go at those for the first term. In the end, I signed up for rowing for all 3 of the sessions on offer and also a session of recreational squash. Unfortunately fives is only an option in the second and third term but I am currently doing a fives club on a Thursday evening so it was not a problem.



Alec Barnes (PH)

Monday 10th September

It was interesting to see the amount of different clubs when the third formers went to the Societies Fair. There was even a ferret in a box, which naturally attracted the attention of all of us at one point.

Wednesday 12th September

The introduction to rowing was fun; lots of the third formers from Porthill chose rowing as one of their sports.

Thursday 13th September

Our group (selected by surname) were sent to IT, music, drama or social education. My group did IT and music. In IT we learned about spreadsheets, while in music those of us who haven't learned a musical instrument, or have given up on playing one, were encouraged to start/start again.

Josh Himsworth (Ch)

Saturday 15th September

It was the morning before the New Entrants' Concert and all I could think about was what would happen in the concert to come, would I be the laughing stock in front of the various V.I.P's e.g. Mr. Turner, or would my performance be remembered for the right reasons, but before finding this out there many obstacles to get through.

In the morning we had a six-a-side tournament where Churchill's (the house in which I am in) didn't do as well as we would have liked, we lost every game but one which we drew. The whole time through the tournament the one thing that was transcribed to the back of my mind was "What would the outcome of the concert be?" I had only been learning the piece for three months.

Whilst training before the tournament with my fellow footballers from the house, I saw my family walking towards me; I stopped playing simultaneously and ran towards them. What made this even more special is that they brought along the family dog, whose name is Coco. This meant so much to me, because we live in the countryside Coco does not see many other dogs or people and when she does the outcome is always barking. But this wasn't the case and I had a nice day with her and the family while playing in the tournament.

The tournament finished around 4.30 leaving one hour till I would have to be in the Alington Hall preparing to get ready for the concert, meanwhile only one thing went through my mind, how would I play?

In the program I was last leaving even more suspense. Walking up to play was the most nerve racking, hundreds of eyes looking right at me, wondering how I will play, listening to my introduction of what I was to play on the piano. I sat down then start to play. It turned out that I played one of Beethoven's Sonatas quite well and received many a congratulation, my parents were pleased and at the end of it all Mr. Turner and his wife congratulated me. All the worrying was worth it.



Football: 17th - 23rd September

Wednesday 26 September 2012

1ST XI

The 1sts had a winning start to the week with a 1-0 win over Highgate in the first round of the ISFA Boodles Cup. This was followed by a very competitive fixture against the Old Salopians on Saturday, the 'old boys' coming out on top 4-2 in a closely fought match.

Elsewhere our footballers had fixtures against West Bromwich Albion's Satellite Academy, arch rivals Repton and a series of tough fixtures against Old Salopians. The Old Salopians came out on top with wins against our 2nds, 4ths and 7ths whilst the 3rds managed a 1-1 draw. The U16A and U15A teams also took part in 1st Round cup fixtures this week. The U16's lost 1-0 to Rhyn Park whilst the U15's completed a convincing win over Bolton School (7-1). The U16's played again on Tuesday, this time returning a goalless draw against Mary Webb School.

On Wednesday the Shrewsbury 2nds, 3rds, 4ths, and 5ths all had convincing victories over Shrewsbury Sixth Form College. On the same day, the U16B team lost out to Ludlow's U16A's in an entertaining seven goal match (4-3). Also against Ludlow, the U14B's won 4-1 whilst the U14A's drew a close fought match against King's Chester (3-3).

Friday's fixtures against Thomas Telford proved to be tough matches with all three teams (U14C, U15C and U16C) losing by two or more goals. Five Shrewsbury teams played rivals Repton on Saturday, three of which were successful (U16B, U15B, U15C), with one draw (5ths) and one loss (U14B).

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Fencing: 17th - 23rd September

Wednesday 26 September 2012

Our fencers took part in the Shropshire Open this week with some impressive performances across the board.

Marco Lee and Scott Reynolds finished ninth and twenty ninth respectively in a close fought Men's Foil. Jonty Small, Harry Cox, Ross Viljoen and Ilya Olkov all competed well in the Men's Sabre along with Arthur Cheng and Elvis Mak in the Men's Epee.

Great to see so many boys competing at a high calibre event against the likes of GB Veterans.



Niall Barrow winner of the Victoria Sculls 2012

Thursday 27 September 2012



After less than four weeks at Shrewsbury, Niall Barrow, new to Shrewsbury's L6th Form, has impressed the rowing staff already with a fine performance to win last Saturday on Old Salopian Day.

Other notable Oldham's sculling performances came from Alexander Lawson (3rd Form), Charlie Clarke (L6th Form), Charlie Duckworth (5th Form) and George Young (4th Form).

All scullers contributed to putting Oldham's currently on top of the School's Leadbitter Cup standings for House Rowing... but it is very very early days.

Malcolm and Annie Davies' garden is a winner

Friday 28 September 2012

Keen OS gardener and retiring Sabrina Secretary, Malcolm Davies (R 1951-56) and his wife, Annie, have won recognition for their horticultural efforts in their home village by winning the Best Overall Garden Prize in the 'Whiston in Bloom' Competition, 2012.

When asked for the secrets of his success, Malcolm, made the following statement:

'One of the secrets of success is to have a good 'weeder' – some use chemicals, some have special tools but I rely heavily on 'the little woman' and so we share the prize (£7.50 each). There is also a plaque to put in the garden for all to see proclaiming "Whiston in Bloom 2012 – WINNER" '

Malcolm and Annie recently celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary.



Pictured, above: Annie and Malcolm (L and C) receive their award. Left: The winning garden

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Tatler Schools Guide 2013

Friday 28 September 2012

TATLER

Tatler magazine's exclusive annual guide to the top prep and public schools in the UK has just been published. Compiled over the summer of 2012, here is what they have to say about Shrewsbury School.

"One prospective parent told Shrewsbury head Mark Turner 'I want my son to be like Michael Palin.' Well, Palin is an old Salopian and he's funny, clever and adventurous – you could do a lot worse. In his day, there were no girls here, but now there are – large as life and doing brilliantly in the sixth form. By 2014, the school will be co-ed throughout. The smart new boarding house built to accommodate the girls is drawing them in in droves. Other lures are the 81 per cent A-B results at A-level, and the outstanding music – concerts performed at Birmingham Town Hall and Wigmore Hall in London, and two students making it into the County Concerto finals. The sports department has produced fives and orienteering champions, and 20 years at the Edinburgh Fringe is testament to the drama department, with one student winning a scholarship to the New York Conservatory of Dramatic Arts. Across the Pond in the other direction comes the rowing teacher - from Harvard, no less. Foreign trips are eclectic: Indonesia for biology, Croatia for sea kayaking and then home to spectacular views of the River Severn from this industrious but happy school, housed in an old Victorian asylum - excellent recycling."*