

## Lower Sixth and GCSE Awards 2014

Monday 1 September 2014



*Winners of Lower Sixth Examination Prizes*

After another record-breaking year for AS results, **Lower Sixth Examination Prizes** have been awarded to the following 23 students who achieved outstanding scores in their AS and Pre-U subjects:

Alexander Bird (S)  
George Birt (PH)  
Edward Carroll (Ch)  
Ryan Cheng (I)  
Sabrina Chu (MSH)  
Daniel Edwards (S)  
Jane Fan (MSH)  
Imogene Hill (MSH)  
Cindy Ho (G)  
Tatty Hunt (EDH)  
Sonny Koh (Ch)  
Esme O’Keeffe (MSH)  
Cecily Price (EDH)  
Yutaro Sato (SH)  
Theo Simmons (Ch)  
Christopher Thomas (M)  
Benjamin Tsang (R)

Ross Viljoen (PH)  
Charis Virgo (G)  
Merrick Wong (SH)  
Sylvia Yeo (EDH)  
Bryan Yick (M)  
Sophie Zhou (EDH)

### **GCSE Awards**

It has also been another excellent year for GCSE results, and we are delighted to award 30 honorary scholarships, exhibitions and examination prizes to students entering the Lower Sixth this term.



*GCSE Award winners*

### **Honorary Scholarships** have been awarded to:

Sasha Arridge (Rb)  
Nat Chumbala (SH)  
Thomas Edwards (S)

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

Guy Cabral (Ch)  
Angus Hay (Rb)  
Ben Jones (S)  
Sally Joyce (G)  
Luca Mattinson (Rb)  
Alfred Mitchell (SH)  
Henry Newbould (Ch)  
Emily Skelton (EDH)

Tiger Vechamamontien (M)  
Nicholas Watkins (M)

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

Thomas Breese (PH)  
Rory Champion (PH)  
Joseph Davies (M)  
Rhys Elliott-Williams (PH)  
Naveen Garikapati (Rb)  
Pascale Goddard (G)  
Alfred Grocott (PH)  
Soran Hazar (I)  
Loren Kell (EDH)  
Luke Lloyd-Jones (Rb)  
Olivia Papaioannou (EDH)  
Hamish Partington (PH)  
Abigail Reynolds (G)  
Benjamin Sansom (PH)  
Louie Stewart (PH)  
Ursule Taujanskaite (MSH)  
Charles Wade (PH)

# Shrewsbury celebrates record-breaking exam results

Monday 1 September 2014

Shrewsbury School is celebrating another outstanding year for A Level and Pre-U results, with 83% of the exams awarded the top A\*, A or B grades.

62 pupils gained an A\* or A in all their subjects and 16 students gained at least 3 A\* grades.

The School's AS results from the Lower Sixth pupils were even higher than last year's record-breaking figures, with 73% of grades achieved at A or B grades. 43 students gained A grades in all their subjects and over 80 gained nothing less than a B.

Particular congratulations to Esmé O'Keeffe (MSH UVI) who achieved the highest mark in the country in the French Cambridge Pre-U Principal Course (equivalent to A level). Her achievement is all the more remarkable because she took the exam a year early, in the Lower Sixth, at the age of just 16. This is the second time in three years that a Salopian has achieved this distinction: Jack Flowers gained the top mark in the French Pre-U in 2012.

It has also been another excellent year for GCSE results; 65% of the exams were awarded an A\* or A grade. 35 pupils (more than a quarter of those taking the exams) gained either A\* or A grades in all their subjects and six pupils gained ten straight A\* grades.

Please see our [Examination Results page](#) for more information and a detailed breakdown of our A Level results by subject.

For a list of the students who were presented with Examination Awards at the beginning of the Michaelmas term, please see: [Lower Sixth and GCSE Awards 2014](#)



*Celebrating their success - Harry Fox, James Warburg, Imogen Richardson, Charis Virgo, Toby Lansdell, Ben Quirk and Jay Cherukat*

# Top marks in the School in public exams for the boys of School House

Tuesday 2 September 2014

The results days in August were a cause for celebration in School House. In all three categories (GCSE, AS and A2 Level), a School House boy achieved the top results in the School.

At GCSE, Nat Chumbala got 10A\* grades; at AS Level, Yutaro Sato got 5 As and an A\* in the Extended Project; at A2 Level, Stanley Hau got 4 A\* grades and averaged more than 95% across all his modules.

There were lots of other excellent achievements and they thoroughly deserve their success, which is testament to all the hard work they have done over the years.

# Welcome to a new academic year at EDH!

Tuesday 2 September 2014



*The EDH new Third Formers; how many can we fit into Mrs Weston's dormobile?*



# Welcome to a new year at MSH!

Tuesday 2 September 2014



*Our new Third Formers*



*Our new Sixth Formers*

## The Grove: Our new Third Formers

Wednesday 3 September 2014







# Shrewsbury U15A XI win through to the National U15 T20 Finals Day

Wednesday 3 September 2014

*Shrewsbury's U15A XI reached the Finals of the National ESCA/ECB U15 T20 competition for the fourth consecutive year. In the Midlands regional final, played at Caythorpe C.C. in Nottinghamshire on Monday 1st September, they comfortably beat Lincoln Minster School.*

Shrewsbury batted first and scored an above par 132-3 off their 20 overs. Charlie Home 57 n.o. carried his bat and received good support from Jamie Crawley 18 and Harry Gregson 26.

In reply after a steady start, Lincoln regularly lost wickets to a very accurate Shrewsbury attack, with Home 3 for 7, Josh Malyon 2-20, Pat Jacob and Tom Brunskill 4 for 4 all outstanding. They were well backed up in the field with George Hargrave taking 2 outstanding stumpings off successive deliveries.

Lincoln were eventually dismissed for 58 in the 17th over, leaving Shrewsbury winners by 74 runs.

Shrewsbury went on to represent the Midlands in the National Final at Arundel Castle on Sunday 7th September, where they were joined by Whitgift School (South East winners), Portsmouth Grammar (South West) and Sedbergh School (North). Shrewsbury and Whitgift shared the trophy last year.

Shrewsbury were narrowly beaten by Sedbergh in the semi-final. Director of Sport Andrew Murfin said, "It was a great team effort to get to the National Finals stage, displaying outstanding commitment and team spirit to get that far. Well done to all concerned."

Shrewsbury and Whitgift shared the trophy last year.

During the summer, U15 player George Hargrave caught the eye of Test Match commentator Charlie Dagnall, when he represented the Midlands in the prestigious U15s Bunbury Cricket Festival at Oakham School.



*Pictured after winning the County T20 final in June. Back row l-r: Jordan Zaza, Lysander Adair, George Garrett, Charlie Home [capt] Dan Orchard, George Pearce, Tom Brunskill. Front Row l-r: Josh Malyon, George Hargrave, Ollie Dixon, Harry Gregson, Pat Jacob*



## The news 100 years ago - 3rd September 1914

Wednesday 3 September 2014

Radio intercepts of Russian communications lead to the Russian 2nd Army becoming encircled by the German 8th Army at Tannenberg. Russian forces suffer a brutal defeat.

French 4th, 5th, 6th and 9th armies withdraw alongside the British Expeditionary Force towards Paris as communication between both French and British forces remains shambolic before the German advance. Sir John French, BEF commander, seems to lose the will to fight and feuds with Kitchener over the conduct of the war.

In his book 'Not Forgotten', published by Hodder & Stoughton, Neil Oliver suggests that the comment said to originate with the Kaiser concerning "Britain's contemptible little army" (see last week's entry) in fact originated by Sir Frederick Maurice at the war office as black propaganda: a backhanded means of provoking the BEF into greater activity. "He thought that something was needed to get the 'Tommies' backs up, and what could be more effective than telling them that Kaiser Bill was calling them names?"\*

Austria Hungary and Russia fall into a stalemate in Poland due to incompetence in the High Command on both sides. Russian partial mobilisation also hampers movement of supplies to the front and language difficulties within the multi-lingual Austria Hungary forces lead to multiple friendly fire incidents.

No Old Salopians lost their life at this stage of the War. Indeed very few did for several months: late September sees the next life lost, another one in October, three in November and none in December. Despite that, the number was sufficient to move Revd C.A. Alington, Headmaster, to write his poignant poem '[To the School at War](#)' in December 1914. Little can he have envisaged the scale of horror that was to unfold.



## Ridgemount Third Formers settling in happily

Friday 5 September 2014



*Enjoying hot chocolate at the end of another busy day*

# The sports website - a user's guide

Friday 5 September 2014


*Last year we launched a new Sports Website, which we hope has made it much easier for parents and supporters to find the information they need about all of our sports fixtures. Below is a short reminder of how it can be used.*

You can access the website via the sports pages of the School Website and you can also view it via the link below:

<http://www.schoolssports.com/school/?id=240>

There are a number of ways that you may find it useful:

## Sports Calendar

The [Sports Calendar](#) has the most up-to-date information about all of our fixtures. You can select the day you're interested in and then click the Details link. This shows the venue and, if we're playing away, will have a link to the location map of our opponent's school. You can also see the team selected for the fixture wherever you see this blue image . (Note: Viewing the Calendar either by Week or by Day gives you more information at a glance than the default monthly view.)

## If you are following a particular team or teams

The [Sports & Teams Fixtures & Results page](#) will give you a detailed fixture listing and results for any of our teams. It is also possible to download the team's fixture list onto your personal calendar on your PC or mobile device, which will then be synchronised with the master fixture list whenever your device is connected to the internet.

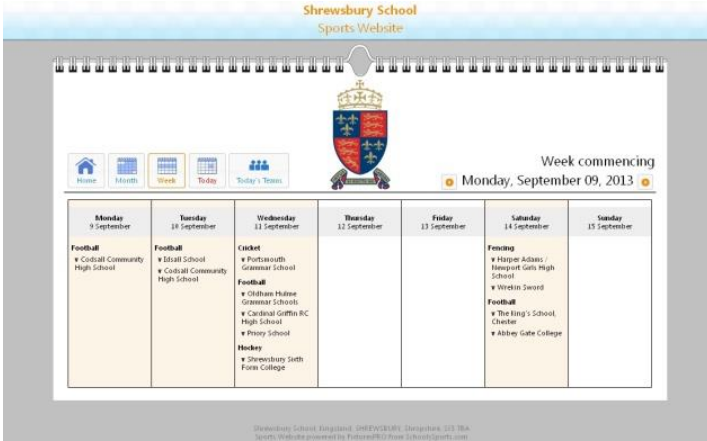
## News and other information

We will continue to use our own website for [Sports News](#) weekly round-ups of results and information about any major forthcoming fixtures, which will also be included in our weekly eNewsletters.

## Home matches

If you are intending to watch any of the home matches, please be aware that the pitch allocation may not be finalised until the day itself, although you can view the [current position of the pitches here](#).

Do please remember that **match teas** are provided for all parents and families (not just those supporting our own teams!) in Quod - the Sixth Form common room - after home matches on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Quod is situated almost next door to the Admissions & Marketing Offices, and the entrance to it is from the Moser Quadrangle.



Shrewsbury School Sports Website

Week commencing Monday, September 09, 2013

Monday 9 September	Tuesday 10 September	Wednesday 11 September	Thursday 12 September	Friday 13 September	Saturday 14 September	Sunday 15 September
<b>Football</b> • Cardinal Community High School	<b>Football</b> • Edgell School • Cardinal Community High School	<b>Cricket</b> • Portsmouth Grammar School <b>Football</b> • Oldham Hulme Grammar School • Cardinal Griffin RC High School • Priory School <b>Hockey</b> • Shrewsbury Sixth Form College			<b>Fencing</b> • Harpur Adams (Shropshire) High School • Weston-Sunderland <b>Football</b> • The King's School, Chester • Abbey Gate College	

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## Giles Bell's 'Team of the Week' - the U15A cricket XI

Friday 5 September 2014

*'Team of the Week' became a feature of the eNewsletters last year. Each week Giles Bell - teacher of Philosophy and Theology, Admissions Tutor, Housemaster of School House for 14 years, football and cricket coach, Brighton FC fan and general sports enthusiast - turns both his spotlight and his wit on a different sports team within the School. The aim is to give a flavour of the wide range of sports at Shrewsbury and the huge enjoyment that pupils derive from playing them, whatever their level of skill and achievement.*

I hope that you have all had a lovely summer and that those of you who are not teachers have enjoyed your couple of days off! Now that the three reasons for teaching (June, July and August) are fast-fading memories, it is time for your Team of the Week correspondent to once again shed some light on some of the many sporting teams that grace the splendid Salopian sports stadia.

The transfer deadline has been and gone and many of the coaches have been active over the summer bringing in fresh faces to enliven and strengthen their squads. I am sure we will get to know some of these stars in the weeks to come and I am hoping they do not come with reputations akin to Mr Balottelli! We start this term with a look at a team that is still involved in a competition that began last summer.



*Captain Charlie Home*



The under-15A cricket team has made it through to the semi- finals of the National under-15 Twenty20 competition, after thrashing a strong Lincoln Minster team on the first day of term. Having posted a total of 130 for 3 on a large pitch, which coach Adam Shantry reckoned was worth 160 (and who am I to disagree), the opposition were skittled out for 58. Skipper Charlie Home, who played a couple of games for Northants 2nd XI over the summer, made 58 not out opening the batting and was happy with the team’s performance. “I am happy with the team’s performance” he told me.

When I asked him how he felt about his own performance, Charlie was typically detailed and analytical in his response. He is lovingly referred to as one of the team ‘badgers’ by his fellow cricketers, along with George Garrett. Upon further research I have discovered that this means that Charlie and George are known to have an encyclopaedic knowledge about the ‘beautiful game’. I can only report a brief summary of Charlie’s assessment of his innings but I am hoping that Wisden will publish the full version of my interview in an extra edition they are considering printing later this year. It slightly depends on whether I can keep the article under the 700-page limit they have imposed on me.

Charlie described his role as that of the team ‘anchor,’ (a top-order batsman capable of batting for a long duration throughout the innings.. He went on to tell me: “I enjoyed keeping out the opening bowlers ‘anglers’ (*a type of late-swing delivery used by Bart King in the early 1900s. King, a rightarm fast bowler, delivered his inswinger with the right arm raised over the left ear, and concealed the seam of the ball by commencing his action with the ball held in both hands, in the manner of baseball pitchers*) and I dealt with the ‘chin music’ (*short pitched bowling intended to intimidate the batsman*) quite comfortably as he was not that quick. The pitch was a belter (*a pitch offering advantage to the batsman*) and although I flirted briefly with the corridor of uncertainty (*a notional narrow area on and just outside a batsman's off stump. If a delivery is in the corridor, it is difficult for a batsman to decide whether to leave the ball, play defensively or play an attacking shot. The term was popularised by former England batsman, now commentator, Geoffrey Boycott*). I quickly got my eye in and began to nurdle (*to score runs by gently nudging the ball into vacant areas of the field*) the cherry (*cricket ball*) around.”



*Some of the U15A XI. Note the building of the new academic block in the background.*

Given that cricket is not a main sport this term, the team have been training after their other commitments. The less observant members of the squad had not seen the notice telling them where to be and so my picture of the team is not complete.



*New 'Team Mascot' Leo Jin*

A number of keen new girls lent a hand by fielding in the slips, although such is the high standard of our batsmen that there were few chances. Lucy Cowper told me, "I am quietly confident that the lads will bring back the trophy. There are no rabbits (*a particularly incompetent batsman, who is invariably a specialist bowler*) or ferrets (*even worse than a rabbit*) in our team. and everyone can play the switch hit (*a shot played by a batsman who reverses both his stance and his grip during the bowler's run-up, so that a right-handed batsman would play the shot as an orthodox left-hander*). I am also impressed by the spinners as they have perfected their 'teesras' (*a variation delivery for an off spin bowler, Saqlain Mushtaq has been credited with creating it. Teesra comes from the Urdu meaning "the third one"*) and their 'doosras' (*a relatively new off spin delivery developed by Saqlain Mushtaq; the finger spin equivalent of the googly, in that it turns the "wrong way". From the Hindi or Urdu for second or other*)."

New Third Former Leo Jin should be commended for helping to field, and his enthusiasm and eagerness to help has won him the role of 'Team Mascot', with rumours that he may travel with the players to Arundel for the Finals Day on Sunday.

Coach Adam Shantry, who cricket aficionados will remember was a left-arm swing bowler who represented Northamptonshire, Warwickshire and Glamorgan in a career cut short by injury, was very positive about his squad. Although he is described as being 'unusually slow' on the cricket info site, I found him to be personable and quick witted as he dished the dirt on his players! Adam has certainly got a wealth of cricketing knowledge to impart to his fledgling stars and they are wise enough to listen to his carefully crafted team talks.



*George Hargrave receiving his Bunbury cap from former England spinner Graeme Swann*

Opening the batting with Charlie Home on Sunday will be George Hargrave. I heard George's name being banded about on Test Match Special over the holidays by none other than my good friends Charlie Dagnall and Michael Vaughan. (You can read more about this elsewhere on the website – see the report [George Hargrave featured on Test Match Special](#).) The former England skipper had viewed George's prodigious talent playing in the Bunbury Festival (a competition that is not as interested in the bun/ run ratio as it sounds). George is now the team's media spokesman as he is clearly on good terms with the whole commentary team.

At three it will probably be Harry Gregson. Harry is known as the team Lazarus as he makes miraculous recoveries from serious injuries in a matter of minutes. At four will be Jordan Zaza and at five, Lysander Adair. This season's new overseas signing Jamie Crawley is unavailable as he has been recalled to his home country of Scotland to play in an end of season international. His absence should be well covered by the likes of Dan 'lady-killer' Orchard, Tom 'I look good in whites' Brunskill, George 'I can take whatever Mr Pidgeon throws at me' Pearce and the hard men Oli 'I wish cricket was as physical as rugby' Dixon, Pat 'team loose canon' Jacob and Josh 'you won't like me when I am angry' Malyon.

As you might have picked up from the above, the team are in good spirits and although they will play Sedbergh on Sunday, who beat them earlier in the season, we were not at our full strength. So hopefully that will lull the opposition into a false sense of security.

Good luck to the team. The only advice I can give is: batsmen play with confidence whether the pitch is a belter, a minefield, slow, low, flat, a feather bed, a green top, worn or sticky. Watch the cherry and try not to let it hit the furniture, timbers or stumps, even if the bowler delivers a jaffa, doosra, teesra, beamer, trimmer, bouncer, angler, vatta, popper, out dipper, out swinger, in swinger, yorker, sun ball, mullygrubber, off spinner, leg break, top spinner, leg cutter, off cutter, chinaman, gazunder or grubber. If it is a floater, full toss, long hop, half volley, loosener, lolly or the bowler is a trundler, buffet provider, then tuck in and smash it! Bat first.

Follow that advice and all the bowlers will have to do is bowl straight!

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## Third Form Foundation Fortnight...

Friday 5 September 2014

*... is going very well!*

The start of a new academic year is a busy time for everyone at Shrewsbury. But for new Third Formers, the past few days have been a particularly hectic and exciting whirl of activities, lessons and new experiences.



## Duke of Edinburgh Gold Expeditions

Friday 5 September 2014

*Three groups of Sixth Formers successfully completed their Gold D of E expeditions this summer – and, unlike many of our D of E teams in recent years, enjoyed exceptionally fine weather conditions.*

Two teams followed a walking route across the Peak District, covering about 22-23 km per day for four days, carrying a fully loaded pack. It proved to be a tough week with a raft of minor injuries, including blisters, sore feet, sore knees and sunburn. But the teams held it together to the bitter end and all completed very successfully.





The third team had an equally successful trip to Northern Ireland, where they completed the Lough Erne Canoe Trail by sea kayak. It turned out to be an amazing venue for such a trip, with hundreds of tiny islands to navigate and pitch camp on. The team was given a very warm welcome by the locals. Apart from a similar raft of minor injuries (blisters on hands, sore shoulders), the team also finished in high spirits.

The walking teams were Billy Chu, Tom McHugh, Ben Smith, Rishi Trivedi and Tim Van der Hoeven

and Sabrina Chu, Imogene Hill, Yuki Lam, Queenie Luk, Mary Parrott and Chuxi Zhou.

The sea kayakers were George Birt, Alex Haspel, Guy Hunter, Roan Kirkby, Nick Pearce, Oliver Pumphrey, Jake Samuel.

Well done to all!

*Major Jo Billington*



## Radbrook: Some of our new Third Formers thinking inside the box

Saturday 6 September 2014





# The Grove - winning girls' team in the Third Form Race

Sunday 7 September 2014





## Oldham's: Welcome to our new boys!

Monday 8 September 2014



*Our new Third Formers returning from their first session on the Fives courts*



*Our new Sixth Form entrants - ready for action in the classroom!*

## Churchill's: New Third Formers - happily settling in

Monday 8 September 2014



*Post-football smiles*



*Men at work!*





*Last year's U14 Beginners National Champion George Garrett (Cb IV) teaching new Third Formers to play Fives*



*Evening cocoa debriefing*

# Moser's: Third Form Race, Saturday 7th September

Monday 8 September 2014



*The Moser's team before the Third Form Race...*



*... and after*



# Radbrook: Third Form introduction to rowing

Wednesday 10 September 2014





## Lower Sixth GCSE Prizewinners

Wednesday 10 September 2014



Luke Lloyd-Jones, Luca Mattinson, Angus Hay, Naveen Garikapati and Sasha Arridge were all awarded exam prizes in the the first assembly of term for their fabulous GCSE results. Sasha was awarded an honorary scholarship for his 10 A\* grades; Luca and Angus were awarded honorary exhibitions for their nine A\*s and one A. Naveen and Luke were awarded prizes for their eight A\*s and two As.

After such fantastic results, all are heading for great things and are already making their mark in the L6th. The current 5th Form are shaping up in such away that this year's great haul of A\* grades may well be exceeded.



## The Grove: Sunday 7th September afternoon in Montgomery...

Wednesday 10 September 2014

*...picnicking, sheep herding and pony dressing, finished off with hand-picked homemade blackberry pies.*





## The Grove: Nina Lange's debut appearance for the U15A football team

Wednesday 10 September 2014

Congratulations to Third Former Nina Lange, who scored two goals in her debut appearance for the U15A football XI against Idsall on Tuesday 9th September.





## Football: Anton Nelson (S LVI) represents Cayman Islands in FIFA U20 World Cup qualifier

Wednesday 10 September 2014

*Anton Nelson (S LVI) represented the Cayman Islands in Willemstad, Curaçao (part of the Dutch Antilles in the southern Caribbean) in Group D of the Concacaf Under-20 (men's) football tournament.*

Played between 30th July and 3rd August, this is a qualifier for the FIFA Under-20 World Cup which will take place in New Zealand in 2015.

Despite winning two of their three games (including impressive victories over Anguilla and hosts Curaçao, a physically impressive team consisting of a number of professionals playing in Holland), the Cayman Islands failed to advance due to an inferior goal difference.

Prior to the competition, a large group of hopeful Caymanian triallists was reduced to a squad of 22 and put through their paces during several weeks of intense training. Anton was the youngest player in the competition, still aged only 16 for the first match, but he got more game time than any other Caymanian outfield player. He scored one goal in the win over Anguilla.







# The news 100 years ago: 10th September 1914

Wednesday 10 September 2014

On the Eastern Front the Russians fall back and try to recoup their losses; German and Austrian forces initiate a slow pursuit. Russian forces try to mobilise fully but are hampered by poor logistics.

On the Western Front, with the French and British forces having fallen back to the outer defences of Paris, Joffre rallies the Allied armies and checks the German advance at Marne. Seven days of bitter fighting result in one of the first successes in the war for the French and British as the Germans are thrown back from the outskirts of Paris. The race to the sea begins.



In order to get more troops to the front in the midst of the battle for Marne, the French Government enlists the aid of the taxi drivers of Paris, ferrying 5,000 troops to the front in this fashion. Letters from the soldiers involved in this operation express a certain boyish glee at the relative luxury of the taxis compared to slogging it on foot.

As a stalemate develops, the first diplomatic overtures are made to the Ottoman Empire by both sides; neither side is initially successful in drawing the crumbling Empire into the war.

No OS lost their lives in this week 100 years ago.



# 'The Lost Domain' at the Edinburgh Fringe

Wednesday 10 September 2014

*Shrewsbury's Director of Music John Moore and former Senior Master Peter Fanning have achieved some notable triumphs at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival in the last 20 years, but the revival of their musical production 'The Lost Domain' this year must count as one of their greatest.*



Peter Fanning writes:

"A fantastically good week in Edinburgh followed an intense rehearsal period of eleven days in Shrewsbury and a preview performance to a packed auditorium in the Ashton Theatre.

Very few of the cast had had any experience of Moore/Fanning musicals – although there were two notable OSs (Sam Ansloos and Gus Haynes) onstage, along with Sienna Holmes; and three band players (Ali Webb, Will Heyes and Carys Gittins). As for the rest - a combination of current students and recent leavers - they had to learn the ropes at tremendous speed. Also accompanying the group was Alex Davies (Technical Director), James Brown (OS) on sound and Al Wager (OS) who was in charge of lighting. It was lovely to have these old boys and girls with us, not least because of their professional approach to this very complex undertaking.



To make up the staff, we were joined by Toby Percival, who as tour manager runs the logistics in Edinburgh. Toby has undertaken this very taxing job on five occasions now – and as ever he was quite magnificent in looking after the company – not least the younger boys – feeding, minding and managing them all. Helen Brown, newly appointed Director of Drama, generously gave up two weeks of her holiday to act as a general factotum – working backstage and on make-up and costumes, along with Jane Fanning and Phillippa Moore. Helen proved an invaluable presence; utterly unphased at being dropped into the cauldron of Edinburgh tours, ever resourceful and wonderfully supportive.

Getting such a complex show into a tiny venue is challenging to say the least. There are smoke machines, projection, massive issues with mic'ing and sound; complex props, three costume changes in minimal space for every actor; lighting to be redesigned, staging to be set and stored. The time allotted to 'get-in' each performance was 15 minutes (though in fact we managed to squeeze in a little more). Somehow all this was achieved with a remarkable lack of backstage drama.

Though numbers were a little down on some of our previous years, the audience response was quite astoundingly enthusiastic. And in many ways, this was a vintage tour – with some outstanding performances, wonderful singing and great playing from the band. We played to decent houses, rising from 40+ to nearly a 100 at each show.

Amongst the 3000 performances being staged at the Fringe this year, 'The Lost Domain' was not a new creation; therefore critical reviews were hard to come by. However, BroadwayBaby's verdict was: 'for such a young group, they have created something really professional'. Setting aside the patronising tone, this is an accurate reflection of what the company achieved. The same reviewer went on to say: 'The ensemble singing in this piece of musical theatre is fantastic. The cast start off really strong and create a wonderfully full sound, with rich harmonies. The accompanying band are also excellent, helping to create a professional and slick performance. The boys in this show are a massive part of its success, with strong voices and some good acting. Special praise has to go to George Fowler, playing Augustin, as for a demanding role he copes very well and has a lovely tone developing.'



This is the twelfth occasion on which JFM and I have collaborated at the Fringe. We believe this company was right up with the best we've worked with, both in terms of singing, and in their general demeanour; they were, to a boy and girl, supportive and always pleasant to work with. Taking a large group to the Fringe can sometimes be a chore, almost as much as it is a real pleasure. This group were self-disciplined, polite, hard working – and very talented to boot. It's good to report how wonderfully well their work paid off."



## Junior School Play 2014 - a review of 'Journey's End'

Thursday 11 September 2014

*Dr David Law reviews the Junior School Play 'Journey's End', directed by Brian Parsons, which was performed over three evenings during Salopian Week as a memorial to the boys and staff of Shrewsbury School who fought and perished in the First World War.*



*Angus Warburg as Stanhope*

The working title for R.C. Sheriff's First World War play Journey's End was 'Waiting' and therein lay the challenge for the Third and Fourth Form boys whose task it was to create the tense, claustrophobic living conditions of those soldiers confined (mostly) to trenches in the days and nights leading up to the battle of St Quentin.

With a play less a sequence of dramatic events and more a series of (sometimes deliberately inane) conversations, it was demanding for the cast to fulfil Mr Parson's remit that they 'live truthfully in imaginary circumstances', yet this they did. In a play freighted with trenchant examinations of duty, loyalty and survival, yet pervaded by subtle moods of boredom, nervousness and evasion, the cast managed to find the requisite layers to their performances and were superbly led by Angus Warburg who found skilful range in his portrayal of the beleaguered infantry commander, Stanhope. The role required Angus to move between rage, despair, ennui, compassion, even whisky-fuelled mawkishness, yet each mood was achieved with moving authenticity and the overall effect was duly heart-rending.



Another role which posed a particular challenge for a junior schoolboy was the avuncular Osborne, yet Ben Elliott captured him most effectively; Will Shawe-Taylor was wide-eyed and ingenuous as Raleigh; Henry Weekes concentrated brilliantly on the neurasthenia of Hibbert; Joe Mosley won the audience's affection for bluff old Trotter just as much as James Snell alienated us from the obtuse Colonel and Lucas Paul was perfect as the put-upon Mason. Excellent supporting work came from Robert Hartwell as the Sergeant-Major, Angus Moore as the young German soldier and Bertie Calvert survived the pre-show front-row distractions of Mr Bell to put in a performance as the departing commander, Hardy.



*Will Shawe-Taylor as Raleigh and Ben Elliott as Osborne*



*Lucas Paul as Mason*

As a production whose stated aim was to serve as ‘a living memorial to the boys, staff and masters of Shrewsbury School who fought and perished in the Great War’, it behoved the boys to give all that they had to the responsibilities of their roles. The attention given to the props and staging was a vital part of helping the boys to understand the ‘life conditions’ of the trench and the director, Mr Parsons (who has now taken up his new role as Head of Theatre at Oklahoma City University) sourced a range of genuine World War 1 memorabilia and trench artefacts. The high level of re-enactment was furthered by the excellent costuming and make-up and the set – which took over a month to build – was expertly painted by Niki Holmes to give the boys a credible and engaging environment. It didn’t feel as if these were merely boys playing at something, as such a play might have done, and the cast convinced in the crucial humdrum of how they handled their weapons, smoke, drank, packed their kit etc. etc. Mrs Law with make-up and assistant direction; Mrs Besterman with music and sound effects; Sian Archer coaching movement; Will Allott stage managing assisted by Thomas Drury; Tom Brennan operating the lights: all ensured that the play ran flawlessly.

And so when one considers the impact that Sheriff was seeking in his stage directions towards the climax of the play when the trench is attacked with ‘the sharp crack of the rifle grenades, the thud of the shells and the boom of the Minewerfer mingling together in a muffled roar’, it was crucial that the production’s values were carried through to Alex Davies’ lighting design and Sam Clewlow’s management of the sound, and indeed they were, for, after all the barraging noise, the smoke and the strobe lighting – which had stilled into a tableau of the cast, over whom the names of the Salopians commemorated on the Sidney memorial were projected – the audience left the Ashton sombre, moved.



## Giles Bell's Team of the Week

Thursday 11 September 2014

*... the Mighty 5th XI Football team.*



With the Premier League having a rest this week due to Internationals and England getting off to a surprisingly good start against a Swiss team whose defence had as many holes in it as their cheese; the football enthusiast has had to look elsewhere for their excitement after Monday. This particular enthusiast found it in the Shrewsbury School's 5th XI.

The Mighty 5ths, as they are generally referred to, got off to a losing start against the Veterans of the Liverpool Ramblers. As these elder statesmen of the game prepared for their tour of Mallorca, it was clear they were looking to improve their fitness and stake their claims for a starting place in their one and only tour match.

Despite a two-minute chat from their manager (Bele, as I am often referred to in football circles), we soon found ourselves 2-0 down and I was thinking that the Ramblers might be about to give a vintage performance. 3-0 down at half time and many teams might have given up. Not the Mighty 5ths!

With two goals from inspirational captain Tom Robinson and a 20-yard screamer from Will Street, suddenly it was all square and both teams went in search of the winner. Sadly we did not find it, but they did! Still, it was a good match and there were a lot of positives to take from the game, as the manger admitted afterwards. "There were a lot of positives to take from this game" I said.

Having had a training session with coach Hugo Besterman and Manager Bele, there was a more organised and confident mood as the team faced their next challenge in the form of Hulme Grammar School from Oldham. We expected a stern test from a school that boasts on its website that it has been nurturing potential since 1611. Surely that potential must be close to fulfilling its potential.





*Team managers Bele and Hurst*

The Hulme Grammar 5th XI manager Angus Hurst, Head of PE at the school, takes his football very seriously. When he was asked how he thought the game would go he told me : “I am looking forward to experiencing a different brand of football. We always know that teams coached by Bele and Beastlyman will show sophistication unrivalled at this level and I want my team to go out there, express themselves and feel part of the process of the World Cup in Qatar in 2022.”

I imagine he was referring to the fact that many players coached by Bele and Beaterman will have ambitions to play in the 2022 World Cup. He went on to say that football was all about enjoyment; a sentiment I wholeheartedly agree with.

The Shrewsbury line up showed a few changes, as 4th Team Coach Colm Kealy had dipped into the transfer market and ‘uploaded’ central defensive maestro James Pollard, defensive mid-fielder Will Street, winger Rory Champion and utility player Arthur Bowen. Bele was typically phlegmatic, intelligent, verbose and succinct about losing half his team. “When you coach players to a high standard, it is a fact of life that teams in higher leagues will come knocking on your door to tap into all your hard work. Then again, it is great for the lads who have worked hard to be able to take my ‘Gospel’ of football and preach it at a higher level. I know that people sometimes call me a football evangelist and I am happy with that.”



*Discussing team tactics with Captain Tom Robinson and striker Dan Delikatny*

Bele and Beasterman have also made use of deadline day, signing Dan Smith (O) from a little known club in Dubai. ‘I had heard a lot about the lad and I felt he could give us something in the middle of the park,’ I said.

On a beautiful summer’s day it was summer signing Dan Smith who opened the scoring, finishing off a typically flowing 5th XI move. Dan showed great athleticism and stamina all afternoon and was voted man of the match by the Sky commentary team. Dan was very modest about his achievements saying that playing in the heat of Dubai had helped him to acclimatise to conditions in England. “I think playing in the heat of Dubai has helped me to acclimatise to the English conditions” he said.

A second goal was added by captain and music maestro Tom Robinson and it looked like it could have been 2, 4, 6,8 or anything at this stage (*have you got that pop music reference??*). It was not to be, as Hulme battled bravely after a lengthy and clearly inspirational half-time talk by their manager Angus Hurst (who incidentally may have picked up a few tips from family relative Geoff; if he is indeed a relative).

Their goalkeeper had a ‘blinder’ and continued to blunt the Shrewsbury attack as Joe (aging professional) Lafferty and Luke Lloyd Jones had headers well saved from Ed Moorinho’s excellent corners. Then potential disaster struck when Hulme grabbed a goal as debutant keeper Fred Pook was beaten by a shot that went to his left – he prefers to dive to his right.



*Goalie Fred Pook, renowned for his dives to the right*

Suddenly Hulme were back in the game and referee Giles Bell was under pressure from coach Bestofmen to award a penalty as ‘Ladi’ Okusanya, the 5ths pacey front man, seemed to be brought down in the area by the Hulme keeper.



*Ladi Okusanya still in full flight*

The Mighty 5ths kept the pressure on as Dan Delikatny tried to talk the ball into the net and a series of corners resulted in pressure but no end product. At the other end Ed Moorinho made an important goal line clearance and the Mighty 5ths' defence consisting of Yutaro Sato, Tom Edwards, Joe Lafferty, Alex Bennett, Tom Edwards, Will Harvey and Steffane Cotty shut the door on the Hulme strike force and threw away the key.

As the final whistle went it was clear that football had been the winner and everyone was very happy.



Well, nearly everyone!



## 2014 Visit to the Medic Malawi project

Friday 12 September 2014

*In July 2014, a group of Shrewsbury students and staff travelled to Malawi, one of the seven poorest countries in the world. They spent nearly three weeks working at the hospital and orphanage run by Medic Malawi - and at the newly opened Shrewsbury School Eye Clinic. Mrs Lesley Drew reports.*



‘Mucking in’ is the main purpose of the Medic Malawi trip. There are some great jobs to join in with – bathing toddlers outside in the sunshine, with a few plastic tubs, industrial sized bars of red soap and 20 enthusiastic toddlers who aren’t content with one bath each – many of which result in everyone getting wet, and a lot of laughing.



The charity supports a hospital, an orphanage, a centre for the malnourished, and two schools, all built around a church that is now too small for its congregation. There is a strong sense of neighbourliness, and we were very struck with the way that all the children in the area spent so much unsupervised time playing outside, and all knew each others' names.



It was great to see the brand new building Shrewsbury School fundraising has provided as an Eye Clinic – trachoma and cataracts will be treated here, two of the preventable eye problems which are all too prevalent in Malawi, one of the 7 poorest countries in the world.

Those students who are planning to go into medicine spent time shadowing a doctor, learning how to take malaria tests in the path lab, and measuring and weighing babies. Others mucked in giving the babies' nursery a top-to-toe spring clean, led by Georgia Bruce, or with Miss Katie Collins, introducing rounders to PE classes of 50 students, and everyone, especially Miss Charlotte Rule, made sure the new school building was covered in Bermuda Blue paint.

We learned first-hand how to 'make do and mend', in an environment where resourcefulness is a key skill. Mr Paul Kaye filmed the brick layers in the new building ingeniously managing without scaffolding or cranes; the distilled water 'machine', welded together from old buckets; the bicycle with a 2-stroke engine attached to its crossbar; the toys on wheels made entirely from wire and bottle tops; the drum kit constructed



from iron bars and cow-hide. Paul then worked with the hospital caretaker to turn the church into a cinema for the morning, with red carpet invitations for those starring in it.

Spending time talking to our 'opposite number' is a crucial part of the 'mucking in'. Mr Seb Cooley and the maths teacher; Tiger Vechamamontien and Michael Banda, heads bent over the guitar strings; Abi Attenborough and Monica Bezai chatting as they peeled maize from the cob – or running juggling competitions with the cobs themselves.

Thanks to everyone who helped to raise the money for the Shrewsbury School Eye Clinic: it was a proud moment to see the freshly-painted sign, complete with its Latin motto, adapted by Seb for the circumstances: *'Oculus si recte ne labora'*.



We had a few days gazing at the stars from the sandy shores of Lake Malawi, then a few more in a safari camp where the elephants attempted to share both Ciara's cake and Mr Kaye's bed.

This year's Team Malawi were a fantastic bunch: open-minded, enthusiastic, independent and good company. Thanks to you all.

The next visit will be in 2016 and the 18 student places are open to those who do some fundraising for the project during next year's summer holiday. See the website [www.medicmalawi.org](http://www.medicmalawi.org) for more about this charity, which is run by volunteers in the UK. Every penny we give in Shrewsbury, they get in Malawi. Muckers-in are welcome. *Zikomo* – thank you.



LJD

## The new academic year sees 27 new boys start in School House

Friday 12 September 2014

We were delighted to welcome a large and talented group of new entrants into the School House community this term.

With 17 new boys in the Third Form, two in the Fourth Form and eight in the Lower Sixth we are bursting at the seams and stronger than ever!

On Saturday 6th September, the Third Form finished their first week in style, winning the overall Bronze Medal in the Third Form Race, just a few points behind first and second. The medallists were the six fastest finishers in the House (see photo below).



*The School House Third Form before the race, hands on hearts, vowing to do School House proud!*



*The start of the race with School House in the background*



*After the race, in front of the Darwin Statue; and the medallists (L-R) Henri Cramsie, Reuben Denison, Jacob Jefferis, Simon Lange, Arron Lewis, Mark Pangin*

On Sunday 7th September, it was time to head into the Shropshire countryside for some team-building exercises and paintball with the Fourth Form. It was a fantastic day, the highlight for many of the boys being the excuse to shoot their teachers! There were plenty of smiles and a few bruises, but Mr Cooley definitely won the award for taking the most hits...



On Tuesday 9th September, School House faced Radbrook in the first inter-House B Leagues football match of the year and won in a nail-biting 4-3 thriller. Goals were scored by Reuben Denison (2), Piers Merison and Ludo De Falbe.





*The mighty School House B Leagues Team (L-R): Ludo De Falbe, Reuben Denison, Will Holdcroft, Ramzi Masri, Piers Merison (front) Arron Lewis (goalkeeper), Lucas Jones Polanco, Jacob Jefferis, Christian Cavenagh-Thornhill*



# The Third Form Race, 6th September 2014

Friday 12 September 2014

*The Shrewsbury School TV cameras were out last Saturday to film the Third Form's traditional introduction to the Hunt, the School's cross-country running club. Always a memorable event, this year was a particularly historic occasion, with our first ever Third Form girls taking part.*

## Third Form Race 2014

### Individual results - Boys:

1st - Harry Remnant (Ch) 8.27  
2nd - Toby Pegge (PH) 8.53  
3rd - Henry Ludlam (R) 9.10  
4th - William Barton (PH) 9.17  
5th - Lucas Arkwright (O) 9.23  
6th - James Hinwood (Rt) 9.24  
7th - Charlie Ockleston (O) 9.26  
8th - Ben Henderson (S) 9.27  
9th - Fingal Dickins (R) 9.33  
10th - Thomas Plaut (S) 9.57

### Individual results - Girls:

1st - Nina Lange (G) 10.40  
2nd - Sophia Dixon (MSH) 10.50  
3rd - Daisy McMullen (G) 11.03  
4th - Emma Graham (MSH) 11.19  
5th - Libby Hedges (G) 11.29  
6th - Lizzie Ware (MSH) 11.42  
7th - Jetty Russell (G) 11.58  
8th - Rosie Davis (EDH) 12.03  
9th - Lucy Cowper (EDH) 12.11  
10th - Octavia Riggall (EDH) 12.11

### Team results – Boys:

1st - Rigg's Hall 116 points  
2nd - Oldham's Hall 117 points  
3rd - School House 123 points

### Team results – Girls:

1st - The Grove 47 points  
2nd - Mary Sidney Hall 51 points  
3rd - Emma Darwin Hall 78 points



## Hockey results: 8th - 14th September 2014

Monday 15 September 2014

There were goals galore for our hockey teams on Wednesday 10th September, with the girls' 1st XI and U14 teams beating Shrewsbury Sixth Form College 12-0 and Oswestry 11-0 respectively.

On Saturday, the 1st XI team lost to Malvern St James 6-2, with a brace from Amy Mobley; a number of key players were missing so the result might have been closer.

Congratulations to The Grove Third Form team, who won the inaugural 7-a-side hockey tournament on Saturday.



## Football news: 8th - 13th September 2014

Monday 15 September 2014

The 1st XI twice came from a goal behind to win a close contest against a strong King's Chester side on Saturday 13th September. An own goal and a brace from Jamie Humes, the second being a 35-yard free kick, sealed the win.

Earlier in the week, the 1st XI had something of a 'goal fest' in their match against Hulme Grammar, winning 12-0.

Congratulations to Ridgemount, who beat Ingrams on penalties to retain the annual Third Form 6-a-side football tournament.

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## Rugby: 1st XV v Sir Thomas Rich's School, Saturday 6th September

Monday 15 September 2014

The 1st XV played their first match of the season against Sir Thomas Rich. Although they lost, there were lots of positives to build on in upcoming games.

# Rigg's: Winners of the Third Form Race 2014

Monday 15 September 2014



## EDH Third Form netball team

Monday 15 September 2014



*The EDH Third Form netball team - plus fans!*



## Oldham's Royal Marines cadets on parade at Buckingham Palace

Wednesday 17 September 2014

*L-R: George Lechmere (O) Bertie Gilliat-Smith (O) Ben Remnant (Ch)*

2014 marks the year of the 350th anniversary of the Royal Marines and as one of the 19 school cadet sections in the country, we were invited to parade in front of His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, Captain General Royal Marines.

On the 6th of June we travelled down to HMS Excellence, the Headquarters of the Navy, and stayed on board HMS Bristol, a fully commissioned warship, for three nights whilst we trained. We stayed along with 330 other cadets from all over the country as well as 100 staff.

On Monday 8th June we embarked on a journey up to London and arrived at Wellington Barracks where we changed into our parade dress and then made out way to Horse Guards Parade. On disembarking from the coach, we formed up and marched the length of the Mall doing a right wheel into the Palace Gardens where the parade was inspected by the Captain General, HRH the Duke of Edinburgh.

After the inspection, we enjoyed a rather longwinded reception with some of the most senior members of the Navy as well as with our parents and friends. Despite queuing for an age for some well-deserved 'scrans', it was an eye-opening and memorable experience.

*Bertie Gilliat-Smith & George Lechmere (both O LVI)*







# The news 100 years ago: 17th September 1914

Wednesday 17 September 2014



*German trench on the Aisne, 1915. Trenches, which would become symbols of the type of warfare that will characterise the First World War, are dug for the first time during this battle.*

On the Western Front, French and British counter-attacks force the German armies to retreat north towards the Aisne River. French and British troops attempt to force a crossing of the river under heavy fire and in the face of German reinforcements. Positions are claimed on the north bank but remain precarious.

Skirmishes at sea have so far favoured the Royal Navy, with the German fleet trying to avoid any fleet-sized engagement while still trying to disrupt British shipping. However they are unsuccessful in disrupting the flow of men and munitions to France. Admiral Beatty on board *Lion* has inflicted a few bloody noses on the German fleet. For now the boast that Britannia rules the waves holds true.

On the Eastern Front, Austria's weak high command has led to a near disaster in Galicia. The loss of 150,000 Austria Hungarian men has yielded no results. The German forces remain too small to launch any kind of counter-attack, as the Western Front has been deemed the road to quick victory and therefore most of the German armies are concentrated there. The saving grace for the Hapsburg and German forces is that the Russian supply lines are a disgrace, preventing them from advancing. The Eastern Front has stagnated.

The British Empire is martialling its considerable if ponderous resources from its colonies. Canada, Australia and New Zealand have declared war alongside the mother country. The other territories that do not have the benefits of some kind of self-rule are being combed for troops.

## Alex Wilson Scholarship fundraising events

Thursday 18 September 2014

*The annual Alex Wilson Memorial Football Match takes place at the School on Sunday 21st September - all spectators welcome. And last weekend more than 300 people packed into the Plaisterers' Hall in London for a very enjoyable and hugely successful ball, which raised over £45,000 for the Alex Wilson Dayboy Scholarship.*

A fundraising football match will be held at Shrewsbury at 11.30am on Sunday 21st September, raising funds for the [Alex Wilson Dayboy Scholarship](#) - a biennial award for a state-educated local boy entering the Sixth Form as a day boy.

The award has been generously given to the School through the fundraising efforts of the Wilson Family (Chris, Jean and Henry), in memory of their son and brother Alex, who tragically died in an accident in November 2009 at the age of 19.



Alex was a pupil at Shrewsbury School between 2003 and 2008 and he flourished both in the classroom and on the sports field. In addition to his considerable academic achievements, he captained and made 50 appearances for the 1st XI Football team and was Vice Captain of Rugby. He played in the trophy-winning Lord's Taverners Cricket side and was also a member of the 1st XI team who won the Silk Trophy. As well as his obvious successes, Alex ensured he played an active role in the school community which in his final year saw him appointed both Head of Radbrook House and made a School Praeposter, roles that he undertook with great pride.

Sunday's football match will be between former pupils and friends of the Wilson brothers, and current pupils. There will be refreshments and a raffle after the match, with all proceeds going to the scholarship fund.

On Saturday 13th September, a total of 320 Salopians and friends of the Wilson family packed into the Plaisterers' Hall in the City of London on Saturday 13th September for a memorable evening of dinner, dancing and fundraising for the Alex Wilson Scholarship.

After speeches by Henry Wilson, older brother of Alex, and Richard Bevan (DB 1974-78), Chief Executive of the League Managers' Association, a variety of successful auctions took place. Thanks to the energy and superb organisation of Henry and his committee, a staggering total of over £45,000 has been raised for the future funding of the Scholarship, currently held by the School's 1st XI football captain, Max McClure (Rb), who was guest of honour.



## Football: a strong start to the new season

Thursday 18 September 2014

*A summary of the season so far from Head of Football, Mr Steve Biggins.*

With nearly 60 School and 60 House matches having been played since the start of term, football at Shrewsbury is very much up and running. All results and fixtures can be found on the [Schools Sports website](#) and you can also follow Shrewsbury Sport on Twitter: [@ShrewsburySport](#).

The 1st XI had a week of pre-season training where they played four matches in four days, winning one, drawing one and losing two. They have since played four and won four, the latest being a 4-0 victory over Idsall School in the ESFA U18 Cup. They play the Old Salopians this Saturday before setting off to LVS Ascot next Wednesday in the ISFA Boodles Cup.

The U16s travelled to Liverpool on Wednesday to play against St Francis Xavier's College and narrowly lost 1-2. The U15As are having a steady start and they are proud to have Nina Lange scoring regularly - she is our first female footballer and a very good one too!

*SJB*



## Giles Bell's Team of the Week

Thursday 18 September 2014

*This week, Mr Bell turns his wit and his spotlight on the senior girls' hockey 1st XI...*

Hockey evolved from the desire of cricketers in Middlesex to keep fit in the winter without playing football. The first games involved hitting cricket balls with sticks, abiding by rules largely borrowed from football, on grass pitches. Now it seems everything is synthetic, from the pitches, to the balls and even the sticks. Men's hockey first appeared at the Olympics in 1908 where the medals were shared by England, Scotland and Ireland (the only three competing teams)! Women had to wait until the 1980 Olympics before being able to compete at that level, despite the first ladies' club being founded in 1887.

I caught up with our senior potential Ladies Hockey Olympians as they trained under the watchful eye of Miss Katie Collins (who enjoys playing hockey in the winter as a way of keeping fit for the cricket season – she plays cricket for Shropshire) and Mr Cook, who has given up keeping fit! Miss Collins is very keen on the right approach to hockey and was quick to tell me how important the right type of footwear is for fast-flowing hockey. “The right type of footwear is very important for fast flowing hockey” she said. The session always begins with a quick trainer check, as studded boots have been banned since the synthetic revolution and in any case would not be very comfortable. I was extremely impressed by the colourful display of high quality trainers and wondered if I might enhance my own chances of Olympic selection should I invest in a new pair.



Before the fast-flowing hockey training session began, I had a quick chat with this year's club captain Mary Parrott. I have not interviewed Miss Parrott before and as I handed Mary a nut

while she perched on one of the new and very smart Shrewsbury school hockey goals, I asked her what her first impressions of her squad were. She told me that she was pleased with the teams early season form. “I am pleased with the teams early season form, I am pleased with the teams early season form, I am pleased with the teams early season form” she said.

Mary felt that the team was gelling well and their early season 12-0 win over the Sixth Form College was a clear indicator of their potential. A 6-2 defeat by Malvern St. James was a setback but given that half the team were missing as they were away on university open days, there were a lot of positives to be gleaned from the performance. I broached the subject of another defeat to King’s Chester. Mary gave me a quizzical look with her head on one side and explained that she felt she had not had enough lunch. “I require plenty of polyfilla,” she laughed. There was certainly a feeling that there was no justice in their defeat to King’s, as new signing Lady Luck deserted them at half time.



*Eddie Whittingham and Emily Skelton*

Emily Skelton, the new ‘keeper’, was very philosophical about the match. ‘I am in goal therefore I am a goalkeeper,’ she told me. Emily originally took up goalkeeping to get out of hockey but found she was quite good at it and ended up playing for Leicestershire. She felt strongly that rather like Manchester United, the new squad will improve as they get used to each other’s style of play. As a drama student and musician, Emily enjoys being in the spotlight, and dramatic saves and a harmonious relationship with her defence are what keeps her going. “If music is the food of love, then hockey is the cheese and biscuits,” she told me.

Vice-Captain Esme O’Keeffe, who is renowned for her reverse tackle, was dismayed by the recent team reverse. “I am dismayed by the recent reverse,” she told me. Miss Collins feels that a number of talented players currently out injured will boost the morale of the team when they return. Phoebe Ingram who loves to ‘storm down the left’ hopes to be training again in the next few weeks. “I have been really missing storming down the left,” she told me. Daisy Raichura, who has just returned to training, is also hoping to add attacking options in midfield. “I am very attack minded,” she shouted in a somewhat aggressive manner.



*Amy Mobley looking to score another goal*

With Cecy Price storming down the right, Amy Mobley putting the ball in the net along with fellow forwards Molly Beharrell and Nicola Spruyt, Millie Dean magnificent in defence, Edie Whittingham being her usual creative self, Susy Watts electrifying the midfield, Sarah Jackman, Jess Moeran and captain Mary Parrott taking the game to the opposition, there is plenty to be excited about when it comes to Shrewsbury Ladies’ Hockey. I expect more success from this impressively shod select group of hockey maestros.

Please can I leave you with a final parrot joke?

A policeman in the big city stops a man in a car with a miniature parrot in the front seat. "What are you doing with that parrot?" he exclaimed. "You should take it to the zoo." The following week, the same policeman sees the same man with the parrot again in the front seat, with both of them wearing sunglasses. The policeman pulls him over. "I thought you were going to take that parrot to the zoo!" The man replied, "I did. We had such a good time we are going to the beach this weekend!"  
GJFB

## Junior girls' sport

Friday 19 September 2014

*Our new cohort of Third and Fourth Form girls are already proving to be a force to be reckoned with on the sports field, as Head of Girls' Games Nicola Bradburne reports.*



As the junior girls started at Shrewsbury for the first time, we laid on an extensive sports programme to introduce them to some of Shrewsbury's leading sports. Girls took part in rowing, netball and fives sessions as well as lacrosse, hunt and cricket. After their initial two-week foundation period, pupils chose their sports options.

The first cohort of junior girls appear to be keen sportswomen, who have made a big impact in their short time here already. There are large numbers of pupils at training sessions across a number of sports and there have already been two hockey fixtures for the U14/15s. The first hockey match was away at Oswestry School. Whilst it was clear there are a number of very talented hockey players among the Third and Fourth Form girls, working as a team was obviously new to them and the focus for all. Any concerns about teamwork were quickly put to rest when Shrewsbury went 1-0 in the first 10 minutes. The goals continued to fly in, resulting in a final score of 11-0. A fantastic result for our first every junior girls' hockey match.

Match 2 was likely to be a harder contest against King's Chester. The school is a strong hockey school and players have been together for a number of years so had an advantage over Shrewsbury's new team. Again though, the girls did not disappoint. Through strong attacking play, Shrewsbury went 1-0 up early on and continued to play well throughout the first half to lead 2-1 at half time. The final score was an impressive 3-1 victory. A great first week of fixtures for the junior girls.

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## 'Fishing for Ted Hughes'

Friday 19 September 2014

*On Friday 12th September, the Sidney Society welcomed Dr Mark Wormald (OS) of Pembroke College, Cambridge, who presented his research into the lifelong fishing hobby of the poet Ted Hughes. Theo Simmons (Ch UVI) reports.*

Dr Wormald has followed the wader-clad footsteps of the poet through both his written work and real world haunts and was able to give us fresh insight into his writings. Technical fishing metaphors were decoded, along with back stories of fishing experiences and companions, from childhood through to adulthood, that shaped his poetry. Equally interesting was the discussion of the pragmatic, patient, 'philosophy' of fishing which compellingly revealed how crucial Hughes' hobby was to his approach to life and verse.

The poet's enthusiasm for his passion was matched by Dr Wormald's, and the audience was given the exclusive sight of casting practice being held in the Maidment Auditorium using the rods of the poet himself.

The proselytising aim of increasing interest in fishing was, I suspect, reached or re-affirmed in many cases. As for Hughes' poetry, well, the poet was also reaffirmed as a conduit with the rare ability to communicate powerful experiences with the natural world. In an age where so many of us are denied or divorced from such a connection with the English landscape, his poetry seems to take on an almost mystical quality.



*L – R: Michael Schützer-Weissmann, Olivia Bradley, Headmaster Mark Turner, Dr Mark Wormald and Theo Simmons*





## Foundation Fortnight – in the words of our pupils

Friday 19 September 2014

*Many thanks to Sherry He (MSH), Giles McLoughlin (Rb), Oscar Mattinson (Rb) and William Stocker (R) for writing about their first week at Shrewsbury.*

### **Sunday 31st August**

*Will Stocker:* I was feeling really nervous as we drove up to Rigg's Hall, as I didn't know what to expect. I had been before of course, but this was for real! In the Link, we were greeted by two Fourth Formers who led us to our rooms. Once in my room I unpacked my clothes and found out who my roommates were. They seemed really nice. After we had unpacked, we went into the Private Side, where my Housemaster Mr Middleton gave a talk about settling in to Rigg's and Shrewsbury. Once he had finished, there was a hard moment to come – we said goodbye to our parents and were taken to the Ashton Theatre for the Headmaster's Address. It was actually quite exciting because this would be the first time our entire year had gathered together as a group. After this we walked to Kingsland Hall, had supper and got to know each other a bit more. At 9.00 we had hot chocolate with Mr and Mrs Middleton and discussed the next day. As I went to bed, I didn't feel tired – I was just really excited for the start of the new day.

### **Monday 1st September**

*Oscar Mattinson:* Monday was my first full day, and I woke especially early to make sure that my morning was not rushed, as it is every other day of the year in our household. After a bowl of crunchy nut, and a shower, I put on my shirt, trousers, shoes, and black blazer with shiny gold buttons. Then, I was driven to school; ready to start my dayboy adventure.



*Societies Fair*

When I arrived, other Third Formers, Sixth Formers, my Housemaster and many more greeted me warmly. I had my first Call Over, which is basically an assembly, which consists of only your house, to make sure that everyone is in school. After call over, I had lessons, which were interesting. I met many new teachers and found the work relatively easy. I had a tutor period, which is a time when you talk to your tutor about academics, sport, music, and life at Shrewsbury

so far. Of course, everything is perfect until you look inside your Top Schools diary and see pages after pages of need-to-be-done work!

I went to the Societies Fair, which was enjoyable, and I had the chance to sign up for fantastic activities, like beekeeping, archery, debating, and many more. I wasn't so enthusiastic about long-distance running club though – the vests you have to wear are itchy and stick to a sweaty back like glue. Not pleasant!

*Sherry He:* I was really nervous when I first tried to talk to someone here. However, I soon got used to just giving it a go and found I made friends quickly. The students in the year above us are really helpful too. They directed us the buildings and classrooms and chat to us at night in house. Our lessons began at 9am. One of my first lessons here was Philosophy. All my lessons have been full of fun and I enjoy learning from my new teachers. On the first afternoon we had a Societies Fair in the Quod, where the Sixth Form Common Room is. I chose Robotics Society for my first term, and I was delighted that I could do robotics at this school.

### **Tuesday 2nd September**

*Giles McLoughlin:* The day started off with a reassuring lecture by Dr Morgan. He helped us through the timetable and told us what to look out for. After lunch we had an introduction to Music. Being a musician myself, I enjoyed it and found it useful. We had our Boat Club swim test to try and qualify to go rowing on the river. It tested our swimming strength and I passed. Just about... We also had an introduction to Football: my house Radbrook played Porthill. The Dayboy Derby! We played well as a team but sadly lost.



### **Wednesday 3rd September**

*Will Stocker:* On Wednesdays we start at 9.00 and have 5 lessons followed by an afternoon of sport; in our case we played football and cricket. Meanwhile other houses played fives and rowed. The best thing about today was when Mr Middleton asked us all to help him with his 'Ice Bucket Challenge'. All 13 of us poured bins of water on Mr Middleton, which was great fun! Even better was the Thai takeaway curry that we got in the evening! We then had Top

Schools and once we were finished we talked about the day ahead. I was beginning to feel quite tired!

*Sherry Ho:* All the girls had an introduction to rowing on the river on Wednesday afternoon. Some of my teachers also rowed with us. This free mixing had a good effect on all the students here.

### Thursday 4th September

*Oscar Mattinson:* Thursday was also a normal day of lessons, until 2pm, when we had the Big Third Form Challenge. This is the first time the School has done it and I'm sure that they will continue. The Big Third Form Challenge is planned to make the Third Formers socialise, and it does work indeed. I met many new people and had lots of fun. The challenge was to protect an egg in rubbish and then drop it from the second floor of the Main School Building. To the dismay of my team, we lost, and also found out that wrapping an egg with a Sainsbury's carrier bag is not very good protection...

### Friday 5th September

*Giles McLoughlin:* By day five, I am absolutely shattered. Everything's new and I'm a bit overwhelmed. It's unusual but great to meet people from different countries. It's been awesome to try out new sports, especially rowing, which I didn't think I'd like. It taught me to go ahead open-minded and try new things. Joining Shrewsbury was one of the best decisions of my life and I have no regrets.

### Saturday 6th September

*Will Stocker:* We only have half a day of lessons on Saturday and in the afternoon we play sport. Since it was the end of the first week, we had the Third Form Race. Harry Remnant from Churchill's finished first and in the team competition Rigg's came first. As our house was named as the winner, we all cheered. It was an amazing feeling, and a great way to finish the first week. Even though we were pretty tired, there was more sport where all boys' houses played football and girls either played fives or cricket. In the evening there was the Third Form Quiz, which was relaxed and good fun. Plus we got pizza!



*Third Form Race winning teams: The Grove and Rigg's Hall*



## Victoria, Sabrina and Williams Sculls, Saturday 20th September 2014

Monday 22 September 2014

Ideal conditions greeted the Victoria, Sabrina and Williams Sculls this year.

A particularly large entry for the **Victoria Sculls** had provided plenty to talk about at the boathouse over the last couple of weeks. In the end George Patterson (R) retained the trophy which he won last year, ahead of Toby Thomas (SH) and Alex Powell (M) (a repeat of the 1/2/3 from last year).

The girls' entry may have been reduced due to injury, but there was plenty of quality on show, as Claudia Kimpton-Smith (EDH) broke the record ahead of Abi Reynolds (G) and Sian Hinton (G).



*George Patterson and Claudia Kimpton-Smith*

The **Sabrina Sculls** this year went to Harry Marshall (SH) with a gutsy display of sculling which placed him an impressive 7th overall.



*Harry Marshall*

The **Williams Sculls** were won by Ed Lewis (Rb) and Eleanor Fox (G), and the **Junior Williams Sculls** by Adam Pattenden (S).



*Ed Lewis and Eleanor Fox*



*Adam Pattenden*



## Henrike Legner joins The Rodolfus Choir

Tuesday 23 September 2014

*Henrike Legner (MSH UVI) has been invited to join The Rodolfus Choir, a prestigious chamber choir comprising some of the finest young singers in the country. She will join them for a concert at St Martin-in-the-Fields, London this Christmas, amongst other engagements.*



With a sound hailed as ‘unspeakably beautiful’ by Gramophone magazine, The Rodolfus Choir has established itself firmly over a period of 30 years as one of the leading young choirs in the UK. Its members are all alumni of the Eton Choral Courses, one of which Henrike attended during the summer.

Conducted by their founder Ralph Allwood, the group have become renowned for their imaginative programming, their innovative and exciting performances, as well as for their extensive array of prestigious recordings.

This Christmas they will be performing a Carol Concert in St Paul’s Church Knightsbridge, a New Year’s Day concert in Douai Abbey and a late evening concert in St Martin-in-the-Fields on 30th December as part of the Brandenburg Festival, one of the most exciting classical music festivals to establish itself in recent years.

For more details, please see The Rodolfus Choir website: [www.rodolfuschoir.co.uk](http://www.rodolfuschoir.co.uk)



# The news 100 years ago: 23rd September 1914

Tuesday 23 September 2014



*German soldiers by the River Aisne*

On the Western Front the Battle of Aisne continues to rage. The British forces initially have the upper hand thanks to the superior rate of fire and accuracy of the Lee Enfields, but the German heavy artillery surpasses all Allied response. Both sides are beginning to entrench their positions and are looking for positions in the north to outflank their opponents. The British are forced to scavenge for entrenchment tools and the Germans begin to develop rifle-propelled grenades. French forces are trying to throw the Germans out of France but stall in the face of overwhelming artillery superiority.

On the Eastern Front, Russian forces are pressing hard against the Austrians, driving them back towards the Danube. This sparks panic in Vienna and 30,000 workers are drafted into throwing up defences. The Austrian Hapsburg military is in full retreat, thanks in no small part to having a nearly non-existent logistics division and rank incompetence in its high command. They have been driven west of the River Cracow and have been forced to dig in and hope that the Germans march to their aid.

The African Front is beginning to open up as German colonies on the continent come under attack. Cunning use of terrain to negate the British advantage in numbers allows the Germans to hold onto some of their colonial possessions for now.

Although he was not actively engaged in the war at this stage, we record the loss of **Private John David Price**, School House and London Regiment.

In camp at Epsom, he died suddenly of heart failure on 26 September 1914 aged 30. Second son of the late John Price of South Bank, Lansdowne Road, Wimbledon, he was at Shrewsbury 1898-1900 and then went to Trinity College, Cambridge.



## Cricket: Old Salopian James Taylor selected to play for England

Friday 26 September 2014

*James Taylor (R 2003-08) has been named in the England one-day squad for their forthcoming tour of Sri Lanka. The squad will depart for the seven-match ODI series against Sri Lanka on 16th November.*



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James, who has been run-scoring prolifically for Nottinghamshire, particularly in limited-overs cricket, made two Test appearances for England against South Africa in August 2012. He is included in the England one-day squad for the first time since their ODI victory over Ireland in September 2013. National selector James Whitaker said, "Congratulations to James Taylor who has been rewarded for his outstanding form for Nottinghamshire this season and fully deserves another opportunity in the international arena."

In an interview for the Nottinghamshire CCC website, James said, "There's lots to play for this winter with a big tour to Sri Lanka followed by the World Cup and it's every cricketer's dream to be involved in that. Since I lost my place in the England side my primary aim has been to re-establish myself in international cricket, so I am delighted to have been included. I was told to rack up the runs in county cricket and to deliver more match-winning performances and I've had a pretty good year doing that with Nottinghamshire."

"I'd be lying if I said I hadn't been a bit frustrated, particularly in one-day cricket," he confesses. "I've scored some crucial runs during a period that Notts have become established as one of the strongest limited overs sides and I'm thankful that it has paid off. There is so much talent in the England setup and some very exciting young guys and I am confident that the side will be there or thereabouts when it comes to the World Cup. There's a long way to go and I'm just focused on making the most of this opportunity."

Shrewsbury's Teacher in Charge of Cricket, Andy Barnard, said, "We are absolutely delighted with the news. Jimmy has worked incredibly hard and thoroughly deserves his selection, which has been long overdue."





## Hunt League

Friday 26 September 2014

Eleven Salopians made their debut in an RSSH vest as part of the Hunt's team at a Shropshire Young Athletes event last weekend.

Highlights included:

- Monty Hardcastle (I) – 4th in the U15 boys
- Immie Evans (G) and Sophia Dixon (MSH) – 6th and 7th in the U15 girls
- Tatty Watts (G) and Olivia Papaianou (EDH) – equal 3rd in the U17 girls
- Charlie Rogers (Rb), Scott Hatton (S) and Will Hayward (R) – 2nd, 3rd and 4th respectively in the U17 boys.

These individual performances contributed towards some excellent team results. The U17 girls and boys both topped their leagues by 17 points and 3 points respectively over Wrekin College Tri Club. The U15 girls finished in 3rd place; and the U15 boys were 2nd, only 3 points behind Oswestry Olympians.

Well done to all!

## Lacrosse: A flying start for our new teams

Friday 26 September 2014

*Our senior and junior lacrosse teams have begun the season in impressive style.*



*The U14s after their win against Packwood*

The first match of the lacrosse season on 10th September was between our new 1st XII and a well established Malvern St James 2nd XII team. Despite the fact that a number of our more experienced players were away on University Open Days and five completely new players were subbed in to play, we drew 7-7 – an amazing achievement for a new team.

A number of our Seniors will be playing in the Shropshire County Trials on 15th October, hoping to win a place in the County team.

Our newly formed U14s also had a very decisive win (10-7) against Packwood Haugh's U13A team on . For a number of our girls it was a trip back to their Prep School to play against former team mates; for others it was their very first lacrosse match, having only picked up a lacrosse stick for the first time two weeks ago.

With a number of fixtures in the Fasti, we hope to continue this success throughout the season.  
*Fenella Nicholas*



# The news 100 years ago - Old Salopians in WW1

Friday 26 September 2014

*In August we launched a four-year joint project with St Chad's Church in Shrewsbury to commemorate all former boys and masters of Shrewsbury School who gave their lives in the First World War. This is the latest instalment in our weekly commulative archive that records the progress of the First World War and the names of the Salopians who were killed.*

*For more information about the project and to view the weekly news reports posted since August, please see [The News 100 years ago - OS in WW1](#) section of the website.*

## 25th September 1914

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## Golf success

Friday 26 September 2014

The Golf Team had a good win against Repton at Little Aston Golf Club on Saturday. This was part of the Independent Schools Golf Association knock-out competition for our top three players: Ben Oswald (S V) all square; James Walker (LVI Rt) won 5 and 4; Alex Haspel (UVI Rb) won 4 and 3. They now go into the next round.

We also played Malvern last week at Puckrup Hall Golf Club. Although we lost 2-1, Richard Walker (Rt IV) and Ted Williams (R 3) had a winning debut. Well done to all concerned.

# Physics Trip to the British Science Festival

Friday 26 September 2014

*In the second week of term, a number of Lower Sixth Physics students attended the British Science Festival in Birmingham University. Tom Dodds (Rb) reports on an interesting day of lectures and demonstrations.*

The first talk was called 'Rise of the Antimatter Machines', in which Dr Heather Williams explained the physics of antimatter – what it is, how it interacts with normal matter and annihilates, and how it can be produced – and then moved on to how it can be and is being used in technology today.



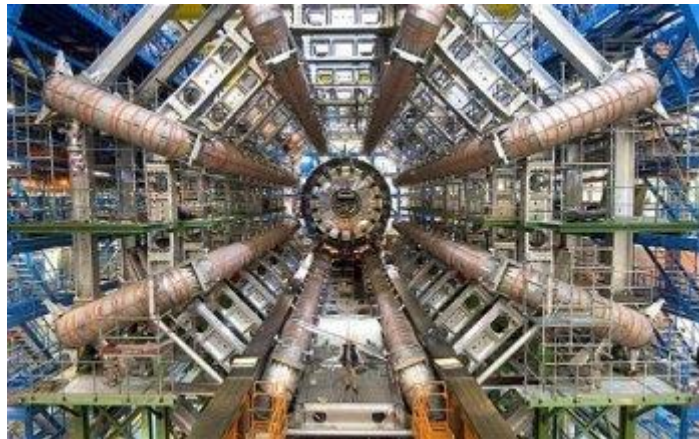
*PET scanner*

The main focus of the talk was on how positrons – anti-electrons, which annihilate and create pure energy in the form of light when they come into contact with electrons – are used in PET (Positron Emission Tomography) scanners to produce 3D images of functional processes in the body and accurate 3D scans of a patient's organs, such as their brain or lungs. It can be used to diagnose or monitor cancer in the cells of these organs, and therefore is an extremely important piece of technology.

The speaker showed us the differences between PET, MRI and CT scanners and showed us their benefits and downfalls compared to one another, as well as how these types of scans can be used in conjunction with one another to find more information about the patient. It was a well structured lecture in which I learned a lot.

The second lecture was named 'Recreating the Big Bang'. Professor David Evans explained the physics behind the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) and what we expect to learn from it and summarised the latest results. This was probably our favourite lecture of the day.

He explained what fundamental particles had been found before the LHC and what the LHC's job was. The LHC fires protons at a super-fast speed – within walking speed of the speed of light – around its 27-kilometre circumference using extremely powerful electromagnets. It smashes them together to try to recreate the conditions shortly after the Big Bang, which happened nearly 14 billion years ago.



*Large Hadron Collider*

Essentially, when these protons collide at these huge speeds, they create a very large amount of energy, which can then form into a wide range of fundamental particles. The particle that the LHC was trying to find was the Higgs Boson, a fundamental particle which Peter Higgs and five others theorised would exist due to their theories predicting some complex form phenomena named “electroweak symmetry breaking”. Without the Higgs Boson, there was no explanation of why some particles had mass. Ultimately, without the Higgs Boson and the Higgs Field, fundamental particles would not have mass, and structures we see everywhere would not be able to form. After the Higgs Boson was tentatively confirmed to exist, the LHC was shut down. Since then it has been getting upgraded so that the protons can collide with much more energy, with the potential of possibly discovering other particles, such as miniature black holes, the theorised graviton or even dark matter.

At first, the lecture was like any other: there was a topic, and there was an enthusiastic speaker. However, everyone suddenly became much more interested once liquid nitrogen was mentioned and, shortly afterwards, presented on the table in front of us. The idea was to use the liquid nitrogen to demonstrate how the Higgs Field worked, but it seemed clear to me that the Professor just wanted to play around with the liquid nitrogen, a liquid with a temperature of nearly 200 degrees below zero. After the demonstration proved to be somewhat of a failure, he moved on to demonstrating superconductivity, where an object loses all of its electrical resistance. After letting a simple piece of ceramic sit in the liquid nitrogen for 20 seconds or so, he showed off the superconductive properties it had gained, by letting a magnet float above and then sit in magnetic suspension below the extremely cold ceramic tile. Overall, the lecture was fun and informative, with both aspects not necessarily being true at the same time.

After lunch, we arrived at the next lecture, 'Where Earth Sciences Can Take You', fashionably late. We sat down with the 60 or so others in the lecture room, waiting for the lecturer to walk in and start talking to us. However, we waited, and waited, and waited, and no-one arrived. Had we all missed the lecture? Was the lecturer not in, or was he just very, very late?

We never did get to meet the lecturer, or even learn their name, but I'm sure that wherever they were, they were puzzled by the lack of any audience listening to what they had to say. Eventually, one of the staff running the festival ran into the room to tell us the lecture had been moved to one of the 'Thermal Imaging' rooms. We then followed her out of the room to an entirely different building altogether. After a lot of walking through halls, going up and down floors, passing countless numbers of classrooms and offices, searching for the right room, the staff



member realised something: there's no such thing as the 'Thermal Imaging Room' at Birmingham University! At this point no one really seemed to be bothered about trying to find where the lecture really was, or where the lecturer was hiding, so we disbanded and went outside to think about what we would do next.

Mr Adams quickly came up with an ingenious plan – we would try to sneak into the School of Physics and Astronomy without too many people noticing. We headed into the building, and luckily, someone directed us through an underground tunnel, passing by rooms with High Voltage and Ionizing Radiation caution signs on the doors. We were eventually guided to a room that had been set up for an open day, with lots of forms of apparatus set up, demonstrating different types of phenomena, such as Newton's cradle, a high resolution image of a comet, mirror mirages and more.

Overall, it was a very successful little visit, and we were just in time to meet Ivan Tivodar and Hector Kaye after they had finished their materials science workshop, in which they carried out sets of investigations and even used an electron microscope to look deep down at the structures of some materials.

We were also on time for the final event of the day, in which we went around a large hall filled with lots of activities to just go to and play around with, such as building the tallest tower possible out of a certain number of blocks, making a simple battery, and carrying out a model operation.

The time we spent in that hall also gave me and others a good amount of time to talk to some of the professors and those running the activities about what they studied and what you need to do if you're interested in their field of work. After a good hour or so, we left the big hall of activities, and began our trip back to the bus. Overall, the trip was very enjoyable and I managed to learn a substantial amount, especially about the physics of PET scanners, so it was well worth going.

## Boat Club Dinner

Monday 29 September 2014

*The Boat Club Dinner was held on Thursday evening and catered for 170 pupils and 20 coaches and guests. The highlight of the evening was the appearance of Olympic Gold medal winner Katherine Copeland, who graciously took time out of her busy training schedule to share her knowledge with the boys and girls.*



*L - R: Fourth Formers Tara Swords, Eleanor Fox and Clair Richards, Katherine Copeland; Hannah Sanderson, Sian Hinton, Claudia Kimpton Smith, Katherine Copeland, Abigail Reynolds, Lettie Tay*

*Claudia Kimpton Smith, Katherine Copeland and George Patterson*

Katherine talked about her experience of school rowing, including the high, lows and capsizes that taught her to persevere and put her on the right track to winning in London 2012.

Last year's Captain of Boats, Niall Barrow shared his wisdom and enjoyment of the sport and Director of Rowing, Athol Hundermark, laid out his vision for the Boat Club in the year ahead.

Katherine was introduced by the School's Boathouse Manager, Andy Clark, who coached her when she rowed at Yarm School.

It was a fantastic occasion that set an encouraging note for the year ahead.

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# The news 100 years ago: 30th September 1914

Tuesday 30 September 2014



*The Pals Regiment, Coptthorne Barracks, Shrewsbury 1914*

In 1914, after Britain entered WW1, thousands of men enlisted to fight for 'King and country'. There was no inkling of the devastating horrors that lay ahead. In several towns men were encouraged to join up with their friends to form the well-known 'pals' regiments, Accrington in Lancashire was a town where such a 'pals' regiment was raised and subsequently tragically annihilated in the trench horror of the Somme. Nothing would ever be the same again.

An extract from a local diary: Shrewsbury 'Pals' Company in camp:

"There was no event of public interest in the camp at Blackdown during the last weekend and Sunday provided a welcome rest. On Monday a move was made to our new quarters, Old Dean Camp, Surrey, which is situated some five to six miles from Blackdown. Thanks to two rests allowed on the march, no-one felt any serious effect from the tramp. The rations dealt out to us now and the manner in which they are distributed leaves much to be desired.

On Monday night a slight epidemic of diarrhoea spread in the camp causing a great deal of inconvenience, and on Tuesday a number of men were on the sick list. To the great satisfaction of the officers and men a move is to be made this weekend to another camp, probably Purbright, near Birley. All the 'boys' are in good spirits."

Aerial combat is in its infancy. Little more than ten years after Wilbur and Orville Wright have launched the first ever flying machine, enthusiastic but amateurish airborne protagonists, soon to be 'The Knights of the Air' with their own rules of chivalry, are seeking the advantage over their opponents. Early attempts at dropping grenades and bombs from single-seater aircraft over enemy positions are repelled by defensive two-seaters, from which the observer can fire a rifle. Solo pilots with revolvers have less success due to the simultaneous need to fly, aim, fire and take evasive action. Weather conditions this day 100 years ago leave each explosion as a cotton wool puff around the detonation, such is the stillness in the air.